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Cassandra Hummert-Johnson,
NODA's Jr/YR Liaison, on her
horse Tyzaio (Ozzy) at the 2011
Region 2 Dressage Finals. Pho-
to Dee Liebenthal

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Dee & Rens

Greetings from the President

Dear NODA
Members,

I can't believe how wonderful the weather was in early October. The colors were spectacular and fall trail rides are the very best way to enjoy the outside. There are many rumors and lots of science predicting a pretty nasty winter; in fact I have seen the words "brutally cold and snowy." We are never ready for the cold and snow, but we are Ohio people and get through the inclement weather because we know that the winter weather will eventually yield to spring.

This issue of the NODA News has a lot of news, stories and pictures from the Region 2 Championships at Majestic Farms in Batavia, OH. I was there and can say that in spite of the rain and sometimes cooler-than-normal temperatures, it was a wonderful show and we all had a blast. There were lots of NODA members there and it was fun to see them away from our usual venues. We are looking forward to being in Lexington next year.

October and November are big months for NODA and snail mail. Watch your mail for two post cards and an invitation. You should have already received a **ballot for the election** of the Executive Board and five Directors at Large for the two-year term beginning January 2012. There are more than five candidates for **Directors at Large** on the ballot. It is important that you **vote for five** and return your ballot as directed.

You will also receive a post card to remind you to **renew your membership**. Please read carefully as there are several changes.

- **Membership Dues in general have increased.** When USDF increased its dues last year, we chose to not increase our rates and NODA absorbed the increase.
- **Junior membership has been replaced with a "youth" membership.** Please read the definition to make sure you fall into what we hope is a better defined youth category.

- We know that many of you would like to have a hard copy of the Newsletter. We are offering members the **option of paying** a very small additional fee to **receive the hard copy.**

This year as in the past, if you renew your membership before the **deadline of 12/1/2011**, your name will be included in a **drawing for a free 2013 membership.** We will have volunteers who can renew your membership at the November 19th banquet. Look for them at the Membership Table.

Speaking of the banquet, you will also be receiving your invitation in the mail in early November. **EVERYONE IS INVITED TO NODA'S ANNUAL BANQUET.** The banquet is not just about getting awards; it is really about celebrating accomplishment, hard work, and fun. It is about celebrating our NODA community, our friends, and our supportive families. We will be having wonderful raffle items again this year, plus some fun games, and I know you won't want to miss the good food and fun. Come celebrate NODA, Dressage, Family, and Friends.

When you got your notification for this November Newsletter, we offered a new way to view it. Our current PDF file is available for viewing but we had added a **link that allows you to view the NODA News like a magazine.** It is very cool and gives members an option for reading in the current format or this new one. **Please try it and let us know what you think.** This is a free service and we think that it might be attractive not only to our members but also to our advertisers. **It is private and cannot be picked up in a Google search.** You need the URL link to view it which is available on the NEWSLETTER page of the NODA Website.

As I submit this letter for publication, I am looking forward to the NODA Schooling Show and Schooling Show Championship October 15th and 16th. I plan to be there and hope to take lots of pictures.

See you at the Banquet,

Dee Liebenthal
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3rd Annual Dressage Retreat at Equistride International: Part II

By Clara Etzel • Photos by Dagmar Ford

Lessons with Mette Rosencrantz

Mette is a two-time member of the Swedish National Dressage Team and has a dynamic yet methodical approach when teaching. In addition to Mette's long list of experience as a High Performance rider, Mette is a gifted teacher. Mette was the youngest rider to be admitted to Strömsholm, Sweden's prestigious school for instructors, and eventually became the head dressage instructor there in 1980. Mette has been in the U.S. for nearly 2 decades now, and provides top-level instruction for horses and riders of all levels.



Clara and More Coffee Please under the dynamic instruction of Swedish rider Mette Rosencrantz..

I cannot describe how great Mette is to ride under and watch instruct. She frequently uses humor to lighten up a bad moment in the ride. For example, as I watched rides she would say, "Oh *Susie*, you are so cute, but you are doing nothing up there". What I appreciate about Mette is that she has strict standards for professionals as well as amateurs. Many other upper level riders were taken back to 20 and 10-meter circles because their horses were not going on two tracks. In Mette's mind, if your horse is not going correctly on a 10 meter circle (or the rider is not riding it correctly) the rider cannot go out of that and leg yield or half-pass correctly.



Clara and More Coffee Please at the Equistride International Retreat.

present not-so-great way the horse wanted to go). A couple amateur riders got a wake-up call that they need to be more effective in the saddle so that they could improve their horse's way of going. In all the tactful instruction given by Mette, she imparted humor to keep the atmosphere light, which prevented a rider leaving frustrated. So with that said, here are a couple exercises we worked on with my horse.

Mette told many participants, including one of my students, who rode her 4-year-old KWPN gelding, "Ride him better; so you can make him better." She would also tell riders to ride the horse the way you want him to go (rather than the pre-

One exercise was from quarter-line to three quarter-line riding a correct ten-meter circle to half-pass. If I was tracking left, I would come down the quarter-line and make a 10-meter circle left, then half pass left to the three quarter-line. I would then ride straight, come down the next quarter-line and repeat the exercise to the right. After that was good, I rode a 10 meter circle left from the quarter-line to half-pass left to the three quarter-line to a 10 meter circle right on the three quarter-line to half pass right to the quarter-line.

