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IDCTA SUMMER KICKOFF DRESSAGE SHOW

June 20-22 | Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI

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President's PERSPECTIVE

By Molly Fine

The IDCTA Virtual Show Series consisting of four shows is now complete, and the results are posted on the IDCTA website under the Competitions tab. Unfortunately, the fourth show did not have any Championship classes so there will be no championship awards for the series. Participants in the Virtual Show Series can submit your scores in October for the IDCTA Annual Year-end awards if you have met the qualifications. Next year we will be adding a fifth virtual show in November. We will also offer Green as Grass and Equitation classes next year, with championships classes in April as well.

The IDCTA Summer Kickoff Dressage Show in June is shaping up nicely and is now open for entries. Click HERE for complete information including a prize list and signup link.

We are in need of show volunteers, including Scribes, Stewards and Office Help:

- **Scribes:** We are using electronic scribing, and training will be provided if you have scribed traditionally and need to become familiar with the electronic process.
- **Stewards and Office help:** No experience is necessary – we will teach you the job.

Volunteering is a great way to earn volunteer hours for the IDCTA Annual Year-end awards requirement, as well as being there to cheer on the competitors. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Molly Fine at 716-573-5390 or email mollymfine@gmail.com.

We have some exciting new developments for our Summer Kickoff Dressage show this year!

IDCTA Member Discounts

IDCTA members (riders only) will receive a $5 discount on class fees (for each class they participate in). For example, if you ride in six classes, you will get a $30 discount. The discount will be issued as a refund after the conclusion of the show, via the original payment method. Individuals must be a member prior to check-in at the show office on Thursday, June 19th. No-shows and scratches will not receive a discount on the class fees.

Vintage High Point Awards

Adult Amateurs aged 55 and over will be eligible for the IDCTA Vintage High Point awards at the end of the show on Saturday. **Please Note:** The only requirement will be to include a birth date in the entry for the show. The Date of Birth line is located on the bottom right of the entry form, under the rider section.

Champion and Reserve Champion High Point ribbons and prizes will be awarded in three categories: Training through 1st levels; 2nd, 3rd and 4th levels; and FEI levels.

There are many details in addition to our new awards, so please take the time to review all requirements carefully when signing up for the show.

It is now time to get outside and ride – well, almost! The weather has not been totally cooperative, but warm weather is on the way whether it seems so or not. Enjoy the outside activities and we will see you ringside.

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Camp Lake, Wisconsin

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Emma Kane riding Mein Liebling

Josa Comstock Photography, LLC.

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IDCTA Vintage Award (for Adult Amateurs)

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Awards for Each Class

Divisions (Junior/Young, Adult Amateur, and Open) may be run concurrently as one class and pinned separately. Riders must clearly specify their division choice. When no designation is made, riders will automatically be entered as OPEN: Exhibitors enter with this understanding and agreement. Riders may enter only one division per class. USDF Intro classes, Opportunity classes, Materiale tests, and Musical Freestyles are not eligible for High Point awards on Saturday. Ribbons will be awarded for both shows to sixth place for all classes.

High Point Ribbon and Prize for SATURDAY Show Only

High point ribbons and prizes will be given to the horse and rider combination with the highest % in the following divisions: 1) AA Training, 2) AA First, 3) AA Second, 4) AA Third, 5) AA Fourth, 6) AA FEI, 7) JR/YR Training, 8) JR/YR First, 9) JR/YR Second, 10) JR/YR Third, 11) JR/YR Fourth, 12) JR/YR FEI, 13) Open Training, 14) Open First, 15) Open Second, 16) Open Third, 17) Open Fourth, and 18) Open FEI.

The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP)

High Point (HP) ribbons will be awarded to TIP-registered horses. Please provide TIP number with entry form. High Point (HP) is a cumulative total of all scores earned in that division for the entire day. High Score is single highest score. High Point (HP) ribbons will be awarded each day. TIP HP ribbons will be awarded as follows: Intro Level HP, Training Level HP, First Level HP, 2nd-4th Levels HP, FEI Levels HP, Freestyle High Score, Young Dressage HP.

