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## From Your President

The CDCTS Summer Schooling Show was held June 21 at Walnut Grove Stables in Talbot, TN. Congratulations to all competitors and we appreciate you coming out on such a hot day. Thanks to Dene Masengill for letting us be there. I appreciate all the volunteers—Dene, Kacy, Diane, Mike, Julie, Dave, Lynn and John. We were low on volunteers and I appreciate everyone who stepped up. Thanks to the wonderful Debbie Schwartz, our judge. Your kind comments will help all of us improve for our next shows.

July 12-13 is the second in our series of clinics with Cathy Zappe. It will be held at Red Oak Hill Farm (Shannon O'Hatnicks farm). Their covered arena will be very welcome for this July clinic. Space is limited. The online registration form is available and make sure you sign up. The third Cathy Zappe clinic will be October 18-19.

Our Fall Schooling show is scheduled for September 27. Decisions need to be made for a venue—need recommendations for a host site. If you want to be eligible for year-end awards, you need to have shown in at least 2 different shows with 2 different judges.

*The horse/rider combination must submit at least 3 scores from 2 different judges at 2 different shows. At least 1 score must be derived from the highest test of that level.*

Because of the Cathy Zappe clinic October 18-19, we will NOT be hosting Fall Fun Day this year.

We would like to get YOUR opinions on what direction to take the club. Do we still host schooling shows? If so, why aren't you volunteering to help? Even if you ride in the show, there is usually time for you to volunteer, even for an hour. Do you have a favorite clinician? Let us know and we will try to arrange a clinic. The CDCTS board members are the hardest working folks in our organization. We need YOUR help to continue to provide the shows and clinics you attend.

Until next month, stay cool and Happy Riding!

*Carolyn Ordal*  
CDCTS President

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# CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 17, 2025

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## CDCTS Meeting Agenda June 17, 2025

**Call to Order:** Carolyn Ordal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Attending were Kacy Schnake, Lynn Holtman, Diane Carlson, Julie Noe and guest Toni Engstrom

**Approval of the Minutes:** Lynn Holtman made a motion to approve the May 2025 minutes. Julie Noe seconded the motion and all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kacy Schnake gave the treasurer's report.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Lynn Holtman made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Diane Carlson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

## Old Business

**2025 Memberships:** CDCTS has 36 members. Carolyn Ordal will hand out membership forms to nonmembers at the show Summer Schooling show on the upcoming Saturday.

**Summer Schooling Show:** The Summer Schooling Show, on June 21, will be at Walnut Grove Stables in Talbot. Set up is Thursday afternoon, June 19, around 1 p.m. It will be a small show with 36 rides. The show should wrap up by 3:00 at the latest. Help is needed to set up and tear down. Mike and Diane will be handling the concessions. Someone is needed to score dressage tests and to scribe dressage tests. Kacy will send out an email to members asking for volunteers. Carolyn shared a proposed budget for the show and concessions.

**Consult with a Small Business Attorney:** Kacy Schnake is going to do this. Any info? No updates.

**Cathy Zappe Clinic on July 12-13:** Haven't heard from Shannon O'Hatnick or Jennifer Jarnigan about holding the clinic at Red Oak Hill Farm. Kacy Schnake verified that we are on their calendar for using their facility on July 12-13. Need to get this out asap to members and on FaceBook and website. It will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday for 5 rides; at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday morning for 8 rides and then 3 rides on Monday morning at Susan Hill's Topperhill Farm.

## New Business

**No new business at this time.**

## Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Diane Carlson moved to adjourn with Kacy Schnake providing the second and all approved.

## 2025 CDCTS Events

**Schooling Show/Clinic Dates:** Summer Schooling Show, June 21 at Walnut Grove Stables; Fall Schooling Show, September 27; Cathy Zappe Clinics, July 12-13 And October 18-19.

## Other Local Events

**Jim Koford 2025 dates:** 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:** Summer HT, August 2-3; Dressage by the River, August 16-17; Fall HT, November 8-9; Hunter Jumper, September 20-21; October 4-5 & 18-19

**The July Board Meeting will be on Thursday, July 10, 2025.**

This is not our regular meeting time. Please be sure to note this on your calendar.

# Cathy Zappe Clinics

**July 12-13, 2025, Rain or Shine**

Please note the schedule has shifted a little bit due to Cathy's schedule.

