



## Crossroads Dressage & Combined Training Society

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## President's Message Susan Price

November is the time of year to give thanks. And I have so many things that I am thankful for I couldn't possibly list them all. But there are some that deserve to be mentioned. First and foremost I am thankful for my amazing husband (not to brag, but he is pretty awesome). I am thankful for my health, as I get older I appreciate this more and more. I am eternally thankful that I am fortunate enough to share my life with horses. I am thankful I have had the privilege of owning that once-in-a-lifetime horse.

And I am thankful for the little things too—a real Coke, the smell of fresh cut grass in the spring, and when I have a really good hair day.

But in the context of this message, what I am thankful for is this club and all the people in it. I have met some wonderful people with common interests and goals. The depth of knowledge, experience and collective wisdom of our members is priceless. If there is a problem or question about your horse's health, your riding, or managing your farm, chances are someone else has had that problem and can offer advice or at least encouragement.

I am thankful for all the people that work so tirelessly and enthusiastically to make sure the shows, clinics and other events we have run smoothly. I am always amazed how people will step up and help out when we are in a pinch because they care about the club.

I am thankful to everyone who has been instrumental in keeping this organization running for all these years. I have had incredible educational opportunities that I would not have had if this club didn't exist. CDCTS has a strong history of bringing in top trainers for clinics and symposiums that normally would not come to a smaller community such as this.

So I hope when you are counting all the things you have to be thankful for, you will take a moment and remember to be thankful for CDCTS and all the wonderful opportunities it has opened for the equestrian community in East Tennessee.

Happy Thanksgiving!



Susan and Reuben

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## **CDCTS MEETING MINUTES    Date: 11/10/2015**

**Members/Guests in Attendance:** Katherine McDonough, Holly Ratcliff, Carol Mitchell, Christina Cardenas, Dave McAdoo, Anne and Jeff Titus, Carolyn Ordal, Carol and Charlie Grau, Susan Hill, Jean Sullivan, Mike Sullivan, Kathy Ridenour, Diane Carlson, Susan Price, Sue Cain, Pat Sandlin, Lisha Marshall, Teresa Shafer, Julie Noe.

**Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 PM**

Motion made and seconded to accept previous month's meeting minutes? Yes. Carolyn O. and Jean S.

Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as read? Yes, Kathy R. and Jean S.

### **Old Business:**

- Fall Schooling Show
  - Rescheduled for Nov 21<sup>st</sup> at Cedar Valley due to severe weather on original date.
  - Judge will be Laura Wolfe, limited to 50 rides due to daylight. We have 36 entries in already.
  - Janet W. is the show secretary, Melissa McKinzie and Teresa Shafer to assist.
  - We still need a volunteer coordinator and volunteers. Biggest need is a jump course designer, jump judge and set-up crew. Also need scribe, runners, scorer, ring steward, jump crew, concessions.
- Hunter Pace – (Holly R., Carolyn O.).
  - River Plains offered their farm for a spring date as well. Feedback from participants was that they would like a fall and spring hunter pace.
  - It was mentioned that we will need more volunteers at next hunter pace.
  - The hunter pace was successful financially. We had 29 riders and generated a profit.
- Cross Country Clinic – Clinic organizers – Katherine McDonough
  - Held at Yellow wood farm. 18 riders made up 6 groups of 3. Group rides lasted 1 ½ hrs each.
  - Costs were \$150 to \$250 depending on rides and membership status. We were able to offer a reasonable price because CDCTS agreed to subsidize if needed.
  - While profit was minimal the club was pleased as we anticipated a loss.
- JJ Tate clinic – Teresa S.
  - Dates will be Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Venue will be Teresa Shafer's farm unless inclement weather. Alternate venue will be Carol Grau's covered arena.
  - Clinic is full with a waiting list.
- Jeremy Steinberg Clinic (Melissa McKenzie) –
  - Dates set for May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2016. Anticipated cost \$180/ride. No new news at this time.
- Banquet – Jean S.
  - Date set for Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016.
  - Jean reminded members to get pictures to Kim Clelland for the slide show and scores in for year in award consideration by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Can send picture of test.
  - Will need to locate projector to use. Jean to check with Jennifer Bolen.
- CDCTS Christmas party
  - CDCTS will provide main dish and drinks, guests should bring a dish to share.
  - Discussed having gift exchange. It was decided to have an optional gift exchange.
  - Party/meeting will be held at Sue Cain's home, 7 PM Dec 4th. Address and directions to be sent out this week. If you plan to attend you will need to rsvp to Sue.
- Nominations for board members for 2016 – Dave M. reports we are in good shape.
- Website – it was decided that the website manager should receive a club membership again this year in recompense for her work on the website. All voted in favor.