Another exercise we worked on to improve the extended canter was to go extended canter once I came out of the short-end and straightened until I was halfway down the long side, collect for a stride or two at B or E then immediately extend until the end of the long side where I would collect for a stride or two. Once my



Mette Rosencrantz moves to ensure the exercise is completed correctly.

horse was quick at this exercise on both reins, I rode extended canter down the entire long side of the arena. While this exercise was not complicated, it emphasized how quick off your aids your horse must be and how much power has to

exist to extend throughout the entire long side and only collect for a stride or two at the very end.

In everything that we did from tempi changes to half-pass, Mette would tell me to ride for an 8. Riding the best you can and improving the horse you are on was continually stressed. The balance between Mette and Susan is ideal and gives riders and auditors a great set of tools to take home with them and build on. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments about the Retreat! Thank you again, NODA, for helping make this wonderful weekend possible for my horse and me!

Clara Etzel attended the Dressage Retreat at Equistride International partially funded by a NODA Professional Grant. A USDF bronze and silver medalist and certified international instructor with the British Horse Society, Clara manages Clara Etzel Dressage, LLC out of Cavallo Equestrian Centre in Superior Township, MI. You can contact Clara at claraetzel@dressage@yahoo.com.

The NODA Professional Grant Program provides support to professionals seeking continuing education. You can find out more about the Professional Grant Program in the handbook and on the website in the Membership Section.

**Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region 2 Championships
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Above: Poulin warming up Fairweather Farm's Lusitano stallion Bellisario.



Above, Left to Right: Meaghan Spann, Liz Ritz, and Kate Poulin enjoying themselves regardless of the rain!

Left: Poulin's student Liz Ritz and her 6 year old Friesian Mare Natasha B enjoy their ribbon from early in the show!



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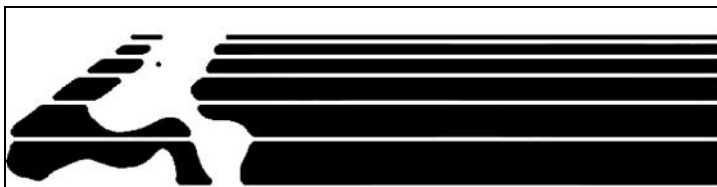


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Above and below Janeen Langowski-Grava of Topline Stables riding FWF Princes Sarah, Training and First level, earning scores from 62.5 to 65.2. Sarah is owned by Carol Cassano, NODA's Banquet Chair. Photo by Dee Liebenthal



Above: Michelle Lackey riding Sasha a 2002 Lipizzan Cross in the First Level Test 3 Championship Field.
Right: Team Sasha and Lackey; Lynn VanDeusen, Doug Grossman, Kathleen Moran, and Irene Bray watching the Championships and having fun! Photos by Sean Lackey



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Sharon Lewis and Ghardener Region 2 Champions in the Second Level Freestyle

By Mosie Welch

Sharon Lewis and Ghardener (Ghard), a 17.2 hand, 6 year old Chestnut Hanoverian out of Gold Luck/West Indies are enjoying their recent successes at the Region 2 Dressage Championships; taking the blue in the Second Level Freestyle Championship class; a third place finish in the Second Level AA Championship; and a Fourth Place ribbon in the Third Level AA Championship. They have competed in three regional finals to date but Sharon admits she still gets "extremely excited and nervous before Championship rides." With all the hard work and time that goes into the sport of dressage Sharon shares, "you hope you've prepared enough...but there's nothing like the feeling when your ride goes well and you come out of the ring to see your parents, friends, and family with big smiles on their faces, cheering for you!" Family is very important to Sharon Lewis.

Sharon always wanted to follow in her "big sister's footsteps" doing all the things her big sister did, so Sharon rode most of her childhood and young adult life in Illinois where she was raised. Big sister is trainer, Nancy Lewis Stanton who has been coaching Sharon since she was a teenager.

Nancy has always been her "biggest influence...I have always aspired to be half the rider she is. She is simply amazing." Sharon's parents Bernie and Bob Lewis purchased her first horse when she was 10 years old. Sharon trained her second horse, Wred Wrum to the Intermediare level by the time she was 20. She competed on two Young Rider Teams in the early 90's winning two team gold medals and one individual gold.

Sharon on Andrew, 1981

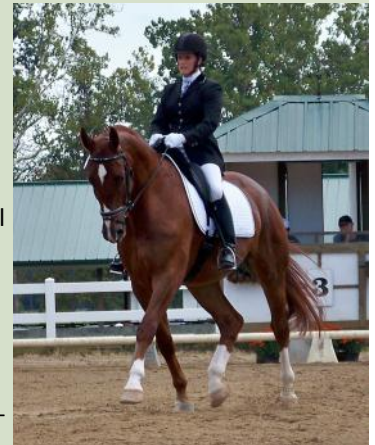
Around that time Sharon's family moved to Ohio, but Sharon stayed behind in Illinois and focused on her career leaving horses aside for about a decade. In 2004 when Sharon moved to Ohio to be closer to her family, "the 'horse' bug hit me right away." In 2005 Sharon bought Gharden-

er as a weanling thinking she would "start back slowly and enjoy a horse without the stress of going to competitions...it didn't work out that way." Sharon broke Ghard and with help from Nancy she put Ghard into a regular work program as she regained her riding skills. In 2008 she and Ghard went to their first show together and "there was no looking back after that!"



