



## Crossroads Dressage & Combined Training Society

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## President's Message Susan Price

Just like in May and June, September and October always brings a flurry of activities to the calendar because of the more pleasant weather. It is my favorite part of the year but it always seems like I am exhausted during these months because my schedule gets so crammed with things I want and/or need to do. Now that I am finally riding again, I am beginning the annual ritual of rushing home after work to get all the chores done and get a ride in before the sun sets. It is so sad to see how early the sun goes down already. The hectic pace of this time of year almost makes me welcome the time change in November because I finally get a chance to rest. I generally get over that feeling of gratitude in about a week before I start counting the months until we get to spring forward again.

I hope your schedule is as full as mine and you have made the time to include the things the club has planned for the fall. The Schooling Show is just days away on October 3 so hopefully you have gotten your entry in for that. It is always fun to have the show at Cedar Valley Farm. It is such a bucolic setting.

We have settled on Sunday, October 25 for the Hunter Pace. It will be held at River Plains Farm in New Market again this year. This is one you do not want to miss. Even though we call it a Hunter Pace, this is really an event for every rider at every level. You can go and be as competitive as you want, and jump all the things and try to win fabulous prizes – ok, maybe just a pretty ribbon – or you can go at a leisurely pace and not go anywhere near a jump and just enjoy a fun day away from the arena and with a group of friends. If you haven't been out to this event in the past, don't miss it this time. It is really fun.

We also have two great clinics on the schedule to round out the year. The eventing clinic with Sinead Halpin is November 7 & 8 at Yellow Wood Farm. See the newsletter for the flyer on that clinic if you would like to ride. It is really interesting to just audit if you can't ride.

We have also lined up JJ Tate again for December 5 & 6. We haven't worked out the details yet but will let you know as soon as further information is available.

I sure hope to see you at one or all of these events!

Susan



Susan and Cowboy

## **CDCTS MEETING MINUTES    Date: 09/08/2015**

**Members/Guests in Attendance:** Rita Dunn, Susan Hill, Janet Wolff, Shaelyn Baggett, Jeannie Baggett, Lynn Degitz, Holly Ratcliff, Teresa Shafer, Carolyn Ordal, Dave McAdoo, Kathy Ridenour, Diane Carlson, Susan Privce, Christina Cardenas, Rebecca Pickens, Jill Strain, Mattalyn Hughes, Mike Sullivan, Jean Sullivan, Julie Noe

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

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

Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report as read? Yes, Dave A. and Carolyn O.

### **Old Business:**

- Fall Schooling Show
  - Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at Cedar Valley in Seymour, Judge – Danielle Perry
  - Volunteers needed – Carolyn O. agreed to do concessions or whatever else is needed. Will need parking attendant, jump course planner, (consider Ashley Allen, Kate Wooten), scribes, ring steward (Rita and Carolyn both agreed), will need jump crew night before show.
- Cross Country Clinic – Clinic organizers – Erika Adams, Katherine McDonough, Kate Wooten
- Date set for 11/7/15 and 11/8/15. Clinician - Sinead Halpin. Venue – Yellow wood farm.
- JJ Tate clinic – Dates will be Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Venue still to be determined. Demand for rider spots will be high so it will be first come first served. Notice will be sent out when requests will be accepted.
- Hunter Pace – (Holly R., Carolyn O.). Tentative venue was Swan Pond however Sarah McCoin is concerned there is not enough space for a full hunter course. Baker's Creek was suggested but since this is a public space there are many potential uncontrollable variables. Jumps would need to be brought in. Discussed having it at Riverplains again and possibly expanding the hunter course. Tentative date will be Oct 25<sup>th</sup> to allow time after the schooling show Oct 3.
- Jeremy Steinberg Clinic (Melissa McKinzie) – Several potential dates but Melissa McKinzie was unable to attend meeting for update. Tabled until next meeting.
- Banquet – tentative date of Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussed ideas for awards. Grooming boxes were suggested. Jean to explore options.

### **New Business:**

- No new business

**Motion to adjourn at: 8:00 PM**

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

## CDCTS CLASSIFIED CORNER

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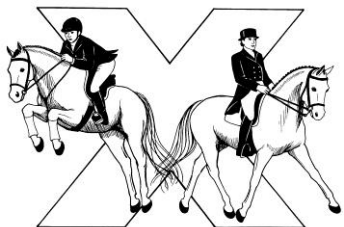
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### **The CROSSING**

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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:  
[ericncarol.belcher@gmail.com](mailto:ericncarol.belcher@gmail.com)



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



GROUP  
MEMBER  
ORGANIZATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF  
# \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*(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

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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.*

**Yes, that's right...it's getting to be that time of year when you renew your membership. The membership year runs from 1 December-30 November so this year is almost up. Help Julie out by getting your membership dues in to her at the address above before 1 December.**





# 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-tempi 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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**Valegro's Shoe from Las Vegas World Cup to be Auctioned  
to Benefit TDF's Skvarla Fund**

September 22, 2015 - Join us this winter for the opportunity to win a piece of dressage history AND support The Dressage Foundation! The top bidder will receive Valegro's winning shoe from the 2015 Las Vegas World Cup Finals, a photo of Valegro autographed by Charlotte Dujardin, and a Certificate of Authenticity from Carl Hester, all in an elegantly framed set. The auction will be held online at [www.32auctions.com/ValegroShoeTDF](http://www.32auctions.com/ValegroShoeTDF), and will run from December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. Bidding is open for North American residents only.