We will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, at Red Oak Hill Farm.

Sunday, July 13, will also be at Red Oak Hill Farm.

Three rides are also being offered on Monday morning, July 14, at Topperhill Farm.

Use the Link Below to Register.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions.

Click On the Link Below:

***Cathy Zappe July Clinics***

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## CDCTS SUMMER SCHOOLING SHOW, JUNE 21, 2025

**WALNUT GROVE STABLES, TALBOTT TN**

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# CDCTS SUMMER SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS, JUNE 21, 2025

## WALNUT GROVE STABLES, TALBOTT TN

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### **Intro A—Adult Amateur:**

Linda Bird, Mocha to Go, 1<sup>st</sup>; Sarah Jane Della Vecchio, Oxidized, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sloan Adams, A Pretty Penny, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Madison Srivner, Panda, 4<sup>th</sup>; Meredith Barnes, Theodore, 5<sup>th</sup>; Jean Sullivan, Maverick, 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Intro B—Adult Amateur:**

Linda Bird, Mocha to Go, 1<sup>st</sup>; Adams, A Pretty Penny, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Lindsey Young, Topsails Dry Reward, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Meredith Barnes, Theodore, 4<sup>th</sup>; Sarah Jane Della Vecchio, Oxidized, 5<sup>th</sup>; Cassie Tackett, Reasonable Doubt, 6<sup>th</sup>, Jean Sullivan, 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Intro B—Junior:**

McKenna DeLong, Powerful Legend, 1<sup>st</sup>; Amelia Atlee, Extra, 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Intro C—Adult Amateur:**

Adams, A Pretty Penny, 1<sup>st</sup>; Cassie Tackett, Reasonable Doubt, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Madison Srivner, Panda, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 1—Open:** Toni Corn, Frederick of Hollywood, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 2—Adult Amateur:** Carolyn Ordal, Susie's Little Sassy, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 2—Open:** Toni Corn, Frederick of Hollywood, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 3—Adult Amateur:** Carolyn Ordal, Susie's Little Sassy, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 3—Open:** Toni Corn, Frederick of Hollywood, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 4—Adult Amateur:** Carolyn Ordal, Susie's Little Sassy, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Western Dressage, Intro 2—Open:** Toni Corn, Frederick of Hollywood, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Training Level 1—Adult Amateur:** Sloan Adams, A Painted Daytona Sky, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Training Level 2—Adult Amateur:** Sloan Adams, A Painted Daytona Sky, 1<sup>st</sup>

**Training Level 3—Adult Amateur:** Sloan Adams, A Painted Daytona Sky, 1<sup>st</sup>

**High Point Junior:** McKenna DeLong, Powerful Legend, 71.250%

**High Point Adult Amateur:** Linda Bird, Mocha to Go, 74.375%

**High Point Adult Amateur Western Dressage:** Carolyn Ordal, Susie's Little Sassy, 70.250%

**High Point Open:** Toni Corn, Frederick of Hollywood, 59.5%

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# Girths and Cinchas!



From measuring what size you need, to choosing a material, or a shape, the market is Saturated with options! How to choose? Let's disassemble the confusion! This will be the first of several installments covering all things girth related! Over the next few newsletters, we will cover: Materials, Shape, and Fitting & Construction.

Let's begin with materials. Which material is best for your horse, your climate, your discipline or workload? Let's dive in! (For the purpose of this article, I'll be using girth to cover western cinches too, don't be confused by the general nomenclature of this portion)

## Materials

**Wool Felt** - Like wool saddle pads, wool girths are one of my favorite materials! But not all wool girths are made equally - wool quality and thickness will play a part in which girth you choose. I always recommend purchasing the softest, springiest, thickest material you can find and afford. Good wool will sit snugly against the horse and absorb pressure, heat & sweat. These girths will be a good choice for any horse, and any climate, and are also great options for horses with sensitive skin and/or prone to rubs. The drawback - you must keep regular cleaning/maintenance on the girth to ensure dirt, sweat & hair don't buildup & cause rubs.

