

# COLLECTED NOTES



APRIL 2019

## FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

April! We made it! Well, almost and I am sure I am not the only one expecting one more honking huge snowfall before the winter of 2019 is done with us. With that said, I would like to cut to the chase and organize a trail ride with the club members. It has been on my mind for a while, actually ever since our January meeting when there was some talk of organizing a trail ride as another kind of event for us. What a great way to emerge from winter and it all started here in Wellington, Florida. Yes, I caved and went to Florida, though it was hardly a painful choice once I found a farm sitter who wasn't afraid of horses and cows. More on that shortly. Does Sunday, April 28th seem like a day some of us could gather for a few hours on the trail? I know there is a horse camp where we could all park in the Hector Management area and then there is Connecticut Hill in Newfield. If things are wet, Hector might be soggy. I am wide open to suggestions from interested parties, so let's exchange some thoughts.

So, back to Wellington! It was just being there that triggered the moment where the game changed for me: my sister asked me if I was showing when I sent her a picture of the arenas (mind you there were five arenas working all at the same time.) That was a surprise question given how far I feel I am from even thinking about the "winter circuit" given where my coming five-year-old and I are right now. *(continued)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Next Meeting:** April 3, 6 pm. [Garrett's Brewing Company](#), 1 W Main St, Trumansburg, NY. Beer and cider can be purchased on site, but club members can bring food that doesn't require lots of utensils and serving ware. Contact [Norm Johnson](#) for more information.

**June 8 & 9 :** Dressage in Wine Country I & II Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY. Contact [Shannon Ryan-Dimore](#) for more information.

**August 10:** Clinic with USDF "S" Judge, Lisa El Ramey, Fortress Farm, Castle Creek, NY. For information, contact [Annie Marshall](#).

**August 11:** CDCTC's Keepin' It Casual Show with USDF "S" Judge, Lisa El Ramey, Fortress Farm, Castle Creek, NY. For information, contact [Annie Marshall](#).



