

# Direct Rein

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## *Black Cloud un-retires for like the millionth time.....*

Most of my recent attention has been focused on my new off the track Thoroughbred Look Out Man, now known as Rusty.

He has been a delight in every way to deal with-easy in the stall, friendly and readily catchable in the pasture, gets along well with the rest of the herd. I didn't expect much problem in the saddle either, although he has known one thing and one thing only since he was two years old, and that is running.

He was moderately successful on the track, winning about \$150,000 and racing for nine years. He knew his business and did it in a workmanlike fashion, and because I believe that you can't make a horse do anything well that they don't really enjoy doing, I feel he truly liked racing and running. Horses can be taught to do so many things, but galloping is the essence of being a horse: there is nothing more exhilarating for a horse or a rider than galloping.

Dressage, for all its beauty and intellectual challenge, is not exhilarating...at least not for the horse, not until you reach a level of training that actually pushes them athletically. Learning to trot circles and do the free walk properly is not exciting for them, although of course they have to do that before they can progress to anything truly interesting.

I miscalculated a bit the week before Christmas and signed up for a dressage clinic with Rusty. I certainly knew he was not ready to do much, but I thought it would be a good experience for him and I looked forward to having others see him and appreciate what I love about him. He had been working well at home and in lessons, and the next step was to try him in a standing martingale to help him understand where we wanted him to keep his head.

The day of the clinic he was just very race-horsey, head way up and inattentive. It can all probably be blamed on what it can almost always be blamed on: what Crystal calls not enough wet saddle pads. I had ridden him only eight times previously, and he was just a good enough joe that he really kind of went along with what I asked him to do. Which was also not much, yet. One of the things that made me think that he might be a horse that could work into my extremely restricted riding time was that he seemed relatively blasé about most things, but he needs a lot more time and a lot more riding before he is ready to do anything much.

But he is a fit and sound ex-racehorse who for the last nine years has been doing what he did best and doing it in, if not spectacular fashion, at least well enough that his connections kept him at it. His last year on the track he didn't win a race, but every year previously he had prevailed in at least one. He is in shape the way that any athlete with a career length of more than a few years has to be, and it is my job to recognize that and give him a little more to do, fitness-wise, and less to think about arena-wise until he adjusts to his new way of life. He seems to like just cantering around in the back pasture weaving through the trees. I don't think there's currently a competition for that, and so I just need to chill and learn to enjoy him and what he can do, with no goals and no expectations and no guilty recrimination about what it is I Should be doing with my horse.

Since his brain was a bit fried by the clinic experience I didn't feel comfortable taking him out on a trail ride Christmas Eve. But for the first time in many years it looked like we were going to have a white Christmas and I wanted to go out and enjoy the novelty on horseback. Guess who I tacked up instead? None other than old reliable Billy, better known to readers of recent Loads as Black Cloud. I have officially "retired" him many times but I keep yanking him out of the pasture whenever I need a horse that is utterly reliable and trustworthy. That's him, above right in this column, sporting our tacky non-matching tack, ready to hit the snowy trails.

Hope your holidays were just as merry-

**Beth Hussey**



No meeting minutes for December... We had our way fun CDCTA Holiday Party instead!

Thanks again to Jerry and Lora Blair for hosting us!

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**January 27, 2018 Missouri Horse Shows Association Annual Banquet and Awards Gala**  
**Stephens College Campus**

**February 10, 2018**  
**CDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at D. Rowe's in Columbia. Registration form in this newsletter!**



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\$14.00**

**Accidentally ordered two pair and I only need one!**

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1/2 page ad: \$15/month

1/4 page ad: \$10/month

Make checks payable to CDCTA.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 CDCTA YEAR END AWARD WINNERS!!

