

COLLECTED NOTES



JUNE 2018

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Hive Mind: Building Community and Making Sage Decisions Through Collective Thinking

I recently read a wonderful book by Cornell University professor Tom Seeley entitled Honeybee Democracy. It may be hard to imagine a page tuner that explores the science behind how bees choose a new location when they swarm and fly off to a new home, but this book should be on everyone's list. Seeley explores how bees make the best decision for the collective new community through an elaborate process of listening, weighing options, considering pros and cons, and finally flying off in a new direction. In the end, he suggests that we can learn effective community decision-making from the ways that honeybees voice all alternatives, give each a full hearing, and wait for a quorum to form around an alternative before accepting it as an option. Finally, in the end, everyone commits to the new plan, and off they go, together. This, of course, is done through what one could call a dance competition. In the end, they only move to a new home when they have full community acceptance of the new option. Bees know to throw their support to the quorum, and be part of the group. They know they cannot survive alone or with small splinter factions.

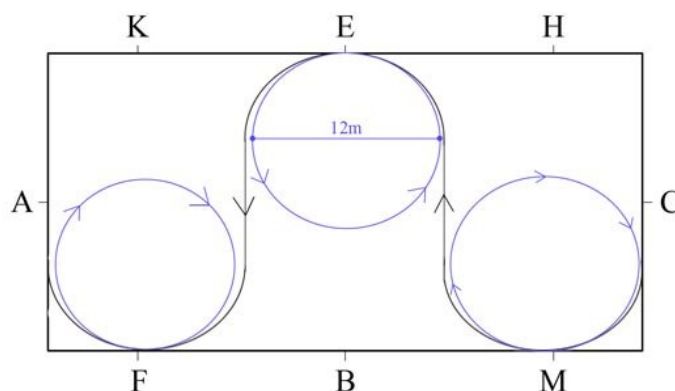
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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 9: CDCT Recognized Show Dressage in Wine Country I – Chemung Co. Fairgrounds, 170 Fairview Road, Horseheads, NY; Contact: [Jane-Marie Law](mailto:jane-marie-law@cdctc.org), 607-229-3431

June 10: CDCT Recognized Show Dressage in Wine Country II – Chemung Co. Fairgrounds, 170 Fairview Road, Horseheads, NY; Contact: [Jane-Marie Law](mailto:jane-marie-law@cdctc.org), 607-229-3431

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Getting ready for our June recognized shows June 9 and 10, we had a group meeting. The members present showed the health and vitality of this club in the way we went about getting the planning for the show nailed down. We walked through the show from start to finish, created a flow chart for future managers, and determined responsible people on each and every task. We heard advice from the past experience of many, identified possible trouble areas, and did our best to anticipate and solve problems. In the room, there were no egos or harsh words – only a group of people with varying levels of expertise and experience hearing one another out, weighing options, and making decisions. There was one objective: make the show successful and fun for everyone involved. Many of us left the meeting invigorated and optimistic about what we can all do when we come together with our best hive mind.



As we have noted, this year marks a transition year from the excellent leadership shown by Donna Young over the years in managing this show. It is our hope that the kind of transparency and hive-mind process we underwent as a club to move this show to a new management style will continue to reveal the strengths of having a vibrant group of people, young and old, experienced and inexperienced, all bringing their best efforts to a single cause. Hive mind works. Thank bees for showing us how to govern ourselves.

Let the Show(s) Begin!

-Jane Marie Law



Skye-Anna Nye-Smith and Just Plain Partners (Penny)

Member Bio:

Gale E. Wolfe and Gale's Equine Facility, Big Flats, NY.

Gale Wolfe has been an avid "horse person" since before she could even walk. Her first "horse" was a golden palomino rocking horse, appropriately named "Trigger". Her second "horse" was a stick horse named "Impy". In the late 60's, Gale's parents bought her a real horse, named "Ludwig". She competed in hunt seat classes at the local shows with this Quarter Horse/Arabian Cross.



Gale on "Impy"
in the early
1960's.



And on Ludwig
in the early 70's

In the early 70's, Gale rode with several trainers including Mrs. Linda Peterson, who was a trainer of the classics, in other words, dressage! With the help of Linda, Gale's parents bought her a 3-year-old, OTTB, "Puff-n-Stuff" who Gale then trained and campaigned as a member of the United States Pony Club and earned her "B" rating before she aged out and went to college in 1973. By the way, "S" Judge, Scott Peterson, got his start with horses and the world of dressage with his then sister-in-law, Linda. Gale and Scott rode together in Twin Tiers Pony Club, which was started by Linda, and Gale's father, Harold Wolfe.

