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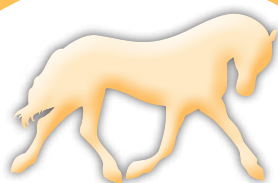
UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Spring Is in the Air
and Show Season is
Starting!!!!*

*See our great new on-line
Omnibus at ESDCTA.org.*

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ESDCTA CELEBRATING OUR 2013 COMPETITION YEAR

BY BETH ANN ADAMS

The festivities that took place on February 23 at Copper Hill Country Club were equal to the Academy Awards in its regal setting and the many eager, smiling faces. People were dressed in their finest attire. Ladies were adorned in their best jewelry and men sported fancy ties. The Banquet's attendance boasted over a hundred celebrants. Bright lights and black and yellow decorations contributed to the electric atmosphere; everyone was ready to party. This momentous occasion was ESDCTA's Annual 2013 Awards Banquet. Magnificent ribbons and trophies were prominently on display in the main ballroom. Behind the scenes, elegant prizes were ready to be handed to the winners. It was an impressive testament to this past season's competitors that the accomplishments recognized during the celebration showed major growth from previous years. There was a significant increase in Achievement Ribbons, High Score Awards, and Freestyle Awards. Recipients in all the categories were given well-deserved applause as they accepted their honors and posed for photographs.



Annually, three special people are recognized for their selfless contributions towards the success of ESDCTA. The 2013 Sportsmanship Award was proudly given to Abbe Knudsen for her thoughtfulness towards fellow competitors. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Diane Engler for her diligent work as Membership Chairperson. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Earlen Haven for her many years of unselfish devotion towards the needs of our organization.



Adding to the success of the gala celebration was a fabulous buffet including yummie cookies! Thanks to the generous bids on silent auction items, the Grants Fund is funded for 2014's Grant applicants. Many thanks to all who planned and executed such a lovely event; it is most appreciated. ESDCTA was proud to honor all 2013 competitors: professionals, adult amateurs and juniors. We appreciate all of the hours of training, the sacrifices, and expense involved achieving the status of Year End Award Winners. We want to help you realize your goals for 2014. Please let us know how we can be part of that process and share in your joy of a job well done.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MASTERS RECOGNITION AWARD

Hello All and Happy Spring (Maybe!)

Well, we have certainly endured quite a winter. The good news is that it is almost over and spring means the beginning of show season. Speaking of shows, we had a wonderful Award banquet! Debbie, Jean, Melissa, Lynette, Julia, Jill and Ed, and all

the helpers did a fantastic job of making our ceremony successful. Many, many thanks to all, including our vendors, many of whom donated some or part of the awards. "Well done" to all our award recipients, your hard work paid off!

We have some exciting new events coming up going forward, please check out our website. One of the great things is that our newsletter will be online soon. It is part of our "going green" to reduce paper and keep trees. We have added some shows to our schedule that will be held at the USET. Why not come join us, show, volunteer, or just hang out at the beautiful USET! Calling all youth! The Youth committee has fun things planned for 2014. The education committee has special events planned also. Again, check out the website, and keep informed of all of the activities with our online omnibus. Did you visit our online store for logowear?

I welcome any comments, suggestions, and input about the club. PLEASE contact me. I am your President for YOUR club. All ideas are welcome and appreciated. Your Board works hard to keep the club current and involved in the Dressage and Eventing Community, but we need your help.

Lastly, please utilize our business members and sponsors; they support our club, so why not support their business? If you have a business, or frequent one that may benefit from membership in the club, please let me know. I would love to speak with them and tell them how they can advertise and grow new business.

Keep warm, enjoy the animals, large and small, and again, thank you for your support and membership in ESDCTA!

**Become a Friend to ESDCTA on Facebook!
Follow us on Twitter: @ESDCTA**

EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME AT OUR AWARDS LUNCHEON



ESDCTA Statement of Purpose

Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association (ESDCTA) was founded in June 1969 and incorporated in 1970 as a nonprofit educational organization under the laws of the State of New Jersey. ESDCTA with membership open to all interested in dressage and combined training, has the following stated purpose:

“Whereas it is the desire among many equestrians in the United States to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in the hope that this may ultimately benefit the United States Olympic Team in its international competition, this organization is established as a nonprofit educational organization.”

Its further purposes are to foster and stimulate interest in dressage and eventing in general, to educate, conduct clinics and hold dressage shows and combined training events.



CROSS COUNTRY...