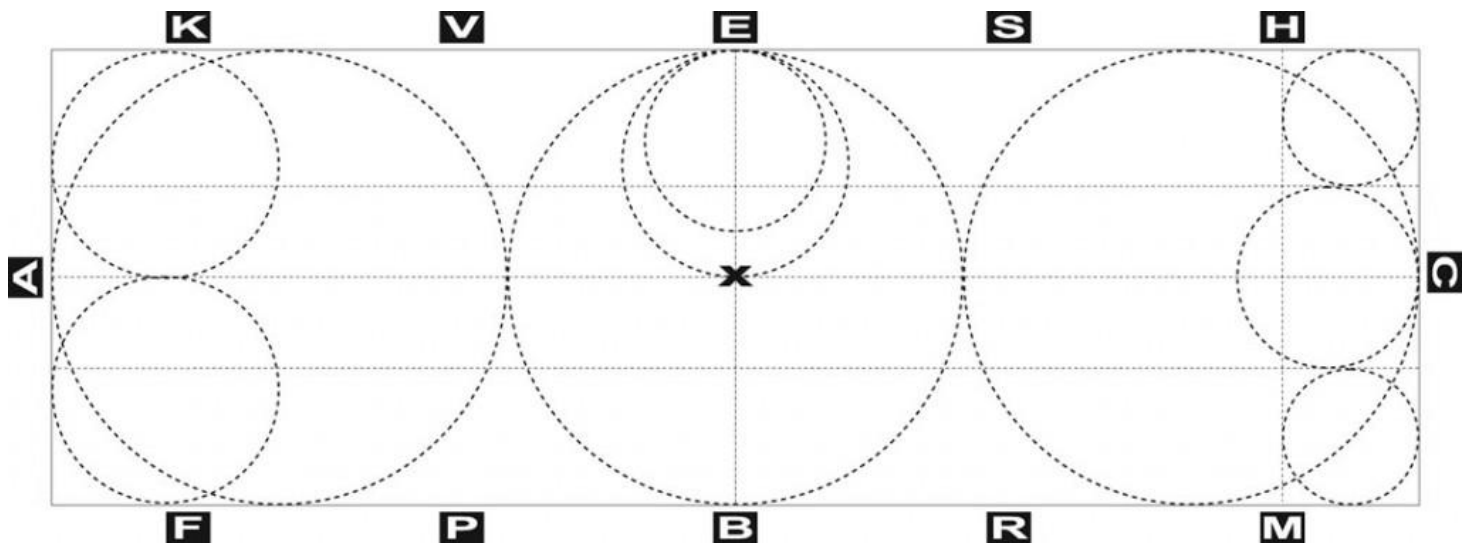
L.C. Sleepy and Shannon Ryan-Dimore

It did serve to lead me to the question “do I want this?” The answer: I am not sure. Being at Wellington certainly made the question clear. Why do I do this horse-dressage thing? The answer is a lot bigger than “I do dressage because I am done with jumping,” which is where I started. It was not until I was driving away from the showgrounds that the question came into focus when I saw a young woman riding along a ditch by herself. Her horse was a beauty, obviously a warmblood and she was passaging along. Oh, I thought, interesting... trail-riding dressage skills. Not long after that another rider emerged from a field in full bridle, on another stunning warmblood, free walking with a gorgeous overstride and lengthened back. Oh, wait...no sand arena, no letter markings, no required length of time at this walk or riding an exact 15 meter circle? Of course! and there was my answer. It all fits together. I don't ride to compete. I ride because I love being on the horse, the feeling of motion, of sharing motion and that sense of connectedness and those wonderful little victories that bring my horses and I closer and closer to understanding each other. Yes! From that moment I was immediately excited to get home, climb on board and ride into the woods and work on that stretchy walk and square halt. Wow - I can use my lateral skills to prevent this horse from scraping my kneecap off on a tree. I hope you all know that Connecticut Hill has some marvelous long hills and what greater way to condition our horses than hill work? Besides, we all know our horses love a change in routine and benefit from new and challenging terrains. Lets get those hind legs working, backs stretching and celebrate spring by getting out of our arenas and into nature with our horses!



Hopefully I will see many of you in Trumansburg this week for the monthly meeting. In May I think we should move back to Sunday morning for that important final meeting before our June shows.

Happy spring everyone!  
Norm



# In Memoriam

**L. C. Sleepy** was foaled at 7:20 PM on February 11, 2008 at Denali Stud in Paris, KY. Said to have an "attractive head, good bone and leg," as well as very good ratings from the farm owner and manager, Simon, as he came to be known, would go on to have a long racing career. He is the son of E Dubai, a multiple graded stakes winner and earner of nearly one million dollars in his 11 lifetime starts, and a mare named Sleepless, a daughter of the famed Triple Crown Winner, Seattle Slew.



Simon started racing as a three year old and ran at nine different tracks in six states during his five year career. In total, he had 65 lifetime starts and \$95,249 in earnings from 5 firsts, 7 seconds, and 6 thirds. This earned him warhorse status, a term used to describe thoroughbreds with 50+ starts and/or over \$100,000 in earnings. Simon's final race was at Finger Lakes Race Track in Farmington, NY on October 31, 2015 where he placed last in a field of 9. While his time at the track encompassed almost 7 years of his life, my story with him begins in November 2015.

In late October 2015, I was browsing Finger Lakes Finest (FLF) Thoroughbreds looking for a 2016 Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) Thoroughbred Makeover horse. FLF is a listing service for the track. I saw Simon's listing photos and become obsessed. There was something about the slightly dusty, dark bay. He had a sweet face and I especially liked his conformation, good size, and warhorse status. I had friends going to the track in November and was able to get him sight unseen. I planned on him being a resale project and he wasn't my original 2016 Makeover horse. Our second post-track ride was down the road and out in a field. We spent much of 2016 trail riding and getting to know each other, with maybe two visits to an actual arena. In July, we attended our first show. Then Simon got subbed in in late August due to ongoing lameness issues with my first Makeover horse. We went to a hunter pace, a horse show, a dressage and jumping clinic, and an event at Carriage House before heading to Kentucky in October. He took everything in stride.

Our time at the 2016 Thoroughbred Makeover is perhaps some of my fondest memories of us together. It was my second time as an accepted trainer, but first time actually competing (in 2015 my horse was adopted early), and still the only time I've competed on my own horse. Simon was an absolute rockstar the entire week, he jumped everything I asked and was game for every experience. We laid down two hunter rounds that still give me chills and the biggest smile. Our competitive trail experience was three hours of nonstop fun being able to ride my favorite horse and be out with my best friend and two other lovely ladies. It wasn't perfect but we got to do things like walk through the head of the lake at Rolex (now LRK3DE). After the competition was over, myself and Skye-Anna trail rode all over the park. We got into Rolex Arena (life goals) and Simon and I jumped a small log out on the cross country course of Rolex (you could say things are getting pretty serious).





The following year, 2017, we went back to trail riding and enjoying just hacking and jumping outside. I spent much of the year focusing on my 2017 Makeover horse and Simon was perfectly happy getting ridden in between and getting fat. In 2018, I started to get more serious about Simon's training. I wanted to go back to basics and address some holes so that we could grow and excel. I made the switch to Eventing and found an amazing trainer that understood both Simon and I. I set goals and had some big breakthroughs. Thanks to the generosity of a fellow CDCT member, we had a trailer and could go places and do things! We took lessons/clinics with four different trainers in two states. We rode (and competed) at Oxley Equestrian Center, a bucket list item for me having never been able to in the past. We made it to the Keepin' It Casual Show, and although my mind wasn't in it being the weekend before my wedding, Simon kept me level and really held us up as a team.



