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Maximize Your Test Scores with Ann Guptill



Rider: Susan Franz

CDCTA held it's Maximize Your Test Scores clinic with Ann Guptill on April 13, 2008 at Fox Ledge Farm in East Haddam Connecticut. Turnout was moderate in both riders and auditors, and we were even privileged to have EQ Bling as an onsite vender. The turnout was very good as seven riders participated in the ride and critique sessions varying from Training Level to PSG.

Maximize your test score was exactly what this clinic was about. Whether you were a rider or an auditor it was a great learning experience. Ann started with a brief explanation of what each different level was about and its purpose. Each rider was asked what problems they were having in their tests, and then a warm up was suggested to either correct the problem or get ready for the test. The test was then ridden, scored and discussed. Ann explained how the rider could have gotten a better score on a movement by some changes for a better judge perspective. Then the conclusion was spent on various exercises to improve scores that allowed improvement.

This was an invaluable experience that allowed its participants, both on and off the horse to get an insight on the judge's perspective in the dressage arena. The day went smoothly with the help of its volunteers and we also thank Ann Guptill for her time.





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2008 Calendar

June

21-22 Leslie Law eventing clinic at 7/8ths Farm, Killingworth, CT
 contact Amy Newton 203-630-3185

August

16-17 Jan Byyny eventing clinic at 7/8ths Farm, Killingworth, CT (tentative new date) contact Amy Newton 203-630-3185

September

13 and 14 – Sally Cousins Clinic at Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, CT
 contact Barbara Nunes 524-1705

28 – Schooling show,
 contact Elizabeth McCosh-Lilie 860-487-0130

October

18 - Lendon Grey clinic at Lost Island Farm, Falls Village, CT
 contact Jen Ford, (203) 389-5873



Volunteers and Scholarships

Yes, volunteering and applying for a CDCTA Scholarship go together. We have not had any scholarship applications this year, but then, we still see the same people volunteering to help at our clinics and shows. Often the people working at the events are the members of the CDCTA Board. It's a hard working group, but the Board can't do everything.

Why discuss volunteering and scholarships together? You need to have done some volunteer time to qualify for a scholarship. This is often the one thing that can keep someone who has been a member for a number of years from receiving a scholarship, and scholarships can be a big help in gaining training that you need.

CDCTA does need help at each of its clinics and shows. A half day is not a lot of time, but it means a great deal to the person running the event. The work can vary from being a runner taking score sheets to the scorer, to scribing for the judge, to assisting with parking, or to just helping to keep things running smoothly. Not only do you log hours as a volunteer, but you get to know other CDCTA members, which makes attending events even more fun.

Take a look at the list of activities and contact the CDCTA board member organizing the event. They'll be glad you called!

**Scholarship applications can be found on our website at:
CDCTAonline.com**

Braggin' Rights

Brad Turley won a Novice Rider Division at the Ocala Winter II Horse Trials in Ocala, FL Feb. 15-17 on his horse Ratzki with a score of 39.0.

Morgan Covensky, on Special Dark, came in 2nd in the Beginner Novice Division at the Babcock Hill Equestrian Center 2-phase Schooling Show on April 26, with a score of 40.0.

YOUR NAME HERE!

Lesson Lotto winner

Patty Connolly



CDCTA and 7/8ths Farm

Proudly Welcome Back:

Reigning Individual Olympic Gold Medalist

Leslie Law 2-Day Clinic

Show Jumping and Cross Country

June 21-22, 2008

7/8th's Farm, 70 Route 80

Killingworth, CT

Spots still available

Reigning Individual Olympic Gold Medalist and team Silver Medalist Leslie Law will be at 7/8th's Farm in Killingworth, CT for a 2-day clinic. Know for his consistency, Leslie has a string of successes including an Olympic team silver medal in the Sydney 2000 games, European team gold in 2001 and 2003 and World team bronze in 2002.

The two-day clinic will start with show jumping and grid work on day one followed by cross country jumping on day two. There will be four riders per group riding for 1 ½ hours each. This will allow individualized attention. Groups will range from BN up (*all riders/horses must have completed a recognized event at the level they sign up for*). Each rider is allowed one groom to audit free of charge. There will be food available for purchase – no lunch tickets with rider entry, please come prepared.



