

# COLLECTED NOTES



SEPTEMBER 2020

## FROM CDCTC's PRESIDENT:

Just like that, the summer of 2020 seems to be coming to a close. I know many of you share my frustration at having lost so many opportunities for showing this summer, not to mention chances to attend clinics and especially the general gathering together for our famous potlucks featuring ice cream, wine and the culinary specialties of our various members. Determined to look on the positive side, I decided this morning that September's message would be inspired by whatever happened during my schooling rides this morning.

It was a perfect morning for riding. The air was moving, it was overcast and in the sixties. There was a flock of bluebirds at the far end of the ring flitting about as if to check that their nesting boxes were still there; they are. I haven't seen any bluebirds since they fledged, but am happy to announce that almost all of my nesting boxes had bluebirds in them this season. I do sometimes wonder if it was smart to put a birdhouse behind the letter "C" at the end of my arena, but I also love the activity down there and maybe, just maybe, one day GG Marquez will decide that they are not worth spooking at. She looks for them each morning as actively as I do. The real solution is for me to have her attention so thoroughly engaged that BOTH of us forget to look for them. Amara Del Rey (still looking for her barn name) doesn't seem interested in bluebirds, but cats will get her attention pretty quickly and so it goes. *(continued)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**There will be no general meeting in September.**

September 20: CDCT Poker Run, Bear Swamp State Forest. Contact [Dinah Guarino](#) for more information.

November 15: CDCT Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Contact [Norm Johnson](#) for more information.

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## CDCT DUES INFORMATION!

CDCT dues **must** be received by November 1, in order for you to stay an active member. This gives our membership secretary adequate time to forward the information to the USDF. If we are late with our dues to the USDF, we can be charged a \$500 fine.

Dues can now be done completely electronically. A fillable pdf of the membership application is included in each month's newsletter. Please email [Lauren](#) if you would like to pay via PayPal.

Many thanks to those that worked to make the dues payment processed more streamline. I know that I appreciate it!

- Karen

So, back to this morning's workouts. The bluebirds being there was uplifting and things just seemed to be getting better as we went. Left-side flexions seemed to be easier than last week, GG is seeking the bit and carrying herself more and more and our canter transitions are getting more subtle. Amara has the straightest leg-yields and is also starting to reveal the possibility of the topline we've been working on all summer. Steering remains an issue at times and she only occasionally responds to my seat, but that is progress, nonetheless. I am learning a lot from the differences the two mares present while schooling and its getting more fun as time goes on.



At my age I have been anxious to get moving up the levels with GG Marquez. I now can say that the COVID era has been a gift for us in a way. We have ridden all three first level tests in three schooling shows this season and that has clearly been a "shakedown" for us. Up until now I felt I could do one of two things while riding a test: I could remember the test and execute it correctly or I could actually ride the test. I think of it as the same thing as acting; one is either reciting memorized lines or, one is actually present, acting in the moment, negotiating what is actually going on in that moment, responding as one goes and trusting the lines will come because they make sense in the context of the moment - and - you have memorized them completely. So, the biggest victory for the season has been to move into a phase where I can actively ride the test and begin to relax around the idea that the sequence will not simply vacate my head if anything else happens to cross my mind. We have quite a few elements to work on together, but I am already hungry and optimistic for the 2021 season!

Recently many club members did manage to be in person, in one place, in a way, for the first time this summer! I wish to congratulate all the folks who worked on the Keeping It Casual show held at Fortress Farm on August 23rd. Jane Marie, Tina, Skye-Anna, Kathy, Dinah, Carol, Karen, Emily, Connie, Lorrie, and I am sure I have left someone out, all did a fantastic job of keeping us all COVID-safe, on schedule and coming and going with relative ease. Mary Reynolds gets a special shout-out for inviting CDCT back to her beautiful farm. Where else can you compete in an arena bordered by a manicured hedge, among other things?

Although we will not be having a full membership meeting in September, I am hoping that many of you will gather for our poker run on for September 20 at Bear Swamp in Sempronius! We had an amazing turnout last year down in the southern end of our region and a perfect day, so let's keep our fingers crossed that we get some of the same this time around. There will be a number of awards aside from the winning poker hand.

At the August meeting the group voted to fast track the bylaw revisions so they could be in place for November when we hold our annual elections. The board is looking the draft over right now and we will be calling for a vote of approval from the full membership at the October meeting, so keep your ears to the ground for that date!

