

February 1998 Newsletter

EASTERN IOWA DRESSAGE & COMBINED TRAINING A S S O C I A T I O N

February 3rd Meeting

The main topic of discussion at the February 3rd meeting, which drew a number of new as well as old members, was the possibility of making EIDCTA a chapter of the IaDCTA. GMOs in several states have chapters. Nancy Barta brought copies of the Grand Valley Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, Inc.'s by laws and the Standing Rules of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, Inc. as examples of such an organizational relationship might be structured.

IaDCTA, on the one hand, would like to expand its membership in the eastern part of the state. In a chapter structure, EIDCTA members would pay their dues to IaDCTA which would include them on its roster and pay the USDF assessment. A portion of the remainder would be rebated to EIDCTA for local organized activities and a portion would stay with IaDCTA. A benefit for us would be some amount of liability coverage under their insurance. This is significant because we need to have insurance if we want to hold any clinics or similar activities and the premium for minimal coverage is in the range of \$350-\$400. As members of IaDCTA we would not have to struggle with the 25 member minimum that USDF requires for GMOs, which is by no means to say that we would not like to continue to add members to EIDCTA in any case.

Those present raised a number of points for further discussion with IaDCTA, not least what the effect on dues would be. Let me emphasize that no decision was made. If you have comments and/or questions, please let Barbara

Putnam or me know. We will answer them if we can and make further inquiries if we can't.

We also discussed programming and how we might better publicize the existence and objectives of EIDCTA. There were quite a few suggestions for meeting topics: another dressage demonstration by Kathryn Zuckweiler, feeding, shoeing, saddle fitting for humans and horses, starting or re-schooling, good, or bad, horse books, "tack and yak," i.e., bring a piece of tack to clean while we talk horse stuff.

Barbara Putnam volunteered to organize a session on breeding for the March 3rd meeting. Dr. Charles Abraham has offered to let us come to his clinic for this session. Due to space constraints, people need to pre-register with Barbara Putnam, (319) 626-2516 with a \$10 fee for non-members. Abraham's Equine Clinic is at 617 Dows Road, Cedar Rapids; 7 p.m., March 3, 1998.

Nancy Barta (Saddle & Leather Shop) will review equine products at the April 7th meeting which will be held at Tamrara Blair's, Centaur Stable, 4564 Oak Crest Hill Rd. SE, Iowa City, IA 52240. Please bring your requests for products to be reviewed to the March meeting or send them to Nancy Barta at the Saddle & Leather Shop, 48 16th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404-5945.

Chris Africa
965 Knollridge Gdn. I-4
Coralville, IA 52241
(319) 337-8987

Quick Takes

Dressage 101

May 31, at *Winds Reach Farm* Iowa City, IA; Hosted by **IaDCTA**; \$30 for the day or \$5 to audit. Contact: *Nancy Barta* (319) 362-2846 or (319) 363-6687, or *Carol Eilers* (319) 365-7314

IaDCTA 1998 CALENDAR

March 7-8
Behavior Modification Workshop with Dan Sumerel, Shenandoah Riding Center, Galena, IL Contact *Amy Richardson* (815) 777-2373

March 21
Second Annual Sport Horse Auction, Shenandoah Riding Center, Galena, IL. Contact *Mike Kelly* (815) 777-2373

March 27-29
Harry Whitney clinic. Ames, IA contact *Suzy FitzSimmons* (515) 832-6273 or *Belinda Smalley* (515) 597-3640

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Hey! Did you know we are on the WEB? <http://www.mwnet.com/eidcta>

**NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 7 PM
PLEASE RSVP!!!**

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617 Dows Road, Cedar Rapids

Directions to the meeting:

From Highway 30 turn on Highway 151 / 13 going north at the first 4-way stop, turn left onto Mt. Vernon Road, go .9 mile, turn right onto Dows Road, clinic is .45 miles on the left.

From I380 going north take 5th Ave. / Diagonal Road Exit turn right onto 5th Ave. / Diagonal Road. This road merges into 8th Ave. before the bridge. At 10th St. (by Mercy Hospital) 8th Ave. merges into Mt. Vernon Road. Continue on Mt. Vernon Road for 4.5 miles, turn left onto Dows Road, clinic is .45 miles on the left.

From I380 going south take 7th Street exit. Stay on 7th street until you come to 8th Ave. Turn left onto 8th Ave. At 10th St.(by Mercy Hospital) 8th Ave. merges into Mt. Vernon Road. Continue on Mt. Vernon Road for 4.5 miles, turn left onto Dows Road, clinic is .45 miles on the left.

Quicks Takes continued . . .

April 4-5
Vicki Hammers-O'Neil
clinic. Ames, IA contact
Suzy FitzSimmons (515)
832-6273 or Belinda
Smalley 515-597-3640

April 11-12
Iowa Horse Industry
Council Horse Fair. Des
Moines Fairgrounds

April 18
Ride-A-Test, Belinda
Smalley barn; Clinician
Julie Scoff, contact Barb
Zukowski (515)221-1782

May 15-17
NDA Adult Dressage
Camp. Omaha NE. Con-
tact Pat Woodrow
(402)996-2935

May 23
Dressage Day, StageCoach
Stables; contact Margaret
Sharp (515) 232-3786

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Carol Eilers publishes an
extensive Equestrian
Calendar in her

**Apples `n Oats
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Lynda Holker has a
series of clinics at
Brandywine Farm,
Hamel, Minnesota:

Gerhard Politz
March 21-22-23

Michelle Gibson
May 8-9-10

Michael Poulin
July 4-5

Janet Brown-Wysocki
July 17-18-19

Kathy Connelly
October 2-3-4

Janet Brown-Wysocki
Oct. 23-24-25

Call (612) 931-0377 for
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