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On the Cover: Abby Buenting participating in the GDCTA and Area 3 Young Rider Eventing Camp. Pictured with instructor Sara Kozumplik.

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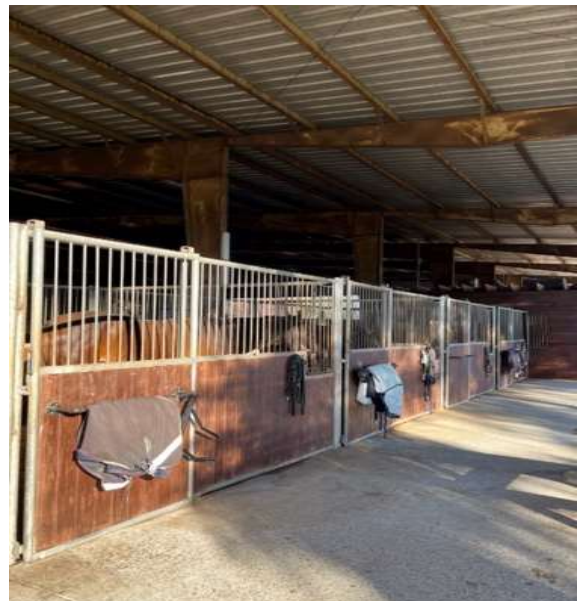
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Bouckaert Farm, in Fairburn, GA, has a few openings for full board. Located 17mi south of downtown Atlanta, Bouckaert Farm boasts 2200 acres of ride out, nearly 100 acres of fenced paddocks, 12 x 12 matted stalls, fly spray system, a 100' x 175' covered ring with microfibre footing, lights, and mirrors, hot and cold wash racks, on site laundry, and climate-controlled tack rooms. Horses are fed Cavalor feed and high quality orchard hay. Bouckaert Farm hosts roughly 35 equestrian competitions annually, so boarders can compete without leaving the property. Board is \$1500/mo., and includes hay, feed, blankets, boots and/or fly kit, and private or small group turnout. Easy hack to competition facility that has 5 large arenas with microfibre footing and a full cross-country course.

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Dear Members:

Do you ever get the summer blues — not deep-despair blues, but the kind where it's so hot outside you can't imagine leaving the house? Then a few days pass and you wake up feeling like it's winter all over again, restless from being cooped up too long. Sunshine helps, even if it costs me an extra shower. Summer is officially here, the days are at their longest, and there's no better moment to trade the ordinary for something a little more extraordinary — including catching up on everything GDCTA has going on.

On the education front, mark your calendar for the next USDF Virtual Education Series Webinar, August 25 at 8:00 p.m. ET, featuring Dr. Katie Flynn, BVMS, on emergency preparedness. Register on the usdf.org website.

We're also gearing up for two big events — the GAIG/USDF Region 3 Dressage Championships (Oct 2–4) and our Awards Gala (Feb 6, 2027, at the Atlanta Marriott Alpharetta) — and we're actively seeking sponsors (see gdcta.org/championships) whose products and services speak to our equestrian audience. If your business, or one you know, wants in front of this crowd, please reach out.

A few more notes: both our August shows are open for entries on horseshowoffice.com, and every show needs volunteers and sponsors, so please consider lending a hand. We heard you on the Awards Program and Gala feedback survey — planning a party for 500–600 guests takes a long lead time, so 2027 will look similar while we work in your suggestions. And if you haven't yet, read the first chapter of our book, *Mystery at Maple Run Riding School*, on the GDCTA newsletter page gdcta.org/newsletter.

As always, find everything happening on our gdcta.org/events. Here's to a summer reset — see you at the barn.