I did put out a call for ideas for our annual awards "feast" and really liked Kathy Thode's idea that we honor our horses this year. I hope you all will approve her idea, mostly because I like nothing more than hearing about folks' various equines and the adventures they have with them. I also look forward to the categories our awards committee might dream up. Remember, its not to late to jump on that planning committee.

That seems to be all for the moment. Don't be afraid to call last-minute if you need a trail riding partner and I hope to see many of you out for a hand of poker!

Inside leg to the outside rein,  
Norm

# **Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training, Inc.**

## **Monthly Meeting: August 5, 2020 via Zoom**

**Present:** Norm Johnson, Tina Matejka, Emily Urban-Cordeiro, Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Marlie Lukash, Carol Morris, Lauren Ostergren, Karen Steffy, Prin Furst, Kathy Thode, Dinah Guarino, Anna Redmond, Sarah Hepler, Skye-Anna Nye-Smith, Ginny Grove, Jean Foley, Jennifer Hagadone,

The remaining Tanglewood shows have been canceled.

We are now taking Paypal payments through Norm Johnson's Paypal account. He created a Gmail account for CDCT and we will be linking that account to our club's checking account. We are "dressageithaca@gmail.com" Norm, Ginny and Lauren will monitor the account for now.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ginny reported the balances for the Youth Fund, Awards Fund, Checking account, and CD. She reminded us that many dollars in the Awards Fund have already been allocated from last November, but not spent. Norm has been added as a signer on the account and Karen would like to be removed as a signer.

Old business:

**By-Laws Sub-committee report:** The revision has been mailed to the entire Board and we are now in a period of comment that ends September 1. Norm is saving all responses and edits. A special board meeting will be called in September, including the ad-hoc committee members who worked on the draft for final revisions and discussion. We decided to "fast-track" the revisions so the club could vote on the bylaws in October and have them in place for the general election in November.

**September 20 Poker Run:** Thanks to Colleen, Kathy and Dinah for scoping out the routes and making applications. We are awaiting the required permission from the State authorities before the flyers go up and on-line notices are published.

\* It was noted that the notices for the symposium with Lisa el-Ramey are still active on the Facebook page. Norm will ask Jane Marie to alter her notices.

Casual Show:

Kathy Thode, the Volunteer Coordinator, reported that all positions are filled.

Skye-Anna, Show Secretary, says we have 18 rider/horse combos thus far and over 30 rides. The closing date is August 16. Word is from Carriage House that the state is conducting random checks, so we must be vigilant. The required Covid policies have been published and we are asking everyone to do their best to adhere to them. Discussion followed on the number of people allowed to gather at one time; 50 is NY State's policy. Skye-Anna said she has no problem being the "Mask police" if she can be there.

Norm will check with Jane Marie and/or Mary Reynolds, owner of the venue, regarding the numbers of folks preferred on site at any given time.

\* Norm thanked Carol for getting the High-Point Youth award, a \$50 gift certificate from Lilley's Tack to the Chemung County Fair Dressage Show.

\* Norm asked who would be willing to be our delegate to the BOG sessions at the USDF convention this year. Shannon and Dinah both expressed interest. More to follow.

\* Norm also announced that the nominating committee is he and Skye-Anna, Shannon, Jane Marie. There was no other interest in being on that committee. Carol and Jean both expressed interest in being at-large members. We will be charged with bringing forth names for Vice-president, Treasurer, Secretary, and Membership secretary, as well as additional at-large board members.

Tina Matejka continues thru 2021

Dinah Guarino continues thru 2021

Bettina Wagner continues thru 2021

Jane-Marie Law finishes in '20

Jana Wagner finishes in '20

Gale Wolfe finishes in '20

\* Karen brought up the question of some members not being able to continue their membership due to financial challenges brought on by the pandemic. Norm questioned whether we might only charge them what we must pay to USDF. It was then suggested that USDF be contacted to see if there is any action on their part. Prin also questioned whether USDF had any intention of refunding a portion of the Participating Membership fees since most of the opportunities have been cancelled. Norm will write to Deborah Reinhardt, our region 8 representative, to start the chain of questions.

Next meeting: There will be NO general membership meeting in September. Hopefully many of you will be joining us either at the casual show or at the poker run on the 20th. A special board meeting will be called after September 1.

