

# NODA News

*Northern Ohio Dressage Association*



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**Steffen Peters and Ravel at the**  
**2012 West Palm Beach World**  
**Dressage Masters**

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*Dee & Rens*

Ok - let's get my comments about the weather out of the way quickly. It sucks!!!! It has been nice to have all the warm days we have had but the mud is horrible. The horses have mud fever on Thursday and are balancing on frozen mountains out in the pasture by Saturday. Oh, well... at least we haven't needed many of those "hand warmers" this winter. It really makes me wonder what April is going to be like.

A sure sign that winter is on the way out and spring is on the way in is the LEC Winter Dressage Show March 16th - 18th, in preparation for the much anticipated Prix de Villes March 30th through April 1st. Don't forget that again this year, LEC will be hosting competitors at the Manor House on Saturday evening. It was a lot of fun last year and I hope NODA members will take part again this year. Good food and drink with our hosts and other competitors. I hope to see you there.

NODA has a new ad hoc Media Committee chaired by Mosie Welch. The committee will be working on putting together a comprehensive media package for the whole year. They will help bring together information for our advertisers and our committees who solicit donations and advertising. They will also help coordinate information for our newsletter and website.

## Greetings from the President

Dear NODA  
Members,

I hope some of you are planning to represent our GMO by applying to ride with Lilo Fore in the Region 2 Adult Clinic at LEC. Applications are being taken through April 27. Rider and Auditor Forms and clinic information is posted on the NODA EDUCATION page and on the USDF website at [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.as](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.as). Don't miss out on this opportunity. We also want you to show our support for this event by auditing. This will be a good learning opportunity that is reasonably priced. See the ad in this issue or go to the USDF website for information and forms.

As usual there is lot of really good information in this month's NODA News, so I hope you enjoy it all. There are great pictures shared from Florida by Liz Ritz. Our member in the spotlight this month is Barb Soukup. There is also an article by member contributor Clara Etzel about her experience at the 2012 USDF/USEF Young Riders' Graduate Program. Don't miss the fascinating information by Dr. Melissa Milligan on Laryngeal Hemiplegia, and much more. Last month I mentioned that we were looking for someone to help Rosemary Rufo with the NODA Handbook. We are very grateful to Fran Cverna who has volunteered to take over this job. We are discussing making some changes. We would like to take out some redundancies and perhaps publish in a smaller and handier size. Fran is working with the Board and Rosemary to decide what makes sense. Our handbook was designed before all the really great

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NODA's Board welcomes all comments and opinions regarding NODA activities, shows and policies. Please contact member liaison Kathy Kirchner.

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electronic technology that we have now was available. It makes sense that it should be reviewed with that in mind.

*NODA is still looking for members to fill some other key positions in the organization.* Suzanne Carlton and Judy Cageao-Catania are both stepping down from their positions as Sponsorships and Ads chair and co-chair for the Recognized Shows this year. They will really be missed after so many years working hard for the success of NODA's Recognized shows. Suzanne will stay on as an assistant to get the new person(s) through this year with support and direction. We really appreciate her willingness to provide guidance. Please see the ad on page 5 in this month's NODA News. This is a great job for someone with a background or interest in marketing. NODA has an established group of sponsors and advertisers, and a member who puts the program together, so there is a good base with which to start. Please contact me (President@nodarider.org) or Suzanne Carlton (Sponsors@nodarider.org) if you are interested.

*We are continuing the search for a couple of people who might be interested in helping with the schooling shows. In 2013 we will need a Secretary and a Manager/Chair.* If you think you might be interested but are not sure, we would love to have you shadow or actually work with the current holders of these positions at a show(s) to help you decide. We are a little anxious as we want new people in place for at least the last few shows of the season so some training can take place. Remember, there is money involved. Contact Chris Goodall for information on these two positions at SchoolingShow@nodarider.org.

Let me know if you are interested in becoming more involved in these or any other ways. We are always in need of additional help on committees or for special projects. **This is your organization. New people bring new ideas and new energy which is necessary for survival and growth.** Please consider giving some time to NODA if you can. You don't have to jump in with both feet; you can just start by sticking in your toe. We have lots of jobs that just require toes. NODA and USDF are around to educate riders. That education is important to the welfare of our equine partners by helping us become better

more educated riders. Even if you no longer ride, but care, join us in continuing to bring good dressage to northeast Ohio.

We are really pleased to tell you that after all the years of discussing membership cards, NODA is finally going to have them for all our members and it will be this year!!! I am so excited. Our VP (and Guru of Forms) is working on them, and we are very close. Also, remember that this year you will be able to fill forms out online and mail them in. Thank you Niki!!!!

Keep working on your 2012 riding goals. I am, and I am really proud of myself. Things are going well and I am excited by what I am learning. Now, don't get me wrong and think that all of a sudden I have become a 2nd or 3rd level rider...NOT!!! I am, however, making steady progress. I am becoming a more confident and relaxed rider and that is my 2012 goal.

Happy March!!!

Dee Liebenthal

President

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*Rider applications will be accepted by USDF now thru April 27, 2012.*

*Auditor applications will be available after April 1.*

Application forms are available on the NODA website and on the USDF website at  
[www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp)

Rider applications must be sent to USDF. The clinic will be open to eight riding participants (ages 22 and older) and auditors of all ages. Each rider will receive a 30-45 minute private lesson in a symposium style format. Each clinic will offer a lecture open to all mounted participants and registered auditors and will include a notebook. Volunteer for a discount on auditing! More information to come.

