

# TVDCTA BITS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

When?	Where?	What?
Apr 11-12	Steel Prize Stables	Dressage Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez "S"
Apr 18-19	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Steel Prize Stables</b>	<b>TVDCTA Dressage Schooling Show</b>
June 6-7	Brownland Farms	Tennessean Dressage Show
<b>June 14</b>	<b>Cotton Meadows Farm</b>	<b>TVDCTA Combined Training and Dressage Schooling Show</b>
July 11-12	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show
Apr 11-12	Steel Prize Stables	Dressage Clinic with Debbie Rodriguez "S"
<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Jane Dougert's House</b>	<b>April Meeting</b>
<b>Aug 8</b>	<b>Flint Ridge Farm</b>	<b>TVDCTA Schooling Show</b>
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
<b>Oct 24</b>	<b>Flint Ridge Farm</b>	<b>TVDCTA Halloween Show</b>
Nov 14-15	Riverdale Farms	Greystone Dressage Show

\*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:** Neue Schule Tranz Angled Lozenge Eggbutt Snaffle/Briddon

**Where:** Equestrian Collections

**How Much:** ~\$190

**Why:** This is an excellent bit choice for horses that tend to want to stay above the bit with a short neck, or who are overly active in their mouths. The shape relieves tongue pressure. This is not a replacement for good riding, but it certainly can help further the training on certain horses. Please see the entire Neue Schule line for other shapes and bit types.



## 2015 YEAR-END AWARDS INFORMATION

### General Information

The TVDCTA offers several year end awards for eligible members. Division champion and reserve champions are awarded at each dressage and CT level for JR/YR, AA, and Open divisions. Riders must be current members and also must complete at least four volunteer hours in order to be eligible for year end rider awards.

Rider and volunteer awards will be calculated at the end of the year by a TVDCTA officer. No rider report is needed; however, it is recommended that all riders keep their official test sheets in case a mistake is made in the recording of scores. Rider scores and volunteer hours are available for viewing on the Current Award Standings page. TVDCTA officers are automatically given four volunteer hours for their service to the club, but can earn more hours by volunteering at events.

### Dressage Awards

Awards will be given to the eligible riders with the highest calculated score. Each rider's score will be calculated as the average of all their scores from 2015 TVDCTA shows for a given level plus one point for each test ridden. Please see below for an example score calculation. Riders must be current members at the time scores were earned. Scores earned before membership renewal will not be counted

### 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.

## UPDATED YEAR-END AWARDS GUIDELINES FOR 2015

towards year end score calculations.

Jane Doe's Year End Score Calculations

1st Show: Intro A – 65%, Intro B – 63%

2nd Show: Intro B – 65%, Intro C – 62%

3rd Show: Intro C – 67%, Training 1 – 60%

Intro Level Year End Score =  $[(65+63+65+62+67)/5]+5=69.4$

Training Level Year End Score =  $[(60)/1]+1=61$

### CT Awards

Awards will be given to the eligible riders with the lowest calculated score. Each rider's score will be calculated as the average of all their scores from 2015 TVDCTA sanctioned shows for a given level subtract one point for each test ridden. Please see below for an example score calculation. Riders must be current members at the time scores were earned. Scores earned before membership renewal will not be counted towards year end score calculations.

Jane Doe's Year End Score Calculations

1st Show: BN – 35

2nd Show: BN – 30

3rd Show: N – 45

BN Year End Score =  $[(35+30)/2]-2=30.5$

N Year End Score =  $[(45)/1]-1=45$

### Volunteer Awards

Volunteer award certificates are given to members who volunteer for at least four hours each year. Members who complete four hours are given one drawing ticket for a year end prize. Each extra volunteer hour, over the original four hours, is good for one extra drawing ticket, and each volunteer can decide which prize for which they'd like to be entered to win. Please see below for an example of how drawing tickets will be given. Prizes to be announced.

Jane Doe's Year End Volunteer Hours

6 Total Hours

Receives Volunteer Certificate and 1 drawing ticket for 4 hours

Receives 2 additional drawing tickets for the extra 2 hours of volunteer time

# PHOTOS FROM THE MARCH RIDE-A-TEST WITH JENNI HOGAN BY SHAWNA REDMANN





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