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June 2023

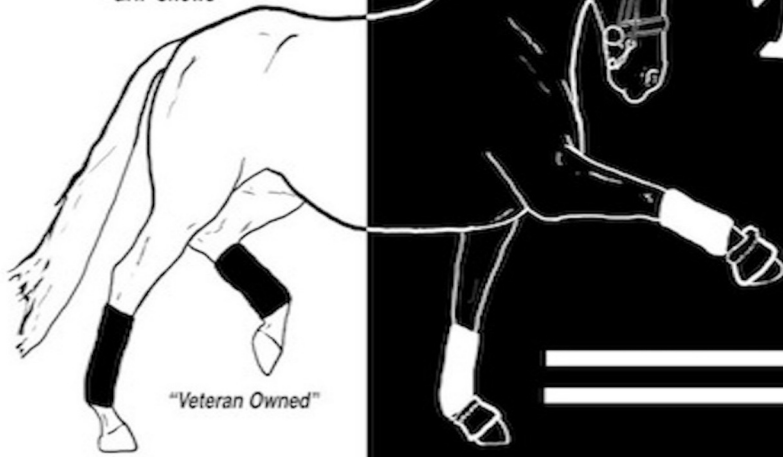


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GDCTA Summer Eventing Camp-ers

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Outside the Sandbox

delivering general articles and activities

Dear Members:

It's June! It has been a crazy time for me, and sneaky summer has arrived while I wasn't looking. Time for lazy days reading by the pool... well, for some folks anyway. I've not had many lazy days, but I've still managed to squeeze some barn time during my surgery recovery. My pony is good for my health!

We jumped right into the month with the Eventing Summer Camp. The weather tested the riders, but they still had an enjoyable time. Those committed eventers grace our cover this month.

As a last-minute addition, we have the July 22-23 dressage clinic with dressage icon Bent Jensen at Noble Steeds in Canton.

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Because this is coming so quickly, riders will be selected on a first come basis. Sign up on the website <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5315478> for both riding and auditing.

Be sure to make our upcoming shows part of your competition plans! Members who ride in our shows get double scores...

Schooling show riders, remember to check your score count status on the website <https://www.gdcta.org/rider-standings> it was updated through May 13th. I'm working on getting it up to date, I promise!

GDCTA Shows

Schooling Shows:

- Aug 12-13: GDCTA Summer Finals SS: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115892>
- Oct 7-8: GDCTA Fall Harvest SS: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115942>

USDF Shows:

- Sep 2-3: Labor Day Dressage Classic I&II: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115927>

~GDCTA is now using [HorseShowOffice.com](https://www.horsheshowoffice.com) for entries to all of our shows~

Love to all, no trees were harmed in the writing of this message; however, several million electrons may have been inconvenienced.

See you soon,



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MAY 28



KUDZU KLINIC: DRESSAGE & JUMPING RIDE A TEST & SCRIBE CLINIC



GDCTA member-riders came to be judged before taking the instructor's input to ride again, implementing the comments right away. Host/Instructors

Jen Scherrens, USDF Bronze Medalist & Danielle Perry, USDF Bronze & Silver Medalist; USDF "r" Judge.

"Jen, THANK you for being the hostess with the mostess! Your farm is lovely, and it was great how you had everything already setup and ready to go. Excellent planning and hospitality!" said Danielle Perry.

Jen & Danielle, GDCTA appreciates your generosity for the use of the facility and the instruction! You are both aces in our minds.

Pam and Lulu had this to share, "Jen - Thank you so much for hosting this clinic at your wonderful farm. Greatly appreciate your time, efforts and hospitality!"

Danielle - Thank you for offering this clinic and your kind words below. Very appreciative of your wisdom and generosity."

Messages from Danielle:

Alexa and her lovely mare rode Training Level test 1



– and working on the trot to canter transitions really paid off! Remember to take your time and the balancing strides to go up and down in the trot to canter and canter to trot transitions so you breathe, half halt and release so she's on your aids and rounder.

