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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Pam Doolittle

It takes a village...

The photo accompanying this month's message is one of my favorites. I hope you agree it's a pleasant picture of a harmonious partnership between a happy and well turned-out horse and his rider. I see that too. But let me tell you what else I see and think about when I pause on this picture.

Support from a wide front

The nicely shaped feet of this horse I credit to the first-class care I receive from my farrier. I remember Jim called to make an appointment with ME to make sure Tigo's feet were done before we left for this show. He wouldn't let me go without checking his feet!

Tigo's gleaming coat and well muscled frame (for a 4-year-old) I credit in part to the vet clinic providing all the care for our farm, as well as the nutritional advice from the person who designs our feed program. Both personally called me that show weekend just to see how we were doing.

The spectator by the trailer above to our left in the picture is my coach, who started planning in the spring to support Tigo and I at this championship held in August. For the entire summer of 2008, he came to Wisconsin once a month to work with Tigo and me, preparing us for that final hour.

Just to the right of this picture and outside the camera angle sits a large group of friends and fellow competitors, who yelled and clapped loudly after we halted at X, and did the same even louder after the judges gave their comments and we exited the ring. One of those friends drove us to



Photo by Mary Phelps

Pam and Tigo competing at the Kentucky Horse Park

Kentucky for the show. The photographer capturing that moment not only took the picture, she is also instrumental in securing the future of the Young Horse program in the U.S. Finally, at the heart and center of this picture—even though you don't see them—are my husband and family, who give up so much in support of my journey. While I travelled, my husband and kids stayed home to save money and care for the farm.

So while the photo credit goes to Mary Phelps, the MOMENT credit goes to a huge support network of people that provide service, instruction, advice and—most importantly—friendship and camaraderie. Captured in that picture is not just a horse and rider; I see commitments, hard work, love and friendship all wrapped up in a celebration of our sport.

It takes a village for WDCTA too

I like to think of the WDCTA meeting and banquet in a similar way. Those in attendance arrived united in sport, even though as individuals we bring a diverse set of skills, connections, experiences and perspectives. During this time, we celebrated the successes of our WDCTA members for the 2009 show season. We gathered and displayed photos of the winners with their equine partners. (Enjoy these photos in this issue and even more of them on our website.)

Congratulations to our winners! But, I also want to send out a special congratulatory salute to the trainers, veterinarians, farriers, family and friends who helped and cheered for those winners. I know from experience how important you

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all are to their success. Thank you for your support!

At the annual meeting, perhaps you enjoyed reconnecting with old friends or met people you would like to know better. If this was special for you, I have a suggestion: try becoming more involved with WDCTA as a way to continue building those connections. Perhaps you left the banquet tickled to have won a silent auction item. Those items were donated by individuals and businesses that support dressage and WDCTA. Please continue to support those businesses as you consider purchasing items and services in 2010.

Make more connections

Perhaps you didn't make the meeting this year and are still searching for the right fit within WDCTA. Dressage is founded in principles that promote developing a fair, sympathetic and positive relationship with our equine partners. Read any good book on the subject, such as Walter Zettl's *Dressage in Harmony* or Colonel Albrecht von Ziegner's book, *The Basics*, and a perceptive reader will understand that lessons work well not just for horses, but also in other relationships. Learning how to work with other people in a fair, sympathetic and positive way develops good friendships, business relationships, marriages—these principles even help make for better parenting. If a situation arises when the horse doesn't want to go

past the scary puddle, when you disagree with a colleague on an issue that seems important or when your spouse or child tells you something difficult, it's so important the space between is filled by a trusting and helpful air.

You're likely part of WDCTA because of these principles, but aren't quite sure how to navigate our organization or find the right opportunities for your needs. If this is true for you, try contacting your chapter president or a state board member, and let us know what we can do to better serve YOU.

We want your feedback

As your state board continues to make progress in rebuilding, we continue to ask for your input and help. Consider sharing a personal story about you and your horse in the *eQuester*. Submissions should be directed to Caryn Vesperman at newsletter@wdcta.org. Do you know of a program, clinic, show or opportunity that would be of interest to other members? Non-WDCTA sponsored events can still be listed for free in our newsletter for members. Contact Caryn to find out how you can get more publicity for your events. Watch our **Facebook** updates for opportunities to serve on committees working to restructure and revitalize our services and governance.

Join us in our work to revitalize this charter



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ON THE BIT

Caryn Vesperman, Editor

This makes the second issue under my belt, or keyboard, to be more accurate. Thank you for the nice comments about the debut issue, but remember...

I'm only the editor, you're the contributor

This newsletter would be a big zero without your submissions and the support from our wonderful business members and advertisers. Remember, the articles and info come primarily from you. So send in your submissions—even a good horse joke would be fun! I know people are sometimes shy about writing. But don't worry—I'll read your submission and hopefully catch any typo or grammatical error. And if I miss it, well, I think our readers will overlook the mistake as they enjoy the content.

Also, remember to visit the website for state board and chapter minutes. We want to reserve the newsletter for "lighter" fare!

The electronic age

Sending this newsletter electronically seemed to work quite well. I was a bit concerned the color photos would make the file size huge, but those of you with dial-up service even reported the download time was only a few minutes. I've also heard how you appreciate the links directly to our website and our advertisers.

I also want to assure you that the chance of your downloading a virus with this newsletter is just about nil. I create the newsletter on a Mac, computers known for their difficulty of being kidnapped by viruses, and the YouSendIt service sweeps the file for viruses before they make it available to you for downloading.

Annual meeting and awards banquet

What a fun weekend. The speakers were outstanding, shopping was great at Midwest English Tack, bidding was competitive at the silent auction, the Grand Geneva was beautiful with a very attentive staff to serve us, and it was fun to cheer the members receiving their awards. And the massage and manicure—something I treat

myself to every few years whether I "need" it or not—were such a great way to end the weekend with friends on Sunday. (And yes, my deep red nails are getting quite the comments at the office, since it is quite unlike me. I don't even wear mascara. I think I'm going all out if I apply lip gloss!)