### **New Business:**

- Clinic with Emily Broilier Spring 2016 – Susan mentioned this clinician and reviewed her accomplishments. She is a young rider with her USDF Gold Medal. The group was receptive to scheduling her in the spring. Susan will look into this.
- Equine Insurance – Lisha Marshall attended meeting and briefly educated members on services she offers.
- Supply trailer – It was discussed that we need to have plans for getting the club's trailer to and from club functions. This should be part of the event planning process. Diane has graciously moved it for us many times but we should share this responsibility.

**Motion to adjourn at: 7:47 PM made by Diane C. and Dave M.**

**Minutes Taken By: Julie Noe CDCTS Secretary**

## CDCTS CLASSIFIED CORNER

**For Sale: Black Ariat Field Boots.** Size 9 tall, regular calf. Worn only a handful of times. \$120.00 Contact Rita Dunn at [piaffe8@charter.net](mailto:piaffe8@charter.net)

**For Sale: Wintec Isabell Werth dressage saddle.** 17" seat, adjustable tree, in very good condition. Also included are stirrups and girth. This saddle is worth \$1300 new (SmartPak); it is for sale at \$600.00. Contact Peggy at 865-982-8040.

**For Sale: TULLYMOR'S TIGGER.** Tigger is a quiet, sensible, attractive 13.1 registered purebred Connemara gelding; born 5/1/11. He is a beautiful bay with correct conformation, sound body and limbs, great feet. He is easy to handle and has excellent ground manners (can catch in a big field, easy to lead, tie/cross-tie, load and haul, is good for the farrier, happy in the barn or turned out, etc.). He will cross a creek and ponies very nicely all around the farm, so should be an easy boy to take out on trails. He has shown us his scope over a 4 fence (but thankfully has not made a habit of it). He is reliable enough to become a safe driving pony or even a children's foxhunter or pony club mount, with appropriate training. He has been backed, lunges nicely and is super willing. He is ready for the next level; start him your way. Located in Athens, TN. Contact Vanessa (phone) 423-744-9071 or by email: [connemaras9@gmail.com](mailto:connemaras9@gmail.com)

**Trailers for Sale:** Tobruk Trailers – Merhow and Cherokee aluminum trailers. Custom living quarters for large horses. Hitches and repairs. Call 865-674-7041 or email [tobrukfarm@charter.net](mailto:tobrukfarm@charter.net)

**Dressage Saddle for Sale.** County Connection 18inch W dressage saddle \$2250. Bought new in 2008. Excellent condition, new billets last August and flocked at that time as well. Serviced by Shirley Ferguson, a County Rep. Stored inside house. Saddle can be tried on your horse, within reason. It is a great saddle for helping the rider sit the trot and maintain position. Very comfortable, soft and supple leather. Contact Lauren Irwin 423-304-4143.

