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CDCTA Newsletter

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THE WHEELBARROW LOAD

And just like that....

Plans can change. This past weekend was supposed to be a well-deserved break from a hectic holiday season, consisting mostly of putting away trees and ornaments for next year and generally restoring order to the household.

Unfortunately, a series of increasingly frantic texts from my neighbor whose house abuts the distant pasture of my property alerted me to a potential problem with, as Ed texted me, “your boy horse”. I figured it was Billy, my 31 year old guy who has made it to that advanced age despite being referred to as Black Cloud, given his penchant for finding a way to hurt himself more than any horse I have ever had.

But no. It was Rusty, who is not a spring chicken but relatively new to me, and whose mental health I was thinking of when I purchased Lola. I had thought if Billy were to die suddenly that would leave Rusty by himself, and he is not a good “alone” horse.

Now there is a real possibility that I will lose Rusty first. He has had a pretty bad episode of choke, more properly but less graphically referred to as esophageal obstruction. Common in older horses and in colder weather, when they might drink less, the problem can be relatively easy to correct or fatal. Right now we are somewhere in between. I raced home as soon as I got the texts and found Rusty in the very back of the pasture, looking distressed. It took a lot of hauling on the halter and chivvyng by Boss Mare Lola to get him to move at all, and getting through my two creek crossings on the way back to the barn was tricky, but we got him to the barn and the UMC Equine Ambulatory Service was there within thirty minutes. A cursory exam confirmed the choke and he was sedated to allow nasogastric tube passage. It took what seemed like forever to relieve it, but in fact was probably only about twenty minutes. Aspiration pneumonia is always a potential complication, and re-choking is common especially in the next few days after the initial problem. Long-term management is based on using pelleted feeds or something that can be made into a moosh, and encouraging water drinking; short term management means antibiotics, fluids if needed, pain meds, and NO HAY. That last bit is what is currently our biggest problem. If he can't eat hay, then the other two can't eat it either, except in their stalls, and they are not big fans of extended time in stalls.

At any rate he is alive and ok, though not great, at the moment; he is still pretty uncomfortable and eating gingerly. Fingers crossed for the next few days.

But horses being horses, I can't help but dread that what may happen is that I lose Rusty, and then Billy (who has to be on borrowed time himself at 31) and Lola, who was bought to prevent Rusty being an only horse, may end up being an only horse herself.

It's always something. Hopefully your New Year's has started out better and will continue to improve!

Until next time-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

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE LIZ HOTCHKISS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. THIS MUST ACCOMPANY THE VIDEO AND WRITTEN APPLICATION IN ORDER FOR US TO KNOW HOW TO CONTACT YOU.

FIRST AND LAST NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE

BEST CONTACT PHONE NUMBER

ALTERNATE CONTACT PHONE NUMBER (SPECIFY WORK, ETC.)

EMAIL ADDRESS:

You may email this information to any of our selection committee members:

Beth Hussey eshussey@gmail.com

Alison LaCarrubba lacarrubbaa@missouri.edu

Tesa Sterchi tesme@juno.com

Karen Atwill toyfarm@me.com or toyfarm@mac.com

**Or mail it to: Beth Hussey
655 North Route O
Rocheport, MO 65279**

DEADLINE IS MARCH FIRST OF 2024 FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOLARSHIP.



MYSTERY RIDER AND LEADER!!

We got almost immediate answers as soon as the newsletter went out!!

Dr. Alison LaCarrubba, as she has before, correctly identified the mount as my own dearly missed Clamenza, who was very recognizable by her rather large Roman nose and her white stripe, as well as a tendency to occasionally look a bit concerned, as she is doing in this photo

Rosy Erganian quickly followed up with a guess for the leader: Amy Stapleton and an answer for the rider: Alicen Harrison.

No one guessed the venue; not much was visible in the photo but it was Stony Hill as it was in the Liz Hotchkiss era, and where most of our CDCTA shows were held.

We could use some more Mystery Photos!!
Email your brain teasers to: eshussey@gmail.com

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.

Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund

Award Selection

A. Only CDCTA participating members, may be selected. This scholarship is focused on educational experiences and clinics/lessons rather than show subsidy. This does not have to be a mounted activity. Examples would include USDF symposium or judge training.

B. Applicant must submit, an essay, as outlined below. A video may be sent in addition to the essay but not require. with an application to CDCTA. Please submit all materials to a member of the Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Fund Committee. lacarrubbaa@missouri.edu, eshussey@gmail.com, toyfarm@me.com, tesme@juno.com

C. Essay should include any riding related training and education, show experience if applicable, goals for the future and how the scholarship will benefit the CDCTA member.

D. Volunteer History - applicant's volunteer history with CDCTA or any other non-profit equestrian organization should be listed on application and specific volunteer duties and number of volunteer hours. Volunteering is a prerequisite and can include such things as volunteering at profit organization. If you volunteer with other non-profits, applicant will need to list the organizations name, a contact person, what duties you performed, and the number of volunteer hours.

E. Attendance of at least two (2) CDCTA chapter meetings, during the preceding year is required for eligibility. (Verification based on the recorded attendance sign in sheet of the meeting minutes published.)

F. Applicant need not own the horse that will be used during the educational/clinic session.

G. Applicant must be an Adult Amateur, Junior, or Professional as defined by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) GR1306.

H. Horses do not need to be registered with USEF/USDF.

I. Applicants and horses do not need to have a competition history, either together or separately, in order to be considered for the scholarship.

J. The selection committee will give the rider's history precedence over the horse's history. The scholarship is dedicated to the furthering of the applicants education and development, not the horse.

K. Recipient of scholarship must submit an article that will be published in the CDCTA newsletter outlining their experience and goals within 60 days following the event.

The Award

A. The scholarship committee will determine what financial commitment for each applicant will be and how many scholarships will be awarded in a fair and unbiased manner. The maximum award will be \$250.

B. Application must be submitted by March 1, 2024. Successful applicant will be announced on April 1, 2024. Scholarship funds will be mailed by April 15, 2024.

C. Any proposed change or waiver of scholarship guidelines must be submitted by the Scholarship Program Committee for approval by the officers.

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

March 1st-Applications due for 2024 Liz Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship (more info in this newsletter!)

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
2202 West Williams Road
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