"We are thankful for the generosity of Carl Hester and Charlotte Dujardin, who so kindly donated these special items for this auction," said Jenny Johnson, TDF Executive Director. "It is incredible to know that they support the education of dressage professionals around the world."

Proceeds from the Valegro Shoe Auction will support the Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Dressage Professionals. The Skvarla Fund was created in 2014 by Diane Skvarla, in memory of her sister, Karen. Karen was a budding equestrian when she passed away in 1968 at the age of 9 years old. Her family created this Fund to honor Karen, her love of horses, and joy in riding. The purpose of the Karen Skvarla Fund is to provide grants enabling young dressage professionals to pursue training or educational opportunities. Grant applicants should be in the beginning stages of their dressage careers as instructors and/or trainers.

For more information, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) or call 402-434-8585.

**The Dressage Foundation**

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, tax-exempt, donor-driven organization that is dedicated to educating, supporting, and advancing the sport of dressage. The organization solicits contributions, appropriately allocates the donations, and awards grants and scholarships to dressage riders, judges, instructors, breeders, high performance teams, and nonprofit equestrian organizations. For more information, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).



## **Our Year-End Banquet is coming soon and here is a reminder note from our Banquet Organizer, Jean Sullivan:**

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 **November 1, 2015**. 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.

Thanks, Jean Sullivan

## **Helping Equines in Haiti**

Ashley Phillips is organizing a saddle pad donation drive in response to the request from Dr. Gordon below. Ashley will be accepting any saddle pads or monetary donations at the October 3 Schooling Show at Cedar Valley Farm, 2040 Ellejoy Road, Seymour TN 37865. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause but cannot attend the show, please contact Ashley on her cell phone, 865-621-9513, or via email, [timberwayfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:timberwayfarm@yahoo.com) to coordinate a drop off. Thanks for caring about these hard-working animals in Haiti.

Included below are the Facebook narrative from Dr. Gordon and accompanying photographs that show the soft tissue damage to these animals' backs from the lack of saddle pads, properly fitted saddles and pack frames.

**Hey Everyone,**

**I am a veterinarian of over 50yrs and have been part of a program the last several years on collecting saddle pads to be donated to the horses of Haiti. They only have bamboo available to use as saddle pads and as you can see it is detrimental to the horses back/spine. I have been here several times (that is me in the top picture showing him how to place the pads on the horses back) and have donated my vet services and treated all the horses/cows/goats I could while I was there with some other vets.**

**If you have any saddle pads you can donate please contact me at email me at [docandlugordon@gmail.com](mailto:docandlugordon@gmail.com)**

**Since I am not very wise on facebook my good friend Jennifer Rose is helping me with facebook communications. Please be patient with me as facebook is new and overwhelming for me. if not for Jennifer helping me here, I would be lost. thanks for understanding.**

**If you do need to ship via mail to get them to me please send to**

**Rays of Hope For Haiti  
446 Grandville Ave S.W.**



**Dock # 6**

**Grand Rapids Mi 49503**

they are put in a container with other things going to Haiti.

I weigh the pads. When I get 50 lbs of weight I tie the pads together with twine from my hay bales. The pads are then placed in plastic garbage bags. [42 lbs] size. They are again tied up like a package with hay bale twine and shipped this way to Mi. The trucking company may ask for measurements. Mine are 3 ft by 3ft by 12 ' high.









## Crossroads Dressage & Combined Training Society

# Fall Schooling Show Saturday October 3rd, 2015 Cedar Valley Farm - Seymour, TN

*Danielle Perry, "L" Graduate - GA*

\*\*\* Show will run rain or shine \*\*\*

SHOW SPONSORED IN PART BY HORSES AND HOMES INSURANCE CONSULTANTS  
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### DRESSAGE CLASSES (2015 Tests!):

\$ 20.00 / Members  
\$ 25.00 / Non-members

USDF Intro A, B & C  
USEF Training 1 – 3  
USEF First Level 1 – 3  
USEF Second Level 1  
USEF Second Level, Test 2 and above. Scored on a percentage.

