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From Your President

Great clinic with Cathy Zappe April 26-27! Thanks to Susan Hill for suggesting Cathy and getting her here. Rita Dunn (and Brodie!) hosted Cathy at their home over the weekend – we appreciate you doing that. Kacy Schnake got the on-line form together and order of go for the clinic. Jennifer Jarnigan (Saddle Fit) donated lunch both days. Thank you Jennifer, it was yummy and very much appreciated! Every rider said they learned a lot and appreciated Cathy's comments during their rides. Saturday was held at Red Oak Hill Farm due to threat of rainy weather. Thank you Shannon O'Hatnick for providing your covered arena because of rain threat. While the weather cooperated, we were treated to a small flock of sheep and donkey wandering about while there! Sunday was held at Susan Hill's Topperhill Farm. We will be asking Cathy to come back – just have to mesh our schedules!

CDCTS Summer Schooling Show will be held June 21 at Walnut Grove Stables in Talbot, TN! Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there – as a competitor or volunteer or just coming to watch and cheer on the riders. The wonderful Debbie Schwartz has agreed to judge. The online form will be ready soon, so check your email inbox for details.

Our Fall Schooling Show is scheduled for September 27. Decisions need to be made for a venue – need recommendations for a host site. Or do we want to see about scheduling another clinic instead? Who would you like to see as a clinician? Need your recommendations as soon as possible, so we can get on the clinician's schedule. Fall Fun Day is October 25. Do you want a "mock" hunter pace at River Glen or Fall Fun Day 2.0 doing assorted classes in the mornings and "horsey games" in the afternoon? Let us know!

Dressage by the River is at River Glen, May 17-18. CDCTS will be hosting the competitors' breakfast both days. Diane will be helping as Ring Steward and I know Bill Graves appreciates everyone from CDCTS who volunteers. No one can do these events without volunteers. And remember, you need 4 volunteer hours to qualify for year-end awards.

Until next month, stay cool and Happy Riding!

Carolyn Ordal
CDCTS President

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CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, APRIL 8, 2025

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members in attendance were, Carolyn Ordal, Rita Dunn, Lynn Holtman, Diane Carlson, Julie Noe, Danielle McKensey, Kacy Schnake, and Sloan Adams. Guests included Amanda Cross, Jean Sullivan, Julie Hall and Cecelia Tanner.

Approval of the March 2025 Minutes: Lynn Holtman moved to approve the minutes and Rita Dunn seconded the motion and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kacy Schnake reported that CDCTS was in good financial standing. All payments for the Cathy Zappe Clinic had not yet arrived.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Diane Carlson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Lynn Holtman seconded the motion and all approved.

Old Business

2025 Memberships: We have about 32 current members. Carolyn Ordal talked with 2 former members at the STAR tack sale who said they would renew. Carolyn contacted Renaissance Farm, the Barn Fairy and Mountain Meadow Equestrian Center (Louise von Clef) to ask them about rejoining. Amanda Cross said she would get Cathy Fox to join. Carolyn did not hear from any of the businesses listed about joining. She will ask Coy Jo Bays to make sure they no longer have any ads in our newsletter.

Future of the Club/ Review Roles/Job Descriptions of Volunteers: Discussion to be continued.

Schooling Show/Clinic Dates: Summer Schooling Show, June 21, will be at Walnut Grove Stables in Talbot; Fall Schooling Show, September 27, a host venue is needed; Fall Fun Day, October 25, also needs a host venue. Need to determine locations and judges. Holding these dates as we may use the show dates for clinics. Carolyn Ordal contacted Debbie Schwartz about being the judge for the June 21 Summer Schooling Show. Debbie said she would get back to her.

STAR Craft and Tack Sale: March 22 – Carolyn Ordal, Candi Mincey and Dalles Phillips hosted the CDCTS booth. They handed out copies of the newsletter and flyers about the Cathy Zappe Clinic and generally talked up the benefits of CDCTS membership. This is always a good PR opportunity for the club,

Consult with Small Business Attorney. Did we get any recommendations of someone to consult with? Kacy Schnake said she would check this out.

