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CDCTA Newsletter

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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

Holiday Parties Through the Ages....

A lot of things change and grow in a club, and the CDCTA is no exception. We have held recognized show, unrecognized shows, clinics with big time clinicians (Jimmy Wofford!) and local clinicians. We've held educational events on fire safety, equine therapeutics, and saddle fit (one of those was done by a recent William Woods college graduate at the time, Stacey Bates!)

We have had a high of as many as sixty members, as few as fifteen. We have witnessed changes in the sports we represent, from the loss of the true Three Day Event to the explosion of popularity and acceptance of the dressage Freestyle competition.

One thing that hasn't changed though is having a holiday party. I became a member in 1991, about three years after the recognition of our club. During that time I managed to make, I will say, at least 90 percent of those parties. If we missed having one for a year I don't remember it.

Then came the pandemic, and parties of all kinds were squelched. No muck bucket gift exchange (yes, we have used actual muck buckets but mostly unused ones) or the highly anticipated Blooper Reel, which was put together by yours truly and Charles, my husband at the time. This was before anyone with a cell phone and a computer could make professional-quality videos, and all the sound dubbing had to be done with one of us monitoring the video and the other frantically trying to make sure we dropped the needle, or started the CD, at exactly the right time. A few of those attempts probably pushed us a little closer to our eventual divorce. The bloopers were also largely of me, because Charles was the video guy and that was what we had. People who have seen the reels might be forgiven for wondering if I have ever actually been able to complete a stadium round or cross-country course without falling off my mount.

The parties were held at a variety of members' houses, including those of Liz Hotchkiss, Cheryl Holekamp, Marina McCoy, Karen Atwill and Kae Duello. Non-horsey spouses were welcomed and encouraged to attend, thereby giving other non-horsey spouses someone to talk to about something other than those godforsaken horses. Alcohol was always available but not the main point of the event, and children were welcomed. Food was generally potluck, with some years seeing better balance than others. At one memorable event you could have eaten anything you wanted as long as it was a Christmas cookie.

In 2022 we started the tradition up again with a cozy gathering at Anne Borgmeyer's house but patchy bad weather kept many members, including myself, away. This year the Holiday Party became the first official party in my new house, and sixteen of us, some new members, and some old, gathered to eat chili and trade muck bucket gifts and generally celebrate the equestrian fraternity/sorority to which we all belong. Thanks to all of those who helped make the night special to me on many levels....and for those of you that missed it this year? Well, just like new foals in the spring and frozen manure piles in the winter, the Holiday Party will turn up again next year.

Until then-enjoy the season and look forward to another great year! -Beth Hussey

2024 MEANS NEW CDCTA OFFICERS IN ALL POSITIONS!!

Audrey Plummer has done a great job as president but she will be moving on from that position for 2024. All of the other positions are also open, although I have received nominations for all positions from at least one club member. Remember: if you are nominating them, that assumes that they are willing to serve if elected. Do not submit a nomination if you have not broached the subject with them first!

Nominations will be taken up to the time of election, which will be held at the Annual Meeting on February 3rd. The reservation form is on the facing page. Nominations from the floor on the afternoon of the banquet are allowed, but the person will then have to agree to serve before votes are taken.

If you will not be at the banquet, or if you want to make sure you get your nomination in for consideration (**remember, you can ABSOLUTELY nominate yourself!** Who knows better than you what you are capable of, and what your time commitments are?) then email your nominations prior to the meeting.

What are those time commitments? Well, the best source for that information is, forgive the reference, the horses' mouths!! So contact the current board members (they are listed in every newsletter along with email information) if you have questions, and ask them frankly what they do and how long it takes them to do it. And if they like it...which, I think, most of us do. I am not currently an officer but I have been all the officers, many times, over the last 30 years or so and have always enjoyed it, even if there were challenges.

Email your nominations to Audrey Plummer at aplum620@gmail.com.

PRESIDENT (serves for two years)

VICE PRESIDENT (serves only one year, but we see this as a potential stepping stone to president)

SECRETARY (serves one year)

TREASURER (serves one year)

MEMBER AT LARGE (serves one year)

For any office except president, there are no term limits. For President, no one person can serve more than two consecutive terms.

The five officers listed above constitute the executive board of the CDCTA for meeting and voting purposes.

CDCTA 2023 AWARDS BANQUET

D. ROWE'S RESTAURANT - BAR
1005 CLUB VILLAGE DR.
COLUMBIA, MO 65203

SATURDAY, FEB. 3rd, 2024, 11:30 - 2:30

Join us for lunch, awards presentations, and a short meeting with election of 2024 officers.....

Please RSVP with payment by Jan. 15th -
Headcount needed!

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____

Email _____

Payment will include appetizers and your lunch, ordering off menu. Alcoholic beverages are individual's extra cost.

