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CDCTA Newsletter

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As the leaves and the thermometer drop, I find myself thinking more about the cyclical nature of things...it's always hard to believe when the weather is cold that it will ever be warm again, and hard to imagine cold when you are sweating through a Missouri July day.

It's even harder to believe that things will come around again when the cycle is longer, and less predictable, than the change of seasons.

Part of my introspection is undoubtedly due to my upcoming birthday, when I will be fifty-seven years old. That means I was twenty-seven when CDCTA was founded in 1988. At that time I was deep in the throes of vet school and riding only occasionally on my childhood horse Choco, who lived out on the Fayette farm. I didn't become involved with the club until after I graduated, when I was looking for a little more advanced instruction than what I had received in my lower level hunter/jumper experiences in the past.

That led me, via Mary Sabel (for those of you who don't remember, she was a Force of Nature and an extremely committed dressage club member until she relocated to Pennsylvania) to Stony Hill Farm and Liz Hotchkiss. I took lessons for a year or so and mainly learned that I didn't really understand riding at all. But I learned enough to know that I wanted to learn more, and when in a roundabout way an older, trained dressage horse that was looking for a home crossed my path, I jumped at the chance and acquired the first of my big red Thoroughbred mares, Limerick.

In that same period I managed to get engaged, buy a house, and get a job. When I was offered the full-time position at Horton Animal Hospital, my mom sent me a lovely little asparagus fern as a congratulations gift for my office. My plants are like my pets, and I become deeply attached to them over the years. My skill with outdoor gardening is non-existent but I am religious about watering, trimming and moving my indoor plants.

This is a long and cyclical way of getting back to the idea of cycles.

Thirty or so years ago I started riding with Liz on Limerick. After we bought our farm, trailer-riding once a week for lessons became more difficult to work into our schedule, and I started riding with Crystal Kendrick. By then Limerick had given way to Clammy, and my grueling vet school studying had been replaced by actual veterinary practice. It was still hard, but I had enough time that was not eaten up by cramming for boards that I could spend more time on my riding and competing.

Now Crystal has her own thriving lesson and training barn in a fabulous facility, and can't travel to barns the way she had once done....and so Liz is coming to my place to give me lessons on Rusty, who is a blood bay gelding in some ways reminiscent of my old childhood horse Choco. My veterinary career has once again pushed my competing to a back burner as I rebuild my professional staff and enter the next phase of computerized medicine.

Things have come full circle in so many ways but CDCTA has remained a constant in my life for over half of it now. The brand-new 1988 organization is now a cornerstone in mid-Missouri sport horse events.

The asparagus fern is big and bushy and too heavy for one person to lift, and the cycle starts itself again.

Until next time-Beth Hussey

CDCTA Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:36 p.m.

In attendance: Kim Kriekhaus, Leah and Miles Strid, Candace Kassel, Mary Frances Carrington, Karin Loftin, Bill Wise and Teri Vititoe

Approval of Minutes: Mary Frances made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes with the amendment that the correct number of members is 33, not 34. Kim K seconded the motion and it passed.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance is at \$6,043.98. Kim K made a motion to accept the report as read and Bill W seconded the motion and it passed.

Committee Reports:

Membership: We are at 33 members and the membership for 2019 is now open. The first member of 2019 has already signed up and the fee will remain at \$38.00. After signing up, remember that checks will be held until December 1.

Communications: Membership fees will not be changing this year. Rosy is having a Benefit at Sunny Oak on November 3 as a fundraiser, there will also be a clinic at Stony Hill Farm and a show at William Woods on November 3-4.

Special Events: The Christmas Party will be held at Karin Loftin's house on Dec. 15. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side and the CDCTA will provide alcohol and meat. If you would like to participate in the Muck Bucket Gift Exchange you will also need to bring a gift. Information on the Awards Banquet, usually held in January, will be shared/discussed at the November meeting.

Competitions: The Cosmic Oaks Show will be held at Beth's barn on November 17. The Mid-Mo Riding Center will hold a Haunted Hunter Pace on October 28.

Education: The Centered Riding Clinic held at Just Cruising on October 13-14 had 9 riders on Saturday and 6 riders on Sunday. 3 riders were from out of town and were all new riders to the clinic. The clinic earned about \$1700 and about \$1800 was spent. Leah has photos and Mary Frances has information to send to USDF for a clinic wrap-up.