Danielle and Cruise – such a handsome grey gelding – you have some great tools to work with in having such a harmonious partner! Keep yourself true to aligning he leg yield and ride each stride with a breath and patience. Use the leg yield to the wall to a lengthening to improve his HQ engagement. You can do this at the walk, trot, and canter.



Vanessa – riding my horse's half-brother – 4 yo MR Darcy rode a lovely Intro C. Just keep him in a great spot for those transitions and find his balance before accuracy for now. Aiming for a transition on the short side like in Intro C or directly in a corner is great. Keeping your shoulders back and relaxed will also help him carry you better. Go for a little more power on and off to keep the high quality of gaits you have in that body of his.

Pam and Lu Lu, the great Clydesdale and TB cross – such a wonderful mare you have! She's so willing and I like how she concentrates on what you are asking at the same time taking care of you because she knows you just had a knee replacement! Relax and drop your shoulders back and then breathe and relax into the left lead canter departs. For the right lead, keep your leg on a bit more than you are used to as your leg recovers and she knows for sure that you want the canter. Your transitions really improved.

<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/Kudzu-Klinics>



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RALLY

by Carol Tresan



2023 SOUTH REGION EVENTING RALLY

Sophie, Caitlyn, Lydia and Devon represented Milton Pony Club and SWEPT the 2023 South Region Eventing Rally, winning both Horse Management and Overall! And they did it with a short team! They didn't have the 5th team member who acts as the Stable Manager, so they had to do that part themselves in addition to their house management and riding roles.



THEY CAME, THEY SAW, THEY NOT ONLY CONQUERED, THEY SLAYED!

More importantly than the ribbons, they were also recognized for going above and beyond, offering assistance to other teams, being excellent role models for younger pony clubbers, lifting each other up when they were presented with challenges (and boy were they!) and being the lovely ladies we know they are! And of course, they had a blast!



OUR STRATEGY - GRATITUDE

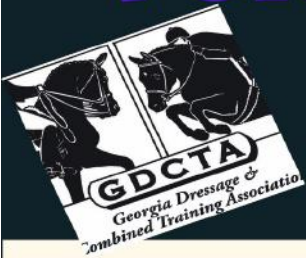
Thank you Poplar Place Farm, Sue Beth,



and the Midland Foxhounds Pony Club for hosting and all the hard work it takes to organize and put on this event!

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~Volunteer incentive program for GDCTA Volunteers~

(check the events calendar https://bit.ly/GDCTA_Events to find the events that will work for you!

Board members, paid positions and Chairs are not eligible.)

- 1) \$1000.00 to the member with the most hours volunteered at GDCTA events and participating shows*
- 2) \$750.00 to member with the 2nd highest number of hours*
- 3) \$500.00 to member with the 3rd highest number of hours*
- 4) \$250.00 raffle consisting of every volunteer with 24 hrs volunteering*

This program is running from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and will be awarded at the Awards Gala in January 2024.

Volunteer! Become a volunteer by registering through each event or by going to <https://www.gdcta.org/volunteer>.

GDCTA is a member-focused and member-run organization that depends on volunteers! We encourage you to become involved in any of the many activities we offer. Share the excitement from the inside!

UPCOMING SHOWS THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS

August 12-13:
GDCTA Summer Finals Schooling Show

September 2-3:
Labor Day Dressage Classic

Contact

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KUDZU KLINICS

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 is donating their time for the betterment of the sport and enjoyment of our riders.

KUDZU KLINIC



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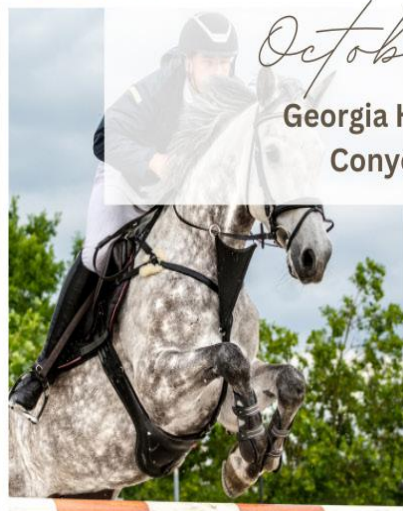
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GDCTA FALL HARVEST
SCHOOLING SHOW



October 7-8

Georgia Horse Park
Conyers, GA

The winner will receive a
Trophy & \$50 Gift Certificate to Atlanta Saddlery

ATLANTA SADDLERY BUSIEST TRAINER AWARD

This award will be presented to
the trainer who brings **the most**
students to this show.

