



Charles River Dressage Association

December 2009

October Schooling Show Closes the 2009 Competition Year

October 4 marked another successful Jean Kendall Memorial Schooling Show. As with every show, we owe a very big thanks to the volunteers who make our shows happen. Once again this season, show manager Tabitha Conway, secretary Pam Murray, and volunteer coordinator Marilyn Holman deserve a great big thank you for all of their hard work on the show.

SmartPak Equine sponsored the high point awards for the fourth show of the season. SmartPak provided some nice goodie bags for high point champions and reserve champions. Thank you, SmartPak!

Planning for the 2010 show season will be here before we know it. We will need a new volunteer coordinator for the shows, and if you're interested in being show manager or show secretary we can "buddy" you with a veteran. You don't have to take on one of these jobs for all four shows - just one will be a great contribution to your dressage club. Volunteering for any of these roles is a fabulous way to meet other dressage enthusiasts and to learn what it takes to produce a horse show. Please give it some thought and contact Tabitha Conway if you're interested. She can be reached at Tibbs052@yahoo.com or (508) 308-6545.

Results and photos from the October show start on page four. ❖

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Year-end Clinic with Volker Brommann

By Holly Mason

On November 7th, a warm Fall day greeted the riders and auditors for a clinic with Volker Brommann at Apple Knoll Farm in Millis, MA. CRDA routinely hosts a clinic before their year-end banquet, and the clinician is then the featured speaker at the dinner - this was the plan for 2009, as well.



Volker Brommann holding Gemini, owned by Linda Currie.

Photo courtesy of Carol Burkhart

Volker Brommann was born and raised in Germany and came to the States over 20 years ago, licensed as both a Bereiter, F.N and Reitlehrer, F.N. He trained with Walter Christensen in Germany for years and has worked with Klaus Balkenhol since 1994. He is extremely well regarded throughout the US, teaching and training many horses and riders to upper level dressage. His open and detailed teaching style clearly reflects his love for horses and his care with their training.

The Saturday was balmy and set the stage for a full day of rides with all the horses

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The mission of the Charles River Dressage Association is to provide affordable quality dressage schooling shows, clinics, educational lectures and sponsorships to its members and local community. In addition, CRDA strives to offer a friendly, casual forum in which riders can compete and gain knowledge about the art/sport of dressage.

showing solid improvement during each session. Linda Currie said, "I loved that Volker got on Gem during the clinic as it was an excellent opportunity for me to see from the ground how he corrected the very things he was working with me on. I definitely felt the difference in her body when I got back on. He's a great clinician to work with."

Volker watched intently and often spoke the corrections in rhythm giving riders the idea of the tempo of the gaits as well as how to apply their aids correctly in time. He created a relaxed atmosphere, while providing lots of detail about the nature of dressage movements and how to capitalize on these ridden elements. Cinny Little, the first rider of the day said, "I was so lucky to have the opportunity to ride in the clinic. It was a fantastic experience, and I learned several things that I will be able to use every time I ride. Volker is so clear and focused and so great at communicating what he knows and what he sees."



At left, Linda Currie on Gemini.



At right, Cinny Little on Braveheart.

Another rider, Lisa Cross, especially liked Volker's sense of humor as it "made the ride a relaxing one. He helped me with my half halts and got me to feel better when Bertini was not coming from behind. This involved getting my aids quicker to keep my horse reaching in his hind leg and getting him lighter in front."

Other riders in the clinic were Amanda Comer on Sunny, Robin Savoie on SPS Wolgaliebe, Dot Iorio on Finnekapan, Emily Grande on Ulla La, Karen Wilson on Montana and Karin Lagrange on Wetherby.



At near right, Robin Savoie on SPS Wolgaliebe with Volker Brommann.

At far right, Dot Iorio on Finnekapan.



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Volker's approach was filled with images and corrections as he helped riders feel for the correct moments. Simple statements like, "When the horse is in a hurry, post a little calmer," helped riders stay with their horses better. About the canter, he said " you make the long strides with your hips." He often reminded riders to keep the horse between both legs, especially on curved lines, stating wonderfully that "the outside leg is like a guard rail."



On the left, Emily Grande on Ulla La; center, Karen Wilson on Montana; right, Karin Lagrange on Wetherby.

Photos of Linda, Robin, Dot, Karen and Karin courtesy of Carol Burkhart.
Photos of Cenny and Emily courtesy of Ann Jensis-Dale.