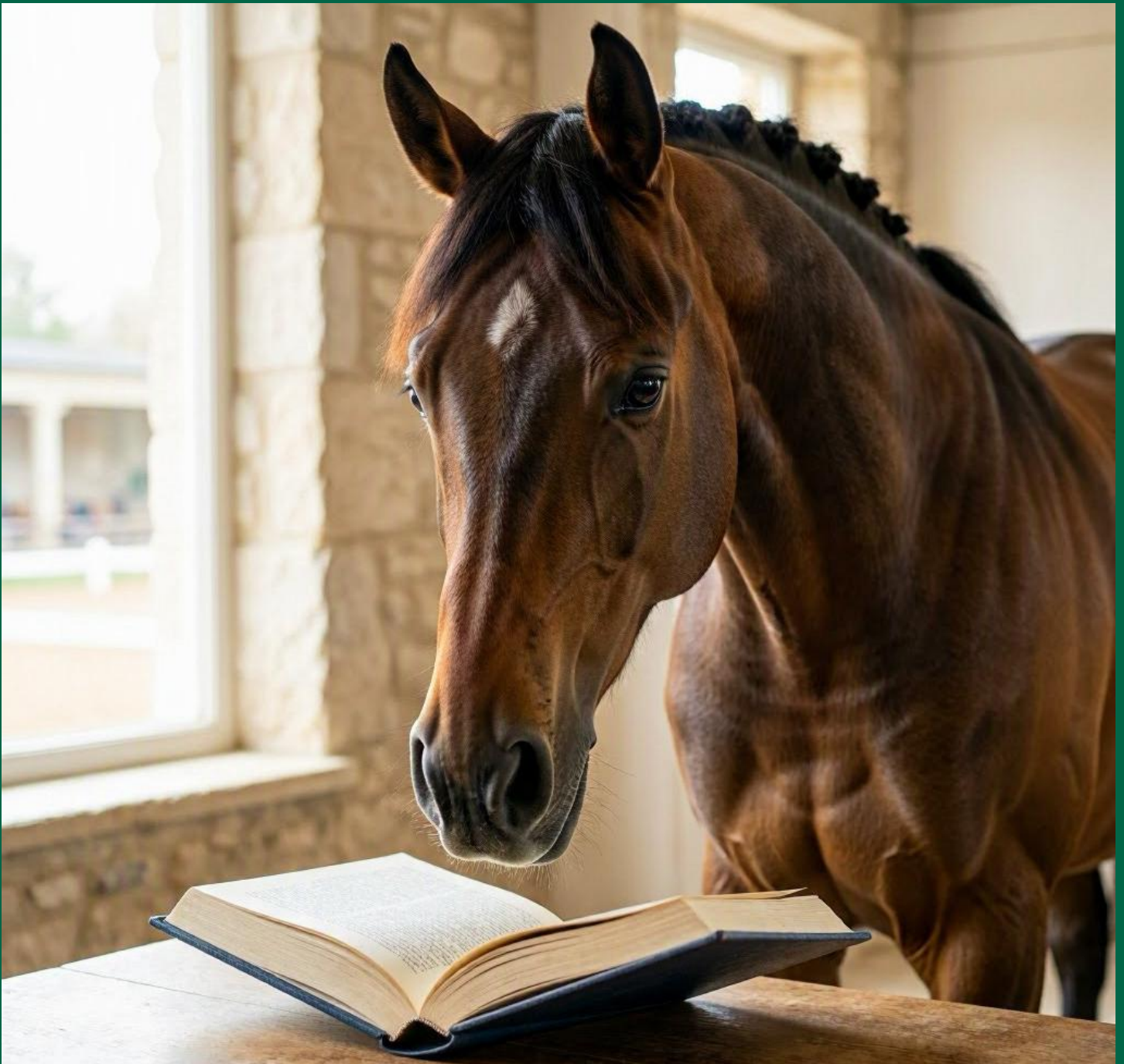
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Education & Training

Ride Better • Learn More • Build Partnership

Whether you're refining the basics, preparing for your next show, or simply looking to deepen your partnership with your horse, continuous learning is at the heart of dressage. This month's Education Center explores the science behind harmony, introduces key lateral movements, and highlights an upcoming learning opportunity through the GDCTA Kudzu Klinik Program.



From Starter to Prelim: GDCTA's Stable View Camp Delivers Growth for Riders 10 to 75

GDCTA & Area III Young Rider Eventing Summer Camp held at Stable View Farm in Aiken, South Carolina. Organized by Joanne Morse, GDCTA Vice President of Combined Training and USEA Area III Young Rider Coordinator. This event has grown and grown and grown! It's now regularly 75 rider-participants taking instruction from seven world-class clinicians. Yes, seven! That's a whole lotta coordination on Joanne's part! It's a popular event and we are grateful for Joanne being the driving force behind it.

