



## KDEA E Newsletter –Early July 2024

### **KDEA Mission Statement**

KDEA serves the South Central Kansas dressage and eventing community by providing educational, social, and competitive opportunities that promote a harmonious partnership between horse and rider



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##### **President's Message:**

We are just finishing up with a busy two months of showing and looking forward to a lighter summer time before September World shows, Regionals, AEC championships and RRP start. The amazing thing about Dressage, Eventing and Working Equitation is that if we are not showing there are always learning opportunities.

KDEA has two summer schooling shows. Susan does a fantastic job of keeping everyone safe in the heat by offering water and cool towels and working the show schedules to keep to the cooler parts of the days. We also have an amazing USDF learning opportunity with the Young Horse Symposium coming to Wichita at the end of July. If you prefer to learn in the comfort of air conditioning there are many modules available on USDF university at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org). Those are available to all KDEA members because your membership includes the USDF group membership also.

We have had an amazing first part of the show season hosting our third annual KDEA Summer Western Dressage Lite show. I do want to thank so many members for volunteering, Sponsoring, buying raffle tickets and bidding on silent auction items! We had 31 riders and quite a few of our Kansas City and Oklahoma friends attend! We already have our judge scheduled for next year and are making even bigger plans. We have also had several clinic opportunities throughout the area. If you are interested in those please contact the individual barn owners to get on the lists of contacts for clinics.

KDEA is also working on a fall biomechanics symposium with Alejandra Gonzalez. We are very excited to bring her in from Costa Rica and are looking forward to her outside the box thinking for horse and rider training.

Thanks to everyone for all your support of KDEA! Please keep us posted about your summer activities and we would love to see articles and facebook posts!

Cassie Black  
KDEA President

**May Schooling Show** – As most of you know, our May show was scheduled for Three Wooden Crosses in Augusta, but their facility was too muddy the day of our show, so Kim Miller graciously offered her facility, and we quickly moved the show to Eagle View. Our judge was Laurie Hedlund, and we had a full day of rides. For results, see the KDEA website.

**Volunteer Opportunities.** There are numerous KDEA volunteer opportunities available through the year....if you aren't aware of what might be available, check out the link on [www.kdea.org](http://www.kdea.org) for more information on volunteer opportunities. Marty Foster Dennett is our volunteer coordinator, so if you are a KDEA member you are getting emails from her before every show, asking if you can help out. Please answer the call...we can always use volunteers, and training is provided. Come join us and may be make a few new friends! Marty keeps track of all the volunteer "points," so if you have questions about the number of "points" you have earned this year contact Marty. Or if you want to volunteer, contact Marty at [shobewalking@gmail.com](mailto:shobewalking@gmail.com)

**Newsletter Articles.** So where have all my reporters/writers gone? I'd love to have articles about your clinic experience, the show you went to, your accomplishments with your horse, your "overcoming obstacles" with your horse...we all like to read about each other's ups and down in this horse world. Submit your articles any time, and they will go into the next newsletter being published.

**KDEA Meeting on June 2024 = Trailer Safety with Rod Knoffloch** Our educational session brought to you by the KDEA Education Committee, featured Rod Knoffloch talking about trailer safety. Some of the items he talked about:

Toolkit to take along when you haul: screwdrivers, pliers, needle nose pliers, wirecutters, socket wrench, impact wrench, 4 way (star) pry bar, bungee cords, drive up block, WD 40, tire plugs (for fixing flat tires – can be found at Walmart)

- Buy or make a drive up block – drive one tire up on it, so other raises off ground and you can change your trailer tire.
- Be sure you also have equipment to change a tire on your TRUCK, and a correctly inflated spare for both truck and trailer.
- Take the mats out and clean them, and check the floor boards for rotting or damage. Urine and manure will damage your mats, and can also damage the floor underneath. Put baking soda down on the floor before you put the mats back in the trailer.
- Tires – check for rough sidewall (weathered), and look between the tread for separation. You could have plenty of tread depth, but weathering or separation could cause the tire to fail. Also look for uneven wear of the tread, and when you stop at a gas station en route, feel each of the tires and hubs to see if one is hotter (indicates an issue)
  - Be sure the tires are properly inflated – in the summer, Rod runs 5lbs less than the PSI stated, and in the winter he runs at the PSI to keep proper inflation. -
  - Tires have ratings – H is the highest rated for weight, followed by G and E.

