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GDCTA END OF SUMMER FINALS SCHOOLING SHOW



August 31-September 1, 2024

Georgia Horse Park
Conyers, GA

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LSI AA Medal Finals
Dressage Seat Equitation Finals

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The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential—these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence.

— ” —



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DID YOU KNOW?

GDCTA Schooling Shows include the

Team Challenge and The Busiest Trainer Awards?



OUTSIDE THE SANDBOX

Dear Members:

Greetings! May is an exciting month of fresh starts in nature and in life itself, isn't it? May is also a month of rebirth and a fantastic month to make changes, goals, and plans. Get outdoors and take advantage of the gorgeous weather – ride, ride, ride! But remember to put our events on your calendar.

We are still looking for committee members to help with the 50th Anniversary event at the Dog Days of Summer Dressage at Wills Park August 10-11. Let me know if you'd like to participate.

Check the website calendar <https://gdcta.org/events> for all the details for each event.

- May 18-19: Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic <https://gdcta.org/event-5627399>
 - Rider slots full – AUDITORS WELCOME
- May 25: Kudzu Klinik Dressage with Taylor Laney <https://gdcta.org/event-5646580>
- June 1: GDCTA Training Grant Applications Due <https://gdcta.org/event-5591092>
- June 10-13: GDCTA & Area 3 Young Rider Eventing Summer Clinic <https://gdcta.org/event-5322912>
 - Rider slots full – AUDITORS WELCOME
- June 22-23: Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic <https://gdcta.org/event-5627448>
 - Apply by May 15, 2024 for the Rider Spot Drawing
- Aug 10-11: Dog Days of Summer Dressage / 50th Anniversary Celebration <https://gdcta.org/event-5425351>
- Aug 10-11: USDF L Program Part 2 (final exam)
- Aug 31-Sept 1: End of Summer Finals Schooling Show <https://gdcta.org/event-5425336>
- Sept 6-8: D4K TEAM clinic & ATL Youth Festival <https://gdcta.org/event-5653027>
- Oct 5-6: Atlanta National Fall Dressage <https://gdcta.org/event-5425341>

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

There are many GDCTA-recognized schooling shows and we've given them their own calendar (it's a drop down from the main calendar) here: <https://gdcta.org/schooling-shows>

If your goals include the GDCTA year-end Awards, be sure you meet the qualifications. Find the rules here: <https://gdcta.org/Awards>

You may have noticed that the website URL is now fully GDCTA.org. If you have saved a link with gdcta.wildparicot.org, it should still work but if not go to GDCTA.org to get the new link.

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

Caren

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OUTSIDE THE SANDBOX



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 happy place, please contact Caren Caverly (ccaverly@comcast.net).

*Also seeking a Sponsorship Coordinator. Ask Caren for details!
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Applying for GDCTA Training Grants: A Path to Riding Excellence

The Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association (GDCTA) is committed to supporting its member-riders in their pursuit of excellence. One valuable resource for achieving this goal is the **GDCTA Training Grant** program. In this article, we'll explore the details of these grants, eligibility requirements, and how you can apply.

What Are GDCTA Training Grants?

The GDCTA Training Grants provide financial support to GDCTA members who are dedicated to improving their riding skills. Each year, four grants of \$800 are awarded to members for concentrated work with a trainer of their choice. The grants are intended to enhance the recipient's training experience and provide access to educational opportunities that might not be readily available in their daily riding routine.

Eligibility and Requirements

To be eligible for a GDCTA Training Grant, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Membership:** Applicants must be GDCTA members in good standing.
- **Citizenship:** Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents holding a Green Card.
- **Active Riding Program:** Applicants should be involved in a regular riding program with active instruction over the last three years.

Application Process

- **Register Online:** First, register online to express your intent to apply for the grant by June 1st.
- **Complete the Application Form:** Fill out the GDCTA Grant Application form (you find it on the website page <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5591092>), which includes presenting a training plan outlining the areas you wish to improve with your chosen trainer.

- **Submit Your Application:** Email the completed form, along with appropriate references and details, to Janie Pride at janiepride@yahoo.com.