Sharon Lewis and Ghardener during the Awards Ceremony for the Second Level Freestyle in 2011. Photo by Chad Flickinger

Sharon boards Ghard at her family's stable, SendonWay Equestrian Center in Chardon, Ohio where Ghard enjoys turnout on grass pastures and a stall with dutch doors. She teaches Ghard tricks like bowing and Ghard loves his "scratchies." Sharon says "the boarders know to stand in front of his stall and when (Sharon) scratches Ghardener, he will give the person in front of him a massage." Sharon free jumps Ghard and he plays with a large ball in the arena to keep him mentally fresh while maintaining his training. She is careful about equipment and tack and recently discovered how much difference the right saddle with a good fit can make to performance. Sharon credits Nancy with her success with Ghard saying "Nancy can watch you for only a few minutes and quickly find out what you're doing wrong...when I'm struggling with Ghardener or really frustrated, she will get on him." When Nancy isn't available for lessons, their father, Bob Lewis pitches in and provides eyes on the ground. Bob has attended nearly every clinic and show the sisters have ever attended and he tirelessly selects all the freestyle music for the horses at SendonWay. Sharon's dedication in developing Ghard physically and mentally paid off as the team danced to strains of Neil Diamond playing over the loud speakers at the 2011 Region 2 Dressage Championships. Sharon is very proud that she and Ghardener put in a nearly flawless freestyle ride, besting even professionals in the class to earn the blue neck ribbon.



Sharon and Ghard compete in the Third Level Championship ride at Majestic Farm in 2011. Photo by Bernie Lewis



Sharon Lewis was awarded the Individual Gold Medal in the 1991 Young Rider Championship riding Jerry Schwartz's horse Piconne.

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Sendon Way Equestrian Center's owner/trainer Nancy Lewis-Stanton (center), her sister Sharon Lewis (right), and student Lauren Wade after an awards ceremony (all three horses are by Gold Luck!). Nancy and Ghlen placed seventh in the Fourth Level Freestyle Championship, Lauren and Tempi placed fourth in the Training Level AA Championship and seventh in the First Level Freestyle Championship and Sharon and Ghardener won the Second Level Freestyle Championship, placed Third in the Second Level AA Championship and placed fourth in the Third Level AA Championship. Photo by Bernie Lewis



Above: Sharon Lewis and Ghardener during their Third Level Championship class. Photo by Bernie Lewis

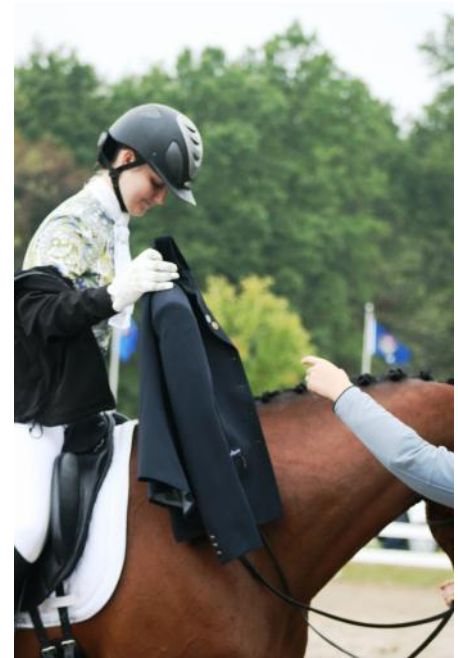


Above: NODA Member Lisa Gorretta, Technical Delegate at the Region 2 Championships. Photo by Dee Liebenthal



Above: A beaming Cassandra Hummert-Johnson, NODA's Jr/YR Liaison on her horse Tyzaio (Ozzy). Cassandra finished second in the Junior Team Test, third in Third Level Test 3, and fifth in her 3rd level Free Style.

Lower right: Cassandra makes final preparations before riding her Championship test. Photos by Dee Liebenthal



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Above left: Jennifer Harding and her own Rotspens Crusador riding their way to the 2011 Junior/Young Rider Reserve Champion at Prix St. Georges. Jennifer and Rotspens Crusador are trained by Lauren Tisdale
Above right: Lauren Tisdale and Ricardo, owned by Christine Thompson, receiving Reserve Champion at the Region 2 Open Intermediare I Award Ceremony at Majestic Farm in Batavia, Ohio. Photos by Bob Tarr



Above: Taya Workum-Byers, Cindy Bank, and Jennifer Kick watching the rides.
Below: Topline Stables setting a fun autumn mood!



Above right: Rens ridden and in training with Janeen Langowski-Grava at Topline Stables, owned by NODA President Dee Liebenthal. Competing at 3rd Level, Rens came home with 2nd and 4th place finishes on Thursday and Saturday.
Above left: Janeen enjoys a moment with Rens who wore number 106 for the Finals. Photos by Dee Liebenthal



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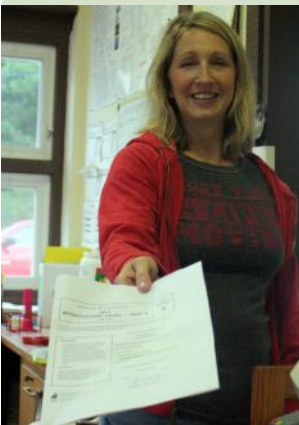
By Mosie Welch

At the recent Region 2 Championships Debi Smith and Aragorn enjoyed riding and competing among the best the region has to offer. "Regionals are really cool, sometimes you will be warming up with George Williams or a couple of judges, I just try to stay out of their way." Debi and Aragorn braved the weather and the warm-up to place 9th out of thirty five horse and rider pairs at First Level. Debi said it went by like a "whirlwind".