New Across Our Region

COMMUNITY NEWS

We know you are busy and being pulled in many directions, but the ESDCTA needs you. We are a volunteer organization that won't survive without volunteers – no more shows, clinics, newsletter, or local community. Even if you can only commit 1 hour a month (or 1 hour a year), you can make a difference to your club. We need writers for the newsletter, volunteers at our horse shows, members for our committees, and even just input about our offerings. We want the ESDCTA to meet your needs, but we don't know what they are unless you get involved – or just speak up. Your opinions are appreciated and your skills are valued. Contact any of us on page 2 of this newsletter to help us help you.

WHAT'S YOUR TALENT??

Let us know what you would like to help us with in 2014. All skills and interests wanted. Have an idea? We want to hear about it. Also, we are currently looking for a Membership chair, an Awards chair and Marketing chair. Remember, this club is what YOU make it. Contact president@esdcta.org if you are interested.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 12 April 9
Board Meeting Online - See ESDCTA.org

March 3 April 7
Eventing Committee Location TBD

CORRECTION

The photographs on page 7 of the December 2013 newsletter should have been credited to Gary Coppage of GRC Photo, who generously provided them to Jenny Kobilinski to accompany her article. Our apologies.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONS

For membership questions including updating physical or e-mail addresses please contact:

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Meredith Rogers, Dr. Lisa Toaldo & Rebecca Kuc

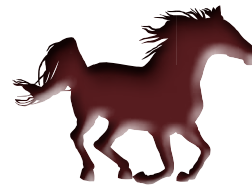
E-mail: newsletter@esdcta.org

All submissions are due by the 10th of the month

Due to space considerations, the editors reserve the right to edit submitted articles. If possible, the articles will be returned for review of the editing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 23	ESDCTA Fix-a-Test Clinic. See page 8 of the newsletter for all of the details.
MARCH 22-23	Rider Balance Alignment Clinic w/ Kathy Culler at the HPNJ. Contact Kathy Culler at kathyculler@intothewoodsfarm.com
APRIL 1	New Bolton Center First Tuesday Lecture Series: Neurologic Disease in the Horse. See http://www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/penn-vet-events-calendar for more information.
APRIL 12 & 13	USDF Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney. USDF Region I website has all of the information.



ESDCTA welcomes proposals from vendors for goods and services. Please contact the appropriate committee.

Send your Cross Country Information to
newsletter@esdcta.org

2014 ADVERTISING RATES

	MEMBERS	NON-MEMBER
FULL PAGE	\$100	\$130
HALF PAGE	\$65	\$85
QUARTER PAGE	\$40	\$60
BUSINESS CARD	\$20	\$30
CARD FOR 3 MONTHS	\$45	\$65
CLASSIFIEDS	\$10	\$15

(per 35 words)

Deadline: 15th of Prior Month

Email: newsletter@esdcta.org

Please have electronic ads in Adobe or .jpg format

You will receive an invoice for ad via email.

Send Payment to: Keith Adams: 1824 Easthill Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017 Email: baakaa1@gmail.com

MORE FUN AT THE CELEBRATION



2014 CAVALLETTI & JUMPING CLINICS
with Marilyn Payne
Applewood Farm, Oldwick NJ

January 17, 18, 19

Feb. 21, 22, 23

March 21, 22, 23

Cavalletti & Gymnastics

Gymnastics & Related Distances

Jumping Courses, including Liverpool,

Narrow Fences & Corners

Applewood's winter series of jumping clinics are a great opportunity to tune up your jumping skills and get ready for the spring season! Cavalletti-only sessions are perfect for dressage riders.

CAVALLETTI-ONLY SESSIONS FOR DRESSAGE RIDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT EVERY CLINIC.

Clinics are in the Applewood indoor arena. Auditors observe at no charge from the heated viewing lounge, equipped with a sound system. Complimentary refreshments!

Each group includes 4 to 6 riders and runs 1 ½ to 2 hours. Enter the entire series at once, or enter individual clinics.

Entry forms are at www.marilynpayne.com, via email to ann@annforer.com, or call 908-995-4632.

Fee: \$80.00 per rider per session ENTRIES ACCEPTED ONLY IF FULL PAYMENT IS INCLUDED!

Groups: Cavalletti only; Introductory: Crossrails to 2'; Beginner Novice: 2'3" to 2'7"; Novice: 2'7" to 2'11"; Training: 2'11" to 3'3"; Preliminary: 3'3" to 3'7"

FEES WILL BE CREDITED TOWARD ANOTHER CLINIC OR LESSON
IF YOU CAN'T TRAILER DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

VOLUNTEER BUCKS CAN NOW BE USED AT OUR LOGOWEAR STORE!

You can use your volunteer bucks in increments of \$25 to purchase items in our Logowear Store.

The first thing you will need to do is to set up an account at our logowear store through our vendor, Queensboro.com. Here is the link: <http://esdcta.qbstores.com/>

Once you have established an account remit the volunteer bucks you want to use to our Logowear Rep:

Debbie DelGiorno
 ESDCTA Logowear
 PO Box 307
 Camden-Wyoming, DE 19934

Also provide the exact email address and name that used to establish your store account to ensure proper credit to your account.