How the Grants Work

- Once awarded, the grant provides \$800 to the recipient.
- The recipient receives an initial \$600 after confirming the training details and one month before the training begins.
- The remaining \$200 is sent to the recipient upon receipt of their training experience article by the GDCTA newsletter editors.
- Grant recipients are required to:
 - Write an article for the GDCTA newsletter, *Collected Remarks*, sharing their training experience.
 - Give a verbal report at a GDCTA board meeting after completing their training.
 - Volunteer for at least 8 hours (or the equivalent of one day) at a GDCTA function within a year of receiving the grant.

Categories

GDCTA Training Grants are awarded in the following categories:

- Adult Amateur – Dressage
- Professional
- Combined Training
- Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR)

Conclusion

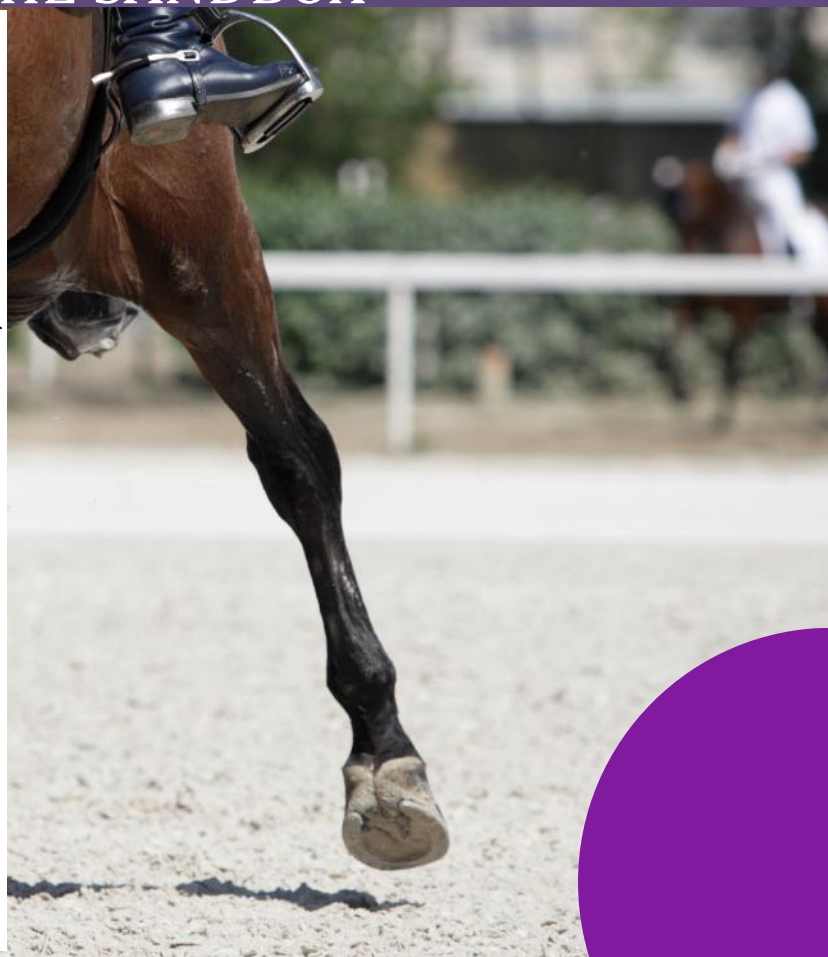
The GDCTA Training Grants offer a unique opportunity for members to enhance their riding skills and broaden their horizons. By applying for these grants, riders can invest in their own growth while contributing to the GDCTA community. So, if you're passionate about dressage or combined training, don't miss the chance to apply for these valuable grants!

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For more information, please contact Janie Pride, the Grant Program Committee Chair, at janiepride@yahoo.com.

Remember, the GDCTA Training Grants are not only about financial support for our members; they represent a commitment by GDCTA to personal growth and community engagement. Apply today and take your riding to the next level! 🐾🌟

Grant applications
are due by
June 1st.