Cathy Zappe Clinic April 26-27: Rita Dunn has graciously volunteered to host Cathy Zappe for Friday and Saturday nights. 9 rides on Saturday, 6 on Sunday and the possibility of Cathy Zappe doing Lisha Marshall's horses at her place Friday or Sunday afternoon.

Other clinics? Ariana Sekaris? Emily Rose?: I emailed Ariana, last week, reply info is attached. Sloan Adams said she was going to try to get Ariana to come to her farm, with the possibility of opening up spots to CDCTS members only.

New Business

Horse Protection Act (HPA) and the Horse Protection Program: Don't believe it affects us as our shows are not focused on TN walkers and racking horse type shows. Have requested clarification. New rules go into effect February 1, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 p.m. Kacy Schnake made the motion to adjourn. Diane Carlson seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Schooling Show/Clinic dates: Summer Schooling Show, June 21, Walnut Grove Stables in Talbot; Fall Schooling Show, September 27; Fall Fun Day; October 25

Other Local Events

Jim Koford 2025 Dates: May 1-4, June 5-8, July 3-6, August July 31- August 3, September 4-7, October 2-5 (subject to change), November October 30- November 2, December 4-7.

River Glen: May 9-11 Spring HT; May 17-18, Dressage by the River; May 31-June 1 Hunter Jumper; August 2-3 Summer HT; August 16-17 Dressage by the River; November 8-9 HT; September 20-21; October 4-5 & 18-19, Hunter Jumper.

CATHY ZAPPE CLINIC, APRIL 26-27





CATHY ZAPPE CLINIC, APRIL 26-27 - CONTINUED



More Photos on the CDCTS Website
<https://cdcts.org/recent-past-events>

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Spring is here (finally!) and we are all excited to get back to a regular riding schedule! Spring is also the prime time to do a quick safety check on your saddle billets to make sure that those first spring rides are successful & safe.

First, place your saddle on a stand or a flat, cushioned surface (such as a blanket or saddle pad) to prevent scratches, in a well-lit area.

Let's check these 4 points:

1. Upper stitching attachment to the saddle - Look for fraying thread or loose stitches.
2. Leather Integrity - Check for dryness, cracking deeper than surface, & signs of rot.
3. Wear & Tear –
 - a. Look at the top, bottom, and sides of each billet - should be of even thickness.
 - b. Look at the holes. They should be even and not stretched or elongated.
4. What about billets with nylon in the middle? The same inspection & points of concern apply! Even nylon is prone to stretching and damage!

If you encounter any of the above concerns, please contact your local saddle fitter (who is trained to replace them) or saddler to schedule an appointment. There may be other concerns that you encounter that need to be evaluated by a trained professional - reach out & we can help!

Happy Riding! Amanda



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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.

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Gullet: 7.5" mid-concho to mid-concho
Finished Seat Size: 17"; Skirt Length: 26";
Tree Size: 17.5"

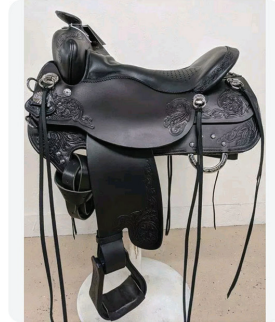
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Troxel Schooling Helmet Brand new,
in box, never worn, medium - \$85

Tipperary Eventing Vest, size
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Contact: Diane Carlson
865-922-3614 or
dianeandcharlie56@gmail.com

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AD Size	Member Rate	Non-Member Rate
Full Page (7"wide X 10" high)	\$10 per month	\$20 per month
Half Page(7"wide X 5"high)	\$5 per month	\$10 per month
Quarter Page (3.5"wide X 5" high)	\$2 per month	\$5 per month
Business Card (3.5"wide X 2" high)	FREE	\$2 per month
Classified Ad	FREE	\$1 for each 25 words

Please send ads, via email to cdctsnews@gmail.com. Make checks out to CDCTS (put "advertising" in the check memo line) and mail them to Kacy Schnake, 324 El Jon Lane, Kingston, TN 37763.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Jim Koford	2 Jim Koford	3 Jim Koford
4 Jim Koford	5	6	7	8	9 River Glen, Spring HT	10 River Glen, Spring HT
11 River Glen, Spring HT	12	13 CDCTS Board Meeting	14	15	16	17 River Glen, Dressage by the River
18 River Glen, Dressage by the River	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 River Glen, Hunter Jumper

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Hunter Jumper, River Glen	2	3	4	5 Jim Koford	6 Jim Koford	7 Jim Koford
8 Jim Koford	9	10 CDCTS Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 CDCTS Summer Schooling Show, Walnut Grove Stables
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

ARTICLES FOR THE CROSSING

Please submit articles for your monthly CDCTS newsletter, *THE CROSSING*. Deadline for articles is the 20th of each month. Send your article by email to: cdctsnews@gmail.com.

