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CDCTA Newsletter

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Three Cheers for the Chicken-Hearted....

It is our second newsletter under at least semi-quarantine. Businesses are starting to put their toes back in the water, and life is crawling forward, but no one would call it normal. For the moment all equine competitions are still essentially halted, and although we continue to ride, and train, and in some cases take very controlled lessons, it will be awhile before the equestrian lifestyle regains its footing. So many businesses we don't even think about are affected. I wonder, for example, what the ribbon and trophy manufacturers are doing? This time of year they are normally swamped, but I bet the mills are mostly silent these days.

So what have I been doing with myself in the enforced solitude? Have I gotten my horses ridden up to a previously unknown level, challenging them and me to achieve goals we could only imagine before?

Nope.

In fact, it was only in the last two weeks that I rode at all; some of that is due to an amazingly robust workload at the clinic, which does not seem to have been greatly impacted by COVID. Some of it, I freely admit, is me being a little hesitant about riding by myself, with only my 86 year old mostly deaf father in the house with no phone and limited mobility. He will not be useful in a rescue attempt if I get pitched off on my head.

I have never been one of those balls to the wall, guts and glory kind of riders. No matter which level I was competing at in eventing, I was most comfortable at a speed of about 375 mpm which is a not-very-lively canter. Jumping itself, while exciting and thrilling, has always terrified me and the only way I managed to learn how to do it was thanks to Deb Booker, the doyenne of cross country riding here in mid-Missouri. She was my instructor for many years and through Hinkson Valley Pony Club rallies and camps. I learned to jump because it was scarier to tell Mrs. Booker that you couldn't or wouldn't do something than to just take a deep breath and fatalistically decide that if you died, you died...and go ahead and jump the fence.

I have been blessed with wonderful equine friends and partners but because I am not blessed with unlimited funds, all of them have had their challenges. My beloved red mare Clammy needed unshakable confidence from her rider to jump clean when the fences hit three feet, and if you didn't exude such you were likely to find yourself hurled over her shoulder when she stopped right before the fence because she detected chicken-ness. Wolfie, while beautiful and extremely talented, has a tendency to shy and buck. Like, big scary rodeo-worthy bucks. Knock on wood, I never came off of him and he is semi-retired now due to an eye injury and a degenerative ligament problem, but it was just a matter of time as anyone who has seen him in full bronc mode will attest.

Getting back on my new ride, Rusty, after a few months of no riding was intimidating to me. Enter Amy, fellow club member and one of my oldest friends, who volunteered to come over and ride with me so that there would be someone to dial 911 if things went badly, or to enjoy the beautiful spring weather aboard Billy if things went well. I am pleased to report that things went well and we are now several Sunday rides into a trail riding program that is helping both me and Rusty feel more comfortable with each other. It isn't flying over prelim-level cross country fences or galloping towards an intimidating combination in the show ring, but it suits me right now, and for the moment my chicken wings are safely tucked away.

Enjoy your May rides no matter how much, or how little you do!

-Beth Hussey



MYSTERY RIDER PHOTO ABOVE!!

The name of the horse is Quicksilver and this was taken at a barn called Taft Stables, which no longer exists but it was in Columbia.

Any of you long-time Columbians care to take a guess as to the identity of the rider?

If you think you know, email eshussey@gmail.com or call me at 573-808-6897 and if you are the first with the correct answer you will win a prize!

If you have a photo of yourself or someone you know that you might stump people with, then send it along to the same email address! We will get it in a future newsletter....





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Welcome to Meghan O'Donoghue Eventing

Meghan O'Donoghue is a US based professional event rider who is considered to be an up and coming talent of the eventing world. She currently splits her time between Virginia, where she can continue to train under Olympic coach David O'Connor and Illinois where she rides and trains out of her family owned farm. In 2014 Meghan was named as a traveling alternate for the World Equestrian Games in France, her biggest achievement to date. She competed the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event with her beloved OTTB Pirate three times, most recently in 2015. Meghan has been named named to the United States Equestrian Federation High Performance Training List for Spring 2017 as a Developing Rider and hopes to have much success in the coming year.