Special Ribbons for Pony Test of Choice Classes

Special National Pony Cup ribbons will be awarded for the two Pony Test of Choice classes each day. A High Point ribbon and a Reserve High Point ribbon will be awarded on Sunday for the highest scores over the two days in the Pony Test of Choice classes. After degree of difficulty per test is added, a ribbon and certificate will be mailed to the Champion Pony from the NDPC.

This only applies to Pony Divisions, Pony TOC classes, Pony Freestyle classes, and FEI Pony Tests. NDPC Awards for Partner Shows will be mailed after the conclusion of the show. 1st through 6th place and High Point ribbons will be given at the show, by the show. Degree of Difficulty Chart is available at www.dressageponycup.com/degree-of-difficulty. For these awards, the equine must qualify as a pony. Pony Measurement: Please contact the secretary prior to the closing date to set up an appointment for the measurement with the show veterinarian and technical delegate. A measurement fee of $100 must be paid on entry. The measurement must take place prior to the first pony test ride.

Breed Awards

IDCTA will be presenting special breed awards from various breed organizations, including those breeds who do not traditionally have awards. All breed awards will be determined prior to the show. To be considered for breed awards you must submit your breed papers. Any breed will be considered if breed papers are provided. Awards will be given based upon the requirements of the specific breed organization. Please see the show office for further details.

Photographer: Josa Comstock Photography, LLC.

Josa Comstock Photography, LLC. will be our official photographer and you can sign up to be photographed at www.josacomstockphotography.com. Early bird discounts are running through June 7th at 6 p.m. Only those that pre-sign up are guaranteed to be captured.

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Jessica Darby Photography at the Fine Arts Tent

Elevate your equestrian experience with timeless white background portraits by Jessica Darby Photography. These striking, studio-style images celebrate the beauty and athleticism of your horse in a clean, distraction-free setting. With an emphasis on fine detail, conformation, and expression, these portraits are ideal for stallion promotions, sale ads, branding, or simply as elegant wall art that honors your horse's legacy.

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Sign up here: https://www.jessicadarbyphoto.com/white-background-portraits/

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Opportunity Classes

Opportunity classes are an opportunity to start showing at the recognized level without USEF and USDF non-membership fee(s). If you are a current IDCTA member, you already have a USDF membership. The scores from Opportunity classes can be applied to IDCTA Schooling Show Year-end awards.

Leadline Class (#700)

The Leadline is a class for those riders new to riding horses. An adult or older child leads the pony or horse in-hand while the rider is judged. At the IDCTA show, this class will be an exhibition class offered for riders of all ages. Riders may be asked horse-related questions by the judge. Proper footwear and a helmet are required of all participants in the class. Each rider will be awarded a ribbon and prize for participation.

Garrocha Demonstration

Jill McCrea will be demonstrating the use of Garrocha pole. The Garrocha pole is the tool used in Doma Vaquera style of riding that enables the rider to carry out daily duties on a working cattle ranch in Spain and Portugal

Dining Options during the Show

During the Day: Food will be available on the show grounds during normal show hours provided by Kevin's Catering. They offer a personalized approach to catering, providing outstanding planning, service, and prepared dishes, sure to create lasting memories. Kevin's Catering shares a commitment to ethical food choices through scratch cooking that embraces taste and health standards at an affordable cost, bringing family, friends and colleagues together through delicious food made with love! They also include vegetarian, gluten-free, paleo, keto, and plant-based menus and options. A couple of the most popular items are Cheese and Chipotle Chicken Quesadillas, and their FAMOUS Tuna Salad offered in a warm pita pocket or on a bed of fresh seasonal greens. And everyone loves their 1/4 pound sirloin burgers!

Friday Night: There will be a wine and cheese party in the pavilion sponsored by Trilogy Saddles and Meg Dischler.