### Prix Caprilli Intro Level

**New Rider Tests: Training, First Level, Second Level**

**Western Dressage: Intro, Basic, First**

**Western Gaited Dressage: Intro, Basic, First**

### COMBINED TRAINING TEST:

\$ 35.00 / Members;                      \$ 45.00 Non-members

Green as Grass ..... 18" max jump  
Elementary Novice ..... 2' max jump  
Beginner Novice ..... 2' 6" max jump  
Novice ..... 2' 11" max jump  
Training ..... 3' 3" max jump

USDF Intro Test A  
USDF Intro Test B  
USEF Beginner Novice Test B  
USEF Novice Test B  
USEF Training Test B



## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

All entries **MUST** include a current negative Coggins and a release form signed by parent and / or rider. Entries are limited for this show and will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

Entries are now **CLOSED** for this event as they were due to Janet Wolff on September 28.

MAIL COMPLETED ENTRIES TO: ( \*\*\* Allow 5 days for delivery \*\*\* )

Janet Wolff: 1824 Roane State Hwy, Ste 209; Harriman, TN 37748

Fax: 865.354.2102

**AWARDS:** Ribbons awarded in all classes 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place

**ARENA:** All Dressage tests will be ridden in sand arena.  
CT and Intro A, B & C will be ridden in a 20m x 40m arena. All other dressage tests will be ridden in a 20m x 60m arena  
Jumping in grass arena

**ATTIRE:** Appropriate informal schooling attire. ASTM-SEI approved helmets and appropriate footwear required and must be worn at all times when mounted.

**PARKING:** Ample parking for horse trailers. Please use caution when tying your horse to the trailer! PLEASE follow ALL Parking signs and park **ONLY** in designated areas!!

**CONCESSIONS:** on premises

**NO DOGS – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**REFUNDS:** No cash refunds after closing date. Show credit given with Vet or Doctor's certificate. **RETURNED CHECKS** will incur a \$40.00 fee and void entry.

**RIDE TIMES:** Official ride times available at <http://www.cdcts.org> on Thursday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

**DAY STALLS:** Contact Lisa Morrison at 865.984.5940

**\*\*\*\* Don't forget to visit the Tack Shop for its Closing Sale!!! \*\*\*\***  
**All clothing 40-60% off. All other inventory 30% off**

Did you know CDCTS members receive discounts on all classes and clinics sponsored by CDCTS, as well as year-end awards? Membership applications are available online at <http://www.cdcts.org>



## DIRECTIONS TO CEDAR VALLEY FARM

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From 411 towards Sevierville turn right on Doc Norton Rd. (left coming from Sevierville), Right on Prospect, Right on Jeffries Hollow Rd., Left on Ellejoy to farm.

Questions: Call or email Show Manager/Secretary Janet Wolff 875 258-8387 or email [elektra2167@gmail.com](mailto:elektra2167@gmail.com)

**WHAT IS A PRIX CAPRILLI??:** The Prix Caprilli Test is for horses with jumping experience, ridden in snaffle bridle, competing at the Introductory Level and above. Test will be performed in 20x40 meters dressage arena. Maximum height of fences 2' cross rails. All trot work will be performed rising. The horse should be asked to change though the trot. The quality of the change will be evaluated. Test may be called. Refusals and knock-downs will be penalized as an error of course with appropriate deduction of points. Knock-downs will be penalized at the judge's discretion. In the case of a rail in the path, the judge will ring the bell for the rider to stop without penalty. After the jump is replaced, the bell will be rung again telling the rider to continue from where he stopped. Score will be calculated in percentage.

**WHAT ARE THE RIDER TESTS??:** "The new tests are designed to evaluate the proficiency of the rider relative to the requirements of the given level, without giving extra credit for the horse's gaits, impulsion and submission. Riders will receive constructive evaluations that they can put to use in improving their abilities as a rider. The principles of correct application of the aids, correct riding biomechanics and the accurate geometry of the figures are assessed through 5 scores evaluating rider's position, correct and effective use of aids, horse's response and performance, accuracy of the exercises and harmony between rider and horse plus written commentary." From the USEF update notice 24 Sept 12.

### Training level:

<http://www.dressage-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/2013TrainingLevelRiderTest-1.pdf>

### First level:

<http://www.dressage-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/2013FirstLevelRiderTest.pdf>

### Second level:

<http://www.dressage-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/2013SecondLevelRiderTest.pdf>

**WHAT IS WESTERN DRESSAGE OR WESTERN GAITED DRESSAGE??:** Western Dressage is geared towards western style and gaited horses to give them an opportunity to to showcase their skills in the dressage arena. More information and test rules can be found here:

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/western-dressage-rules-tests/>

<http://www.westerndressageassociation.org/faqs/>



# ***HORSE SENSE REDEFINED***

*With Chris Irwin*

**Friday - Monday    23-26Oct2015**

**Shangri-la Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR)**

**Lenoir City, TN**



Chris Irwin returns to STAR, Lenoir City, TN, Friday 23Oct2015, through Monday 26Oct2015, to REDEFINE HORSE SENSE. Through a series of uniquely targeted learning opportunities, internationally renowned Equestrian Coach and best-selling personal development author Chris Irwin will provide opportunities for participants to receive personal coaching with their horses. Auditors will also benefit from deeply detailed practical theory discussions, groundwork and riding demonstrations by Chris and his Gold Certified Associate Trainers.

