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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

IDCTA ANNUAL YEAR-END AWARDS

All annual awards forms must be submitted or postmarked by OCTOBER 31, 2025. Digital submission is highly recommended; we cannot be responsible for forms delayed in the mail.

Forms postmarked after 10/31/25 will not be eligible for 2025 awards.

PLEASE CLICK HERE for IDCTA Year-end Awards Forms

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President's PERSPECTIVE

By Molly Fine

IDCTA is deep into planning for next year so stay tuned for more activities. Our IDCTA Annual Year-end Awards Banquet will be held on January 24, 2026 at the Old Orchard Country Club. More details to come soon. Be sure to submit your scores for awards by October 31, 2025... that's just days away! Don't miss out on your just rewards.

We have added a Virtual show in November for a total of five. The dates and judges have been finalized and are posted on the website:

Show 1: October 24 - Nov 2, 2025
Judge: Anne Cizadlo **Western:** Susanne Morrise

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

Show 3: February 12 - 23, 2026
Judge: Charlotte Trentelman (includes Western)

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

Show 5 and Championship: April 10 - 27, 2026
Judge: Ida Norris (includes Western)

Virtual shows are a great way to prepare for show season! You and your barn might want to look into making your own virtual show team competition to brighten up the winter doldrums. See page 5 for team competition rules.

We are working on a variety of Zoom sessions for the months ahead so please stay tuned.

The IDCTA Eventing committee held a tack sale on October 5 where equipment from the late eventer Valarie Rodgers was sold. Valarie passed away in June and her husband Bob Alt asked IDCTA to help him dispose of the equipment. The equipment was cleaned and offered for sale at Silverwood Farm during the IDCTA Mini-event Championships on October 5th. We raised $2300 for the USEA Educational Grant and it will be donated to USEA for a scholarship in Valarie's name. A big thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who worked on the project. What a great way to give back to the community and honor Valarie's memory!

Have a wonderful holiday season and remember that this is the time of the year that we need to pay special attention to the care of our horses as the cold weather moves in. See page 9 for an article about preparing our horses for the upcoming winter.

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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Dressage Show Online
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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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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

2026-2027 Board Elections Coming in November

In November, you will receive an electronic ballot to vote for the members of the board that are up for reelection. Below are the candidates and their biographies. Please review the list and be prepared to vote for candidates when you receive the ballot. Voting instructions will be included with the ballot.

2026-2027 IDCTA Board Election List of Candidates

Eric Dierks – VP of Eventing (incumbent)

Eric Dierks started riding by following his father's footsteps in Dressage and 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. Eric went on to pursue horses full-time as both a competitor and instructor, eventually being long listed for the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain and short-listed for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. Having a love for Thoroughbreds, Eric also won the first National Retired Racehorse Challenge in 2012, educating the public and promoting careers for Thoroughbreds at the end of their racing careers. A big advocate for education, Eric has coached the Area IV Young Rider Three-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. Eric's lessons and clinics center around the discovery of what makes things tick when pursuing harmony of the horse and rider, highlighting Dressage principles across all disciplines.

Michael Coghlan - Treasurer (incumbent)

Michael Coghlan is originally from West Clare, Ireland where he raised cattle on the family farm. He immigrated to the United States in 1981 and began riding horses in 1995. He started riding dressage shortly after learning how to ride and never stopped. He has successfully competed at recognized shows. He also spent some time eventing in 2005 and 2006. Michael has spent considerable time volunteering at various horse shows and events. The IDCTA recognized Michael and his family as the 2010 Volunteer of the Year. Michael is a regular volunteer at Silverwood Farms at the horse trials and the dressage shows. He has been a regular volunteer for the IDCTA shows for the last 10 years. Michael joined the Illinois Dressage and Combined Training Association Board in 2012. He is active on various committees and was very involved in the planning and management of the IDCTA dressage show. He is currently the IDCTA treasurer, managing the organization's finances. Michael is the managing partner of Catwalk Consulting, which has been in business since 1998. He is the principal of this bookkeeping/consulting practice, providing services to a varied clientele of small and midsize businesses and associations. The firm's client practice includes managing and maintaining financials from budgeting and initial procurement and pricing to cost analysis, and tacking of accounts payable and receivable to reconciliations and period closings. Focused on the client's perspective, every project is approached with their needs and goals as the driving principle to finding solutions to realize an opportunity or make a decision.