The Charles River Dressage Association prides themselves on their welcoming attitude towards riders of all levels, at their camps and at their shows throughout the year. This clinic with Volker Brommann at Apple Knoll Farm was a super example of the CRDA philosophy. ❖

A Message from CRDA President Tabitha Conway...

This year has come and gone already! The cold has moved in and we are battering down the hatches for the winter. How did winter get here so soon?

I hope that as you reflect on this year, there are moments that stand out for the better. I hope that you've seen progress on whatever you're working on with your horse, whether it's more steps of bend to the right, a better right lead canter, or learning the counter canter to the left. As I look back I see opportunities to make improvements as well as moments of pride – some related to my horse and some related to CRDA. There's lots to do this coming year and I hope to see you as a volunteer and/or participant at CRDA events!

Happy holidays and many wishes for progress on whatever goals you have. ❖

Jean Kendall Memorial Schooling Show

October 4, 2009

Show Manager: Tabitha Conway
Secretary: Pam Murray
Volunteer Coordinator: Marilyn Holman

High Point Award Winners

<i>Division</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Score</i>
Adult Amateur Champion	Mary Crowe	68.80
Adult Amateur Reserve Champion	Mary Crowe	68.00
Junior Champion	Molly Micou	67.00
Junior Reserve Champion	Kathryn Gilliland	65.50
Open Champion	Pam Murray	67.50
Open Reserve Champion	Stacey Murphy	62.66

Deb Dufresne-Coll won the first annual raffle held at the October show. The lucky winner gets reimbursed for one class entry fee thanks to the raffle sponsor, Elaine Donahue.



Top left, Emma McConville riding Just for the Night.

Top right, Laurie Roberts riding Purls of Wisdom.

Far left, Bridget McConville riding Fat Boy Slim.

Near left, Marie Wachter riding Cruise.

Photos courtesy of Prestige Sportshots.

Many thanks to the October show volunteers...

Terry Brennan	Anne Brinkerhoff	Carol Burkhart	Tabitha Conway
Linda Currie	Shari Dangel	Elizabeth Davidson	Chris Dunham
Thalia Falcon	Kyle Fryer	Marilyn Holman	Dot Iorio
Sandy Jackson	Dan Kwasniewski	Brent Longtin	Bradd Martone
Susan McConville	Janet Menn	Stacey Murphy	Pam Murray
Noah Rostchek	Victoria Stewart	Patti Tautenhan	Marie Wachter
Karen Whitney	Ann Wiedie		

<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Place</i>
Class 1. USDF Intro Test A				
Valeria Moore	Bitsy Girl	65.00	JR	1
Kailyn Stephens	Clifton	63.50	JR	2
Molly Micou	Connect the Dots	63.00	JR	3
Kelly Swain	Ivy Jean	62.50	AA	1
Bridget McConville	Fat Boy Slim	62.00	JR	4
Janet Menn	Dev Diego	61.50	AA	2
Adrianna Kerr	Bleu	61.50	O	1
Emma McConville	Just for the Night	61.00	JR	5
Pam Murray	Miss Gabby	60.50	O	2
Lara Crandall	Pumpkin Spice	59.00	AA	3
Jenn Trendel	Art I Sweet Enuf	58.00	AA	4
Jessica Dionne	Bethesda Elvis	57.50	AA	5
Taylor Nestor	Billy Bob	57.00	JR	6
Deborah Hyland	Arroyo	51.00	AA	6
Class 2. USDF Intro Test B				
Pam Murray	Miss Gabby	67.50	O	1
Molly Micou	Connect the Dots	67.00	JR	1
Kathryn Gilliland	Bitsy Girl	65.50	JR	2
Emma McConville	Just for the Night	65.00	JR	3
Kariel Swanfeldt	VIVA Las Vegas	63.50	JR	4
Bridget McConville	Fat Boy Slim	63.00	JR	5
Valeria Moore	Bitsy Girl	62.50	JR	6
Kaylan Stepehns	Clifton	62.00	JR	
Janet Menn	Dev Diego	62.00	AA	1
Lara Crandall	Pumpkin Spice	61.50	AA	2
Adrianna Kerr	Bleu	61.50	O	2
Jessica Dionne	Bethesda Elvis	60.00	AA	3
Kelly Swain	Ivy Jean	60.00	AA	4
Taylor Nestor	Billy Bob	59.00	JR	
Arielle Zhitomirsky	Bethesda Elvis	57.00	JR	
Katherine Seder	Donarell	50.50	AA	5
Deborah Hyland	Arroyo	47.00	AA	6
Class 3. Training Level Test 1				
Christie Adams	Worth Waiting For	62.17	JR	1
Sharon Anderson	Tess	60.86	AA	1
Julianna Kittredge	Olivander	60.86	JR	2
Meaghan Wood	Finnegan	60.00	JR	3
Lana Hogan	Williows Magic	60.00	JR	3
Marie Wachter	Cruise	58.69	JR	4
Astrid Dretler	Jack of All Trades	58.26	AA	2
Alice Cunnick	Spiderman	58.26	AA	2
Kayla Dignazio	Noah	57.82	JR	5
Sarah Gill-D'Orazio	Joe	56.95	AA	4
Norma Fay	Magnum	56.95	AA	3
Kariel Swanfeldt	VIVA Las Vegas	56.95	JR	6
Terry Brennan	Miss American Pie	56.52	AA	5
Nicole Goguen	Silver	56.08	JR	
Arielle Zhitomirsky	Bethesda Elvis	55.65	JR	
Katherine Seder	Donarell	51.73	AA	6
Betsy Dangel	Wonnepoppen	51.30	AA	

