

Direct Rein

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CDCTA Newsletter

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Nothing like a little bit of barn drama to liven up the late winter doldrums...

I do hate to complain about rain, having lived through my share of drought-ridden summers and my mom's water rationing. Our only source of water was our cistern, which relied on catching rainwater and the occasional load hauled in by Frankie Flaspohler, the local water guy. Saving water was the mantra we all lived by, and mom had a number of ingenious ways to make sure we were aware of how much we were using. There was a piece of waterproof tape in the bathtub about two inches above the bottom, and the rule was you had to put the stopper in the drain and then turn on the water for your shower. When the water topped the piece of tape, shower was over, regardless of how much Clairol Herbal Essence conditioner you still needed to wash out of your hair.

But the day-long soaking rains we have had over the last few weeks have played havoc with the dirt floors in my barn, creating a rivulet that runs right in front of my two rubber-matted stalls and then takes a sharp left and falls into the third, non-matted stall that is a few inches lower than the other two. It has a number of other issues as well; the outside west wall lets in a few drafts, and the open run-in next to it also allows in more air. It has been the domicile of Billy, the Black Cloud Horse, since the arrival of Rusty, the Know-Nothing OTTB. Billy got bounced from his other stall after an earlier incident of Barn Drama resulted in lengthy stall stay to treat a nasty corneal injury, and he couldn't stay in his regular stall because he would rub his irritated eye against the stall guard (that one doesn't have an actual door). Whether it is because he associates it with the endless parade of uncomfortable medications I squirted in his eye for two months, or because he sees this stall as a demotion and unworthy of his station, he has made no secret of his disdain for his new home, and daily he comes and tries to get back to his old one. Rusty pins his ears and continues eating, and Billy turns dejectedly away and returns to his stall on the other side of the tracks.

Now that the rivulet has become an actual standing water puddle in the tenement stall, and long-range forecasts look like the rain will be a consistent feature of this spring, I have made the decision to change things up. The stall on the opposite side of the barn aisle that I use to store hay is nearly empty now, and it didn't take much to get that one in habitable shape. It's a nicer stall-level floor, snug, with no drafts and a ceiling, and right next to another stall that serves as a windbreak when the back barn door is open. Moving on up, right?

Wrong. That evening I went to let the horses in to their respective stalls, Wolfie first and pushiest, Rusty right behind and homing in on the stall he knows as his. Billy, as usual, followed Rusty to try and get to that one, and, when thwarted as usual, turned around to return to his new/old stall. Imagine the angst when he realized that the stall he saw as substandard was now blocked to his access. His face was absolutely perplexed, and when I tried to gently turn him towards the beckoning door and shining clean shavings in the new stall, he put his head tentatively through the door and then gave up and ran back outside the barn. He looked like nothing so much as a little boy who has decided to sit outside in the rain to make all the adults who ruined his life feel bad.

I went out to get the poor forlorn beast and haltered him, and led him back to the new stall. He sniffed at the door, still unconvinced, but the feed pan full of pellets decided the issue and he stepped over the threshold and into his new digs with no further ado.

Except, of course, that he did the same thing over the next three days. I imagine he will get used to it and decide he likes it just about the time we get the other stall leveled and matted and try to install him in that. Then...get ready for Barn Drama, take three.

Until next time-

Beth Hussey



**COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION
SPRING SCHOOLING DRESSAGE SHOW
CDCTA AND MHSA RECOGNIZED**

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018
Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Fox Run, Columbia, MO
Judge: TBA

