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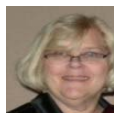
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Next Meeting Information

NO MARCH GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE JUDGES CLINIC ON 03/19/2017 (see page 5)

April 17th--Old Spaghetti Factory (I-275 and Winton Rd/S.Gilmore exit)
6320 South Gilmore Rd (also known as Winton Rd in Hamilton Cty)
Fairfield, OH Ph: 513-942-6620

May 15th--Rib City Grill (Rte 4 & Cresentville Rd off I-275)
12183 Springfield Pike (rte 4) Ph: 513-829-7427

June 19th—location to be confirmed

July 17th--Perkins Pancakes/restaurant (I-75 & Tylersville Rd exit)

Aug 21st--Old Spaghetti Factory (I-275 & S. Gilmore Rd exit)

Sept 18th--TDC/Miami University dressage show, Oxford, OH
no restaurant specified

Oct 16th--Flipdaddy's (I-71 and Fields-Ertel exit) End of 2017 show season

Nov 20th--will let you know. Beginning of 2018 horse show season.

Dec 3rd--Banquet @ Receptions in Loveland

Concerned about EHV, strangles, or other diseases?
Check out this link for more information.

<http://www.equinediseasecc.org/outbreaks.aspx>

**Don't forget to check out the FREE
Judge's Forum
(details on page 5)**

**!!!!Tips and Strategies that can Raise Your
Dressage Score!!!!**




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QCDC Horse Show Schedule 2017

The QCDC Year End Award shows are highlighted.

To qualify for QCDC YEAR-END AWARDS:

Competitors MUST show at a minimum of 4 shows at 3 different member locations in one of the designated shows &  mark each entry form for scores to count.

Each horse/rider combination must **completely** qualify.

See pages 5 & 6 for more details.

Note that there is a **point** system for Year End Awards.

PLEASE CHECK OTHER SERIES for QCDC barns at Derbyshire, Majestic Farm, Old Stone and Walnut Creek Stables on their ad pages.

<u>SHOW DATES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CLOSING DATES</u>
Nov. 12 & 13,* 2016	Majestic Farm Winter QCDC	Nov. 6
Mar. 11-12,* 2017	Majestic Farm QCDC	March 5
April 23, 2017	Walnut Creek Stables QCDC	April 14
May 28, 2017	Old Stone Riding Ctr. QCDC	May 21
June 25, 2017	Derbyshire Stables QCDC	June 18
July 15, 2017	WCS-QCDC-Starry Nights 1#	July 8
August 27, 2017	Old Stone R Ctr-QCDC & Eventing Derby	August 21
September 16, 2017	WCS-ACDC Starry Nights #3	September 9
September 24, 2017	TDC at Miami Eq. Ctr. QCDC	September 14
October 22, 2017	Derbyshire Stables QCDC	October 14
Nov. 11 & 12, 2017	<u>Majestic Farm for 2018 YEA</u>	November 4

*NOTE: *Daylight Saving begins March 12, 2017 - ends November 5, 2017*

Derbyshire Stables - www.derbyshirestables.com

Majestic Farm = All shows this year on web site - www.MajesticFarm.net

Old Stone Riding Center - www.oldstoneridingcenter.com

TDC = The Dressage Company - www.dressageco.com

WCS = Walnut Creek Stables - www.walnutcreekstables.net



2017 Membership Form Application/Renewal

The membership year runs from Nov 1, through Oct. 31. Dues are \$40.00/year for Senior members and \$30.00/year for Junior members (a rider who has not reached their 21st birthday before November 1st of the membership year). The dues include an affiliate USDF membership fee.

Are you a USDF member through another organization? { } YES { } NO

If yes, please include your membership number: _____

{ } New Member { } Renewal { } Change of Address

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ DOB _____

Make check payable to The Dressage Company and mail this completed form to: Debbie Boeh, 6846 Morrow-Cozaddale Rd, Morrow, OH 45152 Email questions or inquiries to: debbieboeh@hotmail.com

The Dressage Company YEAR END AWARDS ENTRY FORM

\$15 per Entry - Make checks payable to: The Dressage Company

This form must be submitted prior to any test being ridden.

