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## **Jumping a Clean Course and Counting Strides**

By Karen Norton

The third clinic in the CDCTA Spring Tune Up Series was “Jumping a Clean Course” with Armand Chenelle, and was held at Windcrest Farm in Hebron, CT, on 4/4/2009. The day was a bit damp with sprinkles spritzing us from time to time. Even so, the footing was spectacular and if you angled just right, riders could practice going through the water and jumping. Who would have thought we would have a chance to practice a water jump?

Armand started each session with riders going over three appropriately spaced ground poles both at the trot and the canter. We were able to practice bending, counting strides, asking for less or more strides, and halting between ground poles. Armand did a great job of asking questions that made the riders think and hit their spots even on ground poles!

After we made sufficient progress over the ground poles, we started jumping over easy jumps and adding more difficult questions as the lesson progressed. The final course included verticals, oxers, angled jumps, and an in and out requiring a sharp turn right to another small vertical fence. More than one of us missed that turn on the first attempt! By the time the lessons were finished, each rider was completing a course appropriate to the rider’s and horse’s level.

The clinic consisted of three one hour sessions with two or three riders in each session. The sessions were divided into cross-rails and small verticals (Elementary), jumps ranging from 2’3 to 2’6 (BN), and jumps ranging from 2’6 to 2’9 (N). Armand did a great job of organizing appropriate jumps and courses for each session. I rode two different horses that had not jumped over the winter in the BN and N sessions. Armand offered jumping questions that were appropriate for horses coming back from a long winter.

Armand’s expertise and assistance was so helpful to this rider and her horses, that I plan on going back for more jumping lessons with Armand at Windcrest because we always strive to “Jump a Clean Course”.





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## 2009 Activities Calendar

### May 30 & 31

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Lungeing Workshop with: Sarah Geikie (USDF Instructor Certification Examiner) Ann Guptill (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty). Contact: Jennifer Ford [jdford@optonline.net](mailto:jdford@optonline.net)

### July

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**19** - CDCTA Schooling 2-phase at Mystic Valley Hunt Club. Contact Donna Legere: [bandit@99main.com](mailto:bandit@99main.com)

**25 & 26** - Riding Workshop Training with: Vicki Hammers-O'Neil (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty) Ann Guptill (USDF Instructor Certification Faculty). Contact: Jennifer Ford [jdford@optonline.net](mailto:jdford@optonline.net)

### August

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**22 & 23** - Sally Cousins stadium and cross country clinic at Town Hill Farm. Contact Beth Libby [bether11@mac.com](mailto:bether11@mac.com).

### October

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**4** - Recognized dressage show at Carbery Fields in Lebanon, CT. Contact: Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie [emccosh@snet.net](mailto:emccosh@snet.net), secretary: Chris Curcio ([Ccurcio@covantaenergy.com](mailto: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 April Schooling Show

The CDCTA held its annual Schooling Dressage Show and Combined Test on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Wishing Rock Farm in West Suffield. The weather was a bit cool early on but then it warmed up nicely. The arena was groomed to perfection and all was ready for the dressage competitors to start at 9:00am. Judge Corinna Scheller-Fleming (L with distinction) won rave reviews for her fair assessment of each horse and rider's test as well as a few tips and hints on how to improve their score at the next test. This was the first outing for our new CDCTA utility trailer purchased last fall to hold all the paraphernalia needed to run the show including the dressage ring. Our thanks to Lyle Lilie for all his work to finish off the inside of the trailer.

We wish to thank Don Lombardo, owner and Deb Sulewski, barn manager, of Wishing Rock Farm for the use of their wonderful facilities. Everyone appreciated the large size of both the indoor warm-up arena and the outdoor show arena for showcasing their horse's abilities. We, also, thank the many volunteers who donated their Saturday and/or Sunday to help make the day a success.

### Show Results:

#### Intro Level Test A:

- 1) Lori Hoover; My Lilly Pad.
- 2) Ann Freeman; Johnny Cash
- 3) Marcellina Freeman; Tee Jay

#### Intro Level Test B:

- 1) Lori Hoover: My Lilly Pad.
- 2) Ann Freeman; Johnny Cash

#### Training Level, Test 1:

- 1) Miranda Burkert; Absolute Legacy
- 2) Emma Lavigne; Oh Stars Above
- 3) McKayla Hoover; Fenway

#### Training Level, Test 2:

- 1) Jeanne Gabrish; Judy
- 2) Miranda Burkert; Absolute Legacy
- 3) Emma LaVigne; Absolute Legacy

#### Training Level, Test 3:

- 1) Karen Norton; Lexxus.
- 2) Barbara Nunes; VeroVeraar

#### Training Level, Test 4:

- 1) Jeanne Gabrish; Judy.
- 2) Karen Norton; Lexxus
- 3) Barbara Nunes; VeroVeraar

#### First Level, Test 1:

- 1) Karen Norton; Maxem

#### First Level, Test 2:

- 1) Karen Norton; Maxem

#### Second Level, Test 1:

- 1) Brittany Mott; Shakespeare

#### Second Level, Test 2:

- 1) Brittany Mott; Shakespeare

#### Novice Test B:

- 1) Michelle Wollmershauser; Harley Man



**High Point Winner (CDCTA Member): Jeanne Gabrish; Judy**

**High Point Winner (non-Member): Michelle Wollmershauser; Harley Man**

**High Point Junior: Ann Freeman; Johnny Cash**

These winners received a gorgeous pastel saddle pad embroidered with "CDCTA" 



**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 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Mail application and letters to:

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## USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION~~2009 WORKSHOPS

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

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

**Lesson Lotto Winner: Selby Wajcs**  
**Congratulations Selby!**

### **BRAGGIN' RIGHTS**

Karen Norton is the proud mother (stepmother?) of a new filly. Welcome Mystique and congratulations Winnie (birth mom) and Karen!