**If you are interested in volunteering for one or both clinic days please contact Bernie.**

**Berni Moauro is the NODA local organizer**

Please contact Berni with any questions at

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## *Help Wanted*

### *Sponsorship and Ads Coordinator, Recognized Show Committee*

**Do you want to be involved with keeping NODA's educational programs a success?**

**Are you organized, active, and looking to make a difference?**

**Do you have a background in media, marketing, or networking?**

**Do you have ideas on how to bring in sponsorship for NODA's programs?**

NODA is seeking a person who will be instrumental  
in keeping NODA's educational programs successful  
through outreach and partnering  
with equestrian and community businesses  
resulting in program sponsorships.

***The position is supported by consultation with the outgoing coordinator.***

***Comes with files and documentation of past activities.***

***Will work with NODA's newsletter editor in managing electronic ads.***

For more information on the position contact

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Outgoing Sponsorship Coordinator, Suzanne Carlton at [sponsor@nodarider.org](mailto:sponsor@nodarider.org)

## ***NODA Member Betsy Juliano***

### ***Elected Trustee of U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation***

GLADSTONE, New Jersey, Feb. 6—Elizabeth Juliano, a rider, owner and major sponsor of dressage, is one of eight new trustees elected to the U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation. The foundation announced the new trustees, in addition to Elizabeth Juliano, the trustees include Georgina Bloomberg, George Davis, Murray Kessler, Lyle Lovett, Misdee Wrigley Miller, MK Pritzker and Philip Richter. The trustees will aid and assist the foundation in its mission to support the competition, training, coaching, travel and educational needs of America's elite and developing international, high-performance horses and athletes in partnership with the U.S. Equestrian Federation.



**Elizabeth Juliano**  
photo by Mosie Welch

Elizabeth B. Juliano of Gates Mills, Ohio and Wellington, Florida, is a dressage rider and owns several international level prospects currently with George Williams. She owns Havensafe Farm North and South. She founded and leads Litigation Management which acquires, reviews, analyzes and summarizes thousands of pages of medical records to provide defense counsels with summaries and analyses.

Georgina Bloomberg of North Salem, New York and Wellington, competes in jumping; MK Pritzker of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was a member of the Miss Independent Group with U.S. Olympian Laura Kraut; Murray Kessler of Armonk, New York, and Wellington competes in amateur-owner jumpers, is on the board of the North American Riders Group is president and CEO of Lorillard, Inc.; George Davis of Los Angeles, whose daughter, Lucy, is a jumper rider, is CEO and portfolio manager at Hotchkis and Wiley Capital Management; Misdee Wrigley Miller of Paris, Kentucky, is a world pairs driving bronze medalist; Philip Richter of Bedford, New York, competes in amateur-owner jumpers and is president and CEO of Hollow Brook Associates, an investment management firm, and Lyle Lovett, is a Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter who trains and owns reining horses.

### ***Photographs and Helmets***

**Mounted riders generally must be wearing a helmet in order to be pictured in the NODA newsletter.**

**Exception: Competitors in warm-up or competition may be pictured in head wear approved by the FEI or USDF; or for schooling competitions, clinics, pleasure rides; according to NODA Schooling Show guidelines.**

### ***CORRECTION***

**The Schooling Show Committee Chair was misidentified in the February Newsletter. Krista Warnick and Chris Goodall are the 2012 Schooling Show Committee Co-Chairs.**

**Niki Sackman received the 2012 USDF Region 2, Gifted Fund Scholarship, not the 2011 Scholarship as identified in the February Newsletter.**



## **Barb Soukup Coaches Intercollegiate Dressage Association Champions**

*by Mosie Welch*

**O**n April 30 and May 1, 2011, over 100 student equestrians from more than 20 colleges and universities throughout the United States participated in the Intercollegiate Dressage Association's (IDA) 9th annual National Championship at the Canterbury Equestrian Show Place in Newberry, Florida. The Lake Erie College (LEC) team, under the direction of NODA member Barb Soukup, took home top honors in the highly competitive field. The LEC IDA team included senior Amy Ertas riding at First level, junior Sarah Simmons riding at Upper Training level, junior Autumn Harvey riding at Introductory level, and junior Meghan Marcinkewicz riding at Low Training level. Barb and the LEC IDA team she coached were also honored by the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) at the USEF Annual Meeting on January 14, 2012 during the President's Luncheon. In the invitation to the award ceremony the USEF commended the team, stating:

***“Through teamwork, dedication and talent, your team has proven to be the epitome of intercollegiate equestrian sport in the Intercollegiate Dressage Association.”***

Barb recalls, “We were invited up on stage to receive our award in front of a large audience. It was very exciting for my team and me...and very fulfilling to be recognized for our hard work by our national governing body, the United States Equestrian Federation.” The other student teams and coaches invited to this inaugural event, designed by the USEF to recognize student equestrian programs, included members of the American National Riding Commission, Intercollegiate



**Left to right, Meghan Marcinkewicz, Sarah Simmons, Amy Ertas, Barb Soukup, and Autumn Harvey.**

the IDA team to high honors.