Mail checks and completed form(s) to: Debbie Boeh, 6846 Morrow-Cozaddale Rd, Morrow, OH 45152

Please sign that you have read and understand the Year End Award Rules appended to this form:

(Signature of Rider) _____

ENTRY #1

RIDER'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

LEVEL: _____ DIVISION: NOVICE JR AA OPEN

ENTRY #2

RIDER'S NAME: _____ DATE: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

LEVEL: _____ DIVISION: NOVICE JR AA OPEN



The Dressage Company presents the return of our info-packed **FREE** "Judges' Forum" program.

"Judges' Forum" Program & Potluck Supper
Sunday, March 19, 3-6 pm
Greenacres Foundation
8400 Blome Rd, Indian Hill

Plan to stay for a potluck supper. Please RSVP to let Edie know what you'll bring: appetizer, drinks, salad, veggies, meat entrée or dessert. RSVP by March 16 to EdieBryan@live.com

Directions to Greenacres – Do not use GPS!

From I-71

Take exit 12 Montgomery Rd. Go north 1.5 miles to Keller Road. Turn right on Keller Rd. Keller Rd Ts at Blome Rd. Cross Blome Rd onto blacktopped driveway. Follow 1/4 mile to arena/parking on the left.

From Ronald Reagan/Cross County Highway Rt. 126

Take Montgomery Road north. Turn right onto Cooper Road (which becomes Blome Rd.) Go 1.4 miles on Blome and turn left onto a blacktopped driveway across from Keller Rd on the right. Follow 1/4 mile to arena/parking on the left.

From I-275

Take exit 52 Loveland/Indian Hill. Proceed 2 miles toward Indian Hill. Turn right onto Spooky Hollow Rd. Turn left onto Blome Rd. Follow 1 mile and turn left onto a blacktopped driveway across from Keller Rd on the right. Follow 1/4 mile to arena/parking on the left.

Tips and Strategies That Can Raise Your Dressage Scores

Topics

- Rules and Changes
- Salvaging missteps
- What the scores mean
- Collective Marks
- Essentials of Gaited & Western Dressage
- Choosing the right test

Who Should Attend

- Riders, Grooms, Coaches and Horse Moms
- Intro to Third Level Riders
- Non-members welcome!

Review of 2016 USDF Annual Convention

Gold (900 hr.) medals for hours volunteered over years. No sharing of hours. Do not need to be a member, but they may well become members as time goes on. A metal and certificate given upon completing the requirements. Create "Club Bucks" for volunteer hours that don't expire.

Another way to educate is to have local instructors donate 45 minutes on a determined day at a barn. The members would say which instructor they want. If more than one rider per instructor than raffle. Then a wine and cheese after last ride.

Year-end awards programs can include a life time achievement awards for horse/rider combinations.

Some clubs have asked retirement homes, wounded warriors, 4-H and gymkhana clubs for people to assist at shows. Create a small handout with contact information and type of positions and training times. Print in newsletter, the membership list. Call a non-participating member and ask them to come to a meeting. Always bring a friend no matter their riding discipline to the meetings or activity.

Rule changes' session said the maximum rides / horse Fourth level or below are 3 rides/horse. Above Fourth Level 2 rides/horse, DR 119. There are new revised FEI tests for 2017. The movements are the same but the scores sheet have changed. Please throw all other FEI score sheets away.

There will be new set of requirements and tests for Freestyle tests at each level in 2018. "Movements and transitions above the level is a NO NO". Freestyles will need to be timed. USDF/USEF shows will now divide the freestyles into Open and Adult Amateur divisions.

The Board of Governors ran rather routine and smoothly. The vote for the dues increase was accepted. No increase in dues for the GMOs. Increases include PM (\$75 to \$90.), Youth (\$60 to \$72), 5 years (\$300 to \$350), Life (\$1500 to \$1800), and Business (\$200 to \$240).

