

COLLECTED NOTES



MAY 2026

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

This month will be a short and sweet newsletter because we didn't have a meeting in April. A big thank you to Carol Morris for organizing another super successful clinic with Dave Thind. Thanks to Kathy Thode for hosting and to The Dressage Foundation for their support, we were able to host a rewarding clinic with both ridden and ground learning for 20+ people! We even gained some new members! Thank you to everyone for coming out and of course, to Dave for your teaching expertise, time, and knowledge.

The month of May kicks off with our second Working Equitation play day on the 3rd at Cazabu Farms in Erieville. Participants will get to walk and ride through a few new obstacles while building confidence and experience in a fun, relaxed day of learning. For more information, visit the Sponsored Events page of our website. A third play day is in the works, please check back often for updates.

May 8th is the opening of our brand new online show in partnership with Spotlight Horse Shows, CDCT Vineyards in Bloom. From the comfort of your own barn you can now enter video rides and get scored for Dressage, Eventing, and Western Dressage! Our judges are Axel Steiner, "S" and Mary Skittino, "R." Entries are accepted from May 8th - May 31st, videos are due by June 21st, and results will be posted on July 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

May 9: Monthly meeting and USDF Scribe Course (location TBA)

Please send photos of riding, showing, volunteering, doing CDCT-y things, etc. to [Shannon](#) for use on the website.



The [extensive prize list](#) covers all the nitty gritty details including how to film, attire and tack, classes, and what rides qualify for (this show is WDAA recognized after all!). We will also be offering a special high point award for competitors at our Annual Meeting and Awards Gala! Check it out and get filming, this is a fun way to get feedback without even leaving home.

Last but not least, entries are now open for our CDCT Keepin' It Casual Show, June 7th at Asbury Equestrian Center. This is our fun, low pressure, annual schooling show open to all. In addition to our regular offering of Leadline, Dressage classes, Musical Freestyle, Dressage Equitation, Western Dressage, Eventing Dressage, and Prix Caprilli, we are also pleased to offer Working Equitation Dressage too! Also new this year, we have a benefit class, the BEYOND The Backstretch Thoroughbred Cup TOC. This class is open only to thoroughbreds with proceeds going to BEYOND The Backstretch. We are once again thankful to The Jockey Club for providing us with Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) awards so if you are riding a thoroughbred, please submit your TIP number with your entries. Volunteers are still needed (please contact Anna Redmond) so come hang out, help out, and show. See you all there! [Prize List.](#)

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,
Shannon

CALENDAR

May 3: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

June 7: Keepin' It Casual Show, Asbury Equestrian Center, Ithaca

August 22: Dressage in Wine Country I, Chemung County Fairgrounds

August 23: Dressage in Wine Country II Chemung County Fairgrounds

REMEMBER!

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[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)
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[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

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We disavow discrimination and intolerance.

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