

# Direct Rein

## Wait....so what month is it anyway?

All the days seem to bleed into one another without much change; in my case it is mostly just crazy work things every day and when I finally have a few moments to myself all I seem to be able to do is collapse in a heap. There seems to be something psychologically draining about not having anything really in the future to look forward to. I have been deadline-oriented all my life and when I don't have a definitive goal in my sights it is hard for me to maintain any kind of momentum. This newsletter seems to be a victim of my general lassitude, hence the combined June/July issue.

But thankfully not everyone suffers from the same problem. Even while the spectre of COVID lurks around every corner, there are some signs of returning to normalcy, or what will soon pass for normalcy, in our local equestrian community.

Last Sunday Sunny Oak Farm hosted a small but enthusiastic group of riders for its annual benefit horse show. Masks were the order of the day for all but the riders, and social distancing was enforced between all involved, but nothing dampened the spirits of the participants. Well, except for the downpour that chased me, co-pilot Amy, and trusty steed Rusty away from the venue just as we arrived at the gate. Rusty had a rainy, windy trip from my farm, past Rosy's up Rocheport Gravel Road, and back to Cosmic Oaks. It was comical to see the look on his face when he unloaded in exactly the same place from which he left thirty minutes previously!

In about three weeks CDCTA will go forward with our eagerly anticipated Meghan O'Donohue eventing clinic at the Mid Missouri Riding Center. As much as we were all looking forward to this when we were in the planning stages we are even more excited now that so many of our other events and schoolings in the area have been canceled. It looks like we have a lot of interest in the clinic from all over the state, so if you are looking for a great way to spend a July weekend and get some quality education from one of the hottest names in the sport, get your entry form in as soon as you can! [Editor's update: Looks like the clinic may be full but auditors are still welcome!]

We will need to exercise caution of course. Masks will be required whenever you are not actually on a horse, and we will be practicing social distancing. Bring your own food and drink, as none will be available at the venue. It will be a little different than previous clinics for these and many other reasons but I think it's a wonderful excuse for all of us to get on our horses and prepare for a clinic that we are lucky to have in this part of the country!

Who knows what the next few months will bring but I feel a ray of hope just knowing we have something that all of us can look forward to!



**LAST MONTH'S MYSTERY RIDER...was none other than yours truly, the Editor in Chief. Way too much leaning forward over the horse's neck and restricting her so I am not proud of my position but I am proud and amazed, in retrospect that I was brave enough to jump this rather nutsy but talented Arabian mare over a course of fences that were pretty big to me then and look enormous to me now.**

**No one guessed the answer so I officially stumped everyone!!**

**If you have a photo of yourself or someone you know that you might stump people with, then send it along to me at [eshussey@gmail.com](mailto:eshussey@gmail.com) or text it to me at 573-808-6897. We will get it in a future newsletter....**