Cindy Lambert – Member at Large (incumbent)

Cindy Lambert discovered her passion for horses when her grandmother took her trail riding when she was seven years old. Fast forward 50+ years, and that passion continues to burn brightly. Her first lessons were bareback on a lunge line at a Western Pleasure barn. Next came lessons at a Saddleseat barn. When she was 12, she got her first horse, Concho, an Arabian/Quarter horse cross, who was a former champion barrel racer. Cindy's first dressage clinic was in the mid-1980s and she was hooked. Cindy has her bronze medal and the 4th level scores toward her silver medal. She just bought a six-year-old Lipizzan gelding. Cindy has been a member of the board for six years and IDCTA secretary for the last four years. Quoting from one of her favorite authors: *". . . on the back of a horse, I feel whole, complete, connected to that vital place in the very center of me..."*.

Lil Kane – Member at Large (incumbent)

Lil Kane is the mother of a dressage rider. She has taken an active role in her daughter's lessons and is an involved "show mom." Lil rode as a child and has

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always had a love of horses. Lil has been the IDCTA Membership Chairperson since 2016. Over the past years, Lil's follow-up and recruiting efforts have helped the club add significantly to its membership.

Cecelia Conway – Member at Large (incumbent)

Cecelia Conway is a PATH Intl. Therapeutic Riding Instructor at Horse Power Healing Center (HPHC) and long-time IDCTA board member serving as the Schooling Show chairman, Eventing Committee member, awards tabulator, and TIP liaison. She focuses on grassroots dressage and para-dressage development, with a special affection for nontraditional dressage breeds.

Currently, she competes in Western Dressage with a Norwegian Fjord named Herger whose day job is working as a therapy horse at HPHC. Additionally, she sits on the PATH Region 2 leadership team focusing on the State of Wisconsin.

She has been chosen to speak about para-dressage at the PATH International Conference in Orlando, Florida as well as regional conferences for therapeutic riding instructors in eight states about incorporating dressage in therapeutic riding lessons for the benefit of horse and rider.

Sara Stone – Member at Large (incumbent)

Horses have been a part of who I am my entire life, starting at the age of four. After showing Quarter Horses, taking Hunter Jumper lessons and showing in local mini-events, I ended up falling in love with the sport of Dressage. I am a member of USDF and USEF. I am a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist. I have been very fortunate to have participated in many USDF Regional shows and Dressage Finals. I enjoy being at the barn with the horses, showing, grooming at the horse shows and cheering my fellow riders on.

Katie Miskovic – Member at Large (incumbent)

Katie Miskovic has been an IDCTA member for as long as she can remember. She began her association with IDCTA as an event rider, showing two horses over her years as an eventer. After retiring her first horse, All I's, and her second horse, Sidvicious, after an injury, she decided to focus on Dressage. She has competed through PSG as an Adult Amateur. Her current Dressage horse is 11-year-old SF Lycanthorpe. She has won numerous RPSI year-end All Breed USDF awards and USDF Bronze and Silver Medals, as well as winning IDCTA year-end awards. Katie has always believed in giving back and has volunteered to help at shows, from a runner to scribe and every job in between. She looks forward to the opportunity to sit on the IDCTA board and continue to give back to the sport she loves.

Amy Barrett - Member at Large (incumbent)

Amy's professional career spans over thirty years. She founded Barrett Wealth Connection LLC in 2012 to provide financial planning, investment management, and personalized consulting to individuals, corporations, not-for-profit organizations, and foundations. In a world that is rapidly losing the individualized touch, the company offers one-on-one service, resulting in close client relationships. In her free time, Amy enjoys spending time with her family, contributing time to three not-for-profits, riding her horses, traveling, and reading.

At eight years old, Amy began riding English. After moving to Lancaster, PA, Amy rode at an A Circuit hunter-jumper barn and re-trained off-the-track Thoroughbreds. In her late twenties, Amy discovered Eventing, beginning her dressage education. After her three children were born, she taught on a part-time basis at the Equidream School of Horsemanship in Grayslake, IL for five years. When her daughter started as a member of the Fox River Valley Pony Club, Amy became involved with club as a financial auditor, insurance coordinator, and land permitting agent for FRVPC Mini and Horse Trials. Currently, Amy is a member of Mill Creek Hunt, boards her two horses at Silverwood Farm, and with her daughter, is raising a future eventer located at Entropy Farm.

