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From Your Editor Enter at A; Halt at X

We had an interesting year in 2016. The weather was exceptionally dry from July until the end of November, making a tinderbox of the Smokies and resulting in that terrible fire in the Gatlinburg area. The smoke from the fire was so dense at our barn on several days in a row, that it gave us boarders an opportunity to do some emergency planning. What were we going to do if the fire came our way and when would we put any plan into action? Those were the questions we considered during that last week in November as the fire grew in intensity and size.

We finally decided to watch the forecasted wind direction and speed and make any change in wind direction towards the barn the trigger for us to load horses and go. Rebecca Brown and I were busily texting (Rebecca) and calling (me) local barns to see if they had some spare stalls or paddocks in case we needed them. The response was incredibly heartening and we would like to thank Jen Bolen and Holly Ratcliff, Randii Goble, Debbie Schwartz and others for offering us a place, if we needed it. We were very fortunate that we didn't need to go after all but this was an excellent opportunity to confirm all our horses' certificates, vaccinations and to put photocopies of them in one place for easy access for future emergencies.

When I interviewed Mattalyn Hughes about her USDF Bronze, I reflected on the importance of keeping our dressage and eventing talent, both human and equine, in our area to enrich our horse community. The siren call of Florida over the winter months and the east coast in general can be hard to overcome, but what role can our club play in developing a culture of "Train Local"? It's an interesting concept that we may want to explore in this brand new year. How can we encourage young riders and trainers to stay in east Tennessee and can this environment be cultivated so that they can make a viable living doing what they love, either training or riding dressage and eventing horses? Can we foster an environment of friendly competition while also providing mutual respect and support for each other, as was discussed in last month's article by Ashley Phillips?

Finally, when you cross paths with Mattalyn Hughes, please be sure to congratulate her on achieving her USDF Bronze. Acknowledgement of hard work and achievement is a powerful motivator!

Carol Mitchell

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2016

None; as no business was conducted at the 10 Dec 2016 Christmas Party

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

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State advises horse vaccinations for mosquito-borne illness

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WVLT) - With warm weather lasting well into the fall season, state agricultural officials say there is still a big risk for potentially fatal, mosquito-borne illnesses that could impact horses.

Horses in West Tennessee recently tested positive for the viruses: in Dyer and Gibson counties, two horses were found to have West Nile Virus; in Chester County, another horse tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Sick horses cannot pass either virus directly on to humans, and can only get them from mosquitoes. Both viruses can be deadly, but WNV and EEE vaccinations for equines have proven to be particularly effective at preventing the diseases.

“We typically think of mosquitoes as a summer-time pest,” state veterinarian Dr. Charles Hatcher said. “However, the record heat this fall has allowed mosquitoes to endure. It’s critical that livestock are current on annual vaccinations for year-round protection.”

State officials say anyone with livestock should vaccinate their animals and eliminate standing water sources to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. When outside, it’s best for humans to wear long sleeves and pants and apply insect repellent to prevent mosquito bites.

Posted: Tue 5:47 AM, Nov 08, 2016

This is a reminder that your annual membership dues are now due to the club secretary. If you have not renewed yet, please fill out the form found on page 12, include your check and mail it ASAP. Please don't let your membership lapse. We would hate to lose contact with you!



CDCTS Annual Awards Banquet

Where: Buddy's Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville TN

When: January 28, 2017. Silent auction begins at 6 pm. Dinner and Awards start at 7 pm.

Guest Speaker: Will be either Dr. Melissa Hines or Dr. Carla Sommardahl

Details: You must RSVP to Jean with your invitation by January 20, 2017 and you must pay in advance for dinner. Payment should accompany your RSVP

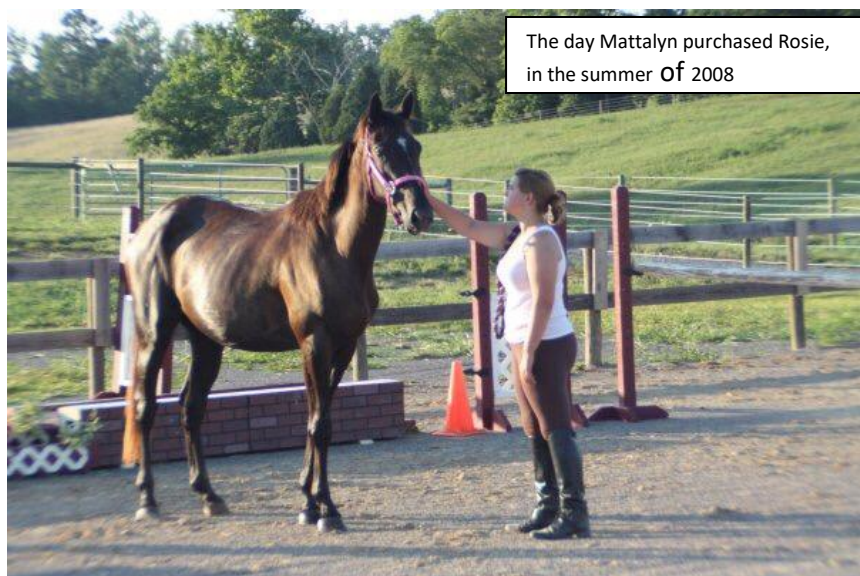
Contact for RSVP: Jean Sullivan at shamrockfarm3100@gmail.com

Jean also wants to let you know that the invitations have been mailed out so you should be getting them in the mail sometime in the first week of January 2017. The cut off date for sending photos to Kim Clelland is January 10 so please send them in ASAP to santamomclelland@gmail.com



Mattalyn Hughes and her Road to the USDF Bronze

Mattalyn is a native of Tennessee, having grown up around Jefferson City. As a small child from a non-horse family, she began riding at five years old when her parents relented and got her riding lessons. She eventually got a pony and then progressed to an Appaloosa mare, all the while learning to ride on the farm. She started riding hunters a few years later in her teens; the hunter pony she had got an injury that ended its career and, at age 16, she began a horse hunt for its replacement. Her hunt was over when she found Windrose, (AKA Rosie), a Hungarian Warmblood.