EVENTS

2025 CDCTS Events

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Summer Hunter Jumper, August 2-3; *Dressage by the River*, August 16-17; *Hunter Jumper*, September 20-21;
Fall Hunter Jumper, October 4-5 & 18-19; *Hunter Jumper*, November 8-9

Next Meeting

May 13, 2025

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Calhoun's Restaurant

(Pellissippi/Kingston Pike Intersection)

10020 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for meeting



Region 3 USDF GMO #0319

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.

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, which provides you with many additional benefits in the dressage arena.

Visit us on the web for more information and downloadable content at www.CDCTS.org

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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society 2025 Membership Application



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CDCTS membership year is 1 December 2024-30 November 2025. After 1 December, the effective date of membership begins the day the form and correct dues reach the CDCTS Secretary at the address below. CDCTS is a USDF GMO and its members are automatically USDF Group Members. For Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF. \$24.00 of your primary GMO membership fee goes directly to USDF for your Group Membership. Electronic copies of CDCTS applications will be held until funds are received.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____ USDF#: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Primary Phone: () _____ Secondary Phone: () _____
Primary Email address: _____
Birth date: _____ (required by USDF for all riders under 21 years of age,
and requested for those over 21 years old to assist in limiting doubled entries at USDF)

I would like to Join: ____ /Renew: ____ Crossroads Dressage and Combined training Society for the
membership year 1 December 2024—30 November 2025 in the following category:

- a. Charter Member (Founding member of the club whose membership has not lapsed) ____ X \$23.00 ____
b. Adult Member (Over 21 years old as of January 1, 2024) ____ X \$52.00 ____
c. Junior/Young Rider Member (21 years old or younger as of January 1, 2024) ____ X \$28.00 ____
d. Family Membership (\$52 Primary Member + \$13.00 per each additional member) ____ X \$52.00 ____
____ X \$13.00 ____
e. Early Bird Discount (Payment before November 1, 2024) **deduct \$5.00** -\$5.00 ____

ARE YOU PAYING WITH PAYPAL? (cdctsortg@gmail.com)

IF YES, ADD \$2.00 ____
Total: ____

List the Additional Family Members below:

Name: _____ Phone #: () _____

I would like to volunteer to support the club in the following areas:

Horse shows: ____ Scribe, ____ Scorer, ____ Runner, ____ Ring Steward, ____ Concessions, ____ Set up and
Tear Down, ____ Hospitality

Other: ____ Phone Contacts, ____ Committees, ____ Board Member, ____ Write for Newsletter, ____ Publish
newsletter, ____ Website, ____ Sell Advertising, ____ Other _____

Please make your check payable to CDCTS and return to:

Kacy Schnake, CDCTS Treasurer
324 El Jon Lane
Kingston, TN 37763

Office action:

Date Received: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____



**Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society
2025 Professional or Business Application**



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Primary Contact: First Name: _____ Middle Initial: ____ Last Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Mailing or Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary Phone: () _____ **Secondary Phone:** () _____

Primary Email address: _____

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a. I/we wish to provide a lecture or training series with the following details:

b. I/we wish to sponsor a class in a CDCTS Schooling Show for the following amount _____ or with the following goods and/or services _____. *Please select Spring or Fall Show or both.*

c. I/we wish to sponsor a _____ (trophy, ribbons, neck sashes, etc) in a schooling show. *Please select Spring or Fall Show or both.*

d. I/we wish to sponsor a year end award. Please specify which award and amount.

e. I/we wish to support the club in another manner. Please specify below:

Please fill your form out and mail it to:

Kacy Schnake, CDCTS Treasurer
324 El Jon Lane
Kingston, TN 37763

Office action: Date Received: _____