Trying something new in 2010

This winter, thanks to friends, I tried something new: driving. Chet Thomas gave me a lesson with their well-trained—and obviously with me, *tolerant*—Norwegian Fjord, Trina. I enjoyed the experience a lot. I did not feel as much in control as I do riding astride—and that had everything to do with me, and nothing to do with Chet or Trina. It was great to have the chance to try a



Photo by Amanda Kapellen



Chet takes the reins and takes Caryn on a brisk drive through the countryside.

discipline I had never had the chance to try before. Chet took me for a drive through the countryside, and then I took the reins and maneuvered through the obstacle course of orange traffic cones. I am pleased to report that I did not hit one single cone—and I was even "speeding" through the course at a trot! I hope Doug Langer, who bought the driving lesson offered by Chet at the award banquet's silent auction, enjoys the experience as much as I did.

Thanks for sharing your wonderful mare with me, Chet! And to Donna, thanks for catching the memories on camera.



Caryn guides Trina through the course. Chet rides on the back so he can make a quick escape should things go awry. (Kidding.)

USDF Instructor Certification Program

Your commitment to your education and students

The United States Dressage Federation's (USDF) Instructor Certification Program is designed to educate current and aspiring dressage instructors who want to teach the classical concepts of dressage and meeting USDF-specified proficiency standards.

The program offers certification in four areas: Certified Instructor Training - Second Level; Recognized Teacher Training - Second Level; Certified Instructor Third - Fourth Level; Recognized Teacher Third - Fourth Level. The USDF also offers recognition as an Associate Instructor.

Certification is achieved through a series of workshops, followed by a mock testing and then a certification test. There are three workshop categories: Lunging, Teaching and Riding. In addition to the workshops, pre-certification and testing, partici-

pants have required recommended reading to help prepare them for the final exam.

Workshops are taught by USDF faculty and examiners, all of whom are highly respected U.S. trainers and instructors.

Workshops are open to anyone at any level, from beginner amateurs to professionals. In addition to participating as an instructor, auditors are

encouraged to attend.

More information about the program may be found on the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

The Southwest Chapter is interested in hosting this program. If you are interested in participating, contact Stephanie Severn at (608) 213-8925 or hopefulfarm@gmail.com.

We're being contacted....

Individuals moving to the area are contacting board members to ask about places to board, take lessons and find a horse. If you aren't listed on the stable-trainer-breeder list, get on it now. We're getting more hits on our website than ever before, we'll be producing a guide to be distributed at the Midwest Horse Fair and other events, so make sure you are on The List to help these individuals find you. Go to our website under [Forms](#) to get the document you need to complete and submit. It's very affordable advertising!

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Meet Your 2010 State Board Members

Get to know one or two of your state board members every month.



Pam Doolittle

Where do you live?

Largely in the moment. If you mean my home address, it's in Mazomanie, WI.

What do you do for a living?

I write experiments for undergraduate students trying to learn aqueous-based chemical equilibria.

Family?

Is the most important thing for me. Three kids (Kevin, Cassandra and Nichole). Two younger brothers (well, not that much younger), my Dad, many aunts, uncles, cousins and a husband I simply don't deserve.

Other pets besides horses?

The best dog ever, coming 15, named Maxie. Then we have a young, big goof of a dog who goes by many names depending on if he's good or bad. We have a bunch of cats employed as mousers around the farm. We used to have a hedgehog (Spike) and a mouse (Frankie) but they died.

How many horses do you have?

We own 5. Two are for kids and friends to enjoy and are very kind and safe. The three Hanoverians are all pretty young, obnoxiously friendly and large, so are a bit intimidating to people who don't know horses. The general population cowers when a 1,500-pound animal with a head the size of your chest tries to dig in your pockets....I don't get it??

Favorite horse and why? (Could be one from the past.)

I just can't pick. They have all been precious to me in one way or another.

What's your favorite movie or book?

I read a lot, so it's hard to pick a favorite book. I am a perpetual student, so if I feel like I learned something—even if I didn't agree with the point of view—I tend to remember it and talk about it later. Movies: I really liked *Slumdog*

Millionaire. *Avatar* in 3-D on the ultrascreen was pretty cool too.

What celebrity would you have dinner with (dead or alive)?

Walter Farley. And this time I would buy.

Most interesting experience with a horse or at a horse competition?

When Coby and I took first at Devon in the 6-year-old FEI Young Horse finals. It was surreal. We were the first to go in the class and then I had to wait and watch everyone else try to beat my score. It's not like a normal third level test where the results are posted later. The judges announce the scores and talk about you to the audience. I stood with my trainer and watched every horse go. When the final score was announced and it was clear we were first, that was an amazing moment.

What or who inspires you with your riding?

The horses inspire me. I genuinely like the partnership. Those perfect moments we all feel, well, I work really hard to make those happen a lot. That brings me a lot of joy.

If you take lessons, who do you ride or clinic with?

I work primarily with Alex Gerding.

Dressage, eventing or both?

I only show in the dressage ring. However, my dressage horses also jump.

What was your wildest ride ever?

My son, Kevin, and I went out for a hack around our farm. It was spring time and I was riding a young horse who is very tall and likes to buck around. We made

it around our 40 acres walking without incident. So I had the bright idea to trot. Kevin stayed behind me, and I cautiously asked for the trot. Coby exploded down the lane like a bronco. He bucked so hard I had the wind knocked out of me, but I stayed on. When we stopped, Kevin said, "Wow Mom, he bucked really high. I could see the bottom of his feet—and I was looking up!"



Photo by Mary Phelps

Pam and Coby at Dressage at Devon

If you were in a karaoke contest, you'd sing what song?