GRANT ← OPPORTUNITY

THE GDCTA GRANT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FUNDING SUPPORT FOR GDCTA MEMBER-RIDERS WHO ARE WORKING TO SHARPEN THEIR RIDING SKILLS. FOUR GRANTS OF \$800 EACH WILL BE OFFERED TO GDCTA MEMBERS FOR CONCENTRATED WORK WITH A TRAINER OF THEIR CHOICE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RECEIVING THE GRANT AWARD.

Janie Pride

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<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/Programs>

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.



Kudzu Klinik - Dressage with Taylor Laney

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JOIN US FOR!

BENT JENSEN DRESSAGE CLINIC

May 18-19, 2024

at

Noble Steeds, LLC
3452 Arbor Hill Road
Canton, GA 30115

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Join us for a rare opportunity to learn from dressage icon Bent Jensen!

Auditors welcome! \$50 per day (includes lunch) or \$80 for the weekend (includes lunch)

SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18th:

7:45 AM - 8:30 AM: Sammi Hudock
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM: Mary McGuire-Smith
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM: Pam Sheaf
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM: Abigail Kroupa
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM: McKenna Sykora

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch Break

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM: Alisha Hamidian
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM: Hannah Rickles
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM: Sandra Bussey-Turner
2:45 PM - 3:30 PM: Sarah Light
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM: Linda Light

Sunday, May 19th:

7:45 AM - 8:30 AM: Mary McGuire-Smith
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM: Sandra Bussey-Turner
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM: McKenna Sykora
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM: Pam Sheaf
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM: Alisha Hamidian

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM: Lunch Break

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Attending a Dressage Clinic with Shelly Francis

Dressage enthusiasts, both riders and auditors, eagerly anticipate the opportunity to learn from top trainers.

One such opportunity is the **Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic hosted by GDCTA June 22-23, 2024**, where riders can immerse themselves in the art of dressage under the guidance of an accomplished international competitor and trainer.

The Venue

The GDCTA clinic with Shelly will be at the beautiful Shannondale Farm in Milton, Georgia. The indoor arena ensures that rain or shine, participants can focus on their riding without weather-related distractions. The facility provides an ideal setting for riders to refine their skills and deepen their understanding of dressage.

Meet Shelly Francis

Shelly Francis stands out as one of the elite high-performance trainers in the United States. Her impressive career includes representing the U.S. as an alternate at two Olympic Games and making the U.S. teams for two World Equestrian Games, two World Cups, and numerous Nation Cups. What sets Shelly apart is not only her competitive success but also her ability to impart knowledge to riders of all levels.

The Clinic Experience

Rider Sessions

Riders have the opportunity to work directly with Shelly during individual lessons. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes fairness, clarity, and effectiveness. Whether you're a green rider or an international Grand Prix competitor, Shelly tailors her instruction to help you create a harmonious relationship with your horse. The fee for riding for two lessons is \$650. There will be a random drawing of interested riders to choose the riders for this event.

Auditing

Auditors are welcome to observe the clinic and learn from Shelly's expertise. For \$50 per day or \$80 for both

days, auditors gain valuable insights into training techniques, rider-horse communication, and the finer points of dressage. Auditing provides a unique chance to witness Shelly's teaching methods and see how she helps riders achieve their best performance.

Booking and Payment

To secure a spot, riders must submit their lesson fee by **June 1st online via the event page <https://gdcta.org/event-5627448>**. Refunds are provided only if a rider from the waitlist can take the spot.

Conclusion

Attending a dressage clinic with Shelly Francis promises an enriching experience for riders and auditors alike. Whether you're fine-tuning your half-pass or just beginning your dressage journey, Shelly's expertise will leave a lasting impact on your riding. Mark your calendar for the June 22-23 Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic and prepare to elevate your dressage skills.

