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2025 IDCTA Year-end Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Old Orchard Country Club, 700 West Rand Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Cocktails & Raffle Browsing 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m. with Awards & Raffle to follow

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President's PERSPECTIVE

By Molly Fine

It's time to renew your IDCTA membership! Let's see if we can get it done early in the season. When you get your renewal notice for 2026, you will notice a price increase in all levels of membership. Dues have not increased in several years and we can no longer hold at the past years' level. Prices have increased and USDF has raised their fee each year. The current fee for a USDF group membership is $25 for each IDCTA member (up from $20 when the $60 dues were set). In order to be able to provide the same level of service, we are implementing a $10 increase for all membership types except Business; that will increase by $15.

The 2025 IDCTA Year-end Awards Banquet will be held on January 24, 2026 at the Old Orchard Country Club in Mt. Prospect. The invitation has been emailed, and is in this *Scribe* on page 4 and on the IDCTA website (go to Calendar & Events under January 24). The scores for awards are all in and the calculations are completed.

The first show in our Virtual Show Series is complete, and the scores are posted on the website. There were no teams listed for the show, so no awards were given for the highest average score. We are hoping that there will be more teams in the second show. The rules for the team/barn competition are in this *Scribe* on page 7 and will be on the website shortly under Virtual Shows (on the Competition tab). Show two is coming up soon so get ready for it.

Show 2 – January 16-26, 2026:
Judge(s) Marget Freeman/Western: Robyn Nunnally

Show 3 - February 12-23, 2026:
Judge Charlotte Trentelman/Western and Traditional Dressage

Show 4 March 13-23, 2026:
Judge(s) Robin Brueckmann/Western and Susanne Morrise

Show 5 and Championship – April 10 -27, 2026:
Judge Ida Norris/Western and Traditional Dressage

Virtual shows are a great way to prepare for the next show season – you and your barn might want to look into making your own competition utilizing the Virtual Show Series.

There will be several educational Zoom sessions scheduled this fall and winter, so please stay tuned. The schedule will be coming out soon.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Stay warm and keep those critters warm and safe!

We are very lucky to be associated with the horse and need to remember there are many moving parts that we can take advantage of to enrich our experience.

If You are Lucky Enough to Own a Horse, Then You are Lucky Enough!

Happy riding!

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IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE:
Click the following link:
https://idcta.org/events/idcta-year-end-awards-banquet/
If you prefer, you may fill out and mail this invitation with your check(see info at bottom of page)

You are cordially invited to the

2025 IDCTA *Awards Banquet*

Old Orchard Country Club, 700 West Rand Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Saturday, January 24, 2026

Cocktails & Raffle Browsing 6:00 p.m. | Dinner 7:00 p.m. with Awards & Raffle to follow

Our Dinner Menu:
Mixed Green Salad

Chicken: *($60) Mediterranean Chicken (boneless chicken breast with spinach, artichokes, tomatoes, capers, olives and peppers in a lemon butter sauce), with oven roasted potato wedges and garlic-butter asparagus*

Fish: *($65) Grilled Salmon served with hollandaise sauce, with oven roasted potato wedges and garlic-butter asparagus*

Beef: *($75) Petite Filet Mignon (7oz prime cut), with oven roasted potato wedges and garlic-butter asparagus*

Vegetarian: *($60) Vegetarian, Chef's Choice*

Assorted Desserts and Coffee

Reservation Form

*Please fill out all fields indicated with an *.*

*Name_____*Telephone Number_____

*Email:_____

****Please indicate entree orders and number of raffle tickets for each guest in your party (Table maximum of 10):***

Name	*Beef*	*Chicken*	*Fish*	*Vegetarian*

I wish to reserve for:

_____ Guests - Chicken @ $60/per person* $ _____

_____ Guests - Fish @ $65/per person* $ _____

_____ Guests - Beef @ $75/per person* $ _____

_____ Guests - Vegetarian @ $60/per person* $ _____

_____ No. Packs Raffle Tickets @ $20/pack *(25 tickets per pack)* $ _____

Total Amount Due $ _____

****Is your total guest number correct? Please check to see that you have checked ONE entree choice for each guest.***

Reservations are non-refundable. Tickets will be held at Old Orchard Country Club. If you wish to stay over, a list of hotels will be available.

Please indicate who you would like to sit with (if possible): _____

ONLINE PAYMENT IS PREFERRED, PLEASE CLICK HERE: *https://idcta.org/events/idcta-year-end-awards-banquet/*

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Arbitrary aka Chance

Arbitrary aka Chance is a seven-year-old TB looking for her next partner.

She just started her eventing career at Silverwood in August 2025. In October, 2025, she placed fourth in the Novice HT division, at Silverwood, and took home the TIP Novice high point.

She has shown jumpers at Lamplight at .65 and .8 and was champion in 2024. She is currently in full training with Eric Dierks.

I have more pics and videos if you are interested.

