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From Your President

Get ready, our fall schooling show is coming up and will be held September 25 at Walnut Grove Stables in Talbott, TN. Please note that the classes are like those for our July 10 show. We're offering classical, western and gaited dressage, two fun classes—egg in spoon and ride a buck—as well as two Working Equitation type obstacle classes. We were unable to secure a venue for September 25, where we could offer combined tests in addition to our dressage classes. CDCTS member Dene Masengill graciously offered her Walnut Grove Stables to host the show and we adapted to the location.

Valerie Cheatham, L Judge with distinction, is judging the dressage classes and the two fun classes. Maria and Arielle Blackstone who teach Working Equitation, have volunteered to judge the obstacle classes. We are very fortunate to have these three women for our September show! **Closing date is September 15, so get those entries in!**

Our show committee is already seeking sites for our Spring Schooling show, tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2022 and the Fall Schooling show on September 24. We do need an area/arena that will fit a large dressage arena, 60m x 20 m. That's about 198 feet long by 66 feet wide. There also has to be adequate parking, a warm up area and jumping area. If you have a suggestion of a host venue or want to volunteer your farm, please contact any of the CDCTS board members with the information.

We're getting into the last 3 months of the dressage year—our membership runs Dec 1-Nov 30—and there is plenty of time to get the required hours in to qualify for year-end awards. For the September 25 show, we need ring stewards, scribes, score sheet runners, parking attendants, set up help on Friday, September 24 and tear down help after the show on September 25. CDCTS will be running concessions at this show and two folks are needed for that. Please contact me if you wish to volunteer.

Our next meeting is (6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for meeting) September 14 at Ruby Tuesday in Lenoir City. Please RSVP to our CDCTS secretary as they do have limited space. Hope to see you all there!

Keep hydrated as you work with your horses and remember to "Have fun in 2021"!

Carolyn Ordal,

CDCTS President

CDCTS is a USDF Group Member Organization and all members are automatically USDF Group Members. For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.



GROUP
MEMBER
ORGANIZATION

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 10, 2021

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by CDCTS President Carolyn Ordal at 7:00 p.m. on August 10, 2021 at Ruby Tuesday, Lenoir City, TN.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Carolyn Ordal, Jean Sullivan, Julie Noe, Melissa Morehead, Alece Ellis, Susan Hill, Rita Dunn and Julie Hall. The following board members were not present: Jeannie Baggett. The following guests were present: Lynn Holtman, Susan Michaud, Janice Butt, and Pat Bloom. Zoom was not offered.

III. Approval Of Minutes From Last Meeting

Minutes from July 13, 2021 were provided to all members in the July newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Rita Dunn and Seconded by Alece Ellis.

IV. Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers Report was read by Melissa Morehead. A Motion to accept the Treasurers Report as presented was made by Susan Hill and seconded by Jean Sullivan.

Show Committee:

- The September 25, 2021 Schooling Show will be held at Walnut Grove Stables and judged by Valarie Cheatham. The Working Equitation classes will be judged by Arielle Blackstone. Carolyn Ordal provided the proposed budget for this event. Set up will be Friday, September 24, 2021 at 5 p.m. The following volunteer positions are needed: Scribes, ring set up/tear down, and ring steward. Mike Sullivan has agreed to assist with concessions. Please contact Carolyn Ordal if you are interested in volunteering. The show prize list is provided. Carolyn Ordal will provide Dene Massengill with the number of poles and standards that will be needed for the WE obstacles. Melissa Morehead will check the status of the propane tank in the club trailer.
- CDCTS Fall Fun Day to be held October 30, 2021 at River Glen. Carolyn Ordal presented a Proposed Budget to the Board. Carolyn also handed out a project management process and the prize list for those in attendance. Carolyn stressed the importance of following a show management process.
- Alece Ellis agreed to provide Carolyn Ordal with a step by step show procedure check list that she has utilized in the past.

Membership Committee:

An updated report was not presented. Julie Hall reports an estimated 60 current members. A new membership was received for Shelby Clark which would bring the total membership to 61 members.

Welcome Committee:

There are currently no official members of this committee. Julie Hall has agreed to continue reaching out to new members via email when membership applications are received. New members will also be profiled in the Newsletter as space allows.

Education Committee:

This committee is currently on hold.

Social Media Committee:

It was requested that social media be extensively used for advertising of the September 25th schooling show and Fall Fun Day.

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 10, 2021- CONTINUED

By-Laws Committee:

An updated report was not presented.

V. Old Business

- Melissa Morehead purchased the following new equipment: Walkie Talkies, PA system and adding machine. A Motion was made by Jean Sullivan to approve the funds necessary to purchase these items, and it was seconded by Alece Ellis.
- Donna Richardson proposed a September 2, 2021 date for the scribe clinic. Teresa Shaffer has offered the use of a meeting room at her farm on Hollingsfield Road, Knoxville, TN. Donna is volunteering her time and Teresa is not charging for the use of her facility. We thank both of these ladies. Donna proposed a pot-luck dinner with the seminar beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m. and lasting 2-3 hours. Julie Hall agreed to draft a flyer and put out to the general membership via email and advertise on social media if the maximum number of 10 participants is not met.
- Melissa More head will ensure the clubs insurance is renewed. The membership in attendance agreed to table the search for a new insurance company until 2022. Carolyn Ordall will contact the existing insurance company for clarification about the number of free events our insurance coverage provides for, and what constitutes an "event."
- The September club meeting will be held at Ruby Tuesday's, Lenoir City.

VI. New Business

- A discussion was held about the annual awards banquet. Jean Sullivan and Melissa Morehead will head the committee and Susan Hill has agreed to help with the awards. It was agreed the banquet will return to Buddy's BBQ in Knoxville on January 29, 2022. There was discussion about a guest speaker and many good suggestions were made by Pat Bloom.
- Carolyn Ordal was contacted by the USDF GMO coordinator about nominees for the USDF GMO Volunteer of the Year award, and other awards. Nominees should be sent to Carolyn Ordal via email.
- An anonymous donor offered CDCTS High Point Awards for the July Scenic Flight Dressage Show held in Cleveland, TN. The CDCTS High Point Awards went to Dru Adams for Junior Rider, Anne Titus for Adult Amateur and Shannon O'Hatnick for Open Rider. Congratulations to all! And Thank You to the anonymous donor!!