Auditors are encouraged to watch this exciting weekend. We encourage interested people to pre-purchase their tickets by mail at \$20, or \$25 at the door (CDCTA members cost is \$20 per day pre-purchased or day of. It is recommended to pre-purchase tickets).

7/8th's Farm is an eventing facility located in Killingworth, CT (<http://www.7-8ths.com/FarmLogon/index.htm>) the focus of which is to accommodate riders in a clinic format. The cross country course was designed and built by internationally acclaimed course designer Tremaine Cooper. The level of the course goes to Preliminary/Intermediate. Preference will be given to CDCTA members (so send in those membership forms!!). Stalls available upon request (separate fee).

If you have any questions visit our website (www.cdctaonline.com) or please feel free to contact:

Amy Newton (203) 630-3185 – Home
(860) 908-3893 – Cell

DIRECTIONS: From: I 95 Exit 64, take Route 145 North 4.5 miles to blinking light at the intersection of Route 80. Turn left on Route 80 W. Go 1.5 miles, farm on the left. Look for rock with name of farm.

From: Route 9 Exit 5, take Route 80 West. At four way stop take a right to continue on Route 80 west. At blinking light, intersection of Route 145, continue 1.5 miles and farm will be on left.

From Route 81 traffic circle in Killingworth, take Route 80 East. Farm will be 1.8 miles on right.

Leslie Law Clinic

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email Address: _____

Experience: _____

Number Auditor Tickets: (Separate ticket needed each day) _____

Please include Coggins with entry form.

Clinic:

CDCTA Members: \$ 250

Non-CDCTA Members: \$ 290*

Auditors: \$20 per day pre-purchase

*Price of membership is \$40 individual/\$35 junior/\$55 family – form on website

Please make checks payable to: CDCTA

Sign Both Indemnity Forms &

Mail Entry forms to: Amy Newton
22 Putter Place
Meriden, CT 06450

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS BEFORE YOU SIGN IT

In consideration for _____ (the "Rider") being permitted to participate in the horseback riding clinic sponsored or organized by The Connecticut Dressage and Combined Training Association, Inc. ("CDCTA") on August 25-26, 2007 at 7/8th's Farm, Killingworth, Connecticut (the "Farm"), the Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree that CDCTA, the Farm, the clinician, 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 Rider, as a result in whole or in part from the Rider's participation in the clinic. This agreement is binding on the Rider 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 CDCTA, the Farm, the clinician or any of their agents, members, volunteers or assistants. The Rider and his/her parents (if Rider is under 18 years of age) agree to defend and indemnify CDCTA, the Farm, the clinician and their agents, members, volunteers and assistants for any claims, demands, or suits arising from the Rider's participation in the clinic, including without limitation those arising in whole or in part from the negligence of CDCTA, the Farm, the clinician or their agents, members, volunteers or assistants.

This release is signed on _____, 2008.

RIDER: RIDER'S PARENT (IF RIDER IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OLD)



EQUINE RELEASE, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION

The undersigned Participant, and his or her parent or legal guardian (if the participant is under the age of 18 years), does/do hereby execute this Release Waiver and Indemnification for himself or herself/themselves and his or her/their heirs, successors, representatives, and assigns, acknowledges the inherent risk involved in riding and working around horses, which risks include bodily injury from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses among other risks, and further that both horse and rider can be injured in normal use or in competition and schooling.

In Consideration for the privilege of riding and working around horses at Seven Eighths Farm, the Undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and Indemnify and further release the Seven Eighths Farm, its members, employees, agent, representatives, and those governmental agencies and other organizations affiliated with this activity from any and all liability, loss, damage, costs, claims and/or causes of action, including but not limited to all bodily injuries and property damage arising out of participation in the activity, it being specifically understood that said activity includes the handling or equines by the Undersigned participant or responsibility for accident, damage, injury or illness to Undersigned or any horse owned by me or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of Seven Eighths Farm.