If it was a duet with my brother, I would sing harmony to *American Pie*. I've sung *Fields of Gold* a few times. I would like to do a rap song...*New York*, maybe. I would be really bad but it would be fun.

Your favorite junk food?

This is sad...vege straws. I might have said chocolate, but I think that's an official food group...right?



Martha Flury

Where do you live?

Elkhorn, WI

What do you do for a living?

Senior Programmer/Analyst on mid-range computers.

Family?

One son, an aerospace engineer in Connecticut. One daughter, attending Whitewater College. One grandson in high school in Sussex. Two granddaughters in elementary school in Elkhorn.

Other pets besides horses?

One part Siberian Husky and eight house cats in various sizes and colors.

How many horses do you have?

Four horses: A 16-year-old Andalusian mare at 2nd level, a 10-year-old Andalusian mare at training level, a 16-year-old Mustang who thinks horses should NOT be ridden. (He's a pasture ornament.) A 25-year-old Thoroughbred retired from racing and dressage.

What's your favorite movie or book?

I don't have a favorite, but I have a large library of horse books and training videos.

Most interesting experience with a horse or at a horse competition?

In our first training level test, an airplane flew over during our free walk. My horse's gaze followed the plane across the arena.

If you take lessons, who do you ride or clinic with?

My older Andalusian mare and I started our dressage training with Galena Sheleпов in Burlington, WI. While we were there for about five years, we also participated in several clinics with Hans Biss from

Germany. I've been working at home on my own for another five years. I'm a member of Jane Savoie's Dressage Mentor website and have her *Happy Horse*, *Program Your Position*, and *Freedom from Free* programs. I've ridden in clinics the past two years with Herwig Radnetter from the Spanish Riding School of Vienna.

Do you do dressage, eventing or both?

I do dressage, open horse shows, trail riding and parades.

What was your wildest ride ever?

After being spooked by the photographer at a show, we had the lowest scoring test of the day. In 1st level, test 4, my horse cantered, counter-cantered, cross-cantered, bucked, bolted and did a flying change. I was happy to know she could do a flying change.... I think I should have received extra points for staying on!

Most recent fun horse thing?

I attended a "reunion" of members of Jane Savoie's Dressage Mentor website in Wellington, FL for five days. We saw demos at two farms and attended a CDI show. At the show we watched warm-ups and classes while wearing headsets with Jane giving commentary and training tips on the rides.

Why I love riding

I enjoy spending time with my best friends.



Martha and her Andalusian, Luna M6, at a Silverwood Show

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2009 WDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Members and guests gathered at the Grand Geneva Resort on Feb. 20 to learn, socialize and recognize the 2009 year-end award winners. Visit the WDCTA website to view more photos.

Background photo: Ribbons displayed before the awards banquet.
All photos by Steve Whalen.



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT:

(l-r) Ted Goad, Katie Joyce.

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(l-r) Sandy Strehlow, Pam Doolittle, Patricia Combs.

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(l-r, front row) Shannon Somers-Mueller, Vanessa Blake, Alicia Strackbein, Keegan O'Brien, Pam Doolittle, Katie Foster.

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Checking out the donations. Some spirited competition was shown in the silent auction "arena."

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Great shopping at Midwest English Tack. Shoppers are now ready to dazzle at clinics and shows.



2009 WDCTA Year-end Awards

Member of the Year: Martha Flury

Nominations for this award can come from chapters or individual members.

Martha truly works on her dressage education. She's constantly studying magazines, books, CDs and DVDs. She audits clinics and also attends them as a rider—as seen in a 2009 article in the *eQuester* in which she packs up for a several-day trip to Iowa for a clinic.

Martha also does all her own grooming, trailering and training. This is not an easy chore when you also



Catching a moment with Martha shopping at the annual meeting.

have a full-time job and a farm to manage!

Though dressage is her principal love, Martha also belongs to several other horse organizations, and it's not unusual to see her hit the trails.

Martha stepped up to the plate to help WDCTA move forward in 2010 to focus on member-friendly, educational activities and was instrumental in organizing the annual meeting and awards banquet. When surprised by the Member of the Year Award at the banquet, the first words she uttered were how it

wasn't just her who took on responsibilities for WDCTA, but a group effort. She is truly a horse person of many skills. Congratulations, Martha!

Intro Level Open

Grand -- Nicole Trapp; Barb Walber (owner); Dukatti, 6 y.o. Hanoverian gelding.....76.5%
Reserve -- Jenny Schmitt; Andretti, 8 y.o. Halfinger gelding.....68.5%

Intro Adult Amateur

Grand -- Cindy Ruetten; Mosaic, 6 y.o. Trakehner gelding.....71%
Reserve -- Sarah Doede; Lets Tack Details, 5 y.o. Appaloosa gelding.....65%

Intro Level Jr

Grand -- Vanessa Blake; Lynne Schramer (owner); Logan Motion, TB gelding.....67.833%
Reserve -- Rachel Fischer; Mary Fischer (owner); Ramzes, 6 y.o. Oldenburg gelding.....66.167%

Intro Maiden

Grand -- Nicole Trapp; Barb Walber (owner); Dukatti, 6 y.o. Hanoverian gelding.....76.5%
Reserve -- Cindy Ruetten; Mosaic, 6 y.o. Trakehner gelding.....71%
3rd -- Jenny Schmitt; Andretti, 8 y.o. Halfinger gelding...68.5%
4th -- Rachel Fischer; Mary Fischer (owner); Ramzes, 6 y.o. Oldenburg gelding.....66.167%

Training Level Open

Grand -- Paula Roberts; Siebren, 12 y.o. Friesian gelding.....73.15%
Reserve -- Jenny Schmitt; Leslie Chermak (owner); Mystical Spirit, 10 y.o. Morgan gelding.....70.482%
3rd -- Nicole Perret; Nikita Konshak (owner); Desiderius, 5 y.o. American WB gelding.....70.107%