Debi and Aragorn competing at the 2011 Regional Finals at First Level. Photo by Dee Liebenthal

In conversation Debi shared that she and Aragorn have been together for 7 years. An 11 year old, 16 hand, gray Friesian/Andalusian Cross, Debi was looking for a full blooded Friesian when she saw an ad for a Friesian cross in Ag Direct. She went to see him mainly because he was in Ohio and it was love at first sight. Debi has never regretted bringing Aragorn home because "Aragorn has a great work ethic and is very talented; he loves to learn." Debi focuses on Dressage because the horse and rider are continually learning as a team and developing a stronger partnership. Their work ethic is evident in their successes over the years. Together they have been the USDF 2009 Training Level All Breeds Champion, as well as the NODA 2009 Intro and Training Level Champions. In 2010 their hard work garnered them the 2010 First Level All Breeds Champion title as well as the Grand Haven recipient of the Ashley Habsburg Award for highest scoring adult amateur at that show. Their team was fifth in the 2010 Prix de Ville.



Debi volunteers as a runner at the September 11 Rocky River Schooling Show. Photo by Mosie Welch

In 2011 Debbie and Aragorn have been awarded the USDF Horse Performance and Rider Performance awards at Training Level. Debi says all the successes are sweeter because Aragorn is such a kind horse and "thinks he's a person. If you are painting the house he wants to be with you. If I walk out to the field he will leave the herd to come to me." Debi relates that last year at the

NODA Championships she heard two little girls talking and pointing and she heard them say, "that's Aragorn!" as she rode by. It brought tears to her eyes because he is truly a people loving horse and makes friends wherever he goes. When Debi isn't riding she actively supports NODA by volunteering at schooling and recognized shows. Debi proudly relates that she has "collected 13 Tee shirts volunteering at the NODA recognized shows."

One of Debi's training tools is to audit as many clinics and advanced riders as often as possible because "a person can learn so much from watching and listening." Great advice for the

many adult amateurs training on a budget and if Debi's successes are any indication of the value of that advice, we should all be taking stock. Debi also trains under the classical guidance of Janeen Langowski-Grava owner of Top-line Stables, LCC. Debi has been studying with Janeen for about a year and shared that Janeen's "classical approach has made it very easy for me to improve my riding skills as well as Aragorn being more correct and better

balanced throughout his exercises and training. I have been able to become more effective with my seat as a rider which allows me to have softer and more quiet aids in general." Debi and Aragorn are schooling and showing first and second level and will start schooling third level over the winter. She plans to develop a freestyle for 2012. Look for continued success from this active, hardworking horse and rider team.



Debi and Janeen Langowski-Grava share the wet warm-up at Regional finals. Photo by Dee Liebenthal

Debi Smith owns and manages Rhythmic Ridge Ranch, a horse boarding facility in Lorrain County. She is married with two daughters, 5 dogs, and two horses besides Aragorn. She is a Receptionist/Vet Tech for Murray Ridge Animal Clinic. Debi rode as a youngster, took time off and rekindled her passion for horses at age 35. Debi can be contacted at 440-315-2660.

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Using Equine Massage Techniques to Prevent Potential Colic

A demonstration by Angela Rahn

Autumn is colic time in Northeast Ohio and the annual NODA business meeting program 'Using Equine Massage Techniques to Prevent Potential Colic' provided information equestrian caretakers can use when a horse just doesn't act right or the Vet is on the way for a suspected colic. Angela Rahn, a 2010 graduate of the Equissage program in Virginia taught by founder, Mary Schrieber, provided an overview of the Equissage massage sequence developed for aiding in relaxation during colic. Rahn likes "hands on healing" and feels Sports Massage, as well as Reiki, fit in with her spiritual beliefs and way of approaching horsemanship. Rahn says, "I know hands on treatment can help tired muscles and help with movement anytime. The benefits of massage in mild colic are relaxation and increased circulation."



Rahn demonstrates technique and focus on the horse to obtain best results from massage.

Rahn demonstrated the Colic Massage Sequence, which flowed from a trigger point on the neck to the back, ribs, the abdomen, and finally to the croup. The sequence is then repeated on the other side of the horse. A variety of massage strokes and the correct application of pressure point treatment were reviewed. When applying pressure point treatment to an area Rahn started with light pressure, then totally released the pressure, then used a moderate pressure in the same spot and totally released the pressure and then reapplied pressure on the same area with heavy pressure counting 8—15 seconds for each application. Each horse is different and the practitioner must rely on the horse to guide the amount of pressure used.

Rahn stressed safety and good body mechanics for the practitioner at all stages of the sequence. For instance Rahn reminded us to keep one hand on the horse's thigh while massaging the ribs, abdomen, back, and croup in case the horse kicks out. Rahn considers the Colic Massage Sequence applicable when a

horse has symptoms of colic but does not insist on lying down and is not too frantic to stand still or its movement is not unsafe for the practitioner. She also reiterated several times that you should al-

ways follow the direct orders of your Vet when addressing colic or any illness. Massage should be avoided when a horse has a fever. Rahn answered questions and provided good hands on

opportunity for those participants interested in trying out the massage strokes and the full sequence. Posters outlining the Colic Massage Sequence that are handy to have hanging in a prominent area in the barn were available for purchase at a cost of \$18.00. Rahn closed with goodie bags for our equine buddies!



Rahn helps NODA President Dee Liebenthal find a landmark.

Angela Rahn owns Horssage Therapy. A Certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist and accomplished student of the Usui/Tibetan System of Reiki Healing, Angela will travel to you to provide massage or Reiki for your horse. Rahn has been the barn manager at Topline Stables for 6 years. She can be reached at 216-408-2926.