Saturday Night: Dinner will be provided by Kevin's Catering and is sponsored Ron and Jessica Calvert. The IDCTA dinner on Saturday night will feature Teriyaki Chicken with Broccoli Crowns, freshly made Rice Pilaf, Honey Glazed Carrots, and other incredible items.

We Need Help! Running a Dressage Show Like This Takes a Village!

We are looking for Scribes, Stewards and Office Helpers.

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Be a Sponsor!

One of the ways that we make our Summer Kickoff Dressage Show special is by asking businesses and individuals to sponsor classes during the show. This year the sponsorships will cover Dressage Dollars for the first, second and third place class winners on Friday and Saturday and prizes on Sunday. This year we have added another day to the schedule and are in need of additional sponsors.

Thank you to all who have stepped up as a sponsor and we would love for you to be a sponsor as well!

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Fine at 716-573-5390 or email mollymfine@gmail.com

Contribute A Door Prize!

We are raffling off door prizes each day of the show. It would be great if you could contribute something for the raffle.

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Thank you for considering one any of these ways of showing your support. We hope to see you at the show!

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Training Tip: Wisdom In Not Knowing

Embrace not knowing what you don't know. When you're struggling in a moment of not knowing, take a breath and accept not knowing what you don't know, because accepting not knowing what you don't know shows greater wisdom than knowing what you know.

Assumptions are a tricky trap when training or showing horses, and in any relationship for that matter. We could assume that because we've been in that corner of the arena before, our horse shouldn't spook, or we assume something even the worse, and the outcome turns out better than expected. The trap with assumptions is how we react to the circumstances that didn't meet our expectations. Being human, we can accumulate a lot of anticipated responses based on our history. Some responses are conscious, but studies show the majority are subconscious. Studies say ~80-90% are subconscious thoughts compared to ~10-20% conscious thoughts in sports. That means ~80-90% of the time you are taking action without consciously thinking about it based on motor skills you've learned from past events. So, if something happens that did not meet our expectations, our reaction to that very assumption can be subconsciously defensive resulting in thinking you're failing or your safety is jeopardized.

These defensive reactions can come up in many different forms, but if I were to relate it to horse behavior that we all understand, it would be Freeze, Fight and Flight. Teaching a young child on a horse can be a lot easier than an adult. The child has a carefree attitude whereas an adult knows the repercussions of getting hurt. The child does not harbor assumptions as to what they are going to get when asking for a canter, and will kick and let their body follow however they feel fit to get the gait. The adult learning to canter on the other hand is already anticipating the worst and is looking to confirm their assumption that this is not safe, so if they get the canter, they conclude they were lucky that time not to get hurt. The body language appears as if they are in a freeze state. It doesn't have to be the whole body, it could be as simple as pulling up your heels, looking down, or cocking your weight to one side. It is simply the subconscious tightening of the muscles when feeling threatened.

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The fight response can present in many different forms, and it does not immediately appear as abuse. Fight first appears as frustration. This is important to know so that you may catch the frustration before it leads to direct harm to others or to yourself. We've all ridden a horse a little harder than we should have at some point, all because we assume the horse should know what we are asking of them and meet our expectations. Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it? Thats because you were in a subconscious fight mode. Ever try to talk to somebody in fight mode? You might either get your head bitten off or receive a night-long dialog justifying their actions. Try to remember that the enemy of good is better.

The flight response seems far more harmless but actually takes a long-term toll on an individual. Flight comes up as making excuses for not to even try doing the very thing one might want to do. They have made up so many excuses that it becomes reality. They really want to achieve this goal but are already assuming that they are going to fail, so they look for anything that could fit that assumption and quit. From made up lamenesses to 10-minute rides, the moment the work starts to shift away from progress, I can see them subconsciously sabotaging the effort with a "Good day, I think my horse is tired now."