Gale's horsemanship career has not been the only "occupation" in her background. She graduated as Salutatorian of her Horseheads High School Class. She attended Corning Community College and Cornell University to earn a B.S. Degree in Civil & Environmental Engineering as well as a Master's Degree in Engineering from Cornell. Of interest, during her academics at Cornell, she took elective courses at Cornell's Veterinarian College, to increase her knowledge of horses. She chose colleges close to her home in Big Flats, NY, so that she could continue to take care of her horse.

During her 30 years of employment with Chemung County, she obtained her NYS Professional Engineering License, as well as obtaining top NYSDEC certifications in Wastewater Treatment and Landfill Operations. For several years, for Corning Community College, and NYSDEC, she instructed wastewater treatment plant operator certification courses.

In 1994, Gale was elected as President of the New York Water Environment Association and became that organization's "Operator in Chief" of the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers and in later years, represented NYWEA at the international level on the Board of Directors and the Executive Board of the Water Environment Federation. In 2006 she was awarded the Woman of Distinction honor by the New York State Senate.

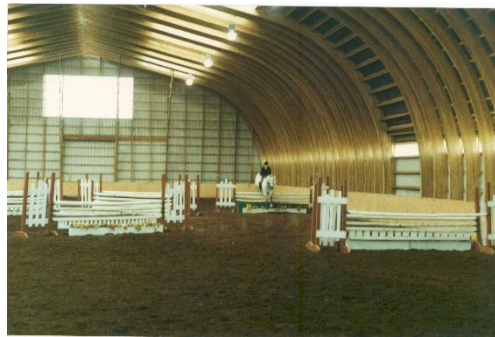
She did all of that WHILE continuing her involvement with horses. She dabbled in the Quarter Horse world, standing a stallion named "Quins Pacific Son" and started competing on the Palomino show circuit on a mare that she trained to performance level, "Neet Gold Package". She succeeded to earn her Amateur Championship on the Palomino Circuit with her horse "Neet Gold Package".



Gale riding "Neet Gold Package" who she trained to compete on the Palomino (PHBA) circuit. In 1987, this mare, aka "Buttercup" was the top ranked Palomino Road Hack horse in the United States.

Gale signed the lease with the owners of the beautiful stable, in Big Flats, NY, known as "Hunter Run" in the fall of 1988, and officially began the operation known as "Gale's Equine Facility" in January of 1989. She was, at that time, still competing at the amateur level on the Palomino horse show circuit, and therefore decided not to teach riding lessons which would have made her ineligible for the amateur classification. So, at first, the facility offered only the boarding of horses. In the years to come, the interest in riding lessons grew and a lesson program was started with the assistance of existing local instructors. The program became successful enough that Gale offered to purchase the facility from its original owners in 1993. The sale moved ahead, and a closing date was set for the middle of March of 1994. All was moving along well towards the sale closing, until an unusual snow fall in early March caused the collapse of the beautiful wooden arched indoor arena portion of the complex, putting a hold, then, on the purchase. However, matters were worked out, and she concluded the purchase of the facility in June of 1994 and construction began on a new indoor arena, made of steel columns and beams.

The original indoor arena that was built by Hunter's Run Inc. and purchased by Gale.



The 1994 wreck of the once beautiful wooden arched arena, previously known as "Hunter's Run".



The indoor arena at "Gale's Equine Facility, in Big Flats, NY



The dressage arena at "Gale's"



In March of 1999, Gale earned her first certification with the American Riding Instructors Association, becoming certified at Level III for two disciplines: Hunt Seat and Recreational Riding. Through the years to follow, she tested and renewed her ARIA certifications and added the disciplines of Western, Dressage, Eventing and Carriage Driving to her list of certifications. Twice, Gale has been named as one of the ARIA's top 50 instructors. Gale is now permanently certified by the American Riding Instructors Association at Level III for Dressage (through third level), Hunt Seat, Western and Recreational Riding disciplines and at Level 1 for Eventing and Carriage Driving. Mr. George Morris was at the ARIA conference in 2009 at which she was presented the "Top 50 Riding Instructors" award. At the time of this event, Mr. Morris was the *chef d'equipe* for the United States Equestrian Federation Show Jumping Team.