4th -- Joann Williams; CF Ladysmith, 5 y.o. Welsh Cob mare.....67.671%
5th -- Jenny Schmitt; Andretti, 8 y.o. Halfinger gelding.....66.241%
6th -- Becky Zindars; Horatius RZ, 6 y.o. Trakehner gelding.....63.981%

Training Level AA

Grand -- Paula Roberts; Siebren, 12 y.o. Friesian gelding.....73.15%
Reserve -- Roberta Bosetti; Rikki, 12 y.o. Holsteiner gelding.....66.228%
3rd -- Cindy Ruetten; Mosaic, 6 y.o. Trakehner gelding.....66.107%
4th -- Megan Lisowe; Authentic Music, Thoroughbred gelding.....66.067%
5th -- Jennifer Callies; Can't Dance Da Blues, 16 y.o. Quarter Horse mare.....65.072%
6th -- Tammie Diedrich; Risky, 19 y.o. Half-Arabian gelding.....64.725%

Training Level Jr

Grand -- Katie Foster; Rehlein, 4 y.o., Oldenburg mare.....71.667%
Reserve -- Keegan O'Brien; Susan Strieter (owner); Magic Irish Desire, Morgan gelding.....69.067%
3rd -- Alicia Strackbein; Celestial Shadow, 8 y.o. Percheron/Trakehner gelding.....68.754%
4th -- Stephanie Nelson; Too Neet to Fleet, 12 y.o. Paint gelding.....68.524%
5th -- Vanessa Blake; Lynne Shramer (owner); Logan Motion, Thoroughbred gelding.....65.197%
6th -- Shannon Somers-Mueller; Johnny Cash, 10 y.o. Saddlebred gelding.....63.342%

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Awards continued

Training Level Maiden

Grand -- Nicole Perret; Nikita Konshak (owner);
Desiderius, 5 y.o. American WB gelding.....70.107%
Reserve -- Joann Williams; CF Ladysmith, 5 y.o.
Welsh Cob mare.....68.214%
3rd -- Nicole Trapp; Barb Walber (owner); Dukatti,
6 y.o. Hanoverian gelding.....67.94%
4th -- Jennifer Callies; Can't Dance Da Blues,
16 y.o. Quarter Horse mare.....66.871%
5th -- Jenny Schmitt; Andretti, 8 y.o. Haflinger
gelding.....66.241%
6th -- Cindy Ruetten; Mosaic, 6 y.o. Trakehner
gelding.....66.107%

First Level Open

Grand -- Katie Joyce; Don Satir, 16 y.o. Oldenburg
gelding.....71.123%
Reserve -- Ted Goad; Cynthia Archer (owner);
Fauve Limoges, 16 y.o. Oldenburg mare.....66.14%
3rd -- Jessica Kortbein; Smart Alex, 8 y.o. Pinto
Saddlebred gelding.....63.033%

First Level AA

Grand -- Patricia Combs; Sonitas Last Peppy,
8 y.o. Quarter Horse gelding.....69.266%
Reserve -- Melissa Deneys; Onholywings, 11 y.o.
Thoroughbred gelding.....67.367%
3rd -- Sherry McCabe; YouCanSeeMeNow, 4 y.o.
Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred mare.....63.513%
4th -- Megan Lisowe; Authentic Music,
Thoroughbred gelding.....62.952%
5th -- Sandy Strehlow; Donnersage, 13 y.o.
Oldenburg gelding.....62.912%

First Level Maiden

Grand -- Katie Joyce; Don Satir, 16 y.o. Oldenburg
gelding.....71.123%
Reserve -- Sherry McCabe; You CanSeeMeNow, 4 y.o.
Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred mare.....63.513%
3rd -- Megan Lisowe; Authentic Music,
Thoroughbred gelding.....62.952%
4th -- Jenny Lou Carmody; Leonardo DaVinci,
15 y.o. American Warmblood gelding.....62.815%

First Level Junior

Grand -- Jill Dearing; Romeo Gigili, 16 y.o. Dutch
Warmblood gelding.....68.043%

Second Level Sr Open

Grand -- Joan Watson; Reminisce, 9 y.o.
Holsteiner gelding.....65.642%
Reserve -- Katie Joyce; Don Satir, 16 y.o.
Oldenburg gelding.....65.516%
3rd -- Barb Pendleton; Prince Sultani, 7 y.o.
Georgian Grande gelding.....65.498%

Second Level AA

Grand -- Patricia Combs; Sonitas Last Peppy,
8 y.o. Quarter Horse gelding.....65.344%

Second Level Maiden

Grand -- Katie Joyce; Don Satir, 16 y.o.
Oldenburg gelding.....65.516%
Reserve -- Barb Pendleton; Prince Sultani, 7y.o.
Georgian Grande gelding.....65.498%
3rd -- Ted Goad; Cynthia Archer (owner);
Fauve Limoges, 16 y.o. Oldenburg mare,,,,,,62.307%

Third Level Sr Open

Grand -- Anne Zaharias; Sandra Granquist (owner);
Ate Van Der M, 9 y.o. Friesian stallion.....67.682%

Third Level AA

Grand -- Jennifer Blahnik; Montaire, Dutch
Warmblood gelding.....63.618%

Third Level Maiden

Grand -- Ann Zaharias; Sandra Granquist (owner);
Ate Van Der M, 9 y.o. Friesian stallion.....67.682%

Fourth Level Maiden

Grand -- Anne Zaharias; Wynter, 9 y.o. Hanoverian
mare.....66.124%

Prix St Georges Sr Open

Grand -- Jessica Davis; Learo, 13 Friesian Sport-
horse gelding.....66.75%

Prix St Georges Jr

Grand -- Katrina Hiller; The Toy Soldier, 9 y.o.
Oldenburg gelding.....65.53%

Prix St George Maiden

Grand -- Jessica Davis; Learo, 13 Friesian Sport-
horse gelding.....66.75%
Reserve -- Katrina Hiller; The Toy Soldier, 9 y.o.
Oldenburg gelding.....65.53%