Thank you for the honor to represent The Dressage Company at the 2016 USDF Annual Convention.

Catherine Jacob

At the 2016 Salute Gala and Awards Banquet: Life time Achievement Award, Dr. Samuel Barish;

Hall of Fame, Lilian Willmach Roye and Rocher; Member of Distinction, Jane Rumbough; Volunteer of the Year, Sheila Woerth, KDA.

In Ohio, there were 25 Bronze Medalists including our own Carol Hibbard: 8 Silver Medalists including our own Catherine Jacob. There were 6 Gold Medalists. Master Challenge Awards: Fourth Level Catherine Jacob; FEI Level- Catherine Jacob; Musical Freestyle: Grand Prix — Reserve Champion and the

Freesyle Challenge Gran Prix Champion Legolas and Stephan Peters. American Morgan Horse

Association Training Level Adult Amateur- Margaret Cunningham riding Dragonfire Hopeful, and the pair were also Training Level Vintage Cup Adult Amateur Champion.

Congratulations to all winners and The Dressage Company members.

2016 USDF Annual Convention was held November 30th to December 3 ,2016 in St. Louis, Mo. Region 4 welcomed us warmly and with smiles at the Hyatt Regency, St. Louis at The Arch at the downtown riverfront. The base of The Arch is a \$380 million renovations which are being made to the 90-acre Gateway Arch grounds.

Rider fitness started early each morning. One of the exercise presented took in the whole body by using Isometrics. Start by lying down on your back, close your toes tight: tighten your ankles, your calves, the butt cheeks, lengthen your frame, pull your bellybutton toward your spine. Take in deep breath let it out slowly, tighten your shoulders back, your neck, make an ugly face very tight. Take in deep breath and

then out. Slowly uncurl your face, loosen shoulders and keep working all the way down your curled toes. You will be able to isolate all those muscle groups. This will help you to strengthen your muscles and endurance the more often you practice. Get strong muscles without a sweat! Can do this anywhere, any position, and anytime.

Each Region had their individual meeting with directors conducting business for 2 mornings. Region 2 will be looking for a new Region 2 Director to replace Ken Levy when his term is up in 2018. 2017 USDF Regional Championships will be held at Majestic Farm, Batavia, Ohio. Many volunteers will be needed for this 400 plus riders and horses, held on September 14-17, 2017.

Committee meetings were held Thursday on membership, nominations, region Championships, USEF rule changes, Youth, Freestyles, GMO, Sport Horse, Adult Programs, T.D. Judges committees Competition management of USDF/USE dressage shows.

The GMO Round table discussions talked how to recruit and keep volunteers. Many GMO's were represented. Some ideas presented suggested to go Facebook page, USDF GMO on the website at no charge. Create educational opportunities, encourage the GMO to nominate a USDF and Regional

Volunteer of the Year. Go to the GMO Prez list to get creative awards. There is grant money to be had at all levels for individuals and the GMOs. Some more ideas create A VOLUNTEER OF THE DAY. Maybe pay for a motel room, give Volunteer cups, t shirts, hats, a welcome party wine and cheese party, etc. (We, all love that) At exhibitors' party have different restaurants bring samples and their cards.

To raise money for the Jrs., have them sell numbered rubber ducks for \$5 or \$10.00. At various or a single time during the day, make an announcement of the winner(s). Split, the Jrs. get half and second half to the winner. Any variations work.

When calling a potential volunteer record keep a record of whether or not able to work. If not, record the reason. The next time they are called ask about the reason that kept them from volunteering the last time. Keep a personal connection. The local barns and trainers could ask their clients to volunteer. Name a ring after the barn. When someone volunteers so much, give them a special gift like a certificate to dinner, free stall, or a free ticket at the annual banquet. Make a complete written description of all positions for volunteering.

