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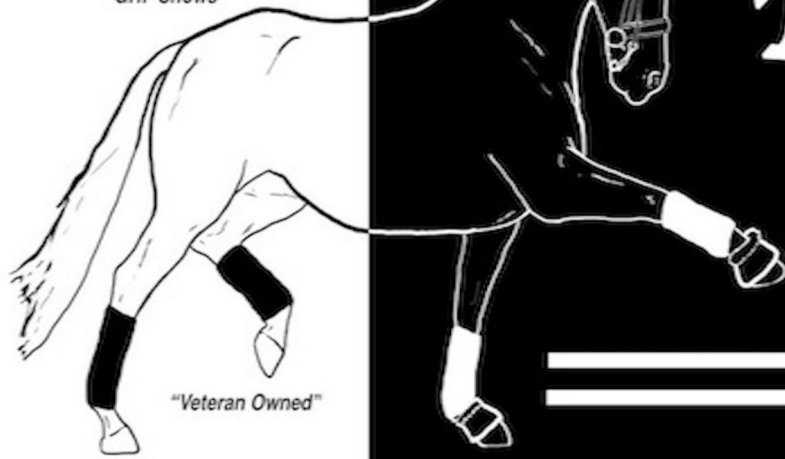
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Outside the Sandbox

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Dear Members:

The new year is off to an exciting start, but I can hardly believe it's already February! January flew by and February is doing the same. Between the Gala and a new year of events to schedule, plan and execute, we have been very busy.

With no further ado, here's what is on the schedule so far (more will be announced after the budgets have been approved and dates have been confirmed):

Programs:

- Jan 1 – Dec 31 Liz Faso Memorial volunteer of the Year *sponsored by Wilsun Custom Horse Products*: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115868>
- Mar 31 GDCTA Business Directory deadline: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5097054>
- May 15 GDCTA Yearbook Ad Deadline: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-4897484>

Grants:

- Apr 1 Camp Grant submission deadline – 3 grants available: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5125722>
- Apr 1 Kroupa Team Real Estate Education & Show Grant submission deadline – 1 grant available: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115873>
- Jun 1 GDCTA Training Grant submission deadline – 4 grants available: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115864>

Clinics/Camps:

- Feb 6 Kudzu Clinic - Online - Your Word of the Year!: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5131175>
- Feb 19 Kudzu Clinic - Dressage Ride A Test and Scribe Clinic: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5136261>
- Mar 25-26 Jeremy Steinberg (Adults): <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5153309>
- Jun 12 – 15 Eventing Summer Camp: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5125722>

Schooling Shows*:

- Apr 15-16: GDCTA Spring Fling SS: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115880>
- 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*:

- May 13-14: GADS: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115910>
- Sep 2-3: Labor Day Dressage Classic I&II: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115927>

**Again in 2023, scores earned at GDCTA-hosted shows count twice toward GDCTA year-end awards!*

Expect additional clinics, a new Volunteer Coordinator, and more! Watch the website and social media for announcements.

Thank you so much for being a part of our community of riders. None of this would be possible without you!

The logo for Caren, featuring the name in a stylized, cursive blue font.

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GDCTA is Recruiting a Volunteer Coordinator

The driving force behind horse shows is the many amazing volunteers! GDCTA's Liz Faso Memorial Volunteer of the Year Program *sponsored by Wilsun Custom Horse Products* exists to increase the ease of participation, provide incentives, and recognize the tireless efforts of volunteers.

We are looking for an enthusiastic Volunteer Coordinator to help develop and maintain relationships with our volunteers. You will be an integral part of GDCTA events, particularly horse shows, by recruiting, managing, and retaining the necessary volunteer base, tracking, and achieving higher volunteer engagement.