Debbie will send you an email notification once the credit has been placed into your logowear store account.

Debbie will provide you with a credit buckslip for any unused amount. For example, if you remit \$30 in volunteer bucks, you will receive a credit back of \$5.

The credit for your volunteer bucks will show up as a gift certificate in your account to use at checkout.

Contact Debbie DelGiorno with any questions at logowear@esdcta.org.

OWNING A FARM - CAN DREAMS COME TRUE? *By Karin Worm*

Having ridden and boarded horses on two continents for many years, the idea of having horses at home was going through my mind rather frequently. But I thought if you have your horses at home you also need a place to ride them, which means some acreage is necessary. Then, what to do in winter? An indoor is an awfully nice thing and that makes it more complicated. So I kept on dreaming, discussing and dreaming some more... until I made the decision to go for it!

The next step was to find people that shared my dream and were willing to take a risk, contribute expertise, and put in the hard work required to make that dream come true. (Lisa, I could never have done it without you!) We got lucky and found the right place to make it all happen (thanks to Joanne). So after many years of solitary and collective dreaming, we came across a working horse farm for sale in Jackson. Previously, as Buddy Brook and Presidio Farm housing mostly hunter jumpers, it had everything we were looking for, indoor and outdoor rings, numerous paddocks, trails, and lots of stalls (how many you ask?... 40. What forty? Like in four-zero? ...Yup!) So we dreamers sat down, ran the numbers, projected, and planned, since we wanted to do everything right. An LLC was formed, letters exchanged, lots of paperwork signed, and the farm changed hands on September 1, 2013.

Even though things were in working order and in pretty good shape, the indoor was very dark. Oh, no problem, we can just add windows to the short side in front and back and while we are at it we can add some more windows to the first barn and the doors as well (\$\$\$\$). And, we should also get new footing for the indoor and a new tractor to take care of said footing (more \$\$\$). We also learned to have an ample supply of fence posts and planks handy, enough buckets and feed tubs, large water containers for the paddocks (19 of them to be exact) and there are never enough brooms and shovels and muck buckets around, not to mention cross ties, lead ropes, and double-ended snaps (even more \$\$\$). I had to learn a lot about horse feed options, and after ample research and consultations with feed suppliers and an equine nutritionist (thank you Carrey), along with the help of my "co-conspirator" and resident trainer, Lisa Basselini, I now know the difference between grass hay, orchard mix, and alpha-alpha, and can distinguish among pelleted, texturized, and fibergized feed. Then, there was the manure thing and the waste management plan required by NJ law. And does anybody know how to work QuickBooks?

All obstacles mastered, Jersey Palms Farm was officially open for business on November 1, 2013. Why Jersey Palms, you ask? I always wanted to retire surrounded by palm trees, but that looks pretty unlikely, so I will plant palm trees where it looks like I am going to retire (wait and see).

Even though I have never in my life signed as many four- and five-figure checks (and this seems to be an ongoing process), being able to ride in your very own indoor any time you want is definitely priceless.

Thanks to the trust and support of an amazing group of people, friends, boarders, and Lisa's loyal students it looks like this could actually work! For anyone else thinking of taking the plunge and opening their own farm, think carefully about what that involves, but know that it's definitely possible and dreams can come true.



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER

The USEF Rider Test Clinics

There are still 2 fix a test clinics to enter

Make the most of your winter training time by improving your equitation, your horse's performance and next year's scores! Be prepared to compete for the USEF Rider Test high score award at the Memorial Weekend Show, sponsored by Lisa Schmidt

This fix a test clinic series will provide an opportunity for riders to have their current level of equitation evaluated, participate in a training session and then re-evaluate the results. Participating in the entire series will give riders an opportunity to learn, practice and then return for further evaluation and training.

CLINICIAN: Lisa Schmidt, S judge, USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze medalist, USDF Region 1 Director

WHERE: Rockland Farm, 83 Whiskey Lane, Flemington, NJ for each clinic.

WHEN: April 20 and May 4, 2014 from 9am – 5pm

COST: \$80 / 45min session. Ride your test, receive instruction, ride test again

MULTI-CLINIC DISCOUNT: Register for 2 clinics @ \$75 ea.

ESDCTA VOLUNTEER BUCKS: \$20 of Volunteer Bucks can be used as partial registration fee for each clinic.

