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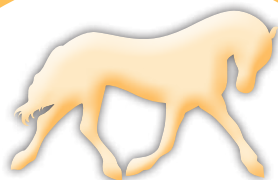
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

ESDCTA Awards Luncheon - February 9, 1-4 pm.
Celebrate your 2013 successes and support your friends!

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ADVENTURES IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

By Beth Ann Adams

The view out my window as our plane descended into Blue Grass Airport was remarkable. I expected to see horse farms in Kentucky but the seemingly endless pastures surrounded by pristine white fencing was an amazing sight. My traveling companion, Nancy Krial, President of LVDA, was also impressed by the expansive view. We could not wait to set foot in Lexington and begin our adventure. We arrived the day before the USDF Convention began so we could do some sightseeing. Blue Grass Tours listed several well-known Thoroughbred race horse establishments on its lineup. Our first stop was Keeneland Race Track, which is a National Historic Landmark. Great race horses such as Man-of-War and Secretariat pounded up the turf at Keeneland. It was thrilling to walk where notable racing enthusiasts like Princess Anne had placed bets and to see the winning silks of the top jockeys on display. Our tour continued through the immaculate Lexington countryside. We were allowed into several distinguished breeding farms and race horse training facilities. As we drove through Claiborne Stables everyone's attention was drawn to a beautiful brick and stone residence. To our surprise our guide explained that this was a guest house; he then took us to see the owner's mansion. Everyone was awe struck by the size, yet at the same time the

home reflected a quiet grandeur. The Tour guide explained that all architecture in the historic district must be in keeping with the pastoral appeal of the landscape. The last stop was at Airdrie Stud Farm. As we entered the Breeding barn, a young 4-year-old grey stallion, Creative Chance was receiving a bath. The handler told us that his stud fee is \$15,000 and he is a very popular stallion. His sire, Giant's Causeway was the leading sire for 3 years up until his early demise in 2009. The handler brought out a magnificent chestnut stallion named Haynesfield. All of us were delighted to be invited to have our pictures taken with this \$1.3 million dollar winner! Our tour group returned to the Hyatt with smiles and stories to tell our horse-loving friends.



Jockey silks outside the bleachers at Keeneland Race Track



Beth Ann and Nancy at the USDF National Headquarters

First on the Convention agenda were the Regional meetings. Nancy and I reported promptly at 8 am for Region One with Director, Lisa Schmidt. Several hot topics were discussed: Western Dressage, the new Adult Amateur Classic, and a new Website for owners of small breeding farms who have offspring of FEI potential. We were asked to vote for

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lisa and Lisa: 2nd and 3rd generation equestrians – the tradition continues!

Hello, and for those who may not know me, I am your new President, Lisa Toaldo. Let me begin by saying how privileged I am to represent all of my ESDCTA fellow members. I take this position seriously, and want to represent each and every member. To that end, I hope to meet you all, may that be in person, at a show, at an education event, or by email, text, twitter, or phone! I am your voice locally and nationally, and together with all our Board members new and seasoned, we are excited to start the new year.

Have you visited our new beautiful website? It is packed with great information. Our omnibus is now online and can be updated to stay current with any new shows or educational events. Our newsletter is also changing, so look for a new fresh look soon. Be alert to our e-news, constant contact for up-to-date happenings. Most of all, feel free to come to our Board meetings. They are once a month, and the place, date, and time are on our website. We need your input and communication, it's YOUR club, let us be able to fulfill your needs. Our club is one of the founding GMOs; we have stood the test of time and are ready to move to the future.

We will be focused on educational events going forward, as well as continuing with our shows, plus some new ones added. The events will be geared to EVERYONE: trainers, riders, judges, youth, and all those who just like to know more about horses and like to be around them.

Let me also say thank you to all our past and present Board members, all the trainers, coaches, judges, youth members, adult amateurs and nonriding members and volunteers, without whom this club would not exist. I hope I did not forget anyone, as our club is a wonderfully diversified group concentrated in NJ, PA, and NY.