- You will ensure GDCTA has the required volunteer base to run all their events. To meet that goal, the Volunteer Coordinator must perform a variety of duties involving recruitment, limited training, and retention.
- You will attend the events to manage the volunteers you have recruited (or have an assistant who can be there instead).
- You will record all volunteer hours for the Liz Faso Memorial Volunteer of the Year Program *sponsored by Wilsun Custom Horse Products*.
- You will assist in developing and implement new volunteer roles and programs.

The Volunteer Coordinator works closely with volunteers to come up with a schedule that

works for everyone. The Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the right number of volunteers is available for each event. You will also be responsible for corresponding with and scheduling volunteer groups from local businesses and organizations, should there be any.

This position involves a great deal of contact with our members; therefore, our Volunteer Coordinator must have excellent interpersonal communication skills. The Volunteer Coordinator may use social media, post volunteer opportunities online and/or call members who have expressed interest in volunteering. GDCTA has a list of potential volunteers so you will have a good place to start.

If you thrive on interacting with people, have excellent communication skills, are organized, and have a passion for creating meaningful relationships, we want to meet you. This is a paid position, and at some events GDCTA will provide accommodations.

Contact Caren Caverly at ccaverly@comcast.net / 770-713-4025 or submit your interest via the website at <https://www.gdcta.org/volunteer>

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A Year in Review



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GDCTA Yearbook Project



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2023 has officially STARTED!!!

Yes, the winter holidays are over, the decorations are back in the attic, and we are ready for 2023!! The days are getting longer, although the weather has been on the crazy side. Obviously, the weather Gods are still recovering from the winter blues, or they are just unable to decide what they need to be doing. A little less rain, well a lot less rain would probably be better, and some kind of constant temperature would be appreciated. With all that going on, we did have a fabulous Schooling Show to start off the New year! There were some doubts leading up to the day, but even though it was on the chilly side and the footing was about as wet as it could be, it was full steam ahead and there were so many happy faces. So, what does this mean for the rest of the season? Prices have gone up in some areas, as I am sure you are all aware. We saw quite a few hunter jumper riders coming over to eventing. Now whether this was a case of seeing what everyone loves about eventing or a change in discipline for some, I have no idea, but it did spark some conversations! Seeing the little ones starting out in the lead line class is always a delight to see, and of course one day they could be the faces we see running around the Kentucky 3 Day!



All in all, riders were glad to be back competing. My question for 2023, would be will the recognized entries go down and the schooling show entries go up because people are having to budget more than ever. I personally see a trend in that direction, especially with the lower levels. With that being said, I would certainly encourage the non-recognized riders to come and volunteer, as there are new rules to learn and there is no better way to find out what rules apply to you! Bit checking is back, and it is going to be more challenging than before. Riders are going to have to know what they put in their horse's mouth and be sure it is legal.



2023, we are ready for you!

**We are looking forward to all the shows,
both recognized and schooling!!**



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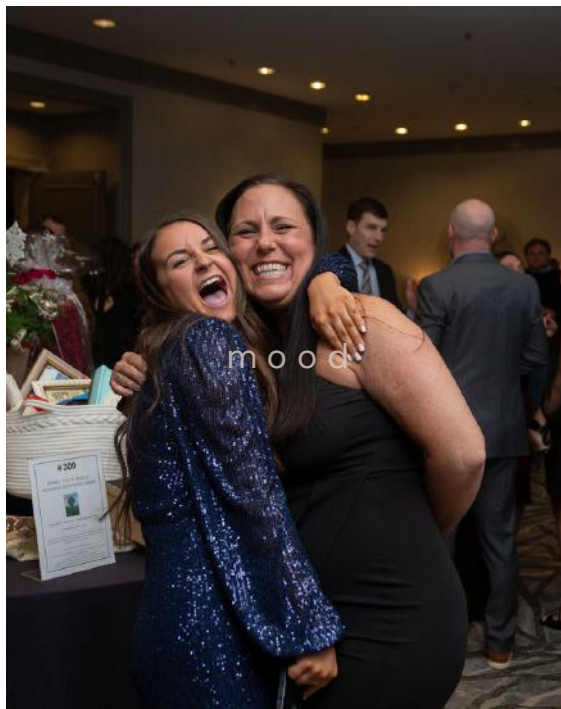
- For Dressage or Combined Training Adult Amateurs
- Must be an active GDCTA member
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- Grant money to go toward 2023 horse shows, education, clinics, instruction, or training
- TO APPLY - Send a 1-page essay about the rider, their horse, and their goals must be sent to Todd & Abigail Kroupa Abigailkroupa@gmail.com (561) 284-3228.
- Application essays will be accepted from February 1 to April 1, 2023. Winners to be announced on April 15th

