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From Your President

What a great start to 2025 with our annual banquet on January 25. Many thanks to all the board members for their hard work in getting everything together. Congratulations to all our winners! See the pictures in this newsletter.

Dave McAdoo gave a talk on trailer maintenance (and donated a trailer inspection to the silent auction). Lots of good information and questions from attendees. We also held a discussion on the future of the club. CDCTS supports the banquet and awards as well as clinics with the proceeds from our shows. This past year we had very limited income from the shows. Our spring 2024 show was small, June show did great, but September show was cancelled—lack of entries as well as it was Hurricane Helene weekend and would've been cancelled due to that anyway.

Suggestions were made to only do one schooling show and more clinics. Schooling shows require a lot of volunteers and the vast majority of CDCTS members did not volunteer for anything. Clinics are easier to host, but more expensive for the individual rider. Most clinicians will only do 8 individual rides/day. We will be sending out a survey to members. We had this survey available at the banquet and are assessing comments and recommendations from those who completed it. Please respond to the survey and get it back to me. Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society is YOUR club and we want meet the needs of our members.

Please think about what you, as a member of CDCTS can do to help us grow the club. Are there folks you ride/board with who could be members? Can you encourage them to join?

Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. We are currently meeting at Calhoun's at Kingston Pike and I-140. If you want to join us for dinner, be there at 6 p.m.; meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Until next month, stay warm and happy riding!

Carolyn Ordal
CDCTS President

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CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2025

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Present were Carolyn Ordal, Kacy Schnake, Lynn Holtman, Julie Noe, Diane Carlson, and Sloan Adams. Guests Julie Hall, Jean Sullivan and Amanda Cross were also present.

Approval of the December 2024 Minutes: A motion by Lynn Holtman was made to approve the minutes of the December 2024 meeting and seconded by Diane Carlson, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer reported that 2024 income from shows, clinics and the silent auction did not cover all expenses and it was a net loss of \$572 for the year. However, the club is financially stable. A motion to approve the report was made by Sloan Adams and seconded by Lynn Holtman. It was unanimously approved.

Old Business

2025 Membership: How many have renewed? Currently 21 members have renewed; last year we had 41.

Christmas Party: The Christmas Party was December 7 at Rita Dunn's. CDCTS provided a ham and attendees brought side dishes/desserts. We ate well and everyone had fun with the Dirty Santa game. Thank you Rita for hosting again this year!!!

Annual Banquet: Buddy's BBQ Bearden Banquet Hall is reserved for January 25, 2025. We pay for 50 people to attend. Susan Hill is organizing awards. Do we have a speaker? Still searching for a speaker. Silent auction donations are needed. A contest is being held to get more silent auction donations. Carolyn Ordal showed the Silent Auction Bid sheets she created with minimum bids listed. A discussion was held about changing the location of the banquet due to Buddy's requiring we pay for 50 dinners minimum. Carolyn gave attendees info on price of changing location to Calhoun's. She had just talked with the banquet manager who said Buddy's would lower their charge to paying for 40 guests minimum instead of 50. After discussion, staying with Buddy's Banquet Hall was decided.

New Business

Schooling Show Dates: Spring, May 3; Summer, June 21; Fall, September 26, Fall Fun day, October 18 or 25? Need to determine locations and judges. Discussion concerned possible locations and possibly only doing 2 schooling shows. The June show has been the best attended. It was pointed out that Renaissance Farm in Bulls Gap is doing a rated dressage and western dressage show the following weekend. It was also noted that the Blackstones have not renewed their professional membership. More discussion to be held at next meeting, with board members being tasked to talk with possible venues. Discussion was also held about Fall Fun Day—go back to mock hunter pace at River Glen or handle as the FFD 2.0 as done this year.

Clinic Dates: Recommendations for clinicians—several clinicians were recommended, including another Emily Rose Clinic. Nancy Conley, Ariana Sakaris who does dressage as well as liberty and trick training clinics.

Review Roles/Job descriptions of the Board Members/Volunteers: Postponed for further discussion of volunteer jobs.

New Place for Meetings: The former RJ's was thought to be re-opening under new name/management. It had a private dining area that the club used pre-covid. Julie Noe will check it out.

Working Equitation Organization USAWE: Current rules say that in order for us to be an associated club, we have to have a person who is a member of USAWE. No one is currently a member, so the decision was made NOT to rejoin as an associated club. Kacy Schnake made the motion, Lynn Holtman seconded it and all approved.