It's important to know that Freeze, Fight, and Flight responses are all subconscious reactions to anxiety. Anxiety will show up when least expected, as it is difficult to predict. Making assumptions or having strict expectations is a set-up for disaster because you are working with nature. Nature cannot be controlled, we have to listen to it. We can influence it but not control it. Riding the horse is an art, and like nature, it is in constant motion. The rider has to be ok with an infinite number of responses. It's not how quickly I can train my responses to be, but how slowly I can wait to listen and allow space to learn. Riding is an endless game of learning body and mind control. We should all have the end goal to build a well-balanced, powerful subject to achieve the concrete standards of Dressage, Eventing, Show Jumping or other equestrian sports, but not at the cost of compromising body and spirit. Sitting still and not knowing could be the first step to making the next right decision, and that is the wisest move one can make.

Some tips in slowing down your subconscious Freeze, Fight, and Flight response would be to:

1. Admit you have anxiety and ask yourself how you typically respond. We all have anxieties. Talk to your coach about them or even ask them about theirs. It's a good topic to get out in the open so as not feel alienated over it.
2. Meditate. Meditating can be achieved in many forms at the barn, from finding a quiet place to cleaning stalls. The main goal in meditation is to feel that you are present and safe. Meditation can be on your horse's back. The main thing is to quiet the mind and so that you are able to observe with all your senses.
3. Educate yourself endlessly. You will realize that you don't really know anything if you assume you know something. Wisdom comes in not knowing. That being said, take in as much information that comes to you as you can, just don't be married to it. You can't help but see all these mainstream methods out there on social media that are free for the picking. There is always another approach; however, we should all be after the same goal, to have a mutual respect for both comfort and power in our training.
4. Break it down. When we start to head into various modes of anxiety that we are now familiar with, we can break it down into smaller parts that our body, brain and horse can understand, and not enter into a pattern of subconscious reactions leading to tension. Some days you may just walk or choose to not ride when overwhelmed. That is a very respectable choice based on being aware of your body and horse's needs.

- *Eric G. Dierks*

Eric Dierks started riding following his father's footsteps in Dressage, then discovered Eventing, graduating as an "A" from the Fox River Valley Pony Club in Barrington, Illinois. After competing in the North American Young Riders Championships, he went on to graduate from Illinois State University with a B.S. in Environmental Health Studies, eventually pursuing horses full-time as both a competitor and instructor. A big advocate for education, Eric has coached the Area IV Young Rider 3-Day Event Team at the North American Young Riders Championships, sat on the Board of Governors for the United States Pony Club, published countless articles on training, and continues to teach at his family's Stonehedge Farm in Union Grove, Wisconsin. Today Eric continues to educate and compete in the Eventing, Dressage, and Hunter/Jumper arenas. Photo from www.ericdierks.com.

Mill Creek Hunt Club Clinic

August 9th & 10th, 2025

Saturday: Includes learning sessions and an optional trail ride with MCH staff over spectacular hunt country.

Sunday: Participants have the option to join in a regularly scheduled hunt.

Questions? Contact us at millcreekhuntclub@gmail.com

Reserve your spot now!

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**

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

Virtual Show Results: April 11th - 27th

Judge: Margaret Freeman USDF "SNR"

USDF Intro A - JNR

1st	61.56%	Mio Perez	&	Breakfast at Tiffany's	IL

USDF Intro A - AA

1st	68.13%	Susan Kane	&	Pinnacle Kane	IL
2nd	64.38%	Martha Sieber	&	Fletch Mail	IL
3rd	60.31%	Camille Murray	&	Ozzie	IL
2219	*No Test Received*	Sara Lawson	&	Plesant Promise	IL

USDF Intro A - Open

1st	66.56%	Meredith Halas	&	NSE Spellbound	IL

USDF Intro B - JNR

1st	69.06%	Aliya Bedell	&	Strange Magic	IL
2nd	68.44%	Evie Burke	&	Merrylegs	IL
3rd	63.13%	Audrey Minkin	&	Dinki	IL