VII. Upcoming Events

- Jim Koford clinic dates: September 9-12, 2021; October 21-24, 2021; November 18-21, 2021 and December 16-19, 2021. Contact information can be found on the CDCTS website.
- CDCTS Fall Schooling Show, September 25, 2021 at Walnut Grove Stables. Closing date is September 15, 2021.
- CDCTS Fall Fun Day at River Glen, October 30, 2021. Closing date is October 26, 2021

VIII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Hill and seconded by Rita Dunn. Adjournment at 8:03 pm on August 10, 2021. Next regular meeting will be on September 14, 2021 at Ruby Tuesday, Lenoir City, TN.

Minutes submitted by Julie Hall CDCTS Secretary

CDCTS CLUB UPDATE

CDCTS Welcomes New Members:

Shelby Clark, Dressage



CONGRATULATIONS !!!

CDCTS High Point Award Winners Scenic Flight Dressage Show, Cleveland, TN

JR/YR rider Dru Adams - 72.5% at Training 3 riding Kipkasa's Blazing Finale
AA rider Anne Titus - 64.1% at First Level 2 riding Conversano Toscana I
Open rider Shannon O'Hatnick - 74.4% at Training 2 riding Cadbury

(Dru Adams earned a qualifying score for Regional Championships)

MEMBERS AT RECENT EVENTS

Scenic Flight Dressage Show

Tri-State Exhibition Center, July 23-24-25, 2021



The Bag Ladies



Patricia Burns with Harley

MEMBERS AT RECENT EVENTS - CONTINUED

Scenic Flight Dressage Show

Tri-State Exhibition Center, July 23-24-25, 2021



Shannon O'Hatnick on Cadbury



Anne Titus on Tosi



Dru Adams on Yoshi



Cadbury - Reserve Champion High Point
Andrea Davinport Himel,
Susan Hill, Shannon O'Hatnick



Melissa Morehead on Token

*Crossroads Dressage and
Combined Training Society
invites you to attend a FREE seminar..*

“Learn How To Scribe”

Thursday, September 2, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Instructed by

Donna Richardson (S) Judge

8712 Hollingsfield Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922



Donna Richardson began in dressage after a successful career as a hunter jumper. She has proven herself a stellar athlete, named to the United States Equestrian Team in both 1999 and 2002 with her horse Jazzman. In 1999 she and Jazzman won team gold medals, and sixth individually at the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg, Canada.

She is currently a USEF S judge, has lectured at the CDS Symposium and has written articles for Dressage Today and USDF Connection.

Space is limited to 10 participants only. RSVP is requested to Julie Hall, CDCTS Secretary @ cdctssecretary@gmail.com

Donna recently joined CDCTS and has graciously agreed to donate her time for this seminar. She asks that participants consider donating to CDCTS. Teresa Shafer has graciously donated the facility in which the seminar will be held.

A pot-luck dinner is planned so please bring a dish to share with all participants.

TRAINING DAMASCUS BY JEAN SULLIVAN

When Dr. Melissa Hamilton first came out to check out Damascus and look at his face after he was born, she said something odd to me. "You know he's probably going to be hard to ride." I looked at her and asked "Why? Because of his nose?" "No, because he's a double whorl horse and they can be difficult!" I kind of let that go through one ear and out the other because I had enough to worry about just dealing with his breathing problems.

I usually start my babies in training from their first steps. This includes the basics of leading, standing, being tied, etc. By the time they are three they have been lunged without saddle or bridle and gradually taught to lunge with saddle, bridle, and side reins. Before riding a young horse I get up in the saddle two or three times while tied at every training session. This advances to getting up on the mounting block in the ring and then riding. Damascus had no trouble making good progress through the before mentioned steps except he was very mouthy and prone to argue as are most young stallions. The mouthiness was quickly progressing to chewing on the handler, usually me. A couple of years before this I broke his half brother as a stallion. So normal stallion behavior was not new to me.

Damascus was starting to progress beyond what I thought was usual and expected. He wasn't mean. He was just temperamental. His paddock had an outside fence with boards at the top. The boards were located on the outside of the fence due to the curve in the fence. If dinner was late or something else didn't suit his fancy, I would come outside and find at least one of those boards lying on the ground where he had hit it with his chest and knocked it off. I have come out and found all six of them lying on the ground after a particular lengthy tantrum. The first time I got on him to ride, I got on him in a stall. I did worry a bit about him plastering me against the ceiling, but he knew he was confined so he didn't buck or rear but I could tell he was very ticked off with the entire program. The first time I rode him in the ring my son led him by a rope tied to his halter while I had the reins. He proceeded to try to chew my son's arm and shoulder off going around the ring. It was time to call the vet and schedule his gelding procedure.

After waiting about two months for his testosterone level to drop, I started riding Damascus. This was about the time I began to remember the double whorl statement from Dr. Hamilton. According to the literature that I found on whorls on horses and their possible meaning, a double whorl that is located on a horse's face above the line drawn across eye level means that the horse will be talented but could be hard to ride. Supposedly this is due to the horse being good at using both sides of his brain which the whorls indicated developed at the same time. Do I believe this? I wouldn't if I had never had Damascus.

Damascus has never bucked trying to throw me off or reared. He is very headstrong but also very subtle at getting his way. We progressed through training and first levels without too much difficulty. He didn't like to bring his head down to get on the bit, and everything he did had to be at top speed. His motto to get through a test was "Get Er Done!!!" He has big gaits and knows how to use them. Lengthening at trot and canter were the fun parts of a test. He did have some problems with decreasing speed at the end of a canter lengthening. Debbie Schwartz as a judge witnessed a test where we never decreased speed at the corner near where she was sitting. Luckily he was handy enough to handle the corner at full speed. She informed me after the show that I had to MAKE him slow down. Easier said than done.

We made it through second level without any big difficulties and had confidence that third level would go as well. Unfortunately I hadn't considered that flying leads would be the problem they turned out to be. Damascus' grandmother was exceptional at flying leads, and I was hoping that he had received this talent genetically from her. At sixteen years of age I was doing flying lead changes every other stride on her. I didn't think there was anything special about this. Unfortunately whatever genes it took evidently passed him by. We spent four years first learning what a flying lead was and then learning when and when not to do them.

TRAINING DAMASCUS - CONTINUED

My horse is exceptionally talented at finding the easiest way to do a movement. Every movement he does has three steps involved. The first step involves learning and doing the movement correctly. This means the movement will get a decent score in a test. The second step is how to evade the movement. For example Damascus has fifty ways to do a turn on the haunches. Most of which are not likely to get a good score in a test. I believe this where his double whorl comes into play.

