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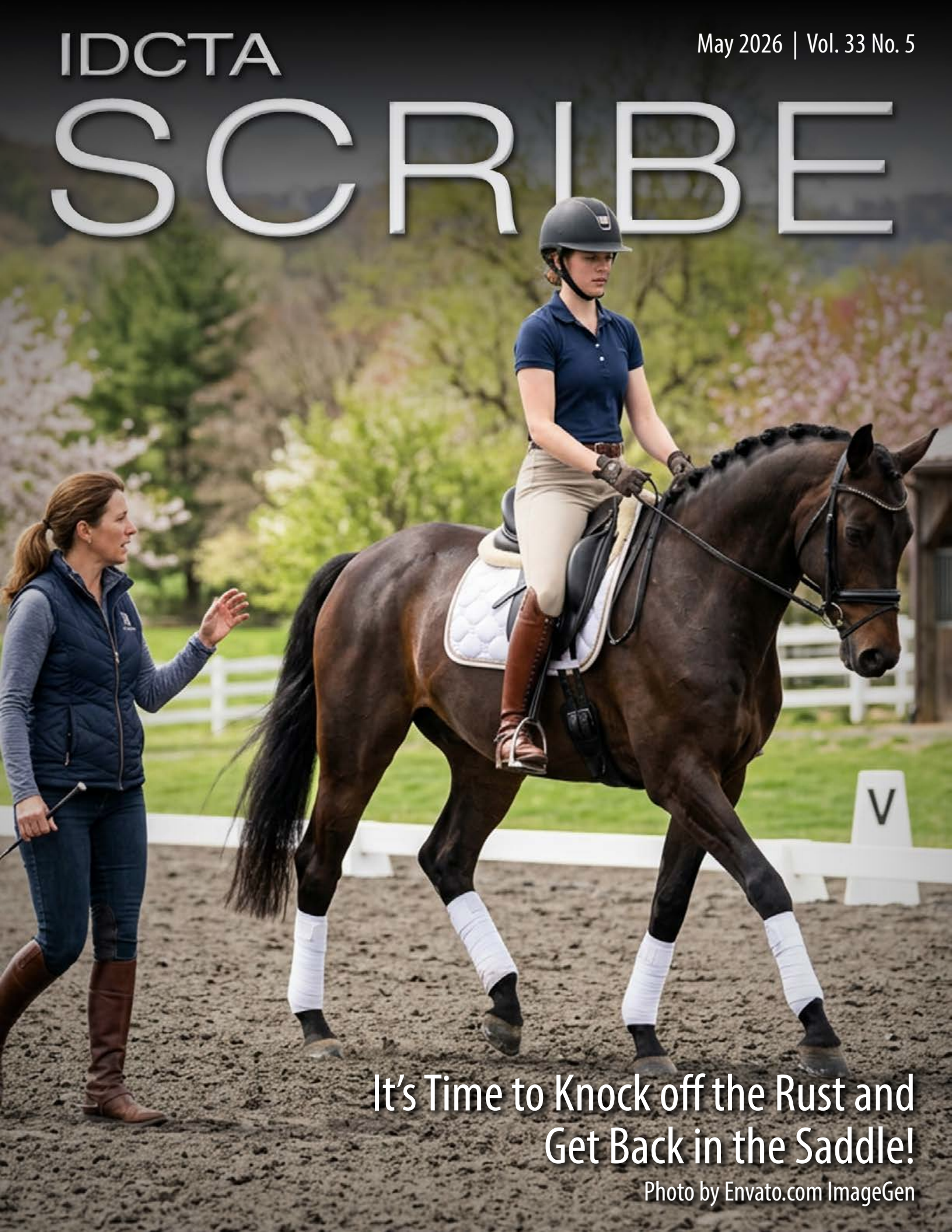

It's Time to Knock off the Rust and Get Back in the Saddle!

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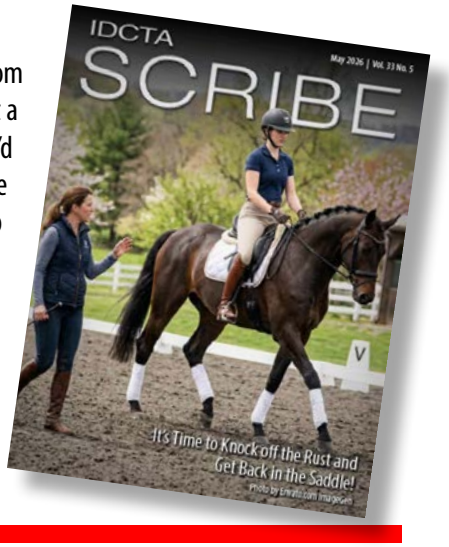
A Note from the Editor: Submit Content for the *Scribe*!