NODA's Annual Meeting, September 18

NODA's annual business meeting and potluck supper took place at Topline Stables in the viewing area overlooking Topline's beautiful arena. The weather was lovely which made for a pleasant social hour prior to the meeting. The main order of business was opening the floor for final nominations for 2012 officers and at large board members for the upcoming elections. This activity was handled by President Dee Liebenthal in the absence of parliamentarian Dale Lappert. NODA now has an official slate of 2012 nominees.

The conversation continued over a delicious potluck with a meat tray, bread, and condiments provided by NODA and a wide array of side dishes and desserts provided by members. A presentation by Angela Rahn followed.



Participants looking on intently as Rahn demonstrates massage techniques.

Thank you Janeen Langowski-Grava and Topline Stables for hosting the event!

Lendon Gray Announced as 2011 Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductee

Lexington, KY (October 18, 2011) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Lendon Gray will be inducted into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame (HOF) at the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet, on December 2, 2011, during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in San Diego, CA. Induction into the HOF is an honor bestowed on horses and individuals that have made outstanding contributions to the sport of dressage in the U.S.

Lendon Gray has made a significant impact through many facets of the sport. As an international rider, she has represented the U.S. in the Alternate Olympic Games of 1980, the Seoul Olympics in 1988, and the 1991 World Cup in Paris. Nationally, Lendon has won five gold medals at U.S. Olympic Festivals on five different horses of varying breeds, one of whom was 2005 USDF Hall of Fame inductee Seldom Seen, a 14.2 hand American-bred Thoroughbred/Connemara pony. As a teacher and instructor, Gray has provided an array of educational and competitive opportunities for youth through Dressage4Kids, which is Lendon's non-profit organization that provides educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them. To that end, Lendon, through Dressage4Kids operates the Youth Dressage Festival, weekend educational programs, pony-only clinics, the East Coast Dressage Pony Cup, and offers scholarships and professional development programs. Gray has been actively involved in numerous committees within USDF, the United States Equestrian Federation and the United States Equestrian Team. Through her dedication and devoted energies in improving all riders and horses, Lendon has and continues to provide numerous opportunities for others to learn and improve.

For more information about the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, visit the [USDF website](#) or contact the USDF office at halloffame@usdf.org.

Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference Featuring Christoph Hess

The United States Dressage Federation announced today that the Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference will feature FEI 4* judge, Christoph Hess. The conference will be held January 16-17, 2012 at Mary Anne McPhail's High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, Florida. This year's conference will focus on Mr. Hess' philosophy that perfection in the basic training of horse and rider, at each level, leads to success at Grand Prix. These trainers' conferences, hosted by USDF, allow FEI – level trainers and other individuals who meet the attendee criteria to see training techniques and interact with a world class dressage trainer.

Born in 1950 in Delmenhorst, Germany, Mr. Hess has a long history of involvement in equestrian sport. During his time at university, he was involved in several equestrian study groups, and in the establishment of the riding group at the University Oldenburg. In addition, he has competed in dressage up to Advanced Test and show jumping and eventing up to Medium Advanced. Mr. Hess first became involved with the German National Federation in 1978 as Assistant in the Training Department and has gone on to his current role as the Director of Training for the German Olympic Committee for Equestrian Sports. Mr. Hess has worked on many video projects, is a prolific author, and continues to conduct clinics, workshops, forums, and symposiums for riders, trainers, and judges worldwide.

For information including criteria for attendance, please contact the USDF office at trainersconference@usdf.org or at (859) 971-2277.

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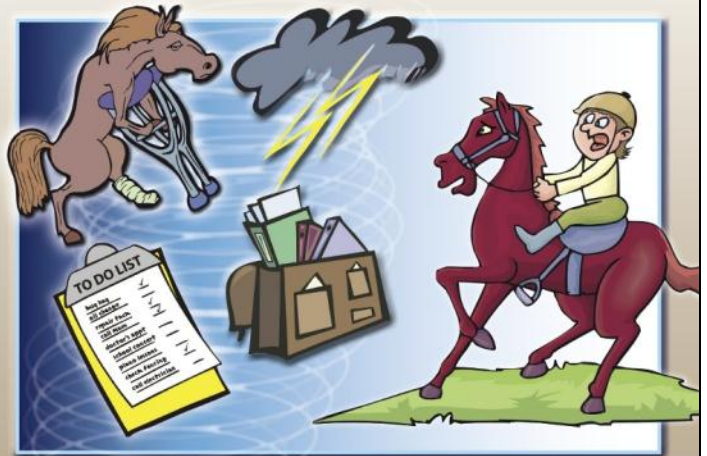
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You must be a member in good standing with NODA.

NODA Member Michael Fletcher's Translation Legacy

By Sharon Coon

Long-time NODA member Michael Fletcher of Novelty passed away on February 13, 2011 after a brief illness. He spent many years studying classical riding, forging friendships with students and scholars of the Dressage Masters. During this journey Michael was searching for a way to make a positive difference for others. He found that passion just a couple years ago, as he began translating some of the great classical dressage works from French to English for Xenophon Press.

Intelligent, kind, caring and compassionate, Michael's love for the art of riding was probably perpetuated by his daughter Amy's time in the saddle. A graduate of Lake Erie College, Amy is a dressage trainer in Maryland and remained the light of Michael's life until his death. Anyone who knows Amy certainly sees her father's passion for the scholarship of classical dressage in her own work.