Obtain videos of dressage rides from USDF and USEF and have members score the tests. Have a local judge also critique the videos. Do you need members to be on the board? Sponsor a grant [year for new recruits. Do barn tours, vet clinics throughout the year at various days and times to allow more range of exposure. Travel together, to get to know more people. Check GMO Prez list for ideas if you think you have a dysfunctional GMO. Offer a continuing volunteer award such as: Bronze (300 hr.), Silver (600 hr.),

The Dressage Company Bylaws

Proposed: 08/22/84 Amended: 01/27/87, 04/15/91, 02/15/93, 10/16/00, 11/17/03, 01/11/05, 6/18/07,
2/18/08, 4/21/08, 2/20/17

ARTICLE I - Purpose and Goals

The purpose of *The Dressage Company* shall be to promote interest in Dressage in the local area; to educate the members in the form of speakers, clinics, and other educational activities; to provide information regarding the sport of Dressage; and to encourage Dressage shows in our area to provide experience for our members.

ARTICLE II - Voting

- All motions shall be voted on by the members present at a meeting and passed by a simple majority vote.
- The President shall not vote unless a deciding vote is necessary.
- If a motion is made and carried at a regular membership meeting that, after further consideration, a member believes not to be in the best interest of the club, a protest may be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will then vote on whether or not a re-vote may be taken at the next regular membership meeting. If a re-vote is to be taken, notice must be given in the Newsletter and the re-vote must be held at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All action will be held on the subject of question until the re-vote. A majority vote of the members present will reverse or reinstate the motion in question. This decision will be final.

ARTICLE III - Elections

1. Nominations shall be made at the September meeting and also will be accepted at the October meeting each year.
2. Elections shall be held at the October meeting each year.
3. Elections shall be made by a simple majority vote of the members present.
4. All officers shall be elected by ballot, or by acclamation in the event of no contest.
5. Two (2) non-nominated members shall tally all election ballots.
6. The President shall vote, but the ballot shall not be opened unless a deciding vote to break a tie is necessary.
7. The order of elections shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairperson, Historian, Sergeant at Arms, Librarian, and two (2) Trustees.
8. Nominees for the office of President and Vice President must be club members for at least one (1) year prior to the time of election and must have attended at least seven (7) meetings during the calendar year in which the election is being held.
9. New officers shall take their posts as of November 1st.
10. The President may not hold this position for more than two (2) consecutive years.
11. If at any time the President must leave the club, the Vice President shall succeed to the Presidency of the club and there shall be a special election for the new Vice President. If any other Officer or Trustee must leave the club, there shall be a special election for that vacant position.