Dressage clinics like this offer a chance to learn, grow, and connect with fellow equestrians. Whether you're in the saddle or in the audience, the insights gained from Shelly Francis will stay with you long after the clinic ends. Happy riding! 🐾🌟



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Congratulations to our Special Award Winners at the Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I & II

Lisa Seger Insurance High Point Awards Awarded on Saturday, GADS I

Training Level	JR/YR	Natalie Saffel - Joshua S	69.615
Training Level	AA	Pamela Berkosky - The Safari Party	70.690
Training Level	Open	Paige Vaden - Bangkok G	63.400
First Level	JR/YR	Brooklynn Young - Mio Bello Ragazzo	63.472
First Level	AA	Lisa Toli - H. Sandbreaker	65.741
First Level	Open	Paige Vaden - Bangkok G	61.389
Second Level	JR/YR	Alice Burley - S Classic Conversion	68.571
Second Level	AA	Chantelle Noble - Diez II	67.857
Second Level	Open	Kelsie Brooks - Careful	54.286
Third Level	JR/YR	Sitara Trauger - Hiccup	55.811
Third Level	AA	Deb Groenbaugh - Starry Night	59.730
Third Level	Open	Charlotte Osbourne - Nibuladra	73.000
FEI	Open	Charlotte Osbourne - Escada RB	69.412



T.I.P. (Thoroughbred Incentive Program) - High Point Overall - GADS II
Christine Des Roches - Power Emblem 69.483

Vintage Adult High Point Award (50+) sponsored by The Harbin Agency - GADS I AA
Chantelle Noble - Diez II 67.857



Vintage Adult High Point Award (50+) sponsored by The Harbin Agency - GADS II AA
Darcy Sun - Blueridge Starbound 63.143

National Dressage Pony Cup GADS I High Point Alyssa Stewart - JKS Hancock Blue Key 68.077
National Dressage Pony Cup GADS I Reserve Reese Emert - RS Lord of the Dance 67.115
National Dressage Pony Cup GADS II High Point Reese Emert - RS Lord of the Dance 70.192
National Dressage Pony Cup GADS II Reserve Alyssa Stewart - JKS Hancock Blue Key 68.654



DRESSAGE

US Equestrian Names Combinations for 2024 U.S. Dressage European Young Rider and U25 Tours

by US Equestrian Communications Department | Apr 18, 2024, 4:44 PM

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is pleased to announce the athlete-and-horse combinations that have been selected to the U.S. Dressage European Young Rider Tour and U.S. Dressage European U25 Tour. The athletes will be led by George Williams, the USEF Dressage High Performance Pathway Development Advisor and Youth Coach.

The following athlete-and-horse combinations have been selected for the U.S. Dressage European Young Rider Tour and are listed in alphabetical order:



- **Alicia Berger** (Chicago, Ill.) and **Aqua Marin**, a 2011 Oldenburg (Ampere x Stedinger Heide) gelding owned by Alicia Berger and Marianne Berger
- **Kat Fuqua** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Dreamgirl**, her own 2008 Dutch Warmblood (Spielberg x U-Vira) mare
- **Nash Gagnon** (Gorham, Maine) and **Happy Texas Moonlight**, his own 2007 Oldenburg (Happy Diamond x Texane) gelding

The combinations on the U.S. Dressage European Young Rider Tour will compete at the Le Mans CDIOY from May 30 – June 2 in Le Mans, France, and the Hagen CDIOY from June 11-16 in Hagen, Germany.

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The following athlete-and-horse combinations have been selected for the U.S. Dressage European U25 Tour and are listed in alphabetical order:



- **Siena Harris-Gissler** (New York, N.Y.) and **Status Royal OLD**, her own 2010 Oldenburg (Statesman x Facette Royal) gelding
- **Erin Nichols** (Wellington, Fla.) and **Elian Royale**, a 2009 Dutch Warmblood (Johnson x Zafradine) gelding owned by Premiere Sport Horses

The combinations on the U.S. Dressage European U25 Tour will compete at the Le Mans CDI/U25 from May 30 – June 2 in Le Mans, France.

Follow US Equestrian

Stay up to date on U.S. Dressage Teams by following USA Dressage on Facebook and Instagram and US Equestrian on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter. Use #USADressage.

The USEF International High Performance Programs and the USEF High Performance Pathway Programs are generously supported by the USET Foundation, the philanthropic partner to USEF. High Performance Program support is also provided by the USOPC and USEF sponsors.