Messages from participants:

From Kim Holderfieled:

"My daughter Kalli is on her third year of camp and this year she brought her friend Ella from Massachusetts! Both girls had a great time learning new skills to better their riding. My daughter Kalli rode our 6-year-old IDSH homebred in the Novice/Train group and Ella rode a catch ride ISH from a friend in the starter group. Ella conquered some confidence issues with a horse she had never ridden and by day three, she rocked it on XC like a boss! We all went out to dinner and a movie that night to celebrate success! My daughter improved on getting rideability and technical questions in her young horse Maeve and rocked around her SJ lesson with Sharon like a champ. She left her lessons feeling accomplished. Both girls have already asked about going back together next year! This has been such an amazing experience in growth for both of them on and off the horse. As a parent, I appreciate the support the coaches give these kids and the high-quality experience they give the kids of all levels.

Thank you for an amazing camp!"

From Mary Campbell:

"Every year, this camp somehow gets better and better! Watching multiple groups go, from Starter to Prelim, the coaches meet each and

every camper exactly where they are with the same care, respect, and attention to detail, regardless of experience level or personal goals. With their focus on horsemanship, technical skills, and mindset, they are the professionals who are setting the tone for the future of our sport, and it shows.

The camp community is another highlight for me. With participants ranging in age from 10 to 75, there is truly something for everyone. I leave each week inspired, filled with new ideas, and more confident in continuing to develop my partnership with my horse.

Joanne has truly created something very special, and I can't wait for next year to do it all again!"

From Riley Terrell:

"I was so grateful to receive a grant to attend this year's Eventing Camp! It was an incredible experience, and I'm already putting the new skills I learned into practice.

The lessons and discussions with the clinicians were so valuable. I also loved getting to know the other participants. A huge thank you to Joanne for organizing such a wonderful camp and to the generous sponsors who made these grants possible.

I truly appreciate this opportunity and know I'll remember this experience for a long time.

Thank you again for your support!"

From Parker Mallernee:

"The Eventing Camp has been such a fun experience both of the years I have attended. It's an honor to ride with such amazing instructors over the week. Throughout both of the years I have attended, it's been not only a great learning opportunity, but a great way to meet others that have the same passion that I do!"

From Sienna McCormick:

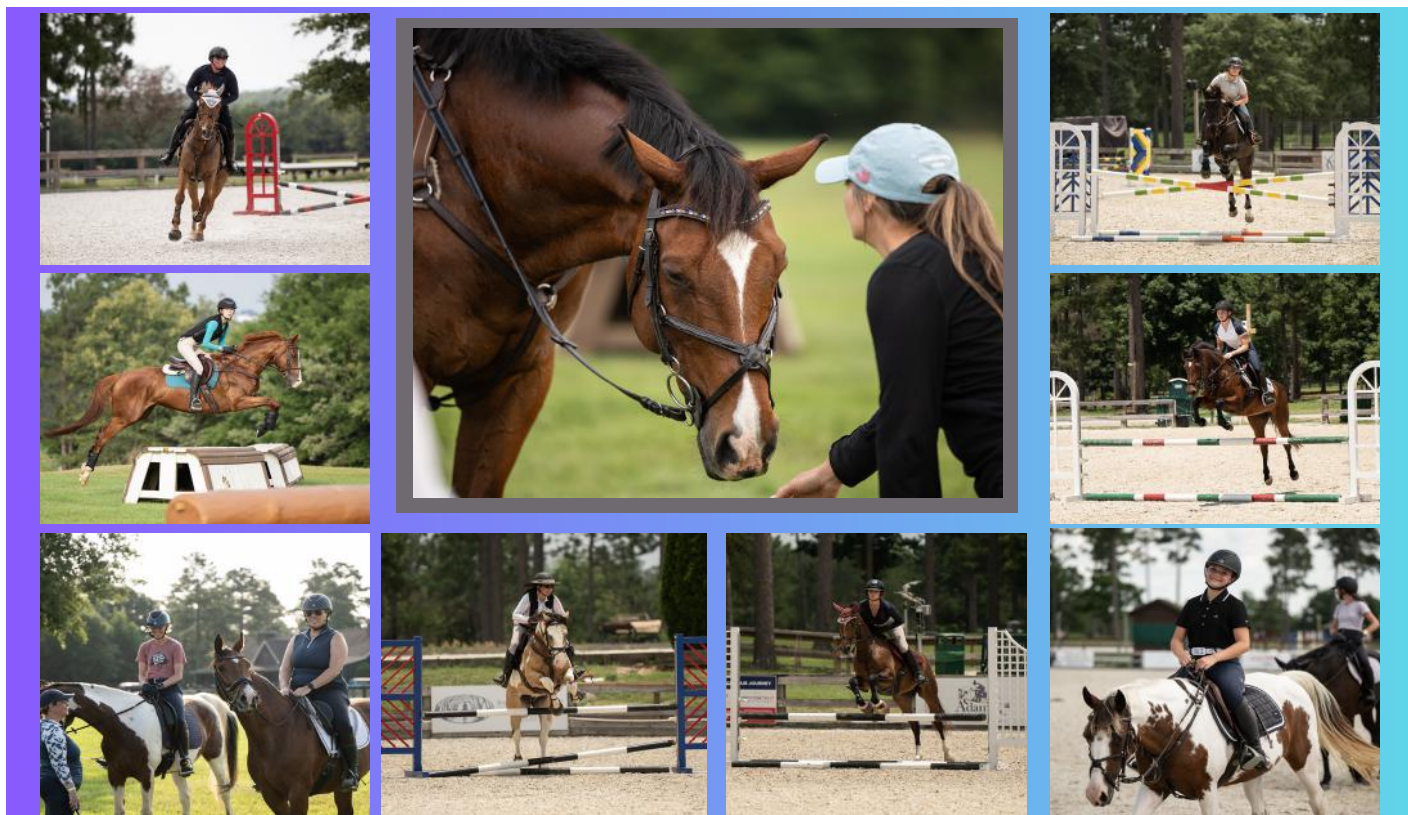
"Thanks for putting on a great week of camp for us. A quote I loved that I thought I'd throw out there is "Be a good monkey" said by Sharon White. This quote gave us all a good laugh, and we used it all throughout the week. It got us all thinking about how to be a good partner for our horses."