Chris will be mic'd during all sessions. Auditors are welcome throughout the 4-days (see last page for pricing). Individuals enrolling in private lessons/class sessions may audit all other sessions at no additional charge.



### ***ABOUT CHRIS....***

Chris Irwin is most often recognized in the United States as the international best-selling author of *HORSES DON'T LIE* and *DANCING WITH YOUR DARK HORSE*. Perhaps the best-kept secret among horsemen of all disciplines in North America is that Chris has coached and trained students with extreme “problem horses” that went on to win national championships in Canada, Bermuda, Ireland, The Netherlands and Belgium. Irwin first started catching the attention of American horsemen more than a few years ago when a glowing clinic review in *DRESSAGE TODAY* stated "Chris Irwin has an incredible ability for developing courage and confidence in nervous horses."

Chris Irwin is the only North American equestrian invited to present his training and coaching insights at the prestigious Royal Dutch Riding Academy in The Netherlands. While earning a much respected leading role in the Dutch Equestrian scene while coaching in Europe, Chris is also the only North American invited to teach advanced “Horse Behavior and Handling Skills” at the renowned School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands. Chris has been a featured presenter at major horse shows and expositions including the Spruce Meadows Masters in Calgary, all 3 the Equine Affaires in the USA, The Royal Horse Show in Toronto, Equitana, both the American National and World Pony Club Conferences, the PATH International World Conference and The Horse Event in the Netherlands.

*“Chris Irwin is The Master of Awareness”. ~ VVF magazine ~ Belgium*

Chris Irwin offers the most evolved teaching in the world on how riders and handlers affect the bio-mechanics, physiology, behavior and performance potential of their horses. From dramatically improved lateral work, freedom of extension, flexion, softer collection, lightening horses too heavy on the forehand, softening the horse to half-halts, improved relaxation and engagement in straightness, and improving transitions, as *HORSE & RIDER* magazine said: “Nobody understands and explains the horse-human relationship better then Chris Irwin”.

If your mind is open to **Redefining Horse Sense** (including dressage, hunter/jumper and western riding) you won't want to miss this learning opportunity. Chris Irwin truly walks the talk of "inside leg to outside rein" and delivers nothing less than miracles in motion. Angry horses become calm, distracted horses become focused, shut down horses come alive, lazy horses become engaged, hard horses become soft.

*“Irwin’s success is not because he is commercialized but because he is an extraordinary horseman and personal coach.” PaardenSport Magazine – The Netherlands*

# FRIDAY MORNING 23OCT2015

## OPEN CLINIC/PRIVATE LESSONS



90 minute semi-private sessions (max 2) for \$175 each\*  
 45 minute private sessions available for \$165\*

\*Additional weekend sessions available at a 10% discount

9:00-9:45	
9:45-10:30	
10:30-11:15	
11:15-12:00	
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK
	<b>FRIDAY AFTERNOON – Schedule TBD</b>

## SATURDAY MORNING 24OCT2015

### DRESSAGE REDEFINED

*Chris' unique groundwork and under saddle techniques support the Training Scale resulting in more supple, relaxed and connected horses of any breed and discipline in addition to turning those 5's into 7's and 8's on your next dressage test!!*

9:00-9:45am	<b>RIDING DEMO: DRESSAGE REDEFINED</b>  Chris will work with a problem dressage horse under saddle (owner pays for the private session work with the horse). Chris will be mic'd during the session and share work and a lesson plan for the horse with the owner and all auditors
10:00-11:00am	<b>Class 1: DRESSAGE PROBLEM SOLVING</b>  Session available to 2 dressage riders. The riders' problems will be resolved through an introduction to groundwork and riding techniques to enhance the relaxation and rhythm needed for successful Introductory and Level 1 work. Auditors will find the work to be helpful for all horses regardless of breed and/or discipline.
11:00am –12:00 noon	<b>Class 2: DRESSAGE REFINEMENT</b>  Session available to 2 dressage riders (work at Level 2 is required). Riding techniques will be refined to provide a firm foundation of suppleness and connection required for the Level 2 movements and beyond!
12:00-1:00pm	<b>Class 3: CONFIDENCE &amp; COURAGE IN THE DRESSAGE ARENA</b>  Session available to 2 dressage riders (any level). The horse and rider will learn exercises to build Confidence and Courage when riding specific dressage movements. Auditors will find the work to be helpful for all horses regardless of breed and/or discipline.



**SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 24OCT2015**

## **HUNTERS/JUMPERS REDEFINED**



*Jumping horses are practically encoded into the DNA of Irish riders. Ireland's Equestrian Magazine said: "Chris Irwin is more horse than human. The horses look at him as if he is a God."*

2:00-2:45pm	<b>RIDING DEMO: OVER FENCES REDEFINED</b>  Chris will work with a problem hunter or jumper under saddle (owner pays for the private session work with the horse). Chris will be mic'd during the session and share work and a lesson plan for the horse with the owner and all auditors
3:00-4:00pm	<b>Class 1: PROBLEM SOLVING OVER FENCES</b>  Session available to 2 Hunter or Jumper riders (any level). The riders' problems will be resolved through an introduction to groundwork and riding techniques to enhance the relaxation and rhythm needed for successful work over fences.
4:00-5:00pm	<b>Class 2: REFINEMENT SCHOOLING OVER FENCES</b>  Session available to 2 intermediate to advanced Hunter or Jumper riders to refine over fences work which will benefit arena and cross country course work.

SATURDAY 24 Oct 2015 DINNER

## **INTRODUCTION to EAPD – *DARK HORSE RISING* 6-9pm**



**6:00-6:30pm Drinks (Beer and Wine) and  
Social 6:30-9:00pm Dinner and  
Presentation**

This dinner presentation is an introduction to EAPD - a full immersion experience into Chris Irwin's trademark way of personal coaching he calls Equine Assisted Personal Development (EAPD). *Dark Horse Rising* is an opportunity for truth seekers to discover meaningful insights on how horse sense can truly benefit personal coaching and the human potential.

EAPD is a paradigm shift, a new “animal psychology” for developing our ability to be congruent between our heart's intentions, our mind's agenda and our body language communication skills.

Far beyond the illusions of marketing and metaphors in the horse industry, Chris Irwin's EAPD is a practical approach to being the change we want to see in the world by applying insights from horse sense to how we respond to our own personal vulnerabilities and challenges in life and relationships.

Event is limited to 40 attendees  
\$40/person includes the dinner and social hour (beer and wine will be served)  
For reservations please contact Alece at [info@chrisirwin.com](mailto:info@chrisirwin.com) or phone 913-515-4850 (cell)

**SUNDAY MORNING, 25Oct2015**

**GROUNDWORK and LEADING REDEFINED**

Sunday morning's session will provide auditors/participants with groundwork and leading skills that will provide a communication base that is understandable to BOTH horse and human. In addition to Chris will provide specific insight into appropriate groundwork and leading to enhance work in a therapeutic setting (nuances specific to the therapeutic volunteer team).

Audit/Participation Fee of \$25 will allow attendance for entire day (lunch not included)



9:00-9:45am	<p><b>Opening Demo: Be The Horse You Want To See and Don't Put the Therapeutic Cart Before the Horse</b></p> <p>An inspiring and game-changing presentation by Chris Irwin, with horses, demonstrating and explaining his paradigm shift discoveries on how best to blend the biomechanics, physiology and psychology of horses to develop a deep body-mind connection and performance bond between humans and horses.</p> <p>In addition to general horsemanship concepts, Chris will address specific techniques in the therapeutic setting to enable therapeutic volunteers and instructors to adapt horse handling and riding skills to the therapeutic human team needs.</p>
10:00-11:00am	<p><b>Groundwork Class 1:</b> STAR Horses will be available to provide hands-on work for attendees. Therapeutic Riding Volunteers and Instructors will be provided specific tips for handling of horses in a therapeutic setting.</p>
11:00-12:00	<p><b>Groundwork Class 2:</b> As Class 1</p>

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON 25Oct2015

### WESTERN RIDING REDEFINED

*Early in his career, while living in Nevada, Chris Irwin won a total of 18 U.S. National Championships with Wild Mustangs in a variety of classes ranging from Western Trail and Reining, to English Pleasure and Carriage Driving.*

1:00-1:45pm	<b>RIDING DEMO: REDEFINING NECK REINING – NO PULLING ALLOWED!</b>  Chris will work with a problem western horse under saddle (owner pays for the private session work with the horse). Chris will be mic'd during the session and share work and a lesson plan for the horse with the owner and all auditors.
2:00-3:00pm	<b>Class 1: WESTERN RIDING PROBLEM SOLVING</b>  Session available to 2 Western riders. The riders' problems will be resolved through an introduction to groundwork and riding techniques to enhance the relaxation and rhythm needed for successful Western riding disciplines (pleasure, reining, Western dressage, trail etc.). Auditors will find the work to be helpful for all horses regardless of breed and/or discipline.
3:00-4:00pm	<b>Class 2: REFINEMENT SCHOOLING</b>  Session available to 2 intermediate to advanced Western Pleasure, reining, Western dressage, or trail horses/riders. Riding techniques will be refined to provide a firm foundation of suppleness and connection.
4:00-5:00pm	<b>Class 3: CONFIDENCE &amp; COURAGE FOR THE WESTERN HORSE</b>  Session available to 2 Western riders (any level). The horse and rider will learn exercises to build Confidence and Courage while riding in a relaxed Western frame. Auditors will find the work to be helpful for all horses regardless of breed and/or discipline.