Dog Days of Summer Dressage

August 10–11, 2024 @ Wills Park 11915 Wills Rd, Alpharetta, GA 30009

This new show for GDCTA is a USEF/USDF dressage show at Wills Park and this year it's 50th Anniversary of GDCTA being a Group Member Organization (GMO) of USDF celebration.

So, we are looking for volunteers to be part of the committee and to work during this show (and the others, too, of course!), specifically we could use a **Hospitality Host** to help during this show.

Volunteer at a Dressage Show: Be Part of the Equestrian Community!

Are you passionate about horses and want to contribute to the exciting world of horse shows? Look no further! Volunteering at a horse show is a rewarding experience that allows you to be part of the action while supporting the equestrian community. Join us in making horse shows memorable and enjoyable for all.

Ready to saddle up and volunteer?  Contact Caren Caverly to get set up.

For sponsorship and vendors

Anyone interested in participating in the celebration as a sponsor or vendor, please contact Julie Shannon julie@shannondale.com.

For entry, volunteers, and advertisers

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770-713-4025

Enter online: horseshowoffice.com
Details: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5425351>



50th Anniversary Celebration

Dog Days of Summer Dressage

August 10-11, 2024

Wills Park Eq Center
11915 Wills Rd
Alpharetta GA

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GDCTA AND AREA 3 YOUNG RIDER EVENTING CAMP

Our Clinicians

Hannah Sue Burnett. Sara Kozumplik
Michael Pollard Lynn Symansky
Waylon Roberts Ashley Johnson
Sharon White

June 10 - 13, 2024
Bouckaert Farm
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GDCTA/Area 3 YR Members: \$815
Non-members: \$865
Starter thru Intermediate

Includes: Stabling, Facility Fees, Camp Shirt
Breakfast and Lunch Tues - Thurs
Wednesday Q&A Session Snacks

Auditing Available
One day auditing \$50
Three days \$125
Lunch included

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday - Move in day with facility hack, Pizza Party

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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Partner with the USEA to Secure a Vendor Space at the 2024 American Eventing Championships

By Kaleigh Collett - USEA Staff | Press Release



USEA/Lindsay Berreth photo

The 20th anniversary of the USEA American Eventing Championships (AEC) presented by Nutrena Feeds is quickly approaching and it is going to be a can't-miss opportunity for businesses to get their products in front of a large, diverse group of eventing enthusiasts. The 2024 event will again be hosted at the iconic Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, which still stands as the host of the largest eventing competition in North American history with nearly 1,000 horse and riders competing in the 2021 AEC. If your business is ready to partner with the USEA on this epic event, keep reading for all the details and contact the USEA to reserve your spot today.

Sponsors of the AEC get the unique opportunity of being the only businesses allowed on-site as vendors during the event. The AEC Sponsor Village is a curated collection of vendors located directly outside of stabling that provides unparalleled access to competitors, grooms, coaches, and their supporters throughout the weekend. For Bronze Level sponsors and above, one 10'x10' vendor space is included at gratis with your partnership, which is equivalent to a \$500 value. For Contributing sponsors and below, companies can purchase one of the following space options:

- 10'x10' Tent - \$500
- 10'x20' Tent - \$775
- 20'x20' Tent - \$900
- 20'x40' Tent - \$1,600
- Small Mobile Trailer (<50' length) - \$1,000
- Large Mobile Trailer (>50' length) - \$1,500

Additional storage space or trailer parking next to the vendor space can be added to any purchase for an additional \$500. By securing a space in the AEC Sponsor Village, companies will increase their visibility to an affluent, well-educated audience of USEA members. Companies such as Adequan, Bates Saddles, SmartPak, Standlee, Kerrits, Shires Equestrian and more have already signed on to support the 2024 AEC. Don't miss your opportunity to be at the event!

Partnership opportunities for the 2024 USEA AEC, and the USEA Adult Team Championships at the AEC, can be found on useventing.com. Partnership opportunities start at the Prize Level, which includes a \$500 investment and donation of 26 prizes for all the divisions offered at the AEC. Levels of commitment increase through Title Sponsorship, which interested companies should inquire within for more information. All partners of the AEC will receive visibility on-site and online during the event to capitalize on viewership from those in attendance and fans following along digitally.