WE HAVE TO HAVE *SOMETHING* TO LOOK FORWARD TO!!

The Evil Corona Virus of 2020 has dramatically cut into the local equestrian activities, and many things have already been canceled; but at the moment we are still hopeful that we might be able salvage some of our CDCTA calendar events.

July 25-26 had been slotted for a Meghan O'Donoghue eventing clinic, but we need to gauge local interest before we commit to an expensive clinic in the early re-opening part of the season.

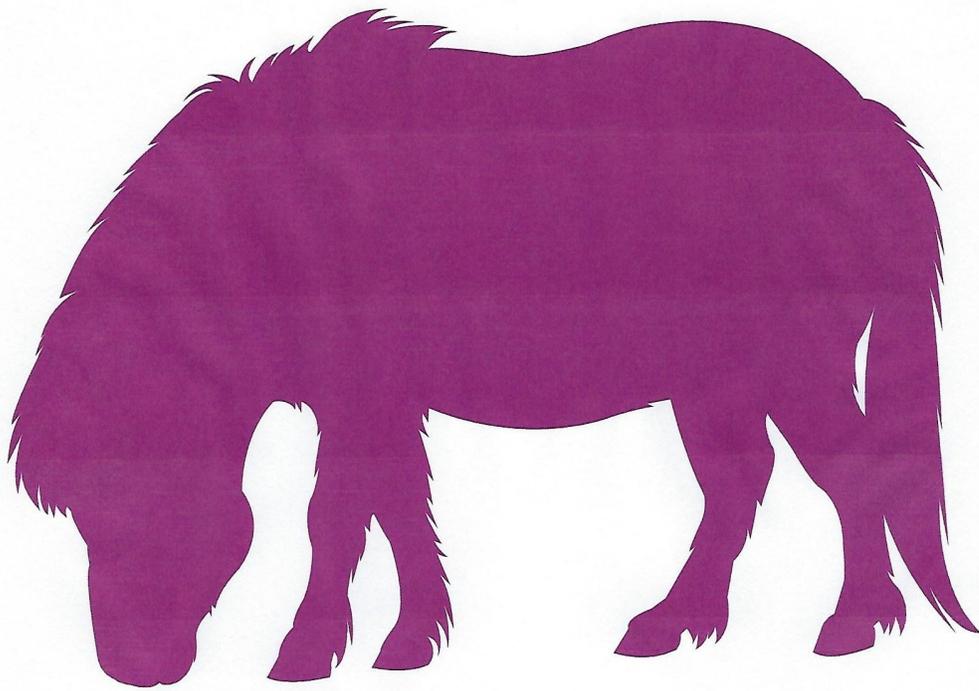
If you are a student of eventing, or an active competitor, or even if you have no experience with eventing but have hunter jumper experience and a willingness to learn new things, you will enjoy this clinic! Meghan is well known on the national eventing circuit and is making a name for herself in international competition as well. She is also an excellent and approachable instructor with a particular fondness for the off-the-track Thoroughbred.

A brief bio is on the following page. If you are serious about entering this clinic please let Lora Blair or Lauren Fritz know as soon as you possibly can. Remember, we can't hold great clinics if we can't fill them, so save your pennies and start working on your fitness and celebrate the summer blossoming of things to do with your horse!

We need to make a decision as soon as possible to start working on plane tickets for Meghan, entry forms and publicity so let us know as soon as you can!

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What's the best part of quarantine?

Lots of time to ride, and lots of time to READ!!

The Purple Pony Bookmobile will be parked for awhile due to a lack of horse shows and equestrian events to attend..but that doesn't mean you can't still avail yourself of the largest collection of horse books in the mid-Missouri area!