To say I had big hopes and dreams for our team for 2019 and beyond is an understatement. Simon had proven his willingness and athleticism time and again, and I spent much of the winter working on myself as a rider in order to help him grow. I finally felt like I was a good enough rider and that I had the right horse that we could go on as a team to show and jump big things. My confidence and skills were finally at a point, for the first time in my life, that I felt like I could actually be a successful equestrian.

Tragedy struck on February 25, 2019. I arrived at my barn to feed at 6:30 AM and Simon was acting colicky. After spending all day at the barn doing diagnostics and pain management with my vet, his symptoms progressed and we brought him to Cornell around 5 PM. Hoping that medical management overnight would do the trick, I went home around 6:30. At 8:15 PM, I received the call that he had twisted and needed to be euthanized. My whole world came crashing down and as I raced back to Cornell with Skye-Anna, I was numb and in denial. Simon was euthanized at 9:30 PM, heavily sedated but knowing I was with him. I never left him and was able to nuzzle his nose with my hand as he took his final breath. He is now buried on Skye-Anna's property with his head facing my rented barn, his home, less than a mile away.

I have so many wonderful memories with my horse. He lived a very full life being born in KY, racing across the country, returning to KY to compete in a different career, and enjoying endless treats and pasture life with other horse friends. I'm forever grateful to my best friend, Skye-Anna, for being there for me every step of the way with support, words of encouragement, and a shoulder to cry on. I'm also grateful to my vet, Dr. Alyson Waring, and all the vets at Cornell for doing all they could for Simon. I never expected the outpouring of support and kind words that I have received from horse friends and others. It's made an otherwise depressing time in my life much more bearable.

Some people would quit, I won't do that. Simon wouldn't want me to stop riding or going after my goals. He changed my life in so many ways. He gave me confidence and taught me new riding skills. He taught me how to bargain, that some thoroughbreds are very easy keepers, and that being the first to greet you in the pasture with a nicker makes up for sometimes bucking under saddle. He made me laugh, he made me cry, he made me fall in love with the breed even harder. We didn't get to spend a lifetime together like we should have but I'll cherish every moment and memory that we had together.



Photo credit: Alyssa Dumblewski

## **Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training, Inc. Meeting Minutes - March 6, 2019**

In attendance: Jana Wagner, Bettina Wagner, Lou Ann Dipetta, Katie Hale, Sarah Hepler, Kelsey Gasteiger, Madison Hagadone, Jennifer Hagadone, Anna Redmond, Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Norm Johnson, Kathy Thode, and Dinah Guarino.

Norm called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM. We all gave a brief introduction of ourselves.

Main topic for the evening was our casual show. Our Keepin' It Casual Show will be held at Fortress Farms in Castle Creek, NY, owned by Mary Reynolds. August 10, 2019 will be a clinic day with clinician and judge Lisa El-Ramey followed by a show day on August 11, 2019. Lisa El-Ramey signed her contract today and has nine spots available on clinic day.

Annie Marshall is the casual show manager. She promised that she would attend our April meeting and wants a casual show subcommittee meeting closer to the show date. She has offered Mary Reynolds one of the clinic spots in return for hosting our show. Per Mary, there are currently 5 overnight stalls available at \$20/stall first-come, first-serve. Camping accommodations on site will be looked into. The clinic fee is \$100/private lesson. We will ask about semi-private availability and rates.

Jane-Marie proposed having CDCT subsidize the clinic for our youth riders (under 18). After discussion was held, the club agreed on \$50 (half) of the private clinic fee to be covered by the club. It was also proposed that CDCT offer a subsidy/sliding fee/scholarship for the clinic to those demonstrating financial need. After discussion, it was agreed that since a yearly \$500 scholarship is already available, we would offer that. Interested riders would apply for the scholarship and a board decision would decide the outcome. The scholarship idea was given the additional stipulation that any recipients could also volunteer, write an article for the newsletter, etc. Shannon motioned, Skye-Anna seconded.

**Our April meeting will take place on April 3, 2019 at 6 PM, location TBD.**

Other meeting topics:

We have surpassed 75 GMO members and now get two USDF convention votes!

A clinic with Jordan Pruiksma will be held at Hess Stables in Trumansburg, NY April 12-14<sup>th</sup>. The clinic still has open slots available. Contact Sarah Hepler for more information.

A clinic with Gina Smith at Brookside Farm in Moravia, NY will take place March 22-24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kathy Thode for more information.