Send an email if interested:
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2026 Virtual Dressage Show Series & Championship

24th October to 2nd November 2025

USDF, USEF & WE Judge: Anne Cizadlo USDF SNR

WDAA Judge: Suzanne Morisse "R"

WDAA Western Dressage 2022 Tests

WDAA Intro JNR-AA-Open
WDAA Basic JNR-AA-Open
WDAA Level 1 - 5 JNR-AA-Open
WDAA Musical Freestyle JNR-AA-Open
WDAA Equitation JNR-AA-Open
WDAA Exceptional Rider

USDF Classic Dressage 2023 Tests

USDF Intro to Fourth Level - AA-Open
USDF Musical Freestyle AA-Open
Prix Caprilli 1 to 3 AA + Open
FEI TOC - Open
IDCTA Green as Grass Test 1 to 3 - AA - Open

USEF 2022 Tests

USEF Beginner Novice A & B - AA - Open
USEF Novice Test A & B - AA - Open
USEF Training Test A & B- AA - Open

Working Equitation 2025 Tests

Level 1 Intro - AA - Open
Level 2 Novice A - AA - Open
Level 3 Novice B - AA - Open
Level 4 Intermediate A- AA - Open
Level 5 Intermediate B- AA - Open
Level 6 Advanced - AA - Open

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The Seema Sonnad Junior Rider Grant Closes Out with Community Support

By Katherine Cooper

For the last 10 years, the Seema Sonnad Junior Rider Grant has kept alive the memory of Seema Sonnad, an extraordinary person who the eventing community was lucky to have in our midst. Seema was a dedicated rider, volunteer, 'r ' technical delegate and leader in our sport. Many of Seema's ideas for recruiting and recognizing volunteers (such as the Volunteer Incentive Program) have come to fruition since her death. Seema was also a gifted professor who held a PhD in Health Services Research and worked in health care systems around the US. Seema died while competing in an ultra marathon in 2015.

In this final year of awarding the Seema grant, a fitting culmination of community cooperation and volunteerism led to fully funding this last grant in Seema's name. When USEA Life Member Valarie Rodgers of Morrison, Illinois passed away earlier this year, her husband, Bob Alt, reached out to Molly Fine, the president of the Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association. Valarie had a tremendous cache of tack and supplies that Bob knew could be used by others. Members of the eventing community stepped in to catalog, organize, donate and sell the collection. The final sales, held at Eric Dierks' Stonehedge Farm and the Silverwood Horse Trials, both in Wisconsin, resulted in funds donated to support the final year of the Seema grant. One more talented young rider will receive this grant at the USEA Convention in New Orleans in December, an apotheosis of Seema's dedication to the sport as well as the teamwork and community spirit demonstrated by the Midwest eventing community.

The following riders are past recipients of the Seema grant: Carlin Keefe, Julia Crandon, Rebecca Roth, Elizabeth Henry, McKinseyWickman, Ryan Keefe, Mia Farley, Alexandra Tett.

IDCTA Virtual Show Series (VSS) Barn Rules – Team Competition is now available.

There will be a team/barn winner for each show and there will be an overall team/barn winner for the year. Get your team/barn participants together a make this a fun experience for all!

1. Two or more individual show participants whose horses stable at the same barn may join as a team. If show participants have separate locations for their horses, and wish to join as a team, individuals can name and form a team.
2. All the individuals of the team must be IDCTA members at the time of entry.
3. All individuals must list the name of the barn/team on their entry page.
4. A team must enter two different virtual shows to qualify for year-end award barn awards.
5. Team/barn members may change for each show and still be eligible for the year-end awards.
6. The team score will be an average of all team members scores, regardless of the show level. IDCTA will not drop the lowest score – all scores count.
7. Each show will have a winning team with the highest average score. All winning team participants will receive a ribbon.
8. A year-end award will be given to the barn with the highest average scored team for the five-show series. The award will be given at the year-end banquet.
9. Benefits of Team Competition:
    - Improved your overall dressage performance
    - Opportunity to win awards
    - Build relationships with your friends

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2026 IDCTA Virtual Show Series #1 Results: October 24-November 2

Judge: Anne Cizadlo, USDF "SNR" & Suzanne Morisse, USEF/WDAA "R"

Dressage

USDF Intro A - AA						Barn Name
1st	72.81%	Ann Olujic	&	Autumn Lane's Andre	IL	The Gait at 45w

USDF Intro B - AA						Barn Name
1st	71.25%	Ann Olujic	&	Autumn Lane's Andre	IL	The Gait at 45w

USDF Intro C - AA						Barn Name
1st	70.50%	Krista M. Piwonka	&	CPA Smiling Silas	IL	

USDF Intro C - Open						Barn Name
1st	68.25%	Meredith Halas	&	Chasing Rainbows	IL	North Star Equine

USDF Training 2- AA						Barn Name
1st	68.79%	Aliya Bedell	&	Rum Tum Tugger	IL	

Western Dressage

WDAA Intro 1 - AA						Barn Name
1st	148 67.27%	Jennifer Kukulski	&	MeaKanerFan	IL	
2nd	146 66.36%	Shirley Fefferman	&	CiCi	IL	