Whether your tastes run to mystery, or romance, or equestrian philosophy, or how-to books we have what you want, from classics of the genre to the newest releases, with titles for all ages of readers.

In order to follow the latest COVID-19 guidelines, this is what we can do to help you keep your mind working during this enforced solitude: if you are a CDCTA member I will let you check out up to six books at a time; there is no charge although I will bug you to return them if you haven't gotten them back to me in a month. If you rip through books like some of my friends do, bring the ones you have already read back and check out another batch.

I have our entire inventory listed in alphabetic order and by category, so if you are looking for particular books I can let you know if I have them, and if you don't have specific titles in mind just let me know what kind of books you like, and topics you are interested in, and I will put together an assortment for you.

I will bring your selections to work with me at my clinic, Horton Animal Hospital-Central on I-70 Drive Southwest. Call our front desk from the parking lot 445-4466 and we will bring the books out to you in a bag or box and leave them there for you to pick up, so it is "contact-less". My employees wash and sanitize their hands before and after each interaction, and I will wear gloves and a mask when I put them together for you. All the books have been safely inside my horse trailer since before this whole thing started, so they are clean and virus-free.

If you need some awesome reading material or just something to leaf through while watching another episode of Law and Order during our enforced couchitude, call or text me at 573-808-6897 or email me at eshussey@gmail.com and I will hook you up!!



Message from President Lora Blair:

[Photo above is Lora's new ride!!]

Here's the new pony. Dee is perfect for me. A little 7 year old AQHA mare of very sound mind and body!

And I had not planned to have a June CDCTA Meeting but would like to do a group email or Zoom meeting, mostly just to hear what everyone is doing. Tell all - Coming Soon- I will send out an email blast asking members if there are any personal updates as well as getting our much needed intent feedback for the July 25-26 Meghan O'Donoghue jumping/xc/ottb clinic. We really need to determine if interest will warrant having her! We will need 15 rides per day minimum. The cost would be around \$250/weekend.

ZETA TAU ALPHA BENEVOLENT HORSE SHOW

April 12, 1981
9:00 A.M.

Entries Due: April 4
Post Entries Permitted

This show is a Member of the Kentucky Hunter and Jumper Association and a member of the American Horse Show Association with a B rating in Pony Hunter and a C rating in Amateur-Owner Hunter. Also a member of the Tri-State Horse Shows Association.

Judge: Gene Pillion Steward: Milton D. Boby
Manager: C. B. Lovell III Course Designer: Mary Ann Lovell

1. Pony Hunter Over Fences. Small jump 2'3", Medium jump 2'6", and Large jump 3'. \$35, \$25, \$20, \$10. H. R.
2. Low Hunter Over Fences. Jumps 3'.
3. Childrens Hunter Over Fences. Jumps 3'.
4. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, 13 and under. Jumps not to exceed 3'. Tests 1-7 may be required.
5. Hunt Seat Equitation Over Fences, 14-17. Jumps not to exceed 3'6". Tests 1-18 may be required.
6. Pre-Green Hunter Over Fences. Jumps 3'.
7. Amateur-Owner Hunter Over Fences. Jumps 3'6".
8. Pony Hunter Conformation Over Fences. Conformation 25%. Same as class 1.
9. Low Hunter Under Saddle.
10. Childrens Hunter Under Saddle.
11. Pre-Green Hunter Under Saddle.
12. Amateur-Owner Hunter Under Saddle.
13. Hunter Seat Equitation on the flat, 13 and under. To be shown at a walk, trot and canter both ways of the ring. Tests 1-7 may be required.
14. Hunter Seat Equitation on the flat, 14-17. To be shown as in class 13. Tests 1-18 may be required.
15. Pony Hunter Under Saddle.
16. Low Hunter Under Saddle.
17. Childrens Hunter Under Saddle.
18. Pre-Green Hunter Under Saddle.
19. Amateur-Owner Hunter Under Saddle.