New Year means new beginnings, let's move forward and make 2014 great, together!

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Follow us on Twitter: @ESDCTA**

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.

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.

CROSS COUNTRY... New Across Our Region

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcome to 2014! With a new year comes change, and ESDCTA is no exception. We have a new Board of Directors who are ready and able to bring engaging programs to you. Have you checked out our new website? Isn't it great?! The new omnibus will be able to be updated in real time. Check it out early and often for not only shows, but Board meetings, educational programs, and fun events. What hasn't changed is our commitment to you, our members. Have an idea? We want to hear it. Want to see a particular clinician come to our area? Let us know. This is your club and we share your passion for horses and horse sports, equestrian education, and having fun.

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

February 12
Board Meeting 7:30 pm @ USET Headquarters
All are welcome!

February 3
Eventing Committee Location TBD

TBA
Dressage Committee

TBA
Youth Committee

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

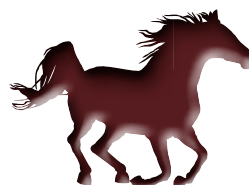
E-mail: newsletter@esdcta.org

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

FEBRUARY 5 & 6	NJ Horse Council Convention. More information can be found @ http://www.njhorsecouncil.com
FEBRUARY 9	ESDCTA Awards Luncheon. See our website for more information
FEBRUARY 9	Rutgers Annual Horse Management Seminar, email gladney@aesop.rutgers.edu for more information
MARCH 23	ESDCTA Winter Clinic Series at Rockland Farm, Flemington, NJ. See our new omnibus for all the details
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

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the Region One Adult Volunteer of the Year, and after tallying the results, our very own Debbie DelGiornio won the title. Those of us at ESDCTA are proud of Debbie's support on behalf of our organization and all she has done for NAJYRC. Debbie's accomplishments will be saluted at an upcoming ESDCTA event. Lisa invited GMO'S to become involved in Regional activities. She encouraged us to send articles and photos of interesting events to her Region One email.

Next, I attended the Technical Delegate Session, which offers information that is also important for licensed show secretaries. A Technical Delegate is required to have evaluation forms randomly filled out and sent to USDF. The purpose of these forms is to compare others' remarks on the event versus the observations of the TD. It is now mandatory for bit checkers to wear 2 gloves per horse, one glove used per side and to discard them after each horse. Another note, Judges will be allowed to have cell phones in the booth but must turn them off. Phones are only to be used in an emergency.

Competition Management touched on two highlighted subjects. The first was that USEF added a fee of \$1.50 per horse per show. It was firmly stated that show secretaries should not bring attention to the fee on the prize list or on the entry forms. It was recommended to add it to the office fee, indicating that this extra cost is beyond the control of the management. The second major topic was the gradual elimination of Intermediate Test II. Two new tests being offered are Intermediate Test A and Intermediate Test B referred to as the Medium Tour. Scores from the I-B will be used as the qualifier. Management is urged to drop I-2 and substitute I-B on future prize lists. Please refer to USDF for detailed information on the tests changes for 2014.

USDF Conventions always feature educational seminars that are worth fitting into the busy schedule of required meetings. The equine medical sessions are presented by esteemed veterinarians and are packed full of information. My favorite this year was Neurologic Disease in Dressage Horses by Dr. Clara Fenger. Although on Sunday many were eager to get home due to an impending snowstorm, a dedicated group of us stuck around to hear Charles de Kunffy share his insights and theories on classical training. Mr. de Kunffy was inducted into the Roemer Hall of Fame during the Gala Awards Banquet.

The Board of Governors assemblies were brief and light-hearted this year. It was obvious the BOG members were proud of the success of the Inaugural U S Dressage Finals held Nov 7-10, 2013, at the famous Kentucky Horse Park. Competitors from all nine Regions said they were honored to have been selected to represent their Region at the first competition of its kind in the US. The atmosphere was electric and the outstanding quality of riding was apparent from Training Level to Grand Prix. Competitors, judges, staff and audience alike pronounced that the US Dressage Finals were equal to an Olympic experience.

