

# TVDC TA Bits

Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

**March 2011**

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**Important Dates**

- Mar 15, 2011 Meeting with speaker Cathy Zappe talking about "Moving Up the Levels." See page 2 for details.
- March 26, 2011 Closing Date for April 9 TVDC TA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL.
- April 9, 2011 TVDC TA Show at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL
- April 10, 2011 TVDC TA Clinic by Joan Humphrey at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. See Calendar (pg 8) or page 1 and 2 for information.
- April 19, 2011 Meeting with speaker Elaine McCutchan on Waterproofing your Blankets with Bio-Kleen H2O Repel. See page 2 and 6 for details.
- May 17, 2011 Meeting. Speaker to be determined.

**NEW 2011 DRESSAGE TESTS CLINIC**

**Introductory through Fourth Level**

Joan Humphrey (S) Judge/Clinician

Sunday April 10, 2011. Steel Prize Stables, Madison AL

The purpose of this clinic is to prepare riders for the 2011 competition year riding the new tests. Mrs. Humphrey (see bio on page 6) will review the tests for each level and talk about the purpose and requirements of the tests using the riders and the tests they rode on the previous day. There will be a speaker system to enable the clinician to be heard by the riders and the auditors. There will be 3 riders in the arena at the same time. The clinician will take each rider into the dressage ring to analyze the ride and the purpose and requirements of the test ridden. To sign up for the clinic please use the entry form on page 5 (the same as for the show). The audit fee will be \$10 for TVDC TA members and \$15 for non-members. For more information please contact Judith Fiorentino [steel-prize@knology.net](mailto:steel-prize@knology.net) or 256-837-5474.

The schedule will go as follows:

8:00 -9:00	Introductory Level — Three riders
9:00-10:00	Training Level — Three riders
10:00-10:15	Questions from the auditors
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	First Level — Three riders
11:30-12:30	Second Level — Three riders
12:30	LUNCH
1:00-1:30	Lecture: How judges arrive at their marks and what's important
1:30-1:50	Third Level and above in twenty minute intervals until
3:30	Questions
4:00	Clinic Ends

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Available

### **CT Volunteer Coordinator**

No CT competitions planned for 2011

## **Mission Statement**

TVDCTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging a high standard of horsemanship through the use of classical dressage techniques. The TVDCTA will disseminate educational material, sponsor and promote activities (such as clinics, seminars and competitions), and cooperate with other local and national organizations in developing and promoting better horsemanship.

## **2011 TVDCTA Schooling Show**

### **Information**

April 9, 2011

Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL.

Judge: Joan Humphrey "S"

*Closing Date March 26, 2011*

**\*\*Joan Humphrey will also be teaching a clinic on Sunday April 10 at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or 256-837-5474 for more information.\*\***

June 11, 2011

Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL.

Judge: Leslie O'Neal-Olsen (R)

*Closing Date May 28, 2011*

Sept 10, 2011

Red Horse Ridge, Gurley, AL.

Judge: Mary Fowler (R)

*Closing Date August 27, 2011*

Oct 22, 2011

Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL

Judge: Dolly Hannon (S)

*Closing Date October 8, 2011*

**\*\*Date moved from Oct 29**

## **TVDCTA Member Meeting Schedule**

- March 15 — Cathy Zappe on "Moving Up the Levels"
- April 19 — Elaine McCutchan on Waterproofing your Blankets with Bio-Kleen H2O Repel
- May 17 — Speaker and Topic To Be Determined

All Meetings will be held at deciBel Research. 325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville. Dinner will start at 6:15 with the speaker beginning at 6:30 and the Business Meeting at 7:15. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

Please contact Meetings and Programs committee members if you would like more information.

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Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association  
Member's Meeting  
14 December 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Members present were: Judith Fiorentino, Paulette Harrell, Sally Colocho, Meris Greges, Sonja Rich, Debi Gilbert, Donna Barnes, Beth Johnson, Jean Coshow, Brittany Gambee, Diana Gambee, Sarah Williams, Sharon Williams, Jean Stuart, Lindsey Carmack, Rebekah Rogers

Minutes of the November Meeting were approved.

**Treasurer Report** (Paulette Harrell):

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>5,807.23</b>
November Meeting Dinner	(81.98)
Additional Show Expenses	(49.53)
Advertising	80.00
Membership Deposit	612.00
GMO Dues	(320.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>6,047.72</b>

Five membership renewals have been received.