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"We should arrive at a point where the riders' legs serve only to give the necessary impulsion to the exercise in progress, and intervene solely again when the rider wishes to go on to a new exercise."

- Oliveira, Portuguese School





Awards Gala



Thank you GDCTA for such nice awards. Dahlia won I-2 AA. What a good girl!!
-Lyn Davis



BIG congratulations to my student Allison Watry who earned 2022 Reserve Champion with Sandy in the SN Amoeba Division! Way to go young lady!
-Anthem Day

Thank you Ellen Booser Watry for the picture.



Kelli Jackson & Marion Bickers

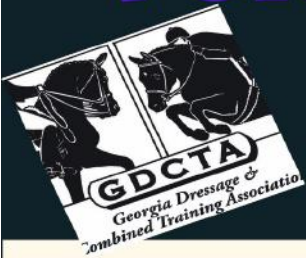


Congratulations to Kayce Redmond on winning Open 3rd and 4th levels on Charlene Springman's Idance!
-Joni Zeccola

The link to buy photos:
<https://lisadolnyphotography.pixieset.com/2023gdctagala/>

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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!

The GDCTA Grant Program 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.

2022 Grant Recipients (no professionals applied so two adult amateurs were awarded grants):

Adult Amateur – Marissa Collins

Adult Amateur – Katie Patton

Event – Breeana Robinette

Junior/Young rider – Mary Martin Chapman



MISSION

The mission of the GDCTA Grant Program is to provide educational opportunities to **members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to and/or excellence in the sport as well as service and ambassadorship within the Association.**

The grant is meant for a GDCTA member to have the opportunity to be in a training situation that is not readily available during the course of his/her daily pattern. Grant monies must be used to participate in educational programs that include, but are not limited to **seminars, workshops, clinics and training programs offered by recognized or certified instructors.**

**I understand that I will receive an initial \$600 of the grant after details of my training are confirmed, and one month before my training; the balance in the amount of \$200 will be sent to me when the GDCTA newsletter editors receive my training experience article.*



How to Ride a Better USDF Intro A or B Test in 2023 – Find the Nuggets of Gold!

By Danielle Perry

The USDF Intro A and B tests have an update in their purpose which is amazing since whenever I read the old purpose of the Intro tests, I would think, Wow! I'm barely qualified to ride that now and I'm riding the Grand Prix tests! The old 2019 test purpose said you need to have basically an independent seat and following hands to ride. That's a pretty tall order when your horse may be young or green and just trying to figure out straight lines and circles. And, as a rider, you may just be learning to post the correct diagonal. I remember way back when that was my sole purpose in life and once, I got that down, I had to learn to stop looking down so much. The first nugget of gold on how to ride a better Intro test is the EASIEST and doesn't require a horse even. If you want to get better at test riding - read the entire test. The whole thing. Start with the test purpose. Grab a pen or a highlighter and underline everything you 'know' and highlight everything you want to work on as you read the test. If there's a term you don't understand look it up on the USEF or USDF Website. Or just Google it.

All the test 'answers' are written down for you in the test. All the boxes have something that the judges want to see. After you read the purpose of the test, read through each movement. Read the column with the **directives**. I bet there will be lots of underlining and highlighting there! Those directives are small nuggets of gold in the test. If you find something that you aren't sure what it means, your trainer can also help explain it and put together an exercise to work on it. If you're interested in working through your test, then try out the Kudzu Clinics this year – especially those Ride-A-Test clinics where you can get your answers on how to improve your tests on the spot.

