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President's Message Kathy Ridenour

It is hot, hot, hot! To cool off while riding, just think back to those freezing days last winter when you were chipping ice out of your horse's buckets. Did that work? Probably not but we can try this experiment again this winter when chipping ice out of buckets think of how hot you are right now.

It was great to see so many of our members showing at River Glen in July. I counted fourteen of our members among the participants. The most anticipated ride was that of Rita Dunn. Rita achieved the goal of most dressage riders, the elusive Gold Medal. Not only did she win her medal, it was a hallmark achievement when she became the oldest person to obtain that medal. And an even better achievement is that she trained her horse, D Grande Finale, herself from start to finish. Rita you are my mentor, instructor, and very good friend. I hope to follow in your shoes (and the horse shoes) Salute, my friend!

More salutes go to Kathleen Herbig who earned her Bronze Medal at Dressage by the River. It is a tough, long journey to earn these medals. Good job!! I heard we had one of our members dip his toe in the show ring for the first time; Steven Lloyd rode Kim Clelland's horse, Santana. Great to see new riders getting out there and I hope you had fun.

We'll get through this hot month as we work toward our Fall Schooling Show October 15, 2016. The Show Committee is hard at work putting the last of the details together. We should have the venue nailed down by the next meeting. The committee is also working hard to plan our next year's shows as well.

Perhaps someone knows where one can go swimming with their horse in this area. I would love to put together a spontaneous trail ride to this place if someone has an idea. Let me know. If not, keep thinking cool while you ride.

Kathy



CDCTS MEETING MINUTES July 12, 2016

I. Call to order

President Kathy Ridenour called to order the regular meeting of the CDCTS Board at 7:00 pm on July 12, 2016 at Puleo's Grille, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923.

II. Roll call

President Ridenour conducted the roll call. The following **Board members** were present: Kathy Ridenour, Susan Price, Jean Sullivan, Carol Mitchell, Carolyn Ordal, Melissa McKenzie, Holly Ratcliff. The following Board members were absent: Janet Wolff and Teresa Shafer. There was a quorum. The following **CDCTS members** were in attendance: Diane Carlson, Christina Cardenas, Ashley Phillips, Carol Grau, Kristin Clark, Julie Noe, Rita Dunn, Susan Hill, Dave McAdoo, Jennie Baggett, Caylee Baggett, Joey Wood, Jenny Wood.. Mathew Lawson virtually attended via Skype video/audio. **Visitors:** Charlie Grau, Bella Cardenas.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from June 14, 2016 meeting were sent out via club newsletter "The Crossing" to members. Motion to approve the minutes: Carolyn Ordal; seconded by Jean Sullivan. Minutes were approved as read.

IV. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer presented the financial report. Motion to approve by Carol Grau. Seconded by Susan Hill. Approved.

Show Committee. Christina Cardenas reported on the committee's progress. The date selected for the Fall Show is October 15, 2016. The committee found the following event venues with costs associated if available at this time:

- a. Icon Farm: cost for facility \$500; jumps are on site, parking is either going to be in a field or along the barn's roadway if inclement weather, climate controlled viewing area and on site bathrooms, and rings are all in excellent condition, consisting of silica sand and textile footing. Day stalls or overnight boarding may be available, TBD.
- b. STAR: either their new facility on Middlebrook Pike or in their current location on Highway 11. Costs and requirements of either facility TBD.
- c. Cedar Valley: may be available; awaiting confirmation from the owner on cost for the facility. Additional cost to include porta potties.

Show secretary for the fall show is Carol Mitchell.

Discussion: use of Paypal for the upcoming shows and for renewals. While the virtues of using this electronic system for payment may be easier for most computer savvy people, many members did not want to use it. Motion to table the discussion on PayPal until the 2018 board elections: Melissa McKenzie; seconded by Diane Carlson

Motion to have the show committee determine the venue: Diane Carlson; seconded Caylee Baggett.

Spring show date and location has been fixed as May 6, 2017 at Elder Farm in Maryville. There are two covered arenas, a covered warm up area and a separate jump ring. Cost for facility \$400 plus costs for porta potties.

