## COLLECTED NOTES



FEBRUARY 2019

#### FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all of you CDCT folks and a happy and warm February to one and all. Now all we have to do is get through muddy March and outdoor riding season will be upon us!

We had an amazing turnout for our first meeting of the new year held at Jane-Marie Law's home and the youth representation was both encouraging and exciting. We started the day with full yoga classes in both the house and in the Fallen Tree Center's space. I find it comforting to be able to maintain at least some of the physical conditioning required to ride well in the off season and it seems like many of you reflected similar feelings. As a direct result of the "Yoga Meeting," Darcy Branchini has been inspired to start a regular "Yoga for Equestrians" class at Flourish and Flow Yoga, 2027 Slaterville Road (Route 79) #2, Ithaca, NY 14850. The first class will be on February 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The cost for the first series is \$60 and payment is due prior to the first class. Please see more information on page 3 of this newsletter.

Yoga was followed by a delicious dish-to-pass and then a business meeting. Most of you will be happy to know that the new arena has been ordered and paid for and we will be inaugurating it at our June recognized shows. Sign-up sheets for the various committees that keep things happening for the club were circulated after the meeting and the current membership of (continued)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Meeting: February 10, 11 am, Fallen Tree Center for a Resilient Future, 128 Muriel St., Ithaca, NY. We will be discussing the upcoming recognized shows. Please bring a vegetarian dish to pass. (Cheese and eggs are fine.) Contact Jane Marie Law for more information.



Just Plain Partners and Skye-Anna Nye-Smith

those committees is listed here. I have added the folks who contacted me to be added AND, the membership on these committees is by no means closed. So, if you want to join any one of these committees, please let someone from the executive committee know so we can get you on the official roster. Please start thinking about calling a gathering of your respective committees and start to set up a plan for the year ahead.

Here are the committees for 2019 as of today, January 30:

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT: Hannah Wilson Katie Hale	AWARDS COMMITTEE: Dinah Guarino Norm Johnson	WESTERN DRESSAGE Colleen Price Tina Matejka
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Shannon Ryan-Dinmore * co-chair	Megan Crout	Prin Furst
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Jane Marie Law	Shannon Ryan-Dinmore	Skye-Anna Nye-Smith
Kathleen Hefferon	Skye-Anna Nye-Smith	Colleen Price
Tina Matejka	Anna Redmond	Jane Marie Law
Gale Wolfe	Jean Foley	Jean Foley
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Annie Marshall * manager	Jane Marie Law	
Jennifer Hagadone	Karen Steffy	
Shannon Ryan-Dinmore	Shannon Ryan-Dinmore	
Skye-Anna Nye-Smith		
Jane Marie Law		

Also, We are looking for 2 or 3 folks who are willing to host our table for a few hours at the Schuyler Equine Conference on March 2. We are also looking for materials to populate our table should anyone have framed photos or other club swag you might loan for the day. If you are willing and interested, please contact Norm at njohnson@ithaca.edu.

So, I look forward to seeing many of you at the February meeting on Sunday, the 10th at 11:00 a.m. Fear not, in March we will be starting to move our meeting around the multi-county area every other month to give folks a travel break. We will be enjoying another dish-to-pass

Duamond Rose, granddaughter of Man O' War, and Norm



brunch, as has become our tradition, and the main topic of the meeting will be discussion and planning for the recognized show in June. Stay warm folks!

Norm

#### YOGA FOR EQUESTRIANS

Join other riders for a 6-week session of Yoga for Equestrians, taught by Darcy Branchini, beginning February 11. It will be held on Mondays from 6 to 7:15 pm at Flourish and Flow Yoga, 2027 Slaterville Road (Route 79) #2, Ithaca, NY 14850.



Darcy has been riding horses and practicing yoga since the mid 1990s. In 2003, she received her 200-hour teaching certification in Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga with Larry Schultz of It's Yoga in San Francisco. Subsequently, she opened Buffalo Yoga in Buffalo, NY, which she operated as the primary teacher for six years before moving to Ithaca. In her practice and teaching, she does not align herself with one particular style of yoga instead she explores and draws from an array of traditions and wisdom including Ashtanga Vinyasa Yoga, TKV Desikachar, Baron Baptiste's Power Vinyasa Yoga, Iyengar Yoga and Shiva Rea's Prana Vinyasa. She also draws from unlikely sources, such as her military training and her horse. In fact, Reesie, her OTTB, teaches her a lot about proper alignment, strength, flexibility and breath! In teaching, she sees her role as inspiring students to explore each shape (or pose) by finding their own personal "edge" — the place where you encounter physical and emotional challenge and opportunity for growth with breath, patience and awareness. Darcy's looking forward to teaching yoga again, after a long hiatus, and believes her recent battle with breast cancer, have taught her more about self-care and brought a wisdom to her practice that she's excited to share with the equestrian community. With yoga for equestrians, students will build strength, especially their core, develop flexibility and cultivate more body awareness, making them more fit and ready for the spring riding season!

