

TVDCTA BITS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

When?	Where?	What?
July 11	KB Farm	July Meeting
July 11-12	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show
July 18-19	Flint Ridge Farm	Bill Woods Dressage Clinic
Aug 1-2	Steel Prize Stables	Debbie Rodriguez Clinic
Aug 18	TBA	August Meeting
Aug 22-24	Miller Coliseum	Ole South Dressage Show
Aug 29-30	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show
Sep 12-13	NE AL Agri-Bus Center	Mountain Music Dressage Show
Oct 24	Flint Ridge Farm	TVDCTA Halloween Show
Nov 5-8	KY Horse Park	USDF Dressage Finals
Nov 14-15	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show
Dec 19	Steel Prize Stables	SPS Xmas Party

*Events in bold are hosted by the TVDCTA. All others are local events that can be audited for free, but are not directly affiliated with the TVDCTA.

**These events are not set in stone. Check back for changes.



PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

What: Kerrits Ice Fil Tech Longsleeve

Where: SmartPak

How Much: ~\$55

Why: This is the best long-sleeved summer shirt I've ever had, and I usually am anti-Kerrits. It's super lightweight, very breezy, looks good, and washes well. I ended up buying one in each color. Unfortunately, being a Kerrits product, most of the colors are rather trippy.



DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION: NOT JUST FOR JUNIORS

Although the relatively new USDF/USEF Dressage Seat Equitation Medal Program is only offered to junior riders (under 18 y/o), it is an excellent program to be utilized at home by any rider trying to become more precise and effective. The USDF has done an excellent job at outlining the ideal dressage position as well as classifying rider faults as being major or minor. The program also has a set of ~25 patterns (with diagrams!) that are meant to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of riders. In particular, I find that the exercises emphasize straightness, geometric accuracy, and a correct balance between the aids. All information is available on the USDF website. I highly recommend any serious rider to give the patterns a shot. If possible, have someone videotape you riding through the patterns so that you can judge yourself using the given criteria. Be honest, and use the program to improve yourself. I'd also like to add that this is a great competitive opportunity for juniors who are not able to afford fancy "dressagey" horses as the judging is based solely on the rider.



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.

TVDCTA MEMBERS ROCK THE TENNESSEAN!



Sarah Redmann and High Dollar Buck (owned by Joe and Donna Green) had a first great show together. They earned the TIP High Point Award and the JR Training High Point Award.

Morgan Bailey Horan and August Rush won all their second level classes, the JR 2nd Level High Point Award, and qualified for the Dressage Seat Equitation Medal Semi-Finals.

Chris Cochran and Believe in Miracles earned another Bronze Medal score at their first time at 3rd level. Only one more to go!

Kelly Arnold and Ocarina (owned by Joe and Donna Green) earned two more scores towards their Silver Medal. They also only have one more score to go (seems to be a theme here!).

Andrea Pappano and Serenada qualified for Regionals at Intermediare II.



PASTURE IMPRESSIONS
BY MAIKE FRYE

*Barn chores are done,
dogs are begging for their morning walk.
Field gate is opened on the way.
Three mares are ambling along,
once past the gate,
the race is on.*

*Who can run faster, kick higher?
Blankets are cracking in the wind.
Geldings, alerted, meet them at the fence,
snorting, squealing, cavorting.
Short bursts of speed along the fence.
All are still, heads and tails raised, waiting!
Pounding, shaking of the earth,
a latecomer joins in.*

*Dressage movements are shown off,
halt - canter, transitions of all sorts.
Passage, lateral movements,
and here, a quarter pirouette!*

*These glimpses make me glad.
Not so wrong in my pursuit after all! ;-)*

~Maike Frye

WHAT'S GOING ON: DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH BILL FIELDS

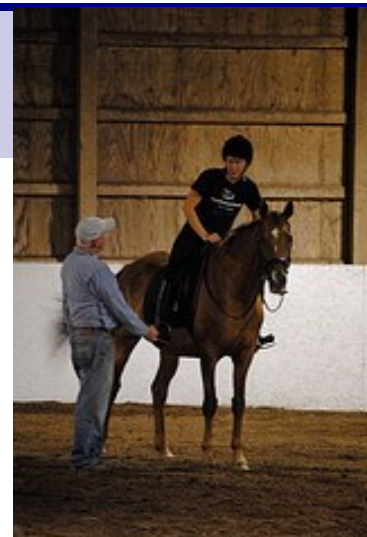
What: Dressage Clinic with Bill Fields

When: July 18-19

Where: Flint Ridge Farm

Contact: Heidi Rose (fridgefrm@aol.com)

Details: Bill Fields considers himself to be foremost a dressage teacher. He is open to all horses and students, even those not focused solely on dressage.



WHAT'S GOING ON: DRESSAGE CLINIC WITH DEBBIE RODRIGUEZ

What: Dressage Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez

When: Aug 1-2

Where: Steel Prize Stables

Contact: Judith Fiorentino (256-682-1200 or steelprize@knology.net)

Details: Debbie Rodriguez is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist. She is a USDF "S" judge and a USEA "r" judge. She is also a certified ISSA instructor, and the maker "Success In The Saddle-a Core Fitness Program for Equestrians."



WHAT'S GOING ON: MOUNTAIN MUSIC DRESSAGE

What: Mountain Music Dressage I and II

When: Sep 12-13

Where: Northeast Alabama Agri-Business Center

Contact: TBA

Details: This is one of the last recognized shows of the show year. AND IT'S AIR-CONDITIONED!!!! Come ride, or come watch. <http://mountainmusicdressage.com/>



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