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2017 Newsletter

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Check our website for updates and information
<http://www.dressageco.com>



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 25th to be included in the next month's
 newsletter.

**2018 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
 { } New Member { } Renewal { } Change of Address

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

DOB _____

SIGNATURE _____

Make check payable to The Dressage Company and mail this completed form to:

Mail to: Sue McBeth
 4350 North Point Dr #304
 Mason, OH 45040

Email questions or inquiries to: shakespeare1950@embarqmail.com

2018 Volunteer Points Form

Please PRINT. One member per form and one show per form. All forms must be postmarked within 30 days of the event and no later than November 1st.

Name: _____

Competition: _____ Date: _____

Hours Worked (1 point for every 1 hour worked) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Show Secretary or Organizer

Mail to: Leslie Laine, 6796 Lands End Court, Maineville, OH 45039

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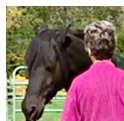


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Next Meeting Information

The next meeting is Monday November 20, 2017 at Flipdaddys. 12071 Mason Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, 45249. Board meeting at 6:30. Regular meeting at 7:00. Please arrive at 6:45 to order your food.

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the banquet!



**The Dressage Company and
 Queen City Dressage Circuit
 Invite you to our
 ANNUAL YEAR END AWARDS
 BANQUET**

December 3, 2017

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Molloy's on the Green, 10 Enfield Dr, Greenhills, Ohio 45218

Dinner \$30.00 Cash Bar

Silent auction, split the pot and raffle

Friends and family are welcome.


RSVP by November 30, 2017

Carol Hartlaub chart3977@aol.com

Edie Bryan Ediebryan@live.com

Please note if you would like to reserve a table for 8

Please furnish names of attendees at that table

<p>2018 Meetings:</p> <p>Meeting dates and topics:</p> <p>Next meeting is the Banquet, Dec. 3, 2017</p> <p>Other meeting dates, locations, TBD</p>	<p><i>2018 Calendar of Events</i> Schooling Shows and Clinics</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>2017 USDF Convention</p> 	
	<p>Please submit all schedule changes to Newsletter Editor, Sherry Nash, sherrynash2017@gmail.com, and to the Website Master: Nancy Nicholson, nicholn1@muohio.edu</p>	



Dressage Company Membership Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2017
Flipdaddy's Restaurant, Mason, OH

President Sue McBeth called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes from the August 21, 2017 meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Carol Hartlaub reported \$5,234.17 in the savings account and \$4,133.23 in the checking account. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Membership

There are 38 current members. This includes 7 new members.

OLD BUSINESS

TDC Show in September

The Dressage Company Show was a success both in number of participants and positive revenue. Total Revenue for the show was \$4,321. After most expenses have been paid the show netted about \$2,000. It was noted that since we had the ribbons from the cancelled show last year there was not an expense for these this year. Taking this in to account and estimating some other minor expenses, the show made a little more than \$1,500. We again want to thank Nancy Nicholson for her generous donation that paid for all of the First Place trophies for each class!

Discussion then took place regarding what went well and what could be improved with respect to the show.

***Positives:** a good partnership with Miami, stabling facility is excellent, good food provided by Miami

***Improvements:** need to remember to provide hospitality for the judge and scribe, be more specific about the electronic medium needed for Musical Freestyle rides, when members volunteer they need to be committed to do the job no matter what, need to have more volunteers from TDC (many jobs were filled by the Miami students), some issues with scheduling of rides so that Miami has time to drag the arena and water

2016 Horse Show

As The Dressage Company has committed to hold a show at the Miami University Equestrian Center on September 25, 2016, Sue Segerman proposed that she, show secretary Carol Hartlaub and the new President meet to sign the official agreement and being to prepare for the show. ‘

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5. **Amendment wording for YEA for a rider**
6. **winning a class for more than 3 years in a**
7. **row**

The following amendment to #20 in the YEA rules was approved at the meeting.