I fully understand that horseback riding and being or working around horses are very dangerous activities. I execute this Waiver of my rights to sue and agree to assume all risks inherent in equine activities and have notice of all risks inherent in equine activities including (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant (2) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals, and (3) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions and riding over unknown terrain where hazards may be hidden by vegetation or development. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous.

IN EXCHANGE FOR BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES, FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES, I RELEASE AND AGREE NOT TO MAKE OR BRING ANY CLAIM OF ANY KIND AGAINST OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, OR GUESTS OR ANY LANDOWNERS, LANDHOLDERS OR THE PERSONS MAKING PROPERTY AVAILABLE FOR ANY INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH), TO ME OR ANY DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY WHETHER FROM ANYONE'S NEGLIGENCE OR NOT, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, ARISING OUT OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THESE DANGEROUS HORSEBACK RIDING, CROSS-COUNTRY HORSEBACK RIDING, OR RELATED ACTIVITIES; AND I ALSO AGREE IF ANYONE MAKES ANY CLAIMS BECAUSE OF ANY INJURY TO ME (INCLUDING DEATH), OR FOR ANY DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY, I WILL KEEP ALL THOSE RELEASED BY THIS AGREEMENT FREE OF ANY DAMAGES OR COSTS BECAUSE OF THOSE CLAIMS.

FURTHERMORE, MY SIGNATURE HEREBY INDICATES MY AGREEMENT TO WEAR AN ASTM/SEI APPROVED HARD HAT AND APPROPRIATE BOOTS AT ALL TIMES WHILE RIDING AT SEVEN EIGHTHS FARM AND TO OBEY ALL RULES SET FORTH BY SEVEN EIGHTHS FARM.

Print Name of Participant: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of Participant

Signature of parent or legal guardian for

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FOR SALE: Neidersuss Dressage Saddle in very good condition. One owner, always well maintained. Medium tree, 17 inch seat, long billets. Won't fit my new horse. \$1000 obo. Barbara - 860-305-0608 or 860-524-1705, leave message.

FOR SALE: Pytchley wool hunt coat like new. Conservative navy blue pinstripe always in style. Size Ladies 12 Long. Originally over \$280, asking \$100 obo. Barbara - 860-305-0608 or 860-524-1705.

For Sale: Bond Street 16 1/2" dressage saddle w/long flaps. Adjustable tree, beautiful grained leather with rolled edges, small tigh blocks and single flap for close contact to horse. Soft, memory foam seat, new wool flocking. Call Carrie at 860 663-2834

For lease with option to buy: A 10 year old purebred Egyptian Arabian that is 16.1 hands high. He has quality papers and a passport and has competed in 100 mile endurance races along with completing first level dressage. Needs an experienced rider. Horse is stabled in Bethany with indoor and outdoor arenas and plenty of trails. \$298.00 per month. Contact Suzanne at 397-8231 or 203 645-3574

Stall Available - North Bloomfield. Lots of grass, walkout stalls, sand ring. Owner on premises. Dressage/event lessons, training available. Older horses/retirees welcome. Tricia - whitepinefarm or 860-221-5709

Ainsley ProNational Event Saddle - 18" medium tree. Like new condition. Awesome cross country saddle that just doesn't fit my horse no matter how I try. Large seat, long forward flaps, great for long legged rider. Tricia - whitepinefarm@comcast.net or 860-221-5709

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LESSON LOTTO!**

Now you can have fun volunteering at a CDCTA function and get the chance to win \$100.

Here's how it works:

Every time you volunteer, you are entered into the new Lesson Lotto. Every quarter, we'll pull a name out of the hat and if it's your name, you win. It's that easy. Your entries are valid for the entire year. All of the club's activities rely on our volunteers.

So when the new Volunteer Coordinator for the club, Selby Wajcs, calls or emails you asking for your help, please say "YES, I would love to volunteer!" Volunteering is a great way to meet other members and win \$100!

CDCTA organizational meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except for August, December and January!) at 7:30 P.M.

Any CDCTA member wishing to attend a meeting is welcome!

If you have an issue to bring to the Board at the meeting, please notify the CDCTA President in advance so that the item can be put on the meeting agenda.

Meetings are held at:
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27 Washington Street in Middletown.