Sunday afternoon brought the close of the 2013 Convention, as well as the Lexington Airport. The majority of conventioners had to reschedule flights for another day or another airport. Sincere well wishes of safe travel were exchanged as we went our separate ways heading towards home. After 10 hours of sitting in airports, Nancy and I were grateful to see the pristine sight of the snow-covered ground of our Lehigh Valley terminal.



Lisa Mauriello accepts her All-Breed Award



Pam Wooding, Lisa Schmidt, and Margaret Freeman at the Board of Governors Meeting



Heidi Lemick, Nancy Krial, Beth Ann Adams, and Lisa Toaldo at the GMO Party

PICTURES FROM THE USDF CONVENTION



Charles de Kunffy sharing his insights



ESDCTA gift basket for the annual raffle



Janine Malone Perpetual Trophy presented at the Inaugural US Dressage Finals



Nancy Krial, Beth Ann Adams, and Lisa Toaldo enjoying the Kentucky Horse Park



Cupcakes in honor of USDF's 40th anniversary

WINTER ACTIVITIES AT APPLEWOOD FARM

*Introducing the 2014 eventing dressage tests: a clinic & seminar with marilyn payne,
"o" eventing judge/trainer/competitor & usef "s" dressage judge*

WHERE: Applewood Farm, 30 Fox Hill Rd., Califon NJ

WHEN: Sunday, January 26, 2014: 9:00 – 5:30.

Ride Times Will Be Posted at www.marilynpayne.com

WHAT: Learn How to Ride, Coach and Judge the New Eventing Dressage Tests!

HOW: Ride Your Test Of Choice, Hear Marilyn's Comments, Improve Your Scores

OR

Audit The Clinic, Take Notes, Ask Questions, Improve Your Teaching & Judging Skills

WHY: Be Ready for the 2014 Season!

FEES: Ride-A-Test: \$75.00 for a 30 minute individual session.

Riders may audit all day at no charge.

AUDITORS: \$25.00 for advance entries, includes a chair; \$30 for drop-ins, bring a chair.

EACH TEST WILL BE RIDDEN ONLY ONCE, SO GET YOUR ENTRY IN EARLY! IF THE TEST YOU WANT TO RIDE IS ALREADY TAKEN, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED ABOUT RIDING A DIFFERENT TEST, OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO AUDIT INSTEAD.

Free food and refreshments all day in our heated viewing room!
For entry form & more information, contact ann@annforer.com.

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.

FOALIN' AROUND

Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

Our Nominee for NJ Equestrian of the Year: Kylie Dickinson!

This year we had a record number of applications to represent the ESDCTA in the New Jersey Equestrian of the Year Competition. Applicants were asked to complete an entry form listing their equine activities and horsemanship records, their school activities, and their community activities. They also needed to write a short essay on the importance of emergency preparedness for equine/barn owners.

The youth committee, after much discussion, determined that Kylie Dickinson would be the best candidate. In 2012, she was the ESDCTA Training Level Champion Jr/Yr, USDF Region 8 Training Level Jr/Yr Reserve Champion, ESDCTA Year End Training Level Champion Jr/Yr, and first place ESDCTA youth team at Lendon Gray's Youth Festival, among other accomplishments.

In 2013, she represented the ESDCTA at the USDF Region 1 Youth Team Competition where she was the youth team high score rider and won "Best Turnout". She was 3rd at the ESDCTA Championships First Level Jr/Yr, 6th at the USDF Region 8 First Level Jr/Yr Championships, and was ESDCTA Jr/Yr Year End Champion First Level. In addition to her riding successes, she is an honor roll student, community volunteer, and JV Soccer player. She also participates in many school clubs including the Diversity Club, Fishing Club, Photo Club, and more.

We are very proud to have such an accomplished and active youth member represent the ESDCTA.