ARTICLE IV - Officers and Duties

1. President - It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Members and Trustees; to sign records; and, in general, perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office, or which may be required by the Members or Trustees.
2. Vice President - It shall be the duty of the Vice President to perform all duties of the President in case of the President's absence, and to serve as the chairperson of the Education Committee with responsibility for supervising the securing of speakers and clinicians. He/she will appoint one member of the Education Committee to develop a Calendar of Events to be published in the newsletter. The Vice President will be responsible for purchasing and presenting an engraved gift (President's Cup) for the outgoing President to be presented at the Year End Awards banquet at the end of the President's last term of office.
3. Secretary - It shall be the duty of the secretary to record all minutes at the general membership meetings and Board of Trustee meeting and deliver same to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the monthly Newsletter; to act as correspondent in matters of the club; to keep records pertaining to the club and its property; to circulate membership attendance sheets and announcement sheets at each regular membership meeting; and, in general, perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office. On the expiration of his/her term, the Secretary shall deliver all records, papers and club property in his/her possession to his/her successor or to the President.
4. Treasurer - It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and safely keep all money of the club and to disperse same under the direction of the Board of Trustees; to keep accurate accounts of the finances of the club and hold all records open for inspection and examination by the Board or any members appointed for such an inspection; to present a quarterly financial report which will be published in the newsletter and accepted by vote at the next meeting; to send memorials (not to exceed \$50.00) in case of death in the immediate family of a member; to send cards/flowers at his/her discretion in case of major illness or injury of a member; and in general, all duties pertaining to the office. The Treasurer may hire outside assistance for the preparation of taxes if necessary, at the expense of the club. The Treasurer will be responsible for getting a proposed budget from the chairperson of a planned event prior to said event. The Treasurer shall deliver all money, financial records and other property of the club in his/her possession to his/her successor or to the President.
5. Newsletter Editor - It shall be the duty of the Newsletter Editor to be in charge of the monthly Newsletter. Minutes, notices of meetings and anything else pertaining to the club business should be included in the Newsletter. Deadline for submission of entries to the Newsletter is the first of each month. The Newsletter should be distributed seven (7) days prior to each regular monthly meeting. The Editor shall put the date of the next monthly meeting in the Newsletter. He/she shall keep a copy of all past Newsletters and, on expiration of his/her term, deliver them to his/her successor; and, in general, perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office.
6. Membership Chairperson - It shall be the duty of a Membership Chairperson to keep a complete list of all current club members including name, address, and telephone number. The Membership Chairperson shall furnish a complete membership list to the Newsletter Editor. The Membership Chairperson shall collect dues, send affiliate dues and a membership roster to the USDF and deliver the remaining money paid for dues to the Treasurer. He/she shall publish in the Newsletter a dues renewal notice at year-end, a list of members once a year, and periodic listings of new members as often as necessary. He/she shall keep copies of member guest attendance records for the entire year and until after elections in October for the following year. He/she shall greet and introduce guests at meetings, provide prospective members with a Membership Application, and inform them of the three-meeting limit. He/she shall greet and introduce new members at meetings and provide them with a copy of the Bylaws and other pertinent club information; and, in general, perform all the duties usually pertaining to the office. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall hand over all membership records and other pertinent membership information to his/her successor or to the President.
7. Historian - It shall be the duty of the Historian to keep a pictorial record of all club activities for the calendar year and present this at the first (January) meeting of the following year. He/she is responsible for the safekeeping of all club pictures or any other material which may be of interest regarding club activities; and, in general, perform all duties usually pertaining to the office. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall hand over all club property in his/her possession to his/her successor or to the President.
8. Sergeant at Arms - It shall be the duty of the Sergeant at Arms to call meetings to order; keep order at meetings; adjourn meetings; enforce all rules and policies of the club; conduct the Split-The-Pot drawing at meetings; and, in general, perform all duties usually pertaining to the office.

9. Social Media Chairperson – It shall be the duty of the Social Media Chairperson to keep the club Facebook page up to date by publishing pertinent information, such as meeting and event dates and times. He/She will monitor posts placed on our page by other persons, and remove anything inappropriate, using the Dressage Company Social Media Policy as a guide. He/She will perform administrative duties, including approving and/or removing others with permission to post on our page, such as Historian or Newsletter Editor and update these after yearly elections. He/She will advise the Historian on posting pictures of club events. He/She will reply to any private messages received by the Facebook message system. The same duties would apply to any other social media outlet that the club chooses to utilize in the future, for example, Instagram or Twitter.
10. Trustees - It shall be the duty of the Trustees to attend all Board meetings and vote on matters subjected to vote at such meetings. One Trustee will be responsible for purchasing the gift for Most Contributing Member given at year-end awards. If the recipient is a Trustee, the other Trustee shall be responsible for purchasing the gift. This gift shall not exceed \$50.00. All requests for any type of donation (charitable or otherwise) shall be presented to the two Trustees, who will decide if the request should be presented to the membership.
11. Each Officer will be asked to give a report of the activities of his/her office at each meeting. Any Officer found to be shirking his/her duties or abusing the privileges of his/her office may be removed from office by a petition submitted to the Board of Trustees followed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (b) of the members in attendance at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

1. Regular membership meetings will take place on the third (3rd) Monday of every month, from January through November, unless otherwise decided by a majority of the members present. There will be no regularly scheduled membership meeting in the month of December. There will be an Awards Banquet each December instead of a meeting.
2. Special meetings may be requested by the President, any three (3) Officers, or one-fourth (¼) of the membership. Such requests shall be made in writing to the President, and the President shall call such meetings. All members must be notified of such meetings and all such meetings shall be open to all members.
3. An emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees may be called when the President and any two Board Members deem necessary.