Jim Koford stopped me during a lesson to ask me a particular question. "Do you realize your horse tries to out maneuver every cue you give him?" "Thank God!" I told him. "Someone finally understands my horse!" The last step involved in my training a particular movement is figuring out how to make him do it correctly without him being able to modify it. Then that movement is ready to show!

Another factor that helped me get through third level was switching to a double bridle. I spent the previous levels trying to slow Damascus down and lower his head carriage. With a snaffle bit he was always leaning against the bit and my shoulders were always pulled forward. Half halts helped some but never totally ended in self carriage. The double bridle finally gave me the control I needed to make him listen. This didn't come quickly or easily but it did finally happen. I could sit back without having to brace and my shoulders relaxed. We worked all winter to lower his head carriage and get the push we needed from his rear end. I had to convince myself first that this type of head carriage wasn't affecting his breathing, and after spending months testing the new connection, realized that it didn't have any effect. I felt that I had a new horse.

I want to thank the people that helped me through the journey I have made with Damascus. Thank you Cathy Fox for starting us out right with the basics. Thank you Carol Grau for letting us train on your beautiful property. Thank you Rita Dunn for the encouragement in your ring and mine. I do a better half halt thanks to you. Thank you to Emily Broillier Curtis for encouraging us, and Jen Bolen for letting me use your fantastic ring. Thank you Jim Koford for making me try harder and for understanding my horse. Thank you Kim Clelland and Steve Lloyd for taking beautiful pictures of Damascus. Thank you CDCTS for holding the shows that gave me opportunity to try our wings. Thank you to the numerous people who gave me encouragement along the way.

This horse was a gift from God that took me a while to recognize. I have learned more from him than any other horse I have ever trained. He challenges me daily, and I find I am a much better rider and trainer due to this challenge. I hope anyone reading this will take away the message that in horses when something looks so bleak that it is hard to understand, it may be a gift in disguise.



Jean and Damascus earned their USDF Bronze Medal in May 2021.

Coach's Corner

5 Pieces of Advice From Tokyo's Dressage Medallists

<https://www.fei.org/stories/lifestyle/teach-me/5-pieces-advice-tokyo-2020-dressage-medallists>

Tokyo 2020 Dressage stars give us the secrets of their success...

In celebration of all things Tokyo, we're rounding up the best advice from riders who earned themselves a much sought-after medal at these Games. After all, who better to listen to than people right at the top of their game?

In the Dressage edition, you'll find nuggets of wisdom from the likes of Tokyo 2020 double gold winner Jessica von Bredow-Werndl, Olympic icon Charlotte Dujardin, and American multiple medallist Steffen Peters.

Words to live by, we reckon.

1. If the horse isn't on the aids, the flying changes are doomed

There probably isn't a rider on the planet who hasn't struggled with changes at some point, or won't at some point in the future. Those pesky little skipping steps might look lovely and fluent, but they're often a big hurdle to overcome in a horse's training...and a rider's!



Often when you struggle with the changes, you'll find lots of exercises to help improve them. And while it's true that you need to have a well-balanced canter and your horse needs to be supple, there's one golden rule, according to Tokyo 2020 Team silver medallist Steffen Peters: "If the horse is not on the aids, you are in trouble."

While you might get away with a change which is a stride late on the aids at lower levels, you'll certainly never have reliable tempi changes. And if the horse isn't responsive to your leg aids, you're also far more likely to produce a change which is late behind rather than clean.

So be honest with yourself from the very start about whether your horse is truly on the aids. Does he respond to a lovely light touch for the canter aid from walk? Is he listening to your seat? Do you have to nudge him along every few strides in canter to keep him going? If so, be strict with yourself and your horse about expecting a clear and immediate response from your aids.

2. Quality over quantity

This is a piece of advice which can't really be attributed to only one Olympic medallist. Team bronze medallists Carl Hester and Charlotte Dujardin are perhaps the best-known proponents of days off, easy work for young horses, and "letting your horse be a horse."

But it's not a new concept. Even double gold medallist Jessica von Bredow-Werndl made it clear that she schools TSF Dalera in intervals too, allowing her a couple of days off after a few days of intense schooling or training. The German is a big believer in creating a happy athlete and giving them lots of experience by doing lots of hacking and galloping work with her horses.



And although not a medallist this year, Cathrine Dufour (who just missed out on the bronze) says the same thing about days off and interval training. We're noticing a bit of a pattern!

Moral of the story? Quality over quantity.

It's better to have three days of excellent schooling with breaks, stretching, or hacks in between than it is to have six days of sour, mediocre schooling. If your horse does something well, give them a reward and a little break. Be free and easy with the praise, and don't keep "drilling" for the sake of it.

Horses, like humans, need variation. They simply can't be expected to give 110% day in, day out, for years.

3. There are many roads to Rome

So maybe that's not the exact quote that Dressage queen Isabell Werth – who won her 11th and 12th Olympic medals in Tokyo – used. But she's often said that finding the key for each horse is crucial to success.



As she put it during an interview, "there is no horse without some problem, without some ups and downs, and the goal is to find a key and not to give up – if this one doesn't work, we have to find another one. This is what I really love to do."

Where one horse might need to be ridden lower in the neck, another might need a containing outside rein, one might require lots of outside flexion to get them straight. Others might need to go quicker in the hind leg.

Essentially, though the basic principles remain the same, the actual methods you use might vary a little to suit a given horse. Just like

humans – we might all have to pass the same exams at school, but people learn the materials differently and excel in different areas.

4. Don't be afraid of the power

Of course, Charlotte Dujardin was always going to make an appearance on this list. In fact, the hardest part was choosing from her many pearls of wisdom. One of the other strong contenders was the iconic “short reins win gold medals.”

But in the end, there's so much truth in this one small quote, and it ties in to so many other things Charlotte has said. In clinics, she's famously always telling riders to gallop and get the horse really forward and to be forward-thinking with the hand.

Essentially, you have to harness your horse's power rather than throttling it. Working with 500-kilogram animals means that you can't be scared of their power, but have to find a way to work with it to get the best out of your horse. This is especially true when you're wanting to ride upper levels and really get those bold extended paces and uphill gaits.

As the saying goes, stop riding with the handbrake on.

5. Be proactive

Sabine Schut-Kery was one of the most memorable performers in Tokyo, and was responsible in part for Team USA's silver medal in the Dressage.