Please send *your* braggin' rights to [berelsonj@yahoo.com](mailto:berelsonj@yahoo.com)



### **Lucinda Fredericks and Headley Britannia Keep the Lead to Win Their First Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event**

Lexington, KY – The sun was out, the tears were plentiful, and the women dominated in the final phase of the 2009 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. Australia's Lucinda Fredericks and her 16-year-old, 15.3-hand Thoroughbred-cross mare Headley Britannia came away the big winners after a double-clear round in show jumping, finishing on their dressage score of 32.3. Second place went to an equally tearful Bettina Hoy of Germany and her 18-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding, Ringwood Cockatoo, with a final score of 38.4.





## CDCTA Board Member Profile

**NAME:** Jenny Berelson

**CDCTA POSITION:** Newsletter Editor

**JOINED CDCTA:** 2001

**TOWN:** Manchester, CT— originally from New York

**HORSE:** I just put down my beloved Dancer in November. He was 33 years 6 months and 2 weeks. I evented Dancer into his late 20s. His brother, Toby, is happy to now be an only child. Both are Morgans – sound mind and body. Toby is 12 – and *sometimes* he acts his age!


**OTHER PETS:** I have three cats at home: Nicoise is a gorgeous, gray girl who is truly the friendliest cat ever; Francis is huge and sometimes I think he's part Lab. He is truly the shy-est cat in the world; then there's Reuben. Reuben is a string bean with a tail and legs. If he could, he's Velcro himself to me.

**RIDING DISCIPLINE:** Eventing with some trail riding thrown in.

**RIDING GOALS:** I'd like to event Toby Beginner Novice, without being afraid of his speed on cross country. We've come a long way in dressage and stadium.

**OCCUPATION:** Education Technology Specialist – which means I work with teachers (Prek-12) in integrating technology into the curriculum.

**HOBBIES OR OTHER INTERESTS:** Reading, movies, kayaking. If I wasn't into horses, I'd be a tennis nut. I love the game, however, you couldn't tell by watching me play.

**JOINED THE CDCTA BECAUSE:** I wanted to be a part of a local horse club. Deb Moynihan told me that this was the place to be. I've enjoyed seeing what people in my area are doing and meeting people at shows along the way. Now that I'm on the board, I see how much work goes into continuing the goals of the club – educating all of combined training and dressage. 



*Toby (left) and Dancer in Spring 2008*



## CLASSIFIED ADS

CLASSIFIEDS WILL NOW RUN FOR THREE MONTHS ONLY

**Available for Free Lease** Connor is a 9yo black/bay thoroughbred who has successfully evented through Training level. Beautiful mover with consistent dressage scores and a very scopey jumper. Smart and sane, but NOT suitable for a beginner. Ideally would like to lease him to an adult amateur or a serious young rider. Owner starting grad school and does not have the time or finances to support him, but not willing to sell. Please contact Jess at (860) 268-1969 or [jessica.bauer@ymail.com](mailto:jessica.bauer@ymail.com) for more details. (6/09)

**Proven Broodmare Needs New Home A.S.A.P** Guthrie is a 6yo 17.2hh dapple gray Hanovarian/TB. She is sound and green broke w/t. Started over fences on lounge and shows excellent form. Owner forced to sell and only asking \$2,000. Contact Jess at (860) 268-1969 or [jessica.bauer@ymail.com](mailto:jessica.bauer@ymail.com) for more details. (6/09)

**Horse For Sale**—15.3H bay TB/AppendixQH cross. Bear is trained through 2nd level, schooling 3rd. Jumps a 3'3" - 3'6" course. Sweet, handsome, great mover. \$20,000/ o.b.o. email for more info and pictures to [j.churchill33@comcast.net](mailto:j.churchill33@comcast.net) or call Jodi at 203-463-8651. (7/09)

**PONY BLANKET FOR SALE:** 63 inch Rhino stable blanket; Good condition; no tears; Quality design and hardware; has tail flap and high neck; black/green/purple plaid color with purple trim; \$50 firm. Contact Cheryl at (860)460-6929 or [applewoodacres@charter.net](mailto:applewoodacres@charter.net) (7/09)

**Gorgeous 6-year old registered NSH gelding,** professionally trained, available for half-lease on-farm in Newtown. Wonderful ground manners, flatwork and beginning jumping. Shown last season; including AHCC and is always in the top ribbons. 3rd in 2008 Bedford Fall Hunter Pace. Owner doesn't have enough time and is looking for an intermediate/advanced rider to half-lease. This horse is a one of a kind, loveable, safe and sensible boy. Stabled on a beautiful 30 acre farm in Newtown, with two rings and trails. Serious inquiries only, 203-733-6437. (7/09)

**Fun Dressage Horse:** "Riley" is a 19y/o 16.2 hand, Irish Sport Horse Gelding. Evented through preliminary with Young Rider but now looking for a dressage home. Would be suitable through 2nd level. Not for an extreme beginner. Hacks out alone or in company. Kind disposition. A pleasure to work around. Asking \$5000, negotiable to good home. Contact Kristen @ 860-485-4390 or [Wesoly02@hotmail.com](mailto:Wesoly02@hotmail.com). (7/09)

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