Fun Day. Carolyn Ordal has selected Riverplains Farm, 1023 Creek Road, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871 for the venue. It will be held on Saturday September 24, 2016. Start time is estimated to be 0930.

Club Bylaw Review. The amended and updated document was distributed electronically to all members, giving sufficient time for members to review prior to the meeting. Discussion: Article 3 Section 5—strike line about serving on the board consecutively. This is the last sentence in this section. This was struck from the previous iteration of the minutes and was included in error. Motion to accept changes as read: Carolyn Ordal; seconded by Rita Dunn. Carried.

Eventing Clinic Committee. Ashley Phillips has developed a list of possible clinicians over the next several months. For a possible November 2016 clinic, Brian Sabo is available. Costs and exact dates are being firmed up. The January Clinic is expecting to host clinician Lucinda Green (GBR). Costs TBD. Tamie Smith is a reserve clinician for the eventing clinics. Jim Wofford is possibly available in the fall of 2017. As a group, the eventers are very excited with this lineup of clinicians

Emily Brollier Curtis Clinic. Susan Price is the coordinator. The event was held on July 16-17 2016 at Yellow Wood Farm, 4562 Kinston Hwy, Lenoir City TN 37771. Ride costs are \$85 per ride. Clinic was full.

Awards Rules Committee. Susan Price and Susan Hill have a rough draft completed to resolve the wording confusion for combined event awards; in addition they are developing some fun type of awards. They plan to have a written draft available for consideration at next month's meeting.

Awards Banquet. Jean Sullivan confirmed date and location as January 30, 2017 at Buddy's Banquet Hall in Bearden. She is looking for suggestions for awards and guest speaker. Kristin suggested that she look into the offerings of Embroidery Boutique. Please contact her with any additional awards you feel the club should support.

V. Old Business

Club Picnic. To be held 6 pm, 30 July at Merry Hour Farm, 4728 N Wildwood Rd, Maryville TN, 37804. The club will provide meat and beverages. Attendees are to bring a side dish.

Tack Sale. Cancelled until further notice, as the board felt that more time was needed to put together an advertising campaign and coordinate the effort needed to make this activity an ongoing success. Christina Cardenas and Carolyn Ordal will develop a strategy that will gain a wider audience and attendees of future tack sales.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment.

Adjournment proposed by Diane Carlson and seconded by Melissa McKenzie. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm on July 12, 2016. Next meeting to be held on August 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm, in the same location. Minutes submitted by Carol Mitchell, CDCTS Secretary.

From the Editor's desk

I was delighted to see the great turnout of CDCTS members at the Dressage by the River, held at River Glen Equestrian Park in New Market TN, July 22-23. Despite the heat and humidity, our horses and riders braved the weather conditions and had a great time at a wonderful facility. In fact, most of the competitors on Saturday's line up were CDCTS members. We rock!

I was infuriated to learn that Erika Adams had her trailer stolen last week while she was competing at Tryon, NC. This is a new, multi-million dollar facility but that obviously didn't deter thieves from targeting the show grounds. If you can, please consider donating to Erika's Gofundme account to help her cover the replacement cost of equipment that was inside the trailer when it was stolen. Insurance only covers so much and if you can help one of our members at this time of need it would truly be appreciated. The details of this incident can be read on page 8. Dave McAdoo provides some sage advice on keeping your trailer as safe as possible on the following page (page 9).

Susan Price chronicled her training adventures with Jim Koford. She was the Dressage Foundation's Gifted Recipient for 2014. You can read her story on pages 10-11. Congratulations on your achievement, Susan!

CDCTS CLASSIFIED CORNER

For Sale

Rachael is a 2 year old registered Hanoverian filly. She is a light chestnut with one white hind stocking and a narrow blaze. Easy to handle but will be a bold hose, great for 3-day. Rachel is currently doing ground work. She should mature to at least 16.1 hands.

