

COLLECTED NOTES



MARCH 2026

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

I'm jumping straight in this month. A huge welcome to all of our new and returning club members! We have had a ton of membership forms submitted in the last two months and we're very happy you're here.

March 8th is our first Working Equitation play date on the schedule since February's date was cancelled due to weather. Join us at Cazabu Farm in Erieville to work through some of the WE obstacles with your horse both in and out of the saddle. And cross your fingers that the weather behaves that day! More information and the entry blank can be found on the Sponsored Events page of our website.

Speaking of, you can also find info there for our upcoming Clinic with Dave Thind in April. Word on the street is that the rides are filled for Saturday but a couple may remain for Sunday. There is of course tons of space open for auditing and the Feldenkrais session so make sure you get those forms in pronto. A big thank you to The Dressage Foundation for their generous grant and to Carol for working her butt off to make this a big success.

Our website isn't just for clinic information you know! You can find a full list of our board members, whose on what committee and who the chair is, past newsletters, show information and sponsorship forms, a calendar of events, links to

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 15: Monthly meeting, 11AM at the Boiceville Common Room, 301 Boiceville Road, Brooktondale, NY, 14817.

March 8: Working Equitation Pt. 1 on Sunday at Cazabu Farms, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

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.

tests and rules from USEF, USDF, USEA, USAWE, WDAA, TJCTIP, USPC, and more. There may seem to be a lot of pages but it's all good, current info worth exploring...and not just because I spend a lot of time updating it, haha.

Our March meeting will be on the 15th at 11AM at the Boiceville Common Room, 301 Boiceville Road, Brooktondale, NY, 14817. Parking is along the shoulder on Boiceville Road. Norm and Carol will present a talk entitled, "Dressage Across the Disciplines." It's also a potluck, so bring something delicious to share!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,
Shannon

CDCT Meeting 2/23/26

In Attendance: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Norm Johnson, Karen Steffy, Kristin Jankowski, Lana Lentschke, Sarah Hepler, Anna Redmond, Jean Foley, Heidi Chamberlain, Kathy Thode, Carol Morris, Prin Furst, Sofia Vallette, Dinah Guarino

Meeting began at 7:08PM

January meeting minutes were mentioned, Norm motioned to approve, Kathy seconded.

Anna gave a brief treasurer's report. We have had many new memberships come in as well as clinic fees. We spent some money on ribbons. Not much going on at the moment. Norm motioned to approve, Kathy seconded.

Old Business:

Working Equitation: Jane Marie attended the USAWE board meeting and has done the required training to qualify as our Affiliate Organization head. She wants us to add a blurb to the website as well as a Working Equitation option under interests on the membership form. There are two play dates on the schedule still after February's was cancelled due to weather - March 8th and May 3rd. Information and entry blank can be found on our website on the Sponsored Events page.

Clinic with Dave Thind: At the time of the meeting, Carol reported 9 rides on Saturday (full) and 8 rides on Sunday with a bit more room. Only a couple currently paid for the Feldenkrais session so that is still available as well as auditing. Seems to be another great turnout!

DIWC: Shannon attended a meeting at the Chemung County Fairgrounds. She was told prices shouldn't change much for 2026 but applications still have not been released. She along with other show reps got to give input on the sound system being installed for this show year. She also asked Jack to see if the Girl Scouts would be willing to help clean up the arenas after the show again this year for a donation. She ordered 100 Firsts, 100 Seconds, 50 Thirds, 20 Champions, and 11 Reserve ribbons. Carol sponsored NDPC Pony Cup as well as individual placing ribbons. Tracy Durham sponsored Small Horse. Some discussion about the USPC High Point Program - people will ask pony club savvy folks for more info. Shannon is changing the sponsorship form - Special Awards will be \$40, form emailed to the club gmail, and you must get your award basket to the show yourself.

KICS: Contract with Asbury Equestrian Center still pending for June 7th date. Shannon ordered 5 Champion and 5 Reserve ribbons.

New Business:

Committees: Norm mentioned that the major committees need chairs. Carol volunteered to chair the Education Committee, Anna the Casual Show Committee, Shannon the Recognized Show Committee, Jane Marie was already chairing the Working Equitation Committee, and some talk (*continued*)

about Deirdre and Ginny co-chairing the Combined Training Committee. These are now noted on the About Us page of our website!

Book Club: Some interest in reviving the book club. The last book we chose is no longer in print/expensive. USDF's Book Club was mentioned as an option till we choose a new book and a time to meet.

March Meeting: March 15th at 11AM at the Boiceville Meeting House (301 Boiceville Road, Brooktondale, NY). This meeting is a potluck and will include an educational portion presented by Norm and Carol entitled, "Dressage Across the Disciplines." Please park on the shoulder of Boiceville Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

CALENDAR

March 8: Exploring Obstacles in Working Equitation, Cazabu Farm, Erieville, NY. Contact [Jane-Marie Law](#) for more information.

March 15: Monthly meeting, 11 am, Boiceville Cottages Meeting House, Brooktondale, NY.

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

REMEMBER!

USEF Safesport training is required for all recognized show officials, as well as competitors. Please complete or update your training at the USDF's [Safesport](#) training site.

CDCT COMMITTEES FOR 2026

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| <p>AWARDS: Prin Furst Dinah Guarino Jane Marie Law</p> <p>CASUAL SHOW: Jean Foley Dinah Guarino Sarah Hepler Mandy McGeachy Carol Morris Anna Redmond* Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Karen Steffy</p> <p>COMBINED TRAINING: Amy Bittner Meghan Crout Sarah Hepler Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore</p> <p>WESTERN DRESSAGE: Jane Marie Law Tina Sochia</p> | <p>RECOGNIZED SHOW Jean Foley Dinah Guarino Kathleen Hefferon Sarah Hepler Norm Johnson Mandy McGeachy Carol Morris Anna Redmond Shannon Ryan-Dinmore* Tina Sochia</p> <p>WORKING EQUITATION Deirdre Hay Kristin Jankowski Lana Lentschke Jane Marie Law* Jean Loew Mandy McGeachy Tina Sochia Sofia Vallette</p> <p>SWAG: Prin Furst</p> | <p>EDUCATION: Amy Bittner Jean Foley Jane Marie Law Lana Lentschke Jean Loew Carol Morris* Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Kathy Thode</p> <p>PUBLICITY: Jean Loew Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Karen Steffy</p> <p>YOUTH ENGAGEMENT Deirdre Hay Jean Loew</p> <p>SPONSORSHIP: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore Kathy Thode</p> |
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[Western New York Dressage Association](#)

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.

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CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone (area code first

E-mail:

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

Current Members: Please submit your Membership form and dues by Nov. 15th. This ensures that you will receive the USDF magazine and other GMO benefits without interruption. **New Members** are welcome to join year-round!

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).

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- Dressage Shows: Planning, paperwork, grounds preparation, help on show day, etc.
- Western Dressage
- Combined Training
- Education/Clinic Committee
- Awards
- Publicity
- Working equitation

Signature:

Date:

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

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