

Kayce Redmond Kudzu Klinik

GDCTA had another great Kudzu Klinik on May 7th. The volunteer trainer was the young and talented Kayce Redmond, assistant to FEI rider Karen Lipp. And Lorry Clinton, owner of Equest, graciously volunteered the wonderful huge indoor arena at her barn for the clinic plus provided a delicious lunch for us all. At a nominal fee of \$25 for dressage Klinics and \$15 for jumping Klinics, GDCTA members can take advantage of high quality, professional training at bargain prices! See www.gdcta.org for more information.

We had 7 riders signed up for Kayce Redmond's Klinik but unfortunately two had to cancel at the last minute because of trailer loading problems during the morning thunderstorms (we can all relate to that!). We were very thankful for the indoor arena that day. The horse/rider combinations ranged from green Intro levels up to experienced Second Level and Kayce did a great job with very specific suggestions for each rider.

All the riders felt they gained some valuable insights from Kayce. One rider with a beautiful grey Quarter Horse mare, both of which are new to dressage, commented, "I learned some things about my mare, Sage, that I had not realized before the Klinik. Sage had not been able to canter well on the right lead and Kayce showed me that she was over-bending in her neck and that was a big part of the problem. I also learned how to ask her to use her hind end more in the canter. Being a Quarter Horse, she tends to travel with her head too low, and I learned that puts her on the forehand and keeps her from being connected. Kayce was positive and very encouraging during our lesson. She gave me positive feedback on the things we were doing well, in addition to the corrections we needed to make. She was also very friendly and sociable as we ate lunch together."

Another rider with a cute-as-a-button Connemara pony commented, "Thank you for organizing another great clinic. Keiran and I benefit so much from all of these different instructors (at the Kudzu Klinics). I did like Kayce's approach and she communicated what needs to be done very well. I felt very comfortable riding with her, she was very pleasant. Hopefully I'll be able to continue with Keiran as she suggested."

So, many thanks to Kayce and to Equest. On **June 10**, our next **Kudzu Klinik** features **Chris Pritchard, USDF Bronze Medalist**. Chris' teaching style is a very positive, "can-do" approach based on classical principles. She has worked with a variety of types and breeds over the years and takes great pride in seeing her students learn to be better riders and horseman. Check out Chris's full bio on the Kudzu page of the GDCTA website, www.gdcta.org. You'll find entry forms for her Klinik there also.

Keep your eye out for upcoming Kudzu Klinik announcements in the GDCTA newsletter, calendar and website at www.gdcta.org. And don't miss the fun!