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Hannah Sue Hollberg won the CCI -S 4\* on Capitol HIM owned by Christa Schmidt with a final score of 43.3. Hannah Sue is one of the GDCTA Summer Eventing Clinic instructors!

Photo by Liz Crawley



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# OUTSIDE THE SANDBOX



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# OUTSIDE THE SANDBOX

*Dear Members:*

Can you believe it's already March? Time flies! We have added more, if you can believe it, events to our year. Are you ready to *sham-rock and roll* with the new lineup? But first, important deadlines...

- March 15: Juniors Eventing Clinic grant apps due
- March 31: Business Directory
- March 31: Yearbook advertising
- June 1: Training Grants

**Here's the list of events scheduled so far... Mark your calendars!**

Kudzu Clinics are for members only and riders only have to pay \$20!

Check the website calendar for all the details.

- Mar 15-16: USDF L Program Part 2 (D1)
- Mar 23: Kudzu Klinik Ride-A-Test with Cindy Thaxton
- April 6: Kudzu Klinik Dressage with Anne Zaharias
- April 13-14: Spring Fling Schooling Show
- May 11-12 Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I&II
- May 11-12: USDF L Program Part 2 (D2)
- May 11-12: Sara Kozumplik Jumping Clinic
- May 18-19: Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic
- May 18: Kudzu Klinik Dressage with Taylor Laney
- June 10-13: GDCTA & Area 3 Young Rider Eventing Clinic
- June 22-23: Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic
- Aug 10-11: Dog Days of Summer Dressage
- Aug 10-11: USDF L Program Part 2 (final exam)
- Aug 31-Sept 1: End of Summer Finals Schooling Show
- Sept 6-8: D4K & ATL Youth Festival
- Oct 5-6: Atlanta National Fall Dressage

Hope to see you at some of these activities! If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

Cheers to a lucky St. Patrick's Day! And Happy Easter!

*Caren*

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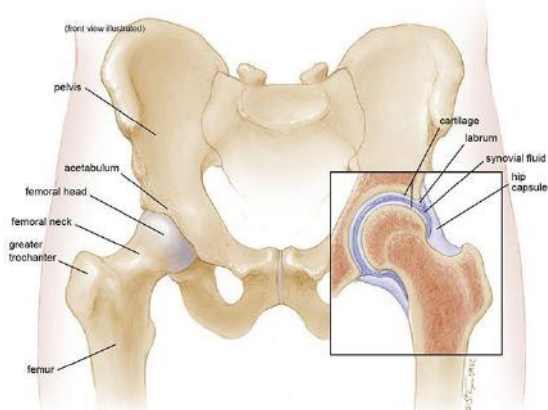
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## Warm up your Hips!

By Veronica Jucknies

You know the importance of a warm-up for your horse – but do you take the same care of your own body prior to getting on to ride? Since most equestrians are adult amateurs, that means most of us have other professions – typically involving sitting at a desk. Just as your horse gets stiff from being in a stall, your body gets stiff and tight from sitting at a desk, sitting in your car etc. If I had to choose one area to focus on warming up prior to a ride – it would absolutely be your hips. Most people tend to have stiff and tight hips – typically a result of our lifestyle that is so dependent on sitting.



Your hip is a ball in socket joint with the ball at the end of your femur (thigh bone) and the socket in your pelvis. Hip mobility (or the lack thereof) and weakness are often culprits in back pain. Of course, riding requires hip mobility as well as low back mobility and stability; so, before getting on your horse – I recommend warming up those hip joints – work on getting some length and strength in your hip flexors, feel the rotation in your sockets and fire up your glutes. If you take just 5 minutes to warm up in the barn prior to getting on – I promise your first few minutes of riding will be massively improved! You will be able to sit deeper and with a more relaxed seat.

While there are a million good exercises to choose from to improve hip mobility – we are going to focus on a few that can be easily completed in your barn aisle, in your riding clothes for about 5 min before getting on your horse. No excuses!

