

COLLECTED NOTES



JANUARY 2021

FROM CDCTC'S CO-PRESIDENT:

Hello and happy New Year! Before we forget about 2020, let's all take a moment to reflect and revel in some positives. We made it through the longest recorded year in our history; twelve months felt like twelve decades! We made changes, adjusted to new pressures, got more cozy at home, got creative, and even learned how to use new technology. While recognized shows were basically non-existent here in the Northeast, some schooling shows still happened and there were so many virtual learning opportunities made available throughout the year. I hope everyone found a new balance and was able to have lots of saddle (or at least barn) time to forget about the chaos in the world.

Reflect back to the end of 2019 and the beginning of 2020 before the world changed. Did you set yourself any big horse-related goals? Maybe you wanted to ride a certain amount of times, move up a level, get to a show, or even just bond more with your horse. Were you able to accomplish any or all of your intentions? Take some time to set yourself some new (realistic) goals for this year. Let it be a driving force to learn, improve, and enjoy 2021 while leaving 2020 behind!

In the beginning of December, USDF held their annual convention virtually and I hope you all were able to attend some sessions! Although many of the committee reviews noted *(continued)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting: Sunday, January 24, 2021, 6PM via Zoom. A link will be sent prior to the meeting.



We have been approved for The Jockey Club's Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) awards at all three shows again in 2021! Fingers crossed shows actually happen this year!

Cayuga Dressage & Combined Training Club welcomes horse enthusiasts from all walks of life, all religions, ethnicities and races, creeds, and sexual orientations. We are a club where differences are respected and appreciated, where we come together to affirm our common love of the horse and the arts of horsemanship.

We disavow discrimination and intolerance.

COVID-related obstacles, there were still a few neat take-aways. USDF has been working hard on adding virtual content as well as more training and learning opportunities for judges, TDs, riders, and more. There was a lot of emphasis on adding more GMO Education Initiative (GEI) programs, like the scribe training workshop I lead last spring. Region 8 proposed a new national volunteer recognition program at the grassroots level, meaning those of you who volunteer to be ring stewards, gate crew, score runners, etc. will be able to receive national recognition for your time and effort. This can also help GMO's attain more volunteers, so a win-win! Someone proposed an award system for trainers who raise and train horses up through the levels and our Region 8 director will be sending that idea along to the awards committee. The Diamond Achievement



program was unveiled - riders who have obtained bronze, silver, and gold medals plus their freestyle bars will now receive the Diamond Achievement award. There was of course, lots of talk about COVID regulation changes going forward into 2021, and much like 2020, the rules and regulations set forth by USEF and USDF are going to continue to be evolving with the state of the world. Make sure you log on to USDF's website and check out the brand new dashboard that was unveiled during the Board of Governors Meeting, it's pretty nifty!

Overall, the general vibe of the conference was about adapting and overcoming challenges. There was a definite sense of comradery - we are all going through this together and together we can overcome all the crazy obstacles of 2020 and beyond. It was nice to get that sense from a national level since we all live in our little local GMO bubble and don't necessarily see how other chapters are doing.

In the time when we are all being bombarded with 'New Year, New Me!', reflect on all the good and bad of the last year(s) and think about things you want for the future. Realize change isn't always bad, goal setting is helpful, and any small achievement is worth celebrating. Remember, volunteerism and community involvement can be super rewarding! I am very hopeful that 2021 will allow our club to grow, flourish, and offer its members some really cool opportunities while continuing to support our upstate region's dressage and eventing communities. Again, if you have any programming or fundraising ideas, or even if you just want to talk about horses, don't hesitate to reach out!

Ride all the ponies and jump all the things!

Shannon

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USDF REGIONAL SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS PROGRAM

USDF is excited to introduce the new USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program. This program starts December 1, 2019 and offers regional recognition to USDF Group Members competing in participating non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions.

All non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions are invited to participate in this program. To participate, simply submit the [online application](#) and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 days prior to the start of the competition. The program year will be December 1 through November 30.

An online competition calendar will list participating competitions on the USDF website. Participating competitions must submit a copy of their prize list to USDF no later than 14 days prior to the competition and competition results must be submitted to USDF within 21 days of the end date of the competition.

Feel free to contact [Cristen Brown](#) if you have any questions. Complete [program rules](#) are available on the USDF website.

REMEMBER!

USEF Safesport refresher was due by November 17. Show officials, as well as competitors are all required to be current with their [Safesport](#) training.

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

Dues can now be done completely electronically. A fillable pdf of the membership application is included in each month's newsletter. Please email [Jen](#) if you would like to pay via PayPal. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so ASAP. This will be the last newsletter you receive until you have paid for your membership.

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- [Western New York Dressage Association](#)

CAYUGA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING CLUB, INC.

2021 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (area code first): _____

E-mail: _____

Birth date: _____ (requested by USDF) Are you an instructor or trainer? Yes No

Do you give permission for your pictures and/or name to be used for publicity? Yes No

May we include your name and email address on the Membership List that's distributed to members? Yes No

Current Members: The USDF deadline for GMO dues is December 1st. Please submit your Membership form and dues by Nov. 17th.
This ensures that you will receive the USDF magazine and other GMO benefits without interruption.

New Members are welcome to join year-round!

Membership benefits: Dues cover your USDF group membership, newsletters, and discounts at club-sponsored events, except as limited by USDF and United States Equestrian Federation (USEF).

Enclosed is my payment for:

Individual Membership (\$45)

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Dressage Shows: Planning, paperwork, grounds preparation, help on show day, etc.

Western Dressage

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Awards

Publicity

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Member's signature or parent/guardian signature if under 18. Typed signature is fine.)

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