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Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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Greetings from the President



Dee Liebenthal and Rens

Dear NODA Members,
Fall is finally here with its warm sunny days and very cool nights. It is absolutely my favorite time of the year. I love it and I wish it lasted longer.

I hope all of you have continued to work on your riding goals throughout the year. Now that we are nearing the end of 2012, did you have to adjust your goals as the year went on? I did, and I am sure everyone had to make small or maybe even large adjustments. You may have had to rethink your goals completely and change direction. Or maybe things went so well for you that you reached your goals early and were able to set new ones. Things happen that we may not have control over, and they can have an unexpected impact on our goals, riding or other. I have had a small setback, but my goals are still possible. They will just take a little longer to achieve. I am ok with that; I am working on dealing with and letting go of my disappointment so I can proceed on a forward course. I

must say, Jane Savoie, in her book *That Winning Feeling*, still offers great words of wisdom when it comes to staying positive by "letting the crap float away down the river." My instructor has been very patient and helpful, getting me back on track. I thank all of my friends and family for their words of encouragement and support over the last couple months.

NODA has set some goals as well, for the next couple of years. I am sure that we will have to adjust them here and there as we go along, but I have confidence that we will be able to reach them. I have talked about our plans in previous letters and I will continue to update you on where we are in achieving our goals. Keeping our plans out in front of our members will help us to stay on track and encourage us to drive forward toward those goals. Send me your ideas about where you think NODA should be heading and what you would like to see your club doing. Send your thoughts and ideas to president@nodarider.org or your member representative, Kathy Kirchner at memberrep@nodarider.org. You can also put a note on our facebook page. You might want to start a conversation about your idea. It is helpful sometimes to get feedback from other members.

We recently asked our Facebook friends if they are happy reading our Newsletter online or would prefer to read it in hard copy. We got some good responses and most seemed to like the online copy. Some appreciated not getting more paper in the mail. However, we also have to stop and realize that those members

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who use facebook use the computer a lot. We have members who do not use a computer much and some members who read online all day at work and would rather come home and read a hard copy. There are also those who like both the on line version and the hard copy. These members like sharing the Newsletter or taking it with them. We would like to hear thoughts from more members on this subject. Send your thoughts to me, president@nodarider.org, or our member liaison, Kathy Kirchner, memberrep@nodarider.org or put a note on our facebook page.

We are working with Lake Erie College, planning to partner with them to bring the USDF's Instructors' Certification Program to our area. We are excited and are getting ready to put a schedule together. Hopefully you will see the first workshop on the late winter/early spring calendar. We are looking for a couple of people to join the Education Committee for this project. If you are interested in helping with this important program, please contact Marcia Doyle, marcia-edu@nodarider.org, or Bernie Moauro, Bernie-edu@nodarider.org.

Clara Etzel and Bernie Moauro are working together to make our plan to have scholarship opportunities for both Adult Amateurs and Jr/YRs a reality. We hope to have something completed by the end of this year or early next for all of you to consider.

In early 2012 we will begin looking at better ways to engage our members and encourage you to become more active in your organization. I will be attending the USDF Convention in New Orleans this year and hope to tap into best practices from other GMOs for rewarding and encouraging volunteerism. The Convention is a terrific way to learn what is going on, and what works and what doesn't for other organizations.

Thank you to those who have shown interest in helping with our Schooling Shows for 2013. We are grateful and know that it will be a rewarding adventure. There will be more information to come regarding our new Manager and Secretary in a later edition. At this time, we are breathing a big sigh of relief. The shows will go on!

We also have three new members on our Banquet Committee. We are grateful to them for their help. Thank you to Niki Sackman, Jen Sozio, and Kara Maruszak. We welcome your help and are pleased to be working with you.

As the days get shorter and we will soon be leaving for work in the dark, we are looking forward to NODA's final schooling show and the Championship show. After that, we will gather together with our family and friends at the Banquet to celebrate a year of competition, accomplishments, and riding enjoyment.