Carrie Dorn – Membership Chair and Member at Large (incumbent)

Horses have been a big part of my life since the age of four. Starting out in Western Pleasure, I quickly switched over to Eventing throughout my youth and early adulthood competing through Preliminary. My family built and owned Baythorne Farms in Sugar Grove, which was a 36-stall eventing facility. At the time, I evented three horses and competed in most of the horse trials in and around the Midwest. As an adult, I've switched to all dressage. My mare, Ava "Rara Avis P' and I compete at 3rd and 4th level and are about to step in the ring at Prix St. George. I earned my bronze medal and have sights on my silver. My professional life involves everything real estate as I am a certified appraiser of 32 years and an active real estate agent with COMPASS Real Estate. I am one of two agents in Illinois approved with the the Compass Equestrian Division. This division is a collection of successful and collaborative agents committed to growing this part of their business. My volunteer experience involves much volunteering with my church and also with our schools. I'm most proud of spearheading the development of an outdoor classroom "courtyard learning garden" at our elementary school as the committee chair. We acquired many grants to develop the space through local contractors and businesses.

Ashlee LeCompte Lazic - Member at Large (incumbent)

My name is Ashlee LeCompte Lazic, and I am thrilled to be considered for re-election to my board position with the IDCTA. As the owner of a boarding barn in the northwest suburbs of IL (Oakwood Farms, Barrington Hills) I have watched a slow decline in equestrianism over the last 5-10 years, and have been throwing myself feet first into every opportunity I can, to help revive it.

Currently, I sit on the Board of Directors for the Riding Club of Barrington Hills, the Advisory Board for the Barrington Hills Park District (the venue that hosts the Fox River Valley Pony Club Mini Trial) and am closely involved with the Fox River Valley Pony Club. I am hoping that together, with these other local clubs, I can help the IDCTA cross-market shows, clinics, and events, and bring a wave of enthusiasm and growth to the local equestrian community.

By day, I am the Director of Health Product Development for SmartPak, and by night, I operate a 60-stall boarding facility that has been in my family since 1996. I also moonlight as an adult amateur eventer, and enjoy traveling with my husband and two dogs.

If elected to the IDCTA board, I hope to bring forward helping hands, novel ideas, and zeal for all things equestrian.

Martina Mertens - Member at Large (incumbent)

My name is Martina Mertens and I am a long-time horse enthusiast. I was born and raised in Berlin, Germany; however, I have lived in the Chicagoland area for over 25 years. I started out vaulting at age six and then moved on to jumping as well as dressage. Becoming a graduate of the USDF L-Program for judging in 2015 has furthered my education and perspective tremendously. I received my bronze medal at age 15 in Germany (dressage and jumping were required) and have competed in the US up to Prix St. George, earning my silver medal. For many years, I rode as a professional and imported several horses from Germany for myself and friends. Since welcoming my two boys, I gave up competing and training as a professional and decided to focus on my family. However, horses were still never far from my heart and I continued to ride many talented horses owned by friends of mine. This has given me many opportunities; for example, I was able to ride with accomplished trainers like George Williams and Gerhard Politz. I feel that I have a true appreciation for the entire sport of riding and for quality horsemanship. I have been a longtime member of IDCTA and appreciate how important local GMOs are for our sport. My involvement judging many local IDCTA dressage shows has given me many opportunities to help encourage young people and new riders to continue to pursue their dreams. My hope is that, as a board member, I can expand on that.

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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 Mini Event Championships

October 5, 2025 | Silverwood Farm, Camp Lake, WI | Judges: Nicole Trapp, Meg Dishler

RESULTS

Beginner Novice Championships

Horse, Rider, Dressage Penalties, Jump Penalities, Elapsed Time, Final Score, Place

Marmadude,Amanda Smith , 30.3, 1, 0, 0, 30.3, 1, 0, 5:14, 0, 30.3, 1

Novice Championships

Quick Romance, Andrea Reed , 34.2, 1, 0, 0, 34.2, 1, 0, 5:37, 0, 34.2, 1

Starter Championships A

Rum Tum Tugger, Aliya Bedell , 31.7, 1, 0, 0, 31.7, 1, 0, 4:02, 0, 31.7, 1
Monkey Business, Rachel Strong , 34, 2, 0, 0, 34, 2, 0, 4:02, 0, 34, 2
Tinkerbell, Lily Curtis , 46.3, 4, 0, 0, 46.3, 3, 0, 4:02, 0, 46.3, 3