Grand Prix Open

Grand -- Joann Williams; Kosmic, 17 y.o. Hanoverian
gelding.....63.972%

Musical Freestyle

Grand -- Paula Roberts; Siebren, 12 y.o. Friesian
gelding.....75.94%
Reserve -- Keegan O'Brien; M.S. Comotion,
11 y.o. Arabian gelding.....71.042%
3rd -- Jessica Davis; Learo, 13 Friesian Sporthorse
gelding.....65.137%

Greg Foran Musical Freestyle Award

Highest average
Paula Roberts; Siebren.....75.94%

Nairobi Memorial Award

Mare ridden by owner; highest average score.
Sponsored by Mary Prisco.
Katie Foster; Rehlien.....71.667%

Jackie's Time Traveler Trophy

Jr/Yng Rider; single highest score.
Sponsored by Nancy Giere.
Katie Foster; Rehlien.....74.00%

Amateur Handler

Grand -- Hannah Ruetten.....77.5%

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WDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet....continued

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Martha Flury

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- 1 driving lesson with their horse

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- Custom photo shoot at your facility

Joann Williams

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Tips For Members, From Members

THIS MONTH'S QUESTION:

What piece of advice have you heard that has helped you with your riding?

Kate Van Sicklen

My horse always loses the impulsion during the half pass. I was told to "pop a wheelie" during the movement to engage and rebalance.

Marie Caldwell

When one rein is heavier than the other, the heavier rein is rarely the one that's the problem. Instead of trying to lighten the contact in the heavy rein, try to develop a more secure contact in the lighter rein and your contact will become more even.

Tracee Horn

"An ugly 5 is better than a perfect zero." This comment made me try stuff even if it was not perfect...meaning we can go back and make it better but we have to start somewhere.

Barb Center

There is a lot of literature across all sports about setting goals. I think if you do this, you generally achieve them, but in my own experience, not necessarily in the original time frame or as planned. So make goals, but be ready to be flexible when obstacles arise.

Also, it's easy to become self-conscious and tense in a showing situation, especially when things are not going well. As Ralph Hill, an international level eventing coach, said to me on one such occasion, "Just tell them, 'These stirrup leathers adjust'." I also think it's helpful to remember this when you see someone else struggling with a difficult ride.

Paula Roberts

This has helped me get through the winter months: When the going gets tough, the tough get going. That saying is so true for anyone that wants to endure winter cold, snow and iceand still continue to ride. I do not have my own indoor arena, so if I can't ride outside in the snow, I have to hook up my trailer, load the horses and drive over to a friend's with an indoor arena. Then after riding, I have to bring the horses home, unhook the trailer and put everything away. That is tough! But, if I want to ride, improve my dressage and work on homework from my lessons, I just have to get tough and DO IT! And you know what? I always feel so much better afterwards. Lifts my spirits and makes me realize that winter is not so bad after all.

No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.

Winston Churchill



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Special Notice

Members of the WDCTA state board would like to extend our sincere apologies to both Mary Hanneman and Caryn Vesperman for the actions taken by the 2009 state board led by then-president, Cindy Ruetten.

Sometime last spring, a grievance was filed against Mary Hanneman by Kathy Dunn. The bulk of her complaint was that Mary resisted allowing Kathy free access to the checkbook. At the time, Mary was the treasurer of the SW chapter. The SW chapter holds a long history of fiscal responsibility, and operates by a clear policy of reimbursement once receipts are submitted to the treasurer. For some reason unknown to Mary or any of the SW chapter officers, Kathy felt she should be able to freely write checks directly for her expenses. Even though the state board ultimately concluded Mary did nothing wrong and the issue should remain a chapter issue, Mary's name continued to be aired in the newsletter and state board meeting minutes in the context of a grievance. These actions were irresponsible, unfair and not the actions that should have been taken by a prudent and reasonable board. Mary has been an exemplary treasurer for the SW chapter, an outstanding leader and organizer for WDCTA, and continues to serve on the 2010 state board.

Also last spring, three grievances were filed against Caryn Vesperman by Kathy Dunn, Brynn Hansen and Stephanie Morgan. The bulk of the complaints were she:

1. Had a conflict of interest volunteering to help with the L program,
2. Acted inappropriately by not moving when an instructor chose to sit next to her at one of the L program sessions during lunch,
3. Has inappropriate contact with one of the members who sits on the USDF L Education program committee,
4. Was somehow in the wrong by pointing out the liability involved in allowing names of trainers to be posted in the instructor listings without the trainers' permission.

Here are the facts related to the accusations above:

1. The instructor chairing the L Education program confirmed with Caryn and several others that the USDF encourages participants to volunteer for the L program sessions that are non-evaluative, which include the A, B and C sessions. Caryn helped organize the demonstration rider gift bags for the A and B sessions. It was also during the A session that an instructor chose to sit at a table where several participants, INCLUDING Caryn, were enjoying lunch. This instructor, and others on the L program committee, indicated there is no problem with this and, in fact, expressed that it is encouraged until the evaluative session which was scheduled for 2010.
2. Caryn has long attended clinics hosted by SW chapter, with an instructor who happens to sit on the USDF committee for the L program. This instructor has no influence on the evaluations eventually done by the faculty SW chapter has hired to teach the L program. Evaluations are shared with the committee, but are independently drawn up by the attending faculty member.
3. It IS against the law to list the names of trainers and clinicians in advertising such as the instructor listing without express permission from the individual. The 2009 state board adopted this as a new policy summer of 2009. Caryn was right.
4. Caryn was contacted by an L Education program committee member. This person shared that SW chapter L program part 2 would not be approved because of the poor interactions several people had endured with then-organizer, Kathy Dunn. Caryn immediately contacted the SW board to try to resolve the situation. The SW chapter officers—including Kathy Dunn, Caryn Vesperman, Dawn Main and Pam Doolittle—met to problem-solve the situation in a way that would not be embarrassing to Kathy but at the same time allow the L program to continue to completion for the registered participants. Caryn's actions were in the best interest of the association.