From Mary Kindred:

"I wanted to share how thankful I am to finally get to experience camp! I met so many wonderful people, it restored my hope for the sport and reminded me why I loved it so much to begin with. The lessons were incredible, facilities at Stable View were perfect, and the food was delicious! 10/10 would recommend!"

From Morgan McEwen

"This was my first time attending eventing camp at StableView, and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity. Everyone was welcoming, positive, and supportive of one another, regardless of whether or not they knew you. Getting to ride with various clinicians and gain personalized insight from multiple perspectives in one place was not only a fun experience, but it gave me new tools I know I will use not only throughout my next few competitions, but for the rest of the season and beyond. I am already excited for camp next year and am hopeful I will be able to attend again!"





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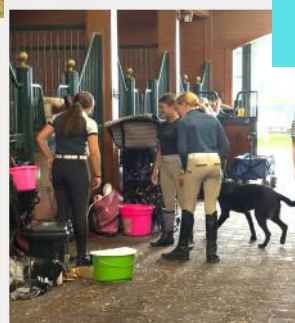
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What It Really Means to Be a Good Equestrian Instructor

By GDCTA Contributor

Coaching used to be measured by results — did the rider improve, master the exercise, win the class? Those things still matter. But the best instructors have redefined the job: it's no longer just about helping riders perform better, but about helping them understand what the horse is experiencing, so they can make better decisions together.

It Starts with the Horse's Experience

Good instruction starts with a shift in attention — from "how does this look?" to "how does this feel for the horse?" Skilled instructors teach riders to read posture, breathing, ear position, and tension as real information, not trivia. Once a rider can read the horse in front of them, the horse becomes a partner in the lesson instead of equipment to operate — and that changes everything.

Ask Better Questions

One of an instructor's most powerful tools isn't a technique — it's a question. Instead of simply correcting a rider, a good coach asks: *What part of that felt hardest? How do you think your horse experienced it? What would you try next time?* These questions build a rider's own ability to think critically and problem-solve without the instructor there — and the answers often reshape how the instructor teaches, too.

Context Matters, Every Time

What works for one horse-and-rider pair won't automatically work for another. Rather than one-size-fits-all formulas, good coaching asks: what works, for whom, and why? That means attending

to psychological safety, curiosity, and shared language between coach and rider — the conditions that make learning possible, not just the drills meant to produce it.

Welfare Literacy Isn't Optional

Being a good instructor now means being welfare-literate — able to find reliable information, judge what it means for the horse in front of you, and apply it in everyday decisions. You don't need to be a specialist in equine behavior or physiology. You do need to notice, question, and adjust in the horse's favor.

The Impact Cycle

Good coaching follows a rhythm: observe the horse and context, ask what it means, reflect and discuss, decide on a horse-centered course of action, then act — and start again. It's a habit of mind, not a checklist.