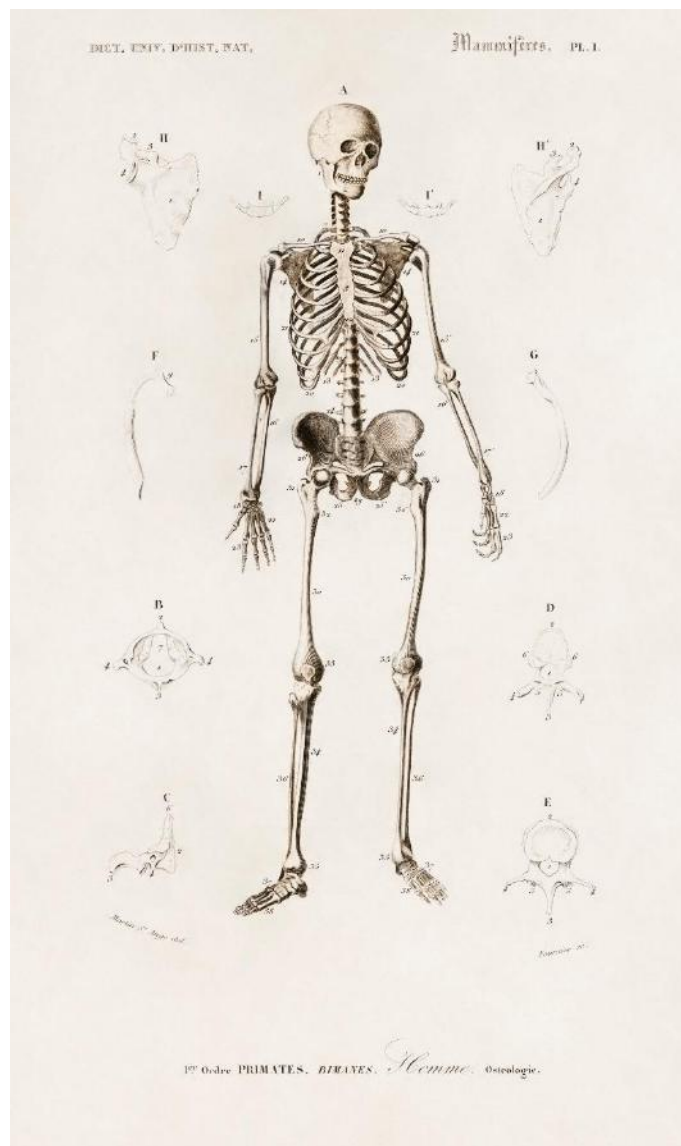
5-minute barn aisle warm-up:

- 1) Hip swings forward/back, right, and left – 10 repetitions each direction, right and left leg

- 2) Hip flexion, abduction, rotation – 10 repetitions each, both legs
- 3) Prayer squat – x 10-30 seconds depending on tolerance
- 4) Good mornings – 15 repetitions
- 5) Lunges – 10 each leg

Begin implementing this simple pre-ride routine and find a deeper seat and better connection to your horse. Happy riding!

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(678) 687-8023. Follow Veronica on Instagram  
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## *GDCTA Seeks a Volunteer Coordinator.*

*The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for overseeing Volunteer activities for organization events particularly dressage show.*

*A Volunteer Coordinator helps organize all aspects of volunteering, from recruiting new volunteers to promoting opportunities for people who want more hours in their schedule for the volunteer program.*

*They also keep event organizers informed about administrative changes, schedule changes, and who needs training or has experience, et cetera.*

*If this is your jam, please contact Caren Caverly (ccaverly@comcast.net).*

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# GDCTA Horse of the Month – Galaxy Twinkle Star



## About Galaxy Twinkle Star

Galaxy Twinkle Star, barn name Galaxy, is a 13.2H POA, that we fell in love with, when we saw him. He is 8 years old now. When we got him, he was just a little 4-year-old cow pony. Galaxy can be shy and sometimes grumpy but overall he is a very, very happy pony. We love Galaxy so so much.