Barb started her horse career young and really only wanted to “fly over jumps.” None of her family shares her passion and love for horses, so she isn't exactly sure where she got her interest in horses. When Barb began to study dressage seriously she “had the good fortune of meeting and training with Charles de Kunffy.” Taking instruction from de Kunffy for eight years, Barb learned not only riding, but also classical theory, teaching skills, and how to develop an eye for what she was seeing. Barb says de Knuffy would have her judge rides and advised Barb that it was wise to have judging skills, because as a clinician one must “assess a horse and rider combination quickly and come up with something you can help them with in that short span of the clinic.” That stuck with her, so when NODA hosted the USDF Learner Judge program, which teaches participants how to evaluate dressage performance at Training through Second Level, Barb jumped at the opportunity to expand her judging education. She graduated from the L program with

Horse Show Association, Intercollegiate Saddle Seat Riding Association, Interscholastic Equestrian Association, and Varsity Equestrian. The USEF has also asked Barb to present a brief lecture to a group of younger equestrian award winners about the IDA and what is expected of team riders. It is dedication to the sport of dressage and commitment to excellence that prepared Barb Soukup to coach



**Barb schools an LEC, IDA Team member.**



**Lake Erie College, IDA Award.**

distinction, which is required if one wants to apply and train for the USEF "r" Judge status.

Barb says that part of her secret for developing the potential of her IDA team members is taking "each horse and rider separately. At home, I try to figure out how they learn and set up their lessons accordingly." But IDA competition rules requires that team members draw lots for their horses and have only ten minutes to warm up. A trained and



**Autumn Harvey, Meghan Marcinkewicz, Sarah Simmons, Amy Ertas, and Barb Soukup show off their IDA Tee shirts.**

practiced eye allows Barb the opportunity to provide quick advice to team members, but she also realizes the need for "thinking riders." At home Barb says she helps "riders to understand how and why they work a horse through various exercises. My job as a

trainer is to create independent, thinking riders," which is crucial to success in IDA competition. The students get on "horses unknown to them, identify the major issue and what they need to do to remedy it in order to ride a successful dressage test." Barb stresses that the "more horses they (the students) can ride, the more tools they have for future reference." And on the IDA Team, Barb stressed teamwork – everyone helping each other to accomplish the more. The team motto is TEAM = TOGETHER EACH ACCOMPLISHES MORE!

Four years ago Barb was asked to coach the LEC IDA team temporarily until they found a replacement for the coach that had recently left. That temporary assignment turned into four years of dedicated leadership for the IDA Team as well as teaching a class in Advanced Dressage at LEC. During Barb's term as coach she developed the team's potential into positive results, culminating in LEC IDA National Team Championship and most recently the award recognition from USEF. NODA is proud to recognize Barb's accomplishments and her commitment to dressage in the academic community.

Although Barb Soukup has stepped down from coaching the IDA Team, she continues to offer freelance dressage instruction and training based on the principals of the classical training pyramid. Barb generally travels to her students' barns to teach. She also judges at schooling competitions as an L judge. Barb has recently been elected to the NODA Board as a Member at Large, and hopes that members will take the time to introduce themselves and let her know how she can be their voice on the NODA Board. Barb has two horses. Latino (Tino) is Barb's retired Dutch



**Barb and Latino**

Warmblood that Barb competed through Prix St. Georges, earning Barb her USDF Silver medal. She is getting to know her almost four-year-old filly Je T'aime, or Jet, a pinto German Oldenburg. Barb is employed as a Senior Research Technician at Lubrizol. She and her supportive husband Raven share a home with three lazy cats and four dogs. Barb can be reached at 440-339-3980.

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*By Sabine Walker*

The word that comes to mind when writing about my longtime friend Laura is **Generous**. Laura truly enjoyed helping people, sharing her knowledge and resources. If somebody needed help at a show, or to borrow a trailer, or simply needed advice, Laura was always ready to help out. She had such a giving spirit. Laura was passionate about her family and friends, her horses, and other animals (she must have taken in close to 20 stray cats and several dogs over the time that I knew her). Laura had many goals and worked hard on accomplishing them. She loved dressage, from learning to post the trot, to competing at the NODA Championship show. She never let setbacks hold her back; a new plan would be developed and she would work even harder.

One of Laura's dreams was to have her own boarding stable. When I met Laura, we were riding in a grass paddock in her back yard. With determination and a lot of



**Laura Wolf and Tinman**

help from her partner Larry, she built a brand new 10-stall facility with indoor and outdoor arenas. The two of them literally worked day and night to make it happen. She had so many more plans and ideas. A short-term goal of hers was to compete in the current Chagrin Valley Farms Winter Series. Laura's long-term goal was to purchase another dressage horse and to learn to compete at a higher level. Unfortunately cancer had other plans, and Laura ran out of time way too soon!

As her family and friends are struggling with her loss, her barn family is planning on working with NODA to sponsor a Laura Wolfe Trophy. While we are still working on the details, the purpose of the trophy will be to encourage others who also pursue their passion of horses through dressage. Information will be available through the NODA website and newsletter as the trophy is developed. In the meantime, let us all remember Laura's giving spirit and her love of dressage.