She is sired by European champion dressage stallion Rubignon /Rubinstein / Donnerhall / pik Solo. The dam is Peugeot, a Hanoverian and N.A. Oldenburg approved mare that was Champion at her foal inspection. She was Champion at her inspection for non-Hanoverian mares when being approved for Hanoverian breeding. Peugeot was in training and injured an eye very badly; this injury ended her possible show career. She is sired by Hanoverian stallion Pablito and out of a Thoroughbred mare. Pablito has extensive blood lines for both dressage and jumping.

Currently priced at \$12,500.

Wregan Rocks is a 2 year old, bright, flashy chestnut Hanoverian gelding with two white rear stockings and a star and stripe. Wregan is currently doing ground work, and has a great, willing disposition.

He is sired by European champion Grand Prix stallion Wild Dance /VolkensteinII/Matcho. In Germany, his sire won his stallion testing with 147 in Dressage and Rideability and 9's in his jumping ability and has several offspring at the Grand Prix level. The dam is Porscha, an Oldenburg/Hanoverian approved mare. Wregan was Porscha's first foal and she outdid herself with him. He is a beautiful mover as well as a looker. Porscha had a very short show career; during her career she scored in the 70's in her only two shows and won all her classes with Missy Cool riding and training her. She was injured during a pre-purchase exam and became a mom for two years. She is now back in training.

Currently priced at \$14,000.

For more information contact Diane and Charlie Carlson via cell 865-719-2335, via email at dianeandcharlie56@gmail.com or visit their website at www.meadowglenfarms.com for photos of these horses

NEW PRICE! For Sale: Black Ariat Field Boots. Size 9 tall, regular calf. Worn only a handful of times. \$80.00 Contact Rita Dunn at piaffe8@charter.net

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Congratulations to Rita Dunn on achieving her USDF Gold Medal!

Was Rita Dunn channelling the possibilities of Rio Gold when she completed her campaign to achieve her USDF Gold Medal? We certainly hope so and wish the Olympic Dressage team the best of luck in the upcoming games in a few weeks. Rita was delighted with her achievement and the hard work she and her wonder horse, German Riding Pony Welsh Cob cross, D'Grande Finale put into the culmination of their rides at River Glen this past weekend, July 23-24.

Rita commented, "I got my first qualifying score for the Gold Medal at *The Tennessean* in Franklin on June 12. I got my second (and last) qualifying score at River Glen on July 23. My ride on July 24 would have been a qualifying score but it wasn't needed. The picture is of my final halt...(the)smile says it all."

Yes, Rita's big grin gives her away; however the other member of the winning team, D'Grande Finale, maintained his professionalism and equine composure.



Trailer theft

In case you missed it, having been out of communication with all your horse friends, off the grid or otherwise engaged elsewhere, the shocking news from last week was that Erika Adams, one of our CDCTS' family had her goose neck trailer stolen while she was at the horse trials at Tryon NC. Here is the news article on the theft posted on Thursday 4:20 pm on July 21, 2016, downloaded from the internet:

<http://www.local8now.com/content/news/Horse-trainers-trailer-stolen-at-show-387845412.html>

LENOIR CITY, Tenn. (WVLT) - A Lenoir City horse trainer who traveled to North Carolina for a horse show, had her trailer stolen during the competition.

Erika Adams runs Road Less Traveled Eventing Team and owns Yellow Wood Farm in Lenoir City. She said she arrived at the Tryon International Equestrian Center late Tuesday to compete in a Jumper show. She parked her 1999 Sundowner four-horse slant load trailer in the designated trailer parking across the interstate from the complex. Adams said the facility had no fence or cameras.

As soon as she realized the trailer was missing, Adams said she called security and then filed a report with the Polk County Sheriff's Office in North Carolina. According to Adams, the responding deputy said a golf cart had also been taken, something very unusual for the area.

After filing the report, Adams said she visited Farm House Tack in Landrum, South Carolina to replace the supplies that were taken along with the horse trailer. Adams said the store offered her a discount on boots, pants and other items because of the circumstances.

Adams arranged to have a friend transport her horse "If" back to East Tennessee.

