



TV DCTA Bits

Newsletter of the Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association

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Important Dates

Sept 4 TVDCTA Show at Red Horse Ridge; Gurley, AL

Sept 21 Meeting at deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Dr in Huntsville in Research Park) 7PM (All Members Welcome and diner provided)

Oct 15 Entries close for October TVDCTA Show at Flint Ridge

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

Oct 30 TVDCTA Show at Flint Ridge Farm; Huntsville, AL

Nov 16 Meeting at deciBel Research 7PM (All Members Welcome and diner provided).

****Officer and Committee Elections**



GROUP
MEMBER
ORGANIZATION

September 2010

Member Profile: Marijke (Maike) Frye



How many horses do you currently own and how long have you had them (names, gender, breed)?

- 5 Yr Old Hoheit is a Hanoverian at Training Level. She has shown 4 times this year.
- Hoheit is the mother of 1 year old Berenike, Hanoverian
- 1 year old Solana, Hanoverian.

How long have you been riding/involved with horses?
Almost 40 Years

How long have you been riding dressage?
40 years.

Why do you like Dressage?
The harmony one can achieve with an animal as awesome as our horses.

What are your short and long term riding goals?
Train with Hoheit to 4th Level

What is one piece of equipment/tack/stable supply that you couldn't live without?
Helmet and the metal curry brush. The horses love a good massage.

What is your favorite non-horse activity?
Reading

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

www.tvdcta.org

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Available

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.

July Meeting Minutes

Tennessee Valley Dressage & Combined Training Association Officer's Meeting
20 July 2010

Members Present: Judith Fiorentino, Paulette Harrell, Cynthia Moore, Marsha Laitinen, Jane Dougert, Donna Barnes, Sonja Rich, Sonja Hinds, Marike Frye, Sally Colocho, Meris Greges, Debbie Gilbert, Samantha Webb, Kristin Webb, Bob Duncan

Minutes of the June Meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report

Beginning Balance		5991.65
Membership	64.00	
June Meeting Dinner	(45.18)	
Drinks from show	29.60	
Ending Balance		6040.07

New Business

- September Show: Jane is taking care of arrangements for the judge. Jane suggested guidelines for meal allowances for the judge: \$25 for dinner and \$10 for breakfast, using GSA per diem. The show concession will have full concessions including sandwiches, chips and drinks. It will be run independently by Sonja Hinds' daughter. Meris suggested adding a dressage seat equitation class. Judith will ask Tom if he is willing to do this. Meris also suggested considering an evening show in the future during the hot months.
- USDF Participating Member Delegates: Judith Fiorentino will be a delegate for Region 3 at the meeting in December in Jacksonville. Any information that members would like addressed at that meeting should send them in writing to Judith.
- October show: Heidi indicated that everything is on schedule as planned.

Old Business

- Bob states that someone has offered a used version of Dreamweaver. He will try it out before purchasing a new version.
- Sonja is trying to get the tax information to the accountant.
- Judith made a motion that the President send a letter to the member with an outstanding bad check. The letter should include a copy of said bad check and should state that the member is no longer a member in good standing, that her membership has been revoked, as is her participation in future club horse shows. Jane Dougert seconded. Motion passed.
- Newsletter status: Meris is doing print version and Bob is still doing the website. Money for advertising should be sent to Paulette. Bob will send out collection notices on unpaid ads.
- Sonja encouraged all members to make an effort to sell ads for the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned.

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 three 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.

Next Meetings: 17 August 2010, 21 September 2010, 19 October 2010

TVDCTA Volunteer Rewards Application

If you have completed at least four hours of volunteer hours for the club and would like to redeem your **\$25.00 TVDCTA Rewards**, please complete the form below with all of the information and give to the Volunteer Coordinator for verification. The Treasurer will send a check to the address you provide below. Remember, the rewards are \$25 per year, per member and volunteer hours cannot be carried from one year to the next; however, immediate family members hours can be counted towards required hours.

The requirements are:

- * You must be a TVDCTA member in good standing and your membership must be paid for the year.
- * Four or more hours of volunteer service at a show or clinic sponsored by TVDCTA
- * The \$25 is a 'reimbursement' for entry/membership fees you have already paid.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ zip _____

TVDCTA Event entered _____ Date of event _____

Or

_____ I would like to be 'reimbursed' for membership renewal for 2011.

Please submit completed form to:

Jane Dougert,
2606 Spicewood Trl, NE,
Huntsville, AL 35811

or send as attachment in an email to janedougert@yahoo.com

For detailed information on the volunteer rewards program please see the NEWS section of the tvdcta.org website (www.tvdcta.org/news.htm) or the March/April 2010 newsletter on page 3.

TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show
Saturday, October 30, 2010 at Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL
Judge: Dolly Hannon, "S"

OPENING DATE: Upon Receipt

CLOSING DATE: **October 15, 2010 (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.