Better Humans, Better Decisions

The clearest lesson in where equestrian coaching is heading: better decisions for horses start with better humans — not perfect ones, but curious, reflective, welfare-literate ones. Knowledge informs practice; reflection changes it. A good instructor keeps doing both.

Photos: Morgan Keefe Photography



Kudzu Clinic: Dressage with Olivia Lynch



Overview: GDCTA Kudzu Clinic – June 28 at Lovington Dressage



The GDCTA Kudzu Clinic at Lovington Dressage felt like the perfect blend of education, community, and comfort. The facility itself sets the tone the moment you pull in—a massive, easy-to-navigate parking area, a beautiful covered arena, and a barn that’s impossible to miss once you turn onto Gilstrap Farm Road. Even with summer weather in Georgia, the covered arena made every ride feel relaxed and protected, and the whole property is clean, organized, and thoughtfully set up for both riders and auditors.

The clinic offered private lessons. The Ceecoach system made communication crisp and clear. Olivia Lynch, the instructor and host, brought a calm, encouraging presence to every ride. Her background—USDF Bronze and Silver medalist, trained through Grand Prix, educated by Olympians and gold medalists—showed in the way she explained the training scale and tailored each lesson to the horse and rider in front of her. She’s one of those instructors who makes you feel capable, supported, and genuinely understood.

Stalls were available for those who needed them. The farm provided water, and auditors were asked to come prepared with chairs, cushions, and lunches. With multiple restrooms and plenty of space, the day ran smoothly from start to finish.

Thank you to our host and thank you to the riders - Kat Gay, Sydney Chandler, Sydney Gransden, Isabella Valadez, Ashley Crooms, and Lucy Koskovich – and auditors who attended.



Events & Competitions

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Bringing together dressage, eventing, schooling shows, recognized competitions, clinics, camps, and educational opportunities into one easy-to-follow event hub. Whether you're looking for your next competition, planning your season, or simply staying connected to what's happening around the region, this section, in addition to the website calendars is your go-to source for all things GDCTA and beyond. Check back each month and never miss an opportunity to ride, learn, compete, and grow.



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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 16 Presidents' Day
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
Apr 5 Easter Sunday
Apr 6 Easter Monday
Apr 15 Tax Day
May 5 Cinco de Mayo

May 10 Mother's Day
May 25 Memorial Day
Jun 14 Flag Day
Jun 19 Juneteenth
Jun 21 Father's Day
Jul 3 'Independence Day' day off
Jul 4 Independence Day
Sep 7 Labor Day
Oct 12 Columbus Day

Oct 31 Halloween
Nov 3 Election Day
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 Black Friday
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 31 New Year's Eve

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Why Volunteering at a Dressage Show Might Be the Most Fun You'll Have All Season

Most riders arrive at a horse show focused on one thing: their ride. Volunteers get something even better—they experience the entire show from the inside.

Every dressage competition, clinic, schooling show, and educational event depends on volunteers. From scribing and ring stewarding to awards presentations and hospitality, volunteers are the people who keep the sport running. At GDCTA, they are also some of the most knowledgeable, connected, and enthusiastic members of our community.

Learn More in One Weekend Than You Might in Months

Ask any experienced volunteer what they gained from their first show and you'll hear a common answer: education.

Scribing gives volunteers a front-row seat beside a judge, where they hear comments, observe scoring, and gain insight into what judges reward in the dressage arena. Ring stewards learn how competitions operate and become familiar with rules, procedures, and the flow of a successful event. Volunteers often leave with a deeper understanding of dressage that directly benefits their own riding and training. GDCTA specifically highlights scribing as an educational opportunity and encourages members to learn how competitions work from the inside.

Many dressage enthusiasts who later become judges, officials, instructors, and accomplished competitors started by volunteering at local shows.



Become Part of the Team

Horse people understand that the best friendships are often formed around a shared passion.

Volunteering introduces you to riders, trainers, judges, and fellow members you might never meet otherwise. You'll work alongside people who love horses as much as you do while helping create a successful experience for competitors and spectators.

Volunteers frequently describe the experience as rewarding, social, and surprisingly fun. You're not sitting on the sidelines—you're part of the action.

Whether you're helping a junior rider prepare for a victory lap, assisting with awards, greeting competitors, or supporting hospitality, your efforts make a visible difference. GDCTA even encourages volunteers to "share the excitement from the inside."

Get Rewarded for Giving Back

GDCTA believes volunteer service deserves recognition.