Speaking of the Banquet, it is not all that far off. The Banquet Committee is meeting, ordering awards, soliciting donations and advertising, and putting the program together. Look in this issue for information on what will be happening at this year's celebration. We had a great time last year and I know it will be even more fun this year. This Banquet Celebration is not just for those getting awards; we encourage everyone to come and celebrate riding, each other, family, friends, and everyone who supported us during the last 12 months. Watch for your invitation in the mail later this month.

Important dates and deadlines:

- Final Schooling Show: October 13th - Scores are eligible for 2012 year-end awards.
- Schooling Show Championships: October 14th.
- Application for year-end awards must be postmarked by October 20th. Remember, you can fill out the form on line, print and mail. 4 NODA bucks for each horse/rider combination, earned in the 2012 competition year, must be included.
- Celebration and Awards Banquet, November 17th. Everyone is invited!
- Board meetings: Second Monday of each month 7:00 pm at Panera in Solon.
- Membership renewal begins in November. You can renew at the Banquet and save postage.

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President

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November 17, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Independence, OH

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featuring member photos slide show

Dinner

followed by

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E-mail photos of you and your horse to Carol for inclusion in the annual member slide show.

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Help the Geauga County Dog Shelter

Bring items useful to the Geauga County Dog (and Cat) Shelter in Chardon **to get a free raffle ticket.**

See page 8 for their Wish List

Silent Auction Donations

are being solicited from members and businesses. Please contact any of the banquet committee members below to donate new items.

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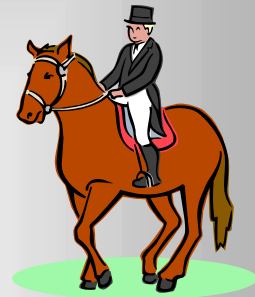
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Think Celebration! November 17th is NODA's Annual Banquet!

By Kathy Kirchner

NODA's Annual Year-end Celebration and Awards Banquet for 2012 will take place **Saturday, November 17th** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Independence, OH. NODA's Banquet Committee is keeping it fresh, fun and easier than ever to celebrate. New this year, NODA is offering reserved Tables of 8. When you receive your invitation in the mail you will be able to request seating with friends and stable mates if you desire.

Everyone loved the centerpiece freestyle competition in 2011 and the banquet committee is freshening that idea up with the First Freestyle Gift Basket Competition and Raffle along with a Silent Auction. Banquet attendee's will vote on the best gift basket. See the banquet ad on page 6 of this issue for Gift Basket Freestyle Instructions! NODA is seeking new items for the silent auction, so think fun, relaxing, horsey and not-so-horsey. If you have an item you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, please contact any banquet committee member listed at the end of this article.

The banquet is all about NODA members and their horses. We'll highlight you along with your friends and your horses in a wonderful slide show with pictures from shows, clinics, and our everyday lives with horses. Even if you can't join us at the banquet, you and your horse can join us in spirit. Send your photos(s) by e-mail to cacassano@gmail.com. Those of you without e-mail can contact Carol to find out how you can get a photo into the slide show.

Also new this year is a special banquet opportunity to help the Geauga County Dog Shelter. Be thinking about an item you can bring to the banquet that will be useful to the Geauga County Dog (and Cat) Shelter in Chardon. Each person who brings an item for the shelter will receive a free raffle ticket. **Gauga County Dog Shelter wish list includes canned and dry food, Sensible or Easy Walk harnesses, Advantage, Frontline or Capstar flea medications, any leftover canine medications, rawhides, leashes (6') and collars, laundry soap, paper towels, soft blankets, sheets, and towels, printer cartridges (HP 22 tri-color**

or HP 21 black); printer paper and copy paper, Lysol, dry erase markers (fine tip, please), Scotch tape and duct tape. You can read about the shelter here: <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/OH272.html>.

The celebration will start with a cash bar cocktail hour with time to catch up with friends and share your horse stories. You'll have time to peruse the silent auction and size up the Freestyle Gift Basket Competition before voting on your favorite. Then on to dinner, raffle, and the awards and prize giving ceremonies.