WDAA Intro 2 - AA						
1st	121 67.22%	Shirley Fefferman	&	CiCi	IL	

WDAA Level 1 - Test 1 -AA						Barn Name
1st	161.5 64.60%	Karen Merkelz	&	Vinny	IL	

WDAA Level 2 - Test 3 - AA						Barn Name
1st	155 64.68%	James Hickey	&	Leos High Dollar Lexy	IL	Frontenac Farm

WDAA Exceptional Rider Coached Walk Only						Barn Name
1st	137 68.50%	Jennine Baggott	&	Fancy Southern Moon	WI	

WDAA Exceptional Rider Coached 1						Barn Name
1st	143 68.10%	Jennine Baggott	&	Fancy Southern Moon	WI	

WDAA Exceptional Rider Coached 2						Barn Name
1st	151.5 68.86%	Jennine Baggott	&	Fancy Southern Moon	WI	

WDAA Exceptional Rider Coached 3						Barn Name
1st	142 67.62%	Jennine Baggott	&	Fancy Southern Moon	WI	

USA Working Equitation - Level 1 Intro AA						Barn Name
NC	70.19%	Moriah Jones	&	Rio Grande	IL	Frontenac Farm

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IDCTA Continuing Education Program

Education Recognition Program

Program Charter: The mission of the IDCTA Education Series is to foster a community of equestrians who are as eager to learn and develop their skills, as they are to compete. This program intends to reward riders and unmounted horsemen alike, for their dedication to continuing education, by awarding points to the various educational sessions (mounted and unmounted) offered throughout the calendar year. The submissions can be from any horse related educational activities. Examples could be educational activities at Pony Club Rallies, certification programs and horse behavioral sessions.

** All sessions attended must be documented and recorded in the appropriate form and may be submitted for end-of-year award consideration. The tables below outline the point system and prize tiers. All end-of-year eligibility requirements apply, including 5 hours of volunteer time and IDCTA membership at the time of participation. Management reserves the right to review submissions. If you would like to pre-certify the event that you are submitting, please call Ashlee or Molly. (See Below)

Point System:

Type of Education	Points for Each Type of Education
Zoom Clinics/Educational Series	1 Hour for Each Hour Attended
Unmounted Clinic (audit)	1 Hour for Each Hour Attended up to 6 Hours
Mounted Clinic (participant)	1 Hour for Each Hour Attended up to 8 Hours
Educational Website Sessions (must be at least 1 hour long)	1 Hour for Each Hour Attended
In-person Educational Programs	1 Hour for Each Hour Attended

Prize Tiers:

Gold Level Learner	40 points
Silver Level Learner	30 points
Bronze Level Learner	20 points
Perpetual Learner	>1 point

Process:

1. Members attend an educational session or series of sessions.
2. Any time after the education event is attended, the member reports the attendance through the link to the website (the pertinent information will be gathered by prompts on the website form). The last day for reporting is 10-31 of the current calendar year. Each program attended should be reported separately.
3. After the last reporting date (i.e., 10-31) the team will download the reports from the form and calculate the scores based on criteria above.
4. Each person reporting scores will be eligible for an award if they meet the criteria.
5. The collection of data will occur from 11-1 to 10- 31. Any educational program attended during this period can be counted and can be submitted at any time.

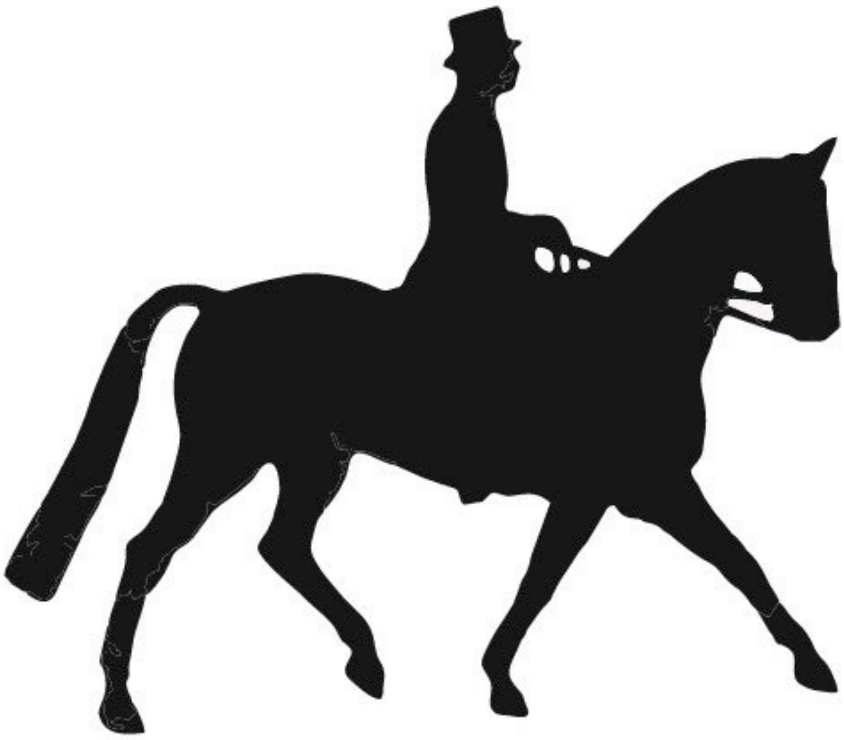
Team:

Contact Molly Fine 716-573-5390, mollymfine@gmail.com or Ashlee Lazic, 847-809-3843 ashleelazic@gmail.com - if you have questions or need help.