The Liz Faso Memorial Volunteer of the Year Program sponsored by Bouckaert Farm honors the legacy of longtime volunteer coordinator Liz Faso while encouraging members to become involved.

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The current program awards:

- \$1,000 to the volunteer with the most hours
- \$750 for second place
- \$500 for third place
- A \$250 volunteer raffle for members who complete at least 24 volunteer hours during the year

Beginning in 2025, family members may also volunteer on behalf of a GDCTA Junior member, allowing younger riders to earn volunteer credit through family participation.

Your Membership Opens Even More Doors

Every GDCTA member receives USDF Group Membership benefits. Through the United States Dressage Federation, members can participate in the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program, which recognizes volunteer service at the national level. Volunteers track their hours and earn milestone

recognition, including pins, listings on the USDF website, and opportunities for national recognition.

USDF also recognizes outstanding volunteers through its Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award and national service awards, highlighting the important role volunteers play in the growth and success of dressage across the country.

No Experience? Perfect.

One of the biggest misconceptions about volunteering is that you need experience.

You don't.

GDCTA provides training and support, and experienced volunteers are always happy to help newcomers learn the ropes. In fact, some of our best volunteers started with little more than curiosity and a willingness to help. "We'll walk you through it" remains one of GDCTA's promises to new volunteers.

Join the Volunteer Team

The next time you're looking at a show calendar, consider signing up for more than a ride time.

Volunteer for a few hours. Meet new friends. Learn something new. Support the sport you love. You might discover that the best view at a horse show isn't from centerline—it's from behind the scenes.

Visit the GDCTA Volunteer page or contact Volunteer Chair Alexis Elliott to learn about upcoming opportunities. Every hour helps, every volunteer matters, and every event is better because of the people who step forward to make it happen.



Join the excitement

DRESSAGE4KIDS TEAM CLINIC & ATLANTA YOUTH FESTIVAL



September 4-6

Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers, GA

DETAILS TO COME!



Key Rule Adjustments

Under the USEF Dressage rules taking effect December 1, **double bridles are no longer permitted at Third Level and below.** This rule makes snaffle bridles mandatory for all Third Level tests.

- **Third Level Bridles:** Riders are now strictly required to use a snaffle bridle at Third Level. Double bridles are now restricted to higher national levels (Fourth Level and above, depending on championship stipulations).
- **Other Notable Dec. 1, 2026 Tack Changes:**
 - **Safety Stirrups:** All attached safety stirrups must not have any upward-projecting hooks or rigid projections that could catch clothing or a rider's leg during a dismount.
 - **Curb Bits:** The shaped mouthpiece of a curb bit is restricted to tilting forward a maximum of 45 degrees from the shank, prohibiting curb bits that act like tongue plates.

You can review all the latest approved equitation updates directly on the USEF Dressage Rules & Equipment page or by reading the full rule change packets on the US Equestrian Rule Changes portal.

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"Love talking to Cheryl Williams! She has been with me throughout show season and even during my off season. Anyone looking for a sports/competition specialist, she's your pick! She understands the equestrian world and is amazing. Now that I have found her I can't imagine my career without her support! Thank you, Cheryl! Thank you!!"

-Ashley Marascalco
USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist

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Sponsoring this championship is more than advertising—it's an opportunity to align your brand with excellence, achievement, and a passionate community that actively supports the businesses that support their sport.

Why Sponsor?

Premium Brand Visibility

Your company will receive exposure throughout the championship through arena signage, announcements, printed materials, digital promotions, awards presentations, and high-traffic gathering areas.

Reach a High-Value Audience

Dressage competitors and supporters invest significantly in:

- Equine health and wellness
- Tack and equipment
- Apparel and lifestyle products
- Farm and barn services
- Professional and business services

Your sponsorship places your brand directly in front of engaged consumers with strong purchasing power.

Meaningful On-Site Engagement

Connect face-to-face with attendees through:

- Vendor booths
- Product demonstrations
- Sampling opportunities
- Branded social experiences

These interactions create lasting relationships and build customer loyalty.

Class & Division Sponsorship Opportunities

Associate your brand with achievement by sponsoring championship classes and divisions. Sponsors receive recognition during competition and awards presentations, creating memorable connections with competitors and spectators alike.

Extended Digital Reach

Your visibility extends beyond the showgrounds through event communications, social media promotion, competitor updates, and digital event materials before, during, and after the championship.