A reminder was made that members must pay the full amount of dues. Refunds for multiple GMO membership must be requested from USDF by the member.

The financial statements are being completed by the treasurer for filing at the courthouse for non-profit status.

Beth Johnson announced that she will be moving away from the Tennessee Valley Area. The CT Coordinator Committee Chairmanship is now vacant.

**Shows and Clinics** (Judith Fiorentino): The Judge for the April show will be Joan Humphrey. There will be a clinic the next day which will focus on the new tests. Dolly Hannon is confirmed for the October show. A reminder was given that receipts for judges' expenses are needed, especially airfare.

A recommendation was made to revisit the volunteer payback program. The Volunteer Coordinator and Shows and Clinics committee will bring recommendations at the next meeting.

**Publicity** (Sally Colocho): A motion was made to create a Facebook page for TVDCTA which will be the responsibility of the Publicity committee. The purpose of the page is to repeat general announcements and provide show dates and meeting dates which would mirror the email announcements and web announcements that are made. Motion passed.

**Meetings** (Sonja Rich and Sally Colocho): A motion was made to set a standard starting time for presentations and business meetings to facilitate planning and scheduling of both. Presentations (if scheduled) will begin at 6:30 and end by 7:15 and the Business meeting is to begin at 7:15 unless announced as changed. Food will be available at 6:15. Motion passed.

Tina Hicks is the scheduled presenter for February and the meeting will be at deciBel Research. The committee is pursuing speakers for future meetings in the following areas of interest: farrier, equine nutrition, equine massage, equine chiropractic, equine biomechanics, progressing through the levels in dressage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Next Meetings**

15 February 2011 (Tina Hicks Pilates Presentation, 6:30)

15 March 2011

19 April 2011



**TV DCTA Dressage Schooling Show and Clinic**  
April 9-10, 2011 at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL  
Judge: Joan Humphrey, "S"

OPENING DATE: upon receipt  
CLOSING DATE: March 26, 2011. (Late fee of \$25 applicable after this date, but space cannot be guaranteed.)  
FEES: \$25 per test, \$22 per test for JR/YR. \$15 fee per show for non-TV DCTA members. \$50 for clinic for members; \$60 for clinic for non-members.

**General Information:**

All entries not postmarked and in show secretary's hands by the closing date will be subject to a late fee of \$25 and will NOT be guaranteed entry. Negative Coggins test (within 1 year) must accompany entry form. Horses will not be permitted on the show grounds without proof of a current Negative Coggins. No phone entries or email entries will be accepted. All riders must have a completed and signed entry before the event.

Rides are on a first come basis with a limited number of rides available. Payment must accompany entry. No refunds will be given after closing date for any reason. Show will be held rain or shine unless the facility cancels. Music for free-styles must be turned in to show secretary no less than 1 hour before class. No dogs are allowed on the show grounds. The dressage arena will close on Friday at noon. Riders are not allowed to enter the arena until directed to by the gate-keeper. No horses are allowed in the arena before the show starts.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A NEW HELMET RULE: : Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders 18 and over while on horses that are competing only FEI levels and test at Prix St. Georges and above.**

AWARDS: Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 6th place. All tests and ribbons must be picked up at the show.  
STABLING: Limited number of stalls will be available on a first come basis for \$25 per day. Bring your own food and buckets. Please contact Judith Fiorentino at Steel Prize Stables at 256-682-1200.  
DIRECTIONS to Steel Prize Stables, 125 Christopher Drive, Madison, AL: from 72W heading W, after the new Kroger and intersection of Slaughter/Jeff road, turn R at the bank onto Christopher Drive. Go to the end of road, bear right through traffic circle, parking steward or sign at Y. From 72W heading E, after the Texaco/Dairy Queen, the safest thing is to go to the next light, Slaughter/Jeff and make a U turn and turn R onto Christopher Drive.  
TIMES: The show will begin at 8:00 am. Tests will run from lowest level to highest, but not necessarily in exact order. Show times will be available on [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org) after April 5.