CLICK HERE to make a submission to the IDCTA Continuing Education Recognition Program

Eventing Committee Meetings are on the **second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. All meetings are held on Zoom.**

Questions? Please reach out to **Eventing VP Eric Dierks** at the phone or email above, or contact **Emma Kane** at **847-890-5549** or **emma.kane04@gmail.com**



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IDCTA Celebrated our Golden Anniversary in 2023!

IDCTA is continuing plans for fun and educational events and activities aimed at building community within our sports of eventing and dressage in 2025. Won't you join us? All ideas for activities and/or events are welcome!

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING IDCTA ANNUAL YEAR-END AWARDS:

You MUST be an active IDCTA member BEFORE competing in the show which you wish to submit scores for. Only scores earned AFTER a membership has been processed or renewed will be counted.

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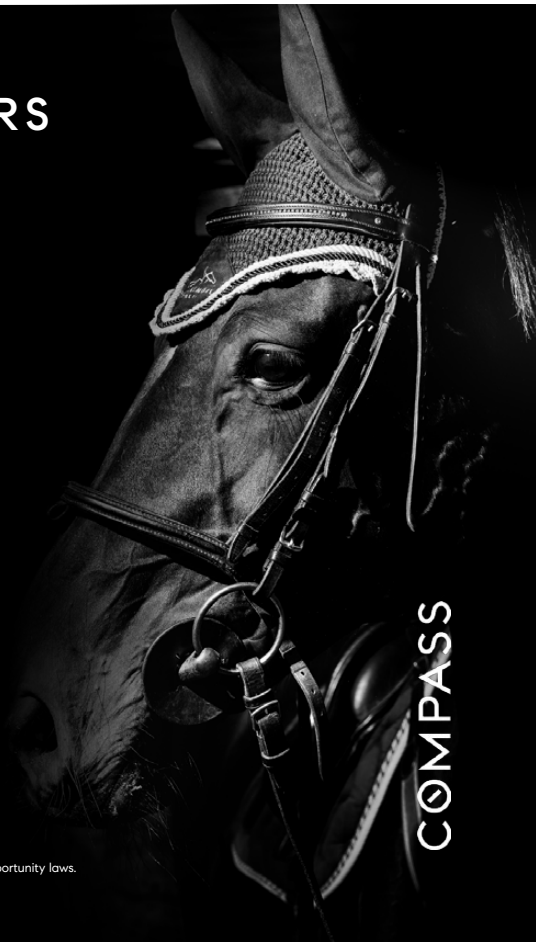

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Main Stay offers adaptive/therapeutic riding lessons during the day, evening and weekends, and there is a need for people with horse experience to lead therapy horses during classes. Horse handlers are primarily responsible for the horse during lessons and help ensure the rider's safety by providing the needed level of support during the class. Lessons are either 30 or 45 minutes in length and volunteers must be able to walk for at least an hour on an uneven surface in our indoor and/or outdoor arenas. Weekly volunteer slots are available, or filling in on a substitute basis is also an option with several slots currently available throughout the week. Volunteers are essential to the success of our riders.

Check out our new website, www.mainstayfarm.org, or reach out to our volunteer coordinator, vc@mainstayfarm.org or 815-382-9374 to learn more about the program and the important volunteer roles available at the farm. The best way to learn about the program is to come and observe a session. We would love to meet you and share more information about Main Stay. It's a special place to so many people and animals! The farm is located in Richmond on 40 beautiful acres across from Glacial Park Conservation District. Background checks and training are required for new volunteers.

If you are an IDCTA member, you can get your volunteer hours from an approved Therapeutic Riding Program such as Main Stay. To obtain approval for a therapeutic program, please email Cindy Lambert at cindylambert706@gmail.com or Molly Fine at mollymfine@gmail.com.

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Attention: Show Managers & Organizers!

Part of the thrill of competing is seeing your results in the IDCTA *Scribe*!

We have a variety of area competitions each year and only a few send us results and/or photos. Please take a moment to give your competitors the added thrill of seeing their results in print.