NODA's wonderful and tireless banquet committee is working hard to make this an event you will enjoy and remember. Invitations will be mailed at the end of October so watch your mailbox! We're looking forward to seeing everyone shed the barn clothes and don your finery to join with other NODA members to celebrate on November 17th.

It's time again for the annual
**NODA Awards and Recognition for
NODA Members**
for
Recognized USEF/USDF Competition
and the
NODA's Schooling Show Series

Remember!

Awards are open to NODA members and will be presented at the November 17, 2012 banquet.

Competitors must be members prior to earning scores submitted for yearend awards.

Your application must be postmarked on or before October 20, 2012.

Each horse and rider team must earn four NODA bucks in 2012 to be eligible for 2012 awards.

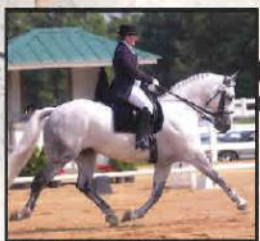
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Judge's Comments, Telling It Like It Is!

By Lauren Wade

I grew up riding hunters. At hunter shows, you and your horse enter the ring, jump a course of jumps, and wait to see if your name is called when they pin the class. There is never an explanation for why you do or do not get a ribbon. You can have the best ride of your life and have nothing to show for it and no understanding of why not.

I loved jumping fences, but my horse did NOT. When she finally explained this to me in a way that I couldn't ignore, I decided to try another sport. Dressage seemed like a good idea. The mare was a nice mover and there were no fences to refuse in a dressage ring! When I found out that the dressage judge scores every movement AND gives you comments on the movements and your test as a whole, dressage really appealed to me.

My first dressage show was the Mid-Ohio Classic in Columbus, Ohio, in 1990. We showed Training Level and our first test seemed quite nice to me. The mare didn't refuse a single fence! I went to get our test sheet and had my first experience with a judge's comments! We got a 40%, were last in the class, and the comments at the end of the test included, "You have a wonderful horse if you would learn to ride [her] properly." I was so happy that someone had said I had a wonderful horse that I didn't care about the 40% or the last-place finish. I got a "clinic" on how to ride each movement scrawled across the comments boxes and I was hooked on dressage!

In the intervening 22 years, I have relished judge's comments. Some are wonderful as creative statements of the obvious, some are the valiant attempts to find something positive to say, and others are just plain funny! I have taken notes and want to share some of the best comments that my friends and I have received.

Just sayin' it like it is

Among comments that qualify as statements of the obvious, a judge said that a young horse that both stopped and ran backwards before the halt at X was,



Lauren Wade and Ghalewind at the 2011 Lake Erie College Dressage Derby. Photo by Kris Schuler .

"Resistant on center line." That movement received a 4. Another judge commented on a movement where my friend's horse bucked her off: "Rider ejected." That movement did not receive a score. When my young horse leapt straight into the air when asked for the left lead canter, the judge said, "Loss of control." And on the following circle, the comment was, "Continued problems." All of these statements were very correct, and quite funny.

If you don't have anything nice to say...

The valiant attempt by a judge to find something positive to say, in the face of a horrible ride or a horrible movement, can also be very humorous. A famous judge at my first horse show charitably commented that I had a "nice turnout." The dressage was horrible, but at least my coat fit, and my horse was braided nicely!

One of my friends received the comment, "A capable horse that just needs time." The same horse also gave the judge "clear glimpses of a very nice horse." Unfortunately, the scores reflected the moments between the "glimpses," but the encouragement was wonderful.

A judge told me that my horse (who was legendarily exuberant in his lead changes) was, "All eleven lords a leaping!" A wonderful thing about dressage is that while we lost points in that movement (and probably on the submission score), we were rewarded for the

even and correct trot work and the movements that did not involve leaping lead changes!