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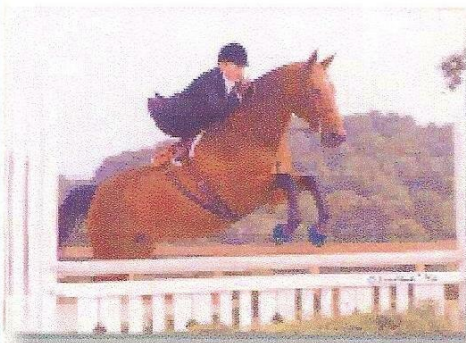
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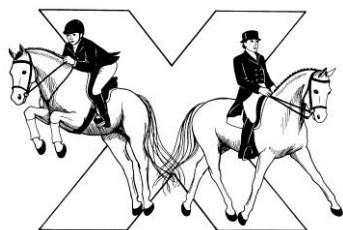
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Please submit articles for your newsletter!

Deadline for submission of articles to **The Crossing** is the 18<sup>th</sup> of  
each month.

Please submit your article by email to:

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# *Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society* **2016 Membership Form**



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle  
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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF  
# \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Requested by USDF)*

**I would like to join Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society for the 2016 Membership Year (December 1, 2015 – November 30, 2016). Enclosed is a check for the following membership category:**

- ☐ **\$23** Charter Membership (*Founding Members whose membership has not lapsed since the formation of the club*)
- ☐ **\$48** Adult Membership (Over 21 years old as of January 1, 2016)
- ☐ **\$28** Junior/Young Rider Membership (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2016)
- ☐ \*Family Membership – (\$48 Primary Membership + \$13 per each Additional Family Member)  
Total family dues submitted with application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**List Additional Family Members**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>DOB</u>
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**I would be willing to volunteer in the following areas (circle all that apply):**

HORSE SHOWS: ☐ Scribe ☐ Scorer ☐ Runner ☐ Ring Steward ☐ Concessions ☐ Setup/Teardown  
☐ Hospitality

OTHER: ☐ Phone Contacts ☐ Committees ☐ Board Member ☐ Write for Newsletter ☐ Publish  
Newsletter

☐ Web Site ☐ Sell Advertising

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to CDCTS, and return by **December 1, 2015** to:

**Julie Noe, CDCTS Secretary**

Date

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

**1031 Martin Mill Pk**

Check

# \_\_\_\_\_

**Rockford, TN 37853**

Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**This organization is a USDF GMO and its members are automatically USDF Group  
Members**

**\$20 of your membership fee goes directly to USDF for your Group Membership**

*Membership Forms submitted by E-mail will be held until payment is received.*





# Making Your Application The Best It Can Be:

Tips from  
The Dressage Foundation's  
Selection Committee  
Members and Staff

*Each year, The Dressage Foundation receives hundreds of grant applications. It is always difficult for our Selection Committees to choose the best candidates for each funding opportunity. How can you stand out from the rest?*

*We've put together some guidelines and tips for you to consider, in order to help you make your application be as competitive as possible. While we can't guarantee that any one individual will receive financial assistance, since the final decision is always in the hands of our independent Selection Committees, we can offer some suggestions.*

**1. Begin the process early.** With work, school, riding, and family obligations, finding the time to devote to the application process can be difficult. If you feel rushed, you will skim over important details in the application. Incomplete or incorrect applications are not sent to the Selection Committee for review, so be sure to give yourself enough time to gather all required parts of the application and double (or triple!) check to make sure that everything is included before you submit your application.

Allow enough time for your application to reach our office. If the deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>, that means that your application MUST reach our office on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>. There are no exceptions to this rule. The earlier you start the process, the more relaxed you will be, the more your application will follow the format required, provide all necessary information, and allow you time to call with any questions.

**2. Read all information before beginning the application process.** Remember to do this every year as requirements may change from year to year. If the instructions say to submit your application online, do so. If the instructions say to mail a certain number of copies to our office, then proceed in that way.

**3. Consider the funding opportunities.** What are your goals? How do your goals fit with the grant or scholarship that interests you? Sometimes it is easy to "stretch" the interpretation of a program or fund's stated purpose to match what you want to do. Be aware that other applicants will take a more literal approach and those that most closely match the stated purpose of the fund will score better with the Selection Committee.

