



TV DCTA Bits

Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

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Important Dates

Aug 17 Meeting at deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Dr in Huntsville in Research Park) 7PM (All Members Welcome and food provided)

Aug 20 Entries close for September TV DCTA Show at Red Horse Ridge

Sept 4 TV DCTA Show at Red Horse Ridge; Gurley, AL

Sept 21 Meeting at deciBel Research 7PM (All Members Welcome and food provided)

Oct 19 Meeting at deciBel Research 7PM (All Members Welcome and food provided)



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July/Aug 2010

Dressage Seat Equitation Explained

By Meris Greges

Our next show on September 4 at Red Horse Ridge will offer for the first time a Dressage Seat Equitation class. This is a class is where the rider's position, seat and specifically the correct use and effect of the aids is judged. The riders will go into the ring and simultaneously perform each gait at the judge's direction. This is similar to Hunt Seat classes that are seen at open horse shows, Quarter Horse/ Arabian/ Paint breed shows. However, the riders will be judged on equitation that is expected to be seen in a dressage test (See Rules Box Below). The rules for dress and equipment are the same as regular dressage classes. Keep in mind instruction from people outside the ring and use of the rider's voice will be penalized. The Intro level class will be asked to Walk and Trot and the Training Level class will also perform Canter. The classes will be limited to 6 riders and may be further divided by age if entries warrant. As of now, for TV DCTA shows the dressage seat equitation classes will be only offered for juniors and will be held in the standard size (20m x 60m) dressage arena. For more information please refer to the dressage seat equitation guidelines give by USEF. It can be found at www.usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/DSMGuidelinesJudging.pdf

Do you know your Dressage Rules?

USEF Rule DR 117 The Position and Aids of the Rider.

1. All the movements should be obtained without apparent effort of the rider. He should be well balanced with his loins and hips supple, thighs and legs steady and well stretched downward. The upper part of the body easy, free and erect with the hands low and close together without, however, touching either each other or the horse and with the thumb as the highest point; the elbows and arms close to the body enabling the rider to follow the movements of the horse smoothly and freely and to apply his aids imperceptibly. This is the only position making it possible for the rider to school his horse progressively and correctly.

2. Not only the aids of the hands and the legs but also of the seat are of great importance in dressage. Only the rider who understands how to contract and relax his loin muscles at the right moment is able to influence his horse correctly (compare DR102.2, DR108 and DR115.3).

- **This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization.**
- **This organization's members are automatically USDF Group Members.**

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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.

June Meeting Minutes

Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association Officer's Meeting
15 June 2010

Members Present: Judith Florentino, Sally Colocho, Sonja Rich, Marsha Laitinen, Beth Johnson, Jane Dougert, Meris Greges, Jean Coshow, Debbie Gilbert, and Paulette Harrell

Minutes of the May Meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance		5649.18
Newsletter	(385.19)	
Membership	111.00	
Meeting Dinner	(55.88)	
Flowers to Karen Duncan	(65.00)	
		5254.11
Show Deposit	1884.00	
Porta Potty	(86.00)	
Judge	(573.60)	
Venue + 7 Stalls	(425.00)	
Judge's Dinner	(61.86)	
Ending Balance		5991.65

Profit from the Cotton Meadows show was \$737.54.

New Business

Arrangements were made for the September show. Jane Dougert volunteered to make hotel arrangements for the Judge and to find a volunteer from Red Horse to take care of the Judge's lunch and dinner.

It was clarified that the concessions at the September show will include food items.

The October show will be a combination of a club sponsored show and a venue sponsored clinic. It was not known at the time of the meeting whether the clinic was one or two days. A motion was made that the club responsibilities for the judge's airfare would be proportional to the judge's stay for the two activities. If the clinic is one day and the show one day, the club will pay 50% of the judge's airfare. If the clinic is two days and the show one day, the club will pay 1/3 of the judge's airfare. The motion passed.

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Courtesy alltechfeigames.org



What is the WEG?

By Meris Greges

The World Equestrian Games (WEG) is an international championship that is held every four years. It is held midway between summer Olympic years. Unlike the Olympic Games which only hosts the 3 disciplines of Dressage, Show Jumping, and Eventing the WEG host all 8 international disciplines that are recognized by the FEI (Fédération Equestre Internationale), which is the international governing body for equestrian sport. These 8 disciplines are Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing, Combined Driving, Endurance, Para-Equestrian, Reining, and Vaulting.

Why is the 2010 Games Unique?

This year the WEG is being held in Kentucky. The WEG was first held in 1990 and has been held in Europe ever since. The 2014 games will return to Europe and be hosted by Normandy France.