Adams said, "That trailer was a part of my business for over 15 years. Not only were there expensive items in there, but sentimental things as well. I'm just as torn about the loss of those things. The beauty of this shockingly unfortunate event is how swiftly the equestrian community rallies to help one in need."

Members of the Road Less Traveled Eventing Team created a [gofundme page](#) to help Adams cover the losses.

Organizers of the fundraiser said, "While insurance should cover some part of replacing the trailer, due to its advanced age, Erika likely won't get nearly enough to purchase a comparable rig. Plus she also has thousands of dollars in equipment to replace. All money raised will help her replace her trailer and then replace some of the gear that was lost in the theft too."

A request from CDCTS President:

Dear CDCTS Members,

If you have not heard, one of our members, Erika Adams had her horse trailer stolen while showing in Tryon, NC last weekend. A Go Fund Me account was set up to help her out. Several of you have already responded and sent a donation. If you would also like to help out, here is the link to send a donation. If you have never used the Go Fund Me site and are concerned about how it works or whether it is safe and secure, you have no worries. I have used it and it is easy and safe.

Erika has been a good friend and supporter of our club so I hope you will help support her at this difficult time. The link to get to the Go Fund Me site for Erika is: <http://dm2.gofund.me/2fnkv3ac>

Thanks, everyone.

Kathy Ridenour, President
Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society

Keeping your trailer safe

It's probably impossible to keep your trailer from being stolen by a professional thief but there are some things you can do to slow down the amateur or professional wannabe. Let's talk about bumper pull and gooseneck common deterrents and then different things you can do depending on your hitch type.

Tri Max makes several different kinds of locking mechanisms that will prevent or really slow down a theft attempt. The absolute best that works on all types of trailers is their wheel lock with a center disc, Model TWL 100. This is a wheel chock on steroids. It has a center disc so that the lug nuts cannot be tampered and the wheel completely removed. Remember, most trailers today with torsion axles can be driven safely with just 3 wheels, even 2 wheels if they're both not on the same side. This lock applies to any type of trailer, big or small, gooseneck or bumper pull.

If you have a gooseneck, there are locks that will lock just the coupler and some that will also cover the adjustment nuts. This type of lock will send a would be thief to the next trailer that has nothing to secure it, but it's not foolproof. If you have a power jack, be sure to take the key with you and/or undo one of the battery leads to either the jack or the battery if readily accessible. When you park the trailer, leave it nose high so a thief can't jack it up and get under it and haul it off.

If you have a bumper pull, the wheel lock is still the best deterrent but there are several types of locks for the coupler that will make a would be thief go to the next trailer without a lock.

All trailers should be titled so that the VIN number is on record with the state. In TN, generally all horse trailers are required to be titled. This will make it harder for the thief to sell it or try to obtain a substitute title with which to sell it. Be sure to report the theft to the local law enforcement as well as out of state agencies in contiguous states. Again, this gets the VIN number on record with the various states. You can also state your case on web sites such as Chronicle of the Horse, HorseTrailerWorld and, of course, Facebook.

The Tri Max locks can be ordered locally through Phoenix Conversion. Call Glen at 865-670-4060.

If you have any other questions about the security of your trailer, please feel free to call me and we can discuss your particular trailer. I can be reached at 865-674-7041, via email at tobrukfarm@charter.net or visit our website at www.tobruktrailers.com

Dave McAdoo, owner of *Tobruk Trailers*

The Dressage Foundation's 2014 Gifted Recipient: Susan Price (Region 3)*

I applied for the Gifted Grant in 2014 and was thrilled to be selected as a recipient to use it in 2015 with Jim Koford. At the time, I had a very lovely, young Oldenburg mare that I had owned since she was a yearling. She was finally in training and ready for me to begin riding. My goal for this grant was to get off on the best foot with her and get very solid in our basics as we began our journey together. However, before I was able to go train with Jim, I took an unfortunate fall off of her (through no fault of hers), and suffered a bad break of my elbow that required two surgeries to repair. A timid rider by nature, I came to the realization that I would not be able to regain my confidence with this horse so I made the heartbreaking decision to sell her to someone that could bring out her true potential.

