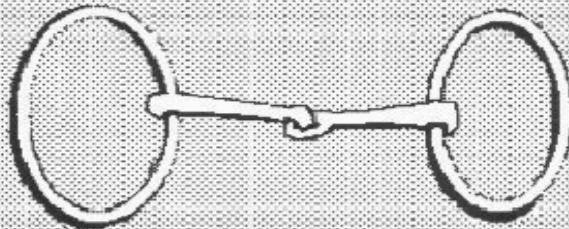


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TVDCTA Dressage Show Set for September 12th

As the dog days of summer months transition to the milder Fall weather, the next TVDCTA show will be on September 12th at Red Horse Ridge in Brownsboro, Alabama. This will be a one-day affair (no clinic) and feature **Nina Warren "L"** as the judge. Nina has judged TVDCTA shows in the past and we have been very pleased with her.

2007 dressage tests will be used for this show. Please note that we will not have CT jumping events at this show. The closing date is **September 4th**.

Fliers and entry forms are on pages 4-5 of this newsletter and also on the web. Contact show secretary **Cindy Latham** at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342 for show and entry questions for additional information.



A lucky horse gets cooled down after competing in the heat at the Steel Prize Stables Schooling Show. See page 3 for results.



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July Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on July 16th at Sonja Rich's house.

Treasurer (Sonja Rich for Paulette Harrell):

Beginning Balance:	\$5601.37
Newsletter exp.	164.70
Deposits	166.00
Ending Balance	\$5602.67

Membership (Sonja Rich for Paulette Harrell): No new members.

Newsletter (Bob Duncan): The board is considering reducing the number of newsletters printed each year. We will make a decision on this once we have determined what is most convenient for Bob Duncan (how many

times/year he thinks will work best). We also need more material for the newsletters.

Shows/Clinics & Volunteers: **Judith Fiorentino's** show at Steel Prize Stables on August 8 will count for TVDCTA scores. Judith has arena, tables, adding machine, volunteers. The board will wait until after this show to make decision on volunteer penalties.

Discussion was held on "forcing" people to volunteer—penalties or incentives. Incentive could be number of volunteer hours would qualify for a free class at a local show or a clinic.

A decision was made to start at the September 12 show that 2 volunteer shifts (average of 4 hours) would qualify a volunteer to receive 1 free class at a local show (the one following their volunteer time). Four volunteer shifts (average of 8 hours) would qualify a volunteer to receive one free local clinic.

There will be a sign in sheet at the check-in table at each show and the volunteer must sign in and work must be confirmed with the volunteer coordinator.

Old Business: **Judith Fiorentino** will talk to **Debbie Hill** regarding judges for 2010. There will be 4 shows. The board also discussed getting a clinician for 2010 who would agree to auditors and possibly a symposium. A drawing could be held for a free clinic.

Next Meeting: August 27th at Ol' Heidelberg Café on University Drive in Huntsville.

Adjourn: 8:45 pm

August Meeting Notice

The August TVDCTA meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27th at 7pm at Ol' Heidelberg restaurant in Huntsville.

The restaurant is located at 6125 University Drive near the Enterprise Way entrance to Research Park. From University Drive (US 72W) turn south on Enterprise Way across from the Walmart. Then take the first left into the parking lot. The restaurant is next to Phil Sandoval's and Nothing But Noodles restaurants.

For more information, please contact **Virginia Moon** at 256-859-0659 or GinnyMoon@aol.com.

Show Results

Steel Prize Stable Dressage Schooling Show

August 8, 2009

Madison, AL

Judge: Leslie O'Neal Olsen, "R"