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.**

COSTUMES: Halloween themed costumes for both riders and horses are encouraged!!!!

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 Flint Ridge Farm (3616 Maysville Rd., Huntsville, AL): Take US 72E from Memorial Parkway (US231). Go 6.1 miles, turn left on Ryland Pike just past the Texaco convenience store. Go 3.5 miles to a four-way stop, turn left onto Maysville Road. Go 1.5 miles and Flint Ridge Farm will be on the left.

TIMES: Show starts at 8:00AM. Please contact Show Secretary **Cindy Latham** at clatham@hiwaay.net or (256) 259-2342 after October 25th or supply an email address and your times will be sent to you. The show/clinic schedule will be posted at www.tvdcta.org after October 25th.

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.tvdcta.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, October 30, 2010 – [Flint Ridge Farm](#), Huntsville, AL
 Judge: Janet "Dolly" Hannon "S"

CLOSING DATE: October 15 - RIDE TIMES: Will be posted after October 25th on www.tvdcta.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)				

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, Flint Ridge Farm, nor Janet Hannon 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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Elections to take place during the Nov 16 meeting

Officer and Committee nominations and elections will be held during the club meeting on November 16 at 7PM at deciBel research. Two positions that are opening up are Shows and Clinics and Volunteer Coordinator. This is a great way to meet new people and fulfill your volunteer hour requirements for year end awards and allow you to take advantage of the volunteer rewards program.

Volunteer Coordinator organizes the volunteers for the show. This includes making certain that all important positions are filled during the show (scribes, runners, ring stewards etc). You can apply to be Volunteer Coordinator for just 1 show or all that are put on throughout the year. It is not required to attend the officers meetings for this position, but you will need to be present (or find a substitute) at the show you are coordinating. This is an important position as our shows can not happen without volunteers.

Shows and Clinics is the committee who does the prep work before the show. They receive all the entries, prepare a checklist of all entries, determine the ride times, prepare the test sheets for the judge, and pick up and deliver the test box, plus other show related organization. They answer inquiries about the show (usually via phone) therefore it would be helpful if they are familiar with how shows are typically run and the USDF rules. This position does not need to hire or make arrangements for the judge. This work is all done before the show and it is not necessary that you be there on the show day. There will be training and guidance provided by the current Shows and Clinics Committee. This is best done with a group of 2 to 3 people that can get together after the closing date of the show and work as a team. One member of the committee should plan to attend the monthly club meetings.

USDF Fee Increases for 2011 Competition Year

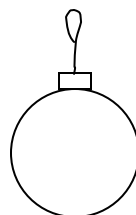
USDF will be increasing many of their fees for the 2011 competition year which starts December 1. This information was reported earlier this year in Judith Fiorentino's Convention wrap up (TVDCTA Bits Jan/Feb 2010), but it is worth reminding everyone. The fee that directly affects the club is the GMO (Group Member Organization) membership fee which will increase \$3 (to \$20 per member). It will be discussed in future meetings if the club will increase fees for next year in response to this increase. You may come to a meeting or contact an officer to voice your opinion.

<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>2011 Fee</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Participating Membership	\$75.00	Last increase 2004
Youth Participating Membership	\$60.00	Last increase 2005
Group Member Org Membership	\$20.00	Last increase 2004
GMO Family Membership	\$10.00	2006 Added GM supporting membership
Business Membership	\$200.00	
USDF PM 5 Year Membership	\$300.00	Never been increased
USDF PM Life Membership	\$1,500.00	Never been increased
USDF Non-Member Competition Fee	\$30.00	
Horse ID	\$30.00	
Lifetime Horse Registration	\$95.00	

New Website Address

Our new website address is
www.TVDCTA.org

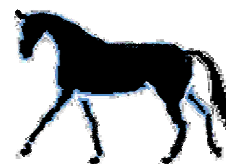
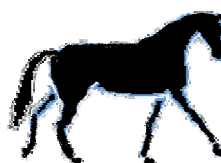
We will redirect traffic from the previous site (www.tvda.org) to the new site for 1 year to allow for the transition.



The December 14th meeting (at 7PM at deciBel research) will include the ever popular Ornament Swap. Please bring an Ornament to exchange. All members are invited for dinner and fun!

TRIPLE CROWN PARTNERS PROGRAM

Triple Crown Nutrition will give TVDCTA money for every Proof of Purchase they receive. If you feed Triple Crown products please clip off the Proof of Purchase and send them to Sonja Hinds; 129 Roxberry Drive; Harvest, AL 35749. She will compile all received proof of purchases and send them in for TVDCTA credit.