USDF Intro B - AA

1st	70.63%	Susan Kane	&	Pinnacle Kane	IL
2nd	66.25%	Martha Sieber	&	Fletch Mail	IL
2531	On Hold	Krista M. Piwonka	&	Smiling Silas	IL

USDF Intro C - JNR

1st	72.00%	Claira Bush	&	Adelweiss	WI
2nd	66.5% Col 47.5	Gabrielle Barbosa	&	Apollo	IL
3rd	66.5% Col 46.5	Evie Burke	&	Merrylegs	IL
4th	62.25%	Aliya Bedell	&	Strange Magic	IL
5th	61.50%	Mackenzie Boutcher	&	Sadie	IN
6th	60.75%	Audrey Minkin	&	Dinki	IL
7th	60.50%	Ava Russman	&	Onzo	IN
2557	*No Test Received*	Caroline Kotarski	&	Ozzie	IN
2427	*No Test Received*	Amara Annan	&	Tuxedo	IL

USDF Intro C - AA

2532	On Hold	Krista M. Piwonka	&	Smiling Silas	IL

USDF Training 1- AA

1st	66.73%	Jenifer Kloss	&	Linka	IL
2nd	64.62%	Margo Smith	&	Make it a Double	IL
3rd	63.85%	Cheryl Sisco	&	Zebulon	IL

USDF Training 2- AA

1st	70.00%	Lydia Uhlir	&	Oakley	
2362	*No Test Received*	Debbie Kretchmar	&	Phillip	IL

USDF Training 3 - AA

1st	68.60%	Lydia Uhlir	&	Oakley	
2nd	60.60%	Margo Smith	&	Make it a Double	IL

Virtual Show Results: April 11th - 27th

USDF First Level Test 1 - AA

1st	60.74%	Lisa Zurn	&	Tailwindsilverlining	WI

USDF First Level Test 2 - Open

1st	68.64%	Ingrid Pavilanis	&	Olivander GS	IL

USDF First Level Test 3- Open

1st	69.17%	Ingrid Pavilanis	&	Olivander GS	IL

USDF Third Level Test 3 - AA

1st	62.13%	Angelika Coghlan	&	Patriot HVH	WI
2nd	61.88%	Angelika Coghlan	&	Patriot HVH	WI

Green as Grass Test 1- AA

1st	70.42%	Kelly Braswell	&	Kyrie Eleison	IL

Green as Grass Test 3- AA

1st	70.91%	Kelly Braswell	&	Kyrie Eleison	IL

Judge: Janice Mumford USEF/WDAA "R"

WDAA Intro 4 - AA

1st	121.5 60.75%	Moriah Jones	&	Rio Grande	IL

WDAA Basic 4 - AA

1st	149 57.31%	Karen Merkelz	&	Vinny	IL

WDAA Level 2 - Test 3 - AA

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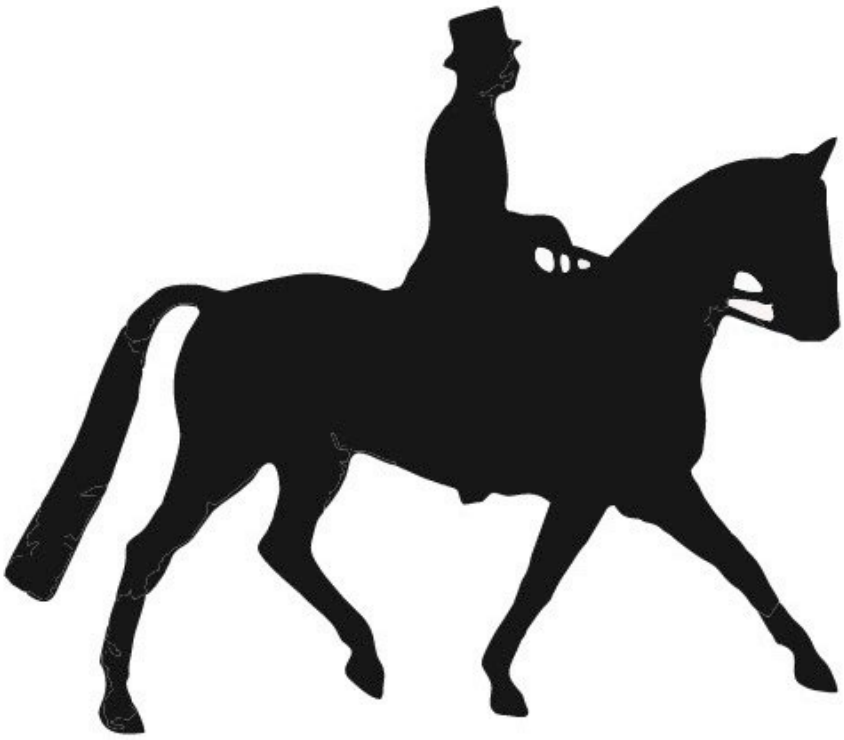