New Business: Hopefully Liz Hotchkiss will be able to attend the Awards Banquet to accept/receive her Volunteer of the Year Award from USDF. The CDCTA may give their yearly donation to the Dressage Foundation.

Next meeting: November 12th, 7:30 pm at Angelo's

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kim and seconded by Leah at 8:15 p.m.



Idle Threat aka Caesar 1988-2018

30 years is a great long life for a draft cross that I rescued as a 7 year old! Stoically disengaged and prone to panic attacks, this Clydesdale/QH gelding transformed from fear to confidence and found his niche in eventing. A winter with Holly Rice doing ground work and body work by Chris Reed unlocked his physical and mental demons and under Mark Andreasen, was 1998 USEA Area IV, MHSA, and CDCTA Beginner Novice HOTY. In 1999, he was CDCTA Novice HOTY, was on a 3rd place Chronicle of the Horse Adult Challenge Novice Team at the Queeny Park Horse Trials and placed 5th at one of the toughest and most competitive Novice events at the final St James Farm Horse Trials in the Chicago area. He then spent the rest of his competitive career at local eventing competitions and minis introducing several riders to the sport and retired in style at Carol and Kirk Grass's Bias Winery where he resided until his peaceful death. Godspeed Caesar! A heart as big as Texas!

DON'T MISS ONE OF THE MOST EAGERLY ANTICIPATED EVENTS OF THE YEAR....

THE CDCTA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!!

This year the Loftins will be hosting us at their home on Saturday, December 15 at 7 p.m. 1111 Torrey Pines Drive Columbia, MO 65203

Please bring a side dish to share; main meat course and beverages (alcoholic and non!) will be provided by the club.

If you wish to participate in the Muck Bucket Gift Exchange, then bring a wrapped gift to put in the bucket. If you bring a gift, you will get to take home a gift!

We encourage festive holiday attire so be creative!



Call if you need more Information!

979-571-5276



Free to anyone who wants them: I have 3 years worth of John Lyons Perfect Horse newsletters. They have training tips, discussions about different horsey items and questions from readers. Interesting reading and you may pick up a tip or 2. They are all in a large 3 ring binder.

Stable blanket, size 78 I think. Never been on a horse by the looks. We cleaned up some stuff stored in the basement and found some surprises. Since my guys live out I only use turn out blankets. Yours for \$20.

Closed front stable blanket, never been on a horse. Tag says 80 but I'm not sure that's really the size. Has fleecy insides. Also \$20.

Email violet3@centurytel.net or call 573-445-5222.

FOR SALE:

2014 Schleese Wave dressage saddle. Super good condition, 17 1/2 inch seat, tree size 3. Fair Market value is \$3395, selling for \$3000.

**Contact Tesa Sterchi
573-819-3773**

Remember...November 30 is the deadline for you to send in your points and results in order to be eligible for year end awards!

Look for more information elsewhere in this newsletter about how and where to send them in.

And speaking of sending them in, it's time to send in your membership form and check for 2019!

Look for the form on the back of this, and every issue, of Direct Rein!

Don't miss a minute of CDCTA in the upcoming year!



Serenity Park Equine presented the USDF Midstates Breeders Championship and the Young Horse Show Series Qualifier show at West End Farm in Kansas City, KS Sept 22-23. What a weekend for young horses! My filly, Uppity aka Maven, nearly 4 months old, made the trip with her dam, the TB, Yours Truly Tilly. Tilly's dam is a granddaughter of Our Last Bill, making her a relative to dear Clammy. Maven took the experience with gusto and was a total ham, mugging for the camera and charming everyone with her big mare ears and noble profile. "R" judge, Carolyn Waltz, gave Maven an 8 on her walk and said she loves horses with Roman noses!! She won the filly class and was Reserve Grand Champion Current Year Foal in the Midstates Breeders Championship.

Galou Li-Oh, my 2yo pinto warmblood competed and placed 4th in the Colts/Geldings Finals and showed great form and bravery in the Young Horse Show 2yo Jump Chute class.