George Morris and Gale after being awarded the "Top 50 Riding Instructors" award from the American Riding Instructors Association

Having become infatuated with the Friesian horse at Equine Affaire in 2004, Gale purchased and imported a dressage 3rd level Friesian mare from the Netherlands in 2005. This wonderful mare, "Beike fan 't Zand" produced two magnificent foals, "Timothy fan Gale's" and "Whisper fan Gale's".



After motherhood was behind Beike, she became Gale's main mount to start training and competing in the USEF and USDF world of dressage, starting out at 4th Level in 2009.

When Gale retired from her day-job as the Director of Environmental Services for Chemung County, she started to grow her riding lesson program. She continued to train Beike but was told by a trainer that Beike wouldn't be able to perform flying changes enough to move up the levels, however, with a saddle change and her own determination, Gale was able to train Beike to do four and three tempi changes. She moved into the Prix St. George level, and completed the requirements to earn a Silver Medal from the USDF in 2013, with Beike's original owner, Miek Reitsma, from the Netherlands, by her side as groom.

But..... she didn't stop at the "Silver Medal". In 2014, she attended and graduated from the intense USDF educational curriculum known as the "L Program". The "L Program" is the first step to becoming a licensed judge of dressage for the USEF/USDF. With the help of her friend, Pam Schneider, who volunteered to be her scribe during the program's six weekends during 2014, she graduated from the program. Gale can't say enough good things about what this education has done for her riding and teaching.

Beike, who was in her 20's was starting to have difficulty being able to do the intense work of the FEI dressage, so in late 2014, Gale leased a mare confirmed at PSG, a Dutch Warmblood mare, named "Tequila Viola", who Gale then trained and competed to earn the USDF Gold Medal in 2017. Gale is thankful for the help she had from her friend, Miek Reitsma of the Netherlands and "S" judge, and friend, Scott Peterson. She is now working on a Grand Prix freestyle, and contemplating playing her own kür music on her Hammond B-3 organ.



Above, Gale receives the Gold Medal from USDF President, George Williams

Below Gale rides Tequila Viola at a Cayuga Dressage Show at Chemung County Fairgrounds



With the help of her husband (for 21 years), John Palladino, her mother, Donna Wolfe, and father, Hal Wolfe (who will be 90 years old in April of 2018), she manages the operation of the 30-horse stable (housing 33 horses right now), which consists of over 15 boarders and the remainder being made up of Gale's lesson horses and her personal horses that she continues to train: Tequila, and her Friesian Gelding, Timothy. Gale is currently teaching, which she loves to do, about 50 students per week, varying between beginners to second level dressage riders, from recreational riders to hunt seat riders, with young riders competing successfully in the IEA program. The 2018 show team for Gale's Equine Facility consists of some teenage hunt-seat riders, and a few adult dressage riders, and several hunter pace enthusiasts. Gale's philosophy is to have a balanced relationship with horses, and that doesn't necessarily require going to competitions. Most of Gale's clients prefer not to show and they appreciate the no-pressure atmosphere at her stable. Gale enjoys teaching and applying the classical basics of riding, especially following the guidelines of the Pyramid of Training to assist all styles of riding. Many of Gale's Alumni are still riding, competing and working in the horse world, in several parts of the United States....and "Trigger", her childhood rocking horse, is still housed in her home at a place of honor.

Gale's first horse, "Trigger" resides in honor at her home, wearing the first ribbon that she won – a First Place riding her instructor Maggie Rhodes Johnston's lesson horse, "Prince", in 1964



CALENDAR

June

June 3: GVRDC Spring Horse Trials – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: mothersfield@aol.com*

June 3: Spring Dressage Show – *Tanglewood Riding Center, 3440 Lafayette Road, Jamesville, NY; Contact: twood@aol.com*

June 7-8: Heavenbound Farm Dressage Camp – *Heavenbound Farm, 1222 Taylor Hill Road, Rome, PA; Contact: Janet, 570-247-7192*

June 9: CDCT Recognized Show Dressage in Wine Country I – *Chemung Co. Fairgrounds, 170 Fairview Road, Horseheads, NY; Contact: Jane Marie, 607-229-3431*

June 10: CDCT Recognized Show Dressage in Wine Country II – *Chemung Co. Fairgrounds, 170 Fairview Road, Horseheads, NY; Contact: Jane Marie, 607-229-3431*

June 17: Fox and Hound Derby – *Carriage House Saddlery, 325 Waterburg Road, Trumansburg, NY; Contact: 607-280-0225*