The 2009 state board did not conduct reasonable inquiry and failed to act as a prudent board. Even during the process, the state board neither followed WDCTA bylaws nor Roberts Rules in conducting the procedures. The procedure ITSELF was deemed confidential and SW chapter members, who tried to advocate for Caryn and Mary, were either ignored or sent inappropriate letters and emails denying any information. For example, it is still unknown why there was never a choice on the ballot for board members to vote for Caryn's innocence. The only choices on the ballot were: "member in good standing—removed from the board for one year" vs. "not a member in good standing." As a consequence, Caryn has been maligned and falsely accused, which arose to several documented cases of libel and slander. Then-president Cindy Ruetten shared with several members NOT on the state board, after the grievance decision was announced, that Caryn "needed to be taught a lesson."

Instead of working toward resolution over these grievances, some members of the 2009 state board worked to split WDCTA. These state board members, including Cindy Ruetten, refused to resign their posts or work cooperatively with board members wishing to remain with WDCTA. Pam Doolittle tried to point out the conflict of interest several times, but was instead belittled at the meetings and discredited in meeting minutes.

It is not the duty of the board to teach lessons to our members, to act as a court of law, or belittle and discredit members because they hold a minority opinion. Two independent attorneys have reviewed the data and both conclude the 2009 WDCTA state board, at a bare minimum, failed to act within a reasonable standard of care and, more than likely, acted grossly negligent. Neither Caryn nor Mary took legal action against WDCTA and, in spite of the circumstances, were some of the first to come forward as contributing members to our organization in the wake of the split. We thank them for their long-standing service to WDCTA, their many contributions in bringing educational opportunities to our members and their positive promotion of the sport. What they endured should never happen to ANY member of our organization.

We would also like to apologize to our members who watched this murky drama play out in business meetings, casual conversations and official meeting minutes. We would like to assure you that the individuals who perpetuated the split are no longer members of WDCTA. The 2010 board is united in the spirit of remaining forward looking, transparent and positive. We will work hard to make much needed improvements to our policies and governance structure to reinstate WDCTA as a member-friendly, service-oriented organization. In the spirit of transparency, Caryn and Mary have both agreed to make printed grievance documents retained in the historical files available for member review. Any member who would like more information regarding the grievances or the split, can contact Pam Doolittle, president@wdcta.org.

Sincerely,

Pam Doolittle WDCTA President & the 2010 State Board of Directors

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Question for the April issue:

What's the one thing in your tack trunk
that you would feel lost without and why?

Send your comment to :

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CALENDAR

WDCTA-Chapter Meetings

Mar. 9

Kettle Moraine Chapter Meeting
Video 6:30 p.m. Business 7 p.m.
Alice Antczak's home, N7258 County ES, Elkhorn, WI
Contact: (262) 642-4178 or
km@wdcta.org

Mar. 13

SW Chapter Meeting - 1 p.m.
Rider Biomechanics with Ann Schultheis, PT
Location: Alicia Ashman Branch/Madison Library
733 No. High Point Rd. (High Point Rd and Old Sauk)
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
sw@wdcta.org

April 10

WDCTA State Board Meeting - 10 a.m.
Location TBD
president@wdcta.org

April 13

SW Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Dressage Protocol (history behind dressage dress,
fashion show and more) with Kate Van Sicklen
Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
sw@wdcta.org

May 11

SW Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Long Lining Demo with accomplished driver, Mary
Ruth Marks
Location TBD
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
sw@wdcta.org

Aug. 7

WDCTA State Board Meeting - 10 a.m.
Location TBD
president@wdcta.org

Sept. 14

SW Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Update on Deworming Protocol with veterinarians
from Country View Vet Clinic
Location: Country View Veterinary Clinic, Oregon, WI
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
sw@wdcta.org

Oct. 16

SW Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
Behind-the-Scenes look at the World Equestrian
Games with Janet Foy
Hotel Location TBD
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
sw@wdcta.org

Nov. 13

SW Chapter Meeting - 1 p.m.
Planning Meeting for 2011
Location: TBD
Contact: Donna Thomas (608) 835-8549 or
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Nov. 27

WDCTA State Board Meeting - 10 a.m.
Location TBD
president@wdcta.org

Dec. 11

SW Chapter Meeting - 1 p.m.
Death by Chocolate Holiday Party
Location: Becky Bebbler-Wells, Brooklyn, WI
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Feb. 19, 2011

WDCTA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
Location TBD
president@wdcta.org

WDCTA Clinics & Events

April 16-18

Janet Foy Clinic
Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI
Contact: Mary Hanneman (608) 712-0975 or
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June 19

Sport Horse Evaluation Seminar with Gerd Zuther
Location: Judd's Green Meadows Farm, Belleville, WI
Contact: Caryn Vesperman (608) 455-2208 or
touchstonefarm@gmail.com

June 19-20

Wolfgang May Clinic, June 19/20, Whispering Willow
Farm 21134 W. 7 Mile Rd
Franksville, WI 53126. Contact Martha Flury at
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June 25-27

Janet Foy Clinic
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Aug. 27-29

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Sept. 10-12

Janet Foy Clinic
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Oct. 15-17

Janet Foy Clinic
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Oct. 16

Behind-the-Scenes look at the World Equestrian
Games with Janet Foy
Hotel - 6:30 p.m.
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WDCTA-Recognized Shows

May 15

Golden Oak Leaf Equestrian Center Schooling Show - Judge: Lois Heyerdahl "S"
27459 Holland Avenue, Tomah, WI
Contact: Jessica Kortbein (608) 387-0293
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June 26