To be entered, have your students list you
(the trainer) as their coach on their
entries.



GDCTA

Summer Finals Schooling Show

AUGUST 12-13

Open Show

Team Challenge

**Atlanta Saddlery
Busiest Trainer Award**

Wills Park
11915 Wills Rd
Alpharetta, GA

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TEAM CHALLENGE

Teams can be made of any number (minimum of 2) of riders doing any level. Percentage scores will be added together and averaged to determine a total team score used for placing. CT dressage scores will be converted to dressage percentages. Trophy to the winning team!

This is for all you families, instructors, and riders out there who would love to be on a team with friends and family or who want to get a Barn Team together.

To enter the Team Challenge, email Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net with the name of your team and the names of teammates. If you want to put a "scramble team" together on the show grounds, drop off the team names with the list of members at the office. The show office will take care of the rest!

DRESSAGE

inside the Sandbox



Join us for a rare opportunity to ride with or audit lessons from dressage icon Bent Jensen!

Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic

Date: July 22-23, 2023

Location:

Noble Steeds, LLC
3452 Arbor Hill Road
Canton GA 30115

Rider Fee:

GDCTA Members: \$575 (for both days)
Non-Members: \$625 (for both days)

Stabling is Available @ \$200 for the weekend.

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Bent's Career Highlights:

- Member of the 1992 Danish Olympic Team in Barcelona
- Won the World Cup qualifying finals on Ariston in Venice Florida, 1989
- Two-time National Danish Champion Rider of the Year in Dressage
- Alternate for the World Cup in Stockholm Sweden, 1990
- New England Dressage Association Grand Prix Champion
- Scored 80.62% in Grand Prix Freestyle with Ariston
- Champion 4th Level at Devon, 1993 and 2004
- Competed Successfully at internationally acclaimed shows in Europe such as Aachen, Goodwood and Paris
- First in the Grand Prix Kur at World Cup Qualifier in Raleigh CDI-W, 1994
- First in Grand Prix Kur in Orlando CDI-W, 1996
- First in Grand Prix Kur in WPB Classic CDI-W, 1996
- Dressage Exhibition at Equitana's Mane Event in Louisville Kentucky
- Seven-time Winner at \$25,000 Dressage Show Jumping Spectacular in Wellington Florida
- Countless FEI Wins at Major Shows on the Winter Equestrian Festival Circuit from 1990 to present

Auditors are welcome!



<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5315478>

Dr. Gerd Heuschmann Symposium May 11-14

Edited by June Brewer

“THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Dr. Gerd Heuschmann Symposium these past 4 days! What a great clinic with lectures and 25 rides from all types of equestrians. We had western dressage, ranch reining, eventing, hunt seat and dressage. Several horses were remedial and coming back from previous injuries or had been treated poorly in a former situation. They had trust issues that Gerd helped the rider to work through. All of us learned to give not take with our hands, to help the horse use its back and want to go forward into a light contact. Gerd will be back next May so mark your calendars. Thanks again!” said Evie Dinkins.



Another great day with Dr. Gerd Heuschmann! Lecture in the morning and riding in the afternoon.



Linda Light, “I really enjoyed the lectures. Excited that he will be coming back and maybe I’ll be able to ride next time!!!”



Holly Breaux, “Thank you, Evie, for hosting!! Your farm is beautiful, and it was a perfect setting. I’m so grateful as it was perfect timing for where I was with my horse.”

Soooo looking forward to next year! And bringing my thoroughbred too!"



Hannah Christian Post, "Thank you for hosting such a wonderful clinic! His teachings were a breath of fresh air, and the horses left the arena looking more relaxed, which I find to be rare. Really looking forward to next year."



