

# COLLECTED NOTES



AUGUST 2024

## FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

It's August, our little club's busiest month of the year! We are coming off a clinic weekend with Robin Brueckmann, right into the Chemung County Fair show, then off to the Twin Birch Show, Dressage in Wine Country, and ending the month with an Open Centered Riding Clinic! There's no time to waste so let's get right into it!

First off, thank you to everyone who attended our WDAA and English Dressage Clinic with Robin Brueckmann last month! While we didn't have quite the number of riders that we would've liked, the ones we had were excellent. We saw an array of English and Western Dressage riders atop horses of all shapes, sizes, ages, breeds, and backgrounds - a real treat at a clinic. Robin is fantastic at finding and correcting small issues that can translate into big advances. Overwhelmingly the feedback was fabulous with many clinic goers hoping to bring her back in the future. An enormous shoutout to Colleen and Tina for their organizing and hosting of such a rewarding clinic experience!

The big event this month is, of course, our CDCT Dressage in Wine Country Shows, August 24-25th at the Chemung County Fairgrounds. Our prize list is live and Darian has already been toiling away at getting early entries squared away. She would prefer you enter online as it's a lot easier for her...but paper snail mailed copies are still an option. At check in, our fabulous (continued)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24: Dressage in Wine Country 1

August 25: Dressage in Wine Country II

August 31—September 1: Centered Riding Clinic with Sam Morrison, [Healing Rein Farm](#)

### Dressage in Wine Country



*Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.*

*We disavow discrimination and intolerance.*

TD Stephanie will be checking your bits and bridles per the new rules so make sure to bring them with you to the office. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored a Special Award - we have 19 currently to hand out during our Wine and Cheese Award Gala on Saturday evening. This is in addition to all of the Thoroughbred Incentive Program awards AND the National Dressage Pony Cup pony awards and small horse awards. And of course, our Elite Sponsors are hugely responsible for making our show a big success and we cannot thank them enough. Marie's Macarons, a new club member and show supporter, will be on site with a delectable selection of mouth watering macarons for purchase! Also make sure to show your support and purchase photos from Homespun Photography! If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact Norm, although we are shockingly overfull on scribes, imagine that.

We are hosting an Open Centered Riding Clinic with Sam Morrison August 31-September 1st at Healing Rein. The information is up on our website and FB page. Centered Riding applies to ALL disciplines and helps to create harmony between horse and rider through biomechanics and visualization. Riders and auditors will learn a ton, you don't want to miss this clinic! There is an option for a private Alexander Technique session with Mona Schulman during the weekend. Then September 2-3 will be a Centered Riding Instructor Update with student rider availability, separate from the clinic. Many of your favorite clinicians are also Centered Riding Instructors or have a background in it so come check out what all the fuss is about.

It's gonna be a big month with a lot of big events. Hope to see you all out there!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

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## **Minutes for CDCT Meeting for July 22, 2024**

*Submitted by Dinah Guarino*

Attendees: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Kathy Thode, Dinah Guarino, Anna Redmond, Tina Matejka, Prin Furst, Deirdre Hay, Marie Gilbert, Gabrielle Welsh, Michael Clark, Sarah Pyne, Lisa and Bob Spencer, and Colleen Price.

June Minutes: Motion was made to approve by Kathy and Colleen seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anna reported the club made \$60.33 on KICS. Checks are going out for DIWC and currently at a loss for the year but that is to be expected until the recognized show.

Old Business:

DIWC: EMTs will be Lisa and Bob Spencer - thank you! TD was changed to Stephanie Mason as Anita has done it three years in a row and she cannot do four per USDF. Prize list is up on the website. Stephanie will be checking bits and bridles Friday during check in. The bleacher tent is reserved. *(continued)*

Volunteers needed - talk with Norm. Looking to hire people for Sunday teardown. Colleen thought she might know someone to do it. Colleen will also do judges baskets and is willing to haul the trailer. Hotel rooms reserved at the Best Western for the judges, TD, secretary, and photographer. Darian has been fantastic with regular communication.

KICS: Big success! Karen has asked for the closing date two weeks before the show in the future. Need kid friendly prizes for leadliners. Should bring backup batteries. Colleen and Shannon will sew some chair pads to keep in the trailer. We spent a lot on volunteer lunches and had more volunteers than what was needed. A good problem but something to consider for next year.

Upcoming Clinics: CDCT Open Centered Riding Clinic with Sam Morrison 8/31- 9/1 at Healing Rein. We have received a \$1000 Dressage Foundation grant for this clinic! Gerd Heuschmann will be doing a symposium in Massachusetts Fall 2024, more info pending. Fall Symposium with Kristi Wysocki - WNYDA in conjunction with CDCT, Oct. 19-20 at Houghton.

New Business:

Prin proposed purchasing a four step mounting block to keep on the trailer for show usage. The group agreed to discuss again after DIWC is over. There was a short discussion about creating a club Venmo account which will also be discussed again in the future. Kathy brought up Fox Run in Geneseo as a potential show venue for next year. She will look into pricing more.

Next meeting: Recognized committee 8/5/2024 Zoom.

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## CALENDAR

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| August 5:              | Recognized show committee, via zoom   |
| August 24:             | Dressage in Wine Country 1  |
| August 25:             | Dressage in Wine Country II   |
| August 31—September 1: | Centered Riding Clinic with Sam Morrison, <a href="#">Healing Rein Farm</a> |

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Birth date (requested by USDF)

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Western Dressage

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