–Maya Daniel

**Personality**– He is a typical pony, with the full pony attitude.

**Favorite Dressage move**– He loves the stretchy trot.

**Least Favorite Person**– the vet

**Favorite Treat**– He absolutely loves studmuffins, and will do any stretch and even bow to get one.



## KUDZU KLINIC PROGRAM

The Kudzu Klinik Program is designed to provide an opportunity for low-cost instruction of correct basics for lower-level riders and their horses. A Trainer or Lecturer donates their time for the betterment of the sport and enjoyment of our riders. For example, in a dressage lesson format there will be one to two riders in each 45-minute session, with a maximum of 8 sessions. Lectures may be given at the clinics. For dates and details, check the website <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/Kudzu-Klinics>

### REQUIREMENTS

- You must be a GDCTA member to ride.
- Riders must include payment with entry to reserve a place in each clinic. Pay online at the event site.
- Rider Fee: \$20
- Auditor Fee: \$10
- A copy of a current negative Coggins certificate is required.
- All entries must sign a copy of the GDCTA Hold Harmless agreement.

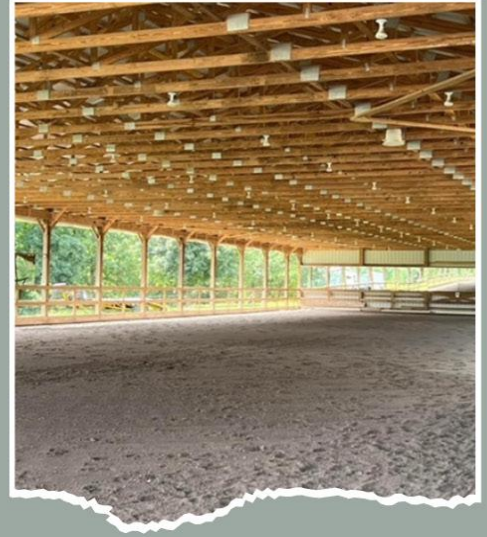
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*Kudzu Klinik: Ride-A-Test with Cindy Thaxton*

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MAY 18, 2024

*Kudzu Clinic - Dressage with Taylor Laney*  
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# DRESSAGE

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## BENT JENSEN DRESSAGE CLINIC

**May 18-19, 2024**

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## Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic

**June 22-23, 2024**

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## Some Thoughts on Warming Up

### **Dressage Training Warm-Up Plan:**

**Objective:** The purpose of the warm-up is to prepare both the horse and rider physically and mentally for the demands of dressage training. It aims to loosen muscles, increase flexibility, establish connection, and achieve suppleness.

**Duration:** Approximately 20-30 minutes, depending on the individual needs of the horse and rider.

#### **1. Beginning with Basic Warm-Up Exercises:**

- Start with a 5-minute walk on a loose rein to encourage relaxation and forward movement.
- Incorporate large circles, serpentines, and changes of direction at the walk to engage the horse's mind and body.
- Gradually introduce transitions within the walk (free walk to medium walk, collected walk to extended walk) to encourage responsiveness to aids.

#### **2. Dynamic Stretching and Mobilization:**

- Begin with shoulder-in-hand exercises and gentle flexion exercises to encourage suppleness through the horse's neck and back.
- Perform leg yields and shoulder-in exercises at the walk to engage the hindquarters and encourage lateral flexibility.
- Incorporate transitions between leg yield and shoulder-in to maintain engagement and attention.

#### **3. Establishing Rhythm and Connection:**

- Progress to a working trot, focusing on establishing a steady rhythm and connection through the contact.
- Perform circles, figure eights, and transitions within the trot to encourage engagement, balance, and responsiveness.
- Incorporate half-halts and transitions within the trot to further establish connection and adjustability.

#### **4. Developing Engagement and Collection:**

- Transition to the canter, focusing on maintaining a balanced and rhythmic gait.

- Perform circles, serpentines, and transitions within the canter to encourage engagement of the hindquarters and development of collection.
- Incorporate simple changes of lead and counter-canter exercises to further develop balance and responsiveness.

#### **5. Cooling Down:**

- Gradually reduce the intensity of exercises, returning to a working trot and then a walk.
- Allow the horse to stretch down and forward at the walk, encouraging relaxation and suppleness.
- Finish with a few minutes of walking on a loose rein to promote circulation and encourage relaxation.

#### **6. Reflection and Feedback:**

- After the warm-up, take a moment to reflect on the horse's response to the exercises and assess areas for improvement.
- Seek feedback from a coach or trainer to identify areas of strength and areas needing further development.
- Adjust future warm-up routines based on feedback and observations to optimize performance and progression.

#### **Note:**

It's essential to tailor the warm-up plan to the individual needs and fitness level of the horse, as well as the skill level and goals of the rider. Regular assessment and adjustments should be made to ensure continued progress and well-being.

