

COLLECTED NOTES



JANUARY 2023

FROM CDCTC's CO-PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year! First, I want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning club members. If you or someone you know have not yet paid your dues, make sure to visit our website pronto; we offer both virtual and snail mail options! Please also remember to submit a new membership form with your payment. We are required to collect a new form every year, even if your information hasn't changed.

A new year and new board means new ideas and bigger and better events. We will still have all the classics - our CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show in June, CDCT Dressage in Wine Country I & II in August, our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala in November, and monthly meetings. There have been a few additional programming ideas tossed around for this year including adding a second casual show to create a schooling series, having another dressage symposium, having a working equitation clinic, hosting a Western Dressage clinic, bringing back a combined training event, and more! Consider what you would like to see in 2023 and let us know. And if you feel particularly passionate about helping with an event or aspect of the club, please sign up to be on the associated committee! An online sign up survey is [RIGHT HERE!](#)

I am very thankful to have been reelected for a second term as your club President *(continued)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting: January 22, 12 pm, Healing Rein Farm, 330 W. Dryden Rd., Freeville, NY. Bring a dish to pass. Colleen Price will be leading a Franklin Method session. Please bring a yoga mat, orange Franklin balls (or two small hand towels), and a Franklin band if you have it.

CDCT Book Club: January 17, 7:30 pm. Please let Shannon know if you would like to join. We will be discussing the first three chapters of [Dressage For the Not-So-Perfect Horse](#) by Janet Foy. A zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting.



*Happy New Year from Solina Bambolina!
(owned by Shannon Ryan-Dinmore)*

and I hope to continue improving my leadership role with more time and experience. Two things I have had some feedback and self-reflection on that I would like to improve going forward involve our monthly meetings. The first thing is just to provide a meeting agenda to the membership prior to each meeting - easy peasy. The second thing is that I think everyone would prefer to have monthly meetings scheduled further in advance and with more notice. The past two years have been a bit wild as the pandemic created a rapidly changing environment that required us to be very flexible. From crowd size restrictions, mask mandates, local outbreaks, and more, we sometimes had to change dates, venues, and formats with little notice. I don't believe a virtual format or an in-person format is better, there are equal pros and cons to each and I hear favoritism for both across the membership, as well as seeing similar attendance numbers for both types. In addition to format, some members prefer weekdays and others can only attend on weekends. I think that going forward, we should aim to have meetings planned a month or two in advance and to alternate weekends and weekdays. While you can't please everyone, member input is greatly appreciated, so please let me know how you feel about this plan!

I hope to see you all at our January meeting, Sunday the 22nd at Healing Rein Farm in Freeville, NY. Historically, our January meeting kicks off the year with a bodywork activity and this year we are being treated to a Franklin Method session courtesy of Colleen Price. Bring your new ideas, your friends, a dish to pass, wear comfortable clothes, and join us to kick off 2023 right!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2023

RECOGNIZED SHOW:	COMBINED TRAINING:	EDUCATION:
SPONSORSHIP:	CASUAL SHOW:	PUBLICITY:
SWAG:	AWARDS:	FUN:
WESTERN DRESSAGE:		YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:

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.

CALENDAR

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Additional Local Dressage and Combined Training Groups

[Carriage House Arena](#)

[Central NY Dressage and CT Association](#)

[Eastern NY Dressage and Combined Training Club](#)

[Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)

[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)

[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

USDF REGIONAL SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM

Members of CDCT were the catalyst for the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program. A few years ago, a delegation from CDCT attended the USDF National convention and created the preliminary proposal that got the ball rolling on the USDF Schooling Show Series. These show make the benefits of dressage evaluation and the fun of competition accessible to a wider range of riders. For more information about how to participate, see the USDF's [website](#).

REMEMBER!

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

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Dues for 2023 were due November 15, 2022. Dues can now be done completely electronically. A fillable pdf of the membership application is included in each month's newsletter.

CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone (area code first

E-mail:

Birth date (requested by USDF)

Are you an instructor or trainer? Yes No

Do you give permission for your pictures and/or name to be used for publicity? Yes No

May we include your name and email address on the Membership List that's distributed to members? Yes No

Current Members: Please submit your Membership form and dues by Nov. 15th. This ensures that you will receive the USDF magazine and other GMO benefits without interruption. **New Members** are welcome to join year-round!

Membership benefits: Dues cover your USDF group membership, newsletters, and discounts at club-sponsored events, except as limited by USDF and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Enclosed is my payment for:

Individual Membership (\$45)

Family Membership (\$50)

Junior Membership (\$25)

Business Membership (\$25)

Activities sponsored by CDCT include a recognized show, a schooling show, mounted and unmounted clinics, films, speakers, and social events. These are made possible by volunteer work from our members. Please check your interests below to indicate the ways in which you would like to contribute to the success of the club:

Dressage Shows: Planning, paperwork, grounds preparation, help on show day, etc.

Western Dressage

Combined Training

Education/Clinic Committee

Awards

Publicity

Other:

Signature:

Date:

(Member's signature or parent/guardian signature if under 18. Typed signature is fine.)

Electronic submissions: Please complete form and email to dressageithaca@gmail.com

Paypal link: dressageithaca@gmail.com

For hard copy submissions:

Please make checks payable to CDCT, Inc and send to

330 W Dryden Rd, Freeville, NY 13068



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