Candee Wagenfohr Niss, "It was a pleasure to meet such a like-minded group of people. Evie's place has such a welcoming and wonderful vibe. I'm so grateful that Evie decided to host and look forward to seeing her again! Thank you!"

Cindy Adcock, "Thank you, Evie, for hosting! Thank all of your clients for being so gracious and sharing this wonderful facility. Cannot wait until next May!"

Laura King, "The lecture and rides were incredible! I hate that I have to miss tomorrow!"

Kelsey Whittle, "Sorry I missed it."

Jenny Fudge, "So cool, Evie Dinkins!!!"



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Labor Day
Dressage
Classic I & II

September 2-3, 2023
GEORGIA HORSE PARK CONYERS, GA

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New Award!

Vintage Adult (50+)
High Point Award

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There will be a High Point ribbon and an award at each show for one Adult Amateur rider 50 years or over and one Open rider 50 years or over as of the show date.

Materiale, Opportunity, MFS, and DSE classes not eligible.

The awards will be presented at:
May 13-14 Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I & II
September 2-3 Labor Day Classic I & II

Save the Date!

September 8 – 10, 2023

Dressage4kids Atlanta Youth Festival
Georgia International Horse Park
Conyers, GA

- Friday & Saturday: Clinic with Lendon Gray
- Sunday Competition: Read a book and take a test; Ride One Dressage Test; Ride an On-Level Group Equitation class. Each pinned individually and for an overall winner! Amazing awards and prizes.



- Clinic Participants need to apply at Dressage4kids.org
- Sunday Competition all levels welcome, including Walk-Trot!



UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION™

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force

Objective: To evaluate USDF'S current state regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, and make suggestions that could be implemented to improve its position.

ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS & VIDEOGRAPHERS:

USDF is happy to invite you to participate in our newest [YourDressage](#) feature, "New Faces to Dressage." Developed by the USDF Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Taskforce, this series is intended to highlight not only our local competitions, but also the new people competing, as well as the GMOs, entities, and venues that host the events.



In this series, photographers and videographers would compile photos/montages/videos/other digital assets taken at local dressage shows and digitally provide them to USDF. We also request that, whenever possible, USDF also be provided with names of individuals and horses, along with contact information. This will be used to reach out to subjects for supplemental editorial content and to share with local GMOs for outreach purposes. Participating photographers/videographers would receive full photo credit, naturally, and dependent upon the content provided may even receive a complimentary ad within the article/post. In addition to the national exposure, this series also serves to further establish a connection between you, the dressage community at large, and the national federation dedicated to the sport.



To participate, professional photographers/videographers should contact the USDF office at graphics@usdf.org. Once the appropriate documentation and releases are in place, you will be directed as to where to supply the assets, etc.

Thank you for your continued support of USDF, dressage in the US, and equestrian sport as a whole. We are one community and we look forward to continuing to highlight the many faces that make it up.



EVENTING

3 times the fun



Warming up before the dressage phase . . .

The BEST Warm-Up for your Dressage Horse

By Amelia Newcomb

Trot canter trot transitions are one of the BEST exercises for ALL Dressage horses whether they are young green horses or Grand Prix horses. Trot-canter-trot transitions accomplish the following things:

1. **Suppleness** - these transitions work to get the horse loose and supple in the top line and swinging in the back.
2. **Connection** - trot-canter-trot transitions test that the horse is correctly accepting the seat, leg, and hands.
3. **Relaxation** - these transitions help to get the horse relaxed and focused. They are a great way to test that the horse is listening to the driving aids and the half halts!!

Here are some tips to help you with your trot-canter trot transitions:

- Do them on a circle to start - the circle will help to keep the horse organized and engaged during the transitions.
- Pay attention to the frame - often horses will either want to come above the contact or drop behind the contact in the transition. Be sure that the frame stays the same, so the horse correctly uses the hind legs.
- Think about the hind legs during the transitions - riding a slight yielding away from the inside leg during the transitions will help the horse step forward and through with the inside hind leg, especially during the downward transition.
- Work towards seamless and smooth transitions with maintaining the same tempo
- Repetition is the key to perfecting these transitions so just keep practicing them!

