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CDCTA Scholarship Recipient Morgan Borsari


My name is Morgan Borsari and I am writing this letter to thank all who were involved in choosing the CDCTA Riding Scholarship recipient. I am thrilled to have been selected to receive this scholarship, and I want to let you know how grateful I am to have been given the chance to further my riding education.

I am a junior studying biology at the University of Connecticut, and although I am still uncertain about my future career path, I am very much invested in the sciences. Naturally, as a college student, I have little money to put towards things outside of my academic education, and the money I've made working small jobs over the past few years has gone towards the care and keeping of my beloved horse, Trigger. Trigger is a 20-year-old grey Quarter Horse gelding whom I have owned for five years. Unfortunately, he has soundness problems, and I have had to accept that I will never be able to event him. Nonetheless, I am still devoted to his care and his health, and I will undoubtedly remain so until the end of his life.

As I have always dreamed of eventing, I started basic dressage lessons with Amy Newton 4 1/2 years ago riding Trigger. Two summers ago, I was fortunate enough to continue dressage lessons on an Arab mare, Tasia at Amy's barn. The experience greatly improved my riding skills by teaching me how to get my horse to be supple, balanced, rhythmic, and have impulsion. Although this experience gave me a strong dressage foundation, I still dreamt of jumping, until this past summer when I became friendly with one of Amy's other students Ashley Nuzzo. Ashley events her Paint gelding Pongo and is also busy training clients' horses; thus, she offered me to take lessons once a week on Pongo. This was a tremendous opportunity for me that I excitedly accepted.

In the short time that I have been taking lessons on Pongo, I not only continued to develop my dressage skills, but have been able to learn all about jumping. Some of what I have learned include: how to approach a jump with the correct balance, rhythm, and track; how to jump on a circle; how to jump a course; and how to keep my horse in a frame with the correct bend. I also learned exercises to help me keep Pongo focused and listening. Among these exercises are: transitions from walk to trot, walk to canter, trot to canter, and vice versa; as well as trotting a jump, cantering away, halting, turning, and repeating the progression. I feel that I have progressed tremendously in a very short time, no doubt from the help of Amy.

Amy is not only sharing her wealth of knowledge with me, but she is also giving me confidence over jumps, and teaching me the skills I will need to event, whether galloping a cross-country course or perfecting a dressage test. She is patient and extremely knowledgeable, training with some of the top riders around. I am privileged to be her student, and I know I will be able to learn from her for years to come.

With the help of this scholarship, I will be able to continue my instruction with Amy and thereby progress toward my dream of one day eventing. Further lessons will allow me to develop my eventing skills as well as my general equestrian education. Someday, I would love to have my own equine facility and be able to teach students, and this scholarship will serve as a generous first step towards pursuing this dream. I will not soon forget your generosity and financial assistance, and I thank you once more for having selected me as your scholarship recipient .

**Volunteer and you, too, can apply for a
CDCTA scholarship!**



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Activities Calendar

February

21 - How not to get eliminated on cross-country at Lebanon Fire Complex with Ann Bowie—Contact Donna Legere bandit@99main.com

March 2009

15 - In the judge's eye: How to turn 5 into an 8 at Carberry Fields in Lebanon with Dee Loveless—Contact Donna Legere bandit@99main.com

27 - Silent Auction at The Gallery Restaurant in Glastonbury—Contact Patience Patchet patiencep@cox.net or Cheryl Matthewson applewoodacres@charter.net to volunteer. This is our biggest fundraiser and helps to support all of our programs.

April 2009

4 - Jumping a clean course and course walking with Armand Chenelle at Windcrest Farm in Hebron—Contact Donna Legere bandit@99main.com

19 - Schooling dressage show and combined test at Wishing Rock Farm. Secretary: Selby Wajcs sbwajcs@cox.net, show manager: Beth Libby bether11@mac.com.

October 2009

4 - Recognized dressage show at Carberry Fields in Lebanon, CT. Contact: Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie emccosh@snet.net, secretary: Chris Curcio (Ccurcio@covantaenergy.com).