What is a **Kudzu Klinik (KK)**? It's a great way to have a low-cost clinic for any GDCTA member. The fee for riders is \$20. Auditors pay \$10. There can also be other types of Kks that are \$10 such as online clinics or scribes

training. Who can host a Kudzu Klinik? Anyone who's interested! Just reach out to the GDCTA Kudzu Klinik coordinator. The trainer donates their time and expertise and your GDCTA makes a small fee to cover incidentals. Check out upcoming Kks on the GDCTA Events Calendar (<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/Kudzu-Klinics>) where you can see what is on offer, click the link and register. Keep checking back as events will be added throughout the year! Ride Inspired!

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This clinic is full for riders but there are scribe spots open.

Kudzu Klinik: Dressage Ride-A-Test and Scribe Clinic

February 12, 2023
1:00 – 5:00 PM

9604 Freehome Hwy
Canton, Georgia

Instructor: Danielle Perry, USEF 'r' judge

Come ride the new dressage tests (the new 2023 tests are effective from 12/1/2022 to 11/30/2026) in front of an 'r' USDF Judge Danielle Perry at Revelation Farm in Canton, Georgia, and get feedback and practice in a fun learning environment to help improve for your next show.

Limited to 4 horse/rider combinations due to time and space constraints.

You will ride your test and be judged. Then we will work on improvement ideas. You can re-ride your test and incorporate the ideas right away!

Scribes - interested in learning to scribe or get more practice? Please join us and we will train you how to scribe a dressage test.

Find the new tests on the USDF.org website.

GDCTA SPRING FLING SCHOOLING SHOW



APRIL 15-16, 2023

WILLS PARK EQUESTRIAN CENTER
11915 WILLS RD
ALPHARETTA, GA 30009

<https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5115880>



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!

GDCTA

Summer Finals Schooling Show

AUGUST 12-13

Open Show

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(the trainer) as their coach on their
entries.





GDCTA FALL HARVEST
SCHOOLING SHOW

October 7-8

Georgia Horse Park
Conyers, GA

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>

DRESSAGE

inside the Sandbox



JEREMY STEINBERG
ADULT DRESSAGE CLINIC
MARCH 25 - 26, 2023



SHANNONDALE FARM
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MILTON, GA 30004

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Jeremy Steinberg returns to Shannondale Farm in Milton, Georgia, for GDCTA members March 25th and 26th

This is an "Adults" clinic - the "Juniors" clinic with Jeremy will be this summer!

Jeremy Steinberg enjoys teaching, emphasizing an environment conducive to learning classical dressage and good horsemanship. His goal is for students to understand the basic philosophies of dressage, enabling them to work successfully with their own horses. Jeremy has become a much sought-after clinician in the United States and Canada.

Register now to for the Rider Raffle (see below) or to audit: \$50 per day or \$80 for the weekend (both options include a box lunch)

Register here <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5153309>
using the Rider Application option if you would like to have your name added to the rider lottery.

Adult (amateur or pro) Riders must be GDCTA members (Not a member? You can apply and if you are chosen, you can become a member at that time)

- Apply by Feb 25th
- Riders will be chosen by 'raffle' and will be contacted the by Feb 27th
- The price is \$650 per rider (2 rides) and \$125 for stabling for the weekend.
- **Payment is due by March 8th**

All selected riders should send their riding bio with horse name to Caren ccavery@comcast.net by March 22nd.

Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I & II

May 13-14, 2023

Georgia International Horse Park
1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway
Conyers, GA

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Labor Day
Dressage
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September 2-3, 2023
GEORGIA HORSE PARK CONYERS, GA

Excerpt from "Dressage Principles and Techniques: A blueprint for the serious rider"

By RICHARD WILLIAMS

From Miguel Tavora's Prologue to Dressage Principles and Techniques: A blueprint for the serious rider

"I have read all the eEquestrian books I have had access to, but there is not one with which I was in complete agreement. I have learned something from each of them. All have helped me in my riding, in the training of many horses, and in my teaching of so many students. I wrote this book to try to help other riders and trainers by sharing my experience with them.

"Equitation is a very technical sport, and to some degree, a science. But when horse and rider, through correct training, form *one being*, then riding can also be practiced as an art. Many books have been written about equitation, and all say things in a different way. They are the result of the experience of the rider that wrote them, and we can always learn from this experience.

"It seems to me that the sport of riding is more popular than ever before. So many people of all ages, situations, and professions ride for simple pleasure. Many others ride with the objective of competing with horses being bred with a quality people of my age never dreamed possible. The result is sometimes a mixed blessing. Because of the high quality of horses, the quality of riding has, in many cases, also improved immensely. But unfortunately, because of the enormous popularity of equestrian sport and the lack of knowledge and understanding about the classical or academic equestrian principles and techniques, we also frequently see very bad riding.

"In 1929, The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) instituted an International Dressage Event in 1929, in order to 'preserve the equestrian art from the abuses to which it had been exposed'. The aim of the FEI event was to preserve it in the purity of its principles, and to hand them down to generations of riders to come. (FEI *Rules for Dressage Events*, Article 416 - *Chapter II, Article 416 Object of International Dressage Events*.)

"In the dressage events, the judge's' responsibility should be to preserve the directives in Article 416.; However, very few of them do it. We see too few very good riders with horses trained according to the correct principles. The great majority of F. E. I. competition horses don't show correct training and they are not penalized by the marks they are given.

"Currently, since the sponsors are so important to organizing international competitions and since the spectator must be pleased, if a horse shows *expression*, even if it is not correct, but only spectacular, that horse will receive very good marks. It seems the great majority of judges are more interested in pleasing the spectator, the sponsor, and the organization that will invite them again next time, instead of following the rules.

"In this book, I will first explain the principles, which are the definition of the objectives of equitation by definition. Correct principles are ruled by nature and logic and proven by practice. Correct techniques are those which use the aids and gymnastic exercises to achieve those principles. The objectivity, the simplicity, and the clarity of all explanations is always my first priority.

"Only by following the correct principles can we train a horse correctly and develop him physically and mentally. We achieve this by using correct techniques: *gradual, progressive, logical and systematic gymnastic work*.

"To better explain the principles, I will follow the German dressage scale to some extent, which will be explained in *Chapter 3: The Training Scale*. This scale is so important and yet, so often misinterpreted.

"I will explain all phases of the training, from familiarization and the first phase of training, through to the development of collection by the lateral work, to and the training of the movements of for the Grand Prix test.

"All explanations of the exercises from the first phase to Grand Prix will be accompanied by photographs, schemes and diagrams to make them easier to understand.

"My philosophy is that, by his physical and mental development, obtained by a *gradual, progressive, logical and systematic, gymnastic work*, it will become easy for the horse to do all work he is asked of him because he feels comfortable. He will look as if he is acting on his own accord and enjoying it.

The old masters used to say in French:

"Il se plais dans son air"

which translates to:

He takes pleasure in what he is doing.

READ MORE HERE:

<https://xenophon-press.myshopify.com/products/dressage-principles-and-techniques-a-blueprint-for-the-serious-rider-by-major-miguel-tavora>

EVENTING

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GDCTA Eventing Camp "Old Fart" Grant

This grant has been established to support and encourage a rider that might feel they are “too old” to benefit from such an opportunity under normal circumstances. When we say this camp is for all ages, we mean it!

Open to all GDCTA members 50 years of age and older.