**CLASS LIST (ALL TEST ARE 2011 TESTS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)**

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. USDF Intro A (AA,O, JR)     | 7. USEF First 1 (AA, O, JR)   | 13. USEF Third Test of Choice*        |
| 2. USDF Intro B (AA, O, JR)    | 8. USEF First 2 (AA, O, JR)   | 14. USEF Fourth Test of Choice*       |
| 3. USDF Intro C (AA, O, JR)    | 9. USEF First 3 (AA, O, JR)   | 15. Musical Freestyle TOC*            |
| 4. USEF Training 1 (AA, O, JR) | 10. USEF Second 1 (AA, O, JR) | 16. FEI Test of Choice*               |
| 5. USEF Training 2 (AA, O, JR) | 11. USEF Second 2 (AA, O, JR) | 17. Dressage Seat Equitation (AA, JR) |
| 6. USEF Training 3 (AA, O, JR) | 12. USEF Second 3 (AA, O, JR) | 18. Gaited Horse TOC*                 |

Tests available on [USDF.org](http://USDF.org) and [USEF.org](http://USEF.org) \*Please specify which test (or tests) for test of choice (TOC) on entry form.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: Cynthia Moore, 163 Intracoastal Dr. Madison, AL 35758  
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SHOW SECRETARY: Please contact Cynthia Moore at [neptune75@knology.net](mailto:neptune75@knology.net) or 256-325-7041 for show and entry questions.  
RIDE TIMES: see [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org) after April 5.



**TV DCTA Dressage Schooling Show and Clinic**  
 April 9-10, 2011—Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL  
 Closing Date: March 26, 2011. Ride times will be posted after April 5 on [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org)

Horse:	Owner:
Rider:	Birthdate (JR/YR):
Address:	Phone:
City:	Email:
State/Zip:	Date of Coggins:

\*2011 Dressage tests apply. No phone or email entries will be accepted. Entries must be postmarked by closing date or will be subject to a late fee and entry will not be guaranteed. TV DCTA requires all entrants to have a completed (including Coggins) and signed entry before the event. Entries will be given a ride time on a first come basis. Negative Coggins (within 1 year) MUST accompany entry form for each show. Please print clearly—Please send a separate entry for each horse/rider combination.

CLASS #	CLASS NAME	DIVISION AA=ADULT AMATEUR; JR=JR/YR; O=OPEN	FEE AMOUNT Test only: \$25.00; JR Rider: \$22.00

**Class Fee Total** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Sunday Clinic Fee (\$50 members, \$60 non-members)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Stall Fee (\$25 per day)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Non Member Fee for show (\$15)** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Late Fee (\$25)** \_\_\_\_\_  
  
**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Show Management reserves the right to refuse any entry for a cause. Show management reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary for the safe and efficient conduct of the competition.** Riders are not to enter arena until directed by gatekeeper. No horses are allowed in the arena before the show starts. No dogs are allowed on show grounds.

**New Helmet Rule Effective March 1, 2011: Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear excepted those riders 18 and over while on horses that are competing only FEI levels and test at Prix St. Georges and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, USEF developing Prix St. Georges test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).**

The undersigned exhibitor, owner and signing parent or guardian hereby 1) agree to release the management of this show, their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owners/managers of the grounds where this event is being held from loss, damage, liability or injury arising out of or resulting from this show or exhibitor participation or entry therein; 2) agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend; the organizer, the facility owner and management of this show from and against any claims for loss, damage or injury, however caused, resulting directly or indirectly from Exhibitors entry or participation in this show or from acts or omission of exhibitor or exhibitor's agents; and 3) agree that activities with and around horses and horse shows involve inherent risks that are understood by the persons signing and are expressly assumed, in the event of injury to the exhibitor or the exhibitor's animal or animals, permission is hereby granted to management for emergency medical treatment.

**WARNING:** Under Alabama law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to the equine activities liabilities protection act.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TV DCTA.**

Mail entries to the show secretary: Cynthia Moore; 163 Intracoastal Dr; Madison, AL 35758; 256-325-7041; [neptune75@knology.net](mailto:neptune75@knology.net)

OFFICE USE: Rec'd	Check #	Coggins	Member
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## **Pilates Presentation**

### **Review**

#### **What you missed if you could not attend the February meeting**

By Sabrina Byrum

At the February 2011 meeting, we had the pleasure of hearing guest speaker Tina Hicks of Core Reaction Pilates, LLC. If her name sounds familiar, it is because she has been a guest author for recent TVDCTA newsletters. Tina is an avid equestrian and she operates a successful pilates studio on the south side of Huntsville. While the attendees munched on a delicious lasagna dinner, Tina (aided by two of her pilates students) discussed the fundamentals of pilates and explained how the basic principals and exercises can directly relate to and improve upon our individual riding styles.