Signature Event Highlights

Sponsors also benefit from visibility during special attendee experiences, including:

- Wine & Cheese Social
- Twilight Vendor Walk
- Championship Celebrations and Awards Activities

These popular events encourage interaction between sponsors, vendors, competitors, and spectators in a relaxed and engaging atmosphere.

Become a Championship Partner

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For additional event information, visit gdcta.org/Championships.

GAIG/USDF Region 3 Dressage Championships



Oct 2-4, 2026

Georgia Horse Park,
Conyers, GA

Champions
aren't made
in one ride.

*“Champions are made
from something they have
deep inside them - a
desire, a dream, a vision.”*

-Muhammad Ali

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USEF EVENTING YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2026 USEF Eventing Young Rider Championships took place June 25–28, 2026 at The Maryland International and Horse Trials in Adamstown, Maryland. Athlete eligibility is based on FEI age, defined as the age a rider turns during the 2026 calendar year. Riders aged 14–25 (based on FEI age) may qualify for one of the three divisions, with each level tailored to a specific developmental stage in the Young Rider pathway.

Experiences from the attendees

Kaitlyn Cobey (rider):

“This was my first year attending YRC as a rider, and it did not disappoint! Being able to attend last year and help Area 3 as a groom and then return this year to compete myself was such a huge milestone in my career. To top it all off, bringing home 1* Team Gold and Individual Bronze made the experience even more special. The event was put together so well, with fun games, great food, and amazing people. I’m so grateful I had the opportunity to be a part of such an incredible team. I can’t wait for next year!”

Madeline Brechtel (groom):

“This year I had the incredible opportunity to groom for the Area 3 Young Rider team and could not be more grateful for the experience. I learned so much and made so many friends. The show itself was amazing from fun activities bonding riders from all over the country to demos from professionals that were so informative. The atmosphere of the team was fantastic, everybody was so supportive and it really felt like an eventing family! It meant the world that I was chosen to help support this wonderful team and one of my biggest dreams is to return as a rider!”



Congratulations to 2026's USEF Eventing Young Rider Champions!

The names in bold are GDCTA members.

2026 Results - CCIJ1*-Intro Individual:

1. Kennedy Langmo (USA) and Knock Out owned by Jennie Jarnstrom-Dennis
2. Lula Carney (USA) and Excel Star Vero Amore owned by athlete
3. **Kaitlyn Cobey (USA)** and Redfield Need For Speed owned by athlete
4. Hanley Broadus (USA) and Rhonaldo owned by Sara Kelson
5. Olivia Fry (USA) and Qabernet VT owned by athlete
6. Leah Cort (CAN) and Hamilton D'Inca owned by Christina Cort
7. Lilly Dudley (USA) and Guggenheim owned by athlete
8. **Molly McLaughlin (USA)** and Fly Boy owned by athlete

2026 Results - CCIJ1*-Intro Team:

1. Area 3

Kennedy Langmo (USA) and Knock Out owned by Jennie Jarnstrom-Dennis
Kaitlyn Cobey (USA) and Redfield Need For Speed owned by athlete
Molly McLaughlin (USA) and Fly Boy owned by athlete
Nicole Nair (USA) and Cooley Vita owned by athlete

2. Area 8

Lula Carney (USA) and Excel Star Vero Amore owned by athlete
Hanley Broadus (USA) and Rhonaldo owned by Sara Kelson
Lilly Dudley (USA) and Guggenheim owned by athlete
Sabine Nicoson (USA) and One Sly Fox owned by athlete

3. Area 5

Olivia Fry (USA) and Qabernet VT owned by athlete
Charlotte Schaef (USA) and Invictus owned by Karen O'Connor
Olivia Pratt (USA) and Chin Tonic 3 owned by athlete

Area 1/2

Merritt Sheffield (USA) and Arden Juliet owned by athlete
Lexi Young (USA) and Nevertheless owned by athlete
Abby Wilberding (USA) and Springtime ETC owned by Lois Wilberding



GDCTA Board 2026

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 Carol Tresan
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Lindsey Burns
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 Noel Muehlbauer
 Danielle Perry
 Liz Molloy
 Dianne Rawlston