Starter Championships B

Mr. Anderson, Katarzyna Jachymczyk, 26.7, 1, 4, 0, 30.7, 1, 0, 4:02, 0, 30.7, 1
North Star, Ileana Tostado , 36, 2, 0, 0, 36, 2, 0, 4:02, 0, 36, 2
Strange Magic, Meredith Halas , 36.7, 3, 0, 0, 36.7, 3, 0, 4:02, 0, 36.7, 3

Preparing Your Horse for Winter

By Mary Jo Downen

The warm days of summer are behind us, and as temperatures begin to drop, a thoughtful winter management plan becomes essential to maintaining your horse's health and performance. While horses are well-equipped to handle cold weather, proactive care ensures optimal condition and minimizes seasonal stress.

Body Condition, Nutrition & Water Management

Evaluate your horse's body condition score (BCS) before winter sets in and keep in mind your anticipated training program for the months ahead. Forage fermentation is a primary source of internal heat, so if your horse requires more calories in cold weather, increasing high-quality hay is preferable to adding grain. However, when adding extra roughage to your horse's diet, it is very important to make sure your horse drinks adequate water during the winter to ward off impaction colic. Offering warmed water and/or a flavored water often works for poor drinkers. Soaked beet pulp can also add moisture to the diets of horses determined not to consume enough water in the winter months, and salt blocks should always be available.

Blanketing Strategy

Blanketing should be guided by coat condition, workload, and living environment rather than calendar dates. Unclipped horses with adequate shelter typically thermoregulate well, while clipped, older, or compromised horses benefit from a layering system of waterproof, breathable blankets. However, horses that are worked throughout the winter to the point they perspire will typically need to be clipped and blanketed so they can be quickly cooled off and dried after excersize. If this is the case, be sure to regularly check your blankets to prevent skin irritation or pressure sores.

Shelter and Stable Management

Evaluate structural integrity of barns and run-in sheds for leaks, drafts, and ventilation balance. Proper airflow is critical to prevent respiratory issues, so there must be a balance of warmth and fresh air. Clean, dry bedding at appropriate depths provides insulation from cold ground. Stalled horses should have consistent turnout whenever footing allows to support circulation and prevent stiffness.

Hoof and Coat Maintenance

Continue farrier appointments on a regular schedule; frozen ground and reduced exercise can alter wear patterns, although you may observe that hoof growth slows somewhat during the winter months. Consider removing shoes for horses on winter turnout, or if they need shoes year-round, using snow pads to prevent ice buildup. Grooming remains important, both to stimulate natural oils in the coat and to detect early signs of rain rot or dermatologic issues beneath thicker or blanketed hair.

Exercise and Conditioning

Cold weather shouldn't mean complete rest. Adjust your training schedule to accommodate footing conditions and temperature, but aim to maintain baseline fitness and flexibility. Long, slow warm-ups and cool-downs are essential to prevent muscle stiffness and tendon strain as the temperatures drop.

Thoughtful winter preparation is a must for keeping your equine companions feeling and performing their best. By addressing nutrition, hydration, shelter, and overall management well before the first frost, you set your horse up for comfort, health, and success, no matter how long the winter lasts.

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.

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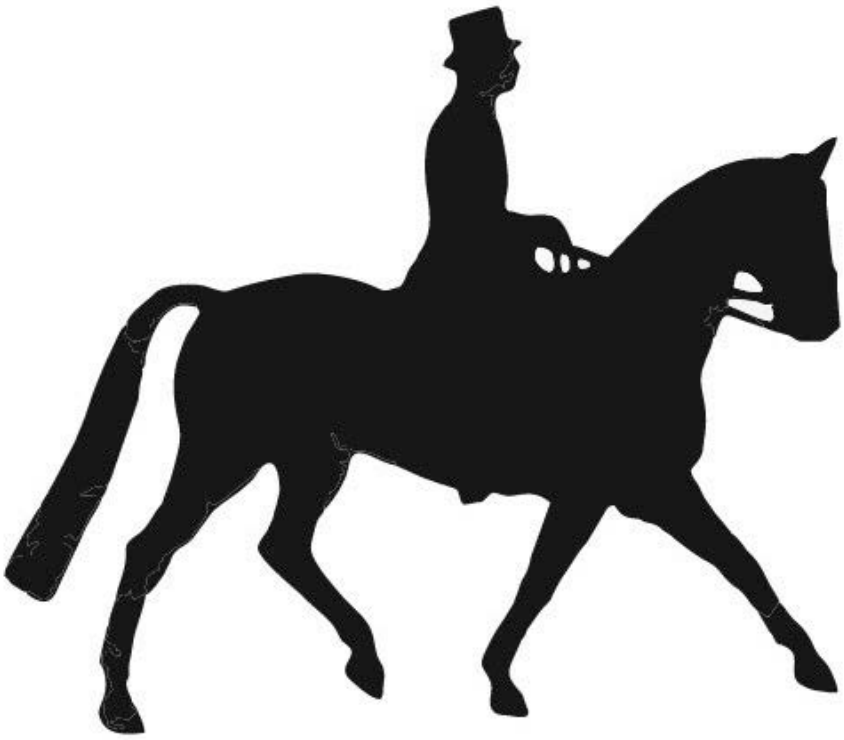