**CDCTA Board Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month.
They are held at the DeKoven House in Middletown at 7:30 p.m.
All members are welcome.**



CDCTA 2008 YEAR END AWARD WINNERS

DRESSAGE:

Introductory A&B Schooling Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Karen Norton on Lexxus
Res. Doreen Barbuto on Blue's Magic Mountain

Training Level Schooling Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Chris Curcio on Shine
Res. Liz Piacentini on Touchdown
3rd Karen Norton on Lexxus

Third Level Recognized Shows Open

Ch. Ann Guptill on T. Mad Hatter

Fourth Level Recognized Shows Open

Ch. Laurie Davis Sigfridson on Montgomery

FEI Recognized Shows Open

Ch. Laurie Davis Sigfridson on Espereaux
Res. Laurie Davis Sigfridson on Espereaux

EVENTING:

Elementary Level Schooling Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Karen Norton on Lexxus
Res. Donna Legere on Bennett 007

Beginner Novice Schooling Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Ann McAllister on Montgomery

EVENTING con'd.:

Beginner Novice Recognized Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Ann McAllister on Montgomery
Res. Joanne Murphy on Wildwood Skier

Novice Recognized Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Brad Turley on Ratzi
Res. Joanne Murphy on Wildwood Skier
3rd Jessica Bauer on Faneuil Lad
4th Donna Legere on Murphy

Novice Recognized Shows Junior

Ch. Emily Mainolfi on Silver Lining
Res. McKenzie Dey on Gilligan
3rd Heather McGill on McDuff

Training Recognized Shows Adult Amateur

Ch. Jessica Bauer on Faneuil Lad
Res. Alison Sylvester on Clover Beach
3rd Pam England on Cracked Pepper
4th Mickey Lorenzen on Claidheamhmor

Training Recognized Shows Junior

Ch. Stefanie Shea on Ernie
Res. Heather McGill on McDuff

Preliminary Recognized Shows Adult Amateur and Open

Ch. Elisabeth Libby on Slew Micci
Res. Pam England on Cracked Pepper

Waiting to hear from everyone in 2009!



CDCTA Winter Lecture/Clinic Series With Ann Bowie BHSII (T)

How NOT to get eliminated on XC
XC rules—new and old

Feb 21, 2009

10 am to noon

Lebanon Fire Complex

Waterman Rd, Lebanon CT

Fee:

Members 1 non-perishable food item

Non-Members \$5.00 and 1 non-perishable food item

To benefit Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For more information: cdctaonline.com or

Donna Legere: bandit@99main.com

Braggin' Rights

If you have anything to share—new trailer, good hay prices—let's hear about it!

YOUR NAME HERE! Send your braggin' rights to Jenny Berelson at: berelsonj@yahoo.com



CDCTA 2009 Spring Tune-up




www.localriding.com/equestrian-eventing.html

Mark your calendars for three great opportunities to get ready for the 2009 show season. The CDCTA will offer three clinic opportunities for you to tweak your dressage, XC, and jumping skills.

The first clinic, unmounted, will be on February 21 from 10 am to noon at the Lebanon Fire Complex on Waterman Rd in Lebanon. Ann Bowie, BHSII (T), will discuss the rules used for the cross country phase, including new rules for 2009. Ann will provide cross country clues so that we can avoid getting eliminated during that challenging phase. Admission for CDCTA members is one non-perishable food item. Admission for non-members is \$5.00 and one non-perishable food item.

The second clinic is with Dee Loveless on March 15 from 9am to 3pm at Carbery Fields Farm in Lebanon. Dee is a well-known "R" judge and instructor and will provide us practical information that will improve our dressage rides. Carbery Fields Farm is a beautiful facility with ample room for auditors. The day will start with a discussion of the training scale and then mounted demo riders will take us from training to second level. The focus will be how to turn a score of 5 into a score of 8. The day will finish with a test scored by the auditors to show their understanding of what the proper movement looks like. Dee will also score the test so you will be able to compare your marks with those of an "R" judge. The auditor fee is \$30. CDCTA members will receive a \$5 rebate at the clinic when they check in. Lunch is included in the audit fee. Look for online registration for this clinic at <http://elizabethcarondressage.com/Clinics> or at the CDCTA website: <http://www.cdctaonline.com/>

The final clinic for jumping will be held at Windcrest Farm in Hebron, with Armand Chenelle on April 4, 2009, from 10am to 3pm. Jumping sessions will include three riders at a specific level for one and one half hours. Armand will concentrate on helping us ride a jumping round without pulling a rail. This is a great opportunity to get tuned up before the schooling shows in April. Fee for this clinic is \$55 for CDCTA members and \$60 for non-members. Audit fee \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Auditors are strongly encouraged to attend.

Watch the newsletter for specific information and entry forms. If you have questions, contact Donna Legere bandit@99main.com. 



**The Connecticut Dressage & Combined Training Association, Inc.
Scholarship Application**

Name: _____ Junior/Adult: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

1. Are you an Amateur? _____ Professional? _____

2. How many years have you been a CDCTA member? _____

Note: An applicant must be a CDCTA member for at least two (2) years. Further, if one receives a CDCTA scholarship, one must wait two (2) years before applying again.