Their relationship started when Rosie was a yearling; Mattalyn was hired to begin halter training with this wild, black filly who was anxious on top of everything else. As Mattalyn watched her high jinks, she said to herself, "I want that one!" The rest is history. Rosie and Mattalyn started dressage with Mark Russell who came from a natural horsemanship background. Rosie responded quickly and Mattalyn was able to purchase her for an excellent price because she had worked off so much of her cost in training her. To date, Rosie is her dressage horse. When Rosie was a four-year old, they trained with Joni Abney and continued to refine their skills.

In 2012, Mattalyn moved to Florida to work with Erin Brinkman at Valhalla Farm, as her working student. Rosie came along as well.

Mattalyn progressed from working student to Erin's Assistant Trainer. Under Erin's direction, Mattalyn had an excellent opportunity to work on upper level dressage horses and to start young horses. With the FEL level horses, she was able to improve and learn skills associated at that level but her favorite thing to do was be the young horse trainer at Valhalla.

Rosie benefitted from this arrangement as well, as Mattalyn and Rosie successfully got their First and Second Level scores to qualify for the Bronze in Florida.

Upon her return to Tennessee, Jim Koford worked with her and Rosie and their efforts culminated in their qualifying scores at Third Level for the Bronze at Murfreesboro's "Ole South Dressage" in August 2016.



Above: Dressage at Circle G, Spring 2016, Third Level Debut
Right: Dressage By the River 2016





Above: Dressage By the River 2016

Dressage Trainer at Icon Sporthorses, LLC

Mattalyn came to Icon in October 2016, prior to this she was in Corryton where her horses were kept. At Icon, she offers training, lessons, boarding, and dressage horse sales. She has trained a range of horses from young inexperienced horses all the way to FEI horses. Mattalyn is currently preparing Rosie to show PSG in the spring.

From Mattalyn's perspective, Icon offers the ultimate in a training facility. "I'm inspired every day to work here. Every aspect of this facility is top notch, from the comfort mats in the stalls to the excellent footing in all arenas. This place just excels."

The Challenges and the Rewards

"Rosie was my biggest challenge and biggest reward," she explained. "My struggle to manage this horse made me a better rider. I had to consider all adjunct treatments and training to manage her anxiety, to include chiropractics and teaching her to relax. This has been a struggle but it has truly improved my riding and developed my niche for helping anxious horses. Learning and applying natural horsemanship techniques has really helped as well."

Financial challenges also made her focus on achieving her goals. "Because I had to do this on my own dime, and needed to have money to go to shows, I needed to earn income at the same time," she explained. "The benefit to this is that I have been able to improve my skills and show Rosie at the USDF Bronze Level entirely on my own. This is very powerful and fulfilling."

The hard work to achieve the Bronze has helped develop Mattalyn on both personal and professional levels. "I have become much more patient with horses and people. And the horse offers different responses every day—from calm to excitable, you have to be able to manage them with respect and tact." The rewards of being a trainer are many and Mattalyn especially enjoys using different approaches to train riders and horses and to achieve training breakthroughs... "those wonderful moments of "Yes!" when it all becomes clear."

Mattalyn is very interested in expanding opportunities for our young riders and up-and-coming trainers so that they can access options available in other parts of the country. She would like to see these individuals get an opportunity to ride exceptional horses and to train with excellent, qualified trainers. She very much wants to cultivate and support those young trainers who are offering training done in the manner of correct, classical dressage in order to keep these people in our area and to further build our dressage community here.

A Thousand Thanks

Mattalyn expressed her appreciation of her husband, Cory Hughes, who is constant in his support of her endeavors. She wanted to thank her trainers Erin Brinkman, Iris Eppinger and Jim Koford. (Erin will be holding a dressage clinic this winter in the February-March 2017 timeframe. Please email Mattalyn if you would like to be in the clinic).

She also wanted to thank Kate Wooten for her priceless saddlery expertise and also sent a big shout out to her equine chiropractor, Liz Schrader, for keeping Rosie aligned and happy. Her farrier, Scott Donner, was invaluable in correcting Rosie's paddle with his shoeing expertise. Also, a big thank you goes to Bonnie Clifton for keeping her barn and horses going over a 5-month period while Mattalyn recovered from an injury.

The owners of Icon, Rhonda and Randii Goble, get a big thank you for owning and managing their amazing facility that has allowed Mattalyn to grow her business in such a professional facility.

Finally, Mattalyn would like to thank her current clients and our local dressage community that has supported her in the past and into the future. "With their support, I look forward to earning my USDF Silver in 2017," she stated with a smile.

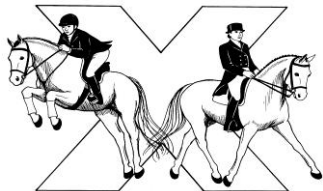
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Emily Brollier Curtis Clinics. Held on **January 28-29** at Jen Bolen's farm, 14875 Buttermilk Road, Lenoir City, TN, 37771. Price per ride is \$90 for CDCTS members. Contact Susan Price for more info susanccsi@comcast.net

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