

COLLECTED NOTES



APRIL 2026

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Hello again and happy spring! While I'm sure everyone is buried under mud and loose horse hair, lots of things are happening here in our cool, little club.

We had our first very successful Working Equitation play day in early March. Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves, learned a lot, and are eager to work on more obstacles. The next Working Equitation play day is May 3rd at Cazabu Farms in Erieville, NY. Forms can be found on the Sponsored Events page of our website. A third play day is in the works at a future time and different location so check back often. Thank you to Jane Marie for bringing Working Equitation to the club and organizing some exciting events for people to explore with their horses.

Our first clinic of the year is also fast approaching! Dave Thind will be at Brookside Farm in Moravia on April 25-26th. While the riding spots are basically full, there is plenty of room in the unmounted Feldenkrais session and unlimited auditing potential. Forms can also be found on the Sponsored Events page of our website. A huge thanks to Carol Morris for organizing this event and to The Dressage Foundation for their support.

Show season is fast approaching. Our CDCTC Keepin' It Casual Show will be at Asbury Equestrian Center on June 7th with the wonderful Kim

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25-26: Using Feldenkrais methods to improve your riding: A Clinic with Dave Thind, Brookside Farm, 4198 Duryea St, Moravia, NY 13053. Contact [Carol Morris](#) if interested.

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)

Blaszak judging. We are looking for volunteers - please contact Anna Redmond. In preparation for show season, Norm Johnson will be hosting the USDF Scribe Course on May 9th (location TBA). This course, while giving you USDF education credit hours, provides a no stress way to hone your scribing skills. Whether you're a seasoned pro or have yet to dip your toes in, this is a great place to try it out. And keep an eye out for our upcoming online show, CDCTC Vineyards in Bloom, opening in May. This online show will include English Dressage, Western Dressage, and Eventing Dressage with easy submission for you to ride your tests from home!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,
Shannon

Minutes for CDCT Meeting for March 15, 2026

Submitted by Dinah Guarino

Attendees: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Dinah Guarino, Norm Johnson, Sarah Hepler, Carol Morris, Jane Marie Law, Deirdre Hay, Prin Furst, Jean Loew, Kathryn Seeley, Lana Lentschke, Mandy McGeachy, Kathy Thode, Anna Redmond, Anne Marshall, Daniela Bocioaga, Miruna Bocioaga-Buckholtz, Janet Carruthers, Ute Schwab, Sandra Wight, Kim Sherman, and Kristen Jankowski.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: We are OK financially - memberships in, clinic fees in and out, ribbon purchase, etc.

DIWC: Our CCFG application has been mailed. Sponsorship is open! If you are interested in sponsoring a Special Award, you must pay and submit a sponsorship form to the club email. Shannon applied to the USPC High Point Program for both days. Norm will organize the USDF Scribe Course in order to help potential scribes learn and gain confidence prior to show season. Southport Veterinary Services said yes (contract pending) and Grace Putnam is a yes for show farrier. Norm has got My Eva food truck for both days. Dinah will do the Wine and Cheese party on Saturday. Chemung has a new sound system - yay! Need to contact Lisa and Bob Spencer about their EMT services. Shannon ordered class ribbons, champion and reserve ribbons, and the NDPC/Small Horse champs/reserves and class placing ribbons (sponsored by Carol Morris and Tracy Durham).

KICS: June 7, 2026 at Asbury Equestrian Center. Kim Blaszak will judge. Need volunteers - please talk with Anna who is coordinating. Will need to order a port-a-potty. It was suggested that members bring food that can be purchased for a donation to the Youth Fund with the club comping volunteers/officials. Robyn Hancock-Null/BEYOND the Backstretch will have a benefit TB Cup TOC class at the show and will provide ribbons/prizes. Shannon ordered champion and reserve ribbons. Need to find a photographer!

Introductions were done around the room as we had many old and some new faces. After that we had video clips and were led by Carol and Norm as speakers about dressage at different levels and how even the basics cross over into other equine sports - jumping, driving etc. Well received by the group - thank you to Carol and Norm for their hard work!

Working Equitation: Jane Marie discussed the success of the first WE play day on 3/8/26. People had fun with the obstacles and it was profitable for the club. The next date is 5/3/26 and the third will be in the summer, date TBD. Jane Marie would like to use the profit from the play days for a clinic in the fall. She also informed the group of a WE show in PA this summer if anyone is interested.

Dave Thind Clinic: Carol discussed the clinic that will be on April 25 & 26 at Brookside. The clinic is essentially full, but could take 1-2 more riders on Sunday and still room in the Feldenkrais session and for auditors.

Youth Fund: Anna reminded people that there is money available in our Youth Fund. Some discussion was had about past usage and expectations. Everyone agreed that there needs to be an application. The Education Committee will work on a form.

Next meeting: May 9, 2026 at 11 AM, Norm will organize the USDF Scribe Course, location TBA.

Motion to adjourn - Norm 1st, Jane Marie 2nd, motioned approved at 1:17 PM

CALENDAR

April 25-26: Dave Thind Clinic, Brookside Farms, Moravia. Contact [Carol Morris](#) for more information.

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

June 7 (tentative): 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



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Birth date (requested by USDF)

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- Combined Training
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