**Wool Fleece** - perceived as the ultimate girth material for English riders and gaining popularity in the Western world, wool fleece is the most forgiving material for sensitive horses. The deep pile (thickness) of fleece girths is an amazing shock absorber and sweat wicker, which dissipates heat from the horse, which is important in the Southeast! The drawbacks are, when new especially, you can't tighten this type of girth very snug and on a round horse, this could cause saddle slippage. These girths are also known for their maintenance - a wool friendly shampoo needs to be used regularly, dried thoroughly and re"fluffed" to maintain the pile and prevent matting. (An air compressor is a wonderful tool to refluff wool!)

**Synthetic Fleece** - This type of fleece has lovely shock absorbing properties and is easier to care for than natural fleece. Like natural wool, it is a nice option for sensitive horses who need more even pressure and a pressure deadening effect. The fleece still needs to be cleaned and fluffed regularly to maintain these properties, so the level of care remains the same as a natural wool girth. A strong drawback to this material in our climate is the lack of heat & sweat dissipation as synthetics will create & trap heat. I never recommend this material for riders who ride for long hours because of this.

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**Elastic** - fully elastic girths are tough to find but are available on the market. These girths are 100% elastic, all the way around, not just the buckle portion. They are typically breathable even though they are a synthetic material. Quick drying and easy to care for, these girths can wear out quickly (Lose elasticity) and can be overtightened easily, so beware when tacking up!

**Air (covered)** - girths utilizing air are making a return to the market. Like air panels in saddles, these girths have an air bladder on known pressure points with the intent to distribute that pressure by utilizing air pressure. These girths, when overtightened, can cause the air bladder to compress to a point of hardness. The bladders are soft and can be a good option for horses with sensitivity on the sternum & ribs. Like air paneled saddle, these bladders have a lifespan and need to be checked regularly to ensure the bladder is intact & working as intended. These girths may also come in a variety of covering materials, but the most common is a synthetic leather/foam/neoprene type material, so consider the skin contact material in your decision as well.

**Gel (covered)** - Much like the Air girths, gel girths are an ever-popular choice in the market. The intent is to distribute pressure and allow for some movement of the horse to continually redistribute the gel pressure. Like the air girths, overtightening these girths can cause unintentional pressure instead of relieving it. Gel is also known to create & trap heat, so choosing the correct covering becomes an important choice too.

**Leather** - a time-tested favorite! I don't think that leather is ever a bad choice! Easy to care for, long-lasting, typically soft & malleable for the horse's shape, leather (if constructed properly, covered in Part 3) is always a top choice.

**Cotton** - Cotton girths can be found in string and flat varieties. The ease of care for cotton girths is a large bonus - most can be washed in a washing machine and hung to dry. Cotton has little stretch after the first few uses and will typically mold to your horse once tightened. A drawback is that.

**Mohair String** - Mohair is a very traditional material that is strong, durable, and easy to care for. Its breathability and quick drying properties make it a wonderful choice for our climate! While traditionally used for Western Cinches, makers in the US also tie girths for English as well. Mohair comes in a variety of colors to suit your horse or color pallets, too. Mohair will stretch slightly within the first few uses, so ask your maker how much to expect and account for this in your length choice.

**Synthetic String** - string girths made with synthetic string/rope material are all over the internet at the moment. While durable and affordable, these girths are most likely to gall your horse within a few rides due to the abrasive nature of synthetic threads within the string. I do not recommend this type of girth material in any presentation. Invest in a better material, even if you need to save money for the purchase or find one used.

**\*\*Disclaimer:** While most of us don't perform this ritual after every ride, girths need to be cared for as intently as we care for our saddles, bridles & leg protection. Routine care will extend the life of your equipment and ensure a happy horse!

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*Happy Riding! Amanda*

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## July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Jim Koford	4 Jim Koford	5 Jim Koford
6 Jim Koford	7	8	9	10 CDCTS Board Meeting	11	12 Cathy Zappe Clinics
13 Cathy Zappe Clinics	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## August 2025

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

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## Next Meeting

**July 10, 2025**

2nd Thursday 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*

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Region 3 USDF GMO #0319

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Primary Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
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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  
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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?** (cdctsgorg@gmail.com)

**IF YES, ADD \$2.00** \_\_\_\_  
**Total:** \_\_\_\_

List the Additional Family Members below:

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2025 Professional or Business Application**



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

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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:

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Kacy Schnake, CDCTS Treasurer  
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