**MONDAY 26OCT0215**

**OPEN CLINIC/PRIVATE LESSONS**



90 minute semi-private sessions (max 2) for \$175 each\*

45 minute private sessions available for \$165\*

(\*Additional sessions available at a 10% discount during the weekend)

9:00-9:45	
9:45-10:30	
10:30-11:15	
11:15-12:00	
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK
1:00-1:45	
1:45-2:30	
2:30-3:15	
3:30-4:15	
4:15-5:00	

## **CHRIS IRWIN GENERAL CLINIC INFORMATION**

STAR (Shangri-la Therapeutic Academy of Riding) in Lenoir  
City, TN October 23-26, 2015

For more information or to register as a participant in the clinic, email  
[info@chrisirwin.com](mailto:info@chrisirwin.com) or visit [www.chrisirwin.com](http://www.chrisirwin.com)

### **Fees:**

- Use of horse in Demo will be paid for by the owner (i.e. Chris will be working with the horse) - \$155.00\*
- Class Participation (2 riders per class) - \$175.00/each\*
- Private 45-minute lesson - \$165.00\*
- Semi-private 90-minute lesson \$175.00/each\*
- \*Participation in multiple sessions will qualify for a 10% discount.
- Auditors are welcome - \$25 per person, per day, pay at the door
- All class and lesson participants are invited to audit all sessions at no additional charge
- Overnight stabling arrangements are available through STAR for a modest donation (see below)
- Use of a STAR horse for a lesson is available. Contact Kristen Sanders below.

**Clinic Facility** – Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding  
(STAR) 11800 Hwy. 11 E  
Lenoir City, TN  
37772  
865-988-4711  
[www.rideatstar.org](http://www.rideatstar.org)

**For Clinic Registration Contact** – Alece Ellis, Events Coordinator  
913-515-4850  
[info@chrisirwin.com](mailto:info@chrisirwin.com)

**For Stabling Information Contact** – Kristen Sanders, Administrative Director at STAR  
(or to use a STAR horse)  
865-988-4711 [kristen@rideatstar.org](mailto:kristen@rideatstar.org)

**For Local Information Contact** – Buddy Brewer, Chris Irwin Gold Certified Trainer  
865-986-2690 (home)  
865-719-7968 (cell)  
[jbgreenback@aol.com](mailto:jbgreenback@aol.com)

# October 25, 2015

## Fall Fun Day! (aka Mock Hunter Pace)

*Presented by Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society*

**DATE:** Sunday, October 25, 2015

**TIME:** First Group starts at 10 a.m.—See schedule below—finish by 2 p.m.

**PLACE:** River Plains Farm, 1023 Creek Rd, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871

**Spend an enjoyable day in the countryside with your favorite horse and good friends! Stay and watch the jump class. Ribbons will be awarded no later than 2 p.m.**

**Classes:** Teams in each section will start approximately 5 minutes apart.

1. **Third Flight**—For those who want a Trail Ride around the course—mostly walk with a little trot—**Starts at 10:00 a.m.**
    - a. Teams of 2 or 3 riders
    - b. Teams of 4 or more riders
  2. **Second Flight**—For those who want to walk, trot, with a little canter—**approximately 11 a.m.**
    - a. Teams of 2 or 3 riders
    - b. Teams of 4 or more riders
  3. **First Flight**—Pace equivalent to USEA Novice—no jumping—**Starts around 12 p.m.**
    - a. Teams of 2 or 3 riders
    - b. Teams of 4 or more riders
  4. **Costumes**—For the best horse and rider costumes of the day **in any flight!**
    - a. Costumes will be judged at the start of each class.
    - b. Awards in both Adult and Kids Under 14 categories
  5. **Jump Course**—total of 10 natural jumps at 18-24" height; all jumps are optional—**jump course starts at 1:00 p.m.**
    - a. Single rider
    - b. 2 or 3 riders
- 
1. Each class will have a predetermined optimum time and winners are based on closest to optimum time. **Entries:** Classes may be entered at the start of the day and will be accepted as long as your class hasn't started. **Early entries may be emailed to Holly R. @persefne@comcast.net. Must be received no later than October 21, 2015.** All minors must have entry form signed by parent or guardian. **If entering the day of the event, please show current negative Coggins, turn in entry form and fees 30 minutes before the start of your class.**
  2. **Fees:** Each Class is \$15 for CDCTS members; \$25 for non members. A \$10 grounds fee is required of each participant; a one time fee only. Fees must be paid prior to class.
  3. **Tack:** English or Western Tack may be used. Helmets and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times while mounted.
  4. **If a faster group of riders comes up behind a slower group, ASK if you can go around them. Then carefully pass them to avoid spooking or startling their horses. Be courteous to all riders at all times.**