- Worst thing for tires is for the trailer to sit still for months at a time...tires get flat spots and then deteriorate more rapidly. He suggests moving your trailer a few feet on a regular basis, and also to put the trailer up on 2x6s so that the tires are not sinking down into mud.
- If you drive your trailer up on a block so that one tire is off the ground..and you can “shake” the tire so that it rattles, then the bearing are loose. This causes uneven wear, and can cause tire and bearing failure. Even if the trailer is empty, and the tire is on the ground, and you can shake the tire and it feel “loose”, then the bearings are loose.
- Grease is your friend...grease the bearings, grease the flip over ball, dielectric grease (for electrical connections).
- Be sure that if you have a “flip over ball” in the bed for your gooseneck, that it is properly locked in place.
- Be sure that your “break away” is properly attached so that in the event that your trailer come unhooked, your “breakaway” will engage the brake.
- Be sure that you know how to properly hook up your truck/trailer (tag along or gooseneck) and that all pins are secured/in place, and that chains are properly fastened and of proper length.
- Make sure that you have the proper size 2” and 2 5/16
- Periodically, walk around the trailer and look for cracks in the frame rails of the trailer (inside, outside, under) and look for other signs of wear or stress on the physical structure of the trailer.
- With respect to hitches, make sure that you know the size of your trailer’s coupler (2” or 2” 5/16 are common for horse trailers) and make sure that your hitch on your truck is of the same size. If you have a mismatch, the trailer may not be be securely coupled, and it may come off the ball hitch if you go over rough terrain, or have to suddenly brake/swerve/stop. If you pull someone else’s trailer with your truck, or vice versa, be sure to check the size of your hitch versus the trailer’s coupler – don’t just hook up and go without knowing. -\

Although Rod is not a Certified mechanic, he has been a truck driver for years, and has done most of the maintenance work on his own truck, as well as trailers, RVs and horse trailers he has owned over the years. Rod has graciously offered to do a “general inspection” of KDEA member trailers and to advise of anything he thinks needs attention or service. He can be reached through his wife Gail Knoffloch at 316-691-7711 to set up a date/time to meet with him. He may also be available at KDEA shows, dependin gon whether Gail is riding in the show. The cost for his inspection is a donation to KDEA, which is payable by Paypal or by check. Thank you Rod for helping us stay safe!

**KDEA Awards Program.** It is not too early to begin submitting your scores to Kim Miller (Awards chair). You can submit scores as you earn them throughout the year, and Kim will keep an updated list of those scores online (on the Home Page) so you can see your progress toward meeting the minimum number of tests (and KDEA shows) to qualify for awards. Also, remember that you need volunteer “Points” to be eligible for year end awards. Check out the website for more information, or contact Marty Foster Dennett, who tracks volunteer hours ([shobewalkin@gmail.com](mailto:shobewalkin@gmail.com))

**USDF Sport Horse Seminar.**

The USDF Sport Horse Seminars are two-day programs designed to educate breeders, riders, trainings and potential sport horse owners about the qualities desired in a sport horse, and how to rate these qualities. These seminars are also a prerequisite to become a USEF-licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge. July 27-28, 2024, Hara de Vess Stables, Wichita, KS. Clinicians are Hilda Gurney, Kristi Wysocki and Gwen Ka’Awaloa. There is classroom instruction both mornings, and then live horse evaluations in the afternoon at Hara De Vess Stables. Registration will open April 1, 2024 and

must be made through the USDF website (cost is around \$300 for the two days)  
<https://www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/sport-horse-seminars/seminar.asp>

**KDEA Western Dressage Lite Show on June 15<sup>th</sup>.** Our show was full this year! Thank you to our show sponsors – Michelle Ruffin-Stein and The Decarsky Foundation for supporting our club's Western Dressage show. We had 41 riders, and our host facility was Eagleview Equestrian. Our judge, Melissa Creswick, judged from Intro through Level 5 and we had 9 hours of ride time. We also had a great auction and raffle that raise \$619.00 for the club. We are making plans for next year's show and we have already contracted with Dolly Hannon ("R" Western Dressage) as our judge. Thank you also to the Meadowlark Pony Club who provided concessions for us all day. And thanks to Haley Kottler who assisted with gathering raffle items, and to Erin Keith who "hawked" raffle tickets all morning (\$1.00 donation for a raffle ticket) and contributed to the success of our raffle and silent auction.

