

# COLLECTED NOTES



AUGUST 2023

## FROM CDCTC's CO-PRESIDENT:

August is here which means it is officially Dressage in Wine Country time! But before we delve into recognized dressage land, I want to recap our WDAA Clinic with Deb Moynihan.

Forever thankful to Colleen and Tina for all their hard work on organizing, scheduling, grant writing, hosting, and overall going above and beyond to make this clinic a reality. A huge shout out to The Dressage Foundation for their generous grant, the second our club has received (thanks to Colleen's amazing grant writing!). Their support makes it possible to host these amazing educational opportunities and allow folks in our area to attend, learn, and grow without extraneous fees holding them back. Colleen (and Lee) generously hosted at their Healing Rein Farm so our club could provide this wonderful opportunity in a safe, welcoming space. The people were amazing, Deb is top-notch, the facility is perfection, and Colleen's food is unparalleled. There seemed to be very good feedback from participants and auditors over the weekend with everyone making huge riding and postural improvements, score increases during the ride-a-tests, and overall increasing their knowledge. In addition, we gained a few new club members (welcome!) which is amazing. Thanks again to all involved, it's no small feat and you made it look easy!

And now the focus shifts to Dressage in *(continued)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 26-27: CDCT Dressage in Wine Country I & II, Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY.

### Dressage in Wine Country



*Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.*

*We disavow discrimination and intolerance.*

Wine Country crunchtime! But it doesn't seem all that chaotic because we've become seasoned professionals and get things done in advance. Our prize list is live until entries close on August 14th but don't dawdle; you can enter on Horse Show Office or via snail mail to our secretary. \*\*Please note - every horse on the premises must be registered with the show. If you are bringing a horse, you must be PRE-REGISTERED as either a competitor or a non-competing entry. Unknown horses on the grounds will be asked to leave immediately as this jeopardizes our competition license and insurance. NO EXCEPTIONS! \*\* If you are interested in volunteering (you should, you won't regret it) please let Norm Johnson know. There are many jobs available whether you're a seasoned pro or have never attended a show, day-long positions or if you just have a few minutes between classes. Don't forget that GMO members can submit volunteer hours for recognition and that we love to reward volunteers during our end-of-year Awards Banquet.

Dressage in Wine Country is our biggest event of the year. It encompasses two one-day recognized dressage shows with two "S" judges, running two dressage rings each day. Planning starts the moment the previous year ends and it's truly an all hands on deck event. We hope to see all of you out there whether you are riding, volunteering, grooming, or just offering your support. Help us make August 26-27th the best weekend of the year!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon



## Team Cayuga Shines at WNYDA Summer Dressage Festival

*by Carol Morris*

Several members represented Cayuga Dressage and CT at the WNYDA Summer Dressage Festival, held at Houghton Equestrian Center on July 22 and 23. Competitors included Lori Elrod and Chip, Prin Furst and Lance, Sarah Hepler and Lincoln, Norm Johnson and GG Marquez, Carol Morris and Athena, and Kathy Thode and Patch.

Sarah and Lincoln outdid themselves, with two scores of 68% in Intro B and C. Prin brought home the most hardware and blue ribbons, with several rides at First-3 scoring in the mid-60's as well as the prize for High Scoring Competitor who is also a Mom. Kathy won a lovely basket for the Horse/Rider Combo closest in age to a Century. Norm earned a Qualifying score with GG, and Carol earned three more scores towards Athena's First Level Performance Horse Certificate. Kathy and Patch were happy to be able to compete at Intermediare A. Lori was quite pleased with Chip's performance at Second Level.

Kim Blaszak received the Sportsmanship Award that CDCT sponsored for her grace under pressure. As she was ready to start her FEI-level Freestyle, it became clear that her CD would not work, even though it was fine earlier. She and her horse stood ringside like statues, while someone got her phone, and got her music playing that way.

Most importantly, we all enjoyed each other's company, and helping each other out. Prin deserves another award for having the BEST organized tack stall, and Sarah for being the BEST cheerleader we could hope for! We all look forward to repeating our fun at Dressage in Wine Country.



## 7/12/2023 CDCT Meeting

In Attendance: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Norm Johnson, Sarah Hepler, Elizabeth Love, Tina Matejka, Carol Morris, Karen Steffy, Sarah Pyne

The following is a blend of the show committee and general meeting. Bolded comments were finalized AFTER the meeting.

June Meeting Minutes - Norm motioned to approve, Karen seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Anna was not present but we placed a big ribbon order. Some Special Awards and other Sponsorship money has come in.

Keepin' It Casual Show: Casual Show Committee needs to meet via Zoom in the near future to debrief. Camille was asked about next year's casual show AND recognized shows. TIP Awards application opens soon, Shannon will apply for all three shows. Shannon purchased an adding machine and paper on Prime Day for the trailer.

WDAA Clinic with Deb Moynihan: Spots still available!!! Come ride or audit!

Dressage in Wine Country: Norm will email the judges to ask about truck or trailer preference for judging and Colleen is handling judge baskets. The prize list has been added to the home page for easy access in addition to its own DIWC page, Horse Show Office, and in the newsletters. **Finger Lakes Equine Practice will serve as our on-call vet.** Prin volunteered to do the stall assignments and Shannon will send her a template. Damiani and Fulkerson Wineries are both donating wine. Saturday's food truck is covering all the apps for our Wine and Cheese Gala in addition to food for the day. **Shannon reserved five hotel rooms at the Country Inn and Suites for our judges, TD, secretary, and an extra.** We need to figure out who is towing the CDCT trailer both ways. Tina was put in charge of getting volunteer snacks at Sam's Club. Shannon and Elizabeth will be in charge of collecting Saturday's catering orders and getting ice. Norm will order the big tent rental. Set up is scheduled for 4PM on Friday, August 25th - be there or be square.

Tai Chi at Healing Rein is moving to Tuesday's at 6PM. Open to all at any level!

Tina is looking for more help at the September 2-3 Twin Tiers WDAA Show.

August's Meeting will just be for the show committee.

September's Meeting will be via Zoom, date and time TBA.

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## REMEMBER!

**USEF Safesport training** is required for all recognized show officials, as well as competitors. Please complete or update your training at the USDF's [Safesport](#) training site.

# CALENDAR

## CDTC Events:

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Birth date (requested by USDF)

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Western Dressage

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Awards

Publicity

Other:

Signature:

Date:

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