I cannot recommend this weekend of shows more highly to folks who want to get their youngsters out for confidence and resume building. Some folks from the central MO area, presently and formerly who did very well are Marian Michalson who brought 5 to the YHS, Susan Horner who brought 2, and Joanna Russell, who brought 3 and took home several tri-colors at the breed show.



The most experienced dressage instructor in Columbia is hitting the road!

Lessons at your barn, on your horse are now available.

Contact Liz Hotchkiss 573-489-2927 for more information and to reserve your preferred time slot.

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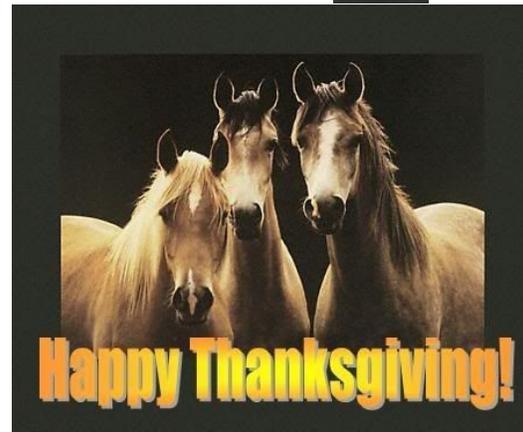
Questions regarding submissions and content should be directed to Beth Hussey at (573) 808-6897 or eshussey@gmail.com.

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.

For membership information, please contact Kim Kriekhaus at (573) 442-3039 or email kimkriekhaus.wpf@gmail.com.



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Make checks payable to CDCTA.

NOVEMBER 30 IS THE DEADLINE TO REPORT YOUR SCORES IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CDCTA YEAR END AWARDS.....

Be pro-active! Send your results from ANY recognized dressage show, horse trial or combined test; or from the CDCTA-sanctioned schooling dressage shows. These include all shows held at Fox Run or William Woods, as well as others that have been added throughout the year.

Send your results to Judy Owens by email at violet3@centurytel.net or mail to: 8601 Nature Lane, Columbia MO 65202

The best way to make sure that you are eligible for year end awards is to read our CDCTA Bylaws, posted on the website at www.cdcta.org. Go to the Get Involved tab, and then click on the Bylaws highlighted under Membership Information. There is a lengthy section on what tests and how many are needed for qualification, as well as clarification of the different levels and categories of awards.

Send all of your scores from the shows that you know count, and what you did for your six hour volunteer requirement.

WHAT? You haven't met your volunteer requirement yet? Well, fortunately there are still opportunities for you to do so coming up, and they are listed here:

- 1) Volunteer at the upcoming Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show on November 17**
- 2) Write an article for the December newsletter (must be submitted print-ready by the 25th of the month previous to publication) to eshussey@gmail.com**

It is possible that some volunteers may be needed for the upcoming club Christmas party, or the Annual Banquet, but do not count on this; the help that is needed may not meet all of the hours you need!

Judy will notify award winners well in advance of the year-end banquet, and she is open to suggestions for potential awards as long as they fit within our budget. If you have ideas, let her know...and maybe let her know your sizes (you and your horse!) just in case!

We try to send in our year-end award winners to the Chronicle of the Horse. We need to have information in by December 15...but if you have a great photo of you and your horse in action, and you are one of our winners, send it to the editor of this newsletter at eshussey@gmail.com (make sure you have permission from the photographer, and submit that as well!) and you may see your picture in the Chronicle!

Come get your piece of the action! We give great prizes and the banquet is loads of fun!

The 2018 Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show!
(Dressage and cocktails under the lights!)

To be held **Saturday, November 17** at 4 p.m. at Cosmic Oaks Farm, 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO.

Judge: Ann McGruder, Columbia, MO

Still need a few scores for your CDCTA year-end awards? Want to try out a new horse, or pull an old horse out of the pasture to see what he can do? We are here to provide a friendly, welcoming atmosphere to some of our members and/or horses who maybe don't get to show very often, or don't want the pressure of a larger show.

Here's the best reason of all to come....**IT'S FREE, AND FOR CDCTA MEMBERS ONLY!**

So here's the deal: because it's free, it is only CDCTA recognized, not MHSA recognized. We also reserve the right to cancel the show at the last minute because of rotten weather, since prolonged rain will make our outdoor arena unusable and prevent trailer parking in our yard.