To sign up, email <u>Darcy.</u> The \$60 payment is due prior to the first class. Checks should be made out to Darcy Branchini, 11 Eagleshead Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 or PayPal at <u>paypal.me/darcydyll.</u>

# TDF'S CAROL LAVELL GIFTED MEMORIAL FUND AWARDS \$11,000 TO ADULT AMATEUR RIDERS



The Dressage Foundation is proud to announce this year's recipients of the <u>Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial</u> <u>Fund Scholarships for Adult Amateurs</u>. Each will receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to enable them to set aside quality time in concentrated training with their horse, trainer of choice, and away from the daily pressures of job and family.

"Thanks to the generosity of Carol Lavell, her family, and friends, we are pleased to provide this financial support to adult amateurs who not only make time to further their dressage education, but who are tremendous volunteers for their dressage clubs," said Jenny Johnson, Executive Director of The Dressage Foundation. "This year we received a great number of high-quality applications from amateurs across the country, which made the decision difficult for the selection committee. We are thrilled to award all 11 available grants from the Gifted Fund this year, which is the first time that we've been able to do so!"

Up to eleven \$1,000 grants are available each year - one per United States Dressage Federation Region and two wild card grants that can be awarded in any Region.

## TIP HIGH POINT AWARDS

Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training is excited to announce that all three of our 2019 shows will be

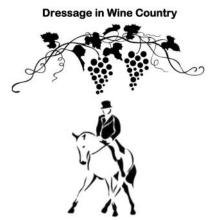


offering TIP High Point Awards for eligible thoroughbreds! High Point Awards will be offered for Intro through FEI levels, Freestyle, High Score, Green OTTB (raced within two years of show), Young Thoroughbred (must include date of first show ever), and Junior Rider, etc. Our Keepin' It Casual Show will also offer a Combined Training High Point Award.

The Jockey Club created the Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) in 2012 as a resource to promote thoroughbreds in new careers following their retirement from racing and breeding. It offers awards (as ribbons, prizes, and monetary earnings) for free to eligible TIP shows and events around the U.S. and Canada. Disciplines include Dressage, Eventing, Hunters, Jumpers, English and Western Pleasure, Barrel Racing, Polo, and In Hand as well as a variety of high point awards based on the horse's age and experience, junior riders, overall show high point, etc. There are annual overall performance awards based on self-reporting. Thoroughbred's shown in TIP classes from August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 are also eligible to compete in the 2019 Thoroughbred Championship Show. The Thoroughbred Incentive Program additionally recognizes non-competitive achievements through both its Recreational Riding Program (hours ridden outside an arena) and Thoroughbred of the Year, given to an outstanding thoroughbred in equine-assisted therapy or police work.

In order to compete for TIP eligible awards, a thoroughbred's owner must visit www.tjctip.com and apply for a TIP number to be included in their entry paperwork. All thoroughbreds registered with The Jockey Club are eligible and an owner can use their registered name or tattoo number to apply for a number. TIP will also assist in identifying a thoroughbred through detailed picture submission or a DNA test can be ordered through The Jockey Club. Thoroughbreds are eligible even if they never raced.

More information can be found on the <u>Thoroughbred Incentive Program's website</u> and will also be included in our prize lists.



Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training

## DRESSAGE IN WINE COUNTRY SWAG AVAILABLE!

Did you miss CDCT's Dressage in Wine Country show? Are you afraid you will look out of the loop without your DWC glass or tee shirt? Don't despair! Wine glasses are available for \$5 and T-Shirts are available for \$12. Contact Jane Marie Law for more information!

#### CDCT MINUTES - MEETING - JANUARY 13, 2019

The January meeting was held at Jane-Marie Law's home and a delicious dish to pass brunch was served. The business meeting was preceded by Yoga for Riders sessions. We had a large group of attendees and so the yoga participants were divided into two groups each taught by a different instructor. Darcy Branchini and Leslie Rosemann each taught a group. As always yoga was very popular, and riders were most enthusiastic about its benefits. Thank you Darcy and Leslie for taking the time to teach.

President Norman Johnson called the business meeting to order at 12:22 PM.

First order of business was to have each present introduce themselves. Attendees were: Shannon Ryan-Dinsmore, Co-VP, Skye-Anna NYE-Smith, Co-VP, Karen Steffy, newsletter, website and Region 8 Volunteer of the Year, Ginny Grove, Treasurer, Lauren Ostergren, membership secretary, Jean Foley, Co-Secretary, Carol Morris, Co-Secretary, Jane-Marie Law, Past-President, Hannah ??, Janet Carrothers, Colleen Price, Cheyenne Whritenour, Gayle Wolfe, Kathy Thode, Katie Hale, Anna Velasquez, Olivia Heppinger, Kristy Clark, Ashley Wolfe, Darcy Branchini, Tina Matejka, Jennifer Hagadorne, Madison Hagadorne, Megan Crout with Colby, Anna Redmond, Sarah Hepler, Prin Furst, Norman Johnson. It was noted that there is a large group of young riders in attendance which bodes well for the future of the club.