Class 4. Training Level Test 2

Susan Peterson	Winter Eye	65.71	AA	1
Sharon Anderson	Tess	65.00	AA	2
Julianna Kittredge	Olivander	61.42	JR	1
Susan Perry	El Corazon Bravo	60.71	AA	4
Alice Cunnick	Spiderman	60.71	AA	3
Lana Hogan	Willows Magic	59.64	JR	2
Marie Wachter	Cruise	58.92	JR	3
Astrid Dretler	Jack of All Trades	58.92	AA	5
Norma Fay	Magnum	58.57	AA	6
Terry Brennan	Miss American Pie	58.57	AA	
Christie Adams	Worth Waiting For	58.21	JR	4
Nicole Goguen	Silver	58.21	JR	5
Meaghan Wood	Finnegan	51.78	JR	6

Class 5. Training Level Test 3

Mary Crowe	Forzando	68.00	AA	1
Suzanne Rost	Diamond In The Rough	62.80	AA	2
Jannet Mitchell	Dunlavin's Royal Rebel	62.80	AA	2
Sarah Gill-D'Orazio	WF Brzatiw	61.20	AA	3
Sally Anne Jennings	UVM Fleetwood	60.80	AA	4
Karin Lagrange	Wetherby	59.20	AA	5
Dan Kwasniewski	Theodore	59.20	AA	5
Anne Brinkerhoff	Rumble Dancer	58.40	AA	6
Mark Linster	A La Crafty	58.40	AA	6
Bonnie Fischer	Limerick	57.60	AA	
Susan Perry	El Corazon Bravo	56.40	AA	

Class 6. Training Level Test 4

Mary Crowe	Forzando	68.80	AA	1
Dan Kwasniewski	Theodore	67.20	AA	2
Karin Lagrange	Wetherby	66.00	AA	3
Suzanne Rost	Diamond in the Rough	65.60	AA	4
Janet Mitchell	Dunlavin's Royal Rebel	65.60	AA	4
Mark Linster	A La Crafty	62.80	AA	5
Sally Anne Jennings	UVM Fleetwood	60.00	AA	6
Bonnie Fischer	Limerick	58.80	AA	

Class 7. First Level Test 1

Stacey Murphy	Willows Magic	62.66	O	1
Brett Piercy	Baila Yesehia	60.66	AA	1
Donna Tizard	Don Diego	59.66	AA	2
Laurie Roberts	Purls of Wisdom	56.66	AA	3
Jill DiGregorio	The Real McCoy	56.66	AA	4
Deb Dufresne-Coll	Zeus	55.00	AA	5

Class 8. First Level Test 2

Jill DiGregorio	The Real McCoy	63.88	AA	HC
Linda Wondrack	Deusenjaeger	63.33	AA	1
Beth O'Rouke	Winter Eve	62.50	O	1
Donna Tizard	Don Diego	61.94	AA	2
Laurie Roberts	Purls of Wisdom	60.00	AA	4
Brett Piercy	Baila Yesehia	60.00	AA	3
Deb Dufresne-Coll	Zeus	59.44	AA	5