Due to my injury and now my lack of a horse, TDF was kind enough to grant me an extension to use my grant.

Enter Reuben. Reuben was a 5-year-old, 16H buckskin Friesian/QH cross that was already showing at Second Level and although he is young, he is very forgiving and the perfect confidence builder for me. I bought him in the fall of 2015, spent the winter getting to know him and rescheduled my training for May, 2016. And then of course he went lame. After a short time off to recuperate, we re-scheduled our training for July.

My horse had changed from when I originally applied for the grant, but my goals remained the same. It had been a while since I was able to ride consistently so I really just wanted to establish a good foundation and work on the basics, and that began with getting Reuben FORWARD. I had been struggling when working on my own to get Reuben to want to go forward. No matter what I did to get him going, it was like riding a sloth for about the first 20 minutes of every ride. And the more I got after him, the more he would suck back. I was getting very frustrated, so the timing of this training was perfect.

So the theme of the week was getting Reuben truly forward to the connection and finding that release point where he was through and pushing from behind. Once we found that, he carried himself freely forward with lots of energy.

In order to do this, I picked up the reins and immediately went to work at the beginning of each ride. Before, I would always walk around on a loose rein and just lollygag around the arena. Jim had me get him super round at the walk, bend him and ask him to go forward. If he didn't go, I tapped him with the whip to get the hind leg firing. Then, once he went forward I left him alone. I repeated this exercise, constantly changing the direction, keeping the circles small and rewarding him when he went forward by being quiet and letting him go straight.

Jim explained that the natural tendency of the Friesian influence is to raise his head which makes him want to come above the bit in transitions. Neck control is everything with Reuben. So, when asking for the trot transition, we needed to keep him connected by keeping him a little over bent, ask for the transition and remember to give when he goes forward. Jim noticed I was giving too much with the right hand so I need to concentrate on not throwing that rein away.

Since we were working on basics, it doesn't get much more basic than the walk. Jim stressed the importance of the walk, and that people don't practice it enough. So once we had Reuben nicely forward, whenever we took walk breaks, I was to make him march forward and work on transitions from the free walk to the medium walk.

Each day using the method above, the warm up times got shorter and shorter and I was not working nearly as hard. During one of the lessons Jim commented that he was happy to see Reuben was finally breathing harder than I was.

Jim noticed I have a tendency to be a bit too nice when I ride and I need to be more assertive. When I ask Reuben to do something, he needs to say Yes Ma'am right away, not ten strides later after I have asked five more times. Jim directed me to ask nicely once, if he doesn't do it, ask again and mean it - then leave him alone when he gives me the correct response.

One major area I had been struggling with was the trot to canter transitions. I get anxious asking for this because that is how I fell and broke my elbow with my other horse.

I know the problem is me, I send mixed signals, I don't ask clearly and I have a bad habit of just throwing away my reins. When I do this, Reuben just trots really fast and throws his haunches to the inside. So, for the transition Jim had me push the haunches out (basically a steep leg yield), keep the contact and then ask. He reminded me to THINK about each aid I was giving and not just hope that I got the transition. This is where being more assertive came in handy. If I asked correctly and then didn't get an immediate response, I needed to not be afraid to touch him with the whip and demand a response. If I take the time to think about my aids, have him forward and set him up correctly, the transitions are easy.

Then Jim pushed us to do things I didn't think we were ready for and would never have dreamed of trying yet.

Once I got a handle on the trot/canter transitions, we began the walk to canter transitions, which were actually easier for me since I could ask more clearly. In the canter, we also did counter canter and simple changes through the trot. We worked on shoulder in and haunches in, and keeping him forward in these movements. Reuben is actually very supple and the haunches in is especially easy for

him so we even got to work on a bit of half pass. To introduce the half pass, Jim had us leg yielding away from the wall to the quarter line and then ask for the half pass back to the wall.

