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CDCTA Newsletter

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Along about this time every year I begin to get distinctly sick of winter.

I know, compared to Antarctic explorers or even those hardy UP types in northern Michigan, we have it pretty easy here in mid-Missouri. But that is small comfort when the thermometer stubbornly refuses to budge above twenty degrees, and the only relief from the treacherous ice is the occasional thawing into treacherous mud.

It's dark when you go out to feed in the morning, and it's dark when you go out to feed at night. It's too cold to ride in the evening unless you have an indoor arena, and too wet and slippery during the weekend hours when you might be able to squeeze in a ride in between all of the other chores that you have to get done because you don't have time to do them during the work week.

The Winter Olympics were a minor bright spot in an otherwise pretty bleak February. By the day after the snow-stricken CDCTA Annual Awards Banquet I was laid low with a particularly nasty virus that allowed me to do nothing but lay in my bed and moan and watch endless hours of low-profile winter sports. I am a complete Olympics geek but I do wish they would add a horse sport or two into the winter sport mix. We are not fair-weather equestrians. Horses need to be fed, and worked, and trained, and kept in shape during the winter as well, and giving us something to shoot for that could be done in the snow might make for a welcome goal during those chilly evenings waiting for everything to start up in the spring.

Ski-joring, anyone? Sure, the non-horsey can make jokes about how ridiculous it would be to watch some dude on skis jumping moguls and ramps while following behind what amounts to an equine speedboat...but really, is it that much weirder than Skeleton? Or curling? Or biathlon, for that matter....I sure admire both excellent shots and crazy endurance skiers, but to really be authentic they should make you haul home a bear on your shoulders for the last half of the course. What the hell else would you be shooting at on cross country skis?

How about a jumper course made of nothing but snow? Dressage on ice? My friend Amy has an entirely new sport that she says is guaranteed to be a crowd pleaser. Here's her idea:

The Barnyard Ice-A-Thon.

You have to carry two heavy buckets of mushy feed and a bag of hay. Navigate the ice covered concrete and gravel, Open a frozen gate, slide down an incline, make your way across frozen ice field studded with hoof prints. Then you have to get through a flooded barn around 5 discombobulated horses who are hungry and pushy. Once that feed is safely in the bowls you have to navigate back across the ice fields to the tank, then make your way 20 yards with a feed bucket, water-filled bucket, and bag of hay to the donkey pen. Once you complete the donkey challenge you go back across the ice field, through the gate, and reach the finish line at the feed shed. If you fall you are eliminated. And all of this has to be done in enough time to make it 30 miles to work on time. Those Olympians would be doomed.

I'd watch that for sure. Until the weather becomes a bit more forgiving, enjoy this combined February/March newsletter (necessitated by the prolonged plague and an uncooperative printer connection) and start planning for the spring show!

=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.

President:	Leah Strid
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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.



FOR SALE:

Brand new nylon side reins with rubber donut, \$14.00

Accidentally ordered two pair and I only need one!

Contact: Judy Owens 573-445-5222 or violet3@centurytel.net

**BOARDING/TRAINING /
LESSONS
Stony Hill Farm
Columbia, Missouri
Specializing in Dressage
Contact Liz Hotchkiss
573-489-2927**

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.

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

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!





NAG BRAGS: Beau Star has been sold to a terrific lady in the Kansas City area as a show hunter prospect! Loves his quiet temperament and flashy suit! Renamed him "Silent Movie". Beau Star earned a 2017 MHSA Reserve Champion Year End award for Beginner Novice Eventing and an AWSSR Silver medal in Hunter Breeding. Best of luck and lots of fun to Marty Sawyer and Silent Movie! Little brother, Galou Li-oh, was 6th in USHJA Zone 7 in Hunter Breeding and earned 2 AWSSR Gold medals showing in Hand!

Submitted by long-time CDCTA Member and renowned sport horse breeder, Dr. Nancy Roth, DVM. Contact her at crowfls@fidnet.com.



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: February 10, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 6:42 p.m.

In attendance: Beth Hussey, Mackie Blair, Lora Blair, Candace Kassel, Mary Frances Carrington and guest, Karin Loftin and guest, Michelle Klenklen, Laura Klenklen, Natalie Klenklen, Kelsey Fisher and guest, Leah Strid and guest, Judy Owens and guest, Alyssa Kendrick and Crystal Kendrick

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

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was read for Amy by Lora and the account balance is \$7,371.11. The taxes are ready to file and will be prepared for free. Motion to approve the report was made by Beth and seconded by Karin.