Class	Class Name	Division	Place	Rider	Horse	Dressage %
1	Intro A	Jr./YR	1	Stallsmith, Nellie	Bojangles	64.00
1	Intro A	Jr./YR	2	Teele, Alisha	Derby	61.50
2	Intro A	AA	1	Siefferman, Lee Ann	Gilad Van Rosita	64.00
2	Intro A	AA	2	Mott, Penne	Aslan	59.50
3	Intro B	Jr./YR	1	Stallsmith, Nellie	Bojangles	67.00 *
3	Intro B	Jr./YR	2	Teele, Alisha	Derby	63.50
4	Intro B	AA	1	Siefferman, Lee Ann	Gilad Van Rosita	66.00
4	Intro B	AA	2	Mott, Penne	Aslan	62.50
5	Training 1	Jr./YR	1	Gambee, Brittany	Glory	62.60
5	Training 1	Jr./YR	2	Rogers, Rebekah	Harley	57.80
5	Training 1	Jr./YR	3	Winkleblack, Amanda	Seine Majestat	56.10
5	Training 1	Jr./YR	4	Hoop, Catherine	Smokey	48.70
6	Training 1	AA	1	Coshow, Jean	Silverstone Mt. Ash	64.80
7	Training 2	Jr./YR	1	Gambee, Brittany	Glory	63.20
7	Training 2	Jr./YR	2	Williams, Sarah	Freda	62.10
7	Training 2	Jr./YR	3	Rogers, Rebekah	Harley	59.30
7	Training 2	Jr./YR	4	Winkleblack, Amanda	Seine Majestat	54.30
8	Training 2	AA	1	Coshow, Jean	Silverstone Mt. Ash	65.00
8	Training 2	AA	2	Dewitt, Kathryn	Hawkeye	61.40
8	Training 2	AA	3	Colocho, Sally	Wynalda	59.64
9	Training 3	Jr./YR	1	Williams, Sarah	Freda	65.60
9	Training 3	Jr./YR	2	Woodland, Rachel	Smokey	53.60
10	Training 3	AA	1	Rich, Sonja	Pekco	57.60
10	Training 3	AA	2	Dewitt, Kathryn	Hawkeye	56.00
12	Training 4	AA	1	Rich, Sonja	Pekco	64.80
12	Training 4	AA	2	Moore, Cynthia	Foolspring	60.40
12	Training 4	AA	3	Colocho, Sally	Wynalda	55.60
13	First Level 1	AA	1	Moore, Cynthia	Foolspring	63.00
13	First Level 1	AA	2	Cecil, Nicole	Majestic	58.30
14	First Level 1	Jr./YR	1	Cox, Aubry	Gabriel	61.30
15	First Level 2	AA	1	Cochrane, Chris	French Peak	60.00
17	First Level 3	AA	1	Schmidt, Merry	Stretch	62.00
17	First Level 3	AA	2	Jones, Lindsay	Ruggedly Handsome	60.00
18	First Level 4	AA	1	Schmidt, Merry	Stretch	64.47
18	First Level 4	AA	2	Jones, Lindsay	Ruggedly Handsome	62.63
19	First Level 2	Jr./YR	1	Downey, Erin	Bethany	66.10
20	First Level 3	Jr./YR	1	Downey, Erin	Bethany	62.00
25	Musical Freestyle First Level	Jr./YR	1	Cox, Aubry	Gabriel	60.80

* High Score

TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show

Saturday, September 12, 2009 at [Red Horse Ridge](#), Brownsboro, AL

Judge: Nina Warren, "L"

OPENING DATE: Upon Receipt

CLOSING DATE: September 4, 2009 (Late fee of \$25 applicable after this date; entry cannot be guaranteed after closing date)

FEES: \$25.00 Test Only, 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.

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 September 9th 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 September 9th.

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 | |
| 7. USDF Training Level Test 2, JR/YR | 17. USDF First Level Test 3, O/A | |
| 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 12, 2009 – [Red Horse Ridge](#), Brownsboro, AL
 Judge: Nina Warren, "L"

CLOSING DATE: September 4 - RIDE TIMES: Will be posted after September 9th 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. ___/___/___
 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.

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. Please contact the show secretary for availability)				
9		NON-MEMBER of TVDCTA fee (\$10.00)				
10		LATE FEE \$25.00 if applicable				
11		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE (Add lines 7-10)				

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. 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. No dogs are allowed at the show venue.

I understand that neither TVDCTA, Red Horse Ridge, nor Nina Warren 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.

Signed _____ Date _____
 Must be signed by parent or guardian if under 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 Show Secretary: **Cindy Latham, 615 County Road 109, Scottsboro, AL 35768** (clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342)
 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.**

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My Experiences at the USDF Instructor Certification Testing

Cathy Zappe, USDF Certified Instructor

The USDF offers an Instructor Certification Program to all who wish to improve their teaching skills. This rigorous program involves 2-day workshops in Riding, Lunging and Teaching followed by a pre-certification testing before the final testing. If one passes the workshops and has met certain other requirements one can register as an Associate Instructor with the USDF.

To become a Certified Instructor one has to pass the pre-cert and the final testing. There are two levels of testing; Training through 2nd level and 3rd/4th level. In order to test one is required to have shown successfully to the highest level of the testing, have two students showing successfully at that level, have a current first aid with CPR qualification and several letters of recommendations from trainers, judges etc.

My personal experience with this program began in 2004 when **Debbie Hill** and I went to the three workshops that were hosted by the Good Horseman Foundation in the Atlanta area. We were both quite apprehensive thinking we would not fare very well but we were both more than adequate. We planned to go together to the pre-test in KY later that year but that fell through.