Recently, a judge in Kentucky commented that my horse is "a lovely mare with a lot of movement to control." He added, "Today, the energy overcame the harmony." This is the most tactful way I have ever heard of saying, "You got run-away-with on a nice horse." I give that judge a 10 for finding a positive comment, despite a disaster of a ride!

That's a classic

Some of my favorite comments are the ones that get repeated at almost every subsequent horse show because they are just so funny.

One that I will never forget was, "A lovely pair, lacking a spirit of cooperation." My horse had run off in the canter lengthenings, and stopped dead rather than shorten his stride in the canter. He was a little full of himself that morning. I liked the comment so much, I had "THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION" embroidered into my lunge line. If I feel like my horse is a little too

fresh, we develop "the spirit" in the morning for a few minutes before we horse show. I also am willing to loan "the spirit" to my friends who need it. It may be one of the most helpful comments I have ever gotten!

A friend who had some trouble in a test with a young horse got the comment, "If you fix your basic issues, your scores will improve." There was no elaboration as to what her basic issues were, but we all think they may have been that her horse leapt into the canter, got the wrong leads, and wasn't on the bit. He was naughty in that test, but he did give my group of friends a new mantra. No one will ever forget to "fix their basic issues!"

A judge in ring four at Grand Haven (the ring beside the horse-eating oil well) humorously commented that my horse – who never made it within four meters of the corner with the oil well – was a "lovely mare with a clear opinion about fossil fuels." This comment is even funnier because the mare was so "green." The mare and I got a 66% on that test and

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won the Training Level class. However, judges are not nearly as forgiving of her continued fear of the oil well as she has moved up the levels. At Second Level, when she balks in that corner she is "resistant."

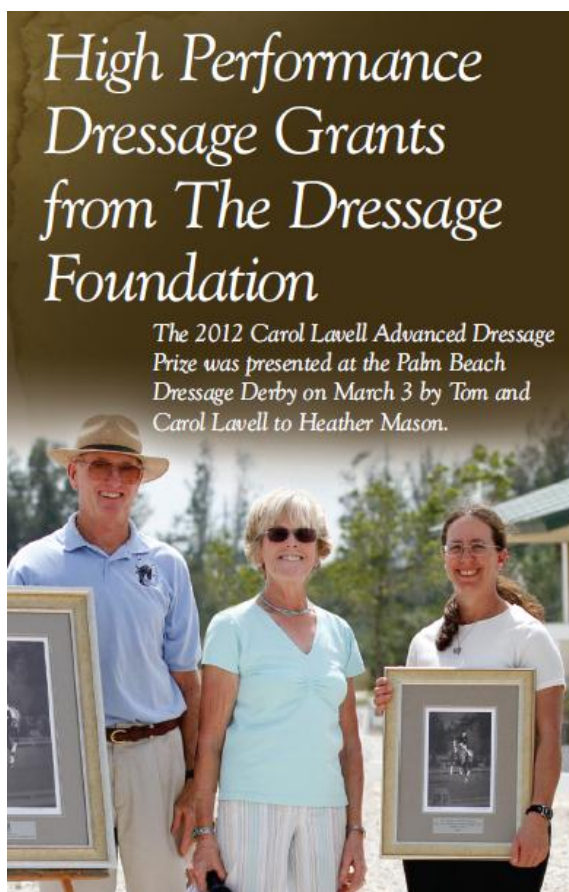
A friend who had a very "solid citizen" who never really wanted to go forward was told by a judge that she needed to "take movement #7 more seriously." Movement #7 happened to be the trot lengthening, which she spent most of her life trying to achieve. The judge apparently mistook her grimace of concentration for a giggle.

The same rider now has a very fancy, but very young horse which she is just learning to ride. At their first show, their circles were not quite round, and their transitions were not quite at the appropriate letters. The judge told her that she needed to "stop giving away points unnecessarily." She assures me that she is working on it!

While many judge's comments make us laugh, some remind us how wonderful our horses are, and some encourage us to keep riding and trying to improve at this sport.