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IDCTA Celebrated our Golden Anniversary in 2023!

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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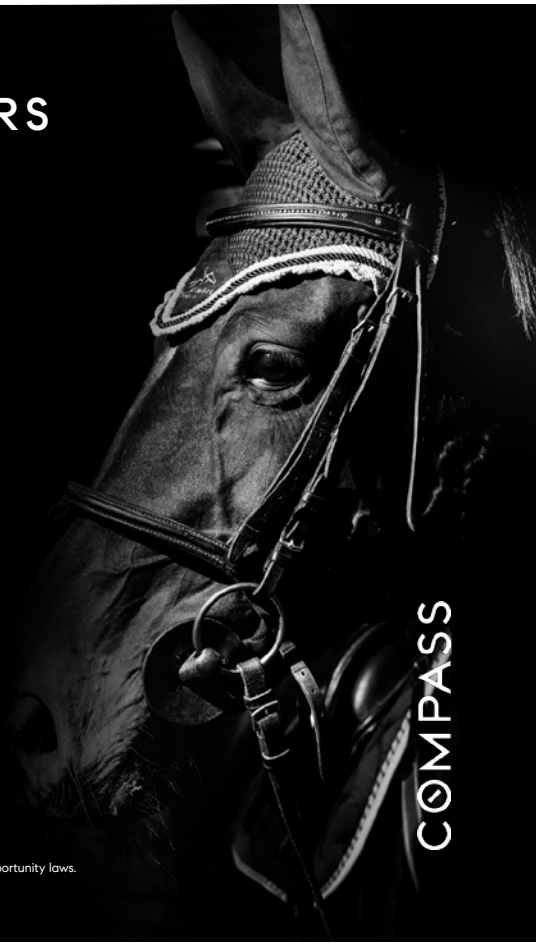

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Main Stay offers adaptive/therapeutic riding lessons during the day, evening and weekends, and there is a need for people with horse experience to lead therapy horses during classes. Horse handlers are primarily responsible for the horse during lessons 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

Scribe Editor Mary Jo Downen at *typagraphics@gmail.com*.

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.

Updated 3/15/21

Dressage4Kids

Educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them

Educational Opportunities:

- Scholarships – open to all D4K participants
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D4K TEAM member benefits:

- Educational material
- Community
- Eligibility to ride in D4K TEAM clinics with top trainers like Lendon Gray, Allison Brock, and Olivia LaGoy-Weltz
- Notices about D4K lease horses
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Competitive Opportunities:

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

Learn more at www.dressage4kids.org

Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association
2025 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 .....$60.00 $ _____

Young Rider Membership .....$45.00 $ _____

Rider Birth Date – REQUIRED! _____

Junior Rider Membership $35.00 $ _____

Rider Birth Date – REQUIRED! _____

Business Membership* .....$160.00 $ _____

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: $60.00 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: $45.00 For those members who will not have reached their 22nd birthday before January 1, 2025. Same benefits as regular members with the exception of voting privileges.

Junior Rider Membership: $35.00 For those members who will not have reached their 17th birthday before January 1, 2025. Same benefits as regular members with the exception of voting privileges.