Send all show results, stories and photographs to

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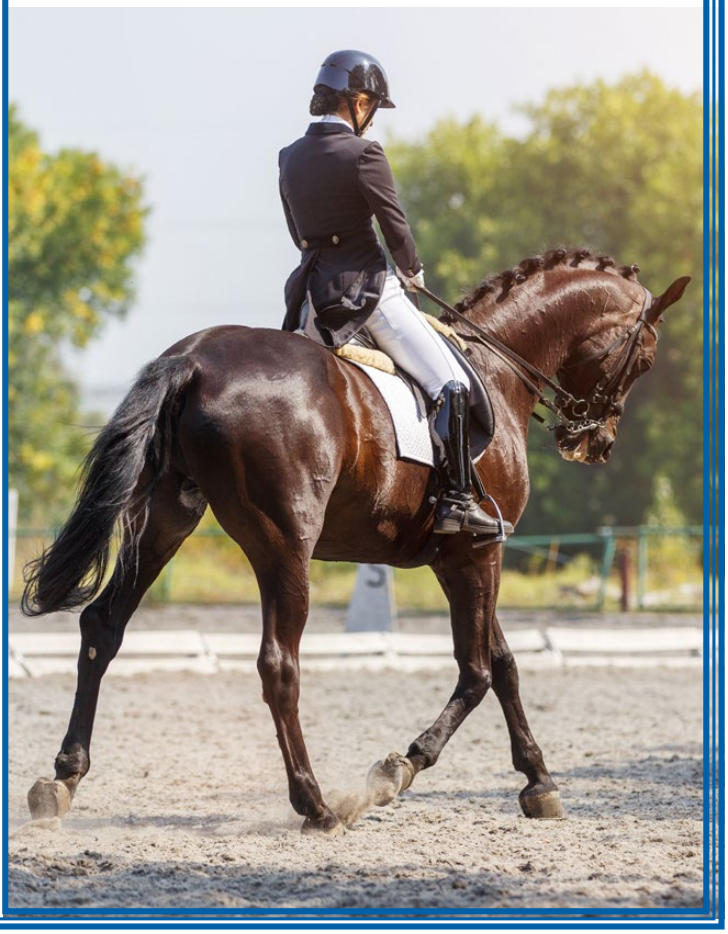

IDCTA Clinic Affiliation Program

In order to provide education opportunities for our members, we are establishing a program to affiliate with those barns who are giving clinics. We would like to be able work with a few barns like yours on 2 clinics per year.

IDCTA requests that the hosting barn will:

- Reserve 2 ride spots specifically for IDCTA members (if not filled 3 weeks before the clinic start date, these 2 slots can be filled with any rider)
- Provide an auditor discount of $5-10/day to IDCTA members
- Display the IDCTA banner during the clinic

IDCTA will:

- Subsidize the barn with $100 to offset a small portion of the clinic cost
- Provide a rider subsidy of $400 per clinic for riders who are IDCTA members - If there are 4 IDCTA member riders, each rider would receive $100, if more than 4, each rider would receive a portion of the $400 (i.e., if a clinic had 6 riders who were IDCTA members, each would receive $66). Each rider would be limited to 2 subsidy's per year
- Provide an IDCTA member to man the auditor check-in table during the clinic
- Advertise the clinic on IDCTA's face book page and on USDF Region 2's face book page (using the communication form)
- In order for your barn to participate in this clinic affiliation program, your barn must be a business member. This program is limited to 2 clinics per year.

As an IDCTA business member, your barn would receive the following benefits:

- ONE IDCTA Regular, Junior Rider or Young Rider membership including a Group Membership to USDF (go to http://www.usdf.org/join/GMBenefits.pdf for a complete list of GMO benefits)
- $60 of advertising in the IDCTA *Scribe* (good for one membership year, not cumulative)
- An expanded listing in the IDCTA website Service Directory (www.idcta.org/membership/idcta-service-directory)
- A condensed version of your web-site Service Directory listing in the IDCTA *Scribe* (see current issue for details)
- Links to your website and/or email from both Service Directories, as well as any advertising you run in the *Scribe*
- Event listings on the IDCTA Calen-dar, both website and *Scribe*
- Email Blasts utilizing the IDCTA email list, a great way to advertise your business.

If you would like to participate in this clinic affiliation program, your barn will be assigned a barn ambassador to ensure that there will be continuity and regular communication between the barn and the IDCTA board. We are excit-ed about the program and are sure that there are benefits for each organization.

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- Atlanta Youth Festival (Georgia)
- Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival (New York)
- Youth Dressage Festival Midwest (Michigan)

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Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association
2026 Membership Form

Name: _____

Street Address:_____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email (Required): _____

The membership year is December 1 though November 30. If you choose a type of membership that has an italic section, please complete the information for that specialized membership type:

Regular Membership .....$70.00 $ _____

Young Rider Membership .....$55.00 $ _____

Rider Birth Date – REQUIRED! _____

Junior Rider Membership $45.00 $ _____

Rider Birth Date – REQUIRED! _____

Business Membership* .....$175.00 $ _____

If you are joining as a Business Member, please provide us with additional information:

Business Name: _____

Street Address: _____

*City / State / Zip:*_____

Please check applicable box: ❑ New Membership ❑ Membership Renewal

Please accept my gift to IDCTA's Educational Grant Fund _____ $

Total.....$ _____

What type of riding do you do? (select all that apply):
❑ Dressage ❑ Eventing ❑ Schooling Shows ❑ Western Dressage ❑ Virtual Shows ❑ Other

Are you a trainer: ❑ Yes ❑ No **Who do you train with?**_____

Please make check payable to IDCTA. Credit cards NOT accepted with this form.
Mail Membership Form & Check to:
Carrie Dorn, 1311 Gamon Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189
Email: carrie.dorn@compass.com | Phone: 630-408-3678

IDCTA is an ALL Volunteer, Not-For-Profit Organization. Please become active in the club and VOLUNTEER!
Rules Governing IDCTA Year-end Awards: In order to qualify for any awards, the owner and the rider of each horse must be a Regular, Young Rider, Junior Rider and/or Life member of IDCTA at the time the scores are earned.

Explanation of Membership Fees:

Regular Membership: $70.00 Includes an annual electronic subscription to the Scribe available at IDCTA.org, one vote in annual elections, discounted participation in select IDCTA sponsored activities and a USDF Group membership*.

Young Rider Membership: $55.00 For those members who will not have reached their 22nd birthday before January 1, 2026. Same benefits as regular members with the exception of voting privileges.

Junior Rider Membership: $45.00 For those members who will not have reached their 17th birthday before January 1, 2026. Same benefits as regular members with the exception of voting privileges.

Business Membership: $175.00 Entitles a business to ONE IDCTA Regular, Junior Rider or Young Rider membership. $60 of advertising in the Scribe, a link to your website from IDCTA's website and an entry into the Business Directory with your logo and a summary of your business offerings. You can also advertise your events on the IDCTA website calendar, and request E-Blasts be sent out to the IDCTA email list. Once you have signed up as a business, your application will be sent to the web administrator and you will be sent a questionnaire to build your directory page. This is a great way to advertise your business.

** USDF Group membership includes 10 issues of the* USDF Connection *and many additional benefits. It is not a participating membership and does not include eligibility for USDF year end awards and to compete in Regional competitions. For further information go to www.usdf.org/clubs/gmo.*

Benefits of IDCTA Membership

IDCTA membership comes with the following benefits:

Community

- Support - becoming a member of IDCTA brings you together with other equine lovers to support one another and improve the understanding of dressage and eventing disciplines
- *SCRIBE* - receive IDCTA's monthly, electronic newsletter
- *SCRIBE* - you can submit articles to be published in the *SCRIBE*
- Facebook - join your equine community on IDCTA's Facebook page

Education

- Riding clinics - with some of the top trainers/coaches available
- Education clinics (in development) – learn about different topics (i.e., tack fitting, equine insurance, essential oils, etc)
- Schooling Shows
- Recognized Shows

Financial

- Discounts - receive a discount to ride in or audit IDCTA-sponsored clinics
- USDF Group membership - included with your IDCTA membership - group members get most of the benefits of USDF membership (exceptions - a group membership cannot qualify for or participate in (1) regional championships; (2) Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards or (3) USDF Breeder's Championship Qualifiers and Finals classes) (link: https://www.usdf.org/faqs/gmo.asp#1)
- Grants - apply for a grant to participate in a clinic (link: https://idcta.org/idcta-grant-program)
- Advertising - regular members get free advertising in the classified section of the *SCRIBE,* and business members (1) get $60 of advertising in the *SCRIBE*, (2) can advertise through emails blasts to almost 2,000 in the equine community, (3) can post on IDCTA's facebook page, and (4) can advertise events on the IDCTA website calendar (link: https://idcta.org/contact-us/advertising-rates)

Recognition

- IDCTA year-end awards - be recognized for your achievements in both recognized and schooling shows

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TDF
Your Source for Support

Since 1989, donors to The Dressage Foundation have generously provided funds to create a better dressage community... for you.

Each year grants and scholarships are awarded to riders of all ages and levels- instructors, judges, breeders, dressage non-profits, and more.

Visit dressagefoundation.org to learn about the options currently available:

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ADULT AMATEURS
- Gifted Memorial Fund
- Heldenberg Training Center Fund
- Evie Tumlin Fund for Region 9

YOUTH
- Captain Jack Fritz Grants for YR Graduate Program
- Carolyn Van Cise Fund for Michigan Youth
- Cynthia Aspden Fund for Youth Development
- Heldenberg Training Center Fund
- Young Rider International Dream Program

INSTRUCTORS
- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals
- Major Lindgren Instructor Education Fund
- Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members
- USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

BREEDERS
- Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeders

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- Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges' Licensing
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- Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund
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- Patsy Albers Award

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- Edgar Hotz Judges Education Fund
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IDCTA Scribe Advertising Information

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Mary Jo Downen, TypaGraphics
Please pay online at IDCTA.org or send checks (made payable to IDCTA) to: Mary Jo Downen, 33062 Pearl St., Kirkland, IL 60146
Phone: 815-522-2285 E-mail: typagraphics@gmail.com

The Scribe is available ONLINE in FULL COLOR. Your ad linked to your website and/or email at NO CHARGE.