A judge at Grand Haven stood as I came up center line at the end of the test and instead of returning my salute, he applauded. He said it was a wonderful test and that my horse and I had gotten nine 8s! If you are curious, the appropriate response to a judge's applause is to burst into tears and pet your horse a lot. It still makes me mist up 10 years later.

I said that the judge from my first horse show who gave me a 40% also gave me a riding clinic in her comments. She informed me that you are not supposed to cross your hand over your horse's neck to achieve bend, that see-sawing the reins is not the appropriate way to get a horse on the bit, and that a halt should come from your legs and seat not from a pulley rein in your horse's mouth. I listened. I showed in front of her two more times that weekend. The comments at the end of the third test were, "Your hand aids are getting better. Now free [her] shoulder and let [her] out. You've got a good horse." We got a 60% and were second in a very large class. I still have the test papers from both of those tests 22 years later. The comments both make me laugh and make me appreciate judge's comments!



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The 2012 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize was presented at the Palm Beach Dressage Derby on March 3 by Tom and Carol Lavell to Heather Mason.

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Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated!

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Rocky River Stables Schooling Show Results

September 2, 2012

High Point Rides

Junior: Colin Gaffney & Judge Not 73.750% Training, Test 1

Adult Amateur: Jennifer Toth & Murphy 70.600% Training, Test 3

Judge: Amy Rothe-Heitter (L)

USDF Introductory Test A (Open)

1 Sharon Gates	Mary Rose	64.375
2 Stephanie Custer	Reno	58.750
3 Nichole Kelland	Pik's Windancer	41.563

USDF Introductory Test A (Open)

1 Michelle Heinz	Mr. Bingo Socks	67.188
2 Allison Johnson	General Alexander	65.000
3 Brenda Trautman	Gomez The Red	60.625
4 Tamara Alibeckoff	Beau Gosse	59.688
5 Amanda Kopec	Mikalas Timeless Diana	58.438

USDF Introductory Test C (Novice)-AA

1 Laurie Grucza	Caps di Orso	67.500
2 Lora Szloh	Salbatore Earl	57.500

USDF Introductory Test B (Open)

1 Allison Johnson	General Alexander	64.688
2 Amanda Turk	U.S. Marshall	60.625
3 Andrea Avramovic	Romeo	55.625

USDF Introductory Test B (Novice-JR)

1 Olivia Hendershott	Prime Time Glory	59.688
2 Noelle Ignagni	MRF Bello di Notte	57.188
3 Iris Paterson	Harry Potter	55.313
4 Veronica Ditto	Seattle Shield	52.813
5 Olivia Sedlak	Emma	45.000



Training Level Test 1 (Novice-JR)

1 Kim Shepard	Casey's Artful Treasure	62.708
2 Andrea Avramovic	Sally	61.458
3 Becky Kirk	Oreo Blizzard	61.250
4 Mary Meehan	Gallop Home	60.417
5 Grace Boccia	Legend	59.792

Training Level Test 2 (Novice-AA)

1	Cathy Suffecool	Dash Like A Jet	64.464
2	Emily Jackson	Tour en L'Air	63.036
3	Lauren VanLehn	Mary Rose	61.607
4	Jennifer Toth	Murphy	61.250
5	Niki Sackman	Mercedes Colortyme	61.071
6	Lauren VanLehn	Timmy	60.714
	Michelle Heinz	Ariat's Secret	59.643
	Michelle Vonk	Crusader Creek	59.286
	Amy Craig	Jessica NHH	58.750

Training Level Test 3 (Novice-JR)

1 Mary Meehan	Gallop Home	62.800
2 Kim Shepard	Casey's Artful Treasure	62.200
3 Hannah Sommers	Spike	60.400+
4 Becky Kirk	Oreo Blizzard	60.400
5 Ciara Lawson	Zips Fleur de Lys	59.000
6 Grace Boccia	Legend	58.200

Dressage Seat Equitation

1 Robin Hill	Lasting Impression	74.000
2 Jennifer Toth	Murphy	71.000
3 Emily Jackson	Tour en L'Air	70.000
4 Michelle Vonk	Crusader Creek	68.000

Dressage Seat Equitation

1 Amanda Getto	Two Tall Jiggs	72.000
2 Molly Hanlon	Atticus	70.000
3 Kim Shepard	Casey's Artful Treasure	69.000

2011 Rotating Award Winners

Rotating trophy awards must be returned by
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Pack with care for the 2012 recipient.