### *The Dressage Foundation's Young Rider Olympic Dream Program Trip — the Opportunity of a Young Lifetime!*

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The program is open to USDF Young Riders, 16-21 years of age, and 22-year-old graduates of the FEI Young Rider division, who are riding at Fourth Level or above. Application forms and instructions are available at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org). If you have questions or need

more information, please call our office at (402) 434-8585.

This program is not for every Young Rider. Those selected must be at a highly advanced level of experience and commitment with their riding. For those who are, this introductory excursion into European dressage means everything, and the riders come home more seriously committed than ever.



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***A Pictorial Look at  
The 2012 World Dressage Masters, West Palm Beach CDI5\*  
Held at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in Wellington, Florida  
By Liz Ritz Photography***



**Above Left: Steffen Peters and Ravel as the national anthem is played for the USA in a Prize Giving Ceremony. Peters and Ravel are veterans for Team USA having won the 2011 Dressage Masters in Wellington, the Dressage World Cup and competing for the USA at the Olympics and World Equestrian Games. Above Right: Peters aboard Ravel at the bit check. Left: View of the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center at night .**



**Left: Steffen Peters and Ravel won the World Dressage Masters Grand Prix on 81.383% and the Freestyle on 83.700%**

The competition and candid photos which are shown on pages 10, 12, 15, and 16 are from the World Dressage Masters, 2012 in Wellington, Florida. *NODA* member Liz Ritz answered the newsletter editors call for photographs from warm winter places providing us all a bird's eye view of some of the elite dressage riders in the USA. Kind of makes us wish we had been there! On page 16 there are also some shots Liz took near the warm up of the para-equestrian CPEDI3\* providing insight into the determination and one of the adaptations horse-people will manage when they want to ride and compete with their beloved equine partners. We appreciate Liz Ritz sharing her talents with the *NODA* members through the Newsletter!



## 2012 NODA Schooling Show Series

Mark your calendar now for the 2012 NODA Schooling Show series. Set your winter training goals and plan to test them next May through October in the largest Schooling Show series in Northeast Ohio!

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in 2013**

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Heather Blitz and Paragon show off their extended trot as Reserve Champions in the prize giving ceremony for the Grand Prix Special on a score of 72.044%. Blitz finished the Grand Prix held under CDI5\* rules on a score of 71% for seventh place qualifying to ride in the freestyle competition. Blitz elected to ride the Grand Prix Special because she needed a qualifying score for the Olympic Selection Trials. They are winners of the team gold and individual silver medals, Pan American Games, Guadalajara, Mexico 2011.

Heather Blitz and Paragon greet the crowd enjoying the World Dressage Masters in ringside and balcony seating. Blitz owns the Danish Warmblood gelding, Paragon, and has since he was three days old. Blitz is working towards qualifying for a place on Team USA for the 2012 Olympic Games in London.



Above: Heather Blitz and Paragon in the warm up.  
 Left: Final prep as Blitz dons her show coat assisted by Steffen Peters.



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Above left: Adrienne Lyle and Wizard put in a strong ride for the United States in the CDI5\* Grand Prix for a fourth place finish on 72.149% and qualified to ride in the Saturday evening freestyle competition. Lyle elected to ride the Grand Prix Special since she needed a qualifying score for the 2012 Olympic Selection Trials. She and Wizard put in a Champion's ride winning the Grand Prix Special with a score of 73.244%. This was the pair's debut international Grand Prix. Above right: Steffen Peters congratulates Lyle as coach Debbie McDonald and her dog approach. Below Left: Lyle hugs her coach. Below right: Lyle and Wizard during bit check. Wizard is a 13 year old Oldenburg gelding owned by Peggy and Parry Thomas.







Above and right: Charlotte Dujarden of Great Britain rides Valegro in the warm-up at the Jim Branden Equestrian Center. Dujardin placed second in the CDI5\* Grand Prix with a score of 78.468% and 83.650% for the CDI5\* Grand Prix Freestyle ,only .05% behind USA rider Steffen Peters in the world Dressage Masters, Palm Beach.



Above left: Ruth Hogan Poulsen coaches a paraequestrian at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center. Above center and right: Para-equestrian competitor Charlotte Bathlon warms up. Below left: Bathlon, who is paralyzed from the waist down, shows photographer Liz Ritz the leg strap modifications that create stability so paralyzed riders can sit in the saddle. Below right: Friends heading back to the stable area.



Over two weekends Para-Equestrian Dressage riders competed in front of FEI judges at two CPEDI3\* events at the Gold Coast Dressage Opener and Wellington Classic Sunshine Challenge at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center in Wellington, FL. For Para-Equestrian Dressage teams this was the last opportunity to elevate their team in the international rankings to qualify for the 2012 London Paralympics. For individual riders it was a chance to gain input from FEI judges, increase World Para-Equestrian rankings for London, and earn a qualifying score for the 2012 Paralympic Selection Trials.





## Winter Warmth Members Sharing With Members



Above left: Regina Sacha –Ujezo and her mare Arabella enjoy a quiet morning graze at Wind Song Farm in Central Florida. Above right: Regina and her husband Edy pose with Arabella and their Rexton at Wind Song Farm. Regina shares it is once again a privilege to spend the winter in Florida with her horse and wonder dog, Rexton. Photos by Equine Artistry by Barbara.