REGISTER: Mail the ESDCTA Schooling show/clinic Entry Form; www.esdcta.org/home/forms Include your volunteer bucks, check payable to ESDCTA, Inc. and proof of neg coggins to:

Alice Greenstone
156 Demarest Ave
Englewood Cliffs, NJ, 07632
Agreenstone@live.com

FOALIN' AROUND

Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

YOUTH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Fix-a-Test Clinics

To help you get ready for the show season, we are offering three fix-a-test clinics around our membership area. At a fix-a-test clinic, the participant rides the dressage test of his/her choice, and a judge scores it just like at a horse show. The judge will then work with the rider to improve upon the test, and the rider can then ride the test again. The rider will receive a copy of both of their tests. This format is a great way to learn how to improve your scores and to hear and see how a judge arrives at a score for each movement. We also have an hour lunch discussion with the judge/clinician. We encourage all youth to attend as riders or auditors and to plan to audit the entire day. Participants and all-day auditors will receive 10 credits towards the Youth Educational Award. Please see the omnibus on the ESDCTA website for more detailed information.

Rider fee: ESDCTA Members \$40 Non-Members \$50

Auditor fee: Free (nominal fee to join in the pizza lunch)

CLINIC SCHEDULE

March 23, 2014	April 12, 2014	May 10, 2014
Rhythm & Blues Stables Allentown, NJ	CLR Stables @ Tullamore Farms Stockton, NJ	Hidden Creek Equestrian Center Kunkletown, PA
ENTRY DEADLINE: March 2	ENTRY DEADLINE: April 2	ENTRY DEADLINE: May 3
Clinician: Linda Marciante, L	Clinician: Heidi Lemack, L	Clinician: Kelly Smaltz, L & Jill Kuc, L
Contact: Heidi Lemack RBLStables@aol.com	Contact: Cindy Roesener croesener@hotmail.com	Contact: Jill Kuc esea@ptd.net

*******Remember to read the Youth Section of the omnibus! There are scholarship opportunities and dressage and event team sponsorships available!*******

Team Selection Deadlines Right Around the Corner!

It's time to start thinking about representing the ESDCTA in team competitions. Last year our selected team members were very successful, had a great time working as members of a team and learned a lot. Everyone went away with a positive experience! This year we are sending teams to compete at Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival (July 11-13), the USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Competition (July 26-27), the Millbrook Horse Trials Team Competition (July 31-Aug. 3), and the Team Challenge at Burgundy Hollow Horse Trials (Sept. 28).

If you are accepted as a member of a team, ESDCTA pays your entry fees (for team classes/divisions) and stabling fees. Team applications are available on the ESDCTA website: esdcta.org. All applicants must have 8 volunteer hours and have met the criteria outlined in the ESDCTA Omnibus. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact one of the youth co-chairs.

Deadlines for Team Applications:

Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival (July 11-13) Saugerties, NY	May 15
USDF Region 1 Youth Team Competition (July 26-27) Leesburg, VA	May 15
Millbrook Horse Trials Team Competition (July 31-Aug. 3) Millbrook, NY	July 1***
Team Challenge at Burgundy Hollow Horse Trials (Sept. 28) Northampton, PA	Sept. 1

*****Please note later deadline this year for Millbrook Horse Trials. More time to earn scores!*****

Youth Educational Awards Sponsored by Skylands Saddlery

Kylie Dickinson (also our representative for the NJEAB's "Equestrian of the Year") earned her Youth Educational Award Certificate of Achievement! She earned 50 points by attending many different types of educational events this past year to receive this certificate. She attended an ESDCTA Fix-a-Test clinic, the Youth Educational Seminar at Rick's Saddleshop, and private clinics, as well as other events to accumulate the points. Skylands Saddlery is the gracious sponsor of this award.

USDF ADULT TEAM COMPETITION

*Be a part of something wonderful -
an ESDCTA-sponsored team!*

The USDF Adult Team Competition "provides an opportunity for adults to compete in a team-like atmosphere, and encourages camaraderie and support for adults competing at any level."

The Region 1 Adult Team Competition is being held on May 31-June 1, 2014 at the Hunt Horse Complex, Raleigh NC, and sponsored by NCDCTA. All riding levels wanted.

If you are interested, please send in your application (available on ESDCTA.org and USDF.org) to Cindy Anderson at cindya@bluebridle.com or 27 Lake Ave, High Bridge, NJ 08829.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Cindy at 800-526-1711.

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1, 2014, SO DON'T DELAY!!!

The Dressage Competitions Committee is looking for members to expand the committee. Primary responsibilities center around planning the many aspects of managing the shows as well as participating at the show(s) as a part of the core management team. Dressage Competitions Committee meetings are held monthly via conference call. Please contact Terry Masters, terrymasters@verizon.net or 609-912-9401.