Recipients will be contacted
with details on where and how to return the
trophy.

If you have questions
please contact Marcia Doyle 216-233-7212 or
Marcia-edu@nodarider.org.

Congratulations on a job well done in 2011.

Training Level Test 2 (Open)

1	Kris Payden	Messorid	68.929
2	Lisa Noble	Danielle Sinclair	68.214
3	Rachel Ritter	Guiness	66.250
4	Shelly Bragan	Class Picture	66.071
5	Allison Fisher	Festival	65.357
6	Kimber Mackenzie	Incandescence	61.786

Training Level Test 3 (Open)

1	Amanda Getto	Two Tall Jiggs	68.600
2	Molly Hanlon	Atticus	63.600
3	Heather Strawn	Lytic	57.400

First Level Test 1

1	Robin Hill	Quintessential	61.897
2	Susan Desimpel	Curritcuk	61.379
3	Patti Cifranic	Wilameena	60.345

First Level Test 3

1	Kirsten Thomas	Royal	65.484
2	Robin Hill	Quintessential	61.935
3	Crisstee Miller	Easy Swinger	60.323
4	Robin Hill	Lasting Impression	58.710

Second Level Test 2

1	Rhianna Hillyer	Vasha SSF	65.263
2	Briana Cavett	Splash of Blue Gin	59.474

Fourth Level Test 1

1	Sarah Justice	Narok	64.857
2	Sabine Walker	CA. Hudson Bey	58.286

Judge: Dale Lappert (R)**USDF Introductory Test B (Novice-AA)**

1	Laurie Grucza	Caps di Orso	68.750
2	Nichole Kelland	Pik's Windancer	54.375
3	Sharon Gates	Mary Rose	53.750
4	Lora Szloh	Salbatore Earl	48.750
5	Stephanie Custer	Reno	45.625

USDF Introductory Test A (Novice-JR)

1	Olivia Hendershott	Prime Time Glory	64.375
2	Iris Paterson	Harry Potter	59.063
3	Noelle Ignagni	MRF Bello di Notte	53.125

USDF Introductory Test B (Open)

1	Amy Craig	Jessica NHH	64.063
2	Brenda Trautman	Gomez The Red	58.750
3	Tamrara Alibeckoff	Beau Gosse	56.533
4	Amanda Kopec	Mikalas Timeless Diana	49.375+
5	Michelle Heinz	Mr. Bingo Socks	49.375

USDF Introductory Test C (Novice-JR)

1	Veronica Ditto	Seattle Shield	53.750
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USDF Introductory Test C (Open)

1	Amanda Turk	U.S. Marshall	58.750
2	Andrea Avramovic	Romeo	50.000

Walk-Trot-JR Equitation

1	Olivia Hendershott	Prime Time Glory	76.000
2	Noelle Ignagni	MRF Bello di Notte	63.000
3	Olivia Sedlak	Emma	52.000

Training Level Test 1 (Novice-AA)

1	Lauren VanLehn	Mary Rose	55.000
2	Michelle Heinz	Ariat's Secret	44.583
3	Chelsea Zockoll	Bailey	42.500

Training Level Test 2 (Novice-JR)

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1	Hannah Sommers	Spike	56.607
2	Amanda Avramovic	Sally	52.231
3	Ciara Lawson	Zips Fleur de Lys	50.893
4	Grace Boccia	Legend	44.643

Training Level Test 3 (Novice-AA)