In 2008 I decided that this was something that I needed to complete for my own fulfillment so I signed up for a riding workshop with **Sarah Gieke** at Post Oak Equestrian Center in Gainesville, GA. **Ann Genovese** was the organizer and she had also scheduled a Pre-cert in April 2009 and a Testing in July 2009 at the same location.

I signed up for the Training through 2nd level Pre-cert and set off with **Megan** as a demo rider and two horses. **Maryal Barnett** was the examiner and she was great. While she expected us to know our subject and use correct terminology she was never intimidating and this gave me a great deal of confidence. As a result, I decided to try and get certified through 4th level. This meant doing all the Training through 2nd level testing on one day and, if I passed that, all the 3rd/4th level testing the next day.

The testing for 2nd level consists of the following: an oral test; a written test; riding two horses, one familiar and one strange; lunging a horse; giving a seat lunge lesson; teaching two private lessons; and teaching a group lesson. In each case one has to assess the horse or rider and give the examiners a schooling or lesson plan and then go ahead and show an improvement. The examiners can stop and question you at any time.

The 3rd/4th level testing consists of the following: a written test; an oral test; riding two unfamiliar horses,



Cathy Zappe and xxx at Red Horse Ridge in 2006. (Bob Duncan photo)

one in a snaffle and one in a double bridle; and teaching two private lessons, one in a snaffle and one in a double. To pass one has to get 80% in the written and oral tests and 70% in all the practical sessions.

The examiners for our testing were **Lilo Fore** and **Cindy Sydnor**. One of my students from MO came with us this time as she had to retake her group lesson. She had her test on the Friday and was delighted to pass so she is now certified through 2nd level. On Friday evening I took both my oral tests which was helpful as we got to know our examiners a little better. My day on Sat started at 8am and finished at 7pm. I don't think I have ever been so tired. Fortunately, I had a wonderful back up crew who made sure I was fed, watered and my horses were ready on time. Also, the organizers did a phenomenal job which significantly reduced the stress levels.

Since I passed all the Training through 2nd level requirements, baring the written test, I went on to do the 3rd/4th level test on the Sunday. Having survived Saturday I felt more confident and relaxed which really helped. I also had to fit in the written tests which made it a busy day but we were done by 5pm and could head home on Sunday evening.

While this was a very challenging weekend I am very glad that I went ahead and did it all as I now have my USDF Instructor Certification through 4th level and can sit down and read that novel that I have been looking at longingly for months while I studied. The whole process is a wonderful learning experience and I recommend it to anyone who is serious about teaching Dressage.

A big thank you to all my students, friends and family for supporting me in this endeavour

Calendar of Events

See the web at www.tvda.org/calendar.htm for a more extensive list of events and recent updates. Links are also available to many of the area equestrian clubs.

Abbreviations and websites for clubs:

BDCTA - Birmingham Dressage and Combined Training Association www.bdcta.org

CDCTA - Chattanooga Dressage and Combined Training Association www.chattcdcta.freesevers.com

CTDA - Central Tennessee Dressage Association www.tndressage.com

DDA - Delta Dressage Association www.deltadressage.com

MADAE - Montgomery Area Dressage and Eventing www.madae.org

MGSHA - Middle Georgia Sport Horse Association www.mgsha.org

MsEDA - Mississippi Eventing and Dressage Association www.ms-eda.org/

TVAHA - Tennessee Valley Arabian Horse Association

August

18-20	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
21	Ole South Breed Show, Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. See www.tndressage.com for more information.
21	Ole South Prelude, Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. See www.tndressage.com for more information.
22-23	Ole South Dressage Show, Miller Coliseum, Murfreesboro, TN. See www.tndressage.com for more information.
27	TVDCTA monthly meeting, 7pm, Ol' Heidelberg Cafe, Huntsville. See News section for more information.

