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Bryanna Cohen and Zorro at the AYDC show at the Georgia International Horse Park.

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OUTSIDE THE SANDBOX

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:

April showers bring profusely blooming trees and flowers! *A-choo!* But we're still excited to share our early summer lineup of events and updates with you. There's something for everyone. Let's dive in!

Mark your calendars! Check the website calendar for all events and the details.

- April 13-14: Spring Fling Schooling Show Results: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/results>
- April 21: Kudzu Klinik Dressage with Anne Zaharias <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5644540>
- **May 11-12 Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I&II** <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5425354>
 - **Closing date: April 29 at HorseShowOffice.com**
- May 11-12: Sara Kozumplik Jumping Clinic <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5627256>
 - Almost full! Register today!
- May 18-19: Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5627399>
 - Rider slots full – AUDITORS WELCOME
- May 25: Kudzu Klinik Dressage with Taylor Laney <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5646580>
- June 10-13: GDCTA & Area 3 Young Rider Eventing Summer Clinic <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5322912>
 - Rider slots full – AUDITORS WELCOME
- June 22-23: Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5627448>
 - Apply by May 15 for the Rider Spot Drawing

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

Remember to **apply for the GDCTA Training Grants!** There are 4! Deadline June 1. Questions should be directed to Janie Pride janiepride@yahoo.com. Details: <https://gdcta.wildapricot.org/event-5591092>

GDCTA Grant Overview: The GDCTA Grant supports member-riders in enhancing their riding skills. Four grants of \$800 each are available for concentrated training with a chosen instructor within one year of receiving the award.

Mission: The GDCTA Grant Program aims to provide educational opportunities for members who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the sport and contribute to the Association through service and ambassadorship.

Grant Purpose: This grant allows GDCTA members to access specialized training not typically available in their daily routines. The funds can be used for seminars, workshops, clinics, and training programs led by recognized or certified instructors. 🐾🌟

The website transition is nearly complete. We'll be wrapping that up shortly. Expect links to change. We'll adjust everything but just be aware it could happen.

Quick reminder: We are forming a 50th Anniversary Celebration committee for the August Dog Days of Summer Dressage show at Wills Park. Contact me if you want to be part of that.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, competitors, spectators and sponsors who joined us for the Spring Fling Schooling Show! We are very grateful for your support.

Hope to see you out and about! If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

Caren

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Hips Don't Lie

By Veronica Jucknies, DC, DPT

Last month I wrote about the importance of warming up your hips PRIOR to getting on your horse. Your hips are vital to a soft connection between your seat and your horse. Hips are also directly connected to your lower back. Have you ever met an equestrian who doesn't have lower back pain? It is rare. Most of the time, when someone experiences low back pain – there is usually hip involvement as well. Not to mention, if you suffer from knee pain – once again the hip can contribute.

The hip is a multiplanar joint – meaning it moves in many directions unlike the knee which (mostly) moves within one plane of motion. The hip flexes and extends, moves away from the body and toward the body (abduction and adduction) and rotates internally and externally. Unfortunately, the hips tend to get stiff – due to lifestyles like sitting in cars, and at desks etc. So, in general our hips need more movement! They need more mobility – but we also need to be able to control that

movement, which is where strengthening comes into play.

Some major muscle groups that come into play around the hip are the gluteus maximus (hip extensors), the psoas and iliacus (hip flexors), the gluteus medius and minimus (stabilize and abduct the hip), hamstrings (extend the hip and bend the knee), adductors (bring the leg toward midline) and deep hip rotators. Clearly – there is a lot happening at the hip!

Dressage in particular, due to riding with such a long leg – requires more mobility at the hips than a jumping position. You must extend the hips for a long leg and abduct around the horse's barrel. Naturally, your hip will want to rotate externally as well. However, unless you plan to ride with your heels in your horse's side – you need to work to create internal rotation at the hip. None of this is an easy task!

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BALL AND SOCKET JOINT

Yoga- and Pilates-type exercises can be great for gaining mobility and strength in the hips. Exercises that focus on strengthening at the end ranges of motion will allow for more controlled mobility at that joint. If you want see some examples of length and strength exercises for the hips check my Instagram at @codev.equestrians. You can also check out the videos on the pre-ride warmup exercises there!

Veronica Jucknies, DC, DPT at codeVperformance.com

(678) 687-8023. Follow Veronica on Instagram @codev.equestrians for demos of the exercises.



GDCTA Seeks a Volunteer Coordinator.