Fun at the Burgundy Hollow Horse Trials

Having the chance to be on the ESDCTA youth eventing team at Burgundy Hollow was a fantastic experience. Jenny Lackey and I headed 3 hours into Pennsylvania on Saturday afternoon to the barn where the horses would stay for the night. On Sunday morning we headed back to the barn bright and early. We had to get the horses ready for their show, and we were excited to go see our other team mate, Ava Reverendo. As we were driving to the show, we could hardly wait or stop talking about it. We reviewed our dressage test when suddenly our mouths dropped; we see these huge mountains with cross country jumps on them. As we pulled into Burgundy Hollow I smiled and turned to Jenny and said "Jen, the three of us are real eventers now, just look at the hills with our courses on them." When we got parked we met up with Ava and all headed out to walk our amazing courses. They were nice but had some tricky parts which we all loved.

After getting ready for dressage, we watched ringside each other's tests and cheered on our team. I think we all could agree we had fabulous rides. Finally, when the time came, we rushed our way out to stadium and cross country in excitement. Jenny and Ava had perfect rounds in stadium while I had a few bunny hops over some jumps but was still clean. As we went down to the start box we saw the most perfect view we could ever see riding: nothing but cross country and hills. Jenny and Ava went clean cross country and I too almost had a clean round except for taking the wrong jump at the ditch... whoops; still had a blast. Overall in our divisions, Jenny got 1st, Ava got 3rd and I got 5th, which was awesome for us individually. Our ESDCTA team came in 4th place overall (and we made it out alive)! We had been there all day, but it was worth it for the rare opportunity to compete as a team and not as individuals. I hope we have the chance to do this again. We are so thankful for ESDCTA for choosing us to represent them as their youth team. Thank you so much for the amazing experience and letting us proudly be the 2013 ESDCTA Youth Eventing Team. We hope to ride for you guys in the future!

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Scripko



In the last issue, this picture was captioned incorrectly. It is Kaitlyn Scripko and Alli-Oop.

FOALIN' AROUND

Youth News, Activities, and Opportunities

Thank You ESDCTA

My name is Ava Reverendo, I'm 14 years old and a member of the ESDCTA. In January I got a new horse, "Badlands Billy," started eventing in the spring, and I was in love! When I learned of the youth team opportunity, I applied and was chosen to be part of it, along with two friends who are also members of my pony club. What a wonderful chance I was offered to compete as part of a team at Burgundy Hollow October 27, and I have ESDCTA to thank. I will remember that day for years to come!

Ava and Billy



More from the Burgundy Hollow Horse Trials

My name is Jenny Lackey and I ride an Irish Sport Horse named "Moonlit Starz," Starz for short. I went to the Burgundy Hollow event this year, and it was amazing. It was a long drive down but our hotel was nice and it had an Applebee's next door. It was not far from the barn where we dropped our horses off the night before. The place was a beautiful facility with big stalls and heated wash stalls! We woke up the morning of the show and rushed to the barn. Then, we finished braiding our horses and headed to Burgundy Hollow Farm to meet our third teammate. Our team consisted of myself and my two best friends: Ava and Kaitlyn. We supported each other the whole time. If one had a bad dressage test, someone was always there to point out the good movements. We supported each other with good comments and suggestions to make something better. We had matching saddle pads and shirts, which were adorable. I couldn't imagine a better team than the one I had.

Each of our horses has strong points. Mine was dressage and cross-country, Kaitlyn's was stadium and cross-country, and Ava's was stadium and cross-country, too. My dressage test was not as good as it could have been, but my mare came off the trailer with her tail up. She was very nervous. As soon as I got the tack on her, she put her eventing face on. We went to warm up and she was as calm as could be. As I said our test could have been better but it was good considering she has never been to this place before.