1	Jennifer Toth	Murphy	70.600
2	Amy Craig	Jessica NHH	62.200
3	Michelle Vonk	Crusader Creek	61.400
4	Emily Jackson	Tour en L'Air	60.000
5	Cathy Suffecool	Dash Like A Jet	58.400
6	Niki Sackman	Mercedes Colortyme	54.800
	Lauren VanLehn	Timmy	53.800
	Michelle Heinz	Ariat's Secret	44.000

Third Level Freestyle

1	Jenifer Gaffney	Sandro	69.000
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Training Level Test 1 (Open)

1	Colin Gaffney	Judge Not	73.750
2	Rachel Ritter	Guiness	65.625
3	Kimber Mackenzie	Incandescence	63.125
4	Allison Fisher	Festival	60.208
5	Shelly Bragan	Class Picture	57.500
6	Alexandra Schueler	Bailey	57.292
	Chelsea Zockoll	Bailey	51.042
	Niki Sackman	Mercedes Colortyme	55.000

Training Level Test 2 (Open)

1	Amanda Getto	Two Tall Jiggs	66.607
2	Molly Hanlon	Atticus	60.893

Training Level Test 3 (Open)

1	Crissteen Miller	Easy Swinger	62.200
2	Lisa Noble	Danielle Sinclair	61.800
3	Kimber Mackenzie	Incandescence	60.400
4	Kris Payden	Messidor	60.000
5	Liz Biddick	Oz	59.800
6	Deb Winkler	Morante	54.600

First Level Test 1

1	Cynthia Hagan	Argostino	67.241
2	Liz Biddick	Tucker	62.241
3	Deb Winkler	Morante	57.241

Third Level Test 3

1	Sabine Walker	CA. Hudson Bey	63.974
2	Jenifer Gaffney	Sandro	63.462

First Level Test 2

1	Kirsten Thomas	Royâl	62.973
2	Cynthia Hagan	Argostino	62.568
3	Susan Desimpel	Curritcuk	62.162
4	Crissteen Miller	Easy Swinger	59.054
5	Pattie Cifranic	Wilameena	58.919

Second Level Test 3

1	Rhianna Hillyer	Vasha SSF	62.857
2	Briana Cavett	Splash of Blue Gin	55.119

Fourth Level Test 3

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2	Laura Headley	Roebel Comander SN	63.125

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My 2012 NAJYRC Experience

by Cassandra Hummert

Deciding how to approach the show season is always a stressful process, and this year we made a whole summer's worth of decisions in a few weeks. After competing in the FEI Juniors in 2011 and moving down to Lexington, Kentucky, to attend school, I decided that it was time for my horse, Tizayo, to teach someone else. It was also the time in my riding career to find a more experienced horse to tackle the young riders, and later the Brentina Cup.

After only two shopping trips I was lucky to find my boy; a 15-year-old 17.1-hand KWPN gelding, Plato Carlos. Soon after he walked off the truck in Kentucky, I sent in the paperwork for the North American Junior Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) and began to plan out the show season.

Because Plato and I hadn't been to Florida, we only had so many opportunities left to compete in NAJYRC qualifiers. In addition, we only had a few months to prepare the tests and, quite frankly, for me to get to know Plato. We decided to do a whirlwind selection trial month, and entered three horse shows in May. In the winter and early spring, Plato and I went to a few schooling shows and a show at Meadow Lake Equestrian Center in southern Kentucky to get a feel for the tests. We got promising scores, and I was confident about trying out for the Region 2 Young Rider team.

Our first selection trial was the Majestic Farm Ride for Roses show the first weekend of May. We did well



Region 2 team left to right: Rosalind Kinstler (Chef), Nicole Chiappetti, Cassandra Hummert-Johnson, Victoria Retamoza, Paige Miller, Allison Gerlt, Keegan O'Brien, Rebekah Mingari, Kayla Barteau. Photo by Rosie Simoes.

with a few bobbles as expected, but came away with an idea of how to fix things. Then came the CDIs. We had a weekend