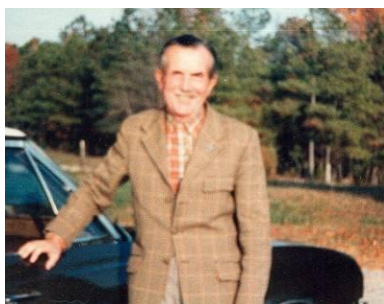


## Maryland Combined Training Association

### THE CAPTAIN ANDREW B. DESZINAY MEMORIAL TROPHY



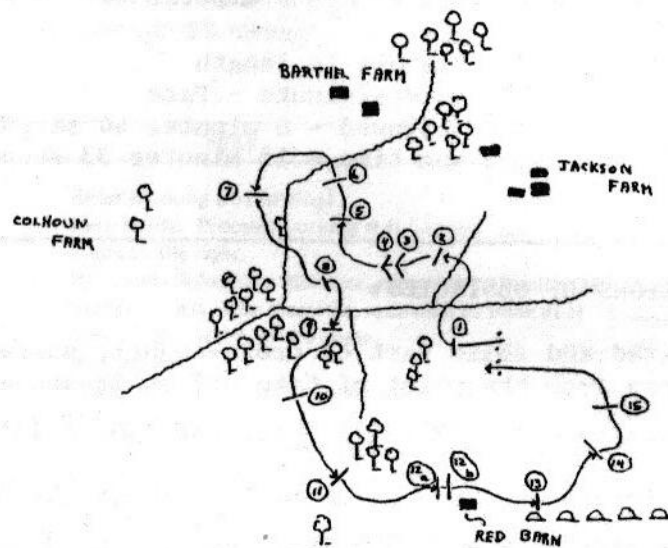
“Capt. Andy,” an officer in the Hungarian cavalry until the end of World War II, was one of the most knowledgeable and influential of MCTA’s founding members. His contributions to American horse sport are legendary, not only in Maryland but on the national scene in both eventing and dressage as well. He took a special interest in supporting and encouraging young riders, but he also introduced, with infinite patience and an unfailingly positive and gentlemanly manner, many of the now “older generation” of MCTA members to the principles of dressage. There are many trophies around the country that keep Capt. Andy’s memory alive; MCTA’s is awarded to the Junior member with the best (lowest) score at the Novice level at the annual recognized horse trials. It was donated when that event moved to Shawan Downs and added Novice competition by three of Andy’s earliest students, Wendy Takacs and Cher and John Snyder. (Before 2025 it also included Young Riders.)



|      |                                   |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 2003 | Leigh Sheldon (Midnight Candy)    |
| 2004 | Courtney Sendak (Code Red)        |
| 2005 | Ellen Halle (Hat Trick)           |
| 2006 | Molly Curtiss (Savannah)          |
| 2007 | Mariah Kamperin (Radiant One)     |
| 2008 | Stephanie Knauff (Jasper)         |
| 2009 | Mary Ballew (General Macarthur)   |
| 2010 | Emily Arches (On Eagles Wings)    |
| 2011 | Skyler Decker (Nickels and Dimes) |

|      |                                         |
|------|-----------------------------------------|
| 2012 | Not awarded                             |
| 2013 | Laura Strauch (Exclusively Sunny)       |
| 2014 | McKenna Healy (Wadi Rum)                |
| 2015 | Not awarded                             |
| 2016 | Grace Fulton (Cinderella)               |
| 2017 | Grace Fulton (Yippee Ki Yay)            |
| 2018 | Not awarded                             |
| 2019 | Cassandra Rutledge (Connect the Dots)   |
| 2020 | Event canceled due to Covid-19 Pandemic |
| 2021 | Delaney O'Neil (Ocean Ready)            |
| 2022 | Leah Hiener (Lewahdizaniwho)            |
| 2023 | Not awarded                             |
| 2024 | Not awarded                             |
| 2025 | Ciana Rutledge (Simply Saniyha)         |
| 2026 | Kelsey Klein (Simply Starbucks)         |