Video: <https://youtu.be/pJx66hF-xzI>

Happy Riding!



“As a dressage trainer, my goal is to make good training accessible to everyone who is interested in learning. I want to help you learn to love your ride.”

-Amelia Newcomb

Amelia Newcomb is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist, and a member of the prestigious USEF Dressage Development Program. She has trained and competed close to 50 horses in almost 500 competitions and has trained several horses that she started as youngsters all the way up to the Grand Prix. Amelia hopes one day to compete internationally and to represent the United States at the Olympics.

Amelia Newcomb Dressage is based in Somis, California, where Amelia offers complete and correct dressage training from breaking the young horse through the FEI level.

USEA Interscholastic Eventing League



In August 2020, the USEA Board of Governors approved the creation of the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League (IEL) as an official program of the USEA. The mission of IEL is to bring together junior riders with a common interest and provide a supportive community through which students can continue to pursue their riding interests. This program will encourage team camaraderie and will give junior members a chance to compete in a team atmosphere. This program will also help provide a pathway for those riders who seek to be part of a collegiate eventing program as they graduate high school.

The goal of the IEL is to increase membership, education, and engagement in riders on a national level who are in 7th through 12th grade.

IEL Membership

Any individual who is currently in the 7th through 12th grade is eligible to become a member of IEL. Members of IEL should register with the USEA as a USEA Junior member. Membership must be renewed each year.

Junior riders may only affiliate themselves with one interscholastic team. Junior riders should make sure their name is on the official team roster that should be submitted to USEA Senior Director of Membership Jennifer Hardwick via email at Jennifer@useventing.com or via mail to the USEA office at 525 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg, VA 20176. There is no specific age group, but IEL members must be in grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. There is no restriction on the type of school an IEL member attends. They can attend public, private, online, and homeschool.

USEA Interscholastic Team Affiliate

The interscholastic team should register with the USEA as an [interscholastic team affiliate](#). The interscholastic team can be any group of junior riders who share a common bond - the same barns, the same school, same Pony Club, same area etc. Junior riders may only affiliate themselves with one interscholastic team per year. There is no limit on the size of an interscholastic team.

Each affiliate team should elect one team representative to be the point of contact for the USEA. This representative does not need to be a Junior member. The representative can be a coach, parent, owner, team captain, etc. The USEA requires that every team affiliate representative of this program is SafeSport certified. Also, anyone that is in contact with a minor under the name of the program should be SafeSport certified.

A \$75 team affiliate membership fee will be required with your completed [affiliate application form](#). Each affiliate must renew their affiliate membership every year with the USEA. All current IEL team members should also be listed on the official team roster.

ECP instructors may only be affiliated with one interscholastic team. But, IEL is not limited to just ECP instructors, **the USEA welcomes any coach, trainer, or instructor that has junior members to register a team.**

**Please send your [affiliate application form](#) and team rosters to USEA Senior Director or Membership Services Jennifer Hardwick at Jennifer@useventing.com.



IEL Championships

At this time, the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League is not offering a championship. However, a future goal of IEL is to have a USEA Interscholastic Eventing League Championships run alongside the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Team Championships.

IEL Team Challenges

The format of team challenges will follow a similar format as the USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Program. The interscholastic team challenges will run in conjunction with USEA recognized horse trials. Interscholastic team challenges will follow the USEA/USEF Rules for Eventing, therefore, IEL members are not allowed to share horses during a competition. However, they can share the horses while training at home.

A blank scoring template for IEL team challenges may be downloaded [here](#).

For event organizers who are interested in hosting an interscholastic team challenge, please email the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League staff liaison at KCollett@useventing.com

[Click here](#) to see the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League Guidelines.

***A special thanks to Kimberly Wallace of Coosa, Georgia, who originally contacted the USEA about her idea of team eventing for middle- and high-school riders. The USEA would also like to thank the USEA Membership Development Committee and the USEA Interscholastic Task Force, which helped foster the concept and prepare it for Board presentation and approval.*

For more information about the USEA Interscholastic Eventing League, please contact Kaleigh Collett at KCollett@useventing.com or (703) 669-9994.