Jennifer Elias	Oak View Flyer	56.66	AA	6
Class 9 First Level Test 3				
Linda Wondrack	Deusenjaeger	62.85	AA	1
Susan Aquino	Philippides	60.28	AA	2
Beth O'Rourke	Winter Eve	60.28	O	1
Jennifer Elias	Oak View Flyer	56.00	AA	3
Class 10 First Level Test 4				
Stacey Murphy	Willows Magic	60.78	O	1
Susan Aquino	Philippides	60.00	AA	1
Class 11 A. Second Level & Above TOC				
Bonnie Padwa	Nanook 4th/1	61.39	AA	1
Dot Iorio	Finnikapan 2nd/T1	60.26	AA	2
Cinny Little	Braveheart 2nd/T4	60.00	AA	3
Pat McGurl	Capodimonte 3rd/T1	59.74	AA	HC
Paula Enos	Navarre 2nd/T4	57.61	AA	HC
Jennifer Tillinghast	Faustiono 3rd/T1	56.41	O	1
Class 12 A. USEA 2006 Event TOC				
Rachel Catlin	Sonny's Hollywood - Beg Nov A	58.94	JR	1
Mary Spiri	Knightro - Training A	56.00	AA	1
Lynn Connor	Dillon - Novice A	56.00	AA	2
Class 12 A. USEA 2006 Event TOC				
Lynn Connor	Dillon - Novice A	60.00		1
Class 13 Musical Freestyle TOC				
Mary Crowe	Zen - 3rd	65.00	AA	1
Dan Kwasneuski	Theodore - Training	58.00	AA	2
Class 15 Lead Line				
Samantha Komola	Cocoa Pebbles	77.50	JR	1
Alexander Dangel	T	73.33	JR	3
Casey Raisman	Cocoa Pebbles	71.66	JR	2
Abby Houston	Devil in Disguise	69.16	JR	4
Class 16 A Above Lead Line A				
Rebecca Barnes	The Little General	77.85	JR	1
Class 16 A Above Lead Line B				
Rebecca Barnes	The Little General		JR	1



At left, Kailyn Stephens and Clifton.

At right, Kathryn Gilliland (second from left) with her family and Bitsy Girl.

Photos courtesy of Prestige Sportshots.



2009 Year-end Banquet – Another Fun-filled Event!

Attendees at the 2009 Year-End Banquet were treated to a keynote address by Volker Brommann. The banquet featured the customary silent auction and raffle, the proceeds of which help fund events throughout the year. Thanks to Carol Burkhart, Kate Champa, Tabitha Conway, Linda Currie, Cindi Dickerman, Barbara Gokey and Pam Murray for organizing this year's event. ❖

2010 Year-end Division Awards

Introductory Level - Adult Amateur

Champion	Janet Menn	Dev Diego	73.50
Reserve Champion	Deidre Nestor	Andele	67.17
Third	Fariba Karbasi	Mr. Jake	59.33

Introductory Level Junior

Champion	Molly Micou	Connect the Dots	66.67
Reserve Champion	Bridget McConville	Fat Boy Slim	66.50
Third	Emma McConville	Just for the Night	66.33
Fourth	Taylor Nestor	Billy Bob	62.83

Introductory Level Open

Champion	Pam Murray	Ms. Gabby	67.67
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Training Level 1&2 Adult Amateur

Champion	Karin Lagrange	Wetherby	74.41
Reserve Champion	Patti Tautenhan	Captain Rhett	67.70
Third	Sharon Anderson	Tess	66.88
Fourth	Marc Linster	A La Crafty	62.95
Fifth	Terry Brennan	Miss American Pie	60.92

Training Level 1&2 Junior

Champion	Julianna Kittredge	Olivander	63.77
Reserve Champion	Christie Adams	Worth Waiting For	63.17
Third	Marie Wachter	Cruise	60.93
Fourth	Lana Hogan	Willows Magic	60.36
Fifth	Meaghan Wood	Finnegan	57.69

Training Level 3&4 Adult Amateur

Champion	Janet Mitchell	Dunlavins Royal Rebel	72.35
Reserve Champion	Jennifer Raby	Leander	72.00
Third	Mary Crowe	Forzando	69.73
Fourth	Elizabeth Davidson	Thumper	68.40
Fifth	Dan Kwasniewski	Theodore	65.60
Sixth	Shari Dangel	Cowardly Lion	64.27
Seventh	Elizabeth Benney	In a Moment	64.00
Eighth	Victoria Stewart	Obvious Choice	63.73

First Level Adult Amateur

Champion	Linda Currie	Gemini	72.84
Reserve Champion	Jill Digrgorio	The Real McCoy	66.08
Third	Susan Aquino	Phillipides	61.60
Fourth	Laurie Roberts	Purls of Wisdom	60.07

