



Central Va. Combined Training Association

Mission Statement: *To provide a supportive environment for adult riders (18 years or older) to learn the skills necessary to become safe, competent, and successful riders in the combined training disciplines.*

Why should I join this club? How is it different from other clubs?

We want to promote and support the sport of eventing in our area, and to find ways to connect riders with training and learning opportunities. To foster support for local events, we offer an activities listing on our website where you can go to find out about local combined tests, horse trials, dressage shows, clinics, hunter paces, etc. With this in mind, please send us your listing information. There is no cost to be listed; we just hope to help fill your events and clinics.

Additionally, we are hoping to have both formal and informal mounted training sessions. We've planned a Mock Horse Trial at Oakdale Farm, we're sponsoring a Combined Test at No Worries Farm, and we're open to ideas for additional events.

And we'll be planning opportunities to practice together. We've been playing at Coffee & Crossrails (coffee while we set up the jumps, or as we critique our performances afterward?) If you have a ring and would like to host a gymnastics day, a dressage fix-a test, or some other combined training related opportunity, please step up to the plate; we'd love to come ride at your farm.

We will also be offering a year-end awards program with awards ranging from introductory level through advanced.

We'll be meeting (usually) on the second Thursday of each month at the Rockville Library. Our first speaker was Laine Ashker, a local Olympic hopeful and we have scheduled talks from Alison Faber, DVM on Alternative Therapies, Eric Bull, a course designer, on building portable XC jumps, and Nancy Covert on conditioning.

While club membership is restricted to age 18 and older, everyone is welcome to join us for our meeting. Check our web site for updated information at www.cvacta.org.

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