DRESSAGE CLASSES: *(may not be held in numerical order)*

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| 1. USDF Introductory Level Test A | 15. Second Level Test One Open |
| 2. USDF Introductory Level Test B | 16. Second Level Test Two Open |
| 3. USDF Introductory Level Test C | 17. Second Level Test Three Open |
| 4. Training Level Test One Maiden Rider | 18. Third Level Open (state test selection) |
| 5. Training Level Test One Open | 19. Fourth Level Open (state test selection) |
| 6. Training Level Test Two Maiden Horse | 20. Pony Dressage Class* |
| 7. Training Level Test Two Open | 21. Open Freestyle, Any Level** |
| 8. Training Level Test Three Open | 21. Costume Class (no entry fee) |
| 9. First Level Test One Maiden Rider | 22. Leadline, age 8 and under (\$5 entry fee) |
| 10. First Level Test One Open | 23. Western Dressage |
| 11. First Level Test Two Maiden Horse | |
| 12. First Level Test Two Open | |
| 13. First Level Test Three Open | |
| 14. Second Level Test One Maiden Horse | |

ARENA

Small arena (20m x 40m) for classes 1 through 7 and 20; standard arena (20m x 60m) for all other classes. Schooling allowed in competition arena prior to beginning of show and during breaks. Warmup areas are on well-established turf, and either indoor or outdoor arena depending on which serves as competition arena. Dressage classes will be held in regulation outdoor arena with sand footing, or in indoor arena if weather is inclement.

**This class will not count for high score awards. Labeled cassette tapes or DVDs must be presented to the show office at least one hour prior to scheduled ride time. Sound system is primitive (boom box only!)

*Open to ponies 14.2 h or under; ridden by children or adults. Test will be Training Level Test One, ridden in the small arena. On the honor system; no ponies will be measured.

WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS SHOW IS A MEMBER OF THE THOROUGHBRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND WILL BE OFFERING SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE HIGHEST-SCORING REGISTERED THOROUGHBRED AT INTRO, TRAINING AND FIRST LEVELS. IF YOU RIDE A REGISTERED THOROUGHBRED AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE LOOK FOR THE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE TIP PROGRAM ELSEWHERE IN THIS SHOW BILL.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- 1) Except where otherwise noted, USDF/USEF and MHSA rules will apply.
- 2) The 2015 USDF/USEF dressage tests will be used for all classes. Classes 21-23 are not MHSA recognized.
- 3) MAIDEN HORSE classes are open to **horses** which have never won a blue ribbon at the specified level at a USEF, USDF or MHSA recognized show. MAIDEN RIDER classes are open to **riders** who have never won a blue ribbon at the specified level at a USEF, USDF or MHSA recognized show.
- 4) We are offering a limited number of the official USEF 2017 Western Dressage tests. Copies of these tests, as well as specifications for attire, etc. may be found on the USEF website. Please bear with us, as this concept is still new and will undoubtedly have some bugs to work out.
- 5) All tests to be ridden in a plain snaffle, except Western dressage.
- 6) First place trophy and ribbons through sixth place for all classes. High score rosettes given to the highest score earned in Introductory, Training, First and Second Level. SPECIAL PRIZES AND AWARDS FOR HIGHEST SCORING TIP-REGISTERED THOROUGHBRED AT INTRO, TRAINING AND FIRST LEVELS; see information elsewhere for eligibility requirements.
- 7) A negative Coggins test, dated within one year, must be submitted with entry or must accompany each horse arriving on the grounds EVEN IF YOUR HORSE IS STABLED ON THE PREMISES.
- 8) RIDE TIMES will be mailed to all entrants who provide email address, or call Tesa Sterchi at 573-819-3773
- 9) NO DOGS PLEASE!
- 10) **NOTE REFUND POLICY: Entries may be canceled for any reason prior to midnight on closing date. Refund of all fees, less a \$10 office fee, will be mailed to you. AFTER MIDNIGHT ON CLOSING DATE, NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON!! Late entries will be accepted after closing date until show is full for an additional \$10 processing fee. No entries will be scheduled until check is in show manager's hands.**
- 11) Casual attire is appropriate, but breeches, boots and hard hats are mandatory.
- 12) No stabling is available at Fox Run.
- 13) A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Remember that the maximum number of tests a horse may enter in a day is three. Costume class and leadline do not count as one of these three.
- 14) FEES: \$18 per class, \$5 non-member fee per entry (NOT per class) for any competitor not a member of CDCTA

Volunteers are needed to work at the show! Remember CDCTA members, to be eligible for year-end awards you must fulfill volunteer hour requirements. Contact MaryFrances Carrington (217-840-9633) or Leah Strid (573-355-4473) to volunteer, or for any other questions.