CDCTS MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 14, 2025 - CONTINUED

Future of the Club: Lynn Holtman pointed out an article in the September issue of the UDSF magazine, stated many other clubs were having the same issues, getting members and volunteers. A suggestion was made to only host clinics in 2025 and discussion concerned that clinics were not money makers like shows. They are a service we provide to members to help them with their riding goals and we did well to break even on them. Increased advertising in social media for shows and events, reaching out to local Pony Club and 4-H groups as well as breed clubs was discussed. Another idea was to offer incentives to show entrants, such as if you show in 3 classes in one show, you get a reduced price for 2nd show classes. Carolyn Ordal showed attendees a survey she had prepared to send out to membership and to have on the tables at the banquet. A few changes were made so the survey can be sent out. More discussion to be held next month

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

2025 CDCTS Events

Annual Awards Banquet: January 25, 6:30 p.m. Buddy's Banquet Hall on Bearden Hill, Knoxville

Schooling Show Dates: Spring, May 3; Summer, June 21; Fall, September 27; Fall Fun Day, October 18 or 25

2025 Local Events

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



CDCTS 2024 AWARDS

CDCTS Dressage Schooling Show Award to Sloan Adams - High Point First Level 2024 Schooling Show

CDCTS Dressage Schooling Show Award to Linda Bird - High Point Western Dressage Intro Level 2024 Schooling Show

CDCTS Dressage Schooling Show Award to Lynn Holtman - High Point Intro Level 2024 Schooling Show

CDCTS Rated Show Award to Linda Bird - High Point Western Dressage Rated Show Intro Level

Alece Ellis Volunteer of the Year Award

2024 Board Members:

Sloan Adams, Diane Carlson, Rita Dunn, Susan Hill, Lynn Holtman, Julie Noe, Carolyn Ordal, Kacy Schnake

The Merry Hour Award - Lynn Holtman

Jack Foster Perpetual Award - Lynn Holtman

Walnut Grove Perpetual Trophy - Linda Bird

"Top Chef" Recognition - Mike Sullivan for manning the grill at the CDCTS shows

CDCTS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, JANUARY 25, 2025



CDCTS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET, JANUARY 25, 2025 - CONTINUED



On Friday, January 24, US Equestrian received word that the rule updates to the Horse Protection Act (HPA) have been **delayed** until April 2, 2025. These changes were originally scheduled to go into effect on February 1, 2025,

According to a statement put out by the USDA:

On January 24, 2025, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will temporarily postpone its final rule to amend the Horse Protection Act (HPA) regulations for 60 days from February 1, 2025, to April 2, 2025. APHIS published the final rule (89 FR 39194-39251) amending the horse protection regulations to provide, among other provisions, that the agency will screen, train, and authorize qualified persons for appointment by the management of any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction to detect and diagnose soreing at such events for the purposes of enforcing the HPA. With the exception of § 11.19, which went into effect on June 7, 2024, and authorized the training of horse protection inspectors, the remainder of the rule was scheduled to go into effect on February 1, 2025.

APHIS will issue guidance to stakeholders for the upcoming horseshow season in light of the postponement of the new rule.

The HPA is a Federal law that prohibits sore horses from participating in shows, exhibitions, sales, or auctions. The HPA also prohibits the transportation of sore horses to or from any of these events.

View the full release from the USDA [here](#).

During the 2025 US Equestrian Annual Meeting and prior to today's postponement announcement, Senior Director of Equine Protection for The Humane Society of United States (HSUS) Keith Dane provided an update on the Horse Protection Act (HPA) including a helpful overview comparing the changes in the HPA rule requirements.

Dane reviewed several of the main changes to the law, which are focused primarily on the Tennessee Walking Horse and the racking horse breeds, although the HPA itself, applies to all horses in the United States.

"USEF has been a great partner with the Humane Society, the American Horse Council, veterinary groups and more. Their support has been instrumental."



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Welsh Pony & Cob Society of America



What Show Managers and Exhibitors need to know about new Horse Protection Act regulations

New regulations passed by Congress are going to mean big changes for organizers of *all horse shows, events and exhibitions across the United States*.