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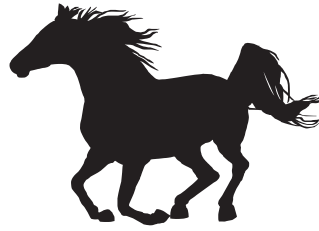
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*Below are the benefits for each membership level. It's so easy now to renew your membership online or you can do it the old fashioned way by regular mail.
See ESDCTA.org for all of the details.*

SUPPORTING MEMBERS:

- Full USDF Group Member Benefits
- ESDCTA E-News
- Online access to Collective Remarks newsletter – 10 issues per year
- Advertising and program/event discounts
- Access to post ads in our online classified section
- Professionals listing in our online Trainers and Officials directories
- Eligible to apply for ESDCTA Grants

SENIOR/YOUTH MEMBERS

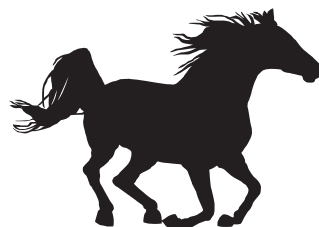
- All the benefits of the Supporting Members plus:
- Eligible for ESDCTA Year End Awards and Championships
- Collective Remarks newsletter mailed to your home - 10 issues per year

FAMILY MEMBERS

- All the benefits of the Senior/Youth Members plus
- Membership for up to 2 additional family members free
- Membership for an additional 2 members (3 – 4 total) for the USDF Group Member fee
- One Collective Remarks newsletter mailed to your family - 10 issues per year

BUSINESS MEMBERS

- All the benefits of the Support Members plus
- Business ad in newsletter along with web listing (a \$300 value!)
- One named member eligible to compete in ESDCTA year end awards (notify membership chair).
- Business is not eligible for ESDCTA Year End Awards or Championship, but may name one individual who would be eligible (notify membership chair)
- Collective Remarks newsletter mailed to your business - 10 issues per year





ESDCTA Membership Application

Mail this form with payment to:
Diane Engler Tel: (610) 730-0371
385 Frogtown Rd membership@esdcta.org
Kintnersville, Pa 18930-1642

Personal Information

Please complete *legibly!*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: (____) - ____ - _____ day

(____) - ____ - _____ evening

(____) - ____ - _____ cell

Can call until: ____ pm

USDF # _____ (needed for GMO affiliate membership)

- New Membership
- Renewing/Life Member: # _____
- This is a new address
- Youth Member: Date of Birth: _____

Family Members: (* note: first two are included with Family Membership, \$20 for each additional (up to 4))

1) Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Youth Member: Date of Birth: _____

2) Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Youth Member: Date of Birth: _____

3)* Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Youth Member: Date of Birth: _____

4)* Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Youth Member: Date of Birth: _____

Membership Fees

See the back of this form for details on the benefits of each of the membership levels

	<u>Amt</u>
Supporting Membership	\$40 _____

Senior Individual	\$55 _____
One year membership for members whose 22 nd birthday is before Jan 1 st of the renewal year.	

Youth Individual	\$45 _____
One year membership for members whose 21 st birthday is on or after Jan 1 st of the renewal year.	

Family Membership	\$72 _____
One newsletter per membership. 2 names are registered with USDF.	

USDF affiliate fee for each add'l family member.....\$20 ea _____

Business Membership	\$150 _____
One named individual to compete for year end awards (notify membership chair with that information)	

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 (check payable to ESDCTA, Inc.)

Please be advised, after the first of the year, when you join or renew your membership with ESDCTA, it will take approximately 1 week for your ESDCTA membership to be processed.

It will take an **ADDITIONAL 2 to 4 weeks** for your USDF Group Membership to be processed.

“Warning: Under New Jersey Law, an equestrian area operator is not liable for any injury to or the death of a participant in equine animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine animal activities. Pursuant to P.L., c. 287 (c.5:15-1et seg).”

Membership Liability Release: I agree that with becoming a member of ESDCTA, I am fully aware and acknowledge that equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risks and I agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless ESDCTA, its clinicians, officers, show managers, agents, officials, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability or damage arising from or because of participation in an capacity at an ESDCTA sponsored or registered activity.

As the parent or guardian of a youth, I agree to all the above provisions and agree to assume all the obligations of the release on the child's behalf.

Print Name of each member: _____

Signature: _____
(parent or guardian if under 18):

SPORT HORSE CRUISE

By Julia Peterson

Here in the northeast, it's been an extra cold, snowy winter, and the season is not over yet. For those who like that sort of thing, great. For the rest of us, not so much. Last month I was able to escape the polar vortex for a bit, and enjoy an equestrian-themed vacation.