3. Do you train primarily in Dressage or Combined Training or both?

At what Level? _____

Do you compete? _____ Judge? _____

Please answer each of the following questions with a succinct essay:

4. What volunteer work have you done for CDCTA? _____

5. Please describe your riding, instructing or judging career and your short and long term goals.

6. Describe the clinic/workshop/seminar you plan to attend using this scholarship.

7. What will be your cost to attend? Please include all fees for program/plan of instruction. Note, the scholarship cannot include travel/transport expenses, stabling.

8. Describe how the scholarship will help you attain your stated goals.

9. How will you take what you hope to learn and share it with other CDCTA members?

10. Include 2 letters of recommendation: one of the letters must be from someone who knows you as an equestrian and one must be from a CDCTA member.

Deadlines are March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.

Mail application and letters to:

Donna Legere
113 Pond Road
North Franklin, CT 06254
Telephone: 860-642-4418
E-mail: bandit@99main.com



In Search of North America's Next Dancing Dressage Stars

Freestyle designer Karen Robinson (www.applaudedressage.com) and Mike Matson (www.equimusic.com) are **In Search of North America's Next Dancing Dressage Stars**. *A total of \$1,500 is awaiting the winners: \$1,000 for first place, \$350 for second place, and \$150 for third place.* Those placing below third place will get music selected by Mike for their next freestyle.

Interested? If so, here's what you need to do.

1. Submit a video of a freestyle you performed between January 1, 2009 and September 1, 2009. Submissions must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2009. Only one submission per person is allowed.
2. As this is a search for up-and-coming horse/rider freestyle combinations, only First, Second, Third, or Fourth Level USDF Freestyle performances are eligible. For Canadian entries, eligible freestyles have to be at the equivalent levels of the USDF freestyle levels. With your video include a judge's signed copy of the freestyle test you performed. Only individual freestyles can be entered.
2. Include with the video your name, contact information, your horse's name, age, and breed, and the titles of the music you used in the freestyle.
3. Mike will select the top performances which will then be posted on YouTube by November 1, 2009. The winner will be selected by YouTube viewers. Your name, your horse's information, and the music information will be included in the YouTube description. The first place winner will be the one receiving the most "First Place" votes in the YouTube "Comments and Responses" section, on the Ultimate Dressage Bulletin Board (UDBB), and on the Chronicle of the Horse (CoH) Dressage Forum by midnight on November 30, 2009. The video receiving the second largest votes for "First Place" will place second, and the video receiving the third largest votes for "First Place" will place third. Each registered YouTube, UDBB, or CoH vote will only count once. Mike will announce the First, Second, and Third place winners and contact those individuals to mail them the checks - just in time for holiday spending!

When you are ready to send your video, contact me Mike via his web site for mailing information. Only digital videos in PC/Mac compatible formats will be accepted.

Lastly, don't think a First or Second Level freestyle can't be as good as a Third or Fourth Level freestyle. It's all about the MUSICAL PERFORMANCE! So don't hesitate to send in First or Second Level freestyles. The 2008 winner was a Second Level Freestyle!

Let the Search begin!

To view last year's contestants and placings go to:

<http://www.ultimatedressage.com/forums/viewtopic.php?t=144882&highlight=vote+americas+next+dancing+dressage+star>



Winter Clinic/Lecture Series

The Do's and Don'ts of XC

New rules/How not to get eliminated

Working 40 hrs and keeping your horse in shape

With Ann Bowie

Feb 21, 2009 10 am-12 am Lebanon Fire Complex

Members Fee---Non-perishable food Donation

Non-members fee \$5 and non-perishable item

Dressage

In the judge's eye: How to turn that 5 into an 8

Making the right choice during your test/new rules

March 15, 2009

At Carberry Fields in Lebanon with Dee Loveless

Fee \$30 with lunch included/Members receive \$5 rebate at sign-in

Stadium Jumping

Jumping a Clean Course/Course walking

At Windcrest in Hebron with Armand Chenelle

April 4, 2009/ Fee members \$55 non-members \$60

www.cdctaonline.com or **Donna Legere 860-642-4418 email bandit@99main.com**



USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION~~2009 WORKSHOPS

April 25 & 26 Teaching Workshop with: Melanie Tenney (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty) Lendon Gray (USDF Instructor Certification Examiner)

May 30 & 31 Lungeing Workshop with: Sarah Geikie (USDF Instructor Certification Examiner) Ann Guphill (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty)

July 25 & 26 Riding Workshop Training with: Vicki Hammers-O'Neil (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty) Ann Guphill (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty)

The Connecticut Dressage and Combined Training Association is pleased to announce that it will be co-sponsoring the USDF Instructor Certification Workshop Series with the Connecticut Dressage Association. The workshops will be held at Mt. Holyoke in Massachusetts. The primary goal of this program is to educate instructors who aspire to be certified. The workshops follow the USDF Pyramid of Training and strives to develop the skills and education of those instructors wishing to further their education.