A clinic associated with the Morgan Association is scheduled for May 11-12<sup>th</sup> at Fortress Farms in Castle Creek, NY. More information should be released soon.

Thoroughbred Incentive Program awards will be offered at all of our 2019 shows!

A memorial for Jo Suttmeier was discussed. The family had asked for donations to the SPCA in lieu of flowers. Donation towards a scholarship at Rome School District was also addressed. More discussion with the club is needed to come to a decision.

Team Unicorn Training Club (Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Sarah Hepler, and Katie Conway) will have a raffle at our recognized shows with proceeds going towards their 2019 Thoroughbred Makeover trip. The raffle is currently valued at over \$350!


We purchased a brand new dressage arena to replace the old warped board one and it is being delivered to Chemung County Fairgrounds on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Norm should be able to sign for it but may need a backup person. It was decided that our old ring would be offered to the club members for purchase via newsletter/email blast.

The topic of online presence was discussed. Shannon offered to create a CDCT Instagram account to increase club visibility and promote our GMO, especially to the younger crowd. We also addressed the idea of having paper and online club membership applications. Sarah will talk to the secretary of WNYDA to see what steps are needed to offer an online application as well as our current paper form.

Norm proposed offering fun bareback dressage test of choice classes at our casual show. There seemed to be quite a bit of interest.

Norm motioned to adjourn, Shannon seconded at approximately 7:45 PM.

## CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2019

<p><b>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT:</b> Hannah Wilson Katie Hale Anna Velasquez</p>	<p><b>AWARDS COMMITTEE:</b> Dinah Guarino Norm Johnson</p>	<p><b>WESTERN DRESSAGE</b> Colleen Price Tina Matejka</p>
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# CALENDAR

- March 6:** Monthly meeting, April 3, 6 pm. [Garrett's Brewing Company](#), 1 W Main St, Trumansburg, NY. Beer and cider can be purchased on site, but club members can bring food that doesn't require lots of utensils and serving ware. Contact [Norm](#) for more information.
- April 13—14** Clinic with Jordan Pruiksma of Dynasty Sporthorses, Hess Stables, Trumansburg, NY. [Information and registration.](#)
- April 13—14** WNYDA Riding Clinic with Agnieszka Majewska at Houghton College. Contact [dkondoff@yahoo.com](mailto:dkondoff@yahoo.com) for more information
- April 28** Carriage House Arena Combined training event, Trumansburg, NY. [Information.](#)
- June 8** Dressage in Wine Country I. Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY. Contact [Shannon Ryan](#) for more information.
- June 9** Dressage in Wine Country II. Chemung County Fairgrounds, Horseheads, NY. Contact [Shannon Ryan](#) for more information
- July 7—8** Working Equitation clinic , Sandra Washburn's farm, Hornell. NY. For information contact her at: [Windsongec@yahoo.com](mailto:Windsongec@yahoo.com), (607) 769-7043
- August 4** Chemung County Fair Dressage Show, unrated show with Scott Peterson, "S" judge. Contact [Gale Wolfe](#) for more information.
- August 10** Clinic with USDF "S" Judge, Lisa El Ramey, Fortress Farm, Castle Creek, NY. For information, contact [Annie Marshall.](#)
- August 11** CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show with USDF "S" Judge, Lisa El Ramey, Fortress Farm, Castle Creek, NY. For information, contact [Annie Marshall.](#)

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[Endless Mountains Dressage & Combined Training Club](#)  
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Do you give permission for your pictures and/or name to be used for publicity?  Yes  No

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## For sale:

Navy blue SmartPak Classic 75" waterproof turnout blanket, med. weight (220 gram fill), excellent condition. 640 denier ripstop, 100% polyester, \$75. (See <https://www.smartpakequine.com/pt/b/7374> for details.)



Green SmartPak Classic 75" waterproof turnout blanket, heavy weight (360 gram fill), excellent condition except one small rip in lining approx. 2" long. 840 denier ripstop, 100% polyester, \$75. (See <https://www.smartpakequine.com/pt/b/7374> for details.)

For Sale: Ansur Classic treeless saddle, black, excellent condition. Seat size "small" according to Ansur, but it's approx. an 18" English saddle seat size, which is med./large, IMHO. Stirrups and leathers included. \$700 OBO.

Contact Sandy, (607) 387-6004, [ssu668@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ssu668@twcny.rr.com)



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## For sale:

17" Albion SL Ultima extra wide dressage saddle. It fits both my wide (said with love) QH mare and her Trak cross son to whom she passed her size along to. Super comfie and balanced. Beautiful condition with stirrups and girth. Will send more pictures if desired and willing to loan out for a test run.

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