See below for show results and winners of raffle and auction items:

## 2024 KDEA Summer Show

### **Class 37, Western Dressage Level 5 Test 1 -**

1 **44** Patty Couch Gallant Prince Vo Open 60.517% (1) **60.517%**

### **Class 29, Western Dressage Level 3 Test 1 -**

1 **36** Cassandra Black Hazelrun Fly On Open 65.156% (1) **65.156%**

2 **47** Hillary Akers OTC Ayasha Adult Am. 64.844% (2) **64.844%**

### **Class 33, Western Dressage Level 4 Test 1 -**

1 **44** Patty Couch Gallant Prince Vo Open 64.815% (1) **64.815%**

### **Class 31, Western Dressage Level 3 Test 3 -**

1 **36** Cassandra Black Hazelrun Fly On Open 65.455% (1) **65.455%**

### **Class 34, Western Dressage Level 4 Test 2 -**

1 **44** Patty Couch Gallant Prince Vo Open 64.531% (1) **64.531%**

### **Class 36, Western Dressage Level 4 Test 4**

1 **38** Paeyton Gilliam Cayenne Jr/Yg Rider 64.844% (1) **64.844%**

### **Class 28, Western Dressage Level 2 Test 4 -**

1 **47** Hillary Akers OTC Ayasha Adult Am. 65.345% (1) **65.345%**

### **Class 25, Western Dressage Level 2 Test 1 -**

1 **49** Cyndi Harris Big N Bright Open 67.000% (1) **67.000%**

2 **82** Jessica Schultz The Devils Reject Adult Am. 63.600% (2) **63.600%**

3 **83** Cassandra Black My Three Crystals Open 60.600% (3) **60.600%**

### **Class 26, Western Dressage Level 2 Test 2 -**

1 **82** Jessica Schultz The Devils Reject Adult Am. 65.741% (1) **65.741%**

2 **83** Cassandra Black My Three Crystals Open 65.741% (1) **65.741%**

3 **37** Kelli Wolf Jacoby Adult Am. 64.074% (3) **64.074%**

### **Class 27, Western Dressage Level 2 Test 3 -**

1 **37** Kelli Wolf Jacoby Adult Am. 64.792% (1) **64.792%**

2 **49** Cyndi Harris Big N Bright Open 63.750% (2) **63.750%**

3 **82** Jessica Schultz The Devils Reject Adult Am. 62.292% (3) **62.292%**

### **Class 21, Western Dressage Level 1 Test 1 -**

- 1 **31** Denise Montrose Will Cody Chex Adult Am. 65.800% (1) **65.800%**
- 2 **72** Lauren Schiller Do U Hava Frosty Open 65.800% (1) **65.800%**
- 3 **40** Natalie Petz Faded Hotrodder Adult Am. 64.400% (3) **64.400%**
- 4 **35** Shelby Timperley DGS Indycogneat Adult Am. 63.400% (4) **63.400%**
- 5 **33** Kimberly Pembert Steppin Into Roya Adult Am. 62.600% (5) **62.600%**

### **Class 22, Western Dressage Level 1 Test 2 -**

- 1 **48** Cyndi Harris Docs Blonde Dolli Open 68.148% (1) **68.148%**
- 2 **34** Kyriana Beard Simba Jr/Yg Rider 67.222% (2) **67.222%**
- 3 **35** Shelby Timperley DGS Indycogneat Adult Am. 66.111% (3) **66.111%**
- 4 **42** Lisa Sutherland Beaujolais Adult Am. 59.815% (4) **59.815%**
- 5 **33** Kimberly Pembert Steppin Into Roya Adult Am. 55.926% (5) **55.926%**
- 6 **73** Meagan Brockhoff Red Hot Roo Open 55.185% (6) **55.185%**

