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President's Message Susan Price

Well, the time has finally arrived. This will be my last Presidents Message. After 4 years as President of CDCTS, it is time to let someone else "take the reins."

With the support of the other board members and our tireless volunteers, our club has grown larger and offered more varied activities than ever before. One of the goals I have been working toward really since CDS and ETCTDA united many years ago was to get the local eventing community more active in the club, and I think we have finally started to make strides on that front. I hope we can continue to foster the relationship with this wonderful group of riders and get them even more involved in our club.

I am proud of the fact that we have been able to continually offer exciting educational opportunities for our members with the top clinicians and trainers in the country, at significantly reduced prices from what you would pay to participate in these events in other areas, all while keeping a very healthy bank balance in our account. It is my hope that we can continue to subsidize these excellent events in the future, and perhaps even offer more benefits for our members.

I look forward to the fresh views and new leadership of our next President. I am sure whoever she or he is, they can count on the same wonderful support you all have given me over the past years.

As for me, I am excited to adopt more of a supporting role in the future. I want to enjoy the journey with my new horse, Reuben. I am looking forward to finally getting to participate in some of our activities next year rather than just helping to organize them.

I think 2016 is going to be a great year.

Susan Price – your soon to be former President



Susan and Reuben

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES Date: 12/04/2015

Minutes not available

REMINDER: Next CDCTS meeting will take place at our annual Awards Banquet on 23 January 2016.

From the Editor's desk

What an interesting year we have had...so much going on and so many great clinics, shows and activities sponsored by the club were offered to our community throughout the year. Susan will be leaving the role of club president behind her after the new board is announced at the awards banquet. She has been truly supportive of the club and its interests throughout her tenure and has guided the club with consistency and patience. Julie Noe, our hard-working Secretary, will also be finishing her stint on the board. Thank you so much for what you have done in support of the club's activities.

A big thank you to Sue Cain and her husband for hosting our Christmas party! Your beautiful home is wonderfully laid out for large parties (such as ours!). Thanks for inviting us into your home and for allowing us to hang out, eat, drink and generally be merry. Oh, and also hold our meeting half-way through the evening.

I hope Christmas and New Year's were good to all.

On an interesting side note, I discovered that Tennessee is the first and only state to initiate an animal abuse registry as of 1 January, 2016. In May 2015, the Tennessee House of Representatives and Senate passed legislation which allowed the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation to create the registry and its website. The registry contains the names, ages, photos and location of people who have been convicted of intentionally abusing animals through aggravated animal cruelty or felony animal fighting. First time offenders will stay on the registry for two years; a second conviction will have the name remain in the registry for five years. The bill was co-sponsored by State Senator Richard Briggs who makes his home in West Knoxville and who represents Knoxville. He hopes the new law will act as a powerful deterrent to those who abuse animals.

A quick check of the website (<https://www.tn.gov/tbi/topic/tennessee-animal-abuse-registry>) revealed that, as of this time, no individual met "the legal requirement for inclusion on the registry". I guess they aren't including convictions from past years, which effectively gives a freebee to those who were convicted prior to 1 January, 2016. Or perhaps the database has yet to be populated, although the website doesn't suggest it is still under construction. Over the upcoming year, it will be interesting to see if this registry lives up to its billing and becomes an effective tool to reduce animal abuse. The law that drives the registry and website does not track those criminals who are convicted of horse abuse. The new law focuses exclusively on 'companion animals' such as cats and dogs, and specifically excludes horses, as horses are defined as 'livestock' under Tennessee law 39-14-201.

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

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

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

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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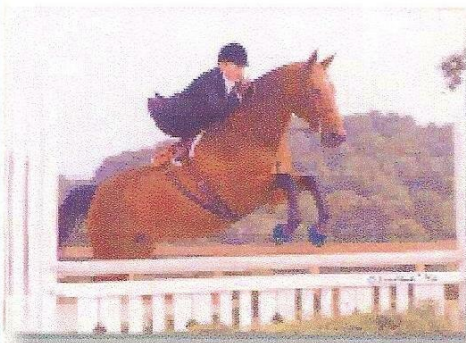
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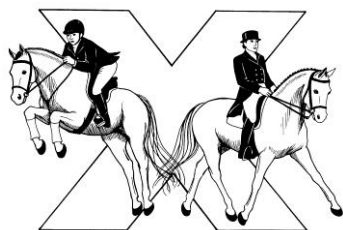
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Please submit articles for your newsletter!

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

Please submit your article by email to:

artncarol.belcher@gmail.com

Please note that if you haven't sent in your membership form, you are *waaaaay* late, as the new year started on 1 November 2015! Unless you have sent in your application and dues, this will be your last issue of our newsletter.



*Crossroads Dressage and
Combined Training Society*
2016 Membership Form



GROUP
MEMBER
ORGANIZATION

First Name: _____ Middle
Initial _____

Last Name: _____ USDF

Street
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip
Code: _____

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

☐ 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 15th, that means that your application MUST reach our office on or before September 15th. 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!

Our Year-End Banquet



This event is coordinated by Jean Sullivan, Banquet Organizer

Location and time. Our banquet is scheduled to be at Buddy's Banquet Hall on **January 23, 2016**.

Photo array: Kim Clelland has arranged all the photos that you have sent her. They will be on a continuous loop display throughout the evening.

Guest speaker. Erika Adams

What you can bring. The banquet is also an opportunity to fundraise for the club through the proceeds from a silent auction. Please consider bringing any gently used items that you no longer need, especially those of an equine nature. Bid sheets will be available at the door; pick one up, assign a minimum price for your treasures and see who snaps them up!

Year end awards for eventing and dressage will be announced during the evening, based on the scores sent to Jean Sullivan. The closing date for scores was extended to 1 December. Submission of scores is now closed.

Selection of new CDCTS board. Nominations for board positions have been completed. The composition of the new board will be announced at the banquet.

2016 Events

Next CDCTS meeting will be held on **January 23** at the **Awards Banquet**, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN 37919. The Meeting will start once everyone is assembled and before the party starts!

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

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

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