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

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

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

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

*Also seeking a Sponsorship Coordinator. Ask Caren for details!
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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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DRESSAGE

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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Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic

June 22-23, 2024

Shannondale Farm
2395 Birmingham Rd
Milton, GA

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Dressage Training Plan for a Schooling Ride

Dressage training is essential for developing your horse's strength, balance, and responsiveness. A well-structured schooling ride ensures progress while maintaining your horse's enthusiasm. Let's create a comprehensive dressage training plan for a schooling session:

1. Warm-Up Phase

The warm-up phase is crucial to prepare your horse physically and mentally for the training section. Here's how to structure it:

- **Energetic Walk:** Begin with an energetic walk on a long rein. Allow your horse to stretch his muscles and loosen his body.
- **Basic Preliminary Work:** Incorporate basic preliminary or training level exercises, such as large circles, transitions in and out of working paces, and center lines.
- **Trot Work:** Rise in the trot to encourage your horse to use his back freely.
- **Goals:**
 - Warm up the horse's muscles.
 - Activate the cardiovascular system.
 - Loosen the joints to prevent injury.

2. Training Phase

The training phase focuses on specific movements and exercises. Tailor this phase to your horse's level of training. Consider the following elements:

- **Progressive Work:** Gradually introduce exercises relevant to your horse's confirmed level.
- **Collection:** As your horse advances, work on bending and flexing his hind leg joints to achieve collection.
- **Transitions:** Practice half-halts, lateral work, and advanced transitions.
- **Balance and Freedom:** Preserve your horse's sense of pleasure and freedom in movement.

- **Goals:**
 - Strengthen and condition your horse.
 - Develop self-carriage and true collection.

3. Cool-Down Phase and Fitness

The cool-down phase helps your horse recover and maintain overall fitness. Follow these steps:

- **Gradual Reduction:** Gradually reduce the intensity of work.
- **Stretching:** Allow your horse to stretch his muscles.
- **Walking:** Finish with a relaxed walk.
- **Field Time:** Consider turning your horse out in the field for a rest day.
- **Goals:**
 - Prevent muscle soreness.
 - Promote relaxation.
 - Support overall fitness.

Remember that variety is essential. Avoid over-training by incorporating other activities like hacking, jumping, and lunging. Listen to your horse's cues and adjust the routine accordingly.

Happy schooling! 🐾🌟



US Equestrian Announces Athletes for the 2024 FEI World Cup™ Finals

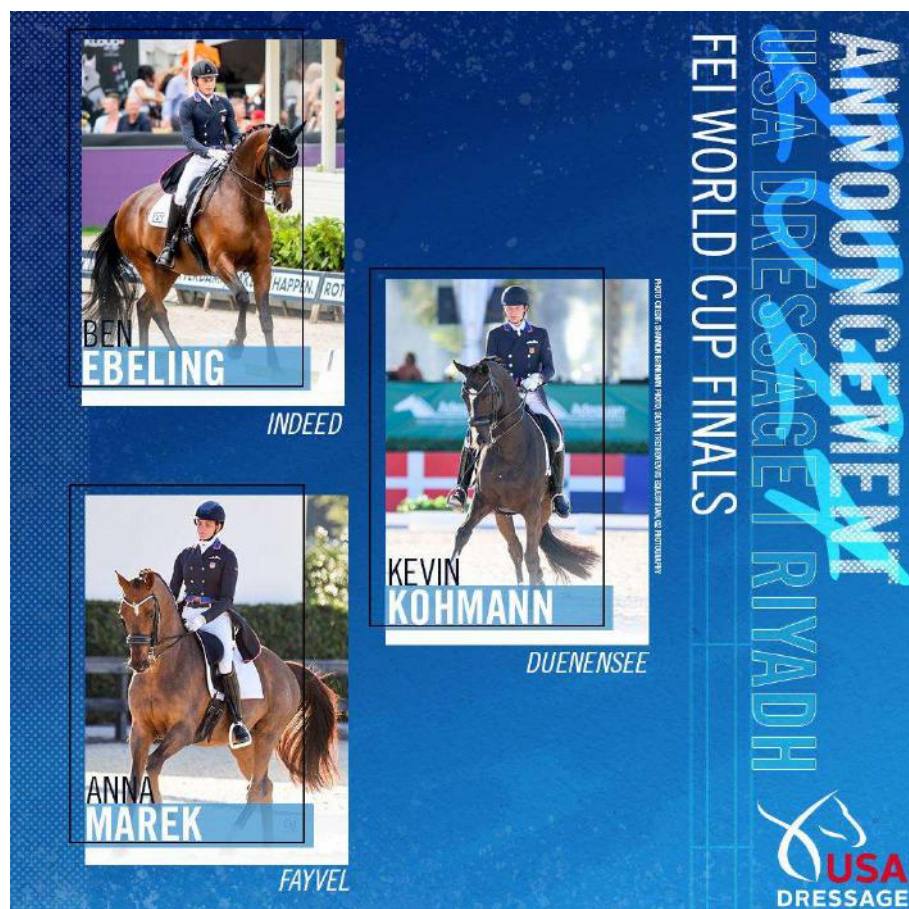
by US Equestrian Communications Department | Mar 28, 2024, 11:45 AM

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is pleased to announce the athletes who will represent the U.S. in dressage at the 2024 FEI World Cup Finals. The Finals will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, April 16-20, 2024.

