



Love Irish Dressage Association - For 1974

Hello everyone!

What a great way to end February and start March!

The Meet-n-Greet Year End Awards Fundraiser was a great success!! We had over 40 members attend and signed up several new members. We had amazing auction prizes, and the food and wine were PHENOMENAL!! We cannot thank Macari Vineyards enough for helping us make this happen! Such a great day and looking forward to the next one!

The amazing auction prizes were donated by so many great supporters and businesses of LIDA. The list of donors will be posted with the hope the membership will support those who support us. That's what it's all about.

The Jeremy Steinberg clinic was so much more than anticipated! We had a great turn out with riders and auditors, delicious lunches sponsored by Brennan's Bit and Bridle, and a great raffle prize donated by Neptune Feed and Saddlery. Most importantly, we had Nor West Farm as the facility and cannot thank them enough. Everyone loved the weekend – nothing better being surrounded with great energy and enthusiasm from all.

Next up: shows. OK – so, as of now, we secured Caumsett Park for shows on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Now we must secure the dates with the USEF and USDF. This is all new for me and is taking much more understanding than I thought. For some reason, I thought this would be like putting together a fundraiser or clinic – but, alas, it is not. I ask for patience and understanding while learning the ropes.

While working on the rated shows, we are working on a schooling show series and clinic calendar for the year. These shows will include some new classes – lead line, short stirrup, maiden, novice tests. The hope is to build up the Juniors in LIDA.

There will be an Invitational in November for the top riders who attend 3 or more LIDA shows. The Invitational will be the Dressage Derby. This will include 2 classes for each rider: a selected test of each division followed by a Freestyle ride. Both scores will be combined, highest score winning their division.... AND money!! (I'm sooo excited for this one – my song list is so long!!!)

We've also been working LIDA merch for sale to help raise money. So far, we have a great bag and ¾ zip sweatshirt – both look awesome! Bags are \$45 each, Sweatshirts are \$65 each. This is a great way to show your love and support for LIDA!! Reach out to any board member to place your order and we'll get those out to you. We hope to build on the merch line and will let you know what will be available as things are designed.

I think that is all for now. Lots of things going on – we may not get everything done, but we will continue to work hard to keep our dreams going!!

~ “If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way.”

- Napoleon Hill