When is the 2010 WEG?

This year the WEG will be held from September 25 to October 10. Dressage will be competing between September 27 and October 1. Eventing will be start on September 30 and conclude on October 3. The full event schedule can be found at www.alltechfeigames.com.

How are the US Teams Selected?

For Dressage; the top 15 riders and their horses will be attending the 2010 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions in Gladstone, New Jersey. This is held over the two weekends of August 6-8 and August 13 – 15, 2010. Then the selectors will pick 3 horse/rider combinations for the US team and 1 alternate.

Eventers will have a similar setup at the 2010 Land Rover/USEA American Eventing Championships held September 9-12 at Chattahoochee Hills in Fairburn, Georgia. This is a mandatory outing for consideration to compete for the US team. The selectors then will pick 4 horse/rider combinations for the US team and 2 additional combinations to compete as individuals.

Where can I find more information about WEG?

www.alltechfeigames.com www.fei.org www.2010radioshow.com www.usef.org

<u>Year</u>	<u>Host</u>
1990	Stockholm, Sweden
1994	The Hague, Netherlands
1998	Rome, Italy
2002	Jerez, Spain
2006	Aachen, Germany
2010	Lexington, Kentucky, USA

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Old Business

Jane Dougert expressed thanks to the volunteers that helped at the June show. Those volunteers were: Cindy Latham, Donna Barnes, Jean Coshov, Delores Carter, Sonja Rich, Lisa Conroy, Karen Cunefare, Beth Johnson, Lindsay Jones, Wallace Willard, Meris Greges, Kathy Miller, Debi Gilbert, Nellie and Becky Stallsmith, Alisha and Wendy Teele, Marijke Frye, Beverly Poston, Sonja Hinds, Jane Dougert, Paulette Harrell, Judith Fiorentino, Sharon Williams, Aubrey Cox, and Victoria Wells.

Meris Greges has found the USDF form for USDF membership reimbursement in the event of multiple GMO memberships. This form can be found at <http://www.usdf.org/docs/clubs/gmos/MultipleGMORefund.pdf> This link will be made available on the club website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Next Meeting

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month unless otherwise announced. The meetings will begin at 7 o'clock p.m. The next four meetings will be held at deciBel Research and food will be provided. If anyone would like to help with the food or contribute something please contact Judith Fiorentino.

20 July 2010

17 August 2010

21 September 2010

19 October 2010

TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Saturday, September 4, 2010 at Red Horse Ridge, Brownsboro, AL
Judge: Tom Harvey, "L"

OPENING DATE: Upon Receipt

CLOSING DATE: **August 20, 2009 (Late fee of \$25 applicable after this date; entry cannot be guaranteed after closing date)**

FEES: \$25.00 Test Only, \$40.00 ride a test (if applicable), \$55.00 Combined Training ride a test (if applicable), \$40.00 Test/jumping (if applicable); \$75.00 Clinic (if applicable); Jr Riders may take a \$3.00/class discount. Additional \$10.00 per event for non-TVDCTA members

All entries not postmarked and in the show secretary's hands by the closing date will be subject to a \$25 late fee, with entry NOT guaranteed.

Negative Coggins Test (within one year) must accompany entry form. This includes any horse stable at any venue.

No phone entries or entries via email will be accepted. All riders must have a completed and signed entry before the event.

All Scheduling is Final. - No refunds after the closing date.

Entries will be given a ride time on a first come basis. Due to the nature of this show we will be on a very tight schedule.

We shall begin with the higher-level dressage tests in the morning and follow with CT and lower level tests.

STABLING: Limited number of stalls available on a first come first reserve basis. \$25.00 per day. Bring your own food & water buckets. **No overnight stabling is available. Please schedule stabling through the Show Secretary.**

AWARDS: Ribbons through 6th place for all regular classes. Scores count toward TVDCTA Year-end awards.

CONCESSIONS: Limited concessions will be available at the venue

DIRECTIONS TO RED HORSE RIDGE, BROWNSBORO, AL:

Take US 72E from Memorial Parkway (US231). Go 6.1 miles, turn left on Ryland Pike just past the Texaco convenience store. Then go about two miles, turn right onto Moontown Road, and go about one-half mile. Red Horse Ridge is on the left.

TIMES: Show starts at 8:00AM. Please contact Show Secretary **Cindy Latham** at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342 after August 30th or supply an email address and your times will be sent to you. The show/clinic schedule will be posted at www.tvda.org after August 30th.

