

SPRING 2023



Mission Statement

The purpose of the Association is to educate horse and rider in classical dressage and combined training with assistance from recognized authorities. To this end, the Association shall provide clinics, lectures, schooling shows, recognized shows, and other educational activities.

The focus of this year's Board will be on increasing educational opportunities and building our membership.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April 23rd, 2023
Ride-Critique-Ride
with Ann Guptill at Fox Ledge
Farm

May 14th, 2023
Horse Show
at Westbrook Hunt Club

June 3rd, 2023
Cathy Drumm Clinic
Journey to Harmony

June 24th (5-8pm)
and June 25th (9-2pm)
Tack & Tag Sale
Dream Hill Farm

July 16th, 2023
Horse Show
at Treasure Hill Farm

October 1st, 2023
Horse Show
at Treasure Hill Farm

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2023 CDCTA Board Members

President Ted Williams

Vice President MaryAnn Smith.

Treasurer Kathy Ross

Secretary Susan Hawkins

Board Members: Susan Franz, Linda Roache, JoAnn Briggs, Nina Cleveland, Vicki Markowski, Thomas Rogers, Stephanie Vantine, Kathleen Lamotte, Julia Lamotte, Victoria Knopf

Show Committee: Nina Cleveland, Ted Williams, Kathy Ross, Vicki Markowski, MaryAnn Smith, Joann Briggs, and Linda Roache

Clinic Committee: Kathleen Lamotte, Victoria Knopf, Vicki Markowski, MaryAnn Smith, Nina Cleveland, Ted Williams, and Kathy Ross



New for 2023



CDCTA Schooling Shows will be National Dressage Pony Cup partner shows!

“The National Dressage Pony Cup showcases the exceptional talent, training, and commitment of ponies and small horses, their owners, breeders, trainers, and riders in the art and sport of dressage.”

A Pony Division will be offered within each open class.

NDPC High Point and High Point Reserve will be awarded at the end of the Show.

GO TO

<https://dressageponycup.com/>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Are you ready for the new dressage tests!

USDF/USEF has released their new tests for 2023 from Introductory Level through Fourth Level, Developing Horse, and Freestyle. These tests became effective December 1, 2022, replacing the 2019 tests.

MEET THE BOARD

My goal this year is to show third level. I am working on my bronze and need two scores at third to complete. The movements introduced in third, especially the flying lead changes and half pass are a challenge, but we are working on it. We'll see!

Susan Franz

Big goal of the season to earn our bronze. I'm two scores away with just my third level scores needed.

Qualify for a third level freestyle and my stretch goal for the end of the season is 4-1.

Looooooooong term goals.....the FEI ring aiming for the I1-I2.

Vicki Markowski

I'm looking to improve my training level dressage scores to high 60 percentile (I'll take higher of course!). Move up to BN in Combined Test and possibly eventing (Yikes!).

JoAnn Briggs

I am looking to move my personal horse up to 2nd level in Dressage (the worst level ever) and I have a client's horse that I would love to bring up to the modified level in eventing or potentially do an FEI * event.

Ted Williams

My big goal is bringing along my young horse who turns 5 in April and has not shown before and showing him dressage locally at training level this season.

Susan Hawkins

I'm getting started on my first musical freestyle at first level this year, and plan on taking it to some recognized shows over the summer as well as schooling second level at shows this year. Anything on top of that like a bunch of combined tests will be gravy.

Nina Cleveland

What are you looking to accomplish this year?

I am hoping to continue showing my mare this season, with the goal of getting better scores at fourth level. This level is a challenge for me and she is patiently trying to teach me how to do the more complicated movements.

Linda Roache

My goal this year is to show in person again. I would also like to learn how to trailer my own horse with confidence.

Stephanie Vantine

Get my horse's health and fitness stabilized; she has chronic Lyme, mild liver function issues and arthritis in her hocks. Doing that, I want to compete in Western Dressage again (Basic Level, perhaps a new test?) - maybe for the last time as she is getting on in years (like me).

If Sunny's not up to it; borrow one of our other horses to compete that's never done Western Dressage before (at the same Basic Level).

Tom Rogers



Regional Schooling Show Awards

Unfortunately, the USDF has suspended the Regional School Shows Award Program due to SafeSport liability concerns at the schooling show level.

Scribe Clinic

On a chilly afternoon in early March, CDCTA hosted "The Art of Scribing for a Dressage Judge," a workshop session for new and refreshing scribes. A small group of interested individuals met at the Colchester library and, using USDF narrated videos, practiced scribing a variety of tests. It was a relaxed and collaborative day; everyone shared their experiences and tips for success. There happened to be a bake sale also going on in the library, so there were homemade cookies to enjoy! Scribes are an essential part of shows and CDCTA welcomes the newly trained participants to our upcoming schooling series!

If anyone is interested in learning to scribe, or other volunteer roles, please contact MaryAnn at maryann.1234@icloud.com

CDCTA 2023 Scholarships

Money is available to help members access opportunities to learn new skills, expand knowledge and reach goals.

- Scholarships are available to current members in good standing with 2 consecutive years prior membership.
- Financial aid may be applied to clinics, seminars, workshops, or a focused training program.
- Applicants will be asked to submit documentation of requested funds, such as a flyer or brochure, or a detailed plan for focused training.
- Two Letters of Recommendation must accompany the application.
- One letter of recommendation must be from a CDCTA Member, and someone who knows you as a horse person.