Formerly known as the Dressage Cruise, organizer Alice Knox changed the name to Sport Horse Cruise, to better reflect the scope of the trip and the varied skills and expertise of its participants. (In other words, it's not just for DQ's!) Indeed, the range of interests among the travelers was diverse and included dressage, eventing, breeding, judging, training, pleasure riding, and competing. One of the participants was an artist whose work includes equine art. Cruise guests (including the guest speakers) came from geographically far and wide, as well. This year's participants hailed from California, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, New Zealand, and Germany.

This year's speakers were: Dr. Christian Schacht (an eventing and dressage judge, veterinarian, and breeding director, Oldenburg NA); Jeremy Steinberg (USEF Youth Coach); and Britta Pedersen (physiotherapist, former eventer, and developer of a fitness system for riders called Equipoise). Past guest speakers on the cruise have included Willy Arts (Chairman of KWPN-NA) and Steffen Peters.

In addition to all the usual activities and amenities found on a cruise, Sport Horse Cruise members had the opportunity to participate in engaging, highly interactive seminars, personal consultations (riders were encouraged to bring along DVD's; some brought breeding records; etc.), and special activities. Examples of the seminar topics this year were: Christian Schacht, discussing the German riding system for dressage and show jumpers, plus equestrian history and sporthorse conformation; Jeremy Steinberg speaking about the new tests (eg, turn on forehand) and showing videos and discussing strengths and weaknesses of horses he has brought to Grand Prix; Britta Pedersen presenting on rider balance and postural strength, leading participants through some useful exercises for riders. Guests also received complimentary copies of Christian's book, *Sporthorse Conformation* and from Jeremy, Dietrich von Hopffgarten's book, *Reflections from the Life of a Dressage Teacher*.

But the camaraderie and learning wasn't limited to the scheduled events. The guest speakers were gracious and generous with their time and welcomed informal get-togethers to continue discussion of all things equine.

All in all, the Sport Horse Cruise was a great experience that satisfied both my wanderlust and my equine interests, and I look forward to participating again in the future.



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Continuing with our commitment to upgrade and improve the member experience, a new electronic newsletter will be introduced within the next 4-5 months. We began our journey with the development of a new, fabulous website which offers greatly enhanced content and interactive options. The new online omnibus was next in the lineup and has now been fully implemented. This month we'll initiate the monthly e-news announcements listing the upcoming shows so you'll never again miss an opening or more importantly a closing date.

The Board is excited to announce that the next step is the introduction of an electronic newsletter that will be sent directly to your inbox.

There are many advantages to making this change which will allow us to offer our members a much enhanced publication. Aesthetically, both the content and advertisements will look much better in color. We'll be able to provide much improved sponsor promotion. Without the constraints of printing and postage costs we can include expanded content as well as full show results monthly. If you'd like you can save the newsletter directly in your documents, but the newsletters will continue to be archived on the website for future reference.

Last but certainly not least is that an electronic newsletter will reduce the club operating costs by approximately \$20,000 yearly. This money has been spent year after year and basically all that happens is that the newsletter is printed, mailed, read and then discarded each month. To continue with the traditional printed copy amounts to throwing away this huge amount of money each year. All of this money can be much better utilized by providing enhanced member services while at the same time offering a much improved newsletter.

Look for additional information about the newsletter as details are available.

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CENTERLINE Dressage News



Our new show season is gearing up

As I sit writing this article my neighborhood is encased in ice and snow. My house has no power, no heat and no running water. Since I can't drive to the barn it's actually nice to be thinking about a warm, sunny Memorial



Weekend show. The biggest news to date is the decision to put our CDI on hold for 2014 but currently plan to resume offering it again in 2015. There will still be lots of fun to be had at the show, with an opportunity to compete for awards in several categories.

Correction: USEF/Markel YH Qualifying WILL be included in the MDW national classes. YH classes will be offered on Friday and Saturday, with the USEF/Markel YH Qualifier on Sunday. We apologize for the omission of these tests in the original prizelist. A corrected edition will be posted to the website.

- The popular Adult Amateur High Score Challenge (AAHC) will return again and we've expanded the eligible classes to include the PSG level. Please indicate on your entry if you are an Adult Amateur so your scores can be counted toward the Champion and Reserve Champion places
- For those riders working on their equitation skills we're offering the USEF Rider Test High Score Award, sponsored by Lisa Schmidt.
- Also new this year is the introduction of the Instructor's / Coach's Award which will awarded each day to the instructor/coach whose students enter the greatest number of rides. Please make sure your students list your name as COACH on the entry form.
- Breed High Score Awards, as provided by the breed organization, will be awarded to qualified horses.
- ESDCTA Perpetual Trophies will also be awarded at the Memorial Weekend Dressage show. The origin of

our perpetual trophy collection began at the Hobby Horse Farm show run by Lazelle Knocke. Lazelle was a well-loved judge, instructor, and founding member of not only ESDCTA but also of the USDF. Over the years the collection has grown to 19 trophies, all donated by farms, organizations and individuals. Complete information on the history of our amazing collection, a description of each and a list of past winners can be found on www.esdcta.org.