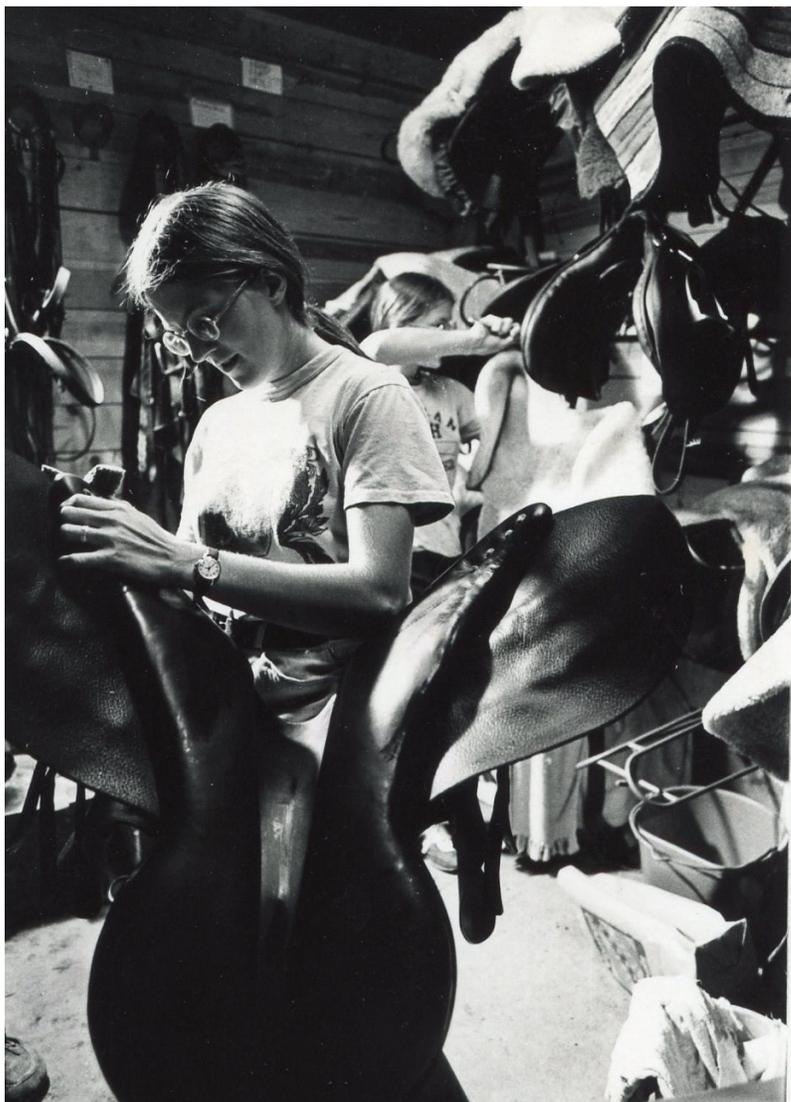
**PHOTO RIGHT, OUR MYSTERY RIDER FOR THIS MONTH!**

**A FEW HINTS: SHE IS ONE OF A PAIR**

**THE VENUE WAS NAMED AFTER A FAMOUS PAINTING**

**IF YOU THINK YOU KNOW THEN CONTACT US AT THE NUMBERS AND EMAILS LISTED ABOVE.**

**GOOD LUCK! PRIZE ON THE LINE IF YOU GET BOTH THE NAME OF THIS SOLEMN TACK CLEANER AND THE STABLE WHERE THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN.**





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Our website is [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org) for late-breaking news. Photographs should be submitted in JPEG format.

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**Hello!**

**I wanted to send you a reminder that the Amanda Johnson Freestyle Grant Application deadline is coming up on July 20th. The recipient will have a year to use the grant to create a freestyle, so we encourage people to apply this year even if they won't be able to use the funds this year because of the cancellations due to Covid. If you would be able to pass the information on to your GMO members we would appreciate it.**

**To learn more about the Grant and to apply you can visit [https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/dressage\\_instructors/amanda-johnson-freestyle-fund.html](https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/dressage_instructors/amanda-johnson-freestyle-fund.html) . Don't hesitate to email if you have any questions.**

## CDCTA is proud to host a clinic with



*Meghan O'Donoghue Eventing*

**About Meghan:** <https://www.moeventing.com/meet-meghan>

All levels of horses/riders welcome! We will plan on having group lessons from Green as Grass on up! We will for sure have one day of stadium, and weather permitting, one day of XC for those that are interested. I am going to try to accommodate those that would like to have two days of stadium vs one day of each as I do know we have interest outside of the eventing world as well.

*\*On the Registration form, please note whether you would prefer to do two days of stadium vs one day of each under the "special issues or requests" line.*

**About the Venue:** The clinic will be held at Mid-Mo Riding Center in Columbia, MO. MMRC has both an indoor (size of small dressage court) and outdoor ring as well as cross country fences. Their cross country fences include options up through training with a couple prelim options. They do have the ability to ask harder technical questions by adding standards/poles to existing XC fences. Their cross country does include banks, ditches, water, coffins, logs, etc.