Advertising Rates

All Ads must be prepaid and received by the 10th of the preceding month. Ads must be "camera-ready" and sized to fit; those requiring extra work may be subject to additional graphics charges.

Display Ad Rates	1X	6X*	12X*
Full page	$40.00	$38.00/mo ($228)	$35.00/mo. ($420)
Half Page	$25.00	$23.00/mo ($138)	$20.00/mo. ($240)
Third Page	$20.00	$18.00/mo ($108)	$15.00/mo. ($180)
Quarter Page	$15.00	$13.00/mo ($78)	$10.00/mo. ($120)
Business Card	$10.00	$8.00/mo ($48)	$5.00/mo. ($60)
SPONSOR Business Card	FREE**		

***Businesses offering IDCTA members a 10% discount may run a business card size ad in the* IDCTA Scribe *FREE OF CHARGE. Ad MUST include the words "10% discount for IDCTA members." No limit on times ad is run provided conditions are met.*

**The entire amount of the ad run must be paid at the time the ad is placed in order to obtain the multiple insertion discount.*

Classifieds (Sorry, there is no discount for multiple classified insertions)
Members 50 words FREE (Additional words are 10¢ each.)
Non-members 10¢ per word. Payment MUST accompany order.

Ad Payment: Ads must be paid in full by deadline. Please make all checks payable to IDCTA, and mail to Mary Jo Downen, 33062 Pearl St., Kirkland, IL 60146.

Ad Sizes:
Full Page: 8-1/2" Wide X 11" High
Half Page: 7-7/8" Wide X 5" High
One-Third Page: 7-7/8" Wide X 3-3/8" High
Quarter Page: 4" Wide X 5" High
Business Card: 3-1/2" Wide X 2" High

Copy Submission Guidelines:
Preferred file formats are: Press-ready PDF, TIF, JPEG, EPS, AI (all fonts converted to outlines).

The following formats are not preferred but will be accepted: PageMaker (all fonts and links included), InDesign (fonts to outlines and links included), CorelDraw (all fonts and links included), Microsoft Publisher (all fonts included), Microsoft Word (all fonts included).

The Scribe can also scan your hard copy; however, we can not be responsible for the quality of reproduced pre-printed copy.

The Scribe is not responsible for any ad that is not submitted properly sized and in the proper format. If your ad is close to our stated sizes, we will adjust to fit. However, if there is a significant sizing issue, you will be contacted and asked to re-size your ad or pay an additional charge for us to do so. *The Scribe* can put together an ad for you at an additional cost; please call Mary Jo at 815-522-2285 for a quote.

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The IDCTA Service Directory listings are available to all paid IDCTA Business Members.
Take advantage of this fantastic resource for those seeking equine-related services as well as for those offering them.

Classified Ads up to 50 words are FREE for IDCTA members! 10¢ a word for non-members.
Send your ad to Mary Jo Downen at typagraphics@gmail.com

Classified Ads

TRAINING

Dressage lessons and coaching with Fatima Pawlenko Kranz. Classic and Western Dressage lessons & clinics, ride-a-test clinics, coaching at shows. 45+ years experience, USDF Silver Medalist, USDF "R" Dressage Judge, USEF "R" Western Dressage Judge. Fpk2009@yahoo.com or 847-774-5856

BOARDING

Stalls available at Woodland Equestrian. Board Your Horse in a Quiet private, heated barn in Harvard, IL. Stalls are 12x14. Heated Indoor arena and outdoor Dressage arena. Wash stall with hot and cold water. Training programs available with clinics on premise. Call or text Jamie Waters 815-651-1839

Board Your Horse – Large Stalls: Quiet private barn in Barrington Hills; 12 x 20 foot stalls; lighted indoor arena with sand/rubber/fiber footing; barn is heated; warm/cold water wash rack; 6 fenced pastures; across from riding trails; 3 miles from the B.H.'s Riding Center. $950 to $1200 per month. **Contact Shirley at (847) 370-3856**

LEASE AND SHARE BOARDING

Stonehedge Farm has several horses available for lease or share boarding. Trainer on premises available for lessons: 1) TB/Percheron Cross gelding. Likes to jump; started in dressage. 2) TB Gelding- School Master to fourth Level Dressage. Contact Erika Dierks for more information (262) 859-2853 or e-mail stonehedgellc@gmail.com.

TACK FOR SALE

2021 Bates Isabell 18"dressage saddle with CAIR panels and easy changegullet system. Wide. $1,500. Barrington location. 847-989-6378.

Potter steel metal jump cups with chain attached pins. Never lose another pin. $12/pr. 18 pair available. 847-989-6378.