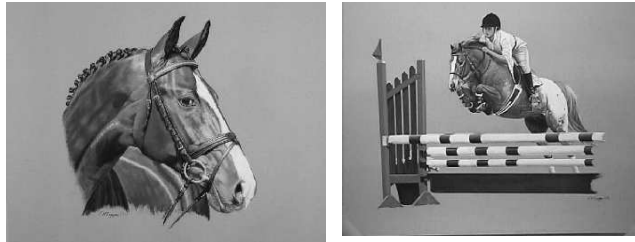
Classified Ads

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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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 \$3,500. Will consider offers. Merry Schmidt 256-497-7793 mschmidt908@gmail.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 2010

4	TVDC TA 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.
17-19	Brian MacMahon Clinic at Red Horse Ridge, Gurley, AL. Contact Sonja Hinds. 256-682-6913 or sonjahinds57@msn.com
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.
22-24	Brian MacMahon Clinic at Red Horse Ridge, Gurley, AL. Contact Sonja Hinds. 256-682-6913 or sonjahinds57@msn.com
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	TVDC TA Dressage Schooling Show, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Judge: Dolly Hannon, "S".

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.
13-14	Greystone Dressage Show. Lynnville, TN. See www.greystoneequestriancentershow.com for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS (cont.)

Nov 2010 (cont)

16-18	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.
20-21	Debbie Rodriguez Clinics, Steel Prize Stables, Madison, AL. Contact: Judith Fiorentino at (256) 837-5474 or steelprize@worldnet.att.net.
20-21	Poplar Place Farm November 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.
27-28	Pine Top Thanksgiving HT, Pine Top Farm, Thomson, GA. See www.pinetopfarm.com for more information.

Dec 2010

10-12	Brian MacMahon Clinic at Red Horse Ridge, Gurley, AL. Contact Sonja Hinds. 256-682-6913 or sonjahinds57@msn.com
14-16	Bill Fields Clinics, Flint Ridge Farm, Huntsville, AL. Contact: Mimi Barnes at b_mimi@bellsouth.net for more information.

Trivia Question

Match the Term with the Correct Definition

Answers Next Month

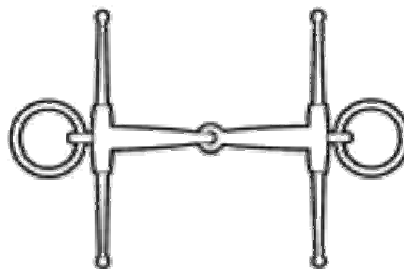
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| 1) Volte | a) A type of fugus that infects some grasses and causes similar problems that endophyte infested fescue causes |
| 2) Ermine | b) 6 meter circle (or sometimes referred to as a small circle) |
| 3) Stamm | c) The origin of the mother line of a horse |
| 4) Ergot | d) The occurrence of black marks on a white marking, most often seen on leg markings just above the hoof |

Sources: Thehorse.com article 6713. The Principles of Riding published by the German National Equestrian Federation. Equestrianlife.com. Ask the Judge- Holsteiner (Newsletter for AHHA) Winter 2007.

Last Month's Trivia Answer

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? **Yes**

Do you have a horse keeping, fitness, training, or time saving tip you would like to share? How about a question or a neat photo? Contributions for the newsletter are encouraged!! Items are subject to change at the editor's discretion. Contributions may be mailed or submitted via email to meris@mcn.net. If you would like your mailed material returned, please include a SASE. Mail contributions to Meris Greges; 29938 Thach Rd; Athens, AL 35613



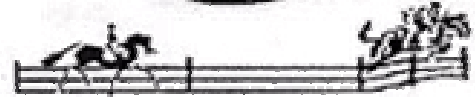
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Tennessee Valley Dressage and Combined Training Association Membership Application

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

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

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

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

____ Individual Junior (under 21) Membership (\$27) (USDF Dues \$17, Club Dues \$10)

____ Family Membership (\$45; covers two riders) (USDF Dues \$25, Club Dues \$20)

Secondary Family Member Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

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

____ Additional Family Rider 1 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 2 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 3 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

____ Additional Family Rider 4 Name: _____

Birth Date (for Juniors): _____

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

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

Are you interested in helping out with:
Awards - Budgets - Clinics - Shows - Combined Training - Librarian
Meetings/Programs - Membership - Newsletter - Nominating - Publicity - Volunteers ?

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

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

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

This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Meris Greges
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Next TVDCTA Meeting on Tuesday Sept 21 at 7PM at
deciBel Research (325 Bob Heath Drive in Huntsville
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TVDCTA Bits Advertising Rates

Business Card.... \$5/mo. 1/4 Page.....\$10/mo.

1/2 Page..... \$17/mo. Full Page.....\$30/mo.

Sponsor Strip... \$7/mo. Classified*.....\$2/ line/mo

----Advertise for 5 months, get the 6th month free!----

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

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*Members may place one free classified ad (up to 3 full width lines) per newsletter.