Help us by sponsoring a class. We'd love to repeat the success of our 2013 class sponsorship drive so we're advertising for individual class sponsorship again this year. Sponsoring a class is a great way for you to be involved in the show, get your name in the show program and support the club. Please look for the sponsorship forms in this newsletter and online at www.shows.esdcta.org and pick the show / class you'd like to support with a \$20 sponsorship.

Another big expansion of club activities this year is the addition two new licensed dressage shows to our calendar. Summer Days 1 & 2 are planned as individual back to back shows



scheduled for Wednesday July 30 and Thursday July 31 at the USEF Foundation, Gladstone, NJ. I hope many of you take advantage of these new competitive options while enjoying the beauty and ambiance of the historic USEF headquarters. Limited stabling (48 stalls) will be available and will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. Prizelists and full information is available at www.shows.esdcta.org or link to the show information from the online omnibus calendar at www.esdcta.org

THE START BOX

Eventing News

THE NON-DECISION

By Christy Pellegrino

After nearly a year of planning, my parents, my mare Eve, and I all headed down to Aiken, SC. I was looking forward to a few months stint as a working student for 4-star eventers Jess Hampf and her fiancé Doug Payne. The promise of warmer weather and immersing myself in the world of horses 16 hours a day, 6 or 7 days a week had me drooling for months in anticipation. That was three weeks ago and a few things have happened since then.

The trip down was not as expected. Winter storm Janus came further inland and earlier than predicted by the forecasts we were relying on. We had snow from just into Pennsylvania all the way through Virginia. Travel in West Virginia was treacherous with several inches of snow on the highway. Towing an over-sized trailer through snow over miles and miles of invisible interstate was not fun. The word from the local at the gas station was that West Virginia pre-treats their roads rather than plowing. I'm sure that the drivers of the dozens of vehicles that we saw that had slid off the interstate would have strong opinions about the pre-treating policy of that state. The snow continued through Virginia, but the roads were in much better condition. Our Suburban got a nice thank you pat once we finally arrived.

Eve and I easily settled into Jess's family's beautiful farm in Bridle Creek, and the next several days were relatively uneventful. However, a rare winter snowstorm then deposited a few inches of snow in the area. At home, it would have been considered a nuisance. Down there, it almost stopped the clocks. It melted soon and things were back to normal for the next day. They were normal for several more days. The days were full, but fun and I entered my first event of the season.

The norm decided to take another beak. On February 12, a very heavy ice storm hit Aiken head on. Trees snapped like twigs. Wires came down and transformers blew as if they had learned how to create havoc from their northern counterparts during Sandy. We, and thousands of others, lost power. We thought we were in relatively good shape since we had a generator; then it failed. At least we had gas for cooking. The horse trial we were entered in at Paradise Farm on Friday rescheduled its riders to show on Saturday and Sunday along with the competitors who had signed up for the 2-day trial. By Friday night, I was desperate for a shower. I visited newly found friends from USC and took advantage of their running water. A funny thing happened while I was in the shower: we had a 4.4 magnitude earthquake!

At least the weather on the weekend was wonderful and conditions for the event were terrific. While driving to the trial on Sunday, I called my mother, using Bluetooth, as my phone charged all the way. We chatted about the challenges and discomforts of a prolonged power outage. She casually asked me if I wanted to come home. My answer was never in doubt, but just for giggles, I weighed the pros and cons of present day life in Aiken versus New Jersey.

Home Base: Toy Box Farm (NJ) vs. The Hampf farm (SC) are both fabulous.

Entertainment: Cable and internet (NJ) vs. playing cards via flashlight with friends (SC). Friends are a lot more fun than computers.

Bedtime: Toasty due to working heat (NJ) vs. a bit chilly due to power outage (SC). This was a great excuse to borrow friends' dogs to act as bed-warmers.

Driving thrills: Dodging massive cars eating potholes (NJ) vs. dodging dangling or downed tree limbs and wires (SC).

View from my bedroom: The cul-de sac that hasn't changed in my 18 years (NJ) vs. two dressage rings and a cross country course (SC).

Schooling focus: Perfection of the 20M circle (NJ) vs. cross-country combinations (SC).

My Skin: Rudolph nose and chapped lips (NJ) vs. a farmer's tan (SC).

Fashion: The pressure to look good in multiple, coordinated layers (NJ) vs. the excuse to be "casual" due to a prolonged power outage (SC).

The list could go on and on, but it doesn't matter. Eve and I just had a great time at our first event of 2014. The challenges presented because of the current conditions are just adventures that I wouldn't leave for anything. I'll see you in the spring!



