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## From Your President

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!** Please get your membership renewal in as soon as possible. The 2024 USDF year starts December 1. Remember, you can use any vouchers you have earned for volunteer time to pay for this. There is a membership form in this newsletter.

The end of the 2023 show year is rapidly approaching. **Your scores must be in November 30 to qualify for year end awards at our annual banquet, January 27.**

**CDCTS Christmas Party, December 2! Check your emails for your invite** and RSVP to me by November 30. Rita Dunn is hosting, CDCTS will provide a ham and wine—we ask party-goers to bring a dish to share. And if you want to play “dirty Santa”, bring a gift of up to \$25 for this fun game!

**Annual Banquet, January 27, 2024, Bearden Banquet Hall.** You don't want to miss this event! Watch your email for the e-vite that will go out in December. We are fortunate to have Jose Hernandez again to talk about his riding/driving adventures. Those of you that came to the banquet a couple of years ago, know how wonderful he is! If you have vouchers from previous volunteering, you can use them to pay for 2024 membership and/or the January 27 annual awards banquet. Those vouchers expire after the 2024 annual banquet. Start thinking of who you can get to donate items or services to our silent auction. Horsey (or people) massages, farrier work, vet services, gently used, but no longer needed tack are all popular auction items. Melissa Feinbaum is in charge of getting silent auction donations organized.

Please consider serving on the board and help out CDCTS! Let any one of the current board members know of your interest. FYI, you earn 11 volunteer hours just by serving on the CDCTS board! We will be having elections at the banquet.

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*CDCTS is a USDF Group Member Organization and all members are automatically USDF Group Members. For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.*



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## From Your President - CONTINUED

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The CDCTS board welcomes any ideas our members have for seminars, clinics, and other events you would like to see us present. Elizabeth Johnson has been recommended as a clinician and USDF seminars like the "Know the Movements" seminar we had last year have been recommended. Who would you like to ride with in a clinic? Would you like to have another Working Equitation Obstacles Play Day? Contact any board member with your ideas!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Riding!

*Carolyn Ordal,*

CDCTS President

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## CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Ordal. Attending were Rita Dunn, Susan Hill, Julie Noe, Lynn Holtman and Kacy Schnake of the board as well as guests Sloan Adams, Mandy Henderson, Coy Bays and Diane Carlson.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The motion was made to approve the October minutes as published by Rita Dunn, seconded by Susan Hill and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kacy Schnake gave the treasurer's report. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Lynn Holtman, seconded by Susan Hill and approved.

### **Old Business:**

#### Membership Committee Report

**A reminder that membership is due by November 30 for the December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024 year will be sent to members.**

**Fall Fun Day—October 28.** Went well. 20 riders. Started on time and ended early so we were out of there by around 3:30-ish. Only made about \$250. There was some discussion about holding it again next year due to low attendance, the myriad of fall competitions and the uncertainty of River Glen being able to host it. It will be discussed again in 2024.

#### Show Committee

2024 Shows:

- Carolyn Ordal emailed Debbie Schwartz and asked her to be judge for Summer Schooling Show, June 2024 at Walnut Grove Stables. No reply to first email another was sent on November 9. Susan Hill said she would call Debbie to verify her availability.
- Deanna Langley said YES to having the May show at Stables at the Main for the Spring Schooling Show, May 2024.
- Need to find a location for the 2024 Fall Schooling Show.

#### **January 27, 2024 Banquet**

- Melissa Feinbaum is working on getting auction items. Will need to order prizes when year- end results are tallied; membership has been told scores need to be in by November 30. Need to prepare and send out banquet e-vite to members; etc. \$250 nonrefundable deposit for the Bearden Banquet Hall has been paid.
- **Need to see who may be interested in being on the board as this is when we vote in the board.**
- Jose Hernandez is checking his calendar to see if he is available as guest speaker. (Jose verified he will be our guest speaker!)

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# CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 - CONTINUED

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## New Business:

- **Christmas party** — Rita Dunn graciously volunteered to host the CDCTS Christmas party at her place on December 2, 6-10 p.m. CDCTS will provide a ham and wine. An invitation will be sent to members, asking they bring a dish to share and a gift of up to \$25 if they wish to participate in the “dirty Santa” gift exchange. RSVP due November 30 to Carolyn.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** — Creating a position of Volunteer Coordinator for CDCTS shows and events was discussed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.** Motion made by Kacy, seconded by Susan and all approved.

## Upcoming Events Through December 2023

- Membership renewals and scores for year end awards need to be sent in by November 30.
- Christmas party at Rita’s on December 2. RSVPs due by November 30.