ARTICLE VI - Board of Trustees

1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Trustees elected for the year, as well as the immediate past president. All meetings of the Board of Trustees must be attended by at least five (5) members of the Board for the purpose of voting. In the event that fewer than five (5) Board Members are present and a vote is necessary, a Board Member's vote may be solicited by telephone.
2. Notice of Board meetings must be published in the Newsletter and Board meetings shall be open to all club members.
3. The Board of Trustees shall meet in January, April, July, October and any other time necessary.
4. If a matter comes before the Board for a vote, only Board Members will be entitled to vote on the matter and a proposal shall be passed by a simple majority.
5. The term of membership on the Board of Trustees will be one (1) year.
6. The Board of Trustees shall concern itself with the management of the business affairs of the club; more specifically, planning the agenda, activities, and finances.
7. All matters discussed and voted upon at the Board meeting shall be brought up and acted upon as necessary at the next regularly scheduled membership meeting.
8. The Board shall have a yearly audit of the finances conducted; this will be completed no later than the April meeting of the following year.



ARTICLE VII - Absentee Ballots

No member may authorize another to vote for him/her at any meeting or election, but may submit a written, signed ballot to the President.

ARTICLE VIII - Compensation

The club will not pay wages or salaries to any officer for performing the duties of his/her office, not to any member for other services rendered to the club which are generally of a volunteer nature. The club may pay an officer or member to provide a service such as horse show judge, technical delegate, clinician or any other service for which the club normally pays someone.

ARTICLE IX - Termination

In the event that club membership drops below 10 members and that 75 percent or more of the members in good standing elect to terminate the club, any remaining balance in the treasury shall go to a qualified nonprofit charity that pertains to horses.

ARTICLE X - Regulations Amended

If it becomes necessary for these bylaws to be repealed or changed, the proposed amendment must be submitted in writing to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled membership meeting or a Board of Trustees meeting. The proposed amendment or notice thereof must then be published in the newsletter to inform the membership of the upcoming vote. Discussion of the amendment will take place at the next membership meeting with a vote taken at the following meeting. The amendment must be passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present.

*Note: The Article concerning **Membership and Dues** was moved to The Dressage Company Policies as per membership behest on January 11, 2005.*

The Dressage Company Policies

Amended: January 1991, 02/15/93, 01/11/05, 3/19/07

- Black and white are the official colors of the club.
- Any club member may make the request that a motion be voted upon by a written ballot.
- The Dressage Company will keep a minimum bank balance of \$800.00 to cover fixed expenses and to avoid bank service charges.
- All members must submit receipts or proof of purchase to Treasurer in order to receive reimbursement for purchases made on behalf of the club.
- Expenditures of club members related to club functions must be approved by the Chairperson of the event prior to reimbursement by the Treasurer.
- The Dressage Company will offer a Musical Freestyle Award to be included in TDC Year End Awards. There will be two divisions: individual and group.
- The Treasurer will handle obtaining the club's yearly insurance, as well as, insurance for special events.
- The Dressage Company will pay the standard federal rate for mileage fees incurred by judges, speakers, and clinicians.
- Speakers who donate their time to speak at club meetings will have their dinner purchased by The Dressage Company; this may include one guest of the speaker.
- A committee will be selected to plan miscellaneous activities and entertainment to meet the needs of the membership.
- In case of planned activities involving reservations, all monies are payable in advance.
- Deposit refunds will be at the discretion of the planning committee.
- All clinic participants must sign a liability waiver.
- Non-members will pay an additional fee for clinics. Auditors will pay a set fee whether they are a member or not.
- A Pre-Clinic Checklist/Contract will be drawn up between the club and the hosting facility when deemed necessary by the planning committee.
- Clinic auditor fees will be waived for the clinic manager and the owner of the facility hosting the clinic.
- The newsletter will be limited to 1 oz. of postage if possible.
- In order of priority the items printed in the newsletter will be: minutes, officer's reports, club calendar, clinic and horse show flyers, yearly information (ex. Participation point form, membership list, etc.), ads and announcements, and other information such as editor's stories, letters, in memoriam stories, etc.
- Newsletter fees for ads and announcements for members: up to five (5) full page lines free, ¼ page \$2.50, ½ page \$5.00, full page \$10.00; non-members: up to ¼ page \$5.00; ½ page \$10.00, full page \$15.00. The ads will only run for one quarter in the newsletter.
- Any educational information from speakers will be given out at that month's meeting or at the following month's meeting if there is a shortage of handout information available and more copies need to be made.