GDCTA BUSINESS

a glimpse behind the curtain

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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

Recognition details:

<https://www.gdcta.org/organize-a-schooling-show>

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

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Parker Mallernee
Caroline McQueen

*The 2023 Board was seated at the
January 16th meeting*



Committees 2023

- 1) Nominating – 2 Non out going board members
- 2) Grievance – 2 VP's and only if there is a complaint.
- 3) Finance
 - a. Chair – Peter West
 - b. Sponsorship – Alexa Ryan-Oat
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 - b. Schooling or Grassroots – Open
 - c. Recognized – Liz Molloy, Janie Pride
 - d. Collegiate – Amanda Garner
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 - b. Yearbook – Penny Morse, June Brewer
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 - e. Social Media – June Brewer, Abigail Kroupa
 - f. Membership – Mary Lou Freil
- 9) Show
 - a. Chair – Julie Shannon
 - b. Recognized – Caren Caverly
 - c. Schooling – Caren Caverly
 - 1 Horse Show Recognition – Carol Tresan
 - d. Regionals
 1. Chair – Caren Caverly
 2. Vendors – Open
 3. Hospitality – Abigail Kroupa, Danielle Perry
 4. Awards Chair – Peri Lambros
 5. Grounds – Open
 - e. Volunteer Coordinator – Brooke Williams

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GDCTA Clinics & Symposiums

• Jun 12 Kudzu Klinik – Word of the Year!	Online	Danielle Perry	danielle.perry@siemens.com
• Jun 12-15 Eventing Summer Camp	Fairburn, GA	Joanne Morse	Joannemorse1@yahoo.com
• Jul 22-23 Bent Jensen Dressage	Canton, GA	Abi Kroupa	abigailkroupa@gmail.com
• Sep 8-10 D4K & ATL Youth Festival	Conyers, GA	Liz Molloy	missliz@taramiaridingschool.com

GDCTA USEF/USDF HORSE SHOWS

• Sep 2-3 Labor Day Dressage Classic I & II	Conyers, GA	Caren Caverly	ccaverly@comcast.net
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2023 Show / Award Season			
GDCTA	Poplar Place Farm	AYDC	The Farm at Five Points Show Series
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<p>Chattahoochee Hills Eventing at Bouckaert Farm</p> <p>9445 Browns Lake Road Fairburn, GA</p> <p>April 8 June 10 August 5 September 9</p> <p>info@chathillseventing.com 770-892-2117 chathillseventing.com</p>	<p>Big Cheese HT, CT & Dressage Show Series</p> <p>Ashland Farm 1541 Highway 138 Walnut Grove GA</p> <p>April 22 May 27 June 24 July 15 August 26 September 16</p> <p>Caroline Templeton bigcheeseeventing@gmail.com 706-207-6055 bigcheeseeventing.com</p>	<p>Oxer Farm</p> <p>6940 Kenimer Rd Clermont, GA</p> <p>April 29 May 13 June 10 July 8 August 5</p> <p>Sandra Carnet scarnet@carnetstudio.com 770-654-3934 OxerFarm.com</p>	<p>Foxberry Farm</p> <p>2340 School Rd Dallas, GA</p> <p>May 6 June 3 September 9</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Denise Etheridge denisefoxberry@gmail.com foxberry-farm.com</p>
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Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association

Regular meeting
April 17, 2023

President Caren Caverly called the membership meeting of the GDCTA to order on April 17, 2023 at 7:06 pm on Zoom.

Carol Tresan substituted as Recording Secretary and performed a roll call. A quorum of the board consisting of Caren Caverly, Abi Kroupa, Joanne Morse, Carol Tresan, Peter West, Liz Molloy, Katie Patton, Lindsey Burns, Lacey Halstead, and Danielle Perry were present. Guests were Jessica Robinette and Alexa Ryan-Oat. The minutes of the regular meeting from February 20, 2023, were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. Caren mentioned 2022 needed to be edited to 2023. Joanne motioned to approve minutes, and Danielle seconded, and the motion was passed by the board.