Left: Kelli Flanagan-Kovacic with three year old daughter, Kassidy Kovacic on Kelli's 18 hand 6 year-old Hanoverian, Delano at Havensafe Farm, South in Wellington, Florida. Delano heads south to train several months with George Williams, while Kelli and Kassidy go back and forth between Grand Prix Farm in Valley City, Ohio and Havensafe. News as of this writing is that Kassidy has just gotten her first pony.

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## Memorable Moments from the 2012 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program

By Clara Etzel

I was very fortunate to be chosen for and participate in the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program January 14 and 15, 2012 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The program brought together about 25 American young riders and young adults, ages 20 to 28, who are riding at third level or above. The program is offered once every two years, and takes place just prior to the SUCCEED/USDF FEI- Level Trainers' Conference.

It was a full weekend of lectures pertinent to young riders who are transitioning into professional riding and training, with topics ranging from liability releases and customer service, to cultivating sponsorship. USDF and USEF programs were also discussed, as well as programs at The Dressage Foundation.

With national and international professionals like Christoph Hess, Debbie McDonald, Heather Blitz, Kathy Connelly, Lauren Sammis, and Katherine Bateson-Chandler having spoken during the program, I could write multiple articles focusing on the different discussions of each professional. Instead, I decided to describe a couple memorable moments that I think are worth elaborating upon for NODA members.

I had never heard Lauren Sammis speak in person before, but was particularly pleased by the useful insight she provided. Lauren was very amusing while being genuine at the same time. She made the room break out in laughter numerous times, which made for a more dynamic 8:00 discussion. Lauren spoke of her riding history. She insisted many times how she was "quite bad" at riding when she first started out. I can hardly believe that, knowing she rode Sagacious HF in the 2007 Pan Am Games, where she helped the U.S. earn the team Gold medal and earned an individual Silver medal. Lauren shared a couple of



Heather Blitz stands in the center surrounded by the Young Rider Graduate Program attendee's.

memorable insights that I thought were relevant to all dressage riders.

- First off, Lauren said, "It's just circles." This was one sentence that made the room erupt in laughter. Her point? Dressage can be a very emotional sport, especially when training obstacles arise. This statement was made as Lauren was drawing circles with her index finger. The point is to keep everything light in training and in daily life in general. We are not curing cancer; we are just riding circles.
- A more poignant thought from Lauren came later when she said, "Some people in the world work to live. We work to do something we love." This statement is simple yet profound. As dressage riders, trainers, farm owners, or family members of people involved with horses, we are so fortunate to have a life involved with horses. If you are a professional in the equine industry you are blessed, in my opinion, to be able to work to do something you are passionate about and love to do.

While this was just one small discussion, there were countless quality talks that took place over the weekend. I was able to meet for the first time many individuals in the dressage community, which was exciting. I am very grateful for the USDF, USEF, The Dressage Foundation, Erica Minks, and Roz Kinstler for making the weekend a complete success. If anyone has questions about the program, feel free to contact me for more information.

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## ***Steffen Peters Aboard Ravel Repeats World Dressage Masters, Palm Beach Win***

**USEF RELEASE: January 29, 2012 by Joanie Morris**

**T**he 2012 World Dressage Masters Palm Beach CDI4\* presented by International Polo Club Palm Beach ended as it began with American dressage superstar Steffen



**Steffen Peters and Ravel are captured warming up for winning freestyle by NODA member Liz Ritz.**

Peters and Ravel storming to their second consecutive sweep of the event. Their dramatic freestyle was very difficult and they were rewarded by the judges with a score of 83.70% and recognized with a standing ovation from the crowd. It was a narrow victory, Great Britain's Charlotte Dujardin gave Peters and Ravel a lot to handle but they held on by 5/100ths of a point. "What an amazing ride," said Peters. "Thanks again to my buddy Ravel."

Peters (San Diego, CA) and Ravel's incredibly difficult transitions, including from canter pirouette to piaffe to walk, were seamless. Ravel's half-pass has amazing reach at both the trot and the canter and the one-time changes on the centerline were effortless. The all-around brilliance gave this pair the edge - making them back-to-back World Dressage Masters Palm Beach Champions. "It was the ride of my lifetime, I've never done a better freestyle," said Peters. "He felt absolutely amazing - if we can just keep this for the next seven months." Of course, the Olympic Games in London take place July. Music from Avatar proved incredibly powerful and Ravel was full of confidence, from one difficult movement to the next "it was great," said Peters. "It felt wonderful. Ravel was even more powerful than last night - but relaxed in between for the walk tour." Peters wasn't confident after Dujardin went that he held his lead, the Brit was the last in the ring. "I felt like I was a team in the play-off who kicked a field goal with one second left," said

Peters after the scores were verified.

It was standing room only at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center and eight horses took center stage to perform their CDI4\* Freestyles. Peters (San Diego, CA) broke his personal best in the Grand Prix on Friday and then refused to flinch in the face of tough competition. The now 14-year-old KWPN gelding has transformed into a major force in the dressage world for Peters and his owner Akiko Yamazaki from Four Winds Farm. They were fourth individually at the 2008 Olympic Games, won the 2009 Rolex/FEI World Cup Final, won two individual Bronze medals at the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games and the 2011 World Dressage Masters. Peters has won USEF Equestrian of the Year honors three times, including for his 2011 Pan American Games double Gold medal effort in Mexico.