Starz gets excited when it comes to jumping, so when we went to stadium warm up, I only did a little. Luckily the course was twisty, which kept her a little calmer, and kept me in the saddle. She has a tendency to get too happy and buck sometimes! We were tied for second after dressage and stadium, which left cross-country to go. Now this was our best section. Starz and I love going cross-country, so I didn't have a doubt in my mind that we would do well. As hilly as the course was, Starz and I flew around it at a steady even pace. She never once tried to look or spook at anything. "We were born for this!" I thought as we went. I felt like a bird flying on her.

The team came in fourth place. Ava and Billy ended up third, and Kaitlyn and Casey were fifth in their divisions. Starz and I won the novice division with no jumping faults!! I was so proud of her! I want to thank the youth committee and the ESDCTA for making it possible for us to go. It was an amazing experience that everyone should be able to enjoy. I want to thank Rachel for letting us stable at their wonderful farm. The people were very friendly. Finally, I want to thank Michelle and Burgundy Hollow Horse Farm for letting everyone use their amazing facility. It was a beautiful hillside course that incorporated uphill and downhill fences in a wonderful and flowing course.

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!!!

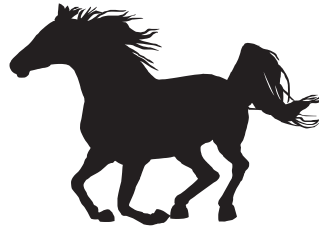
NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Finally, some good news. New Jersey Assemblyman, Ronald S. Dancer (R), introduced legislation (bill A4479) to allow that the rental of certain stable stalls be exempt from tax charges. This measure will be a big help to New Jersey's horse industry.

“Confusion regarding the taxability of horse boarding and other services has placed New Jersey horse boarding businesses at a competitive disadvantage,” said Mr. Dancer. “This legislation is needed to level the playing field with our competing neighboring states of New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.”

“Surrounding states do not collect tax on charges for boarding horses, but in our state, the failure to clarify tax collection responsibilities for horse boarding and other services has had a severe negative impact on business. Exempting these services from uncustomary taxation eliminates the confusion and reduce the higher cost of doing business in New Jersey as compared to our neighboring and competing states,” added Mr. Dancer.

Please show your support of this proposal by contacting Mr. Dancer through the NJ Legislature website (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/BIO.asp?Leg=352>) or Dana Bowling, an attorney in Mt. Laurel, NJ, who is assisting in this effort. Ms. Bowling can be reached at 609-758-9130 or Dana@danabowlinglaw.com.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL OF THE FUN!

*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

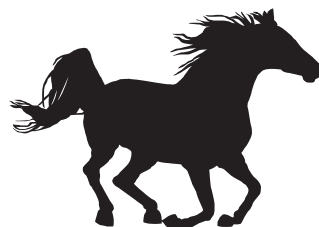
- All the benefits of the Supporting Members plus:
- Eligible for ESDCTA Year End Awards and Championships
- Collective Remarks newsletter mailed to your home - 10 issues per year

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: _____

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USEF Rider Tests: What Are They, How Are They Scored, and Where Can You Find Them?

The USEF and USDF worked in conjunction to create three new tests to offer riders beginning in the 2014 show year. These tests are called "rider tests." They were developed to recognize and evaluate a rider's skill level. There are rider tests for Training, First and Second Level. The patterns are consistent with those in the standard dressage tests, but with more challenging sequences. They require great accuracy and quick responses by both horse and rider. For example, in the second level rider test, the rider performs the shoulder-in and travers on the centerline. Lisa Corretta, who chaired the rider-test subcommittee, says "The new tests are designed to evaluate the proficiency of the rider relative to the requirements of the given level, without giving extra credit for the horse's gaits, impulsion, and submission." This means, you don't need to be riding the big, fancy horse to score well and win the class.

The rider tests are not scored in the traditional manner. There are no scores for each individual movement. The judge scores the test at the end where the usual collective marks are. There are only five scores given – all pertaining to the rider: rider's position, rider's correct and effective use of aids, horse's response and performance, accuracy of the exercises, and harmony between horse and rider. Each score has a coefficient of 2 and can be given in decimal points (i.e., 7.3 or 8.2). There is also a summary section for the judge to write additional comments. Complete directives are given on the score sheets.