## Eventing Takes Center Stage at GDCTA

Growing and molding a program can often be compared to turning a cruise ship. It takes time and there are many moving parts that must be considered to reach success. GDCTA has been lucky to have some pretty amazing V.P.'s of Eventing to take the lead in growing this program over the past decade. When I stepped into this position in 2019, I was taking on a role that had a strong foundation which was very helpful as I was working out what to do to best serve and grow the membership. I had started attending the USEA Conventions where I was able to meet lots of new people from different Areas and see what they were doing for their local eventing community. I was able to stay up to date with what is changing in the eventing sport and use that information to support our members. I knew that I wanted to create educational opportunities. I



I love learning and I want to help others learn as well. At this point I felt like I had a solid idea for the direction that I wanted to head in. Hence began my journey as a clinic organizer.

Fast forward to 2022, we have at this point hosted some fun clinics with some fantastic trainers at multiple facilities. I was finding my groove at running clinics and my success rate was respectable. We knew that we could do more. So, in the Spring of 2022 I decided to

organize the first GDCTA Summer Eventing Camp. This camp would be open to riders of all ages, kids and adults! I just knew in my mind that this would be a huge success and that everyone would want to come....boy did I have a reality check coming my way.

Organizing camp that first year was humbling to say the least. I had, what I thought, were all the pieces to make a fun event. In my mind I checked every box but what I didn't have were people signing up. Through some extensive marketing and wonderful sponsorship support we finally managed to pull it off and we ran our first camp with 27 riders. We were blessed that year to have Hannah Sue Hollberg, Waylon Robert, and Sara Kozumplik as our trainers. It was a fantastic week, and I came out of it with a new determination to grow this into something more.

In 2023, I trusted my gut and added a trainer. We advertised camp in January with Hannah Sue, Sara, and Waylon returning that year and Michael Pollard joining the group as our fourth. We filled camp in two weeks with 50 riders! The response was mind blowing. We then added Lynn Symansky as a fifth trainer and filled again in one day. I think that word had gotten out that we were doing something special here in Georgia. That May, we brought Sara Kozumplik back for a show jumping clinic at Southern Oaks Equestrian located in Villa Rica, GA. Sara is always



# EVENTING

a fun equestrian to train with and the riders were pumped to get a taste of what they could expect at camp that year. Overall, it made for a fantastic summer of good training and making memories.... but was it a fluke or were we really onto something here.

In January of 2024, GDCTA reached out to Area III Young Riders to join forces and run a camp together that could support the membership of both organizations. We added Ashley Johnson, our young rider coach, as the sixth trainer and got the event ready to advertise and open for entries. We filled in 30 hours with 66 riders!!! Just two years ago I was begging people to come give this camp a try and now here we are full of an extensive waitlist in under two days. I give much credit to the amazing trainers that we have come teach each year to the success of this camp. We are blessed to have so many wonderful eventing trainers on the east coast, but I must give special acknowledgment to our group because every year they have really been a fundamental part in making the event memorable. They genuinely care and are invested in my vision for this event and what I am trying to achieve. "I like helping local young people reach their dreams," says Michael Pollard when asked what his favorite part of camp is.

We are proud to once again be hosting Sara Kozumplik in May this year to get a jump start before camp. We are still a couple months out, but this clinic is already filling and shaping up to be a grand weekend. As for camp, I am working out all the final details for each day. Thinking about shirt design. Talking to sponsors. And maybe even secure a seventh trainer which will allow us to expand this weeklong training event to be one of the largest in the country.

I was able to catch up with Hannah Sue at Bouckaert Farm this past weekend after she had just won the Four Star on her top horse Capitol HIM. She expressed how excited she was to be back in June for her third-year teaching. I also shared my excitement for what was to come with this growing event. My attitude has always been "the more the merrier" so stay tuned as I feel certain that we will have some more exciting announcements coming your way.