By Mary Jo Downen



Just a quick reminder that the IDCTA *Scribe* welcomes input from its members. Whether it's a clinic report, show report, or just a fun story about your riding/training/show experiences, we'd love to get your submissions! Not only is being published in the *Scribe* a great start for a budding journalist, but you can also get volunteer hours for your submission for year-end awards. Not sure if you're a good writer? No worries! My job as editor is to make you look good, so just submit your thoughts and I'll take it from there. I'll look forward to hearing from you! Send submissions to Mary Jo Downen at typagraphics@gmail.com.

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A Note from the Editor

By Mary Jo Downen, Scribe *Editor*

When I decided to start lessons again after many years of futzing around with my backyard horses, I knew I wouldn't just snap back to my younger riding self. Back then I rode six to seven days a week, showed or rode in clinics every chance I could get, and competed in six or more horse trials each season. It was my life back then, but in the ensuing years, children, health and work got in the way and serious riding went by the wayside.

Now in my 60s, I wanted to get back in the saddle and practice what I've learned before I aged out for good. I was extremely lucky to find a wonderful barn near my home, Everbold Farm in Kirkland, Illinois, with an amazing and encouraging trainer, Hailey Lundin-Ladd, who not only motivated me, but helped me exceed my expectations. Partnered with a lovely mare, Spring (bred and owned by Leslie Young, Everbold Farm), not only am I enjoying dressage again, but Haley has me riding at a level I had not thought possible at this point in my life.

As I can attest, it's never too late to get back in the saddle, and no matter where you are in your riding career, IDCTA is an invaluable resource. If you're looking for a trainer, the IDCTA Business Member Directory on page 22 is a great place to find trainers in the area. Looking to get back into the show ring? The IDCTA Schooling Show Series is a fun, low-stress way to start or get back into either dressage or eventing; you'll find the full 2026 Schooling Show calendar on page 25 and on the IDCTA website. And if you do show and do well, the IDCTA Year-end Annual Awards are a super-fun way to celebrate, with a banquet and fabulous prizes!

Mary Jo and Spring exiting the arena at Sorensen Park last fall. Spring looks over it, but Mary Jo is happy to be back in the game! Photo by Amy Waite.

Don't forget, the IDCTA Summer Kickoff Show is coming in June, with plenty of opportunities to compete and volunteer. Keep an eye on the website, www.idcta.org, for the showbill on May 1st.

IDCTA is the perfect complement to a return to dressage or eventing, or just knocking the rust off after a long winter, and it is the a great resource for education, opportunities, and networking in our local equestrian community.

Enjoy the lovely spring weather, and happy riding!

The IDCTA Summer Dressage Show showbill will be available at www.idcta.org on May 1st!

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Arbitrary aka Chance

Arbitrary aka Chance is a eight-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:
patricia.wheaton@gmail.com

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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**

Love Dressage?

Help shape its future.

IDCTA is looking for passionate riders, trainers and supporters to join the Dressage Committee.

Your voice matters – come make an impact!

Contact me if interested.

Angelika Coghlan
VP of Dressage IDCTA
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To join or find more information on IDCTA visit www.IDCTA.org

Dressage Committee Meets are on the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. All meetings are held on Zoom.

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IDCTA Virtual Show #4: March 13th to 23rd

Judges: Robin Brueckmann, USDF "SNR" | Western Dressage: Suzanne Morisse, USEF/WDAA "R"

Barn Team High Point Winners

1st	Total Average	66.06%	Team Hall
2nd	Total Average	63.75%	North Star Equine

USDF Intro A - AA						**Barn Name**
1st	65.63%	Ann Olujic	&	Autumn Lane's Andre	IL	The Gait at 45w
2nd	63.75%	Susan Parker	&	Sherman	IL	Team Hall