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*We disavow discrimination and intolerance.*

RIDER NAME	HORSE NAME	TEST	SCORE	PLACING
Jennifer Hagadone	Gwenovere	Dressage equitation class	69	1
Tracy Durham riding	Conselheiro-IGS	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	72.241	1
Kristie Clark	Count On Obvious	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	66.206	2
Mary Clair Peairs	Tullymor's Partly Cloudy	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	66.034	3
Prin Furst	Supremely Lit Image	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	65.345	4
Bettina Wagner	Epsilon	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	64.482	5
Cori Olin	PVF Million Dollar Baby	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	63.793	6
Norm Johnson	G.G. Marquez	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	59.483	7
Lynnelle Harpst	Oso Allegro	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 1	58.965	8
Prin Furst	Supremely Lit Image	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 2	67.571	1
Cori Olin	PVF Million Dollar Baby	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 2	65.286	3
Kristie Clark	Count On Obvious	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 2	65.286	2
Norm Johnson	G.G. Marquez	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 2	63.571	4
Lynnelle Harpst	Oso Allegro	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 2	59.857	5
Prin Furst	Supremely Lit Image	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 3	68.194	1
Cori Olin	PVF Million Dollar Baby	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 3	63.889	2
Norm Johnson	G.G. Marquez	FIRST LEVEL - TEST 3	61.667	3
Kathy Thode	Benicia	FOURTH LEVEL - TEST 2	62.105	1
Tracy Durham	Drake Interago	Intermediare AB Musical Freestyle	65.125	1
Lisa Babcock	Papageno	INTRO LEVEL - TEST A	72.18	1
Nancy Tompkins	Eventide	INTRO LEVEL - TEST A	66.875	2
Lisa Babcock	Papageno	INTRO LEVEL - TEST B	71.875	1
Nancy Tompkins	Eventide	INTRO LEVEL - TEST C	66	1
Colleen Price	Masquerade	INTRO LEVEL - TEST C	66	2
Colleen Price	Masquerade	PRIX CAPRILLI	73.409	1
Jennifer Hagadone	Gwenovere	PRIX CAPRILLI	71	2
Bettina Wagner	Epsilon	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 1	68.653	1
Colleen Price	Masquerade	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 1	67.885	2
Jennifer Hagadone	Gwenovere	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 1	65.000	3
Bettina Wagner	Epsilon	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 3	67.413	1
Mary Clair Peairs	Tullymor's Partly Cloudy	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 3	63.965	2
Jennifer Hagadone	Gwenovere	TRAINING LEVEL - TEST 3	58.793	3
Deb Kieffer	PVF Sound of the Siren	WDAA INTRO LEVEL TEST 1	63.636	1
Deb Kieffer	PVF Sound of the Siren	WDAA INTRO LEVEL TEST 2	65	1
Karen Fedczuk	Tried n Tru Gold Dust	WDAA INTRO LEVEL TEST 3	64.75	1
Karen Fedczuk	Tried n Tru Gold Dust	WDAA INTRO LEVEL TEST 4	64.761	1
Annette Bacik	20th Century Fox	WDAA LEVEL 1 - TEST 2	67.85	1
Annette Bacik	20th Century Fox	WDAA LEVEL 1 - TEST 4	65	1

# Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club

## Poker Run!



**When:** Sunday, September 20, 2020

**Where:** Iowa Rd., Bear Swamp State Forest, Sempronius, NY off route 41A

**Time:** Starts at 10 AM, last riders leave the starting point by 12 pm.

**Cost:** Suggested donation: \$10 per rider. Please have current Coggins and Rabies papers to present. All riders must wear protective helmets. All NYS health and social distancing rules apply.

**\*\*Food and Drink will be available at the [Colonial Lodge](#), 2630 State Route 41A, Moravia, New York 13118**

**Prizes will be awarded for best poker hand, best turned out team, oldest team, youngest team and coolest mask.**

For more information contact: Dinah Guarino, 315-702-3973  
or [dinahguarino@yahoo.com](mailto:dinahguarino@yahoo.com).







## **GALE'S FALL WEEKENDER PACKAGES**

**September – December 2020**

All riding disciplines  
are welcome!

**Reservations now being taken for weekend boarding and lesson packages**

**Gale's Equine Facility – 219 Sing Sing Road, Horseheads, NY 14845**

**www.galesequinefacility.com    607-796-9821    GalesEquineFacility@gmail.com**

### **Full Weekend –**

- Arrive Friday evening between 5 and 7PM
- First lesson Saturday morning
- Second lesson Saturday late afternoon
- Third lesson Sunday morning
- Depart Sunday prior to 3PM
- Use of the indoor/outdoor rings, jumps and the trails.
- Full Weekend Package fee - \$220 includes lessons, box stall, bedding, and hay. Please bring your own feed and buckets. Please clean your stall during your stay and strip the stall upon leaving for \$20 refund.