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING IDCTA ANNUAL YEAR-END AWARDS:

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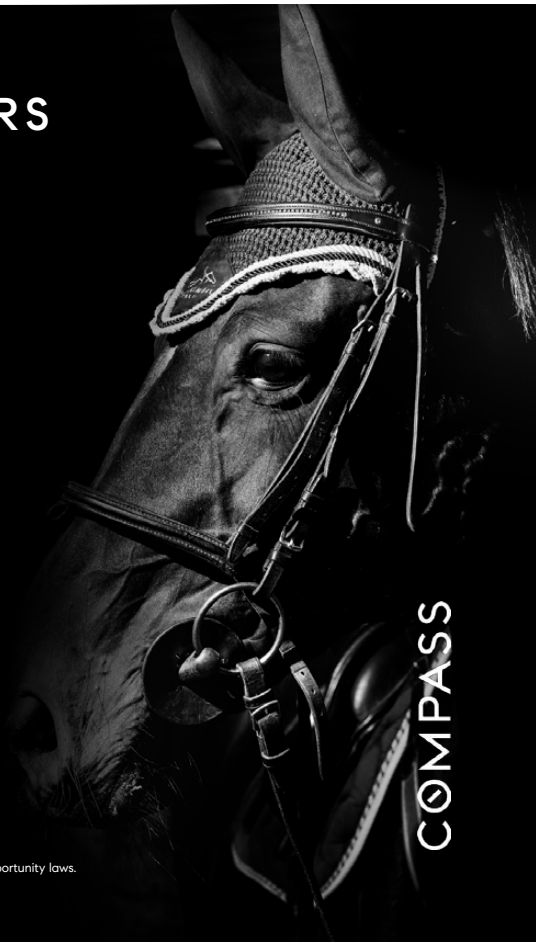

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Therapeutic Riding Volunteers Needed!

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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.

WE NEED YOU!

Main Stay is a volunteer-based organization. We operate with a small core staff, and without our dedicated volunteers who choose to make a difference, our program would not exist. For most areas of the program you will not need a special skill or horse experience. You just need the desire to give your time... we can almost guarantee you will receive more than you give!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Horse Handler*
- Sidewalker
- Groomer*
- Group/Animal Assistant
- Gardening Assistant
- Special Events Help
- Fundraising
- Projects Around the Farm
- Board & Committee Members

*requires horse experience

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers are essential to our clients' success in our therapeutic riding, animal assisted learning program and adaptive garden program. Daytime and evening volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year in our state of the art equestrian facility!