#### Announcements:

A group of club members based at Hess Stables will be taking a total of 3 OTTBs to the Thoroughbred Racehorse Makeover in 2019. Club member Sarah Hepler competed last year on her unicorn, Fletcher, and won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in dressage out of 185 entries. CDCT, Inc will be supporting re-purposed races horses by offering Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) awards at all three of the club sponsored shows in 2019. Details: <a href="http://tjctip.com/default">http://tjctip.com/default</a>

Karen Steffy urged members to send material to her for the newsletter. Photos and personal stories bring the focus of the newsletter on members.

Norman Johnson announced that committee sign up sheets were available at the meeting. We will be adding more Youth activities this year.

#### <u>Old Business</u>

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Two corrections to minutes will be made. Tina Matejka was inadvertently left off the list of Board Members for 2019 and the year in the heading will be changed from 2018 to 2019. Norm Johnson moved to accept the November 2018 minutes with the two corrections. Colleen Price seconded the motion. Ayes passed it.

Purchasing of the new ring was discussed. The ring was not purchased in December but will be purchased in 2019 before the June show.

#### New Business

Next meeting will be February 10, 2019, location to be determined.

Colleen Price shared that Lynn Sweeney's Irish Spring Farm in Groton will host a Centered Riding Clinic with Susan Harris, well-known instructor, author and artist. The clinic will be held August 24 & 25. If a GMO sponsors the clinic, the USDF Sally Swift Fund has grants for \$1000 dollars. This money would help defray some of the clinic costs and make it more affordable. This would be an opportunity to get some prerequisites for Centered Riding Instructor certification.

Schuyler Equine conference will be held in Watkins Glen on March 2, 2019. Jane-Marie moved that the CDCT participate by having a table at the conference to promote the CDCT, dressage and eventing. Kathy Thode seconded the motion. We will ask for volunteers on Facebook.

Kathy Thode needs some details for the organization of the Casual Show. She will meet with members after adjournment.

Jane-Marie would like to have a meeting for parents and junior riders about club activities.

#### **USDF 2018 Convention Report**

Jane-Marie reported on the USDF Convention.

The number of club members dictates the number of votes allowed for each GMO. CDCT usually has one vote because we generally have about 50 members. If we had more members we would have 2 votes. Jane-Marie pointed out that for a small rural club we have had an impact at the national level. CDCT made a proposal at the 2017 USDF convention for the USDF to allow schooling shows to be accepted for USDF awards. Another feather in our cap is that in the past few years our small club has twice had the Region 8 Volunteer of the Year. Karen Steffy in 2018 and Carol Morris in a recent previous year. For a small club we are having a positive impact both locally and nationally. There are other awards that the CDCT could achieve.

In 2019, the USDF Convention will be held in Savannah, Georgia. Jane-Marie proposes a road trip with a group of interested members to go to the meeting in support of grassroots riders and make our presence know.

SafeSport — Jane-Marie reminded all members that every competing rider and most show staff will need to have taken the online USEF SafeSport training. This will include competitors, volunteers, vet, farrier, food vendors and other show affiliates. Those who are not a member of the USEF may receive a "guest pass" to access the training. Show management will need to pay \$20 for a background check.

Freestyle controversy — the USDF/USEF passed a new rule which has raised the score for qualifying to perform in a Freestyle from 60% to 63%. This affects some of our club riders. It is felt that this requirement is unfair to riders living in an area with few recognized shows or riders without the financial resources to compete in many shows "chasing points". The sentiments expressed at the convention influenced the USDF to examine the way this rule was passed but will likely not change it. A motion was presented and passed that this change in rules be rescinded and revisited with a better process. That motion passed.

Jane-Marie wants to make club members aware of several grants available to USDF members. The Dressage Federation (grant arm of the USDF) has grants for training. Often these are not applied for and have too few applicants. Jane-Marie urged members to get the grant forms and apply for training grants.

Motion to adjourn was made by Colleen Price. Kathy Thode seconded the motion.

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## **C**ALENDAR

**February 10** 11 am, Fallen Tree Center for a Resilient Future, 128 Muriel St., Ithaca, NY. Con

tact <u>Jane Marie Law</u> for more information

**April 6-7** Training Symposium with USEF 'S' Judge and USDF Instructor/Trainer Examiner

Lilo Fore, Allentown, NJ, Hosted by ESDCTA.

June 8 CDCT's Dressage in Wine Country I. Chemung County Fairgrounds,. Contact

<u>Jane Marie Law</u> for more information.

June 9 CDCT's Dressage in Wine Country II. Chemung County Fairgrounds,. Contact

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