For more information and to start discussing a partnership today, please contact Kate Lokey via email at klokey@useventing.com or by phone at (703) 779-9897. The USEA looks forward to welcoming you to the 2024 USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds in Lexington, Kentucky, on Aug. 27—Sept. 1.

About the USEA American Eventing Championships (AEC)

The USEA American Eventing Championships (AEC) presented by Nutrena Feeds is the pinnacle of the sport at the national levels. Held annually, the best junior, adult amateur, and professional competitors gather to vie for national championship titles at every level from Starter to Advanced. This ultimate test of horse and rider draws hundreds of combinations from around the country to compete for fabulous prizes, a piece of the substantial prize money, and the chance to be named the National Champion at their respective levels. In fact, the 2021 AEC garnered over 1,000 entries and now stands as the largest eventing competition in North American history. The 2024 USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds will be held Aug. 27—Sept. 1 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. [Click here to learn more about the USEA American Eventing Championships.](#)

The USEA would like to thank **Presenting Sponsor:** Nutrena Feeds; **Advanced Final Title Sponsor:** Adequan; **Platinum Level Sponsor:** Bates Saddles; **Gold Level Sponsors:** Capital Square, Horse & Country, Parker Equine Insurance, Smartpak, Standlee; **Silver Level Sponsors:** Auburn Labs, The Jockey Club, Kerrits; and more!

About the \$60,000 Adequan USEA Advanced Final

The \$60,000 Adequan® USEA Advanced Final will take place at the 2024 USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky, Aug. 27—Sept. 1, 2024. Thanks to Adequan's amazing support, the Adequan® USEA Advanced Final will bring together the country's top riders to vie for \$60,000 in prize money and the title of Adequan® Champion. To qualify for the \$60,000 Adequan® USEA Advanced Final at the AEC in 2024, competitors will need to complete a minimum of two events without cross-country jump penalties at any USEA recognized Advanced horse trials, CCI4*-S, CCI4*-L, CCI5*-L, World Championships or Olympic Games.

About the USEA Adult Team Championships

The USEA Adult Team Championships, which debuted in 2014, is the capstone event for the USEA Area Adult Team Challenges, providing adults the chance to compete as a team and represent their Area of the country in a friendly and fun environment. Historically, adult riders had three regional Team Challenges in which to

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compete with fellow adults in a team environment, with the locations changing each year. In 2013, the USEA Adult Rider Coordinators voted to move to support Adult Team Challenges taking place in all 10 Areas across the country, with the finale being the ATC at the USEA American Eventing Championships presented by Nutrena Feeds. Each Area can send up to eight teams from Beginner Novice through Preliminary level to the ATC. Adult Riders know how to have a good time, and there is no doubt that they bring an increased level of excitement and camaraderie to the AEC! Click here to learn more about the Adult Team Championships.

The USEA would like to thank The Chronicle of the Horse, Equilab, Kerrits, Nutrena Feeds, Shires Equestrian Products, and SmartPak for sponsoring the USEA Adult Team Championships.



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Liz Molloy
Janie Pride
Danielle Perry
Julie Shannon

YOUTH MEMBERS

TBA

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



Committees 2024

- 1) Nominating – 2 Non outgoing board members.
- 2) Grievance – 2 VP's and only if there is a complaint.
- 3) Finance
 - a. Chair – Peter West
 - b. Sponsorship – Caren Caverly
- 4) Awards -
 - a. Grants –Janie Pride
- 5) Award Banquet -
 - a. Chair – Caren Caverly
 - b. Silent Auction – Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa & Lacey Halstead
 - c. Barn Raffle – Julie Shannon & Katie Patton
- 6) Education –
 - a. Chair – Julie Shannon
 - b. Clinics – Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa
 - c. Kudzu – Danielle Perry & Lacey Halstead
 - d. L Program – Marian Bickers
- 7) Youth -
 - a. Chair – Joanne Morse, Abigail Kroupa
 - b. Schooling or Grassroots – **Open**
 - c. Recognized – Liz Molloy, Janie Pride
 - d. Collegiate – Amanda Garner
- 8) Communication -
 - a. Chair – Joanne Morse
 - b. Yearbook – Penny Morse, June Brewer
 - c. Newsletter – Penny Morse, June Brewer
 - d. Website – June Brewer
 - 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. Volunteer Coordinator – **Open**
 - e. 50th Anniversary - **Open**

