

Hello LIDA Members!

Hope everyone is surviving the cold wet weather here on Long Island and those down south are enjoying the sun! (Not gonna lie, might be slightly jealous....)

First and foremost, THANK YOU to those who have just joined or renewed their LIDA membership. January was a good month for memberships and hope to keep it going to make it a great year!

The Board has been working diligently to bring events for the members and they are coming in fast and furious!!

Date is set for End of Year Awards!!

This will be held at beautiful Marci Vineyards on Sunday, February 25th, 2pm-4pm. Tickets are \$75.00 each and can be purchased online on our website. You can also reach out to any board member for tickets.

Remember – this is an awards meet-n-greet membership drive fundraiser all rolled into 1! Bring a friend or 5! (and money!!)

There will be great raffles prizes along with a 50/50 raffle!

Next up:

LIDA is very excited to be hosting the first clinic of the year with Jeremy Steinberg.

Jeremy is a USEF High Performance rider, competed in the National Championships and the US League final for the World Cup. He has won numerous regional championships up through Grand Prix. He has also been a featured contributor for The Chronicle of the Horse many times and was appointed the USEF Dressage Youth Coach from 2010-2014. He gives clinics all over the US as well as Australia, Canada, New Zealand.

The clinic will be March 2nd & 3rd with location to be determined.

Cost is \$275.00 per member, \$350.00 non-members.

Audit cost is \$20.00 per member, \$45.00 non-members.

A deposit of \$150.00 is required to save your spot. 12 spots are available each day and will be first come, first served.

Clinics are expensive for both the Association and our members. We understand the constant battle with financing and continue to look for creative ways to help our members. So, we have come up with the following:

For every 5 new members a member brings in, they will receive a credit of \$25.00 that can be used towards a clinic they are attending or a LIDA schooling show entry. This is a great opportunity to save some money and grow the Association!!! Yeah! Yeah!Yeah!!!

Other events the Board is working on:

2 Rated Dressage Shows – tentative dates have been selected and working on locations.

Dates: May and July

3 Schooling shows

Dates: June, August and October
The 1st ever Dressage Derby

Date: September

Fundraisers:

Sing-a-Long Bingo – Date: April

Marci Vineyard Fundraiser – Date: TBD

Educational Seminars:

Date: March

We're packing in a lot and may not get all of it, but we're going to try!! Any and all help is greatly appreciated – feel free to join a committee and come enjoy the fun! (most of the time...)

That is all for now – it's a LOT! I know. But life's short and we have to seize the moment!

Remember –

One good thought, and you can FLY – Dare to Dream! (I added to Tinkerbell....)

Please remember to thank your Board members for all the hard work they put in. LIDA would not be here let alone dreaming big without Patti Rockwell, Karin Schackne and Heather Baker. I thank you for all you help!!

Go Big or Go Home!!