The tests are very challenging and clearly highlight the rider's ability to ride at each given level, rather than highlighting the horse's innate abilities. These tests are a wonderful opportunity for riders to showcase and receive feedback on their skills.

As a member of ESDCTA, a person is automatically a GM (General Member) of the USDF (United States Dressage Foundation), and has access to the USDF e-TRAK program. You can sign in on the USDF Website (USDF.org) and go to e-TRAK and see videos and diagrams of the rider tests.

You can find the complete Rider tests/scoresheets on the USEF website: <https://www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/tests/2013TrainingLevelRiderTest.pdf>

<https://www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/tests/2013FirstLevelRiderTest.pdf>

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The "USDF Member Guide," which you are mailed as a GMO member and which is also available on line through USDF.org, also has complete information. There are links to the tests on the ESDCTA website (ESDCTA.org) as well.

In addition, The ESDCTA is hosting three fix-a-test clinics for our Winter Clinic Series with Lisa Schmidt, "S" judge, at Rockland Farm Flemington, NJ, for rider's to practice before competing at a horse show. This is a great opportunity to get feedback and to learn how these tests ride and are scored. The dates for the clinic are Feb. 16, March 23 and May 4. Go to ESDCTA.org for more information. We hope to see you there!



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Get saddled up and join Lisa Schmidt and ESDCTA at Rockland Farm for a 3 part fix a test series on the USEF Rider Tests. These tests were developed for riders to asses if they have mastered the skills needed to successfully move up from Training thru Second level.

The winter clinic series, taught by Lisa Schmidt, 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: February 16, March 23 and May 4, 2014 from 9am – 5pm

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

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Schooling show/clinic entry forms: www.esdcta.org/home/forms

This series will help riders prepare for the Riders Tests offered at the ESDCTA Memorial Day Weekend Show May 23-25, 2014 where Lisa is sponsoring a \$50 prize for the highest scoring Rider Test.

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USEA CONVENTION 2013 – FUN AND LEARNING

By Dr. Carey Williams

This is my annual report from the USEA convention. This year it was in Cincinnati, OH, and I find myself fortunate to be one of the few attendees who was able to get there and back without much of an airport weather delay...4 hours was nothing compared to those who didn't get home until the next day. Anyway, on to business...

At this year's meeting I focused on attending Forums and Business Meetings so I could bring back the very important rule changes and other important things coming down the pike that pertain to "you" as a competitor. At the Board of Governors meeting and at several of the forums there was discussion of a new level of competition in the beginning stages of discussion. This *new level of competition* would probably be a 3'5" division that falls between Training and Preliminary. This way they can keep Training as it should be and not too technical, yet they can make better "move-up" courses that are more technical and yet not the full Prelim height. This was well received, but again is just in the discussion stages as they have quite a bit to talk about with naming the level, qualifications, and age limits, as well as prospective from course designers and organizers. The Board also had a discussion about *getting more connected with unrecognized events* and trying to make the people who compete at those events more aware of the USEA and what the benefits would be for joining the organization. Discussion was made to have a representative table at these events to talk to people about it. The organization is concerned that we lose a lot of members after they graduate high school or finish Pony Club and go into college or get their new careers. They might come back in their 30s or 40s but the 20-somethings seem to disappear.

This membership gap led to the new initiative of the USEA to join up with the recently started Intercollegiate Eventing League (IET). The group was formed by a few college students interested in eventing who wanted to make it a college sport. There are a few colleges now who have teams but most of them are run separate from the university (re: funding), but in order to help bridge the gap with college-age USEA members, USEA wants to play a bigger role and stimulate more interest. One of the ways they want to do this is to encourage organizers to consider hosting a Collegiate Team Challenge at their events, since there are only 2 that currently do (FENCE in SC and Chattahoochee in GA). Area II (our area), Area III (south of us) and Area I (north of us) are the most heavily dense areas with college eventing programs. It would only make sense to have more events in these areas with a Collegiate Team Challenge. These competitions are run exactly like other team competitions (Young Riders and Adult Rider team competitions). So, if you are reading this and at a university without an eventing team talk to your friends about starting one and look out for other events in this area starting to host a team challenge (maybe ESDCTA in Oct. will roll out the first Area II Collegiate Team Challenge?! For more information you can go to <http://www.intercollegiateeventing.com> or join their Facebook page to see where the competitions will be next!