20. The same horse/rider combination will be eligible for Year End Awards Champion in the same level for three (3) years, including the first year as Novice. If the same horse/rider combination competes at the same level for a 4th or more consecutive year and there are no other competitors at this level, then this horse/rider combination can be awarded the Championship again. If there are other competitors in the level, then a horse/rider combination, after three (3) consecutive Championships at the level, will not be eligible for the Championship designation in that year. After skipping one year at this level the horse/rider combination would again be eligible to win the Championship award.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers for 2018

President – Sue Segerman

Vice President – Debbie Boeh

Secretary – Emily Oliger

Treasurer – Carol Hartlaub

Membership – Sue McBeth

Newsletter – Sherry Nash

Trustees – Sue McBeth (past president), Leslie Laine, Edie Bryan

Sergeant at Arms – Nancy Nicholson

Historian – Megan Scharfenberg

Social Media Chair – Sue Segerman

Congratulations to the new board and thank you to Sue McBeth and the outgoing board!

Delegate to the 2017 USDF Convention

The USDF National Convention will take place in Lexington, Kentucky from November 29th to December 2nd this year. As a GMO we are eligible to send a delegate to vote on issues that are brought up at the convention. The Dressage Company will donate \$150 toward the cost of attending the convention. Sue McBeth will contact Cathy Jacob to see if she will be the Delegate for The Dressage Company (Cathy is willing to fulfill this role for us). Sue McBeth also stated that Region 2 is looking for donations to help fund the set up of the Hospitality Center at the Convention. A question was raised about whether baskets would again be requested from the area GMOs (the answer is that baskets are still being requested). Voting on rule changes will be at the Board of Governors General Assembly. The Board of Governors General Assembly (part 1) is on Friday, Dec. 1st and (part 2) is on Saturday, Dec 2nd.

Update on the Year End Award Banquet

It was decided that we will still solicit baskets from member barns to be auctioned at the banquet. Items donated by members or vendors worth at least \$15 would be raffled off at the banquet. Sue McBeth will wrap any of these items if needed. Money could also be donated so that raffle items could be purchased. The banquet will be at Molloy's on December 3rd.



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The business meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The Dressage Company Year End Award Rules

Revised – 10/16/2017

Please read these rules carefully before filling out the entry form and keep a copy of them, (or consult The Dressage Company website, <http://www.dressageco.com>), so that you may refer to them for any questions that may come up during the Award year.

Objectives:

1. Consistent with the Club's primary mission of education, the Club wishes to provide encouragement for members and horses learning show ring skills and arena training in preparation for their further development in order to be able to compete in nationally sanctioned shows
2. To provide recognition for participation and achievement among as large a segment of the membership as possible by recognizing dressage skills among members and horses with experience at various levels

Definitions and Rules

1. The Year End Award competition year is from November 1st through October 31st.
2. Each Year End Award entry form shall contain one horse and rider combination.
3. All riders must be members of The Dressage Company at the time they submit their registration form and throughout that competition year.
4. A rider is eligible to compete on more than one horse and a horse may be eligible to compete for more than one rider.
5. A horse is eligible for any number of levels during a year.
6. Each rider/horse combination may only choose one division (Jr., Novice, AA, Open) per level for Year End Awards. Each horse/rider combination is allowed to enter two consecutive levels only (i.e., Intro to Training: First to Second, etc.). All tests submitted will be applied towards that division. (i.e., Novice: Does not need test stating that it was only a Novice Class)
7. There is a \$15.00 registration fee for each horse/rider combination per level per year.
8. "Levels", as used herein, are those of the USDF dressage level tests.
9. The Rider/horse combination must be registered for Year End Awards prior to riding in the show in which scores are submitted for consideration. Any scores from shows before the division registration date are ineligible for consideration and will not be accepted. Registration occurs on the date of the postmark on the envelope containing the paid registration form, or the date the registration form with payment is handed directly to the Year End Awards Chairperson, or a Dressage Company board member.
10. To add an additional level, a separate registration is required for each rider and horse combination at \$15.00 per level, and only scores earned after registration for the added level(s) may be accepted for consideration.
11. Definitions:
 - a. A Novice is a horse or rider showing in its first year at any level and only for that first year.
 - b. A Junior Rider is a rider 21 years of age or younger as of January 1 of the competition year.
 - c. An Adult Amateur is a rider 22 years of age or older as of January 1 of the competition year according to USEF definition.
 - d. An Open rider is a rider 22 years of age or older as of January 1 of the competition year and accepts remuneration for the training of horses or riders according to USEF definition.
 - e. An AA has the option of registering as an Open rider for year end awards for any level, however, the rider must maintain this level for all submissions for the year.
12. The Year End Awards Chairperson is the person responsible for recording and tabulating Year End points. Final placing will be by the Year End Awards Committee which shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Dressage Company members.
13. Any dressage test may be used as long as it is judged by a qualified Dressage Judge. A Dressage Judge is a USDF L graduate or higher. The rider is responsible for providing the year end awards chairperson in a timely manner with all information necessary to make an informed decision as to the qualification.
14. All scores must be submitted on the year end awards score submission form. The rider must average a maximum of their top three (3) scores submitted from three (3) different judges at three different shows for each Level and self-certify that the rider, the judges and the shows have met all eligibility requirements. A score can only be used once. To document test scores with the year end chairperson, each rider in the program is required to send a copy of the front of the test with the name of the show, its date, the judge and the test score to the chairperson postmarked or emailed no later than Midnight, October 31st.