MISC.: *No dogs are allowed at the show venue.*

Dressage arena will close at noon on Friday to be readied for the show.

*All riders under 18 years of age **MUST** wear an ATSM approved helmet with a strap. No velvet hunt caps unless they meet ATSM specifications. ATSM helmets are required while mounted.*

Readers are not allowed for CT Dressage tests as per USEA rules. (Exception made for JR/YR rides)

Riders are not to enter arena until gate keeper directs them to do so. No horses are allowed in the arena before the show starts.

MAIL ENTRIES TO: **Cindy Latham**, 615 County Road 109, Scottsboro, AL 35768

MAIL MEMBERSHIP DUES TO: **Paulette Harrell**, 3113 Hale Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805

SHOW SECRETARY: Please contact **Cindy Latham** at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342 for show and entry questions.

RIDE TIMES/RESULTS: See www.tvda.org

CLASS LIST (ALL TESTS ARE 2007 TESTS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED)

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. USDF Intro. A, JR/YR | 11. USDF Training Level Test 4, JR/YR | 21. USDF Second Level Test 3, O/A |
| 2. USDF Intro. A, O/A | 12. USDF Training Level Test 4, O/A | 22. USDF Second Level Test 4, O/A |
| 3. USDF Intro. B, JR/YR | 13. USDF First Level Test 1, O/A | 23. USDF Third Level Test of Choice* |
| 4. USDF Intro. B, O/A | 14. USDF First Level Test 1, JR/YR | 24. USDF Fourth Level Test of Choice* |
| 5. USDF Training Level Test 1, JR/YR | 15. USDF First Level Test 2, O/A | 25. Musical Freestyle Test of Choice* |
| 6. USDF Training Level Test 1, O/A | 16. USDF First Level Test 2, JR/YR | 26. Dressage Seat Equitation (Intro)
(Walk/Trot) |
| 7. USDF Training Level Test 2, JR/YR | 17. USDF First Level Test 3, O/A | 27. Dressage Seat Equitation
(Training) (Walk/Trot/Canter) |
| 8. USDF Training Level Test 2, O/A | 18. USDF First Level Test 4, O/A | |
| 9. USDF Training Level Test 3, JR/YR | 19. USDF Second Level Test 1, O/A | |
| 10. USDF Training Level Test 3, O/A | 20. USDF Second Level Test 2, O/A | |

Tests available upon request

*Please specify test on entry form

TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show

Saturday, September 4, 2010 – [Red Horse Ridge](#), Brownsboro, AL
 Judge: Tom Harvey, "L"

CLOSING DATE: August 20 - RIDE TIMES: Will be posted after August 30th on www.tvda.org

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - Please send a separate entry for each horse that you are riding

Rider's Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Birth Date if Jr./YR (required!) ____/____/____
 Address _____ City _____ State ____ ZIP _____
 Horse's Name _____ Owner of Horse _____

NO PHONE ENTRIES OR ENTRIES VIA EMAIL WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL ENTRIES NOT POSTMARKED AND IN THE SHOW SECRETARY'S HAND BY THE CLOSING DATE ARE SUBJECT TO A \$25 LATE FEE AND ENTRY WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED. TVDCTA REQUIRES ALL ENTRANTS TO HAVE A COMPLETED AND SIGNED ENTRY BEFORE THE EVENT. ENTRIES WILL BE GIVEN A RIDE TIME ON A FIRST COME BASIS. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE SHOW, THIS SHOW WILL BE ON A VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE. NEGATIVE COGGINS (WITHIN ONE YEAR) MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY FORM FOR EACH SHOW. THIS INCLUDES ANY HORSE STABLE AT ANY VENUE.

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.

LINE NO.	CLASS NO.	CLASS NAME	DIVISION (Circle One) O=Open AA=Adult Amateur JR = Jr./ YR	FEE AMOUNT Test Only: \$25.00	JR. RIDER DISCOUNT (\$3.00 per class)	TOTAL AMOUNT
1			O AA JR			
2			O AA JR			
3			O AA JR			
4			O AA JR			
5			O AA JR			
6		CLINIC FEE (not applicable here)				
7		SUB-TOTAL (Add lines 1-6)				
8		STALL FEE \$25.00 (Limited stalls available; overnight stalls are not available.)				
9		NON-MEMBER of TVDCTA fee (\$10.00)				
10		LATE FEE \$25.00 if applicable				
11		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Add lines 7-10)				

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 Riders are not to enter arena until gate keeper directs them to do so. No horses are allowed in the arena before the show starts.
No dogs are allowed at the show venue.