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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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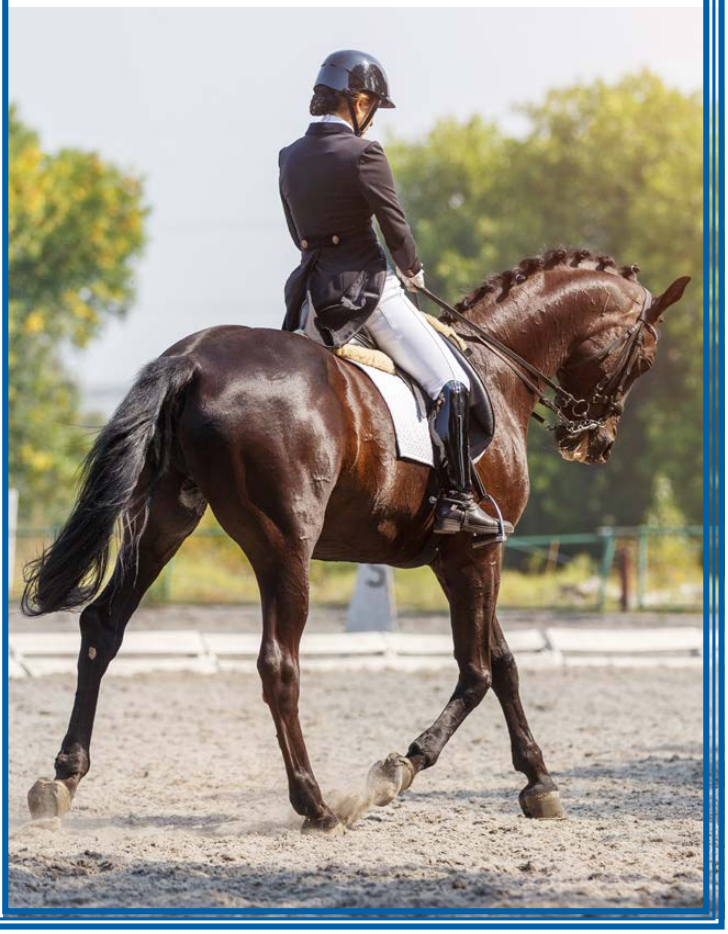

IDCTA Clinic Affiliation Program

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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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
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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: _____

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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.
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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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- USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

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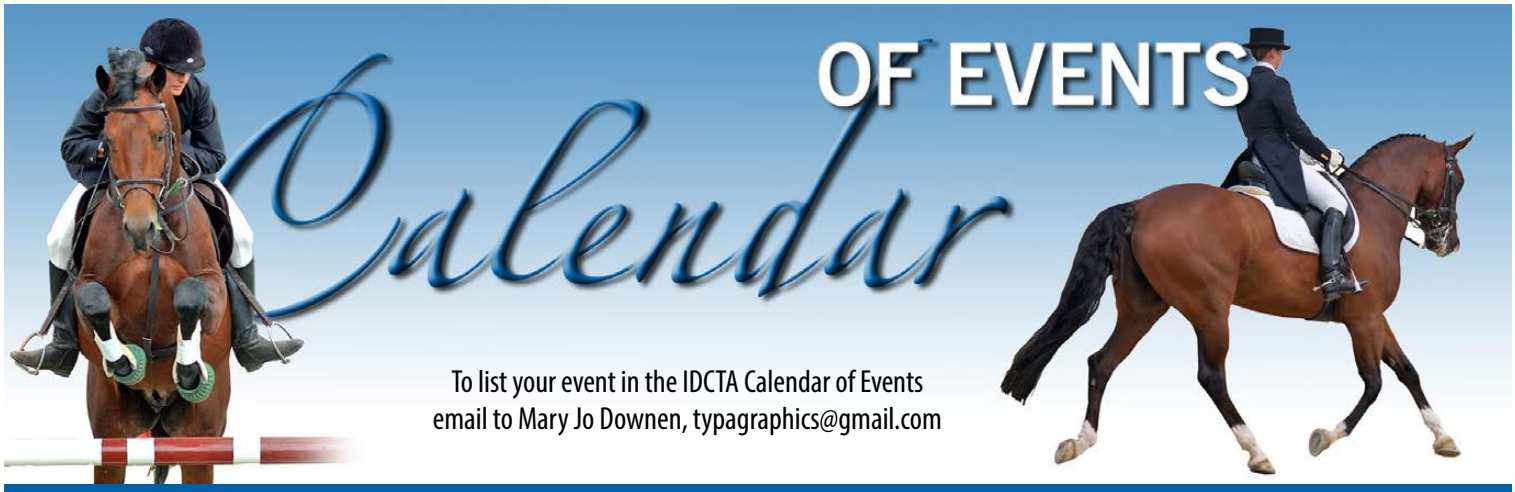

To list your event in the IDCTA Calendar of Events
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NOTE: All IDCTA shows and events, as well as Region 2 USDF Shows and USEA Area IV events are eligible for volunteer hours with signed volunteer form.

OCTOBER

October 24-November 2
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #1
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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.
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JANUARY 2026

January 16-26
IDCTA Virtual Show Series #2
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January 24
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6:00pm: Cocktails and Raffle begin
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