September

8-10	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
11-13	Brian McMahon Clinic, Red Horse Ridge , Brownsboro, AL. Contact: Sonja Hinds at 256-682-6913 or sonjahinds57@msn.com . Available to school students before show at Red Horse Ridge on September 12th. Clinics are \$95.00, and schooling prior to your test is \$35.00. (Note changes from earlier date)
12	TVDCTA Dressage Show, Red Horse Ridge , Brownsboro, AL. Closing date September 4. Judge: Nina Warren, "L". Prizelist (PDF) and entry form (PDF) are on the web and in the newsletter. Contact: Cindy Latham at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342
12-13	GHF/Collecting Gaits Farm Fall Dressage Show, GIHP, Conyers, GA. See www.goodhorseman.org for more information. Contact: Ann Genovese at goodhorseman@att.net .
19-20	Poplar Place Farm USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
25-27	Poplar Place Farm HT (CIC***, A, CIC**, I, CIC*, P, T, N, BN), Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
26	CDCTS Fall Schooling Show, Cedar Valley Farm, Seymour, TN, Judge Debbie Hill "L". Contact Diane Carlson, 865-922-3514, or chasediane@tds.net or Susan Hill at LURAHILL@aol.com .
26	CTDA Schooling Show, Moon Shadows Farm, Dickson, TN. Judge: TBA. See www.tndressage.com for more information. Contact: Sherry Pride at sp4horses@united.net .

October

10-11	Atlanta National Fall Dressage, GIHP, Conyers, GA. Judges: Fran Dearing (S) TX others TBD. Contact: Jennifer Ward at info@dressageconsultingservices.com or 678-431-5166.
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Calendar of Events (continued)


October (continued)

10-11	Middle Tennessee Pony Club HT, Brownland Farm, Franklin, TN (Saturday) and Percy Warner Park, Nashville, TN (Sunday). See www.mtn-ponyclub.org for more information.
10-11	Yvonne Barteau Symposium, "Understanding Equine Personalities And How to Work with Them Featuring Yvonne Barteau", Penrose Farm, Knoxville, TN. Presented by CDCTS. See www.cdcts.org for additional information. Contact: Diane Carlson at chasdiane@tds.net .
13-15	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
17-18	Platinum Performance/USDF Adult Clinic with Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, Magnolia Farm, Live Oak, FL. See http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp for more information and application. Rider application deadline August 14. Contact: Holly Hilliard (
22-25	Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 3 Championships, Palm Beach County Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, West Palm Beach, FL.
24-25	Ft. Rucker HT, Ft. Rucker, AL. See www.useventing.com for more information. Contact: Lou Heath at stanheath@msn.com .
24-25	Poplar Place Farm USDF/USEF Recognized Dressage Show, Hamilton, GA. See www.poplarplacefarm.com for more information. Contact: Donna Stegman at donna@poplarplacefarm.com or 706-888-8421.
31-Nov 1	Chattanooga Hills HT, Fairburn, GA. See www.evententries.com for more information. Contact: Rick Dunkerton at (601) 498-3330 or rdunkerton@evententries.com .
31	CTDA Schooling Show, Old Hillsboro Manor, Franklin, TN. Judge: Kerstin Moltmann. See www.tndressage.com for more information. Contact: Sherry Pride at sp4horses@united.net .
31 - Nov. 1	TVDCTA Dressage Show and Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon, "R".

November

7-8	River Glen HT, New Market, TN. See www.river-glen.com for more information. Contact: Deborah Lovett at 615-377-0570 or dekaloc@comcast.net .
10-12	Bill Fields Clinic, Flint Ridge Farm , Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.

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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.

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Albion Dressage saddle16 1/2" \$500. Stubben Dressage \$175. Courbette All-Purpose \$175. All good condition. (256) 350-9350.



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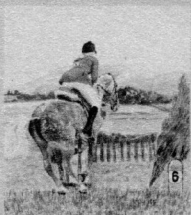
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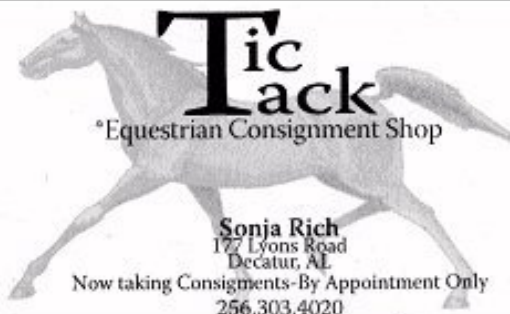
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Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

Primary Member Name: _____ Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

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

____ Individual Adult Membership (\$37) (USDF Dues \$17, Club Dues \$20)

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Additional Family Membership Riders (\$10 each) (USDF Dues \$8, Club Dues \$2)

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____ **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

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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.

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**Next TVDCTA Meeting on Thursday, August 27th at 7pm at Ol'
Heidelberg Cafe in Huntsville (see inside)**



Tennessee Valley Dressage &
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Deadline for materials is the 10th of the month of publication. Contributions for the newsletter are encouraged! Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion.

Contributions may be mailed or submitted via e-mail to bduncan@hiwaay.net. If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE. Mail contributions to **Karen Duncan**, 169 Spano Road, Madison, AL 35757.

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