**2018 Spring Dressage Schooling Show
MHSA/CDCTA Recognized**

SHOW DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE COMPLETE AND RECEIVED BY APRIL 7, 2018

**Please Submit Proof of Negative Coggins Test, Dated Within One Year, with Entry EVEN IF
HORSE IS STABLED ON THE PREMISES!!**

ONLY ONE HORSE PER FORM PLEASE

Name of Horse: _____ Breed _____ TIP # _____

Sex _____ Age _____ Height _____ Color _____

Name of Rider: _____ Age (if under 18) _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Best contact phone number _____

Classes : (Limit 3 per horse) PLEASE WRITE OUT CLASS NAMES!

_____ Dressage Class Fees (\$18 each, except where noted) _____

Non-CDCTA Member Fee (\$5) _____ (one-time fee; not per class)

NOTE: If EITHER the owner of the horse OR the rider of the horse is a current member of CDCTA, there is no non-member fee; **but you must list the owner so that we may verify membership.**

Late fee (\$10 for entries received after April 7, 2018) _____

Total Fees: _____

Make checks payable to: **Columbia DCTA and mail with entry in time to reach us by April 7, 2018 to: Tesa Sterchi 2001 N. Country Club Dr. Columbia MO 65201**

I enclose the aforementioned entry which is made at my own risk and subject to the conditions of the sponsoring dressage show.

RELEASE: I agree to hold the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association, Fox Run, its employees and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the Columbia DCTA Spring Dressage Schooling Show. (ALL THREE SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED!!)

Rider signature _____

(Parent or guardian must sign if rider is under 18 years of age)

Owner/agent signature _____

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

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Kelsey Fisher

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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.



Purple Pony Bookmobile would like to thank Marian Michaelson for her recent donation of some great titles for our 2018 Bookmobile season!

Denise McElroy has also donated a sizable collection of equine reference books and horse psychology texts

We will be at the spring show at Fox Run on April 14 after noon; come by and check out all of our wonderful new books!

Remember...read and return ten books from the Purple Pony and you will earn a certificate for a FREE cupcake from Miss D's Cupcake and Salad Trailer!



CDCTA Newsletter Ad Rates

Members:

Classifieds or business card sized ads: free

Non-Members:

Classified ads: \$5/month Business card ads: \$6/month

Full page ad: \$20/month

1/2 page ad: \$15/month

1/4 page ad: \$10/month

Make checks payable to CDCTA.

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.





Contact

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Omaha Equestrian Foundation
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The Omaha Equestrian Foundation (OEF) is excited to offer Wild Card opportunities for its Dressage Team Challenge competition at the International Omaha, April 12-15. Held at the CenturyLink Center, this team competition gives NextGen and amateurs, as well as seniors, youth and para riders in Grade 3/4/5 a chance to compete together. Each team must include three riders, one of whom is a Youth rider.

Seniors	Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle
Seniors, Amateur, Youth	Intermediate 1 and Intermediate Freestyle
U25	Grand Prix U25 and Grand Prix Freestyle
Young Riders	YR Individual Test and YR Freestyle
Junior Riders	JR Individual Test and JR Freestyle
Para Riders (Grade 3/4/5)	Individual Test and Freestyle in respective grade

The two best scores of the first technical test and the two best scores of the Freestyle test count. In total, four scores out of the six tests will count, with the Youth rider scores breaking ties.

The Dressage Team Challenge offers competitors a chance to ride in the CenturyLink Center, the site of the popular 2017 FEI World Cup Finals, and to present their horses in one of the most prestigious equestrian events in the Midwest.