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Connecticut Dressage & Combined Training Association proudly presents a Clinic



Cathy Drumm



Journey to Riding In Harmony

Join CDCTA and Cathy Drumm for a day of exercises and patterns that will help the rider's body move harmoniously with the horse's body. Beneficial for classical and western style riders, of all skill levels.

Saturday June 3rd

Dream Hill Farm
177 Honey Hill Rd
East Haddam CT

90 minute Sessions

Groups of 3-4 riders by skill level

CDCTA members \$120

Non-members \$125

Auditors \$10 / \$15

Registration: www.cdctaonline.com

Entries due by May 15

Questions: maryann.1234@icloud.com

Cathy Drumm is a respected instructor and trainer from Massachusetts who specializes in *Kindful Training*. Utilizing a variety of methods incorporating her understanding of classical and western dressage, trail riding, eventing and hunter/jumper showing, Cathy focuses on the individual journey to a *Kindful* relationship, confidence, communication and performance. To learn more about Cathy and her philosophy <https://cathydrumm.com/>



Kindful Training

"Happy, relaxed horses and riders are my objective."

- Cathy Drumm



YEAR END AWARDS!



2022 Award Winners

Congratulations to all our Award Winners!

Ernie Award Winner- Laura Sottile & Sarde's
Delicious 77.600%

Trainer of the Year- Tracey Woods

Barn of the Year- Bit by Bit Stable, Montville CT

2023 Year End Awards Eligibility Criteria

Must be a 2023 CDCTA Member at the time of competition.

- Scores from 11/12/2022 to 11/04/2023 are eligible.
- Awards are for the same horse/rider combination. Multiple submissions are allowed.
- Volunteer hours: Minimum of 4
- Any Non-CDCTA score/placement must be submitted with verification.

Special Awards

- Ernie Award
- Trainer of the Year
- Thoroughbred Incentive Program

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RECOGNIZED DRESSAGE

First Level- Adult Amateur

Champion- Catriona Cleveland & Coola Boola- 65.676%

Second Level- Adult Amateur

Champion- Susan Franz & Schnucki 47- 65.749%

Fourth Level Musical Freestyle- Adult Amateur

Champion- Karen Norton & Red Baron- 62.589%

SCHOOLING DRESSAGE

Lead Line Award

Kira Olsson & Cameron Bartsch

Introductory- Open

Champion- Tracey Woods & Valkyrie: 70.124%

Introductory- Adult Amateur

Champion- Emma Chateauneuf & Danika: 68.000%
Reserve Champion- Erin Spanos & Serenity: 67.396%
Third- Erin Spanos & Sweet Talkin Fella: 66.354%

Introductory- Junior

Champion- Kassidi Murzyn & Walla Walla Rooster: 66.667%
Reserve Champion- Milenko Miltenberger & Walla Walla Rooster: 63.229%
Third- Gianna Graves & Lucky Chips T Gamble: 61.750%
Fourth- Sofia Williams & Rockwood Genoa Gal: 59.375%

Training Level- Open

Champion- Tracey Woods & Valkyrie: 70.286%
Reserve Champion- Carlie Poworznek & Victorious: 68.735%

Training Level- Adult Amateur

Champion- Susan Hawkins & Texas: 70.287%
Reserve Champion- Hannah Jones & Spin it Back: 68.998%
Third- Kimberly Bienkowski & Victorious: 66.667%
Fourth- Joann Briggs & Finnegan: 61.945%
Fifth- Jennifer Brett & Bridget Jones: 57.126%

Training Level- Junior

Champion- Gabriella Herman & Good Boy Scout: 67.611%

First Level- Adult Amateur

Champion- Suzanne Weed & Princess Luna- 65.273%

Second Level- Adult Amateur

Champion- Susan Franz & Schnucki 47: 71.369%

Western Dressage Introductory- Adult Amateur

Champion- Joann Briggs & Illini Dry Peppy: 67.488%
Reserve Champion- Karen Norton & Mystique: 63.526

Western Dressage Basic- Adult Amateur

Champion- Laura Sottile & Sarde's Delicious: 73.000%
Reserve Champion- Thomas Rogers & Zee Couldn't Resist: 69.359%
Third- Karen Norton & Mystique: 64.870%

COMBINED TRAINING

Pre-Elementary- Adult Amateur

Champion- Emma Chateauneuf & Danika- 21 points
Reserve Champion- Christina Rampelli & Danzing Dunhill- 18 points

Pre-Elementary- Junior

Champion- Emily Kilmer & Zee Couldn't Resist- 19 points
Reserve Champion- Sydney Goulding & Inspired Design- 17 points
Third- Grace Keane & Darby the Wonder Pony- 14 points
Fourth- Jaelyn LeAnna & Rockwood Genoa Gal- 12 points
Fifth- Delaney Nelson & Shez Only a Zippo- 11 points

Advanced Elementary- Open

Champion- Carlie Poworoznek & Danika- 21 points

Advanced Elementary- Adult Amateur

Champion- Joann Briggs & Finnegan- 16 points

Advanced Elementary- Junior

Champion- Gianna Graves & Lucky Chips T Gamble- 17 points

SCHOOLING HORSE TRIALS

Elementary- Adult Amateur

Champion- Joann Briggs & Finnegan- 15 points



THOROUGHBRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM SERIES

Dressage

Champion -Hannah Jones & Spin it Back

Combined Training

Champion-Christina Rampelli & Danzing Dunhill

Junior Rider

Champion-Mila Indeck & Fakeittilyoumakeit