THE START BOX

Eventing News

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mark Your Calendars...ESDCTA is offering eventing opportunities you'll be sure to enjoy.

There will be three cross-country schooling days:

Monday May 26

Monday June 30

Tuesday July 29

Fences will range in levels from Starter through Preliminary. There is a special rate for non-jumping horses. Bring your camera for great photo op's and maybe we'll use some in the newsletter!

Open Pipe will be offered at the start of the June 30 schooling day. This is an opportunity to ride an unjudged, but safely monitored "you pick it" cross-country course. See the on-line Omnibus for details.

Do you want to come, but would prefer if you were under the direction of a professional? Let any member of the event committee know and we will try to match you up with a trainer who is planning on attending.

The annual ESDCTA Horse Trials will be held October 5 at the Horse Park Of New Jersey. The ESDCTA Eventing Championships will be run as part of this event. The popular adult team competition will be returning this year. There is no added cost, but fun and thrills are added to your day. An intercollegiate team competition will also be held. We expect teams from both in and out of our region. In addition to established teams, young adults who are current college students may ask to be placed on scramble teams. See the Omnibus for additional information.



HORSE TREATS *by Meredith Rogers*

Our country was founded on the back of a horse, so it was only appropriate that horses made their way into the White House. Ever since George Washington, our Presidents have utilized, enjoyed, and admired the magnificent horse.



The original White House stables were built in 1800 by Thomas Jefferson as a simple Georgian brick building. The stables burned down in 1864 with President Lincoln's son's pony inside; Lincoln ran into the burning building in an attempt to save the pony but unfortunately, could not. In 1871, Ulysses S. Grant commissioned a high Victorian, mansard-roofed stable in that was expanded in 1891 to stall 25 horses, a carriage house, tack and harness rooms, and a living area for stable staff. The end of the horse era came in 1909 when President Taft converted the stable into a garage for his large steam cars. The stables were demolished two years later.

The role of horses at the White House has also changed, going from utilitarian work machines and transportation to a good use of leisure time. President Taylor's war veteran horse, Old Whitey, helped to mow the lawns from 1849-1850. President Grant was known to go on mad dashes with his trotters along Pennsylvania Avenue, and he even received a speeding ticket while trying to race a delivery van (the delivery van was able to keep up, so President Grant bought the horse pulling it). President Teddy Roosevelt did a lot of pleasure riding, and if you were invited to join him, you had to follow his Rules of the Road. The entire Roosevelt family loved horses so much that one of the sons decided to bring his pony upstairs in the White House elevator to cheer up his brother who was ill. When he was offered a car, President Roosevelt said, "The Roosevelts are horse people." President Taft didn't have much luck with horses, which is probably why he fell under the spell of the automobile, and President Coolidge was allergic but had a mechanical horse built for exercise. Subsequent Presidents had to enjoy horses on their home properties; President Johnson had a ranch in Texas, and President Reagan had one in California. The Kennedy's pony, Macaroni, was normally housed in Virginia but made frequent visits to the White House, where he was often allowed to freely roam the grounds.

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THE 2014 ESDCTA SHOW SEASON ESDCTA SHOW CALENDAR



Please refer to the ESDCTA Omnibus for details
All ESDCTA-registered shows are eligible for volunteer hours



SHOW	TYPE OF SHOW	DATE	OPENING	CLOSING
Alexandria Equestrian	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, March 15	12/23/13	3/10/14
Horse Park of NJ	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, March 15	2/7/14	3/7/14
Bit O' Woods	Dressage Schooling	Sunday, March 16	1/26/14	3/5/14
ESDCTA Winter Clinic	Clinic Series	Sunday, March 23	1/1/14	3/15/14
Horse Park of NJ	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, March 29	3/1/14	3/24/14
Wit's End	Dressage Schooling	Sunday, March 30	2/14/14	3/20/14
ESDCTA Winter Clinic	USEF Rider Test Clinic	Saturday, April 26		
Orange County Dressage	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, April 26	3/16/14	4/16/14
Rhythm & Blues	Dressage Schooling	Sunday, April 27		
Saddlebrook Ridge Equestrian Center	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, April 5		
NJ Region's	Dressage Schooling	Sunday, April 6	2/26/14	3/31/14
ESDCTA Youth	Fix-A-Test	Saturday, April 12		4/6/14
Oxbow Stables	Dressage Schooling	Sunday, April 13		4/3/14
Alexandria Equestrian Assoc/ Topline Farm	Dressage Schooling	Saturday, April 19	12/23/14	4/18/14
Fidler Run Farm	USEF/USDF Dressage	Sunday, April 27	3/15/14	4/18/14