Michael grew up in Montreal, Canada. Due to his mixed ancestry, his mother was French and his father was not, and the political climate of the time, he ended up attending English school while living in the midst of French culture. When he left at age 18, he was barely comfortable speaking French and then only after a cocktail or two. After a brief stint in the Canadian Army and a work assignment in Labrador, Michael's work with computers brought him to Cleveland in 1966. At age forty after watching his daughter ride for six months, Michael started taking lessons himself. A couple of years later, when working on assignment in Columbus, he discovered dressage which he actively pursued and studied for the next 26 years. Partly due to his heritage, he was drawn to French equitation in particular and made that his intense study for the last ten years of his life. Re-teaching himself French with the goal of producing these translations was in the end an incredibly healing process.

Michael's first translation, published last October, Methodical Dressage of the Riding Horse by Faverot de Kerbrech (1837-1905) is considered the 'Bible of Baucherism'. In this book, Kerbrech, one of Baucher's favorite students, provides the definitive description and explanation of Baucher's second manner. Also included in this volume is Dressage of the Out-

door Horse in which General de Lagarenne gives us the last teaching of Faverot de Kerbrech.

Michael's second translation, Dressage in the French Tradition by Dom Diogo de Braganca, long-time student of Nuno Oliveira, is a reference for the understanding of classical dressage, in which the horse ridden with the greatest impulsion and lightness, displays his maximum activity in response to the minimum effort of the rider. Copies have been pre-selling on the internet for the last few months and are now available.

In a press release announcing its publication, Major Miguel Tavora said of the translation, "Michael did a very accurate translation without distorting the sense of what the author intended to express, which is rare in the translations of equestrian books. Also as with the previous books, Michael was careful and clear in explaining the meaning of French words that don't have direct translation to English. Thank you Michael for all of your hard work."

Additionally, Xenophon Press has also just released Michael's third translation, Baucher and his School by General Decarpentry (1878-1956). Although a controversial figure both during his lifetime and ever since, Francois Baucher (1796-1873) made a lasting historical impact on the course of dressage development. This book includes the equestrian biography of Baucher, objective analysis of his method and its evolution, and its lasting effect on French equitation. Sadly, Michael found the passion he sought only in the last couple years of his life. However, his translations for Xenophon Press of works never before available in English will benefit generations of riders.

A beautiful celebration of Michael Fletcher's life was held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Rainbow Ridge Farm, owned by Ron and Cheryl Chernicky, where he lived for 10 years. NODA member **Caroline Berg-Redmond**, long-time friend of Amy, rode a musical tribute to Michael aboard Dancing Preston, to Ian & Sylvia's versions of "CC Rider", "Old Blue", "Un Canadien Errant" and "V'la L'Bon Vent." It was a fitting tribute to the man who loved dressage and found a way to share his passion for Dressage with others through scholarship.

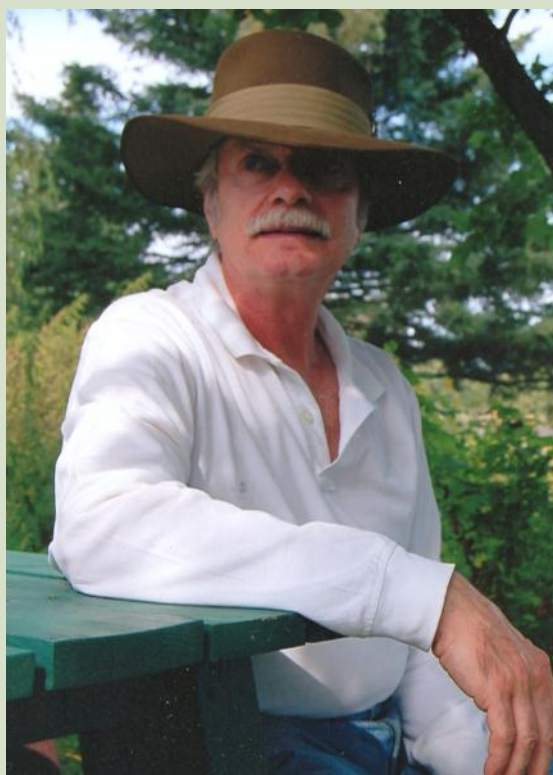


Photo courtesy Amy Fletcher

Firecracker: the July Fourth Foal that Made Dreams Come True

by Lynn May

I have tried to write the story of Firecracker as I know it. The first part is what I had been told throughout the years about how Firecracker was born and raised while the second part is of my own recall as his groom working for Charlotte Bayley. I became a part of his life after I admired Charlotte and Firecracker from afar; ok I idealized them from afar, and followed their career through the levels. All the while wishing I could train with Charlotte. This wish came true and my love of Firecracker blossomed into a new career with Charlotte Bayley and into managing CSB Dressage, LLC. My name is Lynn May and I was Firecracker's groom from October 17, 2000 through October 2009.

Fourth of July night, 1990, just half mile north of the Geauga Lake Amusement Park, a miracle was happening. At a small

breeding farm in Aurora, Ohio, Hilltop Laurner, a Percheron mare, was preparing to give birth to her first foal. Just before midnight, during the fireworks display at Geauga Lake, 2 ladies, Bettye and Ann, stood ready to catch the

arriving colt. Into their waiting arms came Firecracker. Between the two of them they had decided on two names, Fireworks if a filly and Firecracker if a colt. Firecracker came into this world with an explosive determination to succeed. Bettye and Ann's adventure as Warmblood owner's had begun.

Ann and Bettye watched over their colt as he grew, and grew. The two ladies were close friends as well as Bettye being a homecare nurse for Ann, who had been diagnosed with cancer. The two ladies put their heads together to come up with a direction for the career path of their now 2-year-old gelding. After going to watch different styles of riding and driving, different trainers and facilities, a plan of action was conceived. They were mesmerized by the beauty and athleticism of dressage and Charlotte Bayley-Schindelholz as a trainer. Ann and Bettye approached Charlotte to break and train their dressage horse, Firecracker. Being interested, Charlotte started asking the usual questions, age, experience etc. Finding out that he was only a



Firecracker playing with his Mom, Hilltop Laurner, on a small breeding farm in Geauga County, Ohio in 1990.