USDF Intro B - AA						**Barn Name**
1st	67.19%	Ann Stuart	&	Tinker Bell	IL	Team Hall
2nd	65.31%	Ann Olujic	&	Autumn Lane's Andre	IL	The Gait at 45w
3rd	62.81%	Krista M Piwonka, CPA	&	Here Comes the Sun	IL	North Star Equine

USDF Intro C- JNR						**Barn Name**
1st	55.75%	Aliya Bedell	&	Shenanigans	IL	North Star Equine

USDF Intro C - AA						**Barn Name**
1st	66.25%	Kelly Braswell	&	Kyrie Elieson	IL	Team Hall
2nd	63.00%	Linda Nelson	&	Pepsi	IL	Jigsaw Farms
3rd	62.50%	Susan Friedland	&	Tiz a Knight	IL	Jigsaw Farms

USDF Intro C - Open						**Barn Name**
1st	64.50%	Meredith Halas	&	NSE Chasing Rainbows	IL	North Star Equine

USDF Training 1- AA						**Barn Name**
1st	66.54%	Sarah Carlson	&	RedWin	IL	North Star Equine
2nd	61.92%	Jenifer Kloss	&	Linka Farm	IL	Jigsaw Farms

USDF Training 2- AA						**Barn Name**
1st	68.45%	Rebecca Ashlee Lazic	&	Rum Tum Tugger	IL	North Star Equine

Green as Grass Test 1- AA						**Barn Name**
1st	64.44%	Rebecca Ashlee Lazic	&	Strange Magic	IL	North Star Equine

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IDCTA Virtual Show #4: March 13th to 23rd (continued from page 7)

Judges: Robin Brueckmann, USDF "SNR" | Western Dressage: Suzanne Morisse, USEF/WDAA "R"

WDAA Intro 4 - AA						Barn Name
3545	129.5 64.75%	Shirley Fefferman	&	CiCi	IL	Team Hall

WDAA Basic 3 AA						
3564	153 66.52%	Karen Merkelz	&	Vinny	IL	Frontenac Farm

WDAA Basic - Test 4 -AA						Barn Name
3504	186.5 71.73%	Linsey Adams	&	Royal Furst Dancer Van Kairos	NV	No barn Given

WDAA Level 2 - Test 1- AA						Barn Name
3531	148 59.20%	James Hickey	&	Leo's High Dollar Lexy	IL	Frontenac Farm

WD DRESSAGE SEAT HORSEMANSHIP INTERMEDIATE A - AA						
3505	35.5 71%	Linsey Adams	&	Royal Furst Dancer Van Kairos	NV	No barn Given
3507	33 66.00%	Linsey Adams	&	Wyalintina	NV	No barn Given

IDCTA High Point Calculations

Frontenac Farm					
	66.52%	Karen Merkelz	&	Vinny	
	59.20%	James Hickey	&	Leo's High Dollar Lexy	
Total Average	**62.86%**				
North Star Equine					
	62.81%	Krista M Piwonka, CPA	&	Here Comes the Sun	
	55.75%	Aliya Bedell	&	Shenanigans	
	64.50%	Meredith Halas	&	NSE Chasing Rainbows	
	66.54%	Sarah Carlson	&	RedWin	
	68.45%	Rebecca Ashlee Lazic	&	Rum Tum Tugger	
	64.44%	Rebecca Ashlee Lazic	&	Strange Magic	
Total Average	**63.75%**				
Team Hall					
	63.75%	Susan Parker	&	Sherman	
	67.19%	Ann Stuart	&	Tinker Bell	
	66.25%	Kelly Braswell	&	Kyrie Elieson	
	64.75%	Shirley Fefferman	&	CiCi	
Total Average	**66.06%**				
Jigsaw Farms					
	61.92%	Jenifer Kloss	&	Linka Farm	
	63.00%	Linda Nelson	&	Pepsi	
	62.50%	Susan Friedland	&	Tiz a Knight	
Total Average	**62.47%**				