Dujardin rode confidently - after a slight bobble in the first centerline, she never gave up and got every conceivable point out of her lovely Dutch gelding. "I had a great ride..." said Dujardin. "He dealt with the atmosphere really well, today I felt like he was much more with me." He was a bit over the top in the Grand Prix and Dujardin was pleased to find him more rideable in the freestyle. "I felt like I had a bit more control today," said Dujardin.

The USEF offers its apologies to anyone who tried to watch the World Dressage Masters on the USEF Network. We had technical difficulties with our website and are continuing to troubleshoot. The production from both the World Dressage Masters and the Winter Equestrian Festival were excellent, and we look forward to showing both the Grand Prix Freestyle and the Nespresso Battle of the Sexes on demand shortly. We know that live streaming is important to all of our equestrian fans and offer our sincerest apologies. It will be available here: <http://usefnetwork.com/featured/WDM2012/>





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## USDF NEWS

**Get Involved in USDF Governance**, Nominations are being accepted for Participating Member delegates in all regions until April 15, 2012. **Nominations for USDF President, Treasurer, and Regional Directors in regions 2, 4, 6, and 8 will be accepted until June 1, 2012.** USDF President, Treasurer, and Regional Director (2, 4, 6, and 8) nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the Board of Governors meeting at the annual convention during the first week of December 2012, in New Orleans, LA. All nominations, in addition to any inquiries regarding nominations, should be sent to [nominations@usdf.org](mailto:nominations@usdf.org).

**Regional Championship Qualifying Periods**, Starting in 2012, all Regional Championships will have a closing date that is the fourth Monday prior to the start of the competition.

**Regional Championship Prize Money Announced**, The prize money for the 2012 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships has been determined. GAIG/USDF Champions at all levels and divisions will receive \$276, payable to the horse owner, along with an embroidered jacket and cooler provided by SmartPak. The 2012 Reserve Champions at all levels and divisions will receive \$186, along with an embroidered saddle pad.

**New Rule for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards Rankings**, New for 2012, for purposes of year-end award rankings, a horse or horse/rider combination may only be eligible to be ranked in the final USDF year-end award standings at a maximum of two consecutive levels within the same competition year. Please see the **USDF Member Guide** for the entire rule.

**FEI Young Rider Team Test Equivalent to Prix St. Georges for USDF Award Purposes**, Effective October 1, 2011, for the purposes of USDF awards, the FEI Young Rider Team Test is equivalent to Prix St. Georges. Please see the **USDF Member Guide** for more information.



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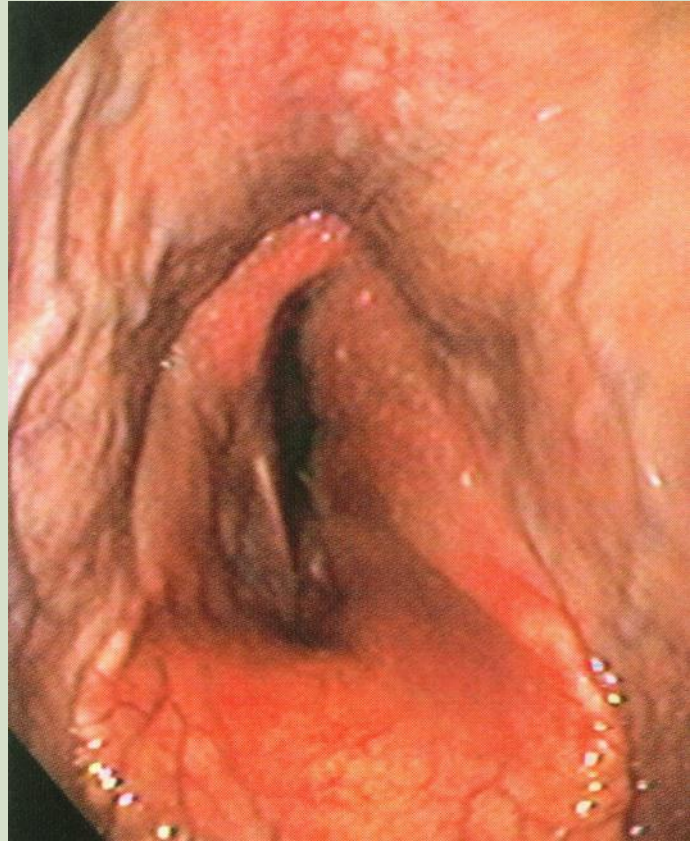
## Laryngeal Hemiplegia

by Melissa Milligan, DVM, MS, DACVS

**L**aryngeal hemiplegia is a condition of the horse's throat that narrows the airway and leads to inspiratory noise, exercise intolerance, and poor performance. Affected horses are often referred to as "roarers" because of the noise they make during inhalation.

Laryngeal hemiplegia is defined as paralysis of one of the arytenoid cartilages. Because the arytenoid cartilage is paralyzed, it cannot open (abduction) to allow normal airflow. The cartilage remains within the airway when the horse inspires, preventing adequate air inflow and causing the noise and exercise intolerance typically identified in horses suffering from laryngeal hemiplegia. At rest, the paralysis has little effect on the horse's ability to inhale properly, but when larger amounts of air are required during strenuous exercise, the narrowed airway prohibits adequate air intake.