### **Class 23, Western Dressage Level 1 Test 3 -**

- 1 **48** Cyndi Harris Docs Blonde Dolli Open 69.516% (1) **69.516%**
- 2 **49** Cyndi Harris Big N Bright Open 65.806% (2) **65.806%**
- 3 **35** Shelby Timperley DGS Indycogneat Adult Am. 64.355% (3) **64.355%**
- 4 **34** Kyriana Beard Simba Jr/Yg Rider 64.194% (4) **64.194%**
- S **33** Kimberly Pembert Steppin Into Roya Adult Am.

### **Class 24, Western Dressage Level 1 Test 4**

- 1 **49** Cyndi Harris Big N Bright Open 71.897% (1) **71.897%**
- 2 **35** Shelby Timperley DGS Indycogneat Adult Am. 63.103% (2) **63.103%**
- 3 **73** Meagan Brockhoff Red Hot Roo Open 60.172% (3) **60.172%**
- 4 **42** Lisa Sutherland Beaujolais Adult Am. 52.931% (4) **52.931%**

### **Class 11, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 1 - JR/AM -**

- 1 **50** Angela Stokes PWR Brienne of T Adult Am. 65.962% (1) **65.962%**
- 2 **69** Sarah Pryor Gunnin For Rose Adult Am. 65.769% (2) **65.769%**
- 3 **30** Lara Stoodley Watch Ms Bright Adult Am. 63.269% (3) **63.269%**
- 4 **66** Vicki Smith Do U Hava Frosty Adult Am. 61.731% (4) **61.731%**
- 5 **32** Shana Drake Watch This G.I. J Adult Am. 61.538% (5) **61.538%**

### **Class 14, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 2 - JR/AM**

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- 1 **32** Shana Drake Watch This G.I. J Adult Am. 66.600% (1) **66.600%**
- 2 **50** Angela Stokes PWR Brienne of T Adult Am. 66.000% (2) **66.000%**
- 3 **68** Karen Pool Bobs Packin Sug Adult Am. 64.400% (3) **64.400%**
- 4 **30** Lara Stoodley Watch Ms Bright Adult Am. 60.000% (4) **60.000%**

### **Class 17, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 3 - JR/AM**

- 1 **50** Angela Stokes PWR Brienne of T Adult Am. 71.957% (1) **71.957%**
- 2 **40** Natalie Petz Faded Hotrodder Adult Am. 67.609% (2) **67.609%**
- 3 **70** Lisa Cooper Dusty Adult Am. 66.957% (3) **66.957%**
- 4 **68** Karen Pool Bobs Packin Sug Adult Am. 63.913% (4) **63.913%**
- 5 **66** Vicki Smith Do U Hava Frosty Adult Am. 63.043% (5) **63.043%**

6 **33** Kimberly Pembert Steppin Into Roya Adult Am. 62.391% (6) **62.391%**  
30 Lara Stoodley Watch Ms Bright Adult Am. 61.087% (7) **61.087%**

### **Class 18, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 3 -**

1 **48** Cyndi Harris Docs Blonde Dolli Open 69.348% (1) **69.348%**  
S **71** Lauren Schiller Jacobs Ladder Open

### **Class 19, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 4 -**

1 **50** Angela Stokes PWR Brienne of T Adult Am. 68.846% (1) **68.846%**  
2 **40** Natalie Petz Faded Hotrodder Adult Am. 67.308% (2) **67.308%**  
3 **69** Sarah Pryor Gunnin For Rose Adult Am. 64.231% (3) **64.231%**  
4 **70** Lisa Cooper Dusty Adult Am. 60.962% (4) **60.962%**

### **Class 20, Western Dressage Basic Level Test 4 -**

1 **48** Cyndi Harris Docs Blonde Dolli Open 69.423% (1) **69.423%**  
2 **71** Lauren Schiller Jacobs Ladder Open 64.808% (2) **64.808%**