Congress enacted the Horse Protection Act (HPA) to end the cruel and inhumane practice of soring horses, a practice that has long been prevalent in the Tennessee Walking Horse and Gaited Horse Shows. Soring is defined as:

- (A) An irritating or blistering agent has been applied, internally or externally, by a person to any limb of a horse,
- (B) Any burn, cut, or laceration has been inflicted by a person on any limb of a horse,
- (C) Any tack, nail, screw, or chemical agent has been injected by a person into or used by a person on any limb of a horse, or
- (D) Any other substance or device has been used by a person on any limb of a horse or a person has engaged in a practice involving a horse, and, as a result of such application, infliction, injection, use, or practice, such horse suffers, or can reasonably be expected to suffer, physical pain or distress, inflammation, or lameness when walking, trotting, or otherwise moving, except that such term does not include such an application, infliction, injection, use, or practice in connection with the therapeutic treatment of a horse by or under the supervision of a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the State in which such treatment was given.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) through their parent agency the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has amended horse protection regulations. The new regulations go into effect on February 1, 2025. **This new law pertains to ANY competition or public exhibition in the United States (exception: rodeo, parades, speed events). This will affect ALL competitions and exhibitions, even non-recognized club events, 4-H events, schooling shows, etc. There is no exception based on number of entries.**

The WPCSA is committed to educating our WPCSA sanctioned show managers, Licensed Officials, and Members about these new regulations, which can be found in their entirety here: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/hpa>

It should be noted that an HPA violation would be a violation of existing WPCSA rules regarding welfare of the horse.

What this means for Show Managers:

Access to Records

The law refers to event Organizers as "Management": any person who organizes, exercises control over, or administers or who is responsible for organizing, directing, or administering. Managers must provide representatives from the APHIS and Horse Protection Inspectors (HPI) unlimited access to any records required to be kept or otherwise maintained by regulation. This includes:

- Allowing APHIS representatives and HPIs to examine and make copies of such records pertaining to any horse during business hours or other mutually agreed upon time
- Providing a room, table, or other facilities necessary to properly examine and copy such records

Reporting

As a horse event manager, you must report certain information at specific intervals before and after each event:

At Least 30 Days Before the Event

Under §11.14 of the HPA regulations, you must submit to the APHIS Administrator the following information:

- Event date(s), name, street address, and zip code
- Event manager's name, address, phone number, and email address (if one is available)
- A copy of the official program, if one has been prepared
- Anticipated or known number of entries
- Whether you have requested an APHIS representative, chosen and appointed an HPI (from a list of USDA-trained inspections), or will not use an inspector to conduct inspections.

At Least 15 Days Before the Event

- You must notify the APHIS Administrator of any changes to the information previously provided.

The management of any horse show or horse exhibition shall disqualify any horse from being shown or exhibited (1) which is sore or (2) if the management has been notified by a person appointed in accordance with regulations under subsection (c) or by the Secretary (Secretary of Ag, if inspectors are on the grounds) that the horse is sore."

After The Event

You must submit information to the APHIS Administrator concerning each horse prohibited by management from being shown or exhibited because it was found to be sore or otherwise in violation of the HPA or its regulations. This includes:

- Name of owner/driver and any applicable horse registration name and number
- Competitor number and class number
- Reason for the action

It is important to note that Horse Show/Event/Exhibition Managers are liable for any HPA violations found at their event if they choose not to hire an inspector or if they fail to disqualify an animal with an HPA violation. Event Managers are also financially liable for failure to report as outlined above.

According to published data, there are on average 50 inspections per year at horse shows, and were nearly all at Walking Horse and Gaited Horse Shows. You may never see an inspector at your events, but the law still pertains to ALL shows and exhibitions.

WPCSA Sanctioned Shows must understand what this means for them—this law is for ALL horse shows in the US, there is no exemption even for 4-H or schooling shows.

It is our understanding that the United States Equestrian Federation has petitioned for a sixty-day delay to the start date of this program. We will keep you apprised of any new information as we receive it.

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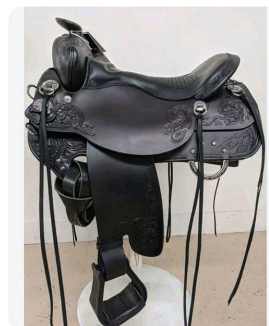
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ARTICLES FOR THE CROSSING

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

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Next Meeting

February 11, 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.

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Crossroads Dressage and Combined Training Society 2025 Membership Application



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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: ____

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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
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Office action:

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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:

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