Business Membership: $160.00 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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ADULT AMATEURS
- Gifted Memorial Fund
- Heldenberg Training Center Fund
- Evie Tumlin Fund for Region 9

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

INSTRUCTORS
- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
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- 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

JUDGES
- Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges' Licensing
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- Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund
- Veronica Holt Dressage Technical Delegate Fund

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- Anne B. Ramsay Grant
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- Patsy Albers Award

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The IDCTA Service Directory listings are available to all paid IDCTA members. *If you would like to have your horse-related business listed and you are a current IDCTA member, please email your listing to Mary Jo Downen at typagraphics@gmail.com. Listings should include your name, your farm name, your phone(s), your email, your website, and a brief description of the services that you offer. If you offer both training and boarding services, you can have a longer description. Please provide your IDCTA member number as well.*

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.
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TRAINING

Dressage lessons and coaching with Fatima Pawlenko Kranz. 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

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NOTE: IDCTA MEMBER FREE ADS will continued to run until cancelled. Please contact the Advertising Manager above if you wish your ad to be discontinued.

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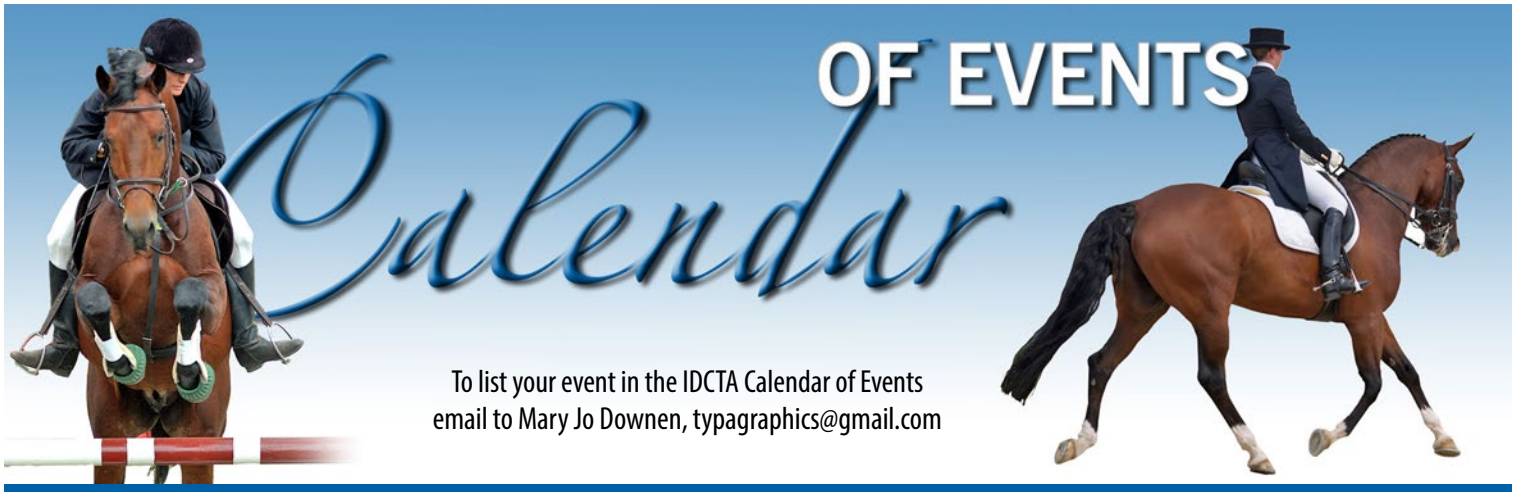
2025 IDCTA Schooling Show Series Schedule