Treasurer's Report – (Peter): There was a slight loss for the month of March (\$1,200) from the Jeremy Steinberg clinic, but the GDCTA is doing well for the year.

VP Dressage Report – (Abigail): In talks with a couple of clinicians but having trouble getting them to commit to a date. She is in contact with JJ Tate to remind her we are interested and also in contact with Bent Jensen as well as Chantelle Noble who has 10-15 stalls for people who want to stable for the weekend.

VP Combined Training – (Joanne): The Sara Kozumplik clinic is coming in May, and there are still a couple of spots left to fill but Joanne is not worried about it. Sara is sending the insurance info. Joanne is working on camp. Ashley Johnson, the USEA Young Rider trainer wants to come and do a talk and get in front of the Young Riders and their parents. For Imprint sent an introductory product package.

Membership Report – (Mary Lou): Membership is up to 750 members already in April which is ahead of where we were in May last year. We picked up 42 members in the past 30 days!

Caren announced that we were then going off the agenda to let Jessica and Alexa give their reports on their grants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication** (Joanne): Joanne reported that June is working on the newsletter with Penny. June sent the yearbook out for us to proofread before it goes to print. Please everyone look at it for typos.

- **Show Committee** (Julie): Caren handled this report because Julie was absent. Caren reported that we got lucky with the weather on Saturday and Sunday, except for the very end, when hurricane winds demolished one of the new tents. We had 102 entries and went from 8am to 5pm on Saturday and until 4pm on Sunday. Jack Flowers designed the jump course, and everyone seemed to like it. They got to ride in the new arena. The second new ring has just been completed and might be ready in time for the August show. We used our new software in the horse show office. Caren and Mary Lou figured everything out and despite slow internet, everything worked well.

The May 13-14 GADS show is open and already has 20 entries.

Bad news is we did not get the 2024 Regionals, they are going to WEC in Ocala. Caren has lodged a complaint that WEC is not a non-profit organization, but they said the competitors wanted it. They said we couldn't have it 2 years in a row, but they are giving it to Ocala 2 years in a row. This is a major fundraiser for us, so we must watch our numbers since we won't have Regionals for at least 2 years.

We did buy a new trailer to keep some of the rings.

Next year in October, since we don't have Regionals, we must host a USDF recognized show in order to keep our date.

- **Finance** (Peter): Caren pretty much covered it all, and Peter doesn't have anything else to add. Caren mentioned that Alexa has done a great job with sponsors and competitors loved getting the fun prizes she arranged. Alexa is graduating and leaving, but has a friend, Ivy Cullen Dean, with great connections who is looking forward to taking her place.

- **Youth Program** (Joanne): Joanne did not have anything to add. Liz emailed everyone a Letterman Jacket budget. Caren said we couldn't lose \$2,400 and she had no reserve. Caren compared the cost of Joanne's Schooling Show jackets to Liz's Letterman Jacket program. Joanne made \$10 per jacket and Liz is losing \$2,200 according to her budget. It was brought up that many people didn't have jackets, yet. Liz said she's gotten most of the supply chain shortage handled and that should be behind us. Everyone should get their jacket at the Gala and suggested Liz order jackets as they are earned to have them ready in time. The budget

would have the \$2,400 removed and a reserve added. It suggested the shipping be moved to Revenue since people pay for their shipping and suggested that the members should pay the full cost of the jacket, not have GDCTA subsidize the jacket because it's an award. It is something people choose to apply for. Joanne made a motion to make the cost of the jacket what it costs us. Carol seconded. Passed. Caren questioned the embroidery and patch charges. Liz explained the incidentals. Caren asked Liz to email a budget with the new cost of \$140 per jacket.

Liz sent a new budget. Joanne pointed out that the cost of the jacket is \$140 plus either \$20 or \$15 for a patch, plus \$6 for their name embroidered. Suggested increasing the jacket cost to include the cost of the patch and embroidery. Also suggested that we should change the cost of the jacket to \$165 to the members for the base jacket without the achievements put on. Caren questioned if we could change the cost of the jacket that radically in one year. Joanne suggested Liz look for a sponsor to offset the difference between \$140 and \$165. Caren suggested Liz work with Ivy to work on that. Caren made a Motion to amend the motion to reflect the cost of the jacket to \$140 and a sponsor to offset the cost. Carol seconded. The board passed the amended motion.