Primary topics discussed include understanding the importance of your body's natural alignment; harnessing the body's core strength; becoming aware of the proper placement of the spine and pelvis to avoid pelvic tilt/tuck; locating your sit bones, regardless of whether you are in an office chair or in a dressage saddle; and focusing on using the inner, less-active muscle groups (e.g., transversospinalis - small muscles that weave along the spine) to perform exercises that are typically completed by our largest, outer muscles (e.g., quadriceps).

The presentation was very interesting and interactive, and Tina even gave each audience member a bag of pilates-related goodies and take home exercises. Everyone in attendance gleaned some useful insight that they could take back to the home, office, and/or riding arena.

Tina offers private and small group lessons at her studio. For more info, check out her website at [www.corereactionpilates.com](http://www.corereactionpilates.com). You can also phone her at 256.527.1424 or email her at [tina@corereactionpilates.com](mailto:tina@corereactionpilates.com) to find out about the program.

## **Joan Humphrey "S" to judge April schooling show and teach TVDCTA sponsored clinic**

Ms. Humphrey was introduced to dressage through participation in eventing. In the '70's she decided to concentrate on dressage and received her then American Horse Show Association Dressage judge "r" rating.

She proceeded through the judging levels to her then AHSA "S" status in the '90's She also held a United States Eventing Association Judge's card for many years and was a member of the jury of the Kentucky Rolex in the '80's.

Ms. Humphrey trained and showed her mare Windrose of Valhalla through the international levels and was an early Florida Winter Festival competitor. Joan was a United States Equestrian Federation Dressage Technical Delegate for several years, served six years as Secretary of the USDF Executive Board and is a member of United States Dressage Federation's "L" Program faculty (Learner/Judge Education faculty).

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### **Learn about waterproofing your horse blankets and washing your horse trailer at the April meeting**

Elaine McCutchan, of Crossrails Farm in Hartselle, while being involved with an RV service center, has discovered many products that are commonly used in the RV world that apply to the horse world. One product is Bio-Kleen H2O Repel. It is a multi-purpose fabric protectant that is great for outerwear, carpet, boots, tents, canvas, leather, awnings, gore-tex products and of course horse blankets. This 32 oz spray is \$20 will re-waterproof about 3 horse blankets. She will also talk about products for cleaning your aluminum trailer, trailer wash products as well as sealants and awning cleaners. She will have all of the products available for purchase at the members meeting on April 19 at deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Dr in Research Park in Huntsville). Dinner will start at 6:15 with the Elaine presenting at 6:30 and the business meeting at 7:15. All members and guests are welcome to attend.

### **Do you know your Dressage Rules?**

USEF DR102 The Halt.

1. At the halt the horse should stand attentive, engaged, motionless, straight and square with the weight evenly distributed over all four legs. The neck should be raised with the poll as the highest point and the head slightly in front of the vertical. While remaining "on the bit" and maintaining a light and soft contact with the rider's hand, the horse may quietly chew the bit and should be ready to move off at the slightest indication of the rider.
2. The halt is obtained by the displacement of the horse's weight to the hindquarters by a properly increased action of the seat and legs of the rider, driving the horse towards a softly closed hand, causing an almost instantaneous but not abrupt halt at a previously fixed place. The halt is prepared by a series of half-halts (see transitions).
3. The quality of the gaits before and after the halt is an integral part of the assessment.