JUDGING SPECIFICATIONS AND RULES

- EVERY CLASS OFFERED HEREIN WHICH IS COVERED BY THE RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CURRENT AHSA RULE BOOK WILL BE CONDUCTED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH.
- All Hunter classes to be on performance and soundness. Manners and suitability emphasized in Pony Hunter classes and extreme speed penalized. Manners and suitability in Amateur-Owner Hunter.
- A Childrens Hunter is a horse or pony ridden by a junior. Neither horse nor rider is eligible to compete in any other classes at the same show with fences 3'3".
- A Pre-Green Hunter is a horse in his first year of showing. Horses may show Pre-Green for 1 year only. The Pre-Green status of a horse is not affected if it is shown over fences between 9/1 and 11/30.

- An Amateur-Owner Hunter is to be ridden by an amateur owner or an amateur member of the owner's family. In either case classes are restricted to riders who are no longer eligible to compete as junior exhibitors.
- All under saddle classes are to be shown both ways of the ring on a walk, trot and canter. Light contact required. Martin-Gaites not permitted. Horses and ponies may be asked to hand-gallop collectively one way of the ring at the judge's discretion, never more than 8 to gallop at one time. Not to hand-gallop in Pre-Green.
- Cross entering is allowed between divisions, unless specified differently.
- A trophy and six ribbons will be awarded in each class. A championship trophy and reserve ribbon will be given to 2 of the 4 horses which have acquired the most points over fences in their divisions. Only these horses shall receive points for ribbons won in under saddle classes, for their divisions.
- Schooling will be allowed April 11, after 1:00, and the morning of the 12th until 8:30.
- Entry Fees are \$7.00 a class and \$3.00 for Post Entries. Regular Entry Fees must accompany entry form and will not be refunded without presentation of a veterinarians certificate.

Make Payment to: ZETA TAU ALPHA BENEVOLENT HORSE SHOW, P.O. BOX 1000, CANTON, OHIO 44705. Payment may be made by check or cash. Cash payments should be made to the Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Ann Lovell, 5145 Morse Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45230.

Points will be awarded for the AHSA classes listed in the Schedule and Championships will be awarded for the following classes:

OPEN CLASSES	CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES	Points will be accumulated as follows:
1st Place 1 point	1st Place 2 points	1st Place 2 points
2nd Place 1 point	2nd Place 1 point	2nd Place 1 point
3rd Place 1 point	3rd Place 1 point	3rd Place 1 point
4th Place 1 point	4th Place 1 point	4th Place 1 point
5th Place 1 point	5th Place 1 point	5th Place 1 point
6th Place 1 point	6th Place 1 point	6th Place 1 point
7th Place 1 point	7th Place 1 point	7th Place 1 point
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Telephone Number	

Another blast from the past!

You can tell how deep I'm having to dive into the archives to fill the newsletter when there isn't much going on....

But I found this from my years long ago at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, the Horse Capital of the World. Horses permeated everything, from store names to statues in city parks. Opening days of the spring and fall Keeneland meets were official school holidays.

Needless to say, I love it there...and it was where I pledged my sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha. I knew I had made the right decision when I found out that the major fundraiser for my chapter was a horse show!

I found this when digging through some old papers and things I had piled into an old bookshelf. I thought you guys might enjoy seeing it, in all its 1981 splendor.

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NEXT MEETING: Nothing, for the moment; but as soon as the immediate crisis passes and life resumes its normal rhythm, watch this space for the next meeting we have! I'm sure everyone will have a lot of stories to tell....

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

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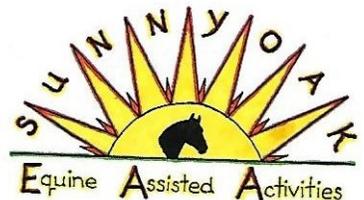
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I am We are occasionally asked to share our membership list with persons or corporations with items of possible interest to our members.

Please circle one: DO DO NOT include my name on this list.

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