- **Awards** (Janie): Janie mentioned that we only have 2 applications for training grants. Every year we extend it. She questioned whether we should extend it again. She also mentioned that some people were having trouble with Wild Apricot sending her the PDF form. Caren pulled up Wild Apricot and there are 10 people registered. Janie will start checking Wild Apricot instead of relying on an email.

- **Education** (Julie): Shannondale has been sold and it's closed so we can't host clinics there anymore. Julie has loaded up everything we use for clinics and put in the small trailer, including tables, chairs, and catering supplies and donated them to us. Chantelle Noble is interested in hosting clinics. She has a covered, nice space for auditing, and great stalls.

The Jeremy Steinberg for Adults clinic went well. We had to cancel the Junior clinic because Jeremy is not a member of USEF and is not Safe Sport approved. We are looking at some other possibilities including a trainer from California named David who rides with Gunther Siedel and is excellent with the juniors.

OLD BUSINESS

- Email Blasts – (Caren): Sara Kozumplik clinic, GADS show

NEW BUSINESS

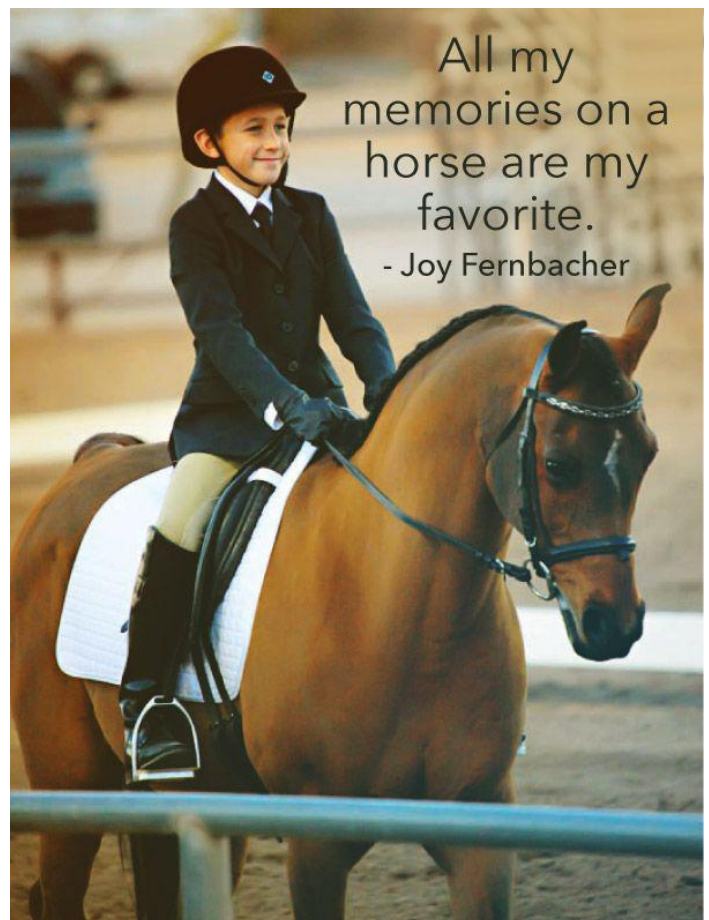
- New members welcoming assignments for 2023: Liz Malloy will do Jan and Katie will do Feb, March is Joanne, April is Carol, May is Lindsey, June is Caren, July is Abigail, August is Julie, Sept is Peter, Oct is Janie, November is Daniel, and December is Lacey.
- Our new volunteer coordinator is Brook Williams. Her email brooke.zausch@gmail.com and phone 916-834-3136 contact info will be on the website and she will be at the shows

At 8:08 PM. Joanna motioned to adjourn, Lacey seconded. The board voted to adjourn the meeting.

Next Meeting:

June 19th at 7:00 PM Sharp

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