# TRAINING LEVEL



- |                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. BRUSH            | 10. ZIG-ZAG DITCH       |
| 2. BOARD FENCE      | 11. BARN BEAM           |
| 3. CHEVRONS         | 12a. STEPS UP           |
| 4. "                | 13. DITCH               |
| 5. OAK WALL         | 14. CHRISTMAS TREE DROP |
| 6. PEDESTRIAN RAILS | 15. STONE WALL          |
| 7. ZIG OR ZAG       |                         |
| 8. HEAD TABLE       |                         |
| 9. COOP             |                         |

One of Capt. Andy's many course diagrams, this one is from the 1977 MCTA Horse Trials at Jackson Hole Farm.



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## Captain Andy Memorial

The Andrew B. de Szinay Memorial Young  
Rider Fund has been established to support  
international activities of both dressage  
and three-day event young riders. Checks made  
out to Andrew B. de Szinay Memorial Young  
Rider Fund may be sent to Mrs. Isabel de  
Szinay, Rt. 1, Box 184 F, Petersburg, VA  
23805.

## Captain Andrew B. de Szinay

May 8, 1913 - July 31, 1988



USDF joins the entire dressage community  
in mourning the loss of **Captain Andrew B.  
de Szinay**. Captain Andy, as he was known  
to his friends throughout the country, died of  
pneumonia at Petersburg, Va., on July 31. He  
was 75 years old.

Captain Andy dedicated most of his life to  
promoting the highest standard of horsemanship.  
A native of Hungary, Captain Andy was  
considered an excellent horseman who often  
represented his military regiment in equestrian  
competitions. A graduate of the Royal  
Hungarian Army's academy and the Hungarian  
War College, he served throughout World  
War II as a captain.

Following the war, de Szinay, his wife  
Elizabeth and daughter Esther, emigrated to  
the U.S. Six years of night school at Johns  
Hopkins University led to a mechanical engineering  
degree and careers with Bendix  
and Westinghouse until retirement in 1978.  
Elizabeth de Szinay passed away in 1987,  
following a long bout with cancer.

During his engineering career, Captain  
Andy devoted spare time and vacations to  
dressage—teaching and judging. He became  
a licensed AHSA dressage judge in 1971 and  
an AHSA technical delegate in 1972. His  
positive and thoughtful manner made Captain  
Andy popular with competitors and  
organizers alike.

Captain Andy also gained national prominence  
as an administrator. His USDF positions  
over the last several years included  
chairing the *Advanced Young Rider Committee*,  
the *Council of Judges*, and the *Junior/Young  
Rider Committee*. He was also a member of  
the *AHSA Board of Directors*, the *AHSA  
Dressage Committee*, and the *USET Selection  
Committee*. He was particularly delighted with  
his recent appointment to the new *American  
Young Rider Championship Committee*.

Captain Andy's influence through his support  
of young riders will be felt for years to  
come. Many of America's young riders will  
treasure the memory of the courtly Captain  
Andy meeting them at 'A' to offer special  
words of advice and encouragement.