15. A rider must submit at least three (3) scores per division to qualify for year-end awards.
16. In order for a member to become eligible for Year End Awards, the member must have a minimum total of ten (10) Participation Points which must have been earned for the current year (between November 1st and October 31st). At least three (3) of these points must be earned helping with The Dressage Company horse show. This does not include a ride. In the event that there is not a Dressage Company show in a year, then at least three (3) of these points must be earned helping with a Dressage Company special event, such as a clinic or horse camp. Also, three (3) of the total ten (10) points must be earned by attending three (3) club meetings, such as the regular monthly meeting, board meeting or a committee meeting. All year end awards score submission forms, properly completed with all information and all copies of test front pages, must be postmarked, emailed or hand delivered to the year end awards chairperson by Midnight, October 31st of the competition year. This deadline may be adjusted by the Year End Awards Committee Chairperson if necessary. At the same time that the **Year End Awards Score Submission Form** is submitted, the rider must have submitted to the year end awards committee a properly completed **Dressage Company Participation Points** form for the same competition year (November 1 through October 31) to verify that the rider has accumulated the points required to receive a year end award.
17. Ties will be placed as ties and not broken.
18. The Year End Awards Committee may audit any Year End Awards Score Submission Form submitted and request a rider to provide additional information concerning the submission. It is the rider's responsibility to promptly provide the information requested.
19. There will be up to eight places awarded in each division. All others will receive a Certificate of Merit.
20. The same horse/rider combination will be eligible for Year End Awards Champion in the same level for three (3) years, including the first year as Novice. If the same horse/rider combination competes at the same level for a 4th or more consecutive year and there are no other competitors at this level, then this horse/rider combination can be awarded the Championship again. If there are other competitors in the level, then a horse/rider combination, after three (3) consecutive Championships at the level, will not be eligible for the Championship designation in that year. After skipping one year at this level the horse/rider combination would again be eligible to win the Championship award.
21. Scores are disallowed from any show in which the rider is a Show Secretary, Show Manager, Show Host, Facility Owner, or Technical Delegate.
22. The Year-End Awards Committee shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Dressage Company members who may also be Year End Awards Riders in a year. If a Year End Awards Committee member is a Rider, the other two members must re-compute that rider's Year End Awards Score Submission Form scores and certify that the rider has received the score indicated. All members of the Committee must agree on the final placements in all divisions.
23. The Year End Awards Chairperson will notify Entrants when their **Year End Awards Entry Form** has been received at the beginning of the show year. The Year End Awards Chairperson will then notify Entrants by way of email when the **Year End Awards Score Submission Form & The Dressage Company Participation Points Form** are received and if any other information is needed.

Level and Division categories include:

Levels	Divisions
Introductory Level	Novice, Jr.-AA, Open
Training Level	Novice, Jr., AA, Open
First Level	Novice, Jr, AA, Open
Second Level	Novice, Jr., AA, Open
Third Level & Above	Novice, Jr., AA, Open
Fourth Level	Novice, Jr., AA, Open
FEI	Novice, Jr., AA, Open
Musical Freestyle	Individual, Group
In-Hand	Open



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TDC Volunteer Points System:

Meeting Attendance: 1 Point Per Meeting

Includes Monthly, Board

Committee Member meetings: Actual Hours Worked (verified by Chairperson)

Club Officer: Actual Hours worked

The Dressage Company Show: Actual Hours Worked

TDC Clinics: Actual Hours Worked

Volunteers: Points allowable for hours worked only at Dressage or Combined Test Shows where someone at the hosting venue is a member of TDC. These hours must be worked as an unpaid volunteer to count. Hours must be turned in or posted not later than 30 days after the show, and must be signed by the show manager or secretary.