U.S. Dressage

The following athlete-and-horse combinations will represent U.S. Dressage in the FEI Dressage World Cup™

Final and are listed in alphabetical order:



- **Ben Ebeling** (Wellington, Fla.) and **Indeed**, a 2008 Danish Warmblood mare (Hofrat x Gorklintgards Indeera) owned by Vantage Equestrian Group II, LLC
 - Groom: Morad Almasri

- **Kevin Kohmann** (Wellington, Fla.) and **Duensee**, a 2009 Hanoverian gelding (Dancier x Doublette) owned by Diamante Farms
 - Groom: German Rodriguez

- **Anna Marek** (Dunnellon, Fla.) and **Fayvel**, a 2010 Dutch Warmblood gelding (Zizi Top x Ofra) owned by Cynthia Davila
 - Groom: Katherine Esterline

Competition Information

The FEI Dressage World Cup Final will take place Wednesday, April

17, through Friday, April 19.

- Wednesday, April 17 – Grand Prix at 1:15 p.m. GMT+3/6:15 a.m. ET
- Friday, April 19 – Grand Prix Freestyle at 5:15 p.m. GMT+3/10:15 a.m. ET.

The Longines FEI Jumping World Cup Final will take place Wednesday, April 17, through Saturday, April 20.

- Wednesday, April 17 – Final I at 7:00 p.m. GMT+3/12:00 p.m. ET
- Thursday, April 18 – Final II at 6:50 p.m. GMT+3/11:50 a.m. ET
- Saturday, April 20 – Final III at 5:30 p.m. GMT+3/10:30 a.m. ET

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Watch the live stream on FEI.TV. US Equestrian competing members, subscribers, and fans receive a 10% discount on a ClipMyHorse.TV Premium Subscription, including FEI TV. Learn more here.

Keep up with US Equestrian

For updates on the FEI World Cup Finals, follow USA Dressage on Facebook and Instagram, USA Jumping on Facebook and Instagram, and US Equestrian on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and TikTok.

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 and members.



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MAY 11-12, 2024

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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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US Equestrian Announces Eventing Athletes for 2024 European Development Tour

by US Equestrian Communications Department | Apr 10, 2024, 2:30 PM

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian is pleased to announce the athlete-and-horse combinations that have been elected for the U.S. Eventing European Development Tour for the spring of 2024. USEF Eventing Emerging and Development Coach Leslie Law will guide the combinations as they experience team competition in Europe.

U.S. EVENTING EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT TOUR

JENNY CARAS
SOMMERSBY

MOLLY DUDA
DISCO TRAVELER

EMILY HAMEL
CORVETT

CAROLINE PAMUKCU
KING'S ESPECIAL and SHE'S THE ONE

ALYSSA PHILLIPS
OSKAR

CASSIE SANGER
FERNHILL ZORO

Photos by Alisa Conrad Media, Avery Wallace/US Equestrian, Darryn Trethewey/US Equestrian, Libby Law Photography

“The objective is to get these riders team experience,” said Law. “In Europe, they have so many opportunities to give riders experience in these team competitions long before they ever compete in an Olympic Games or World Championships. Being on a team is very different than riding just for yourself as an individual. It is a lot of pressure, so the more opportunities we have to put these up-and-coming athletes in that space and get them that experience the better.”