So if you want to enter, fill out the entry form below and send it in but **please call the morning of the show if there is any doubt about the weather.** Closing date is two days before the show (that's November 15) so we can finalize the schedule. Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides; and no horse/rider combination may show in more than 2 classes to allow as many people as possible to take advantage of this free show.

Please try to catch a ride with someone and fill up a trailer!! Our trailer parking space will be very limited!

Ribbons to 4th place, and **very nice silver** trophies to first place! Intro through training level tests one and two will be held in the small arena; training level test three and higher levels will be held in the large dressage arena. Warmup is on grass and is very limited. Some stabling may be available; please contact if you are interested. We will be using the 2018 tests.

Hard hats and horse-suitable footwear are required but we won't stand on ceremony. Half chaps are welcome and for goodness' sake don't braid!

Come give it a try! (We are using 2018 USDF Intro Tests and 2018 USEF Dressage tests)

Class 1: USDF Intro Level Test A

Class 2: USDF Intro Level Test A (Junior)

Class 3: USDF Intro Level Test B (Academy)*

Class 4: USDF Intro Level Test B

Class 5: USDF Intro Level Test C

Class 6: Training Level Test One

Class 7: Training Level Test Two

Class 8: Training Level Test Three

Class 9: First Level Test One

Class 10: First Level Test Two

Class 11: First Level Test Three

Class 12: Second Level and above Test of Choice

We will divide Class 12 if entries warrant. State which test you want to ride on entry form.

*Academy class is open only to horses used regularly in a lesson program and not owned by the rider.

Please include a copy of your horse's current Coggins test and mail entry to: **Beth Hussey 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279**

Entries should reach us by **November 15, 2018.** Call-in or email entries will be accepted up until that date, but if the show fills priority will be given to mailed-in entries.

Horse's Name:

Rider's Name:

Age of Rider (if under eighteen):

Email address:

Classes entered: (Limit two per horse/rider combination)

1)

2)

Phone number:

We will call or email you with ride times by Friday, November 16. Remember: If there is any doubt about the weather, please call 573-808-6897 to make sure the show is still on! Entries are strictly limited to 20 rides and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

This show is for CDCTA members only. **The rider must be a current member of the CDCTA for 2018** (the owner need not be). You may join CDCTA at our regular rates at the show and still be eligible.

I hereby release and hold harmless Beth Hussey and any of her agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling show.

_____ (signature) (parent or guardian must sign if rider under 21)

All entrants and spectators are welcome to stick around after the show for a family-friendly bonfire, chili feast and hayride!!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 17, 2018

**Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show, Rocheport MO
Entry form in this newsletter**

November 25, 2018 (tentative)

CDCTA Thanksgiving Weekend Trail Ride! Details still being hammered out but we are thinking about heading back to Three Creeks...it's been a number of years since the club has done our trail ride there, and it's a great place to explore!

November 28-December 1, 2018

USDF Convention Salt Lake City, Utah

December 15, 2018

CDCTA Holiday Party and Muck Bucket Gift Exchange at Karin Loftin's house in south Columbia. More information elsewhere in this newsletter!

January 11, 2019

CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at D. Rowe's in South Columbia from 6:30 until nine p.m. Look for registration form and more information in the December newsletter!

January 26-27, 2019

Missouri Horse Shows Association Annual Awards Banquet and Symposium

April 25-28, 2019

**Land Rover Kentucky Three Day Event in Lexington, KY
Remember, our own Hinkson Valley Pony Club Games team has qualified for the prestigious Prince Phillip Cup, run during the three day event!**

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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT AN-GELO'S STEAKHOUSE IN SOUTH COLUMBIA. COME JOIN US AT 7:30 P.M.!

Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2019 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.

Individual Membership: \$38.00/year

Family Membership: \$38.00/year plus \$23.00 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 _____

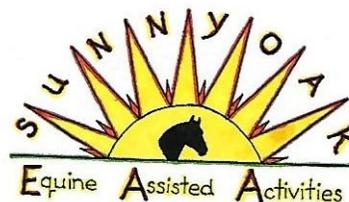
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

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
2202 West Williams Road
Sturgeon, MO 65284



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