- Any letters or information received by the newsletter editor for publications that is deemed to be inappropriate will be brought to the attention of two members of the Board of Directors. These two board members will decide if all of the board members need to be contacted. If a board meeting is held the decision to publish or not publish the item in question must be passed by a majority vote.
- **Membership and Dues** (moved from Bylaws on 01/11/05)
- Membership in The Dressage Company shall be open to all persons regardless of race, creed, or color.
- There are two types of membership: Individual (receives one newsletter subscription) and Family (individual dues + appropriate fee for each additional family member as denoted by USDF; receives one newsletter subscription.)
- Upon reaching the age of 21, a child who has been receiving membership privileges as part of a family must pay his/her own membership dues to receive full membership privileges including a newsletter subscription and the right to vote.
- Charter Members are those who joined the club before 01/01/85. An asterisk (*) appears next to the name of charter members on the club membership roster.
- Membership in The Dressage Company is non-transferable.
- Any member found to be abusing or misusing his/her membership privileges shall have his/her membership revoked by the Board of Trustees. Ex: failure to return videotapes borrowed from the club library is an abuse of membership privileges.
- Dues for regular membership are \$40.00, due November 1 of each year and expiring October 31 the following year; \$20.00 of this is applied to USDF affiliation. Family memberships may be obtained by contacting the membership chairperson to determine the total of membership fees as set by USDF.
- Guests of members may attend only three (3) meetings after which they must pay dues and become members if they wish to continue to attend meetings.



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Next Meeting Agenda
The Dressage Company

**NO MARCH GENERAL MEETING DUE TO THE JUDGES CLINIC ON 03/19/2017
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The Dressage Company™ is a Group Member Organization of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). Members are automatically USDF Group Members. We are located in Region 2.

March 2017

Membership Meeting Minutes

February 2017 meeting minutes to be included in April 2017 Newsletter.

CLASSIFIEDS

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You and your horse can stay in shape and connected all year long at Twin Oak Equestrian Center! We have a spacious, well lit, enclosed indoor arena with excellent footing. Twin Oak Equestrian Center is a full-care horse boarding and training facility on 22 acres located in Oregonia, OH, convenient to I 71, Caesar's Creek, Wilmington, South Dayton, Lebanon, West Chester and Mason.

- Amenities include USDF Silver medal dressage trainer on site, 10 x 12 fully matted stalls cleaned daily, stalls with outdoor runs, tack room, hay and grain fed twice daily according to the individual horse's needs, additional hay depending on the weather, night check, daily turnout, viewing room, indoor arena, outdoor arena, new electric run for heated water buckets, trailer parking.
- All disciplines welcome. Hope to meet you and your equine partner soon. 19 stalls cleaned daily, tack room, hay and grain fed twice daily according to individual horses' needs, turn out daily, a viewing room attached to the indoor, outdoor arena, new electric run for (2) heated water buckets in each stall. At Twin Oak Equestrian, we strive to meet each horse's individual needs. We welcome all disciplines as long as you put the horse first!

For more info call (513) 505-8419, email dtekamp@gmail.com, or comment on our Facebook page, Twin Oak Equestrian Center. If you'd like more information, please contact Sherry at (513) 505-8419. We look forward to meeting you and your equine partner!