The following combinations are listed in alphabetical order:

- **Jenny Caras** (Buckhead, Ga.) and **Sommersby**, a 2012 Holsteiner (Sargeant Pepper x d’Mademoiselle) gelding owned by Jenny Caras and Jerry Hollis
- **Molly Duda** (Menlo Park, Calif.) and **Disco Traveler**, her own 2010 Oldenburg (Donatelli x Cadence) gelding
- **Emily Hamel** (Aiken, S.C.) and **Corvett**, a 2007 Holsteiner (Corrido X Tina XII) gelding owned by Black Flag Option, LLC
- **Caroline Pamukcu** (Springtown, Pa.) and **King’s Especial**, a 2015 KWPN (Connect x Cha Cha Special) gelding owned by Redfield King’s HX Group, and **She’s the One**, a 2015 Anglo-European (Jaguar Mail x One to Watch) mare owned by Sherrie Martin, Mollie Hoff, Caroline Pamukcu, and Andy Hoff
- **Alyssa Phillips** (Fort Worth, Texas) and **Oskar**, a 2009 Holsteiner (Coriando x Nicole) gelding owned by Julie Phillips and Alyssa Phillips

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- **Cassie Sanger** (Wilmington, Del.) and **Fernhill Zoro**, her own 2008 Irish Sport Horse (Verdi x Oronia Z) gelding

The selected combinations will compete in the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Great Britain CCIO4*-NC-S at the Chatsworth International Horse Trials from May 17-19 and/or the FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ Ireland CCIO4*-NC-S at the Millstreet International Horse Trials from May 30 – June 2 with Law as the chef d'équipe.

Connect with US Equestrian

Stay up to date by following USA Eventing on Facebook and Instagram. Follow US Equestrian on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Twitter. Use #USAEventing.

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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
Fairburn, GA

GDCTA/Area 3 YR Members: \$815
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Starter thru Intermediate

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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

For more details contact:
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Jumping Training Plan for a Schooling Ride

A well-structured jumping training plan is essential for developing your horse's agility, confidence, and precision over fences. Whether you're preparing for competition or simply enhancing your horse's skills, here's a comprehensive jumping training plan for a schooling ride:

1. Warm-Up Phase

The warm-up phase is crucial to prepare your horse physically and mentally for the jumping exercises. Follow these steps:

- **Forward Walk and Trot:** Begin with a forward walk and trot on a long rein. Encourage your horse to stretch his neck and back.
- **Transitions:** Incorporate transitions between walk, trot, and canter. These help engage your horse's hindquarters and improve responsiveness.
- **20-Meter Circles:** Work on 20-meter circles to promote relaxation, flexibility, and suppleness.
- **Goals:**
 - Warm up the muscles.
 - Activate the cardiovascular system.
 - Establish a soft connection with the bit.

2. Jumping Exercises

The training phase focuses on specific jumping exercises. Adapt the difficulty level based on your horse's experience. Here are some exercises to include:

- **Grid Work:** Set up a simple grid of ground poles or low crossrails. Gradually increase the height as your horse gains confidence.
- **Single Jumps:** Practice single jumps, focusing on maintaining a steady rhythm and straight approach.
- **Combination Exercises:** Set up related distances (two or more jumps in a row) to work on adjustability and balance.
- **Release and Landing:** Practice releasing over the jump and allowing your horse to stretch his neck. Focus on a balanced landing.
- **Goals:**
 - Improve technique.
 - Build confidence.

- Develop adjustability.

3. Cool-Down Phase

The cool-down phase helps your horse recover and prevents muscle soreness. Follow these steps:

- **Stretching Walk and Trot:** Allow your horse to stretch his neck and back in walk and trot.
- **Engaged Topline:** Encourage your horse to carry himself long and low.
- **Loose Rein:** Walk your horse on a loose rein until he stops blowing.
- **Goals:**
 - Aid recovery.
 - Promote relaxation.

4. Variety and Progression

Remember that variety is essential. Avoid over-jumping by incorporating other activities such as flatwork, hacking, and lunging. Here are additional tips:

- **Pole Work:** Use ground poles to improve your horse's rhythm and balance.
- **Cavaletti:** Gradually introduce cavaletti exercises to enhance hind end engagement.
- **Progressive Challenges:** As your horse becomes more proficient, gradually raise the jump heights and introduce more complex courses.
- **Rest Days:** Allow your horse rest days turned out in the field to maintain enthusiasm.

By following this structured jumping training plan, you'll help your horse become a confident and skilled jumper. Happy riding! 🐾🌟



SHOW JUMPING WITH SARA KOZUMPLIK



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MAY 11-12, 2024

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Janie Pride
Danielle Perry
Julie Shannon

YOUTH MEMBERS

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*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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GDCTA Collected Remarks welcomes submissions of quality color dressage and sport-horse photographs. All mounted riders must be wearing appropriate headgear (a safety helmet, a derby, or a top hat). Photos must be accompanied by complete captions, including the full names of all subjects.

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

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

DISCLOSURE

- Complete GDCTA Board of Directors meeting minutes are available upon request to the Recording Secretary.
- Financial records are available upon written request to the Treasurer.
- For information regarding Awards, Show Recognition, Membership, Education, or the Web Site, contact the appropriate chairperson on the website Contact Us page.