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

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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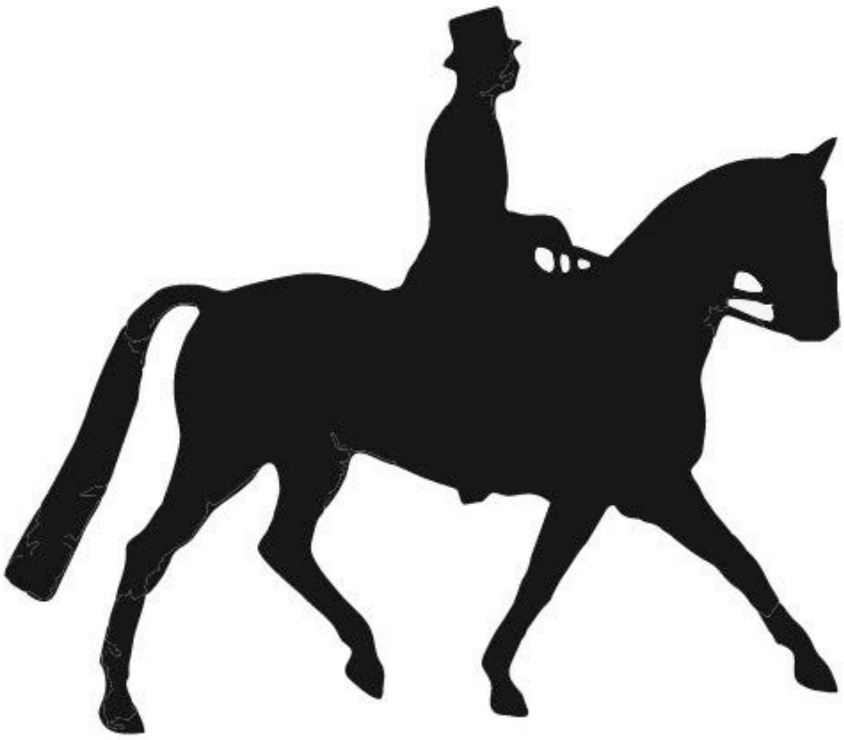

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IDCTA Celebrated our Golden Anniversary in 2023!

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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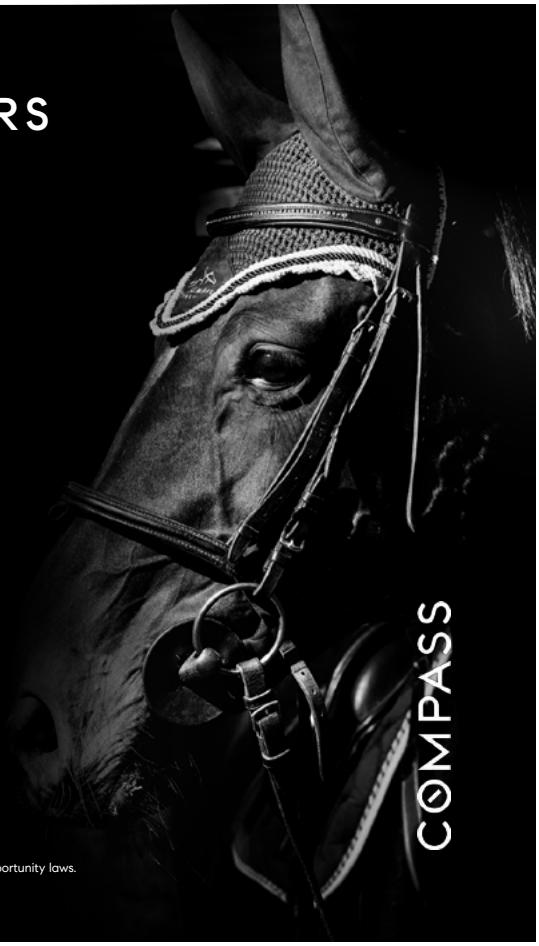

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If you are an IDCTA member, you can get your volunteer hours from an approved Therapeutic Riding Program such as Main Stay. To obtain approval for a therapeutic program, please email Cindy Lambert at cindylambert706@gmail.com or Molly Fine at mollymfine@gmail.com.