Do you meet the criteria as stated by The Dressage Foundation? What is the amount of the financial assistance available from the Foundation? Is your application appropriate?

Also consider what other assistance is available to you. Does your GMO or dressage club offer scholarships?

**4. Review your application.** Proofread for grammar and typos, as these can make even the best application look as if it was thrown together at the last minute. If possible, have someone else read through your application. Consider how it will look to someone on the Selection Committee. If you were on the Committee, how would you score the application? Take a close look at the requirements. Do you meet or exceed all the requirements? Do you "somewhat" meet the requirements? Are there areas where you do not meet the requirements? If so, you may want to work on those areas and wait a year to apply for the grant or scholarship.

**5. Closely review your budget.** Do the numbers add up correctly? Have you included all expenses and income? Double-check your math and explain any areas that may be unclear to the Selection Committee.

**6. Keep a copy for yourself.** Before submitting your application, be sure to print or otherwise keep a copy for your records. You will not receive your application back after the selection process.

Now that you've made sure that your application will be a contender, how do you make it rise to the top?

Our Selection Committee members are busy people. They don't have time to read a book about each applicant, so keep your application simple and relevant. Answer the questions completely, but keep the information pertinent to the question (don't go off on a tangent, telling a long story that wanders away from the point of the question).

Make sure the information clearly and concisely illustrates WHY you are the best candidate for this grant or scholarship.

Feel free to call the TDF office at 402-434-8585 if you have questions, we are here to help!

Good luck!

# TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge



## WHAT IS TDF'S TWO-TEMPI CHALLENGE?

Riders who have horses capable of doing two-tempi changes are invited to participate in a Regional and National competition to raise funds for The Dressage Foundation (TDF).

Each rider works with an individual, GMO, stable, or any group of dressage friends that is willing to make a pledge to TDF for each two-tempi change.

All donations are used to support TDF's programs, grants, and scholarships.

A Two-Tempi Challenge can be held at a show, during a clinic, or even at your local barn with your friends. It is a fun way to bring your equestrian friends together to support the dressage community.

## RIDERS

The horse and rider teams may use the best of three efforts. Start the count with "one" on the first flying change and count to the last two-tempi. If a change is not clean, it still counts as a two-tempi. As soon as the horse loses count (by doing a one-tempi, a three-tempi, or no change), the effort is over. A horse and rider combination can participate monthly in the Two-Tempi Challenge.

## SUPPORTERS

Any individual or group may pledge to support the horse and rider team. The group or individual may pledge any dollar amount per change that the rider successfully completes (see above).

## THE WINNERS

At the end of each calendar year, TDF will announce National and Regional Two-Tempi Challenge Champions and Reserve Champions, based on the number of completed consecutive two-tempis performed.

There will also be awards for the top two groups that raise the most donations for TDF.

## SUBMITTING YOUR VIDEO

Your Two-Tempi Challenge must be videoed and sent via YouTube, email, or DVD to TDF (using a cell phone to video is acceptable). A link or file can be emailed to [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org), uploaded on our website, or mailed to TDF's office. You will receive confirmation that TDF has received the video and pledged donations.

TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge will be open to interested riders and donors until December 31, 2015.

## QUESTIONS?

For more details about TDF's Two-Tempi Challenge, please contact us at:

(402) 434-8585

[info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org)

[www.dressagefoundation.org/two-tempi-challenge](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/two-tempi-challenge)

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## The Hunter Pace Final Standings

**Third Flight aka Leisurely Stroll**—Schuyler and Rylee 1<sup>st</sup>; The Hobbits 2<sup>nd</sup>; Equine Arts 3<sup>rd</sup>; and The Greg and Susan Group 4<sup>th</sup>

**Second Flight aka Hilltoppers**—Arapoloosa 1<sup>st</sup>; Team Croft 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sassy Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup>; Pumpkin Pierce 4<sup>th</sup>