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Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association

Regular Meeting
February 17, 2024

President Caren Caverly called the membership meeting of the GDCTA to order on February 17, 2024, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

VP of Combined Training, Joanne Morse, performed a roll call. A quorum of the board consisting of Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse, Peter West, Lindsey Burns, Lacey Halstead, Julie Shannon, Daniel Perry, Liz Malloy, and Carol Tresan were present. The minutes of the regular meeting January 15, 2024, were emailed to board members prior to meeting. Crockett Miller joined as a guest to discuss her grant she received. Danielle made a motion to accept the December minutes. Lacey seconded. Minutes approved. Lacey made a motion to accept the January minutes. Danielle seconded. Minutes approved. Joanne motioned to approve minutes, and Liz seconded, and the minutes were passed by the board.

Crockett Miller came on to tell us what she did with her GDCTA grant money. She learned a great amount at the farm she was able to spend the summer at thanks to the financial aid of this grant!

Treasurer's Report – (Peter): January had an overall loss for the month but was not bad for a January considering we host the Gala. Gala had a loss that was less than expected. We have not attained the ability to refund credit cards.

VP Dressage Report – (Abigail): Not in attendance but emailed in budgets for approval. Budgets were discussed. Liz made a motion to approve budgets. Danielle seconded. Budgets approved.

VP Combined Training – (Joanne): Date for the Sara Kozumplik clinic confirmed, and details are almost sorted. Eventing Camp is full with a waitlist. We have participants attending that want to film during the camp. It has appealing sounding parts but also sounds like a huge amount of work and opens us up to potential liability. Carol made a motion to deny the filming at camp. Lindsey seconded. Filming at camp denied.

Membership Report – (Mary Lou): Mary Lou emailed in a membership report. Number wise we are in great shape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication** (Joanne): Working on the March newsletter. Yearbook is in the works. The two websites have been merged together.
- **Show Committee** (Julie): Julie and Caren have worked together to do a cost analysis to compare other shows with our shows. GDCTA has the lowest entry fees across the board when compared. Will be adding in a Perfect Packet refund to GDCTA show entries in an attempt to draw numbers. April schooling show is open online and accepting entries. All of the judges have been secured. Still needing a show jump judge. April 13-14 at Wills Park. Meeting with Morgan that runs the park on Friday.
- **Finance** (Peter): Nothing to report
- **Youth Program** (Joanne): Region 3 outreach clinic coming up that is filled mostly by GDCTA riders.
- **Awards** (Janie): Nothing to report
- **Education** (Julie): USEF/USDF does not give back to the community with the clinics that happen in our area. Organizers should push for the local community to be supported.
- **Gala** (Caren): Gala final numbers were emailed. We lost \$4,000 according to the budget. The Volunteer of the Year money paid is included in that which was discussed to not be a Gala expense. With that removed from the Gala budget then we show a \$1,500 loss - a huge improvement over last year. Discussed ways to improve the Gala for next year.

Caren made a motion to purchase two carts to help with packing up at Gala in the future. Danielle seconded. Motion passed.

Caren made a motion that we increase the ticket price to \$85. Carol seconded. Motion passed.

Budget for 2024-Awards year Gala submitted to the board. Danielle made a motion to accept. Carol seconded. Motion accepted.

- **Nominating**: Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Email Blasts** – (Caren): Schooling show, Grants are open, Membership

NEW BUSINESS

Lacey to contact New members in March.

Liz motioned to adjourn. Danielle seconded and the board voted to accept the motion.

Next meeting is the budget meeting on May 20, 2024, on Zoom at 7 PM.

GDCTA Calendar

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Recognition details:

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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
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March

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April

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May

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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