I understand that neither TVDCTA, Red Horse Ridge, nor Tom Harvey accept any liability for any accident, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators or property, whatsoever, while on/off these premises in connection with this activity.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
 (Required if rider is under age 18)

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.

NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TVDCTA

Mail entry to: **Cindy Latham, 615 County Road 109, Scottsboro, AL 35768**

Show Secretary: **Cindy Latham** at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342

Mail TVDCTA Membership Dues To: **Paulette Harrell, 3113 Hale Dr., Huntsville, AL 35805.**

OFFICE USE: Rec'd	Check #	Coggins	Member	
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Horse Show Etiquette

By Jane Dougert

Part of good sportsmanship is to practice horse show etiquette. Whether you are new to dressage and horse shows, are a seasoned competitor or spectator, there are a few guidelines for you to be aware of while on the show grounds, for your safety and as a courtesy to all competitors. Many of them are obvious but here are some things to consider while attending a horse show:

- 1) Horses can be dangerous. They can be easily frightened and can over-react to what may seem to be a simple item such as umbrellas, folding chairs, loose debris (plastic bags or trash), any loud or sudden noises, such as a car horn, etc.
- 2) Always ask the owner before offering someone's horse a treat.
- 3) Always ask before touching someone else's horse.
- 4) Hold on to small children who could run up to or behind a horse and be injured.
- 5) Contrary to common belief, not all horses like dogs. Before you bring your pet, check with show management to see if pets are allowed on the grounds. If pets are allowed, keep him on a leash, no barking or jumping up.
- 6) Riding a dressage test requires great focus and concentration. When standing near the arena or judges booth/table, keep your voice low so you do not distract the rider, the judge, the scribe or the test caller.
- 7) Only cheer or clap for a competitor after their final salute to the judge, at the end of their ride.
- 8) If you tie your horse to your trailer, be sure someone is standing by to watch the horse. A loose horse is dangerous to himself and to everyone on the show grounds.
- 9) Most septic systems cannot handle the amount of use that a large crowd would place upon it so if porta-potties are provided, use them and not the regular barn restroom facility. It is also a good idea to bring along some hand sanitizer.
- 10) Clean up after yourself and your horse! Pick up anything that was not there when you arrived, such as trash, water bottles, soda cans, etc. Bring a muck bucket and be prepared. Manure happens!



Year End Award Rules

Only scores earned after membership dues are paid will count. Awards are based on a horse/rider combination. The Rider must have completed 4 hours of volunteer work and reported them on the official volunteer form. Juniors must complete 1 hour of volunteer work, officially reported on the volunteer form (provided in the club membership packet). Volunteer forms must be submitted to the Awards Chairman postmarked no later than December 15. The Rider must have participated in at least half of the TVDCTA shows or Ride-A-Tests during the year to qualify for the award except the volunteer award. Qualifying scores earned at TVDCTA events must come from: 1) Other "local" dressage schooling shows where organizer is a TVDCTA member and judge has an "r" rating or better; 2) AHSA/USDF recognized dressage shows; 3) USCTA recognized horse trials.

Divisions: Junior and Senior awards in these divisions: Intro 1 & 2, Training Level, First Level, Second Level, Third Level & Above.

Competition Award: Average of scores with at least two from TVDCTA events.

Two-level rule: To be eligible for a Competition Award, the horse / rider combination must not have competed more than one level higher during the year.

Advancement Award(s): Greatest number of tests advanced during the year. Highest level test must be ridden after the lowest level test. Score for highest test must be above 50%. A minimum of 5 test advancements is required to be eligible. Example: Someone who rode T1, T2, T3 and T4 has advanced 3 tests during the year.

Please direct your questions regarding awards to Debbie Hill, (256) 656-9762, LHill454545@aol.com

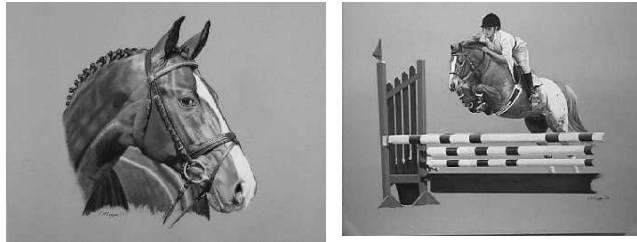
Classified Ads

Member's (free) classified ads will also appear on the TVDCTA web site, www.tvda.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.



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.



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 or call 256-603-0055 or 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.