An upper airway endoscopic examination is necessary to diagnose laryngeal hemiplegia. During the examination, which should be conducted *without* sedation, the function of the different structures

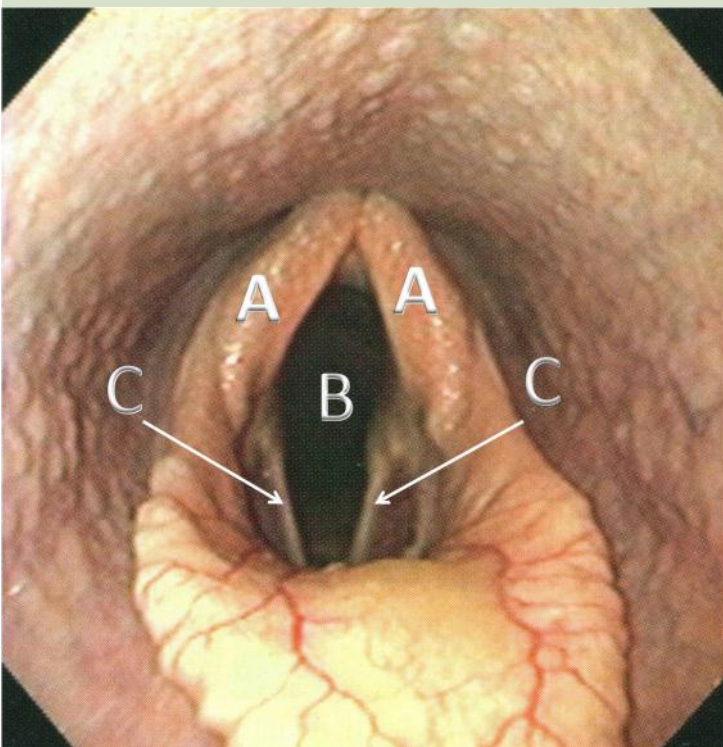


**Figure 2 depicts a Grade 4 Hemeplegia.**

within the horse's throat is assessed, specifically the movement of the arytenoid cartilages.

The arytenoid cartilages, sometimes referred to as "flappers," are positioned on the right and left sides of the larynx (Figure 1, letter A are the arytenoids). During normal inspiration the cartilages open wide to provide an unobstructed path for airflow, and during normal swallowing the cartilages close tightly to prevent any food from entering the trachea, or windpipe (Figure 1, letter B is the windpipe).

Arytenoid function is divided into four grades: Grade 1 indicates symmetric, synchronous movement of both cartilages with complete abduction and is considered normal; Grade 2 indicates some asynchronous, sluggish movement of one arytenoid but full abduction is obtained; Grade 3 identifies consistent asynchronous movements and full abduction *cannot* be maintained; Grade 4 indicates complete paralysis of one arytenoid, with no movement at all (see Figure 2).



**Figure 1 depicts a normal larynx.**

Some horses with Grade 2 or 3 laryngeal hemiplegia require a dynamic upper airway endoscopic examination, which is performed simultaneously while the horse exercises on a treadmill or wears a specially designed portable endoscopic unit that attaches to the bridle. These horses can have a slightly abnormal examination at rest, and get progressively worse with exercise, making them ideal candidates for dynamic endoscopic examinations.

The most commonly affected horses are tall, long-necked horses such as thoroughbreds, standardbreds, draft horses, and warmbloods. The left side is affected in over 90% of the cases, usually for unknown reasons.

Successful treatment of laryngeal hemiplegia requires surgery, and several different options exist. The best option is a procedure termed a tie-back, or laryngoplasty. A prosthetic suture is placed behind the affected arytenoid cartilage, physically tying it in the "open" position. The next best option is to perform a ventriculectomy. This procedure removes the vocal sacculles (Figure 1, letter C indicates the sacculles), which helps to widen the airway and reduce the noise. Sometimes these two options are performed on the same horse simultaneously for best results. Draft horses are most frequently treated with a ventriculectomy, as this procedure can be performed in the standing, sedated horse and eliminates the potential complications associated with anesthesia in draft horses. If the ventriculectomy does not provide enough relief, a tie-back can be performed at a later date. As a last

resort, if the tie-back fails, an arytenoidectomy, or removal of the paralyzed arytenoid, can be performed.

Horses are hospitalized for 4-6 days for a tie-back, and 36-72 hours for a ventriculectomy. A 6 week recovery period is required

for the tie-back, after which the horse can return to training. The 6 weeks are divided between stall rest with hand walking and small paddock turnout. A ventriculectomy requires 21-24 days of exercise restriction, after which the horse may return to training. Depending on the discipline in which the horse competes, the success rate (meaning resolution of the noise and return to normal breathing ability) can be 60% to 85%. Racehorses have lower success rates because of the severe stresses placed upon the airway at race speed, while horses competing in other less strenuous disciplines have higher success rates.