## 2024 Events

- Annual banquet January 27, 2024 at Bearden Banquet Hall 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
- Spring Schooling Show, May 4, 2024; The Stables at the Main, Greenback, TN
- Summer Schooling Show, June 15, 2024 Walnut Grove Stables
- Fall Schooling Show, September 28, 2024; location TBD
- Fall Fun Day, October 26, 2024 at River Glen



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**Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society**  
**2023 Show Season Year End Awards Submittal Form**  
**November 30, 2023– Deadline to submit scores**

OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER USDF NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ RIDER USEF NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS: Adult Amateur \_\_\_\_\_ Jr/YR \_\_\_\_\_ Open \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions:

1. Is the Owner a member of CDCTS? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Is the Rider a member of CDCTS? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. Are the Owner and Rider the same person? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If no, the Owner must designate who is to get the award and must sign below.
4. I want the award to be presented to: (check one) Owner \_\_\_ Rider \_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*For all Schooling Show Awards, you must submit copies of your tests signed by the judge.

\*\*\*For all WDAA Recognized Show Awards, you must submit copies of your tests signed by the judge.

\*\*\*For all USDF/USEF Recognized Show Awards, a copy of the USDF Rider Scores from usdfscores.com is acceptable in lieu of test copies signed by the judge.

**SCHOOLING SHOW** (designate): Classical Dressage: \_\_\_\_\_ Western/Gaited Dressage: \_\_\_\_\_

(A separate awards submittal form must be presented if applying for awards in both categories. General rules apply for each category.)

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

**USDF/USEF RECOGNIZED SHOW – Classical Dressage**

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

**WDAA RECOGNIZED SHOW – Western Dressage**

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

**USDF/USEF RECOGNIZED SHOW – Combined Training**

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

Level Shown \_\_\_\_\_ Show/Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_

How did you earn your volunteer hours? (4 hours minimum required). Please list the event or activity you helped at and the person in charge for verification or any donations, you made to the club.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit your application with supporting documents via regular mail or email to:**

Carolyn Ordal  
2100 Harris Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37924  
[cdctssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:cdctssecretary@gmail.com)

**BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM: Please review the AWARDS GUIDELINES to make sure you are providing the correct information.** The Awards Guidelines, and Submittal Form, are included in this newsletter and can be found on the Crossroads website, [cdcts.org](http://cdcts.org).

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# 2023 Crossroads Dressage And Combined Training Society Year-End Awards Program

## Classical Dressage Qualifying Scores and Categories

### Test Level Adult Amateur      Jr/Young Rider Open

USDF Intro Level 62% 62% 66% --Training Level 60% 60% 65% --First Level 60% 60% 65%-- Second Level 59% 59% 63% --Third Level 57% 57% 60%-- Fourth Level 57% 57% 60%-- Prix St. Georges 57% 57% 60% --Intermediare I 57% 57% 60%-- Intermediare II 58% 58% 60% --Grand Prix 58% 58% 60%-- FEI Young Rider 58% Musical Freestyle (1st-3rd) 65% 65% 65% --Musical Freestyle (4th-Grand Prix) 65% 63% 65%

## Western Dressage Qualifying Scores and Categories

### Test Level Adult Amateur      Jr/Young Rider Open

WDAA Intro Level 62% 62% 66% --WDAA Basic Level 62% 62% 66% WDAA Level 1 60% 60% 65%--  
WDAA Level 2 60% 60% 65% --WDAA Level 3 60% 60% 63%-- WDAA Level 4 60% 60% 63%

## General Rules:

- Awards for Rated and Schooling Shows will be divided into the following categories: AA, JR/YR, and Open. At each level one award will be issued in each category. Minimum qualifying scores apply at each level (see chart above).

**For Rated Shows:** Intermediate I and II will be considered 1 level. Musical Freestyles 1st – 4th will be considered 1 level, and FEI Musical Freestyles will be considered 1 level for awards purposes. All other levels, Training thru Grand Prix, will be considered separately for awards at Rated Shows.

**For Schooling Shows:** All FEI tests will be considered 1 level for awards purposes. All other levels, Intro thru 4th, will be considered separately for awards at Schooling Shows. Musical Freestyles from all levels will be considered 1 level for awards purposes.

- AA and JR/YR status MUST be stated on the front of the score sheet or it will otherwise be considered Open.
- Awards are based on percentage, not placing in the class.
- Awards are based on horse/rider combination. The rider must have been a CDCTS member at the time of the show. Riders who submit a membership application on the date of the show will also be eligible for year-end awards.
- The horse/rider combination must submit at least 3 scores from 2 different judges at 2 different shows. At least 1 score must be derived from the highest test of that level.
- Tabulation of scores shall be based on the average of the scores submitted for each level.
- All riders are responsible for mailing or emailing in copies of their tests. A copy of the USDF Rider Scorecard from [usdfscores.com](http://usdfscores.com) will be accepted in lieu of a test copy. Original tests will not be returned. Photocopies of tests or the USDF Rider Scorecard must be received by November 30, and test copies MUST SHOW TEST SIGNED BY THE JUDGE.

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- At Combined Test competitions, only horses designated “Dressage Only” will be allowed to send in scores.
  - Horse and rider combinations showing at more than one level during the awards year will only be eligible for awards at one level. The rider may choose which level they would like to be eligible for awards, and only submit scores for that level. If scores are submitted for more than one level, only shows scores earned at the highest level will be considered for year-end awards purposes.