Donation of a basket (minimum \$50 value) for the Year End Award Banquet (1 point)

Miscellaneous: Donate Facility, Meeting Presentation, Host Meetings/Clinics/Workshops (3 points per event)



The Dressage Company
YEAR END AWARDS ENTRY FORM

Revised 11/2010

Make checks payable to: The Dressage Company
This form must be submitted prior to any test be ridden.

Mail checks and completed form(s) to:

Sue McBeth
4350 North Point Dr. #304
Mason, OH 45040

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

ENTRY #3

RIDER'S NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

LEVEL: _____ **DIVISION:** NOVICE JR AA OPEN

Date Posted or Received by Hand Delivery:



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From: _____ *Amount* _____ *Ck#*

Signed: Y N

Phone# _____ *Address:* _____



**The Dressage Company
Year End Awards Score Submission Form**

Award Year of Submission _____

If more than 2 competition levels please copy and use a second sheet. Sign each sheet.
Submit one form for each horse and rider combination.

Competitor _____ **Horse** _____
(please print all information)

Competition Level: _____ **Division:** NOVICE JR AA OPEN
(Attach a copy of the front page of each test listed)

	<u>Show Name & Date</u>	<u>Judge's Name</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
(You must submit three (3) scores per divisions to qualify for YEA)		Total of Scores	_____
(divide by 3)		Average Score	_____

Competition Level: _____ **Division:** NOVICE JR AA OPEN
(Attach a copy of the front page of each test listed)

	<u>Show Name & Date</u>	<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
(You must submit three (3) scores per divisions to qualify for YEA)		Total of Scores	_____
(divide by 3)		Average Score	_____



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I, _____ state that to the best of my knowledge and belief the scores submitted are from shows that meet the Dressage Company rules for eligible shows, the judges are L or higher USDF qualified and that the individual test scores and averages computed above are mathematically correct.

(Competitors signature) If not signed, the score(s) will not be accepted.
Submission must be postmarked by November 1st of the competition year.

Send completed form to: Sue McBeth, 4350 North Point Dr. #304, Mason, OH 45040



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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: Sue McBeth, 4350 North Point Dr. #304, Mason, OH 45040

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

Good information from Nancy:

Epistemology is about quality of knowledge. Think about this, some really troubling biomechanics are advocated here. Just because someone is an Olympian doesn't mean they know any basic biophysics: this is the heart of riding properly. You can't fool gravity and you cannot fool the fragility of horse and rider spines. The horse in the video has a completely lateral walk caused by a tense rider with rigid bouncing seat. The Vet literature makes it clear that this as a persistent habit causes hindquarters lameness (Greve & Dyson). Some famous people have serious knowledge gaps, for whatever reason. Correct knowledge is published in available literature. The narrator does NOT know the exact stepping sequence of dressage transitions. This is available if videos are examined frame by frame. Narrator is also ignorant of Equine center of mass (NOT center of gravity) determination done digitally eleven years ago at the London College of Veterinary Medicine (Pfau et al. 2005, 2006). Rider and human CoM determined too many times to cite for dozens of sports.

For the serious technical flaws in this video ([Link below](#)) impacting horses and riders, I recommend bypassing it, just in case it would find its way into the Newsletter. Riding without stirrups is technically difficult and requires a supple body. It also exposes a rider to vertical shocks of the spine, actually shown in the opening sequence, which is a known cause of vertebral wedge fractures. The orthopedic data on this are clear at Ullman Dynamics technical web site research papers. Look at the CAT scan...

[https://www.usef.org/learning-center/videos/riding-without-stirrups-with-anne-kursinski-2?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Learning%20Center%2011.07.17%20-%20Member%20\(1\)&utm_content=](https://www.usef.org/learning-center/videos/riding-without-stirrups-with-anne-kursinski-2?utm_source=SilverpopMailing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Learning%20Center%2011.07.17%20-%20Member%20(1)&utm_content=)

Please check out the Hoof Blog link below. Very good info:

<https://hoofcare.blogspot.com/2017/06/sue-dyson-equine-ethogram-facial-expression-lameness-video.html>

TAMU Lab does DNA of your horse for \$40 a test.

<http://vetmed.tamu.edu/animalgenetics/horse-ancestry>

http://vetmed.tamu.edu/media/1732507/50_breed_tree_r.pdf