Although Schut-Kery is less prolific than the likes of Werth and Dujardin, her clinics have often focused on being proactive.

What exactly does that mean? Set expectations and communicate them clearly to your horse. Don't wait for your horse to spook and then get flustered and correct it – instead, put your leg on in the corners to pre-empt any theatrics.

If you feel your horse stall a bit in the hind end, correct it immediately before it becomes a “big deal” or a larger correction. Set your horse up well in the corners. Properly prepare for movements rather than thinking about them as you're meant to be starting the half pass, pirouette, transition, or whatever it is you're wanting to ride.

Basically, bring as much to the table as your horse does!

(Images by Christophe Taniere / Shannon Brinkman / EFE)



***Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society
Presents
Dressage Only Schooling Show with Fun Classes Added***

September 25, 2021

(Closing date September 15, 2021)

RAIN OR SHINE

**Held at Walnut Grove Stables, 1154 Lakeshore Rd,
Talbott, TN 37877 (Dene Masengill: 423-736-3287)**

Judge Valerie Cheatham

L Graduate with Distinction

DRESSAGE CLASSES (2019-2022 USEF / USDF Dressage Tests):

USDF Intro Tests: A, B and C

USEF Training Level Tests: 1 – 3

USEF First Level Tests: 1 – 3

USEF Second Level Test: 1 - 3

USEF Third Level and Above – Please Request

Prix Caprilli Intro Level --for a copy of the test to be used during the show, see

<http://www.rodbastonequine.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/PRIX-CAPRILLI-INTRO-TEST.pdf>

Western Dressage and Western Gaited: Intro, Basic, First, Second (WDAA 2017 Tests)

Gaited Dressage:

NWHA Tests: Intro, Training Level, First Level, Second Level

IJA Tests: 2-Gait, Intro, Training Level, First Level, Second Level

Fun Classes:

- Ride a Buck (W/T/C)
- Egg in Spoon
- Obstacle Class A – Easy
- Obstacle Class B – More challenging

High Score Awards will be given to the Adult and Junior rider in Dressage classes only.

On-Grounds Schooling of Horse (non-competing horse)

Competitors who wish to take advantage of this opportunity need to provide a copy of negative coggins, pay the Office & Facility Fee on or before the closing date. CDCTS and Walnut Grove Stables Hold Harmless Release must be signed as well. When the horse is on the grounds, a bridle tag must be worn at all times.

CDCTS DRESSAGE ONLY SCHOOLING SHOW ENTRY FORM

This form must be filled out and the **HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE** must be signed in order for entry to be valid. Junior entries will NOT be accepted without adult signature. Please PRINT legibly!

ONE ENTRY PER HORSE / RIDER COMBINATION

OFFICE USE ONLY: BRIDLE NUMBER: _____

CDCTS MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___ OWNER IF DIFFERENT FROM RIDER: _____

RIDER UNDER 18? YES ___ NO ___

HORSE: _____ STALLION? YES / NO

RIDER: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ARE YOU WILLING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A FEW HOURS DURING SHOW? Yes ___ No ___
(If you are a club member, hours will count toward requirement for Year End Awards)

Dressage Classes (2019 Tests) (\$25 Members / \$35 Non-members):

Fees:

Intro: A ___ B ___ C ___ Training: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
First: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Second: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
Third: Upon Request (Please specify test): _____ \$ _____

Prix Caprilli Intro ___ \$ _____

Western Dressage: Intro: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Basic: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
WDAA First: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Second: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____

Gaited Dressage:

Western (WDAA) Intro: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Basic: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
First: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Second: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
NWAH Intro: A ___ B ___ C ___ Training: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
First: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Second: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
IJA Tests 2-Gait: A ___ B ___ C ___ Training: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____
First: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ Second: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ \$ _____

Fun Classes (As indicated below):

Ride a Buck (W/T/C) (\$10.00 per rider) \$ _____
Egg in Spoon (\$10.00 per rider) \$ _____
Obstacle Class A (Easy) (\$20.00 per rider) \$ _____
Obstacle Class B (More Challenging) (\$20.00 per rider) \$ _____

On-grounds Schooling of Horse Fee: \$10.00 for each non-competing horse only \$ _____
(MUST complete entry form and sign release)

Office & Facility Fee: \$ 25.00

(Copy of a NEGATIVE COGGINS MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY. This fee also includes the required non-refundable Bridle Tag fee)

Late Fee (if applicable) (\$15.00) \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (checks payable to CDCTS or pay using PayPal on website) **TOTAL \$ _____**

2021 CDCTS DRESSAGE ONLY SCHOOLING SHOW HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE

The undersigned Exhibitor and any signing parent or guardian hereby (1) agrees to release CDCTS and Walnut Grove Stables, its officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the Owners or managers of the grounds where this event is held from any loss, damage, liability or injury arising out of or resulting from this show or Exhibitor's participation or entry therein; (2) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend: the organizer, facility owner and the management of this show from and against any and all claims for loss, damage or injury, however caused, resulting directly or indirectly from Exhibitors entry or participation in this show or from acts or omissions of Exhibitors or Exhibitors agents; (3) acknowledges that activities with and around horses and horse shows involve inherent risks which are understood by the person signing and are expressly assumed. In the event of injury to Exhibitor or to Exhibitor's animal or animals, permission is hereby granted to management for emergency medical treatment.

WARNING: Under Tennessee law an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Tennessee code annotated Title 44, Chapter 20, Section 1.

Rider Signature and date: _____

Parent or Guardian and date: _____ (if under 18)

Emergency contact name and phone number _____

Competitor Information:

Entries: All entries MUST include a copy of a current negative Coggins. The CDCTS/Walnut Grove Stables release form must be filled out, signed and dated by rider and/or parent or guardian if rider is younger than 18 years old. Stallions are permitted to show at Walnut Grove Stables.

Payment in full must accompany the entry form. If payment has not been received by closing date of Friday, September 17, 2021, the entry will be charged the late fee of \$15.00. If payment has still not been received by Sept 20, 2021, the entry will be void. Payment by PayPal is also accepted. If you choose to use PayPal, make sure you scan or print a copy of your payment receipt and send it with your completed and signed show entry form so that the Show Secretary can confirm your payment.

Refunds: No cash refunds *after closing date*. **Show credit will be given** with a veterinarian or a doctor certificate/letter if presented to the Show Secretary by **Sept 23, 2021**. RETURNED CHECKS for NSF will incur a \$40.00 fee and a void entry.