### **Mini Weekend –**

- Arrive Saturday morning between 10 and 12:00
- First lesson Saturday afternoon
- Second lesson Sunday morning
- Depart Sunday prior to 3PM
- Use of the indoor/outdoor rings, jumps and the trails.
- Mini - Weekend Package fee - \$160 includes lessons, box stall, bedding, and hay. Please bring your own feed and buckets. Please clean your stall during your stay and strip the stall upon leaving for \$20 refund.

### **The One-Day Double Lesson-**

- Arrive in the morning between 8 and 9AM
- First lesson in the morning
- Second lesson in the mid afternoon
- Depart by 5PM
- Use of the indoor/outdoor rings, jumps and the trails.
- Fee for the One-Day Double - \$140 includes lessons & box stall. Please bring your own bedding, feed, and buckets. Please clean your stall during your stay and strip the stall upon leaving for \$20 refund.

### **The One-Day Single Lesson-**

- Arrive in the morning between 8 and 9AM
- Lesson scheduled sometime during the day.
- Enjoy use of the facility and trails.
- Depart by 5PM
- Use of the indoor/outdoor rings, jumps and the trails.
- Fee for the One-Day Single - \$80 includes the lesson & box stall. Please bring your own bedding, feed & buckets. Please clean your stall during your stay and strip the stall upon leaving for \$20 refund.

### **Also available – please inquire**

- Weekend boarding packages with no lessons
- Weekday packages with and without lessons.

Private lessons are 45 minutes long. Semi-Private are 60 minutes long. Lessons are based on classical training. Dressage, Hunt Seat (including over fences) and Western lessons are offered. All time schedules can be flexible. \$60 non-refundable deposit due to make reservation. Balance of package fee is due upon arrival at our stable.

Several hotels and restaurants within 10-minute drive of our stable. Self-contained RV's are welcome. Our area has many popular tourist attractions including the Corning Museum of Glass (CMOG), The Rockwell Museum, and the Wings of Eagles.

All COVID-19 procedures and policies will be followed.

# CALENDAR

September 20: CDCT Poker Run, Bear Swamp State Forest. Contact [Dinah Guarino](#) for more information.

October 11: Carriage House Arena Horse Trials. [Information.](#)

October 17 and 18: Clinic with Will Faerber. Contact [Darcy Branchini](#) for more information.

October 18: Kirby Hill Farm Recognized Dressage Show, Pawling, New York. [Information.](#)

November 15: Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training Club Annual Awards. Contact [Norm Johnson](#) for more information.

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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](#)

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[Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club](#)

[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

## **Dressage in Wine Country**



**Cayuga Dressage and Combined Training**



# CLASSIFIEDS

**For sale:** Albion hunt seat saddle. 17.5 inch seat, marked MW tree but fits more like Medium. Excellent condition. \$800. Contact [Dinah Guarino](#). 315-702-3973



**For sale:** Black Country dressage saddle. 17.5 seat, extra wide tree. Wool flocked serge panels. Very good condition. \$950. Contact [Dinah Guarino](#)- 315-702-3973



**For sale:** \$500 per set (One set is one saddle, one pad two stirrups/leathers). All leather. Three sets available: Coventry 17 1/2", BT Crump 17", and Zaldi 17" jumping saddle. Negotiable (\$1200 for all). Lightly used. (607) 761-7114 or [Fred Collins](#)



**For sale:** 19 inch Devocoux mono flap \$1500. 17.5 inch Black Country \$1000. Both are in beautiful shape, but are no longer needed. Contact [Norm Johnson](#).

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USDF is excited to introduce the new USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program. This program starts December 1, 2019 and offers regional recognition to USDF Group Members competing in participating non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions.

All non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions are invited to participate in this program. To participate, simply submit the [online application](#) and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 days prior to the start of the competition. The program year will be December 1 through November 30.

An online competition calendar will list participating competitions on the USDF website. Participating competitions must submit a copy of their prize list to USDF no later than 14 days prior to the competition and competition results must be submitted to USDF within 21 days of the end date of the competition.

Feel free to contact [Cristen Brown](#) if you have any questions. Complete [program rules](#) are available on the USDF website.

# CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

## 2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code first): \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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*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:

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☐ Combined Training

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☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please complete form and email to [lauren.ostergren@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ostergren@gmail.com). Paypal information is also available from Lauren. Please make checks payable to CDCT, Inc.

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