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~ 50th Anniversary ~

- APRIL 13-14: SPRING FLING SCHOOLING SHOW AT WILLS PARK (SS)
- MAY 11-12: GREATER ATLANTA DRESSAGE SOUTHERN AT GHIP (USEF/USDF)
- AUG 10-11: DOG DAYS OF SUMMER DRESSAGE AT WILLS PARK (USEF/USDF)
- AUG 31-SEPT 1: GDCTA END OF SUMMER FINALS AT GHIP (SS)
- OCT 5-6: ATLANTA NATIONAL FALL DRESSAGE AT GHIP (USEF/USDF)

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HORSE SHOW ENTRY TIP



When entering a show, remember that management may not know you or your horse so be sure to keep things consistent. For example, your horse's name on the Coggins test should be the same as the name on the entry, particularly when entering a USDF show.

For GDCTA year-end schooling show awards, please keep a consistent show name and/or write the show name with the barn name in parenthesis [example: Empty Pockets (Sage)] when entering so the GDCTA Awards Chair will be better able to link horse & rider combinations with show results submitted.

Contact Us

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Thank you for you

Before we list the GDCTA GOATs, we must clarify who those GOATs are. T

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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 to 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.



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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.

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GDCTA Events

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11-12 	Sara Kozumplik Show	Carrollton, GA	Joanne Morse	Joannemorse1@yahoo.com
	Jumping Clinic			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 18-19 	Bent Jensen Dressage Clinic	Canton, GA	Abigail Krupa	abigailkrupa@gmail.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 25 	KK Dressage with Taylor Laney	Monroe, GA	Danielle Perry	Danielle.perry@siemens.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 10-13 	GDCTA & Area 3 YR Eventing Summer Clinic	Fairburn, GA	Joanne Morse	Joannemorse1@yahoo.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 22-23 	Shelly Francis Dressage Clinic	Milton, GA	Abigail Krupa	abigailkrupa@gmail.com
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sep 6-8 	Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinic & Atlanta Youth Festival	Conyers, GA	Liz Molloy	missliz@taramiaridingschool.com

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 11-12 	Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern I & II	Conyers, GA	Caren Caverly	ccaverly@comcast.net
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 10-11 	Dog Days of Summer Dressage	Alpharetta, GA	Caren Caverly	ccaverly@comcast.net
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 5-6 	<i>2025 Show Season</i> Atlanta National Fall Dressage	Conyers, GA	Caren Caverly	ccaverly@comcast.net

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2024 Show / Award Season			
<p style="text-align: center;">GDCTA</p> <p>April 13-14: Spring Fling Wills Park, Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>Aug 31-Sep 1: End of Summer Finals GIHP, Conyers, GA</p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Caren Caverly ccaverly@comcast.net 770-713-4025 GDCTA.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AYDC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Georgia Horse Park Conyers, GA</p> <p>November 11, 2023 February 17 March 16 April 27 May 18 June 1 June 15 July 20 August 17 September 7 September 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Elizabeth Molloy missliz@taramiaridingschool.com 770-634-4089 taramiaridingschool.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Big Cheese HT, CT & Dressage Show Series</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ashland Farm 1541 Highway 138 Walnut Grove GA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 28, 2023</p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Caroline Templeton bigcheeseeventing@gmail.com 706-207-6055 bigcheeseeventing.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chattahoochee Hills Eventing at Bouckaert Farm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9445 Browns Lake Road Fairburn, GA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 7, 2023 December 2-3, 2024 February 3 April 6 May 4 June 8 August 10 September 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">info@chatthillseventing.com 770-892-2117 chatthillseventing.com</p>
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<p>River Mist Equestrian</p> <p>15570 Birmingham Hwy Milton, GA</p> <p>May 18 July 13</p> <p>The LSI AA Medal class is offered on all dates.</p> <p>Jennifer Scherrens jen@rivermistequine.com 770-605-3822</p>	<p>Stable View</p> <p>117 Stable Dr Aiken, SC</p> <p>Dressage Collection January 10 January 31 February 28 March 27 May 8 June 12 July 10 September 11</p> <p>Eventing Academy March 10 July 21 August 11</p> <p>Cyndy Olliff cyndy@stableviewfarm.com</p>
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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
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	1	2

March

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

April

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

May

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

June

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

July

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

August

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

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Holidays and common observances (United States)

1 Jan. New Year's Day
 15 Jan. Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
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 19 June Juneteenth
 4 July Independence Day
 2 Sept. Labor Day

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 25 Dec. Christmas