_____ \$25/person - PayPal to ColumbiaDCTA@gmail.com
and email Lora at lorablair@gmail.com to RSVP

OR

_____ snail mail this form and your check
(made to CDCTA) to

Lora Blair, 11501 East Vemers Ford Road Columbia, MO
65201

Minutes from CDCTA Business Meeting
Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023
At Lora Blair's house

Trail riders were Lora, Audrey, Robyn A., Shelley W., and Maggie B. We rode around Lora's farm from 11ish to about 12:30 then shared several lunch items. It was a very relaxed and enjoyable ride!

Meeting called to order at 1:17 pm. In attendance were - Lora, Audrey, Robyn A., Shelley W., Maggie B., Christa Dierksheide, Beth H., Kim K, Stacey B., Deb C.

Treasurer's Report -

- A) Balance - \$6805.72. Liz fund - \$1881.14
- B) Clinic Expenses were \$2810.21(not including reimbursement to Kim for transportation). Clinic income was \$3114.00
- C) Amy Stapleton paid \$44.49 to update the website registration. She offered to trade 2024 membership in exchange for this expense. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership report - Kim took several membership forms and checks at this meeting! First roster looking good.

Communications -

USDF Awards - Congratulations to Stacey Bates, Maggie Maginness, Sonja McDaniel, and Anne Borgmeyer.

Education -

Gwyneth McPherson Clinic was a success. Lots of good feedback. Members want to have her back possibly in Spring AND Fall next year. Stony Hill was the perfect venue for this.

Special Events -

- A) Holiday Party - at Beth's new house on Sat. Dec. 9th at 6:30 pm. Beth will have Chili. Everyone should bring a dessert to share and a Gift for Muck Bucket Exchange if you want to partake.
- B) Awards Banquet Update - Lora is working on 3 choices for venue (in Jan.) - D.Rowes, Addison's South or Grand Cru. Still awaiting details from Grand Cru. Yes, Judy Owens is our Awards Chairperson. All score results and vol. hours should be to Judy by Nov. 30 (per By-Laws). Lora will touch base with Judy and also ask her if she prefers day or nighttime in Jan.

Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund - Committee is Beth, Tesa, Alison, Karen A. Still need to get together and develop an "Application" in hopes of having it to present at the Jan. Awards Banquet.

Old Business -

- A) End of year awards due Nov. 30 to Judy Owens, rockyandfizz@gmail.com
Lora will create a 'form' with required info. to turn in to Judy.
- B) Calendar update? Lora said this appears to be impossible this year.....
- C) Polo Shirt Fundraiser - Anne still exploring options
- D) Audrey will send Thank You to MHSA for there monetary support of the clinic lunches.
- E) USDF Basket is mostly done and Kim K has it. It is themed something like "Bonfire Date Night". Stacey and a couple of others said they may have something to contribute.

F) By-Laws Committee - Beth, Kim, Tesa, still need to meet. Maybe the Liz Fund Scholarship Application will trump this for this year.

New Business -

A) Deb C. shared her enjoyable experiences at the WDAA Nationals at the lovely Lazy E Ranch in Guthrie, OK.

B) Robyn A. encouraged all to volunteer sometime at the USDF Finals in Ky. Robyn has done it several years and the benefits are numerous! She will volunteer next week.

C) Some discussion took place on the possible need to explore our options for Show Venues for next year. We need a full size dressage court and a warm up arena, and jump course if we want to do a CT. We should touch base to inquire our options for using BC Fairgrounds, or Stephens....

Next Meeting - at the End of Year Awards Banquet Sat. February 3rd 11:30 - 2:30 at D. Rowe's !

Adjourn at 2:17 pm



MYSTERY RIDER AND LEADER!!

One of the classes that has shown up periodically in our CDCTA shows is Dressage Leadline. It was a fun and educational introduction to the sport for the younger equestrians in the club.

This is a trio that may be familiar to some of our older members; I couldn't say exactly what year it was but suffice to say that the rider is now about twenty six years old!!

Who is she?

Bonus if you can name the horse, or the leader....or the venue!!

Email your guesses to: eshussey@gmail.com or text me at 573-808-6897. Let me know who you are though!!

It's that time again!!

2024 DUES ARE PAST DUE!!

Payment of CDCTA dues for 2024 should be done AS SOON AS POSSIBLE in order to get our membership roster sent to USDF by their deadline.

Remember, no matter when you joined the club the membership year starts in October. So get the most out of your membership by renewing in a timely manner!

You must be a current member at the time any scores are earned in order for them to count towards year-end awards.