# GDCTA AND AREA 3 YOUNG RIDER EVENTING CAMP

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Tuesday thru Thursday

- Two days of Morning Dressage and Afternoon Show Jumping
- One day of Morning Cross Country Concept Discussion followed by Cross Country Schooling
- Tuesday Evening Sports Psychology with Ashley Johnson
- Wednesday Evening Q&A Session with Trainers

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## YOUTH MEMBERS

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*The 2024 Board was seated at the  
January 15th meeting*



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- 2) Grievance – 2 VP's and only if there is a complaint.
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  - a. Chair – Peter West
  - b. Sponsorship – Caren Caverly
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  - a. Grants –Janie Pride
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  - b. Silent Auction – Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa & Lacey Halstead
  - c. Barn Raffle – Julie Shannon & Katie Patton
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  - c. Kudzu – Danielle Perry & Lacey Halstead
  - d. L Program – Marian Bickers
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  - a. Chair – Joanne Morse, Abigail Kroupa
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  - c. Recognized – Liz Molloy, Janie Pride
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  - b. Recognized – Caren Caverly
  - c. Schooling – Caren Caverly
    - 1 Horse Show Recognition – Carol Tresan
  - d. Volunteer Coordinator – **Open**
  - e. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - **Open**

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Williamson Farrier and Forge & Amber LoPresti Equestrian

## Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association

### Regular Meeting

January 15, 2024

President Caren Caverly called the membership meeting of the GDCTA to order on January 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Secretary, Ashley Boyd, performed a roll call. A quorum of the board consisting of Caren Cavelry, Abigail Kroupa, Joanne Morris, Ashley Boyd, Carol Tresan, Peter West, Julie Shannon, Danielle Perry, Liz Molloy, Janie Pride, and Lindsey Burns were present. December Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the February Board Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – (Peter): December \$1200 profit.

**VP Dressage Report** – (Abigail): Looking at getting one more clinician for the year.

**VP Combined Training** – (Joanne): Working on trying to combine Area III and GDCTA camp to see if that would work.

**Membership Report** – (Mary Lou): Already 526 members for the year.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication** (Joanne): Nothing to report
- **Show Committee** (Julie): Looking to see if we can get 1 or 2 one-day shows at Wills Park.
- **Finance** (Peter): Nothing to report
- **Youth Program** (Joanne): Nothing to report
- **Awards** (Janie): Nothing to report
- **Education** (Julie): Working on setting up clinics for next year
- **Gala** (Caren): Good donations for the auction and baskets. Thank you to the members. Caren listed the jobs during the Gala that are filled by the amazing board and volunteers.
- **Nominating**: Nothing at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS

- **Email Blasts** – (Caren): Gala

### NEW BUSINESS

#### Budgets:

- Advertising rates in Newsletter: No questions
- Atlanta Fall National Budget: No questions
- *Collective Remarks* and Yearbook: No questions
- Dog Days of Summer Budget: No questions
- Gala Budget for 2023: No questions
- General Office Budget: No questions
- Greater Atlanta May: No questions
- Janet Foy: No questions
- Jeremy Steinburg Adult Clinic: No questions
- JJ Tate: No questions
- Liz Malloy Recognized Letterman Jackets: Question: how about being able to get cost of jackets down? Response was working on looking at it going into next year. Question about getting sponsors for this year and we did not get them.
- Membership Budget: No questions
- Sarah K Jumping Clinic: No questions
- Schooling show April Budget: No questions
- Schooling Show Conyers Sept: No questions
- Schooling Show Letterman: No questions
- Social media, instagram, and eblast: No questions
- Summer Camp: No questions
- The Dressage4K & ATL Festival: No questions
- Training Grant Budget: No questions

Janie motioned to accept the budgets, Joanne seconded and the board passed them.

Lindsey motioned to adjourn, Abby seconded. Board voted to adjourn.

Next meeting is the budget meeting on February 19, 2024, on Zoom at 7 pm



## NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

For information about advertising in the *Collected Remarks* newsletter, please email:

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[GDCTA.org/advertise](http://GDCTA.org/advertise)

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## ORGANIZE A GDCTA-RECOGNIZED SCHOOLING SHOW

If you are organizing a schooling show and wish to have it GDCTA Recognized (so riders can use the scores towards our year-end awards), submit the Recognition form. Shows won't be added to our calendars until the Recognition form is received.