**Registration:**

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Horse experience/level: \_\_\_\_\_

Special issues or requests: \_\_\_\_\_

*Clinic/Auditor check should be payable to CDCTA.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Entire Weekend: \$300 or \_\_\_\_\_ CDCTA member \$250

\_\_\_\_\_ One Day (Circle: Saturday or Sunday): \$150 or \_\_\_\_\_ CDCTA member \$125

\_\_\_\_\_ Auditor: \$25/day or \_\_\_\_\_ CDCTA member \$15/day

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL ENCLOSED to CDCTA**

\_\_\_\_\_ I need stabling *\*\*stabling options are limited, but we will make arrangements once we know how many are needing stabling. It could end up being at a nearby farm vs on site, but once we know the number of those needing stabling, we will get you the information!*

I hereby enter this Meghan O'Donoghue Clinic accepting full responsibility for any injuries or loss that may result from my participation in this horse riding activity. I recognize that horse sports involve inherent dangerous risk or serious injury or death and by participating I expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss. I agree not to hold the clinician Meghan O'Donoghue, Mid Mo Riding Center, CDCTA, or any of their employees or agents responsible for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with this clinic.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All registrations must be received by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Signed release, this registration form, current neg. coggins copy, proof of vaccines, and check payable to CDCTA.

- Send ALL to Lauren Fritz at 2851 N Route Z, Columbia, MO 65202 (for both clinic and stabling)

For organizer: \_\_\_\_\_ registration \_\_\_\_\_ signed release \_\_\_\_\_ current coggins copy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vaccine record \_\_\_\_\_ check for clinic to CDCTA

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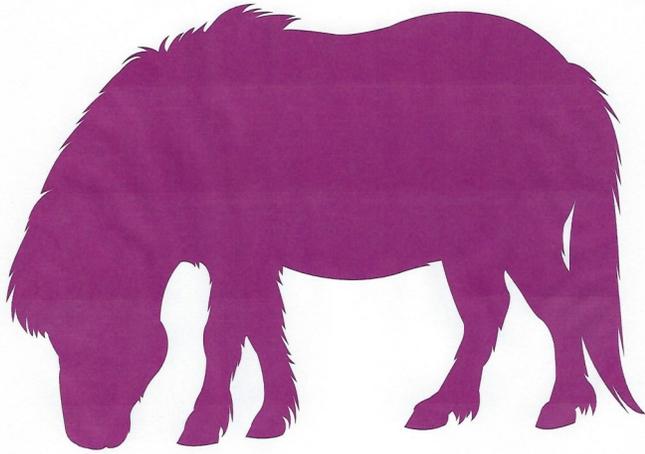
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 KENTUCKY HORSE PARK | LEXINGTON, KY  
 OCT. 3-4, 2020

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**IN DIRE NEED OF SOME NEW READING MATERIAL?**

**THE PURPLE PONY BOOKMOBILE HAS YOUR SUMMER BEACH OR LAKESIDE RELAXATION COVERED. CHECK OUT OUR NEWEST TITLES, INCLUDING A GREAT NEW DICK-FRANCIS-LIKE MURDER MYSTERY SET IN THE WORLD OF IRISH STEEPLE-CHASING.**

**IF YOU LIKE DICK FRANCIS NOVELS, YOU WILL LOVE "BLOODLINES". CONTACT ME AT [ESHUSSEY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ESHUSSEY@GMAIL.COM) OR 573-808-6897 FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER BOOK REQUEST YOU MIGHT HAVE. WE CAN HOOK YOU UP!**



**HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!!!**

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## DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION

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**NEXT MEETING:** Our beloved leader Lora Blair may be cooking up a Zoom meeting here in the next few weeks to address some issues that have come up; we will keep you posted through this newsletter as well as the website and our Facebook page!

### Columbia Dressage & Combined Training Association 2020 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. \$27 of your CDCTA dues are forwarded to the USDF as GMO membership dues. (\$18 for additional members in family)

Membership year runs December 1-November 30. Dues are payable in October.

**Individual** Membership: \$45.00/year

**Family** Membership: \$45.00/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) \_\_\_\_\_

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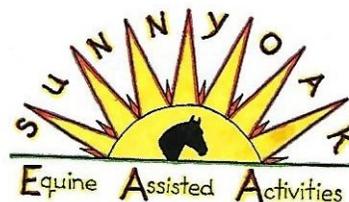
NOTE: We send our monthly newsletters out by email. Please check here if you would prefer to receive a mailed copy. \_\_\_\_\_ Did someone refer you for membership? \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

Make check payable to CDCTA and mail to:

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