

KDEA January 2017 E Newsletter

Hello everyone! Hopefully you are surviving all of this crazy weather with freezing cold one day, and a few days later temperatures in the 60s. Be glad for the 60 degree day, and use those freezing cold days to watch a video or read a book. If you have any recommendations, please share with us!

KDEA Meeting. The next meeting is February 6th at 6:30pm at the home of Susan Lang. Discussions include: upcoming shows, clinics in the planning stages, Central Plains Schooling Show Champs, Hutchinson show sponsors, report from USDF Convention and USEF Judge Forum/FEI Trainers Conference.

Book Review. One book I have been reading is *The Perfect Horse* by Elizabeth Letts. This is the story of the saving of the Lipizzaner and Arabian horses caught up in World War II. The author is the same one who wrote *80 Dollar Champion* (the story of Harry deLeyere and Snowman) which is also a great read. I'm also going to acquire the DVD of *Harry and Snowman* and see if we can show it sometime this spring.



KDEA Shows....Hutchinson. On the show front, it is not too early to be thinking about the KDEA Spring Dressage Show on June 3-4, 2017 at the Kansas State Fairgrounds. This year our judge is Maryal Barnett, and we hope that you will put this show on your calendar. Other items of interest regarding Hutchinson:

- Sponsorships are needed so that we have a great silent auction, raffle, and awards. Send me any information on people/businesses we should contact about a sponsorship or donation. Sponsor letters will go out mid February, with follow up calls needed shortly thereafter. It is not too early to get sponsorships...there is a form on the website, or [CLICK Here](#).
- Volunteer positions available...get yourself signed up now! Contact MB Willard at mbwillard@live.com or Natalie McTaggart at bar.m.quarterhorses@gmail.com
- If you are riding, and are interested in qualifying for Regional Championships, you now have 2 opportunities to get a Qualifying score each day! You just enter Test 3 of whatever level you want to Qualify (and designate as Qualifying), and then enter the corresponding Test of Choice class, and indicate Qualifying. [CLICK Here](#) for information on Qualifying. This year's Region 4 Championships are at Maffitt Lake (near Des Moines IA) the last weekend in September. Plan to go as a rider, spectator or volunteer! The show is always in need of volunteers, so if you perhaps go with a friend, donate a few hours of volunteer time!
- Qualifying Period for Regionals:
Tuesday, August 16, 2016 to Monday, September 04, 2017
- Qualifying Scores for Regionals: Google "USDF Regional Championship Qualifying" but you need 2 scores, from 2 different judges, at 2 different competitions. The score you need varies by level and by whether you are Open, Amateur or Junior.
- Watch for the Hutchinson show entry form to go up on the website soon.

KDEA Schooling Shows.

- Dates are set and are on the Calendar (see below). We have 2 dressage only schooling shows, one show with dressage classes, combined tests and jumper classes, and 2 Jump for Joy shows. Our first show is Saturday April 29th at Eagle View (the old Windermere/Grandview at 127th and Harry). Watch the website for an entry form.

- We have an opportunity to be part of the **Central Plains Regional Schooling Show Championships** to be held (this year) at Valley View Equestrian in Stillwater, OK. This would replace our Greater Wichita Area Championships that we had to abandon a few years ago....we would donate \$500 to the Championships, and then all our scores would count toward the Championships, and the \$\$ would also go toward really great awards. We will be discussing this at the upcoming meeting.

Calendar. Check out the most recent KDEA Calendar (Click Here) for all KDEA and local/regional events. If you have something to add...please let me know.

USDF L-Program

Nebraska Dressage Association is hosting the first 3 sessions of the L Program this year, and are inviting any interested dressage enthusiasts – riders, trainers, current L graduates, and any one else interested in learning more about dressage – to sign up for the sessions. The dates are May 20-21, July 8-9 and September 18-19 in Lincoln, NE. I highly recommend this program, even if you have no intention of becoming a schooling show judge. This program teaches you the “Basics” of dressage – , training fundamentals and what judges look for when you go down centerline.

Session A - Introduction to Judging & Biomechanics – taught by Marilyn Heath

Session B - Gaits, Paces, Movements & Figures – taught by Janet Foy

Session C – Collective Marks, Basics & Freestyle – taught by Debbie Riehl Rodriguez

For more information, contact Jennifer Rawlinson at jcrawlinson@windstream.net

Western Dressage Tests --- the new 2017 Western Dressage Tests are available at www.wdaa.org. You will see there are two sets of tests – the ones that go through 2016 and then if you scroll down, you will see the 2017 tests. They go from Intro/Basic/Level 1/Level 2 and Level 3. The Freestyle tests have also been updated, but the “on the rail” class requirements have not changed this year.

KDEA Meetings – Here are the dates for the KDEA Meetings this year:

February 6 at 6:30 at the home of Susan Lang

March 13th

May 8th

July 10

Sept 11

Nov 6th

These are all Monday evenings....at 6:30. If you'd like to host one of the meetings, please contact Susan at president@kdea.org or Rhi at vp@kdea.org

KDEA Education Committee – is working on a Western Dressage clinic as well as a dressage clinic for this spring. Watch for details. Contact Jackie Johnson for more information, or watch upcoming newsletters and the website (www.kdea.org)

USEF Judge's Forum and USDF FEI Trainer's Conference. Marie Maloney and Susan Lang both attended these two sessions in Wellington, FL in mid January. Watch for their write ups of the seminars in the next newsletter.

Things you need to know (TYNTK in today's "text speak")

Infectious Diseases

To sign up to receive email alerts for infectious disease outbreaks and premises in the US with active quarantines or contagious disease...

[http://equinediseasecc.us6.list-manage1.com/subscribe?
u=098934c9131c3fad1fa75df6c&id=679e96e3a6](http://equinediseasecc.us6.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=098934c9131c3fad1fa75df6c&id=679e96e3a6)

Paste this link into your browser. They send you an email notice of the State and County of the outbreak, and then if you want to learn more, you click on the email link. This is very helpful information if you are traveling, or if horses are coming to your facility that may have been exposed in another state or county.

US Equestrian Federation has become US Equestrian. There is a push in USEF (now USE) to remarket and rebrand the former "Federation" as a more user friendly organization. There will be a new "Fan" membership category to "capture" those who may never show, but want access to USE's member services/education. So - if you go to the website, you will see some changes!