For Adult Riders there was a lot of discussion around the new *Adult Rider Team Competitions* that will be run under a different format in 2014. This year there will be no Team Challenge held in 3 areas across the country (East, West, and Central). Instead, in 2014 the team competition will be held in combination with the American Eventing Championships (AEC's). For the next two years this competition is in September at Texas Rose Horse Park, and each USEA Area will be allowed to send 8 teams of 4 Adult Riders. Riders will have to qualify for the ATC's (Adult Team Championships) just like you have to qualify for the AEC's. However, you will also have to meet each specific area's requirements. These are all being talked about now in each area. Area II has decided that since not all Adult Riders will be able to go all the way to Texas, they are encouraging some of the Area's Event Organizers to run an *Area Team Championship* to help riders get qualifying scores and be placed on a team. At least one of the events in NJ are being considered for this competition so keep your eyes open as the competition season gets closer if you are interested. Now, remember that in order to qualify for these competitions you must be an Area II Adult Rider, which is separate from your USEA membership and the teams will be organized through each of these Adult Rider Area Coordinators. To join, see the webpage at <http://www.usea2.net/departments/adult-riders>.

A few other things that were talked about but I am running out of room here to go into detail about included *where does my entry money go* and why *on each Area's calendar* and how they are

can't I get a refund, the *scheduling of events* trying to streamline the process of choosing



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dates, the *rising cost of eventing* and how events can try to keep the costs down, *new technology to keep riders safe* (ie, Shock Box helmet sensor measures impact during a fall; Speed Check iPhone app helps educate riders on their speed, it will beep if you are going too fast or too slow; and getting more educated Safety Officers at horse trials).

If you want any more information on any of these topics or anything else related to the USEA convention please do not hesitate to contact me at careymickie@gmail.com. Next year the meeting is in Dallas; however, in 2015 it comes back east to Washington DC, so hopefully everyone can plan on attending!



I was fortunate to get to hang out with many Area II VIP's at the Annual Awards Dinner: (L to R) Me, Donna Bottner (Area II Adult Rider Coordinator), Diane McBroom (Area II Treasure), Cindy Deporter (USEA Adult Rider Coordinator and 'R' judge/TD), Carol Kozlowski (event competitor and trainer).



HORSE TREATS *by Meredith Rogers*

Sometimes real life really is stranger than fiction. Sometimes funny stories just happen to involve horses. Enjoy...

On May 29, 2011, Alexander Forbes was attending a protest at the Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre in Australia. He subsequently decided to sue the police, claiming he was salivated on by a police horse, causing his clothing to become wet, and he further became upset when others noticed the amount of horse saliva on his clothes. The case is still pending.

This past September, a 63-cm miniature horse named Charlie was kidnapped from his stall at the National Horse Show in Citta di Castello, Italy. Reported to be the world's smallest horse, police suspected Charlie was being held by the Italian mafia for ransom. The horse has since been found in a secluded area about 250 miles from where he went missing, and the investigation is ongoing.

Todd Helton retired from the Colorado Rockies baseball team on September 25, 2013, after 17 seasons. Instead of a watch, however, the team presented him with a horse. The then-6-year-old, black tobiano American Paint Horse gelding is a three-time champion (roping events) named NXS A Tru Bustamove; he came with a custom saddle. Mr. Helton does have a ranch and recently purchased a horse for his daughter, so he won't be trying to stuff the gelding in an apartment or anything like that.

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ESDCTA WINTER CLINIC	CLINIC SERIES	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16	1/1/14	2/8/14
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