Please review the other information and specifications/guidelines we have provided. For specific questions regarding recognition procedures, email Carol Tresan at [Happy\\_horses@hotmail.com](mailto:Happy_horses@hotmail.com)

Recognition details:

<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/GDCTA-Recognition>

## VOLUNTEERING 101

A STEP-BY-STEP LOOK AT HOW YOU ARE NEEDED



### WATCH & LEARN

In addition to watching great and not-so-great riders, volunteering can teach you the nuances of the rules, the details on scoring systems, and maybe net you some pointers from judges and technical delegates.

### BE IN THE ACTION

Most volunteer posts involve spectating, putting you in prime position do a show report, give live-action updates to friends at home, and be the first to post video on Facebook

### MAKE FRIENDS

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people in your area who share your passion.



### SUPPORT THE SPORT

We all know that it takes a lot of time, energy, and money to put on an event, and volunteering is a way to help out the gracious hosts and organizers, as well as help make sure entry fees are kept down.

### GOOD KARMA

Volunteering is a good deed and helping others brings deep personal satisfaction

For Information & To Sign Up

**LIZ FASO MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**  
SPONSORED BY WILSUN CUSTOM HORSE PRODUCTS

Caren Caverly, Volunteer Coordinator (temp.)  
[ccaverly@comcast.net](mailto:ccaverly@comcast.net) / 770-713-4025

## GDCTA EVENT CALENDAR *(GDCTA Events are in RED)*

To find events online, go to [https://bit.ly/GDCTA\\_Events](https://bit.ly/GDCTA_Events)

### GDCTA Events

• <b>Mar 15-16</b> USDF L Program Part 2	Ocala, FL	Marian Bickers	mcbjumper@gmail.com
• <b>Mar 23</b> KK Ride-A-Test with Cindy Thaxton	Watkinsville, GA	Danielle Perry	danielle.perry@siemens.com
• <b>Apr 6</b> KK Dressage with Anne Zaharias	Riceville, TN	Danielle Perry	danielle.perry@siemens.com
• <b>May 11-12</b> Sara Kozumplik Show Jumping Clinic	Carrollton, GA	Joanne Morse	Joannemorse1@yahoo.com
• <b>May 18</b> KK Dressage with Taylor Laney	Monroe, GA	Danielle Perry	Danielle.perry@siemens.com
• <b>May 18-19</b> Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic	Canton, GA	Abigail Krupa	abigailkrupa@gmail.com
• <b>Jun 10-13</b> GDCTA & Area 3 YR Eventing Summer Clinic	Fairburn, GA	Joanne Morse	Joannemorse1@yahoo.com
• <b>Jun 22-23</b> Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic	Milton, GA	Abigail Krupa	abigailkrupa@gmail.com
• <b>Sep 6-8</b> Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinic & Atlanta Youth Festival	Conyers, GA	Liz Molloy	missliz@taramiaridingschool.com

### GDCTA USEF/USDF HORSE SHOWS

• <b>May 11-12</b> Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I & II	Conyers, GA	Caren Caverly	<a href="mailto:ccaverly@comcast.net">ccaverly@comcast.net</a>
• <b>Aug 10-11</b> Dog Days of Summer Dressage	Alpharetta, GA	Caren Caverly	<a href="mailto:ccaverly@comcast.net">ccaverly@comcast.net</a>
• <b>Oct 5-6</b> <i>2025 Show Season</i> Atlanta National Fall Dressage	Conyers, GA	Caren Caverly	ccaverly@comcast.net

Caren Caverly, GDCTA AWARDS CHAIR

*Recognized & Schooling Shows*

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## GDCTA-Recognized Schooling Shows