Appendix Quarter Horse gelding for sale - 13 y/o showing First Level and schooling Second Level. Consistent scores in the 60% range. Expressive gaits and great work ethic. Easy to handle, loads, cross ties, no vices, utd on shots, coggins, and shoeing. Great horse for someone wanting to get their bronze medal. Asking \$4,000. Will consider offers. Merry Schmidt 256-497-7793 mschmidt908@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 2010

July 31- Aug 1	Debbie Rodriguez Clinics, Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. Contact: Judith Fiorentino at (256) 837-5474 or steelprize@worldnet.att.net.
7-8	Summer HT, River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN. See www.river-glen.com for additional information.
17-19	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
21	Ole South Prelude, Murfreesboro, TN. Contact: Sandy Donovan at sandydonovan@gmail.com or 901-218-0613.
21-22	Dressage By The River, River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN. See www.river-glen.com for additional information.
22-23	Ole South Dressage, Murfreesboro, TN. Contact: Sandy Donovan at snadydonovan@gmail.com or 901-218-0613.

Sept 2010

4	TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show, Red Horse Ridge, Brownsboro, AL. Judge: Tom Harvey, "L"
11-12	Poplar Place Farm September USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or (706) 582-3742
11-12	Southern Hospitality Dressage Breeders Classic I & II, GA International Horse Park, Conyers, GA. See www.gdcta.org for more information.
14-16	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
18-19	Good Horseman Foundation/Collecting Gaits Farm Fall Dressage Show and Sport Horse Breeding Show, GA International Horse Park, Conyers, GA. See www.goodhorseman.org for more information. Contact: Ann Genovese at goodhorseman@att.net or (404) 289-9328.
24-26	Poplar Place Farm September HT, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or (706) 582-3742.

Oct 2010

9-10	Middle Tennessee Pony Club HT. See www.mtn-ponyclub.org for more information.
9-10	Pine Top October HT, Pine Top Farm, Thomson, GA. See www.pinetopfarm.com for more information.
12-14	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
15-17	Atlanta National Fall Dressage / Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 3 Championships, GA International Horse Park, Conyers, GA. See www.gdcta.org for more information. Contact: Sandy Donovan at sandydonovan@gmail.com or 901-218-0613.
15-17	Ken Brock, master saddliffitter will be in the Huntsville/Decatur area. Contact Ken at 859-325-5862 or kenbrock1965@gmail.com to make an appointment.
23-24	Poplar Place Farm October USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or (706) 582-3742
30	TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon, "S".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont.)

Nov 2010

6-7	Fall HT, River Glen Equestrian Park, New Market, TN. See www.river-glen.com for additional information.
13-14	Poplar Place Farm November HT, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or (706) 582-3742.
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27-28	Pine Top Thanksgiving HT, Pine Top Farm, Thomson, GA. See www.pinetopfarm.com for more information.

Dec 2010

14-16	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
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Member Profile Questionnaire

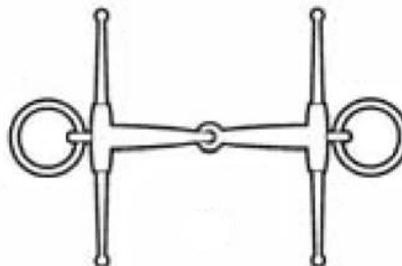
We would like to add a Member Profile segment to the newsletter. If you would like to be featured please answer some or all of the following questions and email the answers to meris@mcn.net or mail a hard copy to Meris Greges 29938 Thach Rd; Athens, AL 35613. You can also add picture via email or regular mail. Be sure SASE for return of hard copies. All submissions may be edited at the discretion of the newsletter editor.

- 1) Name
- 2) How long have you been a member TVDCTA?
- 3) How many horses do you currently own and how long have you had them (names, gender, breed)?
- 4) How long have you been riding/involved with horses?
- 5) How long have you been riding dressage/combined training?
- 6) Why do you like Dressage (or Combined Training)?
- 7) What are your short and long term riding goals?
- 8) What is one piece of equipment/tack/stable supply that you couldn't live without?
- 9) What is your favorite non-horse activity?
- 10) Anything else you would like to add?
- 11) Please attach/send a picture

Trivia Question

What kind of bit is this?

- A) Full Check Snaffle
- B) Fulmer
- C) Egg Butt Snaffle
- D) Single Jointed Kimberwick
- E) Mullen



*Extra Credit. Is this bit legal for USEF/USDF Dressage Competitions? Answers next month.



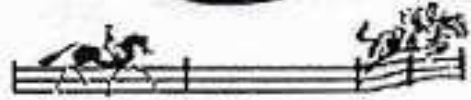
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