As the host of the 2017 FEI World Cup Finals in jumping and dressage, the Omaha Equestrian Foundation is committed to raising the bar on how these disciplines are presented in North America. This includes bringing high performance equestrian sport into the mainstream and presenting championship competitions to the Midwest. The International Omaha offers the Dressage Team Challenge \$45,000 in prize money.

Riders interested in forming a team and applying for a wild card berth should contact Thomas Baur, Director of Dressage, ACM.baur@t-online.de.

Contact www.internationalomaha.com to learn more about the International Omaha.

NOW OPEN!

Mid-Missouri Riding Center

**Located on south Highway 63 just past Equine
Medical Services
(Formerly New Spring Farm Trakehners)**

Full Boarding and Training available

**Haul-in lessons, clinics, cross-country schoolings...
there will be a lot going on in 2018!**

**For more information, call or text Crystal Kendrick
at 573-239-2100**

WAIT!!!

THEY'RE ALMOST GONE!!

2018 CDCTA Thirty Year Anniversary Calendar

Featuring past and current members and horses, photos from shows, clinics, events, parties, stretching back over the last thirty years.

Only a few more remain at the low low price of \$25 per calendar; we can mail them to you if you are an out-of-towner, or you can stop by the Horton Animal Hospital at 1700 I-70 Drive Southwest and pick one up. I will also personally deliver them to your home or office if you are in the Columbia area. Just call or email me your name, best way to contact you, and how many you want to:

eshussey@gmail.com or text me the same info 573-808-6897

CDCTA Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m. In attendance: Tesa Sterchi, Beth Hussey, Mary Frances Carrington, Leah Strid, Judy Owens, Amy Stapleton, Karin Loftin, Bill Wise, Kim Kriekhaus, Kelsey Fisher and guest.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes made by Kim and seconded by Beth, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The account balance is \$ 7,955.67. This doesn't include the checks collected from the night of the banquet. The taxes are finished. Motion to approve by Beth and seconded by Tesa, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Kelsey had the idea to get bios from the officers and award winners. Leah will post any member info sent to her on the website and Facebook. Beth also offered to put some of them in the newsletters. Auditors are welcome at the Lee Hart Clinic at Fox Run March 24-25. Rio will have recognized shows this year.

Special Events: There is only one CDCTA calendar left. Cindy Russel will be back for the 30th anniversary celebration. Plans are still to model it after the Prince of Wales Show and could highlight Dressage, Western Dressage, Eventing as well as Driving and Quadrille demonstrations. They would be about 10 minutes each per the 6 to 10 demonstrations shown. It will hopefully be held in June at the Stephens College indoor arena on a Friday or Saturday night. Letters can be sent to the Tribune and the Missourian to promote the celebration.

Competitions: Eileen Ostlund will be the judge for the Spring CDCTA Show on April 14th. Western Dressage will be offered again as a test of choice from the WDAA tests. 30th Year Commemorative trophies may be purchased for awards and there should be enough ribbons in stock for the show. Amy will be running concessions with salads, chili and cupcakes available for purchase and the bookmobile will be there in the afternoon. Make sure to get your entries in by the closing date! Kim will scribe in the afternoon, Bill will be the gatekeeper for the arena and Karin will score. Volunteers are still needed. Please let CDCTA know if you are interested in volunteering via Facebook or email. Volunteer hours for the CDCTA Spring Show will count for Year End Awards.

Education: Carol Wilson will be available on October 13-14 if we would like to have another Centered Riding Clinic with her. Centered riding appeals to a wide range of riders. We had a great turnout last year and were only 1 person away from filling the clinic. We could also try for a Sally Swift Grant to reduce the cost. Kelley Shetter-Ruiz is another clinician we could try. She has a Fun with Ground Poles clinic that has 3-4 people per group and offers 2 or 3 hour sessions. This would also appeal to a wide range of riders. Barbara Joyce and Claudia Wholey are also other options for affordable clinics that could be offered. A barn in Kingdom City is available for rent and would serve as a good clinic venue if necessary. Karin is interested in having a clinic with Debbie Bowman. Beth made a motion for Karin to proceed in contacting Debbie to see what the options are. Kim seconded the motion and it passed. Any ideas for clinics are welcome but its important to have someone spearhead the idea and stick with it.