First Level Open

Champion Stacy Murphy Willows Magic 64.70

Second Level and Above - Adult Amateur

Champion Bonnie Padwa Nanook 63.02
 Reserve Champion Dot Iorio Finnikapan 61.50
 Third Pat McGurl Capodimonte 60.02
 Fourth Paula Enos Navarre 59.76
 Fifth Cinny Little Braveheart 58.53

Musical Freestyle

Champion Dan Kwasniewski Theodore 64.63
 Reserve Champion Mary Crowe Zen 62.87

Vintage (All divisions aged 50+)

Champion Janet Menn 73.50
 Reserve Champion Janet Mitchell 72.35
 Third Mary Crowe (Forzando) 69.73
 Fourth Pam Murray 67.67
 Fifth Sharon Anderson 66.88
 Sixth Elizabeth Benney 64.00
 Seventh Mary Crowe (Zen) 62.87
 Eighth Susan Aquino 61.60

Masters (All divisions aged 60+)

Champion Elizabeth Benney 64.00
 Reserve Champion Susan Aquino 61.60
 Third Dot Iorio 61.50



Top left: Fariba Karbasi, Deidre Nestor and Janet Menn

Top center: Bridget McConville, Molly Micou and Emma McConville.

Top right: Pam Murray.

Far left: Terry Brennan, Sharon Anderson, Karin Lagrange, Patti Tautenhan and Marc Linster.

Near right, Marie Wachter.

All banquet photos courtesy of Carol Burkhart.



Top left: Dan Kwasnieski, Volker Brommann, Janet Mitchell and Mary Crowe. Top right: Linda Currie with Volker Brommann.

Middle left: Stacey Murphy with Volker Brommann. Middle center: Dot Iorio with Volker Brommann. Middle right: Dan Kwasniewski, Volker Brommann and Mary Crowe.

Lower left: Sharon Anderson, Janet Mitchell, Janet Menn, Volker Brommann, Patti Tautenhan and Mary Crowe. Lower right: Dot Iorio, Susan Aquino, Volker Brommann and Elizabeth Benney.



2009 Overall Horse and Rider Awards

Adult Amateur:

Karin Lagrange and Wetherby (left)

Open:

Pam Murray and Ms. Gabby(third from left)

Junior:

Molly Micou and Connect the Dots (right)



2010 CRDA Calendar of Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

Scribing Clinic I (unmounted)	TBD	January 2010
Laurel Myers Clinic	TBD	March 13-14, 2010
Adult Camp	Apple Knoll Farm	April 2010
Scribing Clinic II (unmounted)	TBD	April 2010
Spring Schooling Show	Apple Knoll Farm	May 9, 2010
Early Summer Schooling Show	Apple Knoll Farm	July 25, 2010
Summer Camp	Tower Hill Farm	August 7-9, 2010
Late Summer Schooling Show	Apple Knoll Farm	August 22, 2010
Jean Kendall Memorial Schooling Show	Apple Knoll Farm	October 3, 2010
Tom Noone Clinic	Tower Hill Farm	October 8-10, 2010

Please see www.crdressage.org for the most current information on shows and clinics.

2010 Clinic and Event Calendar

CRDA officers are finishing up the 2010 calendar of clinics and CRDA-sponsored events. If you are familiar with a clinician whom you think would be enjoyed by CRDA members or have a suggestion for an event, please contact CRDA president, Tabitha Conway, at tibbs052@yahoo.com, or (508) 308-6545. The final slate will be voted on at the January 5, 2010, monthly meeting. Any new ideas for clinicians or events must be proposed by December 31 to allow time to gather information such as pricing, etc., prior to the meeting. Please share your ideas! ❖

CRDA is a volunteer organization. We would like to thank the following people who have helped in various ways...

Carol Burkhart	Donna Cameron	Kate Champa
Tabitha Conway	Linda Currie	Cindi Dickerman
Barbara Gokey	Dot Iorio	Karin Lagrange
Pam Murray	Kathy O'Leary	Amy Rossiter

If we missed you on this list of volunteers, please accept our apologies but also accept our thanks for your efforts!

You don't have to be working towards a year-end award to volunteer. If you are looking for ways to get involved with CRDA, please contact Tabitha Conway at Tibbs052@yahoo.com or (508) 308-6545. ❖

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If you have not received a CRDA email in the past 30 days, we don't have a current email address for you!

If your email address, phone number, or mailing address has changed, please send your updated information to the membership coordinator, Carol Burkhart, at carol.burkhart@comcast.net or via mail at 4 Jade Walk, Medfield, MA 02052.

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