Saddle:2017 Equipe Viktoria Black Mono, 18L, M+1. +1 Rear Panel. Excellent condition $3500.00 OBO
Bits: Neue Schule bit, Starter Weymouth 5" - $150.00, Neue Schule Bit Starter Bridoon 5" - $90.00, Neue Schule Bit Starter snaffle 5.14 - $90.00 **Contact: Robin Mattson, 847-363-9409**

Stubben Juventus Jump Saddle 17 inch, wide tree. Secure deep seat with knee/thigh blocks, ideal for junior or petite adult jumper or eventer. Excellent used condition with years of use ahead. A few cosmetic blemishes lead to a very affordable price. $750. email for photos or info: irebay@uchicago.edu

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Full Size, Rolled Double Bridle with top buckles, Great Condition $125. Tammy Venturi, 208-283-3718

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Stunning hunt scene room divider - hand painted on leather. 84" high with 4 25" panels accordion-style panels. Extraordinary craftsmanship. $1200. Contact me for photos or more info. citywindfarm@hotmail.com

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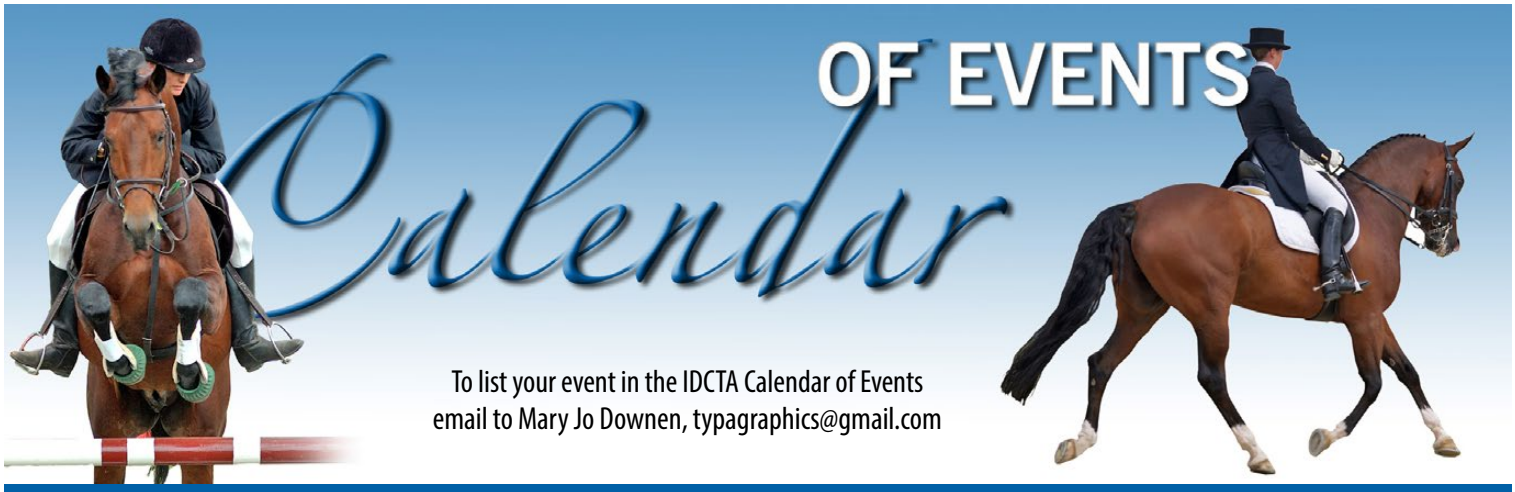

To list your event in the IDCTA Calendar of Events
email to Mary Jo Downen, typagraphics@gmail.com

NOTE: All IDCTA shows and events, as well as Region 2 USDF Shows and USEA Area IV events are eligible for volunteer hours with signed volunteer form.

OCTOBER

October 24-November 2
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #1
CLICK HERE for flyer

NOVEMBER

November 1-2
Working Equiration with Mario Contreras
The Gait at 45W, Maple Park, IL
Contact paulina@thegaitat45w.com or 631-461-0089

November 5
Schooling Show Organizational Meeting
7:00 am - 8:00 am: Zoom Meeting
If you are interested in having your Schooling Show included in the year end awards and in the IDCTA Schooling Show Omnibus, this is the meeting to attend.
Contact: ceceliaconway2@gmail.com

JANUARY 2026

January 16-26
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #2
CLICK HERE for flyer

January 24
IDCTA Annual Year-end Awards Banquet
Old Orchard Country Club, Mt. Prospect, IL
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm
6:00pm: Cocktails and Raffle begin
Dinner at 7:00
Questions: Molly Fine 716-573-5390
or mollymfine@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

February 13-23
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #3
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MARCH

March 13-23
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #4
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APRIL

April 10-27
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #5 & Championships
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IDCTA MISSION STATEMENT

The Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association is a non-profit organization that embraces education, self-accomplishment and community in Dressage, Eventing and Combined Training. Through educational events, scheduled competitions and social activities, our organization strives to support both equestrian and non-equestrian members with their personal goals, including understanding theories that enhance horsemanship, gaining skills to improve performance, and pursuing the maximum enjoyment that equestrian sport has to offer.

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