**First Flight aka Fast and Fearless**—Crabtrees 1<sup>st</sup>; Superfly 2<sup>nd</sup>; and Ruby Max 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Jump Class**—Crabtrees 1<sup>st</sup>; Baggetts 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mary Rae 3<sup>rd</sup>; Superfly 4<sup>th</sup>

**Kids Costume**—Rylee Walton 1<sup>st</sup>

**Adult Costume**—Katie Pierce and Brittany Ward as Harry Potter and Superman, complete with glasses and red cape 1<sup>st</sup>; Anne Titus and her horse as Candy Corn 2<sup>nd</sup>

The following photos of the 2015 Hunter Pace are courtesy of Christy Lynn Hernandez. Thanks Christy!





## Results of the Fall Schooling Show held on 21 November 2015

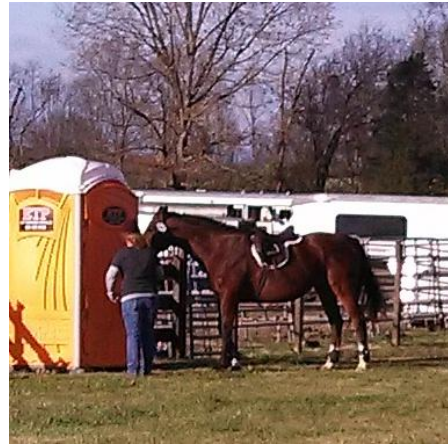
Please note that only the first three placements have been listed below. For a complete listing of competitors, please go to our website [www.cdcts.org](http://www.cdcts.org)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Rider/horse</b>	<b>Place</b>
WD –Intro 1	Jo Ellen Appleman/Zoeys Spotted Dream	1
WD-- Intro 2	Jo Ellen Appleman/Zoeys Spotted Dream	1
WD—Intro 3	Erin Stevens/Tall Walking Patchy	1
	Jo Ellen Appleman/Zoeys Spotted Dream	2
WD—Intro 4	Jo Ellen Appleman/Zoeys Spotted Dream	1
WD—Basic 3	Erin Stevens/Tall Walking Patchy	1
WD—First 1	Erin Stevens/Tall Walking Patchy	1
Dressage 2 <sup>nd</sup> -1	Jean Sullivan/Damascus	1
Dressage 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3	Mattalyn Hughes/Windrose	1
	Jean Sullivan/Damascus	2
Dressage 3 <sup>rd</sup> -1	Mattalyn Hughes/Windrose	1
Dressage TL 2	Meg Larson/Champions De Vinci	1
	Ashley Phillips/Last Roundup	2
Dressage TL-3	Ashley Phillips/Last Roundup	1
	Meg Larson/Champions De Vinci	2
	Christina Cardenas/Gebilde	3
Prix Caprilli	Jeri McCardel/Dakota	1
	Jenna Holder/TJ	2
	Leah McCoig/Lian	3
Leadline	Rease Jones/Haul Away Joey	Perfect
WT Equitation	Leah McCoig/Lian	1
	Sydney Christenberry/Summer	2
	Megan Brooke Waters/Elliot	3
Intro A	Maci Koester/Pinto	1
	Lauren McCollister/Delight	2
	Jennifer Bolen/Nasse	3



Intro B	Ryan Cooper/Conquistador	1
	Leah McCoig/Lian	2
	Anne Titus/Maestoso Tropina	3
Intro C	Ryan Cooper/Conquistador	1
	Anne Titus/Maestoso Tropina	2
	Isabella Cardenas/Ruby	3
<b>CT Dressage</b>		
Green as Grass	Staci Scollard/Double Devil Dare Ya	1
	Megan Brook Waters/Elliot	2
	Mary Rae Cawood/Mechanical Bull	3
Elem Novice	Caroline Davis/Izzy	1
	Jenna Holder/TJ	2
	Sydney White/Miss Darcy	3
Beg Novice	Karin Turnmire/Izzy	1
	Jeri McCardel/Dakota	2
	Janice Butt/Lurgan	3

### Seen at the show...



### Our Year-End Banquet :

From Jean Sullivan, Banquet Organizer

Dear Members,

Our banquet is scheduled to be at Buddy's Banquet Hall on **January 23, 2016**. We will be collecting pictures to show of you and your horses through the duration of the banquet. Kim Clelland is putting that project together so your pictures need to be sent to her starting now. Her email address is [santamomclelland@gmail.com](mailto:santamomclelland@gmail.com) Don't wait until close to the banquet because after a certain date it will be too late to include your pictures!