**Directions:**

1. Small trailers or cars: I-40 to exit 394. Go East on 11-E towards Jefferson City. Go about 10 miles and look for Strawberry Plains Post Office and turn Left onto Big Bend Rd. Go Straight through one lane underpass, then veer Right onto Bluff Rd. Continue straight to stop sign. Turn left onto Beaver Creek Rd, take first Left onto Creek Rd. Park in designated area.
2. **Options for larger trailers, 8 ft wide and taller than average**
  - a. I-40 to exit 394. Go East on 11-E towards Jefferson City. Look for Roadside Market on the left and turn Left onto Eslinger Rd. Go straight through larger underpass. (or Turn right on Old A. J. Hwy in front of overpass to cross over

RR tracks). IF going through larger underpass, road curves to right and then back to left—this is Beaver Creek Rd.—continue on to Bluff Rd on the left and park in designated area..

OR

- b. I-40 to exit 394. Go East on 11-E towards Jefferson City. Look for Roadside Market on the left and turn Left onto Eslinger Rd. Turn Right on Old A. J. Hwy in front of overpass to cross over RR tracks. Take first road to the left, Sun Rd, cross RR tracks and at stop sign, turn right onto Beaver Creek Rd. Turn on Bluff Rd and park in designated area.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**Volunteers are always needed to help with registration, timing the start and finish, etc.. Please email Holly @persefne@comcast.net. There's plenty of time to ride your class and volunteer!!!**

## **October 25 Fall Fun Day (aka Mock Hunter Pace) ENTRY FORM**

Rider 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rider 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Rider 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: Total number of classes entered: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15/person CDCTS member = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$25/person non member + \_\_\_\_\_

Grounds fee: # of team members x \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ (one time fee) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Current Negative Coggins presented \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING:** Under Tennessee State Law, an equine professional is not liable for injury or death of the participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, title 44, chapter 20 [Acts 1992, ch. 974, Sec. B] Rider agrees to hold Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society and Riverplains Farm, all subsidiaries, franchises, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents completely harmless and not liable and released them from all liabilities whatsoever and agrees not to sue them on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of actions, injuries, damages, costs of expenses arising out of use of or presence upon Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society and Riverplains Farm or the management's property and facilities, included without limitation those based on death, bodily injury, property damage including consequential damages. The rider agrees to waive the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction or State.

Rider's Signature (All team members must sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Consenting Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Sinead Halpin Clinic  
Sponsored by CDCTS**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Yellow Wood Farm  
4562 Kingston Hwy  
Lenoir City, TN 37771**

**Opening Date: 9/15/15 Closing Date 11/3/15**

**Saturday 7 November:** Gridwork/Gymnastics

**Sunday 8 November:** Show Jumping Coursework

**Levels:** starter, beginner novice, novice, training, prelim, and higher if needed with about 4 riders per group.

**Stabling:** STABLING IS EXTREMELY LIMITED! If you can haul in each day, please try to do so. Contact Katherine McDonough if you need stabling at [cdcts.clinics@gmail.com](mailto:cdcts.clinics@gmail.com) Limited stabling is available at Yellow Wood for \$30/night. When that fills, we have other options on a case-by-case basis.

**Camping:** Primitive camping for \$10/night is available at Yellow Wood. The barn has a shower, refrigerator, and a microwave, but no hook-ups.

**Two-Day Clinic Cost:** \$200 for CDCTS members / \$250 for non-members (This includes the two-day ring fee). Make checks payable to CDCTS

**Auditing:** Free for CDCTS members; \$10/day for non-members

**Late Fee:** Entries received after 11/3/15 will incur a \$30 late fee (if space is available)

When you send your entry, please be sure to include your completed entry form, payment in full, Coggins, and a signed release.

**\*\*Entry fee is non-refundable unless your place can be filled from the waiting list\*\***

The clinic will run rain or shine since Yellow Wood has a lovely covered arena with quality footing!

If you have any questions you can email Katherine at [cdcts.clinics@gmail.com](mailto:cdcts.clinics@gmail.com) or 865-789-1332

## Sinead Halpin Clinic Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

CDCTS Member (circle one): Yes No

Level Currently Showing \_\_\_\_\_

Level Currently Schooling \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred clinic level\* (circle one): ST BN N T P Above

\*we will do our best to accommodate your preference, but we may have to move things around depending upon the entries.