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## NODA Board Meeting Minutes — January 7, 2012

**Meeting Location:** Panera Bread in Solon

**Attendance:** Alice Brightup, Linda Cooley, Fran Cverna, Mary Lou Gallagher, Chris Goodall, Janeen Langowski-Grava, Jennifer Kick, Kathy Kirchner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Berni Moauro, Gail Patton, Mary Dana Prescott, Barb Soukup, Patti Valencic, Krista Warnick

**Call to Order:** Dee Liebenthal, President, called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Kick

- Checking account = \$18,987.55; Savings account = \$5,011.58.
- Needs all volunteer hours turned in for tax purposes.

**Handbook:** Dee Liebenthal

- Due to time constraints Rose Mary may want to give it up. Jennifer Kick will ask her mom. Suggestions made to eliminate redundancies and prize list and make it smaller.

**Membership Report:** Fran Cverna

- Board received copy of membership list
- 119 Adult Amateurs, 20 Jr/Young Riders, 35 Professionals. Total =174.
- 11 are new this year
- 33 want Newsletter and Handbook printed and mailed
- Family members have to live at same address
- Professionals can resume AA status midyear for NODA schooling shows and Year End awards. The requirement is 12 consecutive months.

**Education Report:** Bernie Moauro

- Lilo Fore clinic June 30 and July 1 at LEC. NODA (host) not mentioned in USDF E News. Bernie will call and see if it can be corrected. She will also place an article and ad in the next NODA newsletter. She suggests that

volunteers at the clinic be allowed to audit for free when not volunteering..

- Marcia Doyle will continue to look into Instructor Certification workshop series.
- Discussion about how posting on the wrong diagonal can impact test scores, prompted by letter from member. Need further education on this. Kathy Kirchner offered to write article. Jennifer Kick will also ask Elspeth.

**Recognized Shows:** Mary Lou Gallagher

- Robyn Ambrose emailed that Marilyn Heath will be replacing Lois Yukins for 2012 as a judge. Discussion about pros and cons of online entries, prompted by a question from a member. Suggestion that Niki Sackman might assist with creation of an online form as a first step.
- Mary Lou questioned whether we keep entry fees after paying the \$200 for Dressage Federation sponsored class. Answer: Yes.
- Dale Lappert moved to add a Benefit Class, cost \$300, to one Recognized Show for Dressage Foundation (includes clock and ribbons). Chris Goodall seconded and motion passed.

**Banquet Report:** Dee for Carol Cassano

- Unaudited Banquet cost to NODA \$47.03.

**Website:** Linda Cooley

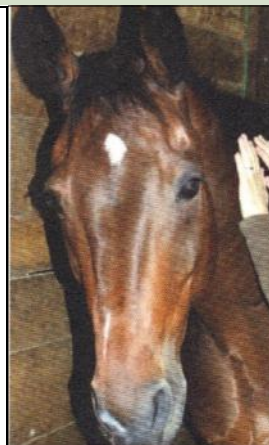
- Postings for late Nov/early Dec included Equine Specialty Hospital lecture series, Visiting Vet Lecture series, NODA Schooling Shows and CADS Schooling Shows on Calendar. Horse Fun videos.
- Member Spotlight: In Memory of Lukas and USEF honoring Barb Soukup and LEC National Champs.

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- Discussion on importance of Equitation Classes at Schooling Shows. Clarification that combined scores from Championship Shows count toward Year End Awards.
- Discussion about being allowed to show Training Level after showing Intro. Level. Continue to allow. Discussion of Introductory Open division being an unrestricted division. Agreement to change this to an unrestricted division.
- Year End Championship Schooling Show same weekend as Regional Finals. Can't be changed.
- Graphics on Schooling Show Prize List will be changed to remove the riders in top hats.
- Dee suggested the need for 2 people to replace present Schooling Show Chairs/Manager & Secretary, as they will be stepping down after 2012. Chris Goodall will create an ad.
- Following discussion of Schooling Show fees, Dale Lappert moved to raise class fees to \$30.00 for non-members and the office fee to \$8.00 (each a \$2.00 increase). Kathy Kirchner seconded and motion passed.

awarded for the tie and the next class skipped for scholarship classes.

- Dee moved we increase scholarship award for Recognized Shows to \$100.00, and \$75.00 for Schooling Shows. Seconded by Linda Cooley, motion passed.
- At Recognized Shows, state that owner of a horse ridden by a Professional, must be a NODA member at the time scores are earned.
- After discussion on how to count scores at PSG and up, Dee moved that 4 scores will be required at PSG level, 4 scores from I1, and 4 scores can be combined from I1 and Grand Prix. Seconded by Patti Valencic and motion passed.
- Proposed new award, Fabian School Master Trophy, will need to be reworked to keep it more quantitative and less subjective.

#### Old Business

- No old business.

#### New Business

- Barb Soukup and Patti Valencic welcomed to the Board.

#### Adjournment

- Linda Cooley moved to adjourn. Patti Valencic seconded and motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM. The next meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012 at Panera Bread in Solon.

#### Awards Committee: Janeen Langowski-Grava

- Many changes proposed to 2012 Awards, including wording on several trophies.
- Banquet will take place on Nov 17, 2012.
- Competition year to run from October 23, 2011 to October 20, 2012.
- NODA bucks towards awards must be earned in current competition year.
- Ties for Trophy Awards will go to rider with single highest score of the average. Two ribbons will be

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NODA membership at the same time in 2011 was 152 members.

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