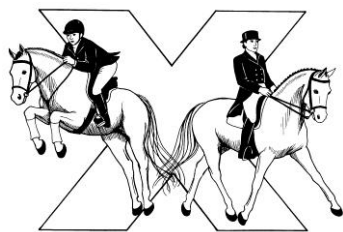
By the last day, both Reuben and I were pretty exhausted. We definitely don't work that hard on a daily basis when we are at home. Jim took it easy on us and just touched on the bullet points of the week and the homework we have to work on:

- Getting Reuben forward and finding his release point. This gets him carrying himself and makes all the other work easier.
- The canter transition which is more about me being clear with my aids when I ask, not throwing the contact away and keeping the haunches out.
- Transitions and adjustability within the gaits, free walk to medium walk and forward and back in both the trot and canter.
- Remember it is about neck control with Reuben! If I lose the neck, I lose whatever movement I am working on. This is especially true in transitions. Think a little shoulder in position.
- Be a more assertive and thoughtful rider – ask nicely once then insist on a response and think about each transition instead of just hoping for the best.

I think I not only met, but exceeded all my goals for the week. I feel like Reuben and I have bonded more as a team and that he was truly working for me instead of trying to find ways to avoid the work. I think I have developed the tools I need to finally progress rather than being stuck just trying to get through the warm up and doing 20M circles every ride. I am looking forward to the future and I have set a goal of earning my bronze medal. I am so grateful to The Dressage Foundation for this amazing opportunity and I encourage other Adult Amateurs to apply for this grant. I certainly never thought I would be chosen when I sent my application in but I am so happy I decided to send it anyway.



*Downloaded from: http://www.dressagefoundation.org/our_stories/archives/aa_stories/lavell-recipient-reports/2014-recipients/susan-price-region-3.html



*Crossroads Dressage and
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2016 Membership Form*



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- ☐ *Family Membership – (\$48 Primary Membership + \$13 per each Additional Family Member)

Total family dues submitted with application: \$ _____

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USDF Launches *YourDressage* on USDF App

Lexington, KY (July 13, 2016) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today that it has launched a new digital publication, *YourDressage*, through the free USDF app, USDF: Your Dressage Connection. This new publication features human interest stories from participants throughout the dressage community and is free to everyone.

As the only national organization dedicated to dressage, USDF wants to provide a platform for dressage riders and enthusiasts to share their stories. *YourDressage* will allow the reader to experience these individuals' stories as they navigate through the dressage world, as well as highlighting common themes relatable to all equestrians.

USDF Executive Director Stephan Hienzsich added, "USDF is the go to resource for dressage in the US, and *YourDressage* is another way that USDF is your connection to the American dressage community. This publication provides a way for dressage enthusiasts to connect, on a personal level, with others around the country, as well as an opportunity for USDF's Group Member Organizations (GMOs) to shine a light on and promote the dressage communities in their areas."

To access *YourDressage*, download the USDF app, USDF: Your Dressage Connection, through your app store. If you are interested in submitting stories for possible inclusion in *YourDressage*, please contact the USDF office at epubs@usdf.org.

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USDF North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships Teams Announced

Lexington, KY (July 21, 2016) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) announced today the riders selected to represent the United States in the USDF North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships at the 2016 Adequan/FEI North American Junior/Young Rider Championships, presented by Gotham North (NAJYRC), at The Colorado Horse Park in Parker, CO. The championships will be held July 26-31, 2016. A total of 48 juniors and young riders, from across the country, will compete. The NAJYRC is the premier equestrian competition in North America for juniors and young riders, age 14-21. Young equestrians vie for team and individual FEI medals in the three Olympic equestrian disciplines of show jumping, dressage, and eventing, the Para-Olympic discipline of para-dressage, and the FEI World Equestrian Games disciplines of reining and endurance. The competition is run under rules of the FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale), the international governing body

for equestrian sport, and is the only FEI championship held annually on this continent.