Due Date: **Entries are due to the Show Secretary postmarked no later than Sept. 15, 2021.** Mail completed entries (entry form, Coggins, check and/or paypal receipt) to:

Marge Williams 5925 Chester Lane Maryville, TN 37801

Email entries are due to the Show Secretary no later than 6 p.m. Sept. 20, 2021. They must include completed entry form, current Coggins and paypal receipt.

- Marge can be reached by email at myladyshire@gmail.com or by phone at 423-337-8249 for questions.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded in all classes for placements 1st through 6th place. Depending on class size, Open and Adult Amateur divisions may be pinned together. Junior division will be pinned separately. High Score Adult, High Score Junior and High Point Western/Gaited dressage will be awarded for dressage classes only.

Arena: All Dressage Tests will be ridden in the arena. Footing is sand. Warm up area will be in the lower arena.

Dressage tests Intro, A, B, C, Western Dressage and Gaited Dressage tests will be ridden in a 20 m x 40 m arena. All other dressage tests will be ridden in a 20 m x 60 m arena.

Obstacle classes: Obstacle classes will be ridden in the large arena. These obstacles will be similar to those found in Working Equitation. Obstacles will include clover leaf barrels, slalom poles, ground poles for side passing, x-rails, bell corridor for backing, and gate. The judging will be consistent with that of a dressage test, with respect to proper bend, square halt, horse immobility, symmetrical geometry, willingness and tempo of horse, harmony between horse and rider, as well as completion of the course without error. A course map is being provided and will also be available at the show.

Attire: Appropriate informal schooling attire is required. **No tank tops or t-shirts allowed.** ASTM-SEI approved helmets and appropriate footwear is required and must be worn at all times when mounted.

Parking: Cars may be parked separately from trailers, depending on numbers. Trailers will be parked in an assigned area. Please follow signs for parking and **park only in designated areas.**

Ride Times: Official ride times will be posted on the CDCTS website and Facebook page(s) by Thursday September 23, 2021 9 pm.

Night before/Day of show Stalls: Contact Walnut Grove Stables (Dene Masengill) for availability – \$25 each

Concessions: Concession stand on site. Eat early, eat often!

Dogs: No dogs allowed. No exceptions

Directions:

From Knoxville: Take exit 394 off of Interstate 40 onto Hwy 11E towards Jefferson City and Morristown. It is approximately 35 miles to the farm from here.

Go through Jefferson City. You will turn off of Hwy 11E onto Lakeshore Rd. Follow Lakeshore Rd. 1.2 miles. The farm drive is the next driveway on the right. Trucks and trailers will turn off of Lakeshore into the field to park. If you are coming in to stable turn up the driveway and go straight to the show barns.

Do not turn onto Tina Circle. GPS may try and turn you there. Not a good idea if you have a truck and trailer.....

OBSTACLE COURSE GUIDELINES

Specific Obstacle Instructions:

- The clover leaf barrels (Obstacle #1): All barrels are completely circled except Barrel B – that will be half circle

Obstacle Course A – Easy

- Obstacles may be done at the walk or trot as noted below (Obstacles 1-3 only)
- You may trot between obstacles

Obstacle Course B – More Challenging

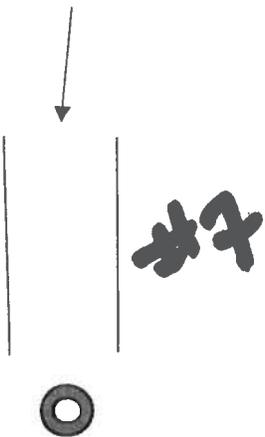
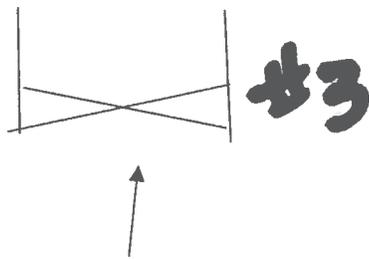
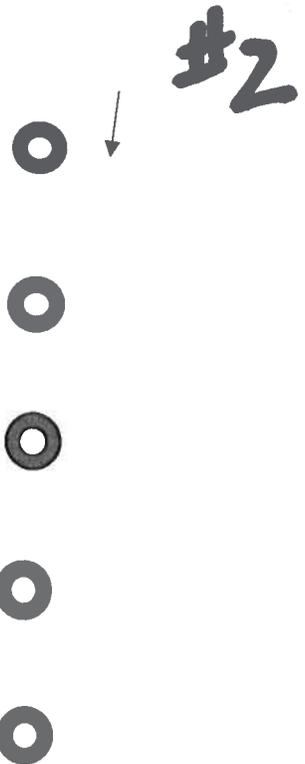
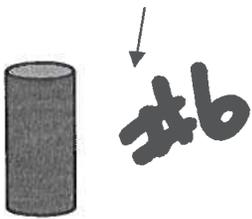
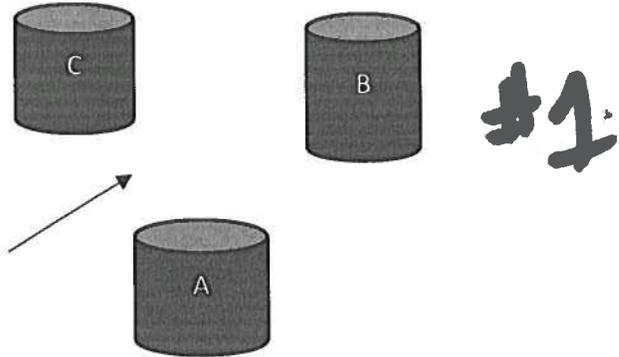
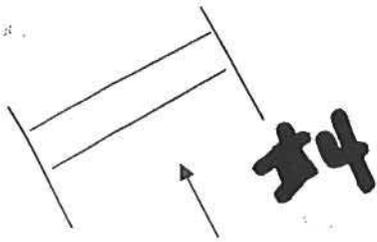
- Obstacles 1, 2 & 3 must be performed at the trot
- Obstacle 5 will be two ground poles to side pass in each direction
- Obstacle 7 Bell Corridor will be in the shape of an “L”
- You must trot or canter between obstacles

General Instruction:

- These are not timed classes
- Obstacles will be similar to those found in Working Equitation
- You will be judged like a dressage test, with emphasis on steady tempo, shape and size of circles (symmetry of geometry), square halts where necessary, horse immobility, proper bend, harmony between horse and rider and completion of obstacle without error
- Enter all obstacles with the designated number on your **RIGHT**
- Point deductions for hitting, knocking over or refusals
- Show Management reserves the right to modify the course