**Firecracker
July 4, 1990 - September 11, 2011.**

two year old she suggested that they wait a year or so to allow him to finish growing. Bettye pulled Charlotte aside and told her that Ann was diagnosed with cancer and did not have much longer to live. Her one dream was to see Firecracker under saddle as a dressage horse, and to possibly ride him. Charlotte being very moved by the story agreed to take on the project. Ann's cancer progressed faster than expected and her dream of riding was fading fast. Charlotte was able to train Firecracker to walk teeny tiny steps so that Ann could walk him while seated in her wheelchair. As time edged nearer, Ann was also able to feed Firecracker carrots out of her lap while sitting in a vehicle. After Ann's death, Bettye Ferguson became the sole owner of Firecracker. Firecracker, affectionately known as "Fire" to his close family of friends, continued his education in dressage. Determined to continue Fire's training, Bettye worked a fulltime job at Hillcrest Hospital to pay his expenses. Charlotte continued to train Firecracker and it was obvious that a true relationship was developing between horse and rider. Fire had enormous talent for being the offspring of a Thoroughbred father and Percheron mother. He had natural abilities that other trainers dreamed of and he offered them willingly. The time had come for Fire to compete at his first competition. He was entered in Training level division of dressage. Firecracker wowed everyone and won everything. This was just the beginning in the showing career for Fire. Firecracker would continue on that same year to win many local and national championships.

Firecracker's training had progressed far enough that Bettye was now able to get on him and ride around the farm. These were wonderful days for

Bettye, knowing that a very proud Ann was watching from above. Firecracker was never alone, as Ann was always with him, protecting him as his guardian angel.

Bettye often had foster children living with her and her husband. They often visited Firecracker and took pony rides, being led around the farm by Bettye. Then along came her grandchildren. Bettye had supreme joy in bringing her grandchildren to the farm to see Firecracker training with Charlotte. But, please don't forget the pony rides for her grandchildren. It was nothing to see Firecracker walking around the farm with not one, but 3 kids



Charlotte Bayley on Firecracker.

on him at once. He was a very proud horse and showed it by taking very good care of his companions. He always remembered the teeny tiny steps he was taught by Charlotte as a 2 year old. Firecracker's success in the dressage competition ring blossomed even more as the years passed by. Every year Fire was winning a National Championship with the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) at his current level. As Firecracker got older, he got lighter in color. He went from a black colt, to a dapple-gray gelding and became a very handsome white show horse with a gray mane and tail. Quite stunning to watch as Charlotte and Fire danced across the many dressage arenas. As part of Firecracker's competition and training, Charlotte started riding in Musical Freestyles. The pair danced their way to USDF Champions in the Musical aspect of dressage as well.

As Charlotte and Firecracker entered into their first year of FEI (Federation Equestre International) competition, the pair was definitely making a name for themselves as they were listed in the Top 10 in the Nation. The pair had a following of pony clubbers and equine 4-Hers that would come and cheer them on at competitions. Bettye proudly wore a sweatshirt to competitions bearing the name and a likeness of Firecracker on the front. Firecracker competed in his first ever CDI in 2001, competing at the Grand Prix, the highest level of dressage. A CDI, Concours de Dressage International, which means international caliber dressage competition. Firecracker had to apply for a Passport and have an extensive veterinarian inspection to prove he was indeed our Firecracker.

One of the many CDI's that Charlotte and Firecracker competed in 2001 was the Dressage at Devon, in Devon, Pennsylvania.

This was a very prestigious show, in one of the oldest competition grounds in the county. Upon arriving at the show grounds,

Firecracker went through his veterinarian check and prepared to go to the "jog" with Charlotte. The "jog" is watched by the head judge and the show veterinarian to check for any unsoundness of the horse that would prevent him from competition. During this "Jog", there was also a panel of fashion



Dressage at Devon, 2001 where Charlotte Bayley and Firecracker won 'Best Turnout' for the jog.

experts that were judging the "Best Turned out Horse and Rider". Although Charlotte and Firecracker had planned on looking their very best, it being their first time to "Devon", they felt they didn't have a chance in winning. So they completed the "Jog" and were given the OK to compete. Firecracker and Charlotte made the "cut" from the Grand Prix to the Grand Prix Freestyle for Saturday evening. After his Freestyle, Charlotte and Fire were awarded "Best Turned out Horse and Rider". The judging panel stated that there was something magical about the pair as they communicated to each other. Charlotte was overheard saying, "Yes, there is definitely magic here".



Charlotte and Firecracker enjoying their blue ribbon!

In 2003 Bettye Ferguson was diagnosed with Leukemia and two weeks later was taken from us. Angel number two was now on Fire's shoulders. After working out a plan with Bettye's family, Charlotte became Firecracker's new owner. In 2003, at the end of the show season, Charlotte retired Firecracker from competition. For the next several years, Charlotte and Firecracker continued as a pair and were often seen riding in demonstrations showing the beauty and grace of dressage.