“The NAJYRC is the culmination of a lot of hard work for our Juniors and Young Riders across the country. As a team competition, it fosters sportsmanship at the highest level for these young people within our sport. I'm very proud of all of the volunteers, parents, and riders who have put this together, and I'm looking forward to seeing them there!” said Roberta Williams, chair of the USDF FEI Jr/YR Committee.

The following riders and horses will represent the United States:

USDF Region 1 Juniors: Kayla Kadlubek and Freewill, Allison Nemeth and Dafoe.

USDF Region 1 Young Riders: Nicholas Hansen and Ritter Benno, Elizabeth Bortuzzo and Macao, Mallory Chambers and Urithmic, Lian Wolfe and Zimba.

USDF Region 2 Juniors: Callie Jones and Don Philipppo, Meredith Talley and Romeo, Sophia Schults and Sandro, Jacquelynn Mackie and Weltrubin 5.

USDF Region 2 Young Riders: Rebekah Mingari and Elzarma TF, Kayla Barteau and Raymond, Keegan O'Brien and Foley, Hunter Chancellor and Amigo For Ever.

USDF Region 3 Juniors: Marline Syribeys and Hollywood, Juliet Hess and Diano, Emily Hewitt and What's Up de la Ferme Rose, Helena Milazzo and Baccus.

USDF Region 3 Young Riders: Rachel Robinson and Indira, Rebecca Roman and Ultimo, Meghan Miller and Remington.

USDF Region 4 Juniors: Jenna Upchurch and Greystoke, Cara Fragomeni and Aragon, Madison Peer and Stella Luna, Bianca Schmidt and Octavian's O'Neill.

USDF Region 4 Young Riders: Codi Harrison and Katholt's Bossco.

USDF Region 5 Juniors: Jackson Gillespie and Westpoint CB, Gaylen Davis and Mojito RH, Katherine Scotford and Dean Martin, Paige Smith and Welkin.

USDF Region 5 Young Riders: Lexy Donaldson and Power Play.

USDF Region 6 Juniors: Cameron Wyman and Thys.

USDF Region 6 Young Riders: Stevie Gaudreau and RI Maverick, Sarah Lane and Dutch Treat, Piper Newman and Whatsup.

USDF Region 7 Juniors: Christian Simonson and Herzkönig, Ben Ebeling and Descartes, Nila Venkat and Skyler Ace, Annie Ray and Calvin Klein.

USDF Region 7 Young Riders: Katharine Cassidy and Welt Erbe.

USDF Region 9 Juniors: Madison Lacy and Cipriani, Abigail Fleischli and Laguna, Madeleine Ramon and Lowenherz, Kyra Shine and Alaric.

USDF Region 9 Young Riders: Allison Cyprus and Madoc Gareth, Eden Wyker and Welmingh,

Anna Campbell and Liebling, Allison Hopkins and Rusty 324.

For complete qualifying results and standings for the USDF North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships, visit the [USDF website](#). Or, for additional information regarding the Adequan/FEI North American Junior/Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North, visit <http://www.youngriders.org/>.

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2016 Events

Next CDCTS meeting will be held on August 9 at Puleo's Grill, 260 N. Peters Road, Knoxville 37923. The Meeting will start at **7:00 pm**.

Cathy Fox Clinics. Held at Merry Hour Farm, 4728 N Wildwood Road, Maryville, TN 37804. Contact Carol Grau at 865-984-2532 for available ride times. Cost is \$60 per lesson. Cathy's Tennessee schedule is **August 6-7, September 10-11, October 1-2, November 5-6, December 3-4**. To learn more about Cathy Fox, BHSAl, please visit her website www.pineknollfarm.com.

Fall Fun Day. Held on Saturday **September 24, 2016**. Carolyn Ordal is the coordinator. Location is Riverplains Farm, 1023 Creek Road, Strawberry Plains, TN 37871 for the venue. Start time is estimated to be 0930.

Fall Schooling Show. Held on **October 15, 2016**. Location TBD. Show Secretary: Carol Mitchell

Awards Banquet. The party will be held on **January 30, 2017** at Buddy's Banquet Hall in Bearden. Jean Sullivan is the coordinator.



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