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## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5-6	Debbie Rodriguez Dressage Clinic at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino for more information. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net
March 12-13	Poplar Place Farm March Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com
March 26	Chiropractor Dr. Elizabeth Schrader and masseuse Cherry Baldrige at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. See <a href="http://steelprizestables.blogspot.com/">http://steelprizestables.blogspot.com/</a> for updates and more information or contact Judith Fiorentino. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net
April 2	Spring Fling Dressage Show at Windwood Equestrian Center, Pelham, AL. with judge Leslie O'Neal Olsen "R" hosted by Birmingham CTDA. Entries open now and close March 19th. See www.BDCTA.com
April 9-10	Greater Atlanta Dressage Southern. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.gdcta.org
<b>April 9</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL. Judge: Joan Humphrey "S". See www.tvdcta.org. Prize List and Entry to be in March 2011 BITS Newsletter. Closing Date March 26.</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>TVDCTA sponsored clinic by Joan Humphrey at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino at steelprize@knology.net or 256-837-5474 for more information.</b>
April 15-17	Tennessean Express Dressage and Tennessean Express Dressage. Murfreesboro, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.tndressage.com
April 16-17	Poplar Place Farm April Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com
April 23-24	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com
April 23	Chiropractor Dr. Elizabeth Schrader and masseuse Cherry Baldrige at Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. See <a href="http://steelprizestables.blogspot.com/">http://steelprizestables.blogspot.com/</a> for updates and more information or contact Judith Fiorentino. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net
April 30-May 1	GHF/Collecting Gaits Farm Dressage at the Horse Park. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org
April 30-May 1	Dressage at the Ridge. Tuskegee, AL. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.sucaroridge.com
May 14-15	Memphis in the Springtime 1 and 2. Germantown, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.deltadressage.com
May 21-22	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com
May 21-22	Poplar Place Farm May Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.poplarplacefarm.com
May 21-22	Debbie Rodriguez Dressage Clinic at Steel Prize Stables. Please contact Judith Fiorentino for more information. 256-837-5474 steelprize@knology.net
<b>June 11</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Steel Prize Stables. Madison, AL. Judge: Leslie O'Neal-Olsen ( R ). See www.tvdcta.org. Closing Date May 28.</b>
June 11-12	Dressage by the River. New Market, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See www.-river-glen.com
June 11-12	The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Annual Dressage Show 1st and 2nd Edition. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See www.goodhorseman.org

## 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (continued)

June 18-19	Poplar Place Farm June Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.poplarplacefarm.com">www.poplarplacefarm.com</a>
July 16-17	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com</a>
Aug 20-21	Dressage at Greystone Farms. Lynnville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com">www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com</a>
Aug 26-28	Ole South Prelude and Breed Show and Dressage Classic. Murfreesboro, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.tndressage.com">www.tndressage.com</a>
<b>Sept 10</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Red Horse Ridge. Gurley, AL. Judge: Mary Fowler (R). See <a href="http://www.tvdcta.org">www.tvdcta.org</a></b>
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Sept 10-11	Poplar Place Farm September Dressage Show. Hamilton, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.poplarplacefarm.com">www.poplarplacefarm.com</a>
Sept 10-11	Southern Hospitality Dressage Breeders Classic 1 and 2. Conyers, GA. See <a href="http://www.gdcta.org">www.gdcta.org</a>
Sept 17-18	The Good Horseman/Collecting Gaits Farm Fall Dressage Show. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.goodhorseman.org">www.goodhorseman.org</a>
Sept 18	GHF Fall Dressage Sport Horse Breed Show #2. Conyers, GA. USDF/USEF Dressage show. See <a href="http://www.goodhorseman.org">www.goodhorseman.org</a>
Oct 1-2	Blues City Dressage. Germantown, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.deltadressage.com">www.deltadressage.com</a>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show at Flint Ridge Farm. Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon (S). See <a href="http://www.tvdcta.org">www.tvdcta.org</a></b>
Oct 29-30	TN State Championships and Harvest Classic Dressage. Shelbyville, TN. USDF/USEF Dressage Show. See <a href="http://www.tndressage.com">www.tndressage.com</a>

Did we miss something? Are you hosting an event you would like to list? Please email [meris@mcn.net](mailto:meris@mcn.net) or [bduncan@hiway.net](mailto:bduncan@hiway.net) to add things to the calendar. A complete year's listing can be found at [tvdcta.org](http://tvdcta.org)  
Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion.

"The rider is responsible for the well-being of the horse. Only a healthy horse, whose muscles and condition are carefully monitored, can perform well over time. Horse and rider should be partners but this partnership cannot survive without the rider being ultimately responsible for it."  
 Ingrid and Reiner Klimke, *The New Basic Training of the Young Horse*.

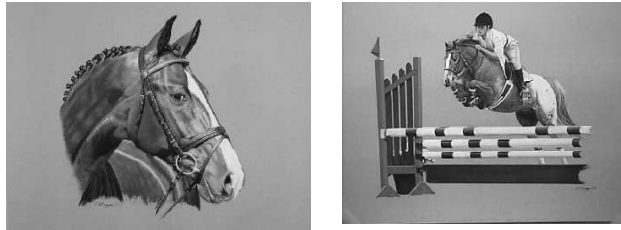
# Classified Ads

Member's (free) classified ads will also appear on the TVDCTA web site, [www.tvdcta.org](http://www.tvdcta.org). Note that the pictures will be **in color** and **larger** if you look on the web! You may also submit pictures for inclusion in your ad. Please contact the editors to renew after three months.