June 17: Cohocton Hunter Pace – *3224 Henry Drum Road, Cohocton, NY; Contact: dlw2@cornell.edu*

June 22-24: Dressage at Stockade Welcome/June – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

July

July 1: GVRDC Firecracker Derby – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: mothersfield@aol.com*

July 18-19: Dressage at Stockade Summer Heat – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

July 22: Stockade Schooling Dressage – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

July 28-29: Clinic with Courtney King-Dye – *Cazenovia College Equine Education Center, Woodfield Road, Cazenovia, NY; Contact: 800-654-3210*

July 29: Combined Training – *Carriage House Saddlery, 325 Waterburg Road, Trumansburg, NY; Contact: 607-280-0225*

July 29: Cohocton Hunter Pace – *3224 Henry Drum Road, Cohocton, NY; Contact: dlw2@cornell.edu*

August

August 3-5: Dressage at Stockade I/II – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

August 5: Dressage Schooling Show – *Tanglewood Riding Center, 3340 Lafayette Road, Jamesville, NY; Contact: twood315@aol.com*

August 11-12: CDCT Schooling Dressage Show/Clinic – *Oxley Equestrian Center, 220 Pine Tree Road, Ithaca, NY; Contact: Jane Marie, 607-229-3431*

August 16-17: Heavenbound Farm Dressage and Event Camp – *Heavenbound Farm, 1222 Taylor Hill Road, Rome, PA; Contact: Janet, 570-247-7192*

August 18: Heavenbound Farm Schooling Show and Horse Trial – *Heavenbound Farm, 1222 Taylor Hill Road, Rome, PA; Contact: Janet, 570-247-7192*

August 25: XC Schooling – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: mothersfield@aol.com*

August 26: GVRDC Schooling Horse Trials – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: mothersfield@aol.com*

CALENDAR

September

September 9: Fall Schooling Show – *Tanglewood Riding Center, 3340 Lafayette Road, Jamesville, NY; Contact: twood315@aol.com*

September 16: Fox and Hound Derby – *Carriage House Saddlery, 325 Waterburg Road, Trumansburg, NY; Contact: 607-280-0225*

September 16: Cohocton Hunter Pace – *3224 Henry Drum Road, Cohocton, NY; Contact: dlw2@cornell.edu*

September 16: Stockade Schooling Dressage, Combined Tests – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

September 25 - 30 Dressage at Devon, <https://www.dressageatdevon.org/>

October

October 6-7: Dressage at Stockade Autumn – *Stockade Polo and Saddle Club, 505 Sacandaga Road, Glenville, NY; Contact: stockadepolo@gmail.com*

October 6-7: Art2Ride Clinic with Will Faerber – *Newell Farm, 4064 Logan Road, Burdett, NY; Contact: dad284@cornell.edu*

October 7: GVRDC Pumpkin Derby – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: mothersfield@aol.com*

October 14: Horse Trial – *Carriage House Saddlery, 325 Waterburg Road, Trumansburg, NY; Contact: 607-280-0225*

October 21: GVH Hunter Pace – *Hideaway Farm, 4130 Roots Tavern Road, Geneseo, NY; Contact: hut-*

EVENTING CALENDAR

Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training, Inc is supporting its members who are interested in Eventing by assisting to facilitate training and social activities.

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July 29, 2018 – Combined Test at Carriage House – 607-280-0225 for details. Not CDCT sponsored, but we support local events!

September 16, 2018 – Fox and Hound Derby – At Carriage House – contact: 607-280-0225 for details.

October 14, 2018 - Carriage House Horse Trials – A good introduction to eventing or to test out moving up a level. Volunteer to help out at Carriage House if you are not riding! It is a good experience for prospective event riders while helping the local eventing community. 607-280-0225 for details. Not CDCT sponsored, but we support local events!

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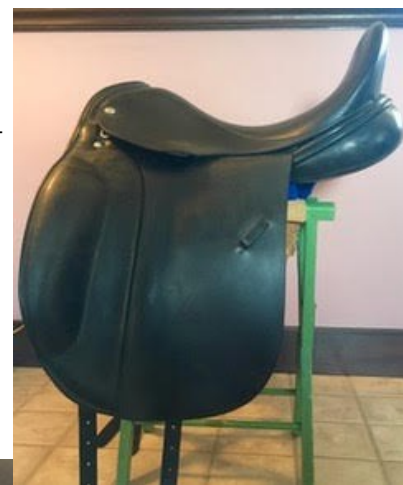
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