### **Class 7, Western Dressage Intro Level Test 3 - JR/AM**

1 **74** Christine Ramsey Roosters Rednec Adult Am. 64.000% (1) **64.000%**

### **Class 10, Western Dressage Introductory Level Test 4 - Open**

1 **45** Evan Black Lady Dawn Mahal Open 70.250% (1) **70.250%**  
2 **39** Karlee Ward RHF Rayo Open 62.750% (2) **62.750%**

### **Class 1, Western Dressage Introductory Level Test 1 - JR/AM -**

1 **46** Lori Lockhart Cat Adult Am. 67.955% (1) **67.955%**

### **Class 8, Western Dressage Introductory Level Test 3 - Open -**

1 **45** Evan Black Lady Dawn Mahal Open 69.500% (1) **69.500%**  
2 **39** Karlee Ward RHF Rayo Open 61.750% (2) **61.750%**

### **Class 4, Western Dressage Intro Level Test 2 - JR/AM -**

1 **46** Lori Lockhart Cat Adult Am. 65.000% (1) **65.000%**

### **Class 9, Western Dressage Intro Level Test 4 - JR/AM -**

1 **46** Lori Lockhart Cat Adult Am. 65.750% (1) **65.750%**  
2 **74** Christine Ramsey Roosters Rednec Adult Am. 59.000% (2) **59.000%**

## **Silent Auction Items**

Western Theme Quilt – Nancy Burba  
Abby Moore Photography Sessin – Anne Stephens  
Draft Horse Print – Anne Stephens  
Hunt Scene Print – Lisa Sutherland  
Horse Head Canvas Print – Marty Foster Dennett  
Tractor Supply Gift Card – donated by Dave Hooker = Shannon Howerton

## **Raffle Items**

New Promise Equine Body Work Stephens  
Barn Sweet Barn sign – Nancy Burba  
Cast Iron Horse – Angela Stokes  
Equestrian Theme Pillows- Angela Stokes  
Horse Head Wall Hanging – Vicki Smith  
Halter and Leadrope – Vicki Smith  
Fly Bonnets by Julie Dennis  
Equestrian Stockholm Bell Botts – Jessica Schultz  
Western Lamp – Shelby Timberly  
Stallions of the Quest – Vavra Book – Sharon Sloup

Red Cell – Shelby Timberly  
Maroon Polo Wraps – Marty Foster Dennett  
Kansas Liability Sign – Marty Foster Dennett  
Bridle Bag and Western Pad Bag – Shelby Timberly  
Seabisuit by Laura Hillenbrand – Marty Foster Dennett  
Mustang Necklace – Anne Stephens  
2 Boxed Breyer Horses – Marty Foster Dennett  
No Place Like the Stable Print – Vada Shandy  
Pilates Basket – Anne Stephens

Split Reins – Chris Ramsey  
Cowboy Salt and Pepper Shakers – Shelby Timperly  
Tail Bags – Kim Beard  
Cabela's Boot Dryer – Nancy Burba  
Silk Horse Head Scarves – Shelby Timperly  
Horses of the Sun by Vavra – Marty Foster Dennett  
English Stirrups – Marty Foster Dennett

Clinton Anderson DVDs – Shelby Timperly  
Crochet Scarf and Mittens – Haley Kottler  
Afghan donated by Julie Dennis – Haley Kottler  
Classic Equine Bell Boots – Vada Shandy, Marty Foster Dennett,  
Long Sleeve T Shirt – Shelby Timperly  
Classic Equine Tail Bag – Haley Kottler

**Western Dressage Scoring Guidelines.** Ever wonder what the judges are looking for? Check out this handy chart that identifies all the figures and movements in tests and gives a description of the score that goes along with each! Great learning tool!

<https://wdaa.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Judges-Docs/WDAA%20Scoring%20Guidelines%20%282024%29%20Legal%20Size.pdf>

**The Dressage Foundation.** Looking to fulfill a dream? Check out The Dressage Foundation and their various grants and awards to riders of all kinds – amateur, trainers/professionals, English, Western, etc. They have grant opportunities....you just need to know the deadlines for submission to submit your application. You never know until you try...you might be awarded a grant to go train with the trainer of your choice!

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/grants-and-programs.html>