### Clinic Cost – Checks payable to CDCTS

Clinic Fee (CDCTS Member)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(CDCTS Non-Member)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Fee (after 11/3/15 if applicable)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail check along with entry, Coggins, and release to:

Sinead Halpin Clinic  
C/O Sue Adams  
11316 Birch Springs Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37932

### Stabling Cost – Checks payable to RLT Upon Arrival

#### Stabling at Yellow Wood

Saturday night..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday and Saturday night..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Primitive Camping at Yellow Wood

Saturday night..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday and Saturday nights..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sinead Halpin Clinic November 7-8 2015**  
**Clinic Release Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_ understand the inherent risks involved in equestrian sports and do hereby release Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society (CDCTS), Yellow Wood Farm, and Road Less Traveled, LLC from any liability. I further agree that no legal action shall be instituted by me or on my behalf against the Provider herein, and that if any such legal action is instituted, this agreement may be pleaded as a complete bar to such action, and I will indemnify Provider for all costs of such legal action, including attorney's fees.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

By Parent if rider is under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING:** UNDER TENNESSEE LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED TITLE 44, CHAPTER 20, SECTION 1.

## 2015 Events

**Next CDCTS meeting** will be held on **October 13, 2015** at the **Puleo's Grill**, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923. The Meeting will start at **7:00 pm** sharp so please come earlier to order your meal and to socialize. The restaurant's website is <http://puleosgrille.com/our-locations/puleos-cedar-bluff>. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your fellow members.

**Cathy Fox Clinics.** Merry Hour farm holds monthly lessons with Cathy Fox of Lexington KY. Should you wish to bring your horse to train with Cathy, please contact Carol Grau at 865-984-2532 for available ride times. Cathy will be at Merry Hour Farm during the following weekends: **October 17-18, November 14-15 and December 5-6.** To learn more about Cathy Fox, please visit her website [www.pineknollfarm.com](http://www.pineknollfarm.com). For more information on Merry Hour Farm, please visit their website at [www.merryhourfarm.com](http://www.merryhourfarm.com)

**Fall Schooling Show.** To be held on **October 3, 2015** at Cedar Valley Farm, 2040 Ellejoy Road, Seymour TN 37865. Judge will be Danielle Perry.

**Chris Irwin Clinic.** To be held on **October 23-26 2015** at STAR, 11800 Hwy 11 E., Lenoir City, TN. Information included in this edition.

**Hunter Pace.** To be held Sunday **October 25, 2015** at River Plains Farm, New Market, TN. Info and entry form included in this edition.

**Sinead Halpin Clinic.** Sponsored by CDCTS and held at Yellow Wood Farm, 4562 Kingston Hwy, Lenoir City TN 37771 on **November 7-8 2015**. Registration opened September 15, 2015 and entries received after November 3, 2015 will incur a \$30 late fee if space is still available at that date. Info and entry forms included in this edition

**JJ Tate Clinic. December 5-6, 2015.** Details TBD

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

## THE CROSSING



Region 3 USDF GMO #0319  
Affiliate USEA #149430

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

October is going to be a busy month, as shown by the overall length of this edition and all the flyers in this month's newsletter. There is something for everyone to enjoy and I am pleased to also include a flyer for the Chris Irwin Clinic to be held at the STAR facility in Lenoir City. While this event isn't sponsored by CDCTS, it was brought to our attention by Alece Ellis, one of our members. I'd also like to highlight the efforts of Ashley Phillips as she raises awareness, funds and



saddle pads for the equines of Haiti. This impoverished nation has few resources to expend on its equine population and the horrific damage to these animals from poorly fitting tack or missing saddle pads is shocking. Both of these two CDCTS members deserve our congratulations for highlighting activities of interest to our members. Their actions are my opportunity to remind you that if you learn of an interesting equine event or concern in our community and you want to get the word out to our members, please get the information to me by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month and I will happily include it in our newsletter for all our members to see. This is a win-win for everyone involved.

I was glancing through this month's *Equus* magazine (October 2015 Issue 457) and was interested in the latest updates on the toxicity of maple leaves to horses. The green leaves of a red maple have been shown to be dangerous to horses, especially if they are slightly wilted when ingested. This can happen when a strong summer storms blow the leaves off the trees and they spend time drying out on the ground. If a horse happens to nibble them, the horse can be fatally poisoned. Members of the equine family, including donkeys, miniatures and ponies, are uniquely affected by maple toxicosis. It does not affect cattle, sheep or goats because of their ruminant digestive system.

Latest research now indicates that horses can also be poisoned by wilted leaves from sugar and silver maples. Horses seem to be less attracted to the dried maple leaves of any species in the fall because they appear to be less palatable when they dry out. However, if horses have limited pasture or forage, they may eat the leaves anyway. As a rule of thumb, an adult horse would need to eat one to two pounds of the dried/wilted leaves to ingest sufficient poison to be affected by it. Doses vary for smaller equines.

Given this latest research, those horse property owners who have any species of maple trees on their land should assess the likelihood of downed maple leaves reaching their horses and make a decision on whether to keep the trees or remove them.