**Portraits in pastel by Virginia Moon.** Starting at \$250.00 depending on travel. I will take photos of your horse. Call 859-0659 or email [ginnymoon@aol.com](mailto:ginnymoon@aol.com).



**Portraits by Cathy.** Horses, dogs cats and children. Your favorite photo or I can take them for you. \$150 for a head only, \$200 and up for the whole animal, depending on the amount of background, rider etc. Call 721-3946 or email me at [czappe@mchsi.com](mailto:czappe@mchsi.com).



**Morgan Mares:** Kate-8 year old reg. Morgan mare-sound, trail rides, great dressage prospect, proven broodmare, trailers, shod regularly, good ground manners. Emma - coming 3 year old, sound Morgan mare, ties, hooves trimmed regularly, handled a LOT as a baby, people lover. Price on both - make an offer. See [www.chanceyspeaceofheaven.com](http://www.chanceyspeaceofheaven.com) or call 256-603-0055 or [Jackie8@aol.com](mailto:Jackie8@aol.com).

**For Sale:** Lacy is a 14 year old, 13.1 hand pony. She has excellent ground manners and would be a great first pony for any child. She has been used as a lesson pony, she jumps, loves to trail ride and has been shown in dressage, combined training and Hunters. Asking price is \$4500. Call Kathy (205) 522-7478.



**Horse Boarding.** Odenville, Alabama show stable. Very large indoor riding area and turnout. \$350 per month. Call Tim at 205-629-7762.



**For Sale.** 20 x 60 meter attractive PVC dressage arena. Ready to set up in grass field, sand or wherever you have a flat space. You disassemble. You haul off. \$650 Obo. Ginny Moon @ 2568590659 or [ginnymoon@aol.com](mailto:ginnymoon@aol.com)

# Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

Primary Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Type: Please select either Individual Adult, Individual Junior, or Family Membership and enter appropriate fee.

\_\_\_\_ Individual Adult Membership (\$40) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$20)

\_\_\_\_ Individual Junior (under 21) Membership (\$30) (USDF Dues \$20, Club Dues \$10)

\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$50; covers two riders) (USDF Dues \$30, Club Dues \$20)

Secondary Family Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Membership Riders (\$12 each) (USDF Dues \$10, Club Dues \$2)

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Additional Family Rider 4 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date (for Juniors): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Total Membership Fee** - *A portion of your dues will be sent to USDF*

If a new member, how did you find out about TVDCTA? (Which TVDCTA member should get the credit?)

\_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in helping out with:

Awards - Budgets - Clinics - Shows - Combined Training - Librarian

Meetings/Programs - Membership - Newsletter - Nominating - Publicity - Volunteers ?

Please make checks payable to TVDCTA. - Please submit renewals prior to **November 30th**.

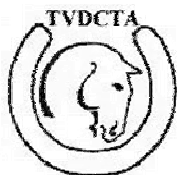
Mail to: **Paulette Harrell**, 3113 Hale Drive, Huntsville, AL 35805

For more information, contact Paulette at (256) 652-4007

*This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and members are automatically USDF Group Members and are eligible for all USDF rider awards.*

Meris Greges  
29938 Thach Rd  
Athens, AL 35613

*Next Meeting. Tuesday March 15 6:15 PM. deciBel Research;  
325 Bob Heath Drive in Huntsville in Research Park. All  
Members Welcome. See Page 2 for details.*



Tennessee Valley Dressage &  
Combined Training Association

**Many new things happening with TVDCTA. Check out page 2**

**Do you have a horse keeping, fitness, training, or time saving tip you would like to share? How about a question or a neat photo? Contributions for the newsletter are encouraged!! Please have submissions in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the issue. Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion. Contributions my be mailed or submitted via email to [meris@mcn.net](mailto:meris@mcn.net). If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE. Mail contributions to Meris Greges; 29938 Thach Rd; Athens, AL 35613**

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Classified ads will also be placed on our web site and may include a photo (counts as an extra line).

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