In the fall of 2009, Charlotte made a very tough decision for Firecracker and Firecracker's barn family. She had decided to offer Firecracker to Victory Gallop Therapeutic Center, in Bath Ohio. They felt much honored to be asked and of course agreed to take Firecracker. Keeping in mind that Bettye Ferguson was a foster parent of many Mentally Challenged children, Charlotte felt that this was a fitting place for her friend "Fire" to start a new career. She also knew that his Two Angels would approve of this decision and was sure Ann and Bettye were smiling down on them. Firecracker continued his life as a therapy horse for several years and touched the hearts and souls of many children. Firecracker died at Victory Gallop, September 11, 2011, from complications of colic. This was a horse that touched so many people's lives and made a difference in how people looked at the sport of dressage. He will be missed but not forgotten, he is in my heart forever.

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NODA Board Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2011

Meeting Location: Panera Bread in Solon

Attendance: Linda Cooley, Fran Cverna, Marcia Doyle, Mary Lou Gallagher, Chris Goodall, Mary Jo Keptner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Berni Moauro, Mosie Welch

Call to Order: Dee Liebenthal, President, called the meeting to order at 7:14PM.

Minutes: Marcia Doyle moved to accept the minutes as written, Linda Cooley seconded and the motion passed.

Membership Report: Fran Cverna

- Total membership=308 with 52 Jr/YR and 58 Professionals.
- Discussion on changes to the membership form

Education Report: Marcia Doyle and Berni Moauro

- Applications have started to come in for the Reese Koffler-Stanfield Clinic.
- The open meeting will be Sunday, Sept. 18 at 4:00PM. This will be the last chance for nominations.

Parliamentarian Report: Dale Lappert

- The slate so far is as follows- President- Dee Liebenthal, Vice President- Niki Sackman, Treasurer- Jennifer Kick, Secretary-open, Director at Large- Mary Dana Prescott, Alice Brightup, Gail Patton, Kathy Kirchner, Barb Soukup, Jennifer Sozio

Data Management/Historian Report: Dee for Lora Szloh

- Lora's husband is putting together a computer dedicated to NODA use.

Newsletter Report: Mosie Welch

- The newsletter is coming together well. New Associate Editor Mosie had some of her questions answered.

Recognized Show Report: Mary Lou Gallagher

- The November LEC show has been cancelled.

Schooling Shows Report: Chris Goodall

- Yesterday's show at Rocky River had the challenges of rainstorms and highway closures, but with some flexibility in the schedule it all worked out.
- The list of riders who have qualified for the championship show will be on the website and in the newsletter. Emails have already gone out to these riders.
- To continue NODA's plans to widen its pool of judges which we all feel is of growing benefit to NODA members who compete in our Schooling Show series, and to remove all perceived conflict of interest, the following is being proposed: Chris moved that NODA form a com-

mittee of licensed officials (TDs, Judges and "L" Graduates who have graduated with distinction) to act in an advisory capacity on a pool of Judges, salaries and contracts for the Schooling Show Series. The Schooling Show Manager, Chair or other agreed upon committee member will do the actual hiring from the final agreed upon pool of Judges. Linda Cooley seconded and the motion was passed.

Banquet Report: Dee for Carol Cassano

- Plans for the banquet are right on target.

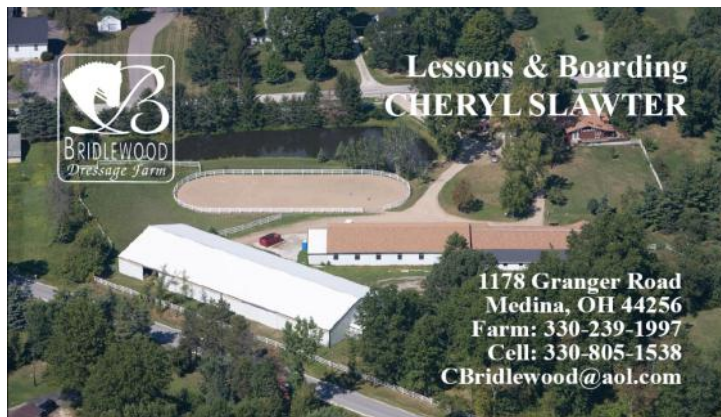
Webmaster Report: Linda Cooley

- Two Broadcast E-News sent out since last meeting, plus a special SCHOOLING SHOWS broadcast before the 9/11 show.
- Posted various NODA e-News and website information on Facebook throughout the month.
- Schooling show candid photos for Aug Cross Winds Show posted. Sept Rocky River photos will be posted this week.
- Thank you to Lisa Gorretta for providing Recognized Show competition snapshots of Jennifer Kick and Cassandra Hummert-Johnson for Facebook.
- Horse FUN on Website. Don't forget to check out the fun video of the horse taking a shower in the sprinkler and other fun items!

New Business:

- Mary Lou Gallagher moved that NODA should donate \$50 to the Dressage Foundation's Book of Memory in memory of Joan Hirsh and \$50 to the Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in memory of Elizabeth Jenkinson. Dale Lappert seconded and the motion passed.
- USDF Convention grants-Mary Lou moved to give Dale Lappert \$1000 and Lisa Gorretta \$500 toward attending the 2011 Convention. Marcia Doyle seconded and the motion passed with Dale having abstained from voting.
- Membership fees- Fran moved to have the fees as follows Amateur or Professional \$45, Youth \$35, Family member \$20, Supporting family member \$10, Mailing Fee \$6. Marcia seconded and the motion passed.
- Fran Cverna moved to have Chris Goodall become Schooling Show Chair/Manager and Krista Warnick be co-Chair. Dale seconded and the motion passed.
- Dee is interested in having NODA start an endowment fund for scholarships to Juniors and Amateurs to have national or international educational experiences. She will explore the idea.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM. The next meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Monday, October 10, 2011 at Panera Bread in Solon.



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