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2024 Show / Award Season			
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GDCTA</b></p> <p><b>April 13-14:</b> Spring Fling Wills Park, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p><b>Aug 31-Sep 1:</b> End of Summer Finals GIHP, Conyers, GA</p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net 770-713-4025 GDCTA.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AYDC</b></p> <p>Georgia Horse Park Conyers, GA</p> <p><b>November 11, 2023</b> <b>February 17</b> <b>March 16</b> <b>April 27</b> <b>May 18</b> <b>June 1</b> <b>June 15</b> <b>July 20</b> <b>August 17</b> <b>September 7</b> <b>September 28</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Molloy missliz@taramiaridingschool.com 770-634-4089 taramiaridingschool.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Big Cheese HT, CT &amp; Dressage Show Series</b></p> <p>Ashland Farm 1541 Highway 138 Walnut Grove GA</p> <p><b>October 28, 2023</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Caroline Templeton bigcheeseeventing@gmail.com 706-207-6055 bigcheeseeventing.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chattahoochee Hills Eventing at Bouckaert Farm</b></p> <p>9445 Browns Lake Road Fairburn, GA</p> <p><b>October 7, 2023</b> <b>December 2-3, 2024</b> <b>February 3</b> <b>April 6</b> <b>May 4</b> <b>June 8</b> <b>August 10</b> <b>September 7</b></p> <p>info@chatthillseventing.com 770-892-2117 chatthillseventing.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Farm at Five Points</b></p> <p>1861 Berry Bennett Rd Chatsworth, GA</p> <p><b>October 28, 2023</b> <b>March 16</b> <b>May 18</b> <b>June 22</b> <b>September 21</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Aly Rattazzi fivepointsshows@gmail.com 706-502-7324</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Foxberry Farm</b></p> <p>2340 School Rd Dallas, GA</p> <p><b>May 11</b> <b>June 15 (NDPC Partner Show)</b> <b>September 14</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Kim Abernathy kimfoxberry@gmail.com 770-778-4067</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FCHP</b></p> <p>Full Circle Horse Park 5555 Wolf Creek Road Pell City, AL</p> <p><b>October 21, 2023</b> <b>March 23</b></p> <p>Janice Ballard janice@fullcirclehorsepark.com 205-516-9052 Fullcirclehorsepark.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>High Point Farm</b></p> <p>Watkinsville, GA</p> <p><b>October 14, 2023</b> <b>November 18, 2023</b></p> <p>Cindy Thaxton</p>

**GDCTA-Recognized Schooling Shows**

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<p><b>LEAF Series at Honeysuckle Hills Farm</b></p> <p>4186 Nopone Road Gainesville GA</p> <p><b>October 28, 2023</b> <b>November 18, 2023</b> <b>March 23</b> <b>June 1</b> <b>August 24</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Dana Ferguson 678-519-0158 allfersgs@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>North Atlanta Equestrian</b></p> <p>Cartersville, GA</p> <p><b>October 28, 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Oxer Farm</b></p> <p>6940 Kenimer Rd Clermont, GA</p> <p><b>April 6</b> <b>May 11</b> <b>June 29</b> <b>August 3</b></p> <p>Sandra Carnet scarnet@carnetstudio.com 770-654-3934 OxerFarm.com</p>	<p><b>Poplar Place Farm</b></p> <p>US Hwy 27 Hamilton, GA</p> <p><b>October 21, 2023</b> <b>November 18, 2023</b> <b>March 23</b></p> <p><b>2024 South Region PC Eventing Rally: April 6-7</b> <b>April 13</b> <b>May 4</b> <b>June 22</b> <b>July 27</b> <b>September 14</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>poplarplacefarm.com</p>
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<p><b>River Mist Equestrian</b></p> <p>15570 Birmingham Hwy Milton, GA</p> <p><b>May 18</b> <b>July 13</b></p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Jennifer Scherrens jen@rivermistequine.com 770-605-3822</p>	<p><b>Stable View</b></p> <p>117 Stable Dr Aiken, SC</p> <p>Dressage Collection <b>January 10</b> <b>January 31</b> <b>February 28</b> <b>March 27</b> <b>May 8</b> <b>June 12</b> <b>July 10</b> <b>September 11</b></p> <p>Eventing Academy <b>March 10</b> <b>July 21</b> <b>August 11</b></p> <p>Cyndy Olliff cyndy@stableviewfarm.com</p>
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**Cross Country Galloping**



What I think I look like.



What I actually look like.

# 2024 Calendar

## January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

## February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

## March

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

## April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

## May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

## June

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

## July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

## August

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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## September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

## October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

## November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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## December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

### Holidays and common observances (United States)

- 1 Jan. New Year's Day
- 15 Jan. Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 19 Feb. Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)
- 31 Mar. Easter

- 27 May Memorial Day
- 19 June Juneteenth
- 4 July Independence Day
- 2 Sept. Labor Day

- 14 Oct. Columbus Day
- 11 Nov. Veterans Day
- 28 Nov. Thanksgiving Day
- 25 Dec. Christmas