Submissions due by April 1, 2023

Email to: joannemorsel@yahoo.com

***Grant for the GDCTA Eventing Summer Camp only!
June 12-15, 2023
Fairburn, GA***

USEA Emerging Athlete U21 Program Applications Are Open

By Kate Lokey - USEA Staff



Mipsy Media photo

Applications for the USEA Emerging Athlete U21 Program are now available. The purpose of the USEA Emerging Athletes U21 program (EA21) is to identify and provide consistent quality instruction to the next generation of elite event riders. The aim is to create a pipeline for potential team riders by identifying and developing young talent. The intention is to provide young athletes with access to an added level of horsemanship and riding skills in order to further their training and skill development with greater consistency.

Applications are open and are due no later than March 15, 2023.

Athletes who meet the requirements are encouraged to apply to a regional clinic. Athletes may also be talent spotted; however, there is no guarantee that an athlete will be talent spotted.

- Applicants should be 21 years or younger per FEI standards;
- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen and a member of the USEA;
- Applicants must be current and active members of their USEA Area Young Riders Program, and;
- Applicants must be established at the Training level or higher (minimum of 4 MER's at the Training level or higher)

The same five venues that hosted the regional clinics in 2022 have been selected to host the EA21 Regional

Clinics again in 2023, but some venues have switched to earlier dates to avoid the late summer heat. There will once again be two East Coast clinics, two West Coast clinics, and one central clinic:

- Central Clinic - Holly Hill Farm (Benton, LA.) on Saturday-Sunday, June 10-11
- East I Clinic - Morven Park International Equestrian Center (Leesburg, VA.) on Tuesday-Wednesday, June 27-28
- East II Clinic - Stable View Farm (Aiken, SC.) on Tuesday-Wednesday, July 25-26
- West I Clinic - Twin Rivers Ranch (Paso Robles, CA.) on Tuesday-Wednesday, June 27-28, and
- West II Clinic - Aspen Farms (Yelm, WA.) Tuesday-Wednesday, July 11-12

The USEA will cover the regional clinic cost and stabling fees for all accepted applicants. Applicants will be responsible for travel and lodging costs. Athletes will be selected by the designated selectors within their Area of membership and invited to attend one clinic.

Each regional EA21 clinic will have a maximum capacity of 12 riders, and a wait list will be put together for each clinic. After the regional clinics have concluded, a select group of talented riders will be chosen from the regional clinics to participate in the national camp with EA21 Director of Coaching, David O'Connor in January 2024.

Apply:

<https://useventing.com/membership/emerging-athletes-21/ea21-2023-rider-application>

GDCTA Eventing Camp

Auditing Available

(Must register by 6/11/23.)

One day auditing \$50

Three days \$125

Lunch included

Come watch Waylon Roberts, Hannah Sue Burnett, Michael Pollard, and Sarah Kozumplik teach at Chatt Hills from June 13-15. Levels ranging from Starter thru Intermediate.

Separate unmounted educational talks each day.

Wednesday evening Q&A with the trainers after lessons finish starting at 5:00.

Bring your favorite drink and pick the brains of our instructors.

Food and drinks included.



Tuesday Dressage (AM) and Show Jumping (PM)
Wednesday Dressage (AM) and Show Jumping (PM)
Thursday Cross Country

Once again this year there is an anonymous sponsor offering grants for the GDCTA Summer Eventing Camp!

The GDCTA Summer Camp Grant has been established to provide funding for two Junior/Young Riders to attend the annual summer camp hosted by GDCTA and to take place June 12-15, 2023, at Bouckaert Farm (Chatt Hills Eventing), Fairburn, Georgia.

The grant is open to GDCTA members under the age of 21 at all levels that would not otherwise have the funding or opportunity to attend camp and/or experience similar training opportunities in the course of his/her daily pattern. Grant money is only eligible to cover the base cost of camp (\$775). Any expenses incurred outside of the base cost of camp are the responsibility of the Grant recipient or guardian of recipient.

This year things are a bit more formal with an application (on the website: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5125722>) process. Submit the application to JoanneMorse1@yahoo.com by April 1, 2023.