**Second Level Champions: Waling and Mackie Blair**

**Training Level Senior Champions: Minesweeper and Kelsey Fisher**

**Training Level Junior Champions: Harlequin and Lauren Klenklen**

**Reserve Training Level Junior Champions:  
Four Point Oh and Alyssa Kendrick**

**Starter Eventer Champion: Minesweeper and Kelsey Fisher**

**Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the business meeting portion of the  
CDCTA Annual Banquet**

**Don't miss out! Send in your reservation today-  
look for the form elsewhere in this newsletter**



One of the greatest things about the Columbia Dressage and Combined Training Association is that our members enjoy spending time with each other apart from the usual clinics, shows and meetings.

Over the years we have gone as a group to see a Grand Prix show jumping event at the American Royal; enjoyed barbecues and swim parties, and in 2007 spent a memorable evening at Fairmount Park watching the races!

In fact, we did more than watch them—we even sponsored a race on that evening's card.

Pictured above is the winner of our namesake race, and a few CDCTA members who jumped at the opportunity to appear in a win photo.

From left, next to the gentleman holding the trophy: Olga Wells, Alicen Harrison, Janet Rettenmaier, (you can just see the shorts of Feyd Carr behind her), Leigh Rettenmaier, Charles Fairfax, and Kim Krieckhaus.

It was a great time—we had cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the bus trip up and a sleepy sing-along on the way back.

We haven't been able to make it back to the races yet but we will keep trying!

**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!!!**

**Don't buy that closeout calendar! All that's left are Strawberry Shortcake and Dog Yoga.**

**Instead....wait just a little longer and buy the**

**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.**

**Calendar is in production now and we were going to have it for sale at the banquet on January 27, but since that will now not be until February 10 I thought I should let people know it was coming.**

**Cost at this time is \$20 per calendar. The more you buy, the cheaper they are, so if you for sure want one let me know as soon as possible and I will see how many people are interested and if we can get the cost down a bit more.**

**It's pretty cool if I do say so myself!**

**Email your name, best way to contact you, and how many you want to:**

**[eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com) or text me the same info 573-808-6897**



**CDCTA  
AWARDS  
BANQUET**

SATURDAY,  
FEB. 10<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 PM

**Join us ~**

(NEW DATE!) Saturday, Feb. 10th, 2018 at *D. Rowe's*  
1005 Club Village Drive, Columbia, 65203  
for our annual  
CDCTA '17 Awards Banquet

Friends, members, significant others~ we'll have appetizers, ordering off the menu, 2017 highlights, 2018 club goals and calendar, and of course Year End Awards!

**Don't miss out ~**

To reserve your spot, send your \$25/person to Lora  
**NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31st !**

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**PLEASE!!!! detach and mail this with check (payable to CDCTA) to:**

Lora Blair:  
2910 W. Akeman Bridge Rd., Columbia, MO 65202-9113

\_\_\_\_\_ persons attending @ \$25 each = \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**Call for Nominations  
2018 officers of the**

**COLUMBIA DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION**

Please submit the names of individuals (humans, not horses) you would like to be considered for an office with CDCTA. Please provide the individual's name and reason for the nominations to Beth Hussey by mailing this form to: 655 North Route O Rocheport, MO 65279. Deadline for nominations is January 25. You may also call her with your nominations at 573-808-6897 or email [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com). Remember that we will also need chairs for all of our standing committees, if you think you don't want all the responsibility of an office.

***SELF NOMINATIONS ARE WELCOME!!***

**PRESIDENT  
LEAH STRID WILL BE SERVING HER SECOND YEAR IN HER TERM**

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**VICE PRESIDENT**

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**SECRETARY**

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**TREASURER**

**Amy Stapleton**

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**MEMBER AT LARGE**

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**Due to a scheduling conflict, the date of the January awards banquet has been moved to February...and we won't have a January meeting. We hope all of our members can join us February 10 for the most important meeting of the year!**

## 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).

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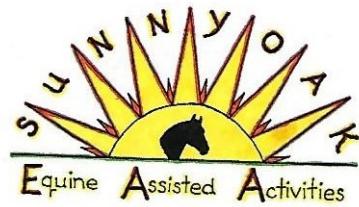
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. \_\_\_\_\_ Did someone refer you for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

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