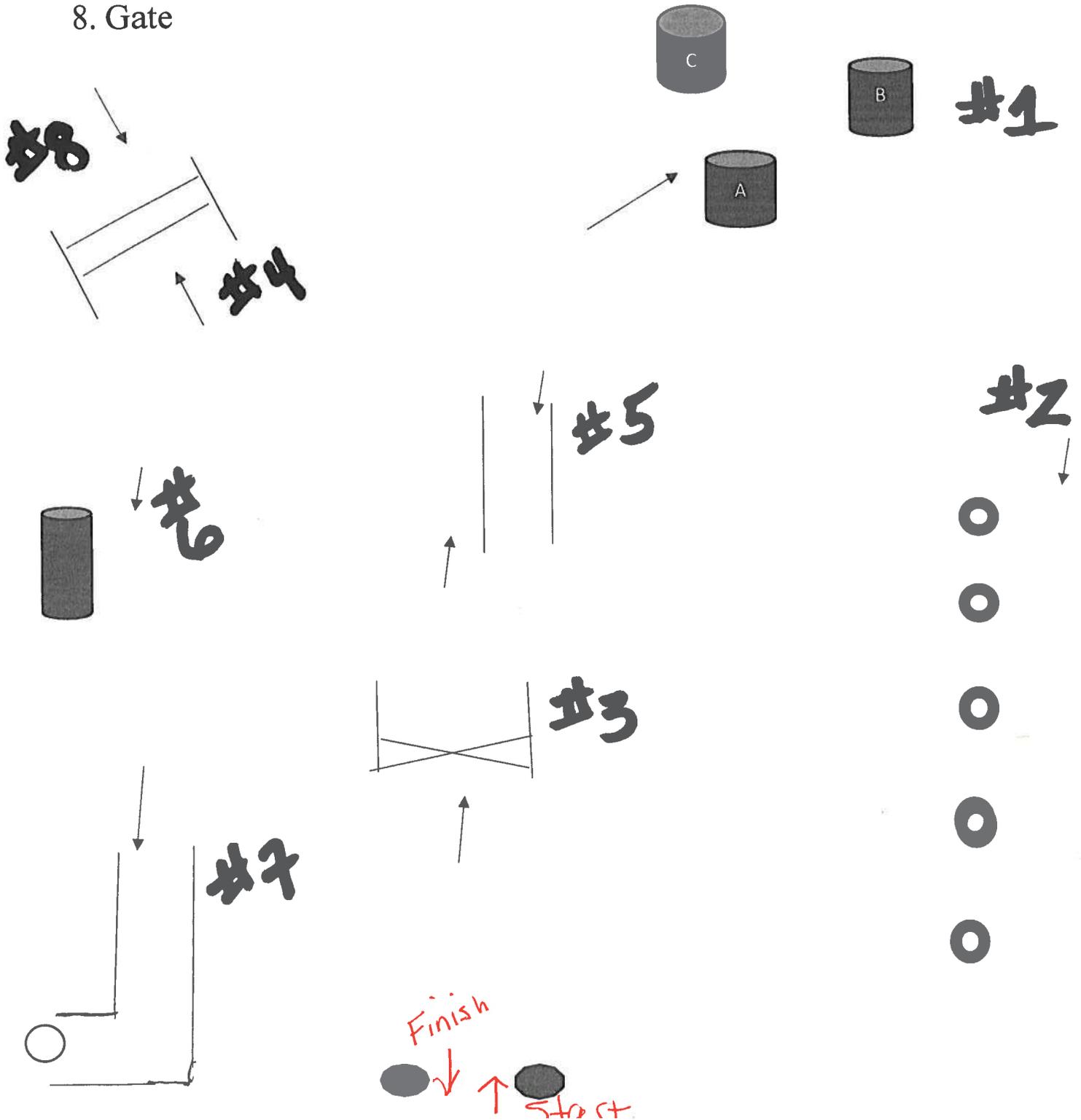
EASY OBSTACLE COURSE

1. Barrels
2. Slalom
3. X rails
4. Gate
5. Side Pass Rail
6. Pitcher
7. Bell Corridor



CHALLENGING OBSTACLE COURSE

1. Barrels
2. Slalom
3. X rails
4. Gate
5. Double Side Pass Rail
6. Pitcher
7. L Shape Bell Corridor
8. Gate





Crossroads Dressage & Combined Training Society

Fall Fun Day (aka Mock Hunter Pace) 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Saturday, October 30, 2021
Rain or Shine!

Closing date for entries is 6 p.m. October 26, 2021

River Glen Equestrian Park – 1834 London Rd, New Market, TN 37820.

Class 1: Walkers—Teams of 2-5 riders who want to walk (and maybe a little trot) while they enjoy a ride around River Glen Equestrian Park. This group's teams will start at 3 minute intervals, starting at 9:00 a.m. The last team should be on course by 10:30 a.m. If more than 20 teams sign up for this Group, all other times will be adjusted accordingly. There will be a mandatory stop on course. Team closest to optimum time wins.

Class 2: Hilltoppers—Teams of 2-5 riders who want to walk, trot and do some cantering around the course at River Glen Equestrian Park. This group's teams will start at 5 minute intervals, starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be a mandatory stop on course. Team closest to optimum time wins.

Class 3: Fast 'n Furious—Really just sort of fast, and hopefully having a good time, so they are not "furious". Teams of 2-5 riders who elect to travel the course at a USEA Novice level eventer's pace. This group's teams will start at 3 minute intervals beginning at 1 p.m. Team closest to optimum time wins.

Class 4: Jump class For those who want to *soar* (maybe not *soar*, this is not summer Olympics!!!) over jumps—maximum height is no more than 2'3". Jump course starts at 2:15 p.m. Individual entries or no more than 3 on a team. Individual or Team closest to optimum time wins. **Jump class will start after last Class 3 team has finished. We are only using the starter novice jumps at River Glen.**

Class 5: Costumes! There will be no separate costume class, but anyone in any group can ride in costume to qualify for a ribbon in this class. Awards in both Adult and Kids Under age 16 categories.

Class 6: Run for the Money! Do you feel *Lucky*? Each team will be dealt 5 cards for a 5 card stud poker hand. At some point on the course, the team will have the option to trade in up to 3 cards for new ones. The team with the best hand wins! Along with a ribbon, First place team gets the entry fee for this class (\$15) back, 2nd place team gets a ribbon \$10 back and 3rd place team gets a ribbon \$5 back. The 4-6th place finishers just get pretty ribbons.