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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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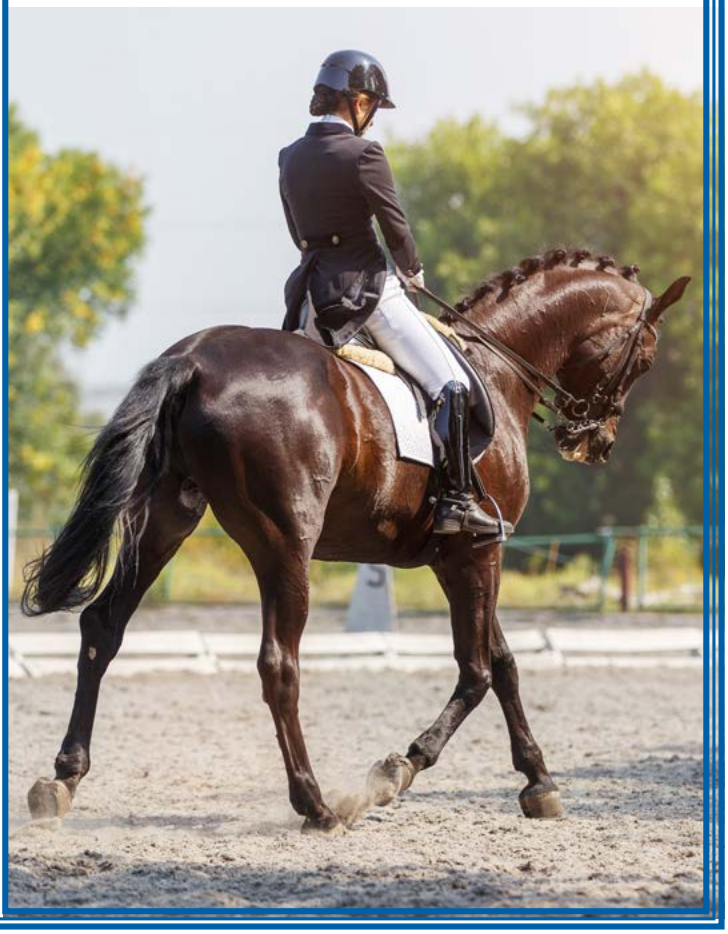

IDCTA Clinic Affiliation Program

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 website 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 Calendar, 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 excited about the program and are sure that there are benefits for each organization.

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

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2026 Membership Form

Name: _____

Street Address:_____

City / State / Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email (Required): _____

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Regular Membership .....$70.00 $ _____

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

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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.

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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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- Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
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- USDF Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

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IDCTA Scribe Advertising Information

ADVERTISING MANAGER
Mary Jo Downen, TypaGraphics
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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)
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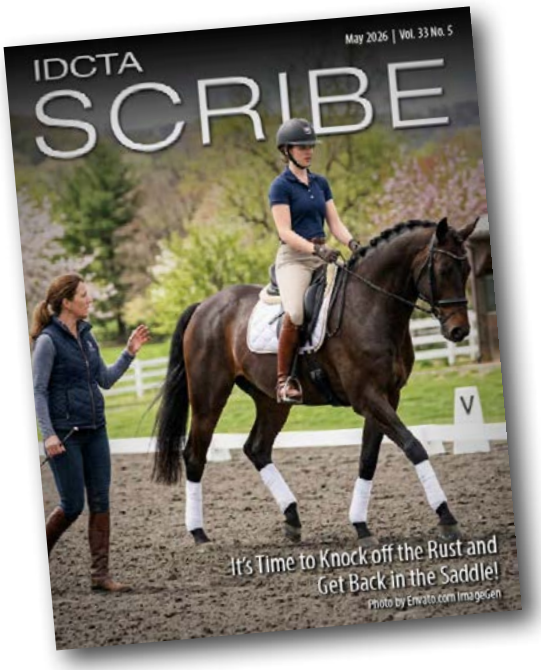

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Ad Sizes:
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Copy Submission Guidelines:
Preferred file formats are: Press-ready PDF, TIF, JPEG, EPS, AI (all fonts converted to outlines).

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Take advantage of this fantastic resource for those seeking equine-related services as well as for those offering them.

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Classified Ads

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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

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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.

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2026
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- MAY 17TH - FRVPC MINI EVENT AND CT
- MAY 31ST - FVSA DRESSAGE
- JUNE 7TH - FVSA MINI EVENT AND CT
- JUNE 14TH - HANNABERRY FARMS DRESSAGE AND CT
- JUNE 27TH - HAYWIRE FARM MINI EVENT, CT, AND DRESSAGE
- JUNE 28TH - EXCELSIOR EQUESTRIAN CENTER DRESSAGE **SOUTH SIDE CLASSIC **
- JULY 12TH - WINSOM FARM - MINI EVENT, CT, AND DRESSAGE **SOUTH SIDE CLASSIC **
- JULY 18TH - OAKLAWN FARM DRESSAGE AND CT
- JULY 19TH - JOHNSON EQUESTRIAN CENTER - DRESSAGE AND CT
- JULY 25TH - HANNABERRY FARM DRESSAGE AND CT **SOUTH SIDE CLASSIC**
- AUGUST 1ST - HAYWIRE FARM MINI EVENT, CT, AND DRESSAGE
- AUGUST 2ND - JOHNSON EQUESTRIAN CENTER DRESSAGE AND CT
- AUGUST 8TH - EXCELSIOR EQUESTRIAN CENTER DRESSAGE
- AUGUST 23RD - FVSA MINI EVENT AND CT
- AUGUST 29TH - OAKLAWN FARM DRESSAGE AND CT
- SEPTEMBER 5TH - FVSA DRESSAGE AND CT CHAMPIONSHIPS
- OCTOBER 4TH - SILVERWOOD MINI EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