## NON-RIDING AWARDS

**MERRY HOUR AWARD** – created to honor Carol Grau, as the founding member of the club and her legacy of service to our equestrian community. This award is intended to recognize an outstanding, long-time CDCTS member who has embodied the mission statement of the club, with a long history of service to the club.

**LAUREL ANN CROWE AWARD** – a perpetual trophy presented each year to the club member with the lowest combined training score at a schooling show.

**JACK FOSTER PERPETUAL AWARD** – given each year to the club member with the highest point score at Training Level or above from a schooling show sanctioned by CDCTS. The Jack Foster Award was conceived by the club in the 1990's as a memorial to the husband of Karen Foster, a past president of the club. At one time the club put on 3-4 rated shows in Harriman. Jack volunteered to announce all day long at every one of them. He died suddenly of a heart attack in his mid-forties. It is a perpetual trophy, and each year a new plaque is added to the base to display the name of that year's award winner. The winner keeps the trophy until the following year, when another plaque is added, and another winner takes the trophy home for a year.

**ALECE ELLIS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR PERPETUAL AWARD** – This award was converted to a perpetual award beginning in 2022, in honor of Alece Ellis who passed away in December 2021. Alece was the epitomy of what a volunteer looks like. She was always silently in the background and could be found at almost every local horse show or event where dressage or working equitation was present. Alece was often found beside the judge as a scribe, tallying up scores in the show office, learning to become a Technical Delegate in WE, or just on the sidelines cheering the participants on. This award is designed to recognize the member who has helped the club by volunteering personal time and talent throughout the year. Each year a new plaque is added to the base to display the name of that year's award winner. The winner keeps the trophy until the following year, when another plaque is added and another winner takes the trophy home for a year.

**WALNUT GROVE PERPETUAL TROPHY** – Will be awarded to the individual with the High Point Western/Gaited Dressage score.

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# NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2023 CALENDARS

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 CDCTS Christmas Party – Rita Dunn
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CDCTS Board Meeting	13	14 Jim Koford Clinic	15 Jim Koford Clinic	16 Jim Koford Clinic
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 CDCTS Annual Banquet
28	29	30	31			

# EVENTS

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## 2023

- **CDCTS Christmas Party:** December 2, 2023 at Rita Dunn's. Invitations have been emailed.
- **Jim Koford Clinic's 2023:** 12/14-17

## 2024

- **CDCTS Annual Banquet:** January 27, 2024 at Bearden Banquet Hall, Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 6:30 p.m.
  - **Spring Schooling Show:** May 4, 2024 at The Stables at the Main, Greenback, TN
  - **Summer Schooling Show:** June 15, 2024 at Walnut Grove Stables, Talbott, TN
  - **Fall Schooling Show:** September 28, 2024 location TBD
  - **Fall Fun Day:** October 26, 2024 at River Glen, New Market TN. (TBD)
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### Next Meeting

January 27 , 2023

Bearden Banquet Hall

5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN  
Banquet 6 - 9:30 with Meeting to Follow

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CDCTS is a USDF Group Member Organization that caters to dressage and combined training (eventing) riders and enthusiasts in the Knoxville area and throughout East Tennessee.

By joining CDCTS, you will be on the fast track to learning about shows, clinics and other great educational opportunities in our area. You will get to meet other like-minded, horse loving people, and you will become part of a group that is continually working to promote dressage and eventing in your area.

In addition, by joining CDCTS, you automatically become a Group Member of USDF, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage arena.

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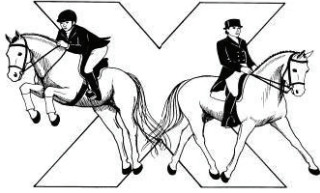
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**Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society  
2024 Professional or Business Application**



CDCTS membership year is 1 Dec 2023-30 Nov 2024. After 1 Dec, the effective date of membership begins the day the form and correct dues reach the CDCTS Secretary at the address below. CDCTS is a USDF GMO. For Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF. Professional/Business membership dues are determined annually by the board. For 2023, there is no fee to become a Professional/Business Member of CDCTS.

**Primary Contact:** First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name** (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing or Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Secondary Phone:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Primary Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to Join: \_\_\_\_ /Renew: \_\_\_\_ Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society for the membership year 1 December 2023 - 30 November 2024 as a **Professional or Business Member (please select one)**

a. I/we wish to provide a lecture or training series with the following details:

b. I/we wish to sponsor a class in a CDCTS Schooling Show for the following amount \_\_\_\_\_ or with the following goods and/or services \_\_\_\_\_. *Please select Spring or Fall Show or both.*

c. I/we wish to sponsor a \_\_\_\_\_ (trophy, ribbons, neck sashes, etc) in a schooling show. *Please select Spring or Fall Show or both.*

d. I/we wish to sponsor a year end award. Please specify which award and amount.

e. I/we wish to support the club in another manner. Please specify below:

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Please fill your form out and mail it to:

Carolyn Ordal  
2100 Harris Road  
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