YOUTH MEMBERS

TBA

*The 2026 Board was seated at the
January meeting*



Committees 2026

- 1) **Nominating** – 2 Non-outgoing board members
- 2) **Grievance** – 2 VPs, only if there's a complaint
- 3) **Finance** –
 - a. Chair – Peter West
 - b. Sponsorship - Caren Caverly, Aly Elliott
- 4) **Awards** –
 - a. Grants – Danielle Perry
- 5) **Award Gala** –
 - a. Chair – Caren Caverly
 - b. Silent Auction – Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa
 - c. Barn Raffle – Danielle Perry
- 6) **Education** –
 - a. Chair – Caren Caverly
 - b. Clinics – Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa
 - c. Kudzu – Danielle Perry
 - d. L Program – Marian Bickers
- 7) **Youth** –
 - a. Chair – Joanne Morse, Abi Kroupa
 - b. Schooling or Grassroots – Open
 - c. Recognized – Lindsey Burns
 - d. Collegiate – Amanda Garner
- 8) **Communication** –
 - a. Chair – Joanne Morse
 - b. Newsletter – Penny Morse, June Brewer
 - c. Website – June Brewer
 - d. Social Media – June Brewer
- 9) **Show** –
 - a. Chair – Julie Shannon
 - b. Recognized – Caren Caverly
 - c. Schooling – Caren Caverly
 1. Horse Show Recognition –
 - d. Regionals 2026
 1. Chair – Caren Caverly
 - e. Volunteer Coordinator – Aly Elliott

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Please review the other information and specifications/guidelines we have provided. For specific questions regarding recognition procedures, email Carol Tresan at Happy_horses@hotmail.com

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Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association

Regular Meeting May 18, 2026

President Caren Caverly called the membership meeting of the GDCTA to order on May 18, 2026, at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Ashley Boyd performed a roll call. A quorum of the board consisting of Caren Caverly, Joanne Morse, Ashley Boyd, Carol Tresan, Peter West, Doreen Durr-Sullivan, Noel Muehlbauer, Danielle Perry, Liz Molloy, and Dee Rawlston were present. Laura King was present as a guest. The minutes from April 20, 2026, Board Meeting were emailed to the board. Carol motioned to accept minutes; Joanne seconded. The board voted to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report – (Peter): April showed a small loss which wasn't bad. Spring fling is close to breaking even.

VP Dressage Report – (Abi): No Report

VP Combined Training – (Joanne): Camp is ramping up and has several last-minute sign-ups. Currently at 75 and 77 is the max. Flights are getting booked for trainers.

Membership Report – (Mary Lou): Down 47 members. Decreases are in family, juniors, and dressage. However, the biggest decrease is eventing so focusing on getting more eventing members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication** (Joanne): May newsletter went out. June is working on ideas to get articles etc. for the newsletter. Get some board member articles. Talking about writing a little book.
- **Show Committee** (Caren): Greater Atlanta Dressage show was a week and half ago. It had 70 entries and had two solid and full days of showing. The show received positive feedback overall. However, there was an incident regarding a

competitor and their yarn color for braiding. The incident escalated and was dealt with appropriately following the rules. The board discussed adding a did you know section to the newsletter to highlight new or less known rules for members.

- **Finance** (Peter): Nothing to report
- **Youth Program** (Joanne): Committee for Dressage 4 Kids is working on a glow up award for this year.
- **Awards** (Janie): Janie has stepped down. Danielle Perry is taking over the committee. Ashley volunteered to help. Caren made a motion to extend the Grant to July first and make notification the second weekend. Carol and Danielle seconded and the board voted to approve the change.
- **Education** (Joanne and Abi): Danielle has a Kudzu Clinic June 27 and D4K coming up.
- **Gala** (Caren): Nothing to report
- **Regionals** (Caren): Nothing new to report. Need to talk to vendors about coming to the show. We need sponsors for the Open Show classes.
- **Nominating**: NA

OLD BUSINESS

Email Blasts – (Caren): New one just went out and another will go out soon with new updates.

Horse Registration – (Noel) Noel had a good conversation with another area who shared what they did in their organization. The board decided it would be a good idea to send out a survey to the membership to gauge response to some of the ideas.

NEW BUSINESS

- **New members** for February – Carol
- **Nominating Committee** for 2026 – Lindsey Burns, Liz Molloy, and Dee Rawlston
- **Grant Committee** – (Caren): Discussed above.

Danielle motioned to adjourn, and Joanne seconded. The board voted to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned.

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM via Zoom. If you would like to join a meeting, email Caren at ccaverly@comcast.net

GDCTA

Summer Finals Schooling Show

AUGUST 8-9

Open Show

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