PLEASE NOTE: JUST BECAUSE YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER DOES NOT MEAN YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER!! THE BOARD VOTED AWHILE AGO TO CONTINUE TO SEND NEWSLETTERS TO FORMER MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES FOR OUTREACH PURPOSES.....BUT IF YOU WILL BE GOING FOR YEAR-END AWARDS, OR IF YOU ARE COUNTING ON YOUR GMO MEMBERSHIP TO ALLOW YOU TO SHOW IN USDF RECOGNIZED SHOWS, YOU MUST BE SURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR DUES FOR THE YEAR IN QUESTION!!

Membership forms can be found on our website at www.cdcta.org or always on the back page of the newsletter.

Checks are welcome but dues can also be paid through Paypal (address on the membership form).

This newsletter is published monthly by the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association.

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Questions regarding submissions and content should be directed to Beth Hussey at (573) 808-6897 or eshussey@gmail.com.

Submissions may be sent via email or mail to 655 North Route O, Rocheport, MO 65279.

Submissions are due by the last day of the month before publication.

**Our website is www.cdcta.org for late-breaking news.
Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS
TO YOU AND YOURS!!**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**The annual meeting for the Missouri Horse Council Membership will be held on
Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the main offices of the Missouri Farm Bureau at
701 South Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65102**

Just some of the interesting topics that day will be:

A presentation by the MERS Large Animal Rescue

**A discussion re: what would a checkoff program for the equine industry in MO
look like?**

**Update on the Missouri State Fair Foundation improvements
to equine facilities in Sedalia**

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE MISSOURI
HORSE COUNCIL TO ATTEND. However, we do need a head count for the FREE
LUNCH, so please RSVP to:**

<https://forms.gle/qw7v5fCbPwcSao9WA>

**Or from the link on our website at <https://themissourihorsecouncil.com>
[Editor's note: we have included a reservation form in this newsletter]**

**MEMBERS: We need a quorum present in order to conduct business and elect of-
ficers for next year. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND**

**Help support your all-volunteer horse council - bring an item to donate for the
silent auction!!**

Upcoming Area Events:

**Jan. 27th - MHSA Annual Celebration of Champions
Banquet in Columbia, MO
Reservation form on facing page**

**February 3, 2024-CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards
Banquet at D. Rowe's. Look for reservation form elsewhere
in this newsletter!**

**Feb. 24th - Hinkson Valley Pony Club Trivia Night
Fundraiser @ Riechmann Pavilion in Columbia, MO**

**Feb. 24th - Test of Choice Dressage Show @ Northridge
Farm in Kansas City, MO**

**Mar. 16th-17th - MCPC XC Schooling @ Longview Horse
Park**

**Mar. 23rd-24th - MAEA XC Schooling @ Heritage Horse
Park**

**Mar. 30th - Property Shop Dressage & CT Schooling
Show @ West End Farm in Kansas City, KS**

**If you have a horse-related date you would like to see
included in the newsletter, please let us know! Email the
Direct Rein editor at eshussey@gmail.com**



Missouri Horse Shows Association Celebration of Champions

January 27, 2024- CBO Events Center, 4747 East Elk Park Drive, Columbia, MO

Check-In Begins at 4 p.m., Dinner at 5 p.m.

Awards Banquet Reservation – RSVP NO LATER THAN January 10, 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Tel/Email: _____

Additional in Party:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Menu: Premium Pasta Bar with your choice of Fettucine or Penne, Alfredo or Meat Sauce, Grilled Chicken or Meatballs, Caesar Salad, Garlic Breadsticks, and an Assortment of Desserts.

Price Per Meal: \$40 per Adult = \$_____ Total \$_____

Use enclosed Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope for Payment by Check

Silent Auction

We will be holding our traditional Silent Auction of items sponsored by members and businesses who support our local equine communities. This year we are bringing back the "Barn Basket Challenge"! The barn with the basket that brings the highest bid will receive a special prize, valued at over \$200! Please indicate if you are planning to bring a donation, and a description:

If you don't plan to attend, please designate someone to pick up your awards on Sunday, January 28th between 12-2 pm at

***Wingate by Wyndham
3101 Wingate Ct
Columbia, MO 65201***

If you are unable to arrange for pickup at this time, please contact Ben Hibbs at bcmhibbs@gmail.com.



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NEXT MEETING: That would be our CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on February 3 at D. Rowe's! Get your reservation in soon!

No meeting in January to recover from the holidays!

Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2024 Membership Form

CDCTA is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization (GMO). By joining CDCTA you are becoming a Group member of the USDF. \$20 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$11 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October. You may pay by check made out to CDCTA or through Paypal at ColumbiaDCTA@gmail.com.

Individual Membership: \$45/year

Family Membership: \$45/year plus \$30.00 for additional member residing at same address. Please list all members included (use additional sheets if needed).

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (s) _____

E-mail _____

NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

I am/ We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.

Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

Kim Kriekhaus, Membership Chair
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