

COLLECTED NOTES



MAY 2024

FROM CDCTC'S PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all our members both new and old! The fun is just beginning, having accomplished one successful hosted clinic in April and our first show of the year next month. It is never too late to get your friends to join OR for you to sign up for committees. We'd love to have your input to help us continue to provide fabulous programming and events.

Our recognized committee will have a brief meeting on May 7th at 7PM via Zoom to figure out what all needs to be finalized. A lot of things are well on their way including hiring judges, a food vendor, securing a facility, etc. but there is always more to do and it's good to have help. If you aren't officially on the committee, we'd still love to have you join us! And if you're going for gold, USDF is having a Zoom seminar right after at 8PM entitled "Horse Fitness Routines for Spring." Come problem solve with us and then learn some cool things right after.

Our Keepin' It Casual Show is slated to run June 9th at Ithaca Equestrian Center. While we will only be able to offer Prix Caprilli classes this year rather than a full CT, we will have food available to order from Starr's Restaurant and the menu looks delicious! Our casual show will again have TIP awards for eligible thoroughbreds and will still have dressage classes ranging from Intro to Third, TOC, Dressage Seat Eq, Western Dressage, and more. Spread the word and we *(continued)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11: Monthly meeting, 1 pm, Healing Rein Farm

June 9: Keepin' It Casual Show, Ithaca Equestrian Center



hope to see you there. Thank you to Anna and Sarah for agreeing to co-manage and to Karen for being show secretary again! Entries will open in the middle of May.

Our next general meeting will be May 11th at 1PM at Healing Rein in Freeville. There will be a long lining clinic happening there at the same time with Annelie Anderssen-Beck. You could totally participate in the clinic around the meeting and auditing is also available. Make it a day full of learning and join us with a dish to pass for a late lunch. Please contact Colleen if you are interested in the clinic, otherwise we'll see you there!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things,

Shannon

DAVE THIND CLINIC A GREAT SUCCESS

By Carol Morris

Our Dave Thind clinic, hosted by Kathy Thode at her Brookside Farm, was a rousing success. We had 12 people for the Feldenkrais session, learning about how awareness of body movement can make us better riders. These principles were then applied in the mounted sessions. There were 10 rides each day. Dave is a wonderful instructor, and everyone was very positive about their experience riding with him. He is also an excellent instructor to audit, as he has a lovely loud voice that everyone can hear, and is open to questions not only from riders but also from auditors. More information about Dave and Feldenkrais can be found at his website.



The clinic attracted not only CDCT members, but also participants from as far away as Albany. It is always so nice to hear feedback from members of other GMOs who praise CDCT for our friendliness and inclusivity. I think we gained a couple of new members, which is always nice.

Many thanks to Kathy for offering her arena at no charge, to Brookside Lumber for allowing us the use of a warm indoor space for the Feldenkrais, for Dinah Guarino, baker extraordinaire, for her scones and coffee cake. Kathy also hosted Dave for three days. The generosity of our club members is overwhelming, and so helpful in keeping the costs of activities like these within reason.

Finally, many thanks to The Dressage Foundation for the grant from the Violet Hopkins Fund, which allowed us to subsidize some of the costs of the clinic.

Minutes for CDCT Meeting for April 18, 2024

Submitted by Dinah Guarino

Attendees: Shannon Ryan-Dinmore, Sarah Hepler, Kathy Thode, Dinah Guarino, Karen Steffy, Heidi Webb, Anna Redmond, Norm Johnson, Carol Morris, and Tina Matejka.

March Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dinah to approve and Norm seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Anna reported that the Dave Thind clinic cost the club \$183.95 which is great because the TDF grant requires a loss for the full award. Otherwise not many expenditures of late. Memberships are still coming in. The bank account is healthy going into show season.

Old Business:

Please sign up for committees!

Shannon will get ribbon inventory done soon.

DIWC: Still need an EMT. Carol believes the vet she talked to will be the show vet. Shannon recommended we have a recognized committee meeting. It was decided to have a Zoom meeting May 7th at 7PM. Carol asked if we could have a copy of the prize list prior to meeting to review. Shannon will work on that.

KICS: Will be June 9, 2024, at IEC - COI and contract sent. Paula has purchased a dressage ring so we do not need to go use ours, yay! Shannon, Sarah, and Anna will be meeting with Paula shortly to finalize the remaining details. Anna and Sarah agreed to co-manage the show, Karen is secretary. Kathy will score and Norm will be volunteer coordinator. There was discussion about the combined tests and it was noted that it would be a lot of work to put this together and last year only 5 people participated. It was ultimately felt that offering Prix Caprilli classes would be easier.

Upcoming Clinics: CDCT WDAA Clinic with Robin Brueckman on July 26-29 at Healing Rein. CDCT Open Centered Riding Clinic with Sam Morrison on August 31-September 1 at Healing Rein - Colleen is working on TDF grants. Gerd Heuschmann will be doing a symposium in Massachusetts in the Fall of 2024, more info pending.

New Business:

Recap on Recent Clinics: The Thoroughbred Logic Clinic with AP Graham at IEC was overfilled and had lots of positive feedback. She will be back later in the year and it is probably already filled. CDCT funded her airfare for the clinic and many members were in attendance. The Dave Thind Clinic also received very positive feedback. Carol thanked Kathy for not only hosting the clinic at her farm, but also housing and feeding Dave while there. She also thanked the TDF for the \$500 grant. There were 20 participants/auditors in attendance and a great time was had by all.

Chemung County Fair Show: August 3, 2024 at the Fairgrounds, Norm will be the manager and Kim Blaszak will judge.

Shannon created a new form for planning and applying for event support from the club to replace our current form. Karen has emailed the membership for comments and review. Please let Shannon know your thoughts.

Kathy mentioned an open house at IEC May 19, 2024 for cancer survivors who have participated in our prior support events. They would like to provide a high level dressage demo.

May Meeting: The 11th at Healing Rein at 1PM.

June Meeting: The 4th viz Zoom at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

CALENDAR

- May 11: Monthly meeting, 1 pm, [Healing Rein Farm](#), Franklin session on shoulders
- June 9: Keepin' It Casual Show, [Ithaca Equestrian Center](#)
- July 26—28 Robin Brueckmann WDAA Clinic, [Healing Rein Farm](#)
- 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](#)

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Phone (area code first

E-mail:

Birth date (requested by USDF)

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Western Dressage

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