Date	Farm	Divisions	Judge
May 11th	FVSA	Dressage	Martina Mertens, Michael Peters
May 17th	FRVPC	Schooling Day	TBD
May 18th	FRVPC	Mini Event & CT	TBD
June 8th	FVSA	Mini Event & CT	Lydia Knurek, Martina Mertens
June 15th	Winsom Farm	"Dressage, CT, & Mini Event **South Side Classic"	Martina Mertens
June 20th-22nd	IDCTA @ Silverwood	Opportunity Dressage	TBD
June 28th	Excelsior Equestrian	"Dressage ** South Side Classic"	Ken Borden
June 28th	Haywire Farm	Dressage, CT, & Mini Event	TBD
July 12th	Hannaberry Farm	"Dressage & CT ** South Side Classic"	Michael Peters
July 20th	Winsom Farm	Dressage, CT, & Mini Event	TBD
July 26th	Oak Lawn Farm	Dressage & CT	TBD
July 27th	Johnson Equestrian	Dressage & CT	TBD
August 9th	Hannaberry Farm	Dressage & CT	Elizabeth Gagliardi
August 16th	Haywire Farm	Dressage, CT, & Mini Event	TBD
August 24th	FVSA	Mini Event & CT	Jessica Calvert, Michael Peters
August 30th	Oak Lawn Farm	"DRESSAGE & CT CHAMPIONSHIPS"	TBD
September 28th	FVSA	Dressage	Jessica Calvert, Lydia Knurek
October 5th	Silverwood Farm	"MINI EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS"	TBD

Details and signup information can be found at https://idcta.org/events/



To list your event in the IDCTA Calendar of Events
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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.

JUNE

June 6-8
Silverwood Dressage **2 shows
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
www.silverwoodfarm.net/html/shows.htm

June 10
Saddle Fitting Seminar
With Debby Witty of Trilogy Saddles
6:30 pm at Stonehedge Farm
935 172nd Ave, Union Grove WI
Register Here

June 14
Silverwood Horse Trials
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
www.silverwoodfarm.net/html/shows.htm

June 20-22
IDCTA Summer Kickoff Dressage Show
Camp Lake, WI
Details TBA

JULY

July 5-6
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
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July 12-13
Silverwood Dressage
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July 19
Silverwood Horse Trials
Camp Lake, WI
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July 26-27
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
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AUGUST

August 9-10
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
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August 15-17
Silverwood Dressage **2 shows
Camp Lake, WI
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August 18-24
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August 30
Silverwood Fall Horse Trials
Camp Lake, WI
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August 30-31
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
www.silverwoodfarm.net/html/shows.htm

SEPTEMBER

September 13-14
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
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September 27-28
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
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OCTOBER

October 4
X-C Schooling Day and Horse Show Warm-up
Camp Lake, WI
Participant must be entered in the competition on Oct 5 to school Saturday

October 5
Silverwood One-Day Horse Trial (Unrecognized) and IDCTA Mini Event Championship
Camp Lake, WI
For information go to
www.silverwoodfarm.net/html/shows.htm

October 11-12
Silverwood Dressage
Camp Lake, WI
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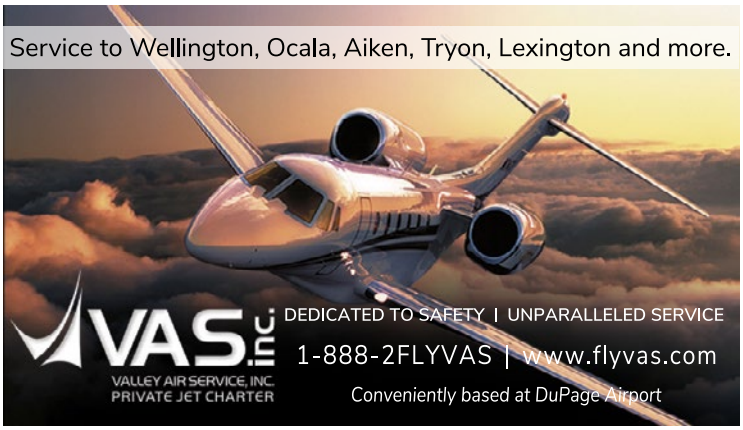
www.silverwoodfarm.net/html/shows.htm



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