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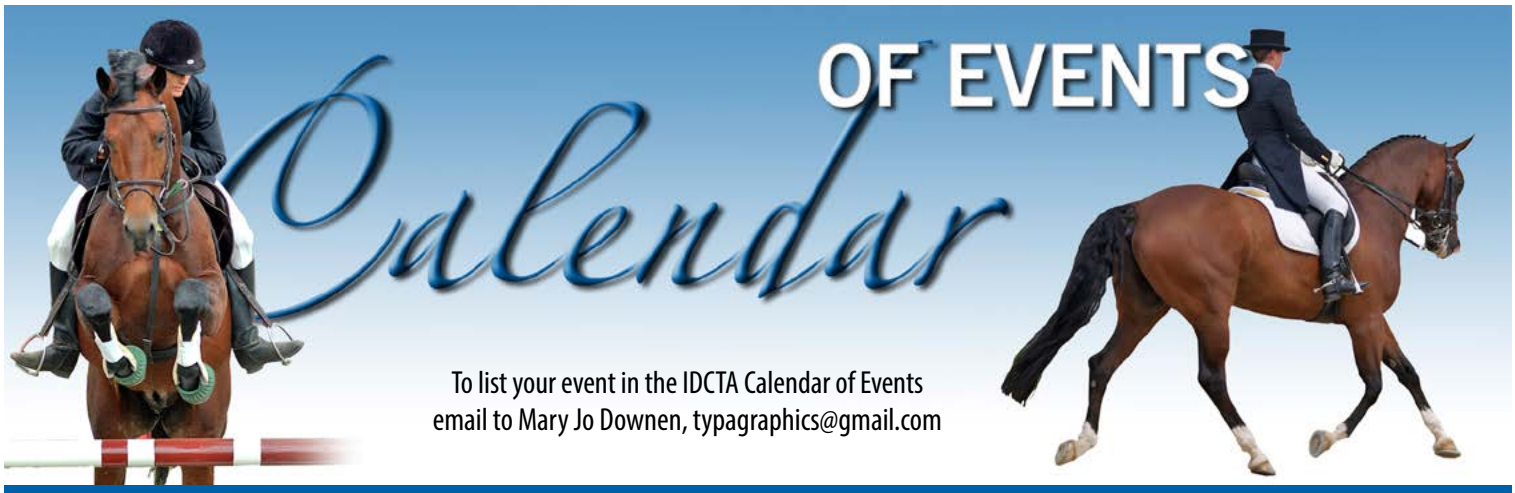

To list your event in the IDCTA Calendar of Events
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NOTE: All IDCTA shows and events, as well as Region 2 USDF Shows and USEA Area IV events are eligible for volunteer hours with signed volunteer form.

MAY

May 8-10
Silverwood Dressage -Two Shows
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May 22-24
Silverwood Dressage -Two Shows
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May 23-24
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May 29-31
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JUNE

June 5-7
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June 13
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Details TBA

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July 5
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July 11-12
Silverwood Dressage
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July 18
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July 25-26
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August 8-9
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August 14-15
Silverwood Dressage - Two Shows
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August 21
Silverwood Fall Horse Trials
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August 24-30
U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions
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Silverwood Dressage
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September 26-27
Silverwood Dressage
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OCTOBER

October 3
Cross-country Schooling Day
and Horse Show Warmup
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October 4
IDCTA Mini Event Championships
and One-Day Horse Trials
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October 10-11
Silverwood Dressage
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October 31
Year-end awards scores due!

The IDCTA Summer Dressage Show showbill will be available at www.idcta.org on May 1st!

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