Next meeting will be at Angelo's at 7:30 p.m. on April 16th.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kim and seconded by Beth at 8:32 p.m.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 14, 2018

CDCTA Spring Dressage Schooling Show Fox Run, Columbia Entry form elsewhere in this newsletter

April 15, 2018

Stephens College Hunter Schooling Show

April 16, 2018

CDCTA Business Meeting 7:30 p.m. Angelo's Steakhouse in south Columbia

April 28, 2018

SLADS Dressage Schooling Show at the National Equestrian Center

June 9-10, 2018

Queeny Park Horse Trials St. Louis, MO

June 17, 2018

Sunny Oak Spring Charity Show in Rocheport, MO Contact Rosy Erganian

June 23-24, 2018

Rio Dressage Show 1 and 2, Oak Grove, MO

August 26, 2018

Queeny Park Hunter Pace St. Louis, MO

September 6-9, 2018

Area IV Regional Dressage Championships, Mason City, IA

September 8-22, 2018

World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC

September 15, 2018

CDCTA Fall Dressage Show and Combined Test, Sunny Oak Farm in Rocheport, MO

September 16, 2018

Sunny Oak Farm Fall Charity Horse Show

September 21-22, 2018

Stephens College Hunter/Jumper Show

September 22, 2018

Queeny Park Cross Country Schooling

September 23, 2018

Queeny Park Mini Event

October 28 or November 4, 2018

Haunted Hunter Pace at Fox Run in Columbia

November 17, 2018

Cosmic Oaks Farm Free Dressage Schooling Show, Rocheport MO

Lunch with Hubertus Schmidt

Join us for lunch with Olympic Gold Medalist Hubertus Schmidt, presented by Dressage Today magazine, The Dressage Foundation and Cherry Knoll Farm/Margaret Duprey.

**Friday, April 13
11:30 to 1:30 PM
Marriott Hotel,
Downtown Omaha, NE**

The event is free to attend, but limited to the first 30 people.

To reserve your seat, please email info@dressagefoundation.org and provide your name and contact information.

Lunch generously sponsored by Margaret Duprey and Cherry Knoll Farm.

**DRESSAGE
TODAY**





PHOTO ABOVE: One of the world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale hitches. This year marks the ten year anniversary of the establishment of Warm Springs Ranch in nearby Wooldridge, Missouri. It is the major breeding operation for the Clydesdales and witnesses the birth of twenty to thirty fuzzy new Clydesdale foals every year. CDCTA took a tour several years ago and it is well worth the time and inexpensive admission fee if you didn't get a chance to see the farm with us the first time around! They are open for the season for pre-arranged tours every day but Wednesday.

Last month's way back machine 2010 brought us Emilie Lewis, one of our former junior riders, and her horse Shadowfax. Looks like Shadowfax is studying that dressage test pretty hard!

The answer to the bonus question: she boarded her horse at Mike Kateman's farm off of Rocheport Gravel Road. If you ever rode there, and saw that great little setup, you will appreciate and remember the name: Peaceful Park!

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DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

Beth Hussey
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NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Angelo's Steakhouse in south Columbia. Spring show wrapup and planning for summer activities! Come join us!

Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2018 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 _____

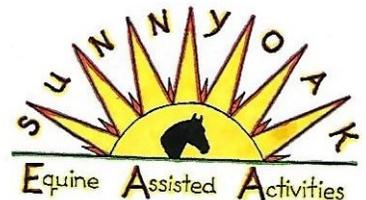
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

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:

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