

Mid Summer Edition Newsletter

Message From the Board

We are in the throes of summer and the Round Up is just around the corner! Don't forget to set aside the time (request the time off work, make sure your truck and trailer are ready to go, and get your practices in!) so you can join us at the Round Up (Sandhills Global Event Center in Lincoln on August 8 & 9). Keep an eye out for the show registration form! Registration will open very soon.

If you want to be involved but won't be showing this year, please know that we would love to have you as a volunteer.

This year we will be taking nominations on a new award: The Kindness Award. Kindness is defined as the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate, but it means so much more... Cowboy Dressage teaches us to be mindful of how we treat our horses and each other and we want to reward that with a "Kindness Award" to be given at the annual meeting in October. This special buckle will be given to a nominated person caught practicing intentional, voluntary acts of kindness towards horses, fellow Cowboy Dressage members or the Cowboy Dressage Group. So be on the lookout and get your nominations in by October 1st, and be careful—kindness just happens to be contagious!

We'll be taking nominations starting immediately. [Please fill out this form with the name of the person you'd like to nominate and a brief description of why you feel that person deserves the award.](#)



Upcoming Events

- The Round Up - August 8 & 9 - Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln - Registrations open soon!

*Please see the 2025 Events Calendar, below, for more events this year.

Fundraisers

We are still accepting sponsorships for this year's court! A donation of \$50 will get you a letter of your choice from the remaining options! Information on letter donation information and payment can be found at www.cowboydressagenebraska.com under the Sponsors tab. At this writing, we have J, V, H, Q, Y, M, P, N, and all four " * " - the blank markers - available for sponsorship.

Horse Spotlight

This week's Horse Spotlight comes to us from Karen Cooper:

My Mare "Ettey" is a 9 year old registered Quarter Horse. She was born on April Fool's Day. Her registered name is PS Perfectly Blue. When I got her as a 3 yr old, we had a big blue New Holland (blue) tractor we called Papa Smurf, and our semi-truck is a blue Mack we call Leann (for Leann Rimes "blue" & Lee Ann Womack 😊) anyhow John wanted to name her Smurfette to stick with the blue theme. We compromised on Ettey.



My dear friend Kendra found her for me and took me to look at her. Lisa had already looked at her. (I am so grateful she passed on her!) They were selling her because she didn't move enough like a pleasure horse. I fell in love. The first year she learned what fence, cows and

other normal farm things were and just learned how to be a horse. Then we started over from scratch and we have been learning together ever since.

I have been riding since I was a kid but when I had my girls, they did most of the riding and I was the show mom/driver. So she is my horse for just me again now that my girls are married & moved away. I really enjoy Cowboy Dressage because I need to re-learn how to ride correctly again and I love how welcoming and encouraging this group of people is! In addition to improving our riding and classes in CD, my goal is to get back into trail riding. John & I did a lot of that MANY years ago and I think Ettey would enjoy it as much as me. Another goal that is a little harder to reach is that I would love to learn to rope calves to help at my daughter's brandings.

2025 Events Calendar

**For the below events, you must be a member of CDWN for insurance purposes.

- Playdays (At Salt Creek Wranglers' Arena** unless noted otherwise)
 - September 14 - Fun day! Games on horseback etc
 - **Please note that to practice at Salt Creek Wranglers' Arena you must be a member there for insurance purposes. [Join here](#).
- Show: The Round Up!
 - August 8 & 9, Sandhills Global Event Center, Lincoln
- Annual Meeting
 - October: date TBD

We will be adding to this list as we add events, so keep checking back! Dates are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen events, so please watch [our website](#) and/or [Facebook page](#) for updates as each one approaches!

Event Recap

The Susan Dockter clinic was amazing! Ok, it was hot and windy, but we were indoors and word on the street is that everyone learned a lot! We went back to the basics and improved things from the ground up. If you have pictures to share, please send them in!



How to join

If you haven't joined our club yet this year, it's time! [Membership and Important Links](#)

Do you have a friend who would like to join in our fun? Feel free to forward this newsletter so they can easily join our ranks. Membership is only \$20/person or \$30/family.

Cowboy Dressage World Resources

There is a ton of information about Cowboy Dressage available! From a calendar of sanctioned shows and clinics to the rules and guidelines for shows and the tests you can ride, it can all be found on the [Cowboy Dressage World website](#).

See attached document for board contact info - please reach out!

Not interested? Please reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line and we will remove you from the list.