All are Welcome!

Applications for participants and demonstration riders can be found on CDA, CDCTA and USDF websites. Deadlines for participant and demo rider applications will be on the first day of the month prior to the workshop: March 1st, April 1st and June 1st, respectively.

You may sign up for all three workshops on one application. A large number of demo riders will be needed, so do not hesitate to apply. The opportunity to work under the watchful eyes of the Instructor Certification Faculty and Examiners is an amazing opportunity.

Send applications to Donna Leonessa at 3080 South Street, Coventry CT 06238. For questions, call her at (860) 933-1854 or email: dleonessa@hotmail.com.

Lunch will be provided for all participating instructors, demo riders, and volunteers.

Mt Holyoke is generously offering the use of school horses for the small fee of \$15/ride. Stabling for your own horse will be \$35/night. Stalls will not have initial bedding and must be left clean at the end of the weekend. Bedding and hay will be for sale on site.

Volunteers may audit for free.

There will be a reduced audit fee for members of CDA, CDCTA, and Mt. Holyoke students. An auditor sign up will be online soon and will be in upcoming CDA and CDCTA newsletters. 



April 25 & 26, 2009
 USDF Teaching Workshop with
 Melanie Tenney and Lendon Gray

Mt. Holyoke College, 50 College Street, South Hadley, MA

AUDITOR SIGN UP

Name _____ Email Address _____ Telephone: _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

| Auditor Fees | One day | Two days |
|-----------------------|---------|----------------|
| CDA/CDCTA Members | \$30 | \$50 |
| Youths | | \$25 both days |
| Mount Holyoke Members | | \$25 both days |
| Non-members | \$50 | \$75 |

Please send Auditor Sign Up with check payable to CDA to: Donna Leonessa, Dleonessa@hotmail.com (860) 933-1854, 3080 South Street, Coventry, CT 06238. There will be no refunds. We will have stadium style seating available.

AUDITOR'S RELEASE OF LIABILITY – READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN IT

In consideration for _____ (the "Auditor") being permitted to attend the USDF Workshop co-sponsored or co-organized by The Connecticut Dressage Association, Inc. ("CDA") and the Connecticut Dressage & Combined Training Association ("CDCTA") on April 25 and 26, 2009 at Mt. Holyoke College (the "Farm"), the Auditor and his/her parents (if Auditor is under 18 years of age) agree that CDA, CDCTA, the Farm, the Workshop clinicians, and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants shall not be liable for, and agree to hold them harmless from, any accident, personal injury, death or property damage that may be sustained by any person or entity, including without limitation the Auditor, as a result in whole or in part from the Auditor's attendance at or participation in the Workshop. This agreement is binding on the Auditor and his/her parents whether or not said accident, personal injury, death or property damage is due in whole or in part to the negligence of CDA, CDCTA, the Farm, the Workshop clinicians or any of their agents, members, volunteers or assistants. The Auditor and his/her parents (if Auditor is under 18 years of age) agree to defend and indemnify CDA, CDCTA, the Farm, the Workshop clinicians and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants for any claims, demands, or suits arising from the Auditor's attendance or participation at the clinic, including without limitation those arising in whole or in part from the negligence of CDA, CDCTA, the Farm, the Workshop clinicians or their agents, members, volunteers or assistants.

This release is signed on _____, 2009 Auditor or Auditor's Parent _____



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2001 Hawk 2/3 Horse Gooseneck Trailer has standard side-by-side configuration in back, with box stall in front that has a slant bar for a third horse. Rear and side ramp. Dressing room. Wonderful for traveling alone, as you can tack your horse in the front box and then walk straight off the trailer. We love this trailer, but need something larger. \$19,500. Contact Donna at (860) 208-7667 or donnadunbar@charter.net. (3/09)

Wonderful schoolmaster available for on farm lease/full or partial. Learn tempi changes from a master! Palermo is 20 years young, sound and in regular work at Fox Ledge Farm. His owner is no longer able to ride fulltime and would love to share his knowledge with a dedicated rider. Please contact Ann Gup till at 860-873-8108 or eqarts@snet.net (3/09)

To insert or take out a classified ad, please contact Jenny Berelson at berelsonj@yahoo.com