Class 7: Wine/Whine by the Barrel! This is for teams of 2. Rider A starts at 1 end of the area, rides to the barrel in the middle and drinks a glass of wine (or lemonade), then proceeds to the opposite end of the arena. Rider A must **hand tag** Rider B who repeats riding to the barrel, drinking the wine (or lemonade) and crosses the start/finish line. Fastest Team wins! A special prize awaits the winning team! Must show valid ID in order to have **wine** by the barrel. Otherwise, you can just whine about it. **This class will start after the last jumper has completed the course.**

Rules: Each class (1-4) will have a predetermined optimum time and winners are based on closest to optimum time. Penalty points assigned for missed jumps and/or refusals in Class 4.

Entries: Entries accepted via mail or Paypal and will close Oct 26, 2021 at 6 p.m. Include a current negative Coggins with your entry. If already registered by closing date, you can add classes day of show—bring cash or check for day of show additions.

Fees: Class 1-4 fee is \$15 for CDCTS members; \$25 for non members. Fees must be paid prior to class. Class 5, 6 & 7 are \$15 each for everybody. There is also a \$10 per rider fee for River Glen. A \$2 Paypal fee will be charged if paying that way.

Tack: English or Western Tack may be used. Helmets and appropriate footwear must be worn at all times while mounted.

SAFETY FIRST:

1. All riders must wear helmets at all times when mounted.
2. Appropriate footwear (hard soled with a heel) must be worn—no sneakers, even if part of your costume!
3. If your team comes upon a previously started group moving more slowly than you, CALMLY and QUIETLY approach and ask to go past them.

A. Take care in passing. B. If your team is asked by a faster team wanting to pass you, move to the side of the trail and allow them to pass. C. *Be courteous to all riders at all times.*

If you don't have a team, we can assign one for you. Make sure your entry says "I need a team, please" in the team name blank.

EXHIBITOR INFORMATION: All entries MUST include a current negative Coggins and a release form signed by parent and / or rider.

AWARDS: Ribbons awarded in all classes 1st through 6th place, awarded when class times are tallied.

ATTIRE: Appropriate informal attire. ASTM-SEI approved helmets and appropriate footwear required and must be worn at all times when mounted.

PARKING: Ample parking for horse trailers. Please use caution when tying your horse to the trailer!

PLEASE follow ALL Parking signs and park ONLY in designated areas!!

CONCESSIONS: Available on site!

Dogs must be leashed at ALL times, but we'd prefer you not bring them.

RETURNED CHECKS will incur a \$40.00 fee.

DIRECTIONS TO RIVER GLEN EQUESTRIAN PARK, 1834 London Rd, New Market, TN 37820.

Directions

- From Knoxville (West):

Exit 394 - East towards Jefferson City on Hwy 11E, approximately 17 miles to RG sign (Lowery Loop). Left at sign, to next RG sign. Signs will lead you all the way to River Glen (approx 5 mi)

Exit 398 - Take Strawberry Plains Pike North to 11E. Go right approx 10 miles to River Glen sign (Lowery Loop). Left at sign, to next RG sign. Signs will lead you all the way to River Glen (approx 5 mi).

Exit 407 - Take I-40 to Exit 398 and follow directions (above) from there.

- From Dandridge(East):

Exit 417 - From hotel take Hwy 92 North towards Jefferson City to Hwy 11E. Go left on 11E approx 5 miles to River Glen sign (Lowery Loop). Right at sign, to next RG sign. Signs will lead you all the way to River Glen (approx 5 mi.)

See you at the most fun show you will attend this year!!!



Get a membership form for 2022 at the Secretary's table!

CDCTS FALL FUN DAY ENTRY FORM

This form must be filled out and the HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE must be signed in order for entry to be valid. Junior entries will NOT be accepted without adult signature. **Please PRINT legibly!!**

ONE ENTRY PER HORSE / RIDER COMBINATION

CDCTS MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___ RIDER UNDER 18? YES ___ NO ___

HORSE: _____ RIDER: _____

Member of TEAM (name of Team) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CLASS 1___ CLASS 2___ CLASS 3___ CLASS 4___ CLASS 5___ CLASS 6___ CLASS 7___

Fees: Total number of classes entered: _____ x \$15/person CDCTS member = _____

_____ x \$25/person non member = _____

Class 5, 6, & 7 _____ x \$15/everybody = _____

River Glen use fee _____ x \$10/rider = _____

Paypal fee _____ x \$2 = _____

Current Negative Coggins with entry _____yes/no

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Make checks payable to: CDCTS) \$ _____ DATE RECEIVED _____

HOLD HARMLESS RELEASE

The undersigned Exhibitor and any signing parent or guardian hereby (1) agrees to release CDCTS and River Glen, it's officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the Owners or managers of the grounds where this event is held from any loss, damage, liability or injury arising out of or resulting from this show or Exhibitor's participation or entry therein; (2) agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend: the organizer, facility owner and the management of this show from and against any and all claims for loss, damage or injury, however caused, resulting directly or indirectly from Exhibitors entry or participation in this show or from acts or omissions of Exhibitors or Exhibitors agents; (3)acknowledges that activities with and around horses and horse shows involve inherent risks which are understood by the person signing and are expressly assumed. In the event of injury to Exhibitor or to Exhibitor's animal or animals, permission is hereby granted to management for emergency medical treatment.

WARNING: Under Tennessee law an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Tennessee code annotated Title 44, Chapter 20, Section 1.

Rider Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ (if under 18)

Emergency Contact _____

Paypal instructions

(must be paid by 6 p.m. Oct 26, 2021)

We are offering to CDCTS Members and the public to use PAYPAL to pay for memberships and events hosted by CDCTS. You can pay for your annual membership, show entry, **Fall Fun Day entry**, and Annual Dinner tickets by using your credit card (VISA, MasterCard and American Express) via PayPal. We charge a \$2 handling fee to cover the PayPal charge to CDCTS. **Please add the \$2 fee to your purchase.**

Please read the information below to determine your cost per entry or ticket cost. Once you have determined your purchase, please click on the below **"BUY NOW"** link. The link will take you to the CDCTS PayPal account. **If you use your own PayPal account, please direct your payment to: CDCTSORG@GMAIL.COM.**

After you place your purchase, please send an email to Melissa Morehed (CDCTS Treasurer) to let her know what you paid for, i.e. Fall Fun Day. Her email is melissa@fleetfootfarm.com

Then email (or snail mail -address below*) your entry form and coggins to: melissa@fleetfootfarm.com

Here is the link to our website PayPal page.