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GDCTA Board 2023

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President: Caren Caverly
VP Dressage: Abigail Kroupa
VP Eventing: Joanne Morse
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Recording Secretary: Ashley Boyd

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Lindsey Burns
Lacey Halstead
Liz Molloy
Katie Patton
Danielle Perry
Katie Patton
Julie Shannon

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



Committees 2022

- 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
- 4) Awards
 - a. Grants –Janie Pride
- 5) Award Banquet
 - a. Chair – Caren Caverly
 - b. Silent Auction – Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa
 - c. Barn Raffle – Jen Scherrens
- 6) Education
 - a. Chair – Julie Shannon
 - b. Clinics – Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse
 - c. Kudzu – Danielle Perry, Jenn Scherrens
 - d. USDF Education Program – Janie Pride
- 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. 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 – Open

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For print, only high resolution (300dpi) Jpeg or PDF files will be accepted.

Please submit electronically to designonpenny@yahoo.com and webmaster@gdcta.org.

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Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association

Regular meeting
December 19, 2022

resident Caren Caverly called the membership meeting of the GDCTA to order on December 19, 2022, at 7:00 am on Zoom.

Secretary, Ashley Boyd, performed a roll call. A quorum of the board consisting of Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse, Ashley Boyd, Peter West, Jen Scherrens, and Carol Resan were present. One guest was Katie Patton. The minutes of the regular meeting November 21, 2022, were emailed to board members prior to the meeting. Joanne motioned to approve minutes, and Jen seconded, and the motion was passed by the board. Nicole Andrews Kees and Janie Pride stepped down from their positions. Katie Patton and Lindsey Burns have been appointed by the president to fill their positions. Parker and Caroline are on as junior board members. Lacey Halstead is on as a guest because her term starts next month.

Katie Patton was one of the grant recipients and gave her report and plans to the board.

Convention Update, (Danielle, Peri, and Liz, Joanne, and Carol): Danielle reported on the USDF Convention. GDCTA won some awards for one of our articles and our basket. The meetings were easy to attend and there were good discussions regarding safety and how to handle emergencies that happen on show grounds. A great talk from a hoof/vet about treating foot problems. There are some rule changes including changes in bits. A new rule has been proposed that says that a judge can no longer teach or do clinics for anyone ever. You can go into USDF and comment regarding this rule. It is reported that this rule is going back to the ruling board.

Joanne reported on the USEA Convention. The schedule was much better this year. They changed the awards banquet to the afternoon. The second day was the annual meeting. The judge's rule was discussed at this convention as well. The strategic calendar was discussed. They had a townhall style meeting where hot topics were discussed in an open way. Show jumping warm up was discussed. The safety meeting was awesome and there is a new frangible pin technology coming out. Rule changes were proposed and got voted

on the next day by the board. In FEI warm up, you cannot wear both air pods. The Young Rider Open forum was interesting. Area III Young Riders needs help and Joanne talked with them about bridging the gap between the GDCTA and Area III camps, etc. More good discussion about footing and safety. More discussion about the great seminars. Next year's convention will be in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Gala, (Caren): Tickets are already on sale. We have already sold a lot of tables and individual tickets. We need help with acquiring silent auction items. Need more auction items donated. We need the silent auction to pay for the ribbons and awards. Already have 10k in ribbon orders. Jen is working on getting more baskets. Board members get one free ticket to attend the gala. Caren will send out a list of things that need to be done for the Gala. Quarter sheets have been ordered for the champions. Joanne motioned to split the Advanced and Intermediate Divisions for Eventing awards and Carol seconded. The discussion noted that it would cost about \$30 to do so. The board voted and approved splitting the items. The block of hotel rooms is open until January 6th for a special rate.

BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report, (Peter): November was quiet with small profit.