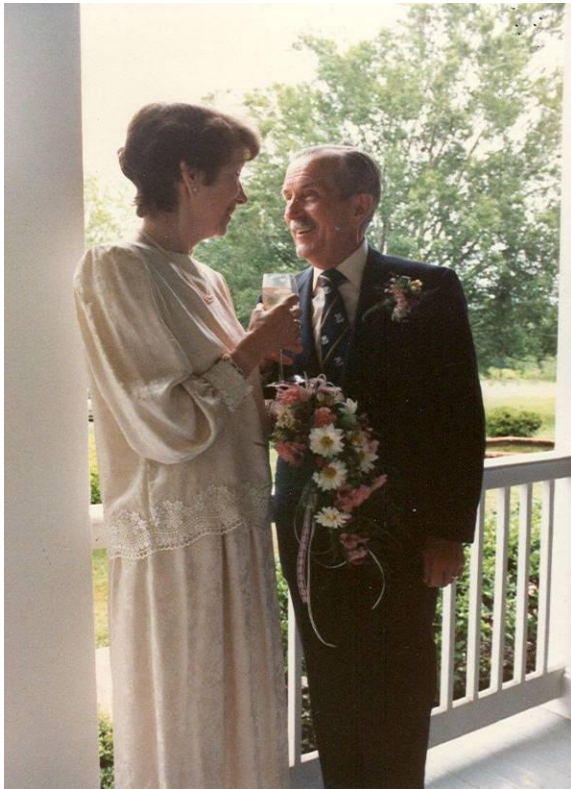
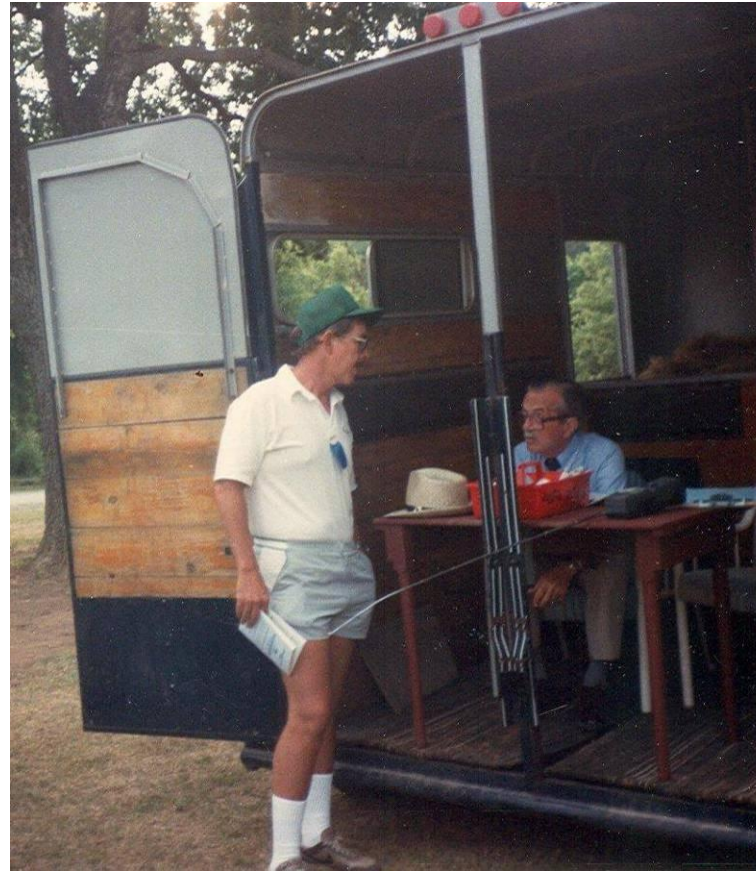
Captain Andy's sound logic and forethought  
also found wide appeal in his monthly 'Thinking  
Aloud,' column, published since 1972 in  
*Dressage & CT* magazine.

In January 1988, Captain Andy married the  
former Isabel Longaker, an active dressage  
enthusiast and judge. Captain Andy's daughter,  
Esther Massengill, lives in Poway, Calif.  
He is also survived by three granddaughters.

Captain Andy's obituary in the U.S. Dressage Federation's *Bulletin* aptly illustrated three major aspects of his equestrian career: competing as a cavalry officer in his native Hungary, speaking as a volunteer administrator for USDF or USEA, and riding a student's horse as a clinician—possibly at the old Cub Hill Stables on Harford Road (now Graham Equestrian Center).



Two other ways in which Capt. Andy greatly influenced American eventing in the 1970s and 80s were as a technical delegate (which he might well be doing in the photo above) and as a dressage judge (which he is definitely doing at right).



After the death of his first wife Andy married fellow dressage judge and TD Isabel "DeeDee" Longaker and moved to Gordonsville, VA. Sadly, he died just four months later.

All photos courtesy of Bettina Longaker