The closing date for accepting scores for year-end awards will be **December 1, 2015 (date changed to reflect the delayed Fall Schooling Show)**. For any scores in rated dressage shows, I need a copy of the score and the judge's signature. You can take a picture of the appropriate page and email it to me or make a copy and hand it to me at the October meeting. For eventers, I have accepted scores off the USEF website and those emailed to me. If you have any questions, email me at [shamrockfarm3100@gmail.com](mailto:shamrockfarm3100@gmail.com) or call me at 865-986-9014. If you get the recording, just leave me a message.

### Nominations for open CDCTS Board positions

This year we will have three board positions open so if you are interested in becoming a board member or know of someone who has expressed a desire to become a board member, please contact Dave McAdoo, our Parliamentarian at [tobrukfarm@charter.net](mailto:tobrukfarm@charter.net) . Let Dave know what position you are interested in filling. He will be submitting the names to the board and CDCTS members for their voted approval. The new board will meet during the Annual Banquet to determine

who will fill what positions. Following their meeting, the club membership will be informed of the new Board composition. The selection process and the necessary qualifications to become a board member are available on our website. Finishing their terms this year are the following members: Susan Price, CDCTS President, Julie Noe, CDCTS Secretary and Diane Carlson, CDCTS Treasurer. Thank you for all you have done to support the club!

## 2015 Events

**Next CDCTS meeting** will be held on **December 4** at the **Christmas Party**, 196 Country Drive, Kingston TN 37763. The Meeting will start once everyone is assembled and before the party starts!

**CDCTS Christmas Party.** Sue Cain has offered to host the party at her home, 196 Country Drive, Kingston, TN 37763 on **Friday 4 December**. A brief CDCTS monthly meeting will be held at the party. RSVPs to Sue by no later than November 23, 2015 at [scain@comcast.net](mailto:scain@comcast.net). Meal details to follow but those attending are requested to bring a side dish to share.

**Saddle Fitting Clinic. December 5-6, 2015.** David Young, British Master Saddle Fitter, will be available for saddle fitting appointments at Merry Hour Farm. Please contact Carol Grau at 865-984-2532 for appointment times and fee information.

**JJ Tate Clinic. December 11-12, 2015. CANCELLED**

## 2016 Events

**Annual CDCTS Banquet.** To be held **January 23, 2016** at Buddy's Banquet Hall 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN.

## THE CROSSING



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. CDCTS is also an affiliate member of USEA to better serve our eventing members.

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 and an Affiliate Member of USEA, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage and eventing arena.

Visit us on the web for more information and downloadable content at [www.CDCTS.ORG](http://www.CDCTS.ORG)

Contact our webmaster, Rebecca Brown at [rbrown80@gmail.com](mailto:rbrown80@gmail.com)

Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/CDCTS](http://www.facebook.com/CDCTS)

## From the Editor's Desk

Congratulations to the following club members, local riders and trainers we know on their successes in the USDF Dressage Finals presented by Adequan at Lexington KY last month: Dara Lindner, Joni Abney and Jim Koford.

Also congratulations to Horse Haven of Tennessee for having been honored for the second year in a row for the prestigious "Top-Rated Award" by Great Nonprofits, the leading provider of user reviews about non-profit organizations. In the Philanthropies section of the News Sentinel (1 Nov 2015, Section 2E), Perla Ni, CEO of Great Nonprofits said, "People with direct experience with Horse Haven of Tennessee have voted that the organization is making a real difference."