Membership Report, (Mary Lou): We are up over 50 members from this time last year. Auto renewal has been a success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication**, (Joanne): Newsletter went out. Jan and Feb will be a merged issue, as usual.
- **Show Committee**, (Caren): Discussion regarding scoreboard from regionals. Chicopee Woods would like to start having horse shows again. The arenas could be suitable for a schooling show. Discussion over schooling shows and dates given at Wills Park.
- **Education**, (Julie): JJ Tate clinic last weekend that went great. Next year Jeremy Steinberg has two dates, trying to get JJ Tate, and Janet Foy again.
- **Youth Program**, (Joanne) - Caroline brought up that some students can earn school credit for volunteer hours.
- **Awards**, (Janie) - Grants start Jan 1 with the Kroupa Grant. Training Grants open February 1.

OLD BUSINESS

• Discussion about requiring volunteering to receive an award. Jenn motioned to buy a coat for the winner of volunteer of the year award that will be advertisement Joanne seconded. The board voted and approved the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Trailers,** (Caren): Still looking for a closed trailer that is at least 7X14.

Jen made the motion to adjourn and Joanne seconded.
Board Approved.

Next meeting:
February 20th at 7:00 PM Sharp

Contact Caren Caverly at ccaverly@comcast.net to be included in the Zoom invitation.



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- **Mar 25-26**
Jeremy Steinberg Alpharetta, GA Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net
- **Jun 12-15**
Eventing Summer Camp Fairburn, GA Joanne Morse Joannemorse1@yahoo.com

GDCTA USEF/USDF HORSE SHOWS

- **May 13-14**
Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I&II Conyers, GA Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net
- **Sep 2-3**
Labor Day Dressage Classic I&II Conyers, GA Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net

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| 2023 Show / Award Season | | AYDC | Five Points |
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| GDCTA | Poplar Place Farm | | |
| <p>April 15-16: Spring Fling Wills Park, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>August 12-13: Summer Finals Wills Park, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>October 7-8: Fall Harvest GIHP, Conyers, GA</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net 770-713-4025</p> <p>GDCTA.org</p> | <p>US Hwy 27 Hamilton, GA</p> <p>Feb 18 Mar 11 May 13 Jun 24 Jul 29 Sep 16</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>poplarplacefarm.com</p> | <p>GIHP 1996 Centennial Olympic Pkwy Conyers, GA</p> <p>Feb 18 Mar 18 April 29 May 20 June 3 June 17 July 22 August 19 September 9 September 30</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Elizabeth Molloy missliz@tamiaridingschool.com 770-634-4089</p> <p>tamiaridingschool.com</p> | <p>43 Saddle Club Dr Cartersville, GA</p> <p>March 4 April 8 July 1</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Aly Rattazzi fivepointsshows@gmail.com 706-502-7324</p> |

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| <p>LEAF Series at Honeysuckle Hills Farm</p> <p>4186 Nopone Road Gainesville GA</p> <p>March 11 May 6 June 3 Sept. 16</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Dana Ferguson 678-519-0158 allfergs2@yahoo.com</p> | <p>South Region Dressage Rally</p> <p>GIHP 1996 Centennial Olympic Pkwy Conyers, GA</p> <p>Mar 18</p> <p>Liz Molloy missliz@taramiaridingschool.com 770-634-4089</p> | <p>North Atlanta Equestrian</p> <p>118 Old Mill Rd, Cartersville, GA</p> <p>March 25 April 22 May 20 July 22 September 23</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Anthem Day anthem.day1@gmail.com 770-743-5761</p> | <p>High Point Farm</p> <p>3551 Colham Ferry Rd Watkinsville, GA</p> <p>April 1 May 27 September 16</p> <p>The Lisa Seger Insurance AA Medal class is offered on all dates. (Training Level, Test 3)</p> <p>Mary Lou Freil maryloufreil@gmail.com 770-330-2489</p> <p>highpointfarm.org</p> |
| <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@chatthillseventing.com 770-892-2117 chatthillseventing.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</p> <p>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</p> <p>foxberry-farm.com</p> |
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