Membership: The current number of members is at 24 and Kim will continue to chair the membership committee.

Communications: Leah will update the site with the current winners of the CDCTA Awards and will add the newest list of events from around the area. Beth has the new CDCTA calendars up for sale. The calendars are very nice and have great pictures of club members throughout its 30 year history. The calendars are \$25.00.

Special Events: For the 30th Anniversary of the club there will be a Celebration of the Horse, possibly in a 2:00pm-9:00pm time frame at Stephens College in June. If that doesn't work out another possible date could be the weekend before Art in the Park. More info to come on the final date, time and list of demonstrations and events to be held at the Celebration. Ribbons and trophies at CDCTA events this year will sport the 30th year mark of the club. Newsletters this year will also feature pictures and info about our history such as seen in the January Newsletter on page 4. Let Beth know if you have any ideas about celebrating the club.

Competitions: The CDCTA won the Star Show Award from MHSA for the 2017 Fall Show at Sunny Oak Farm. The CDCTA Spring Show could be on April 14, 15, 21 or 22. Historically it has been held on a Saturday. Leah will check with Tesa to see what dates will work and will try to have the date finalized by the March 12th meeting. The Show Me State Games Show still needs a manager so it may be put off another year. The Fall Show will be held on September 15. Volunteer hours that can be counted for year end awards will be offered for the Spring and Fall CDCTA shows and CDCTA sponsored events and clinics.

Education: The CDCTA Centered Riding Clinic with Carol was only one person short of being filled. Everyone attending enjoyed it and had a great time. Mary Frances will be attending an instructor course with Carol and will see what dates she has available in the even that she comes back for another clinic. Karin also has an interest in having Debbie Bowman as a clinician. She would need 10 riders per day and her cost would be \$1000 per day plus expenses. Crystal Kendrick is having her own clinic on March 9 & 10 focusing on the wellness of horse and rider. Barbara Joyce will also be back at Grey Hawk on March 10.

The elections of officers are as follows with Leah as President, Kelsey as Vice President, Amy as Treasurer, Candace as Secretary and Mary Frances as the Member at Large. The motion to accept the officers was made by Karin, seconded by Crystal and the motion carried.

The annual \$100 donation made by the club will be given to the Star Foundation. This helps to educate vet students on horse care and it also helps to pay for the cost of horses involved in the foundation. Beth made the motion to accept, Kelsey seconded and the motion passed. Leah gifted the annual President's Award to Beth for all of her help throughout the year.

New Business: Thanks to Amy for the cupcakes at the Awards Banquet. The March meeting will be held on the 12th at 7:30 at Angelo's.

Motion to adjourn by Beth and seconded by Karin at 7:45 p.m.



Our way back machine for this issue: circa 2010. This studious young rider is helping her horse learn the test as spring show season approaches!!

Who is she? What is her horse's name? Bonus question: where did she board her horse?

The answer will be in our next issue! Send your best guesses to eshussey@gmail.com or text me 573-808-6897!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 12, 2018

CDCTA Business meeting 7:30 p.m. Angelo's Steakhouse in Columbia. Last meeting before the spring show!

March 24-25, 2018

**William Woods University Completely Relaxed Dressage Schooling Show Fulton, MO
Contact: http://www.shortenyourreins.com/wwu/18_spring-schooling**

April 14, 2018

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

June 9-10, 2018

Queeny Park Horse Trials St. Louis, MO



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**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, MARCH 12 AT 7:30 P.M.
ANGELO'S STEAKHOUSE IN SOUTH COLUMBIA.
LAST SHOW BEFORE THE SPRING SHOW! NOTE
ONE WEEK EARLIER THAN USUAL**

**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 _____

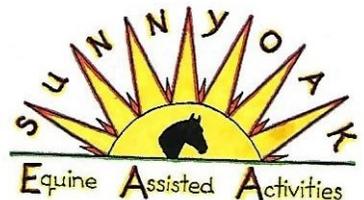
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. _____ Did someone refer you for membership? _____

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:

**Kim Kriekhaus, Membership Chair
2202 West Williams Road
Sturgeon, MO 65284**



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