<https://cdcts.org/purchase%2Fpayments> .

Mail instructions: *(must be postmarked by 6 p.m., Oct 26, 2021)*

Mail completed form, Coggins and check(made out to CDCTS) to:

Melissa Morehead, 11045 Friendsville Rd, Lenoir City, TN 37772

Entry form, check/Paypal payment and current negative Coggins must be received by the deadline.

Remember, the Fall Fun Day is FUN!!! Enjoy beautiful River Glen with your horse and friends, with no show nerves! We've had riders ages 6-70+ come out and play with us.



CDCTS CLASSIFIED CORNER

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.

Pasture Board. Topperhill Farm, Lenoir City Area. 10 minutes from Baker's Creek. Large arena with sand and crushed rubber footing. Four board fencing. Contact Susan Hill, call or text 865-789-5048.



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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 coyjbays@gmail.com. Make checks out to CDCTS (put "advertising" in the check memo line) and mail them to Melissa Morehead, 11045 Friendsville Road, Lenoir City, TN 37772

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: coyjbays@gmail.com.

2021 EVENTS

Jim Koford Clinic Dates: September 9-12, 2021; October 21-24, 2021; November 18-21, 2021 and December 16-19, 2021 (contact information on CDCTS website: www.CDCTS.org)

CDCTS Fall Schooling School, September 25, 2021, Walnut Grove Stables, Talbott, TN

CDCTS Fall Fun Day, October 30, 2021, River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN

Next Meeting September 14, 2021 Ruby Tuesday, Lenoir City, TN

*6 p.m. for dinner, 7 p.m. for meeting
Please RSVP to our CDCTS secretary as they do have limited space.*



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
Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CDCTS

Become a member today and stay connected with your local dressage community!

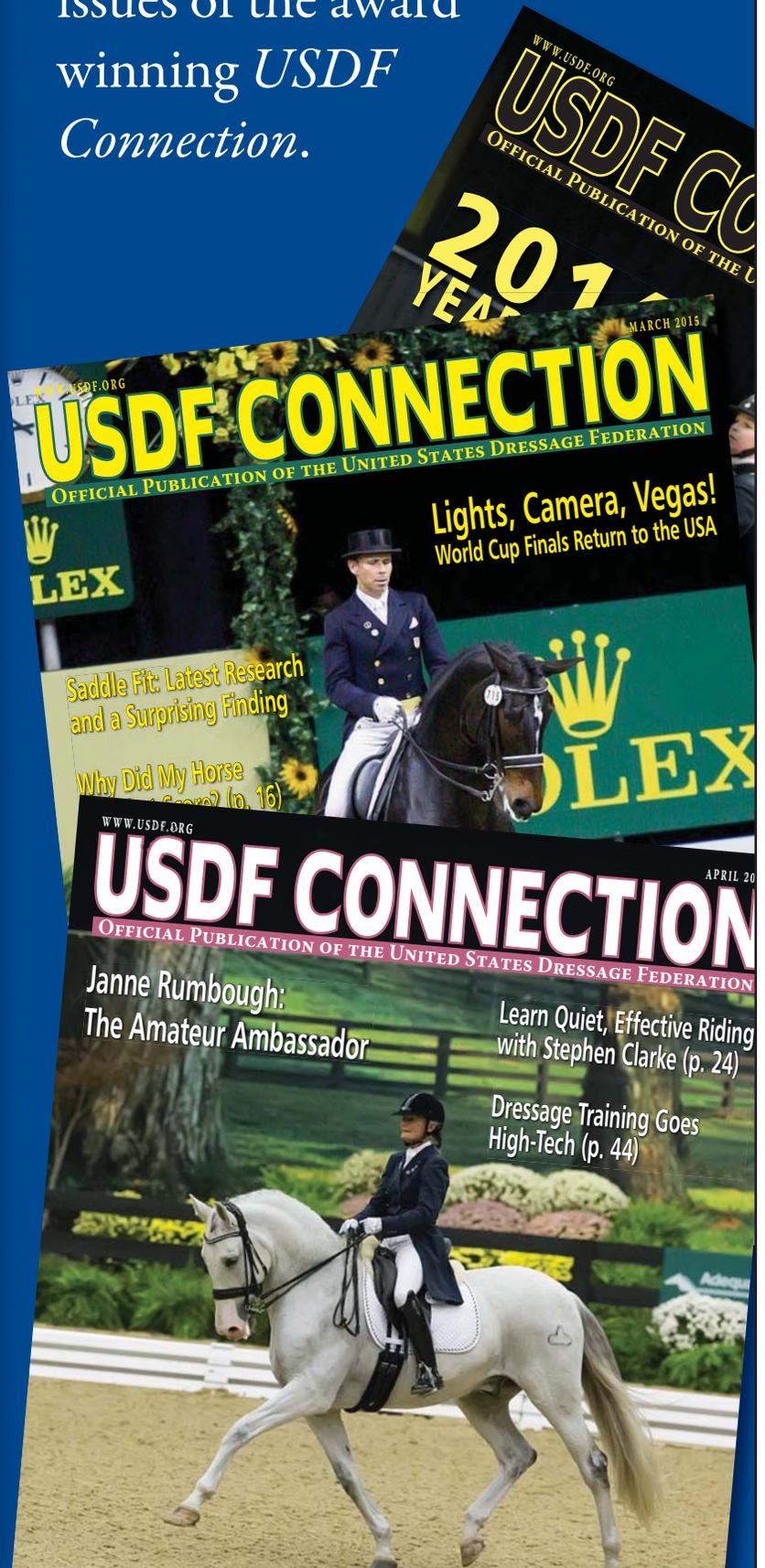
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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society 2021 Professional/Business Membership Application



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CDCTS membership year is 1 Dec 2020-30 Nov 2021. After 1 Dec, 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. For Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

Professional/Business membership dues are determined annually by the board. For 2021, there is no fee to become a Professional/Business Member of CDCTS.

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: _____

I would like to Join: ____ /Renew: ____ Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society for the membership year 1 December 2020—30 November 2021 as a **Professional or Business Member (please select one)**

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:

Julie Hall, CDCTS Secretary
P.O. Box 10801
Knoxville, TN 37939

Office action: Date Received: _____