Golden Oak Leaf Equestrian Center Schooling Show - Judge: Lois Heyerdahl "S"
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July 31

Kettle Moraine Chapter Schooling Show
Sorensen Equestrian Park
Contact: Alice Antczak at
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Non-WDCTA Events

March 6-7

Brad Cutshall Dressage Clinic
Rosebury Farm, Mukwonago, WI
Contact: Katie Joyce (262) 352-8005 or
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March 20

Wisconsin Arabian Horse Association (WAHA)
Spring Clinic
Whispering Willow Farm, Franksville, WI
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March 26-29

Clinic with Alex Gerding
Touchstone Farm, Brooklyn, WI
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April 30-May 3

Clinic with Alex Gerding
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May 28-31

Clinic with Alex Gerding
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June 18 & 20

Clinic with Gerd Zuther
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June 28

American Warmblood Society Inspection
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July 9-12

Clinic with Alex Gerding
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July 31

Dressage Schooling Show (Intro-4th, freestyle)
Golden Horseshoe Dressage Farm, Monroe, WI
Contacts: Angela Rabe (608)862-3886 or
Jamie Zimmerman (919) 698-2218 or
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Sept. 17-20

Clinic with Alex Gerding
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Oct. 22-25

Clinic with Alex Gerding
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Nov. 5-7

Clinic with Gerd Zuther
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Nov. 19-22

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262-965-2066

jayne@dressaghorse.com

Standing Galaxy, Westfalen by Guarantor. Live cover \$900 with return. Sire of many top quality horses actively competing successfully in dressage and jumping.

TRACEY DIKKERS

Dundee Training Stable
N6482 Silver Road
Monticello, WI 53570
(608) 938-2410

dundee@tds.net

Warmblood and warmblood crosses, young stock usually available.

KATHY FINDLEY

Whispering Willow Farm
21134 W. 7 Mile Road
Franksville, WI 53126
(262) 895-6978

whisperingwillowfarm@yahoo.com

Breeder of quality approved Belgian Warmbloods for use in dressage and hunter/jumpers. Horses for sale.

Sandra Granguist

Cedar Creek Farm
N16460 Townshipline Road
Wilson, MI 49896
(906) 497-4434

cedarcreekfriesians@earthlink.com

Standing Ate van der M, Friesian stallion – multi-world and multi-national champion in dressage, halter and hunt seat. Standing to all breeds of quality mares. Friesian cross foals, yearlings and 2-year-olds for sale.

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W3465 Market Road
Helenville, WI 53137
(920) 674-6344

maplerunfarm@yahoo.com

Breeding Hanoverians of exceptional quality. Bloodlines include Ampere, Bordeaux, DeNiro, Diamond Hit, Rohdiamont, Royal Prince, Sir Donnerhall, Sinatra Song, Fidertanz, Pablo, Winterprinz and Weltmeyer.

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4595 Mahoney Road
McFarland, WI 53558
(608) 213-8925

hopefulfarm@gmail.com

Breeders of quality German Oldenburg, Westfalen, RPSI and Dutch Warmblood sport horses since 1993. Annual RPSI Mare and Foal inspections. Young horses available.

BITS 'N PIECES

News About Members, News to Help Members

Don't forget to send in your events for our calendar. A lot of members are looking to the **eQuester** and our website for what's happening. The hits on our website are up significantly, meaning

you and non-members are referencing our website. Also, remember, any submission you send to the newsletter also gets posted to the website.



Our library has been expanded beyond videos but also to a variety of equestrian books. The form with the list of books and videos is on the website. Any questions, contact Donna Thomas, our librarian@wdcta.org. Literally—check it out!



Just a reminder that we're on **Facebook**. Search under Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association. This is a way to provide updates in-between the monthly newsletter, remind members about upcoming events or deadlines, and simply chat for fun. Join us!

WDCTA-SW Chapter 2010 Dressage Clinics with Janet Foy
at Judd's Green Meadows Farm, 6412 County A, Belleville, WI 53508

April 16-18 - opening date March 5 **June 25-27** - opening date May 14
 August 27-29 - opening date July 16 **September 10-12** - opening date July 30
 October 15-17 - opening date Sept 1

Separate application required for each clinic!

Janet Foy is an "I" rated FEI judge, USEF "S" and Sport Horse Breeding judge. She has judged US and international FEI shows, including the NAYR Champs, Dressage at Devon, & USA World Cup League. She is a USDF L Faculty member and instructs Federation Judges. She is a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist, having ridden horses to Horse of the Year Awards from Training to Grand Prix. Janet was a member of the USDF test writing committee, making her uniquely qualified to provide her students with insights to accurate test riding.

All rider applications must be **postmarked** on the "opening date" (see above). Riders will be selected on a first come basis with preference given to WDCTA-SW chapter members, followed by WDCTA members from other chapters. Refunds will be considered at organizer's discretion with receipt of veterinarian and/or doctor's certificate. Alternates will have first chance at open slots. *Tentative Schedule: Friday - Sunday 8:00 AM- 4:30PM.*

Rider Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone _____

Email: _____

Horse's Name: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Schooling Level _____ Showing Level _____

RIDER FEE: For 3 rides

SW Chapter Member: \$350 WDCTA Member/other chapters: \$375 Non-WDCTA: \$400 \$25

TRAILER IN FEE (everyone pays except Judd boarders)

Ride time preference? AM PM (will try to accommodate) _____

Will you need a stall? Overnight ** For day** Just in and out

**VERY limited availability & additional cost – organizer will contact you with options

Negative Coggins required with application (if you board at Judd's, don't send.) All shots must be current.

AUDITOR FEES:

WDCTA-SW Chapter members – NO CHARGE!!

WDCTA member 1 day @ \$15 _____ 2 days @ \$25 _____ 3 days @ \$30 _____

Non-WDCTA member 1day @ \$20 _____ 2 days @ \$30 _____ 3 days @ \$35 _____

Attending: Friday Saturday Sunday

Includes coffee/water/soda and snacks. Bring your own lunch and chair!

Rider / Auditor Fee \$ _____

Trailer in Fee \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make checks payable to: WDCTA Southwest Chapter

Mail to organizer with check & 2010 Coggins:

Mary Hanneman, N8160 Smith Rd, Brooklyn, WI 53521

Questions? 608-712-0975 or mahanneman@gmail.com

Buying a new horse? Breeding? Training? Just want to learn?



Attend the WDCTA sporthorse clinic where you can learn how to judge horses' conformation and movement.

Under Gerd Zuther's guidance, you will have the opportunity to practice scoring up to seven horses. You can even bring your riding horse to better understand how to adapt your training program to work with its specific conformation and movement, or

bring a mare to help you assess her strengths and improvement areas to better select a stallion.

Gerd is certified as a USEF-licensed dressage sporthorse breeding judge, has judged classes at prestigious breed shows such as Dressage at Devon, and is a member of the American Hanoverian Society, serving on its Mare and Stallion Committee since 1985.

Gerd successfully completed the eight-year program to become a licensed riding instructor and trainer certified by the German National Federation in 1965. And, he has trained many horses and riders to the Grand Prix level.

Gerd has an interactive and enjoyable approach to teaching conformation and movement and is a very knowledgeable teacher. Join us for the day!

Saturday, June 19
Green Meadows Farm
Belleville, WI
8:30 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 to 5:00 p.m. Clinic

GERD ZUTHER SPORT HORSE CLINIC

ONE FORM PER PERSON

Registration Form

Sorry, no refunds after June 10, 2010.

Seminar Auditors

- WDCTA Members _____ x \$35 = \$ _____
- Non-Members _____ x \$45 = \$ _____
- Special "Save \$20" Fee
(Includes \$35 mid-year WDCTA membership and \$20 off non-member audit fee) _____ x \$60 = \$ _____

Horse Participants

- Per horse fee _____ x \$40 = \$ _____

Lunch* _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**Please indicate if vegetarian is required.*

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Send registration form and check payable to WDCTA Southwest Chapter by Thursday, June 10 to:

Mary Hanneman
N8160 Smith Road
Brooklyn, WI 53521
Questions? (608) 455-1037 or
mahanneman@gmail.com



More forms available on website:

www.wdcta.org



WISCONSIN DRESSAGE AND COMBINED TRAINING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM / 2010

MEMBERSHIP TERM: JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31



For renewals, please mark if information has changed for 2010.

RENEWAL _____ NEW _____

- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Email

NAME _____

FARM _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE _____

ZIP CODE _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

As a member of WDCTA, I may choose to volunteer for Association responsibilities or activities. I expressly agree that my services are being provided as a volunteer and that I am not an employee of the Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training Association. I am neither entitled to nor expect any present or

Would you like to receive other horse-related mailings as a member of WDCTA? YES NO

DISCIPLINES:
 Dressage _____
 Eventing _____
 Breeder _____
 OTHER _____

SKILL:
 Professional _____
 Adult Amateur _____
 Young Rider _____

CHAPTER AFFILIATION:
 _____ Southwest (Madison and surrounding area)
 _____ Upper Peninsula (Upper Michigan)
 _____ Central (Green Bay and surrounding area)
 _____ Eastern (North Milwaukee, Sheboygan, FDL)
 _____ Northern (Stevens Point and northern area)
 _____ Kettle Moraine (Southwest Milwaukee area)
 _____ Northeast (North of Green Bay)

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND FEES

- \$160 BUSINESS Membership** – Includes recognition and a business card ad in current year's Equester, inclusion in our resource guide for statewide distribution and listed on WDCTA website, and a USDF group membership; Businesses joining after 3/15 will have a reduced membership fee of \$125, but will not be included in the resource guide. **Must** provide a business card to be printed in the Equester.
- \$60 FAMILY Membership** - Includes one copy of the Newsletter, one USDF group membership, and one voting privilege. USDF requires that an additional USDF membership be purchased for each additional family member. Each Family Member will receive a WDCTA Membership Card.
- \$17 Add'l Family Member** _____ Birthday _____
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- \$45 INDIVIDUAL Membership** (Individual Member, 18 years and over) Are you 18-21 years of age? YES NO
Includes one copy of the Newsletter, one USDF group membership, and one voting privilege.
- \$35 JUNIOR Membership** (Birth date _____) (must be 17 and under as of January 1st)
Includes one copy of the Newsletter, one USDF group membership, and one voting privilege.
- \$25 SUBSCRIBING Member** – (Out of State residents only. Includes newsletter only. No Voting or Championship Privileges)
- \$35 JULY MEMBERSHIP** (New Ind. & junior members joining after July 1st. Includes required USDF membership **if rec'd by Aug 15.**)

WDCTA STABLE, INSTRUCTOR, BREEDER LISTING (Fees cover brief (35 wds) ad if received before March 15 for WDCTA website and 3-6 newsletters and inclusion in resource guide. **Must** fill out advertising form available on website or via email and include payment. Check appropriate box/boxes below.)

- \$10 Stable listing
- \$10 Instructor listing
- \$10 Breeder listing
- \$25 for all three

Newsletters will be sent by email. Check here if you do not have access to email and require a hard copy.

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received: _____

Check Number: _____

Amount: _____

Make Checks payable to WDCTA and mail to:
WDCTA Membership
Mary Hanneman
N8160 Smith Rd
Brooklyn, WI 53521
608-455-1037 membership@wdcta.org

***Due to processing time, forms received after Jan. 1 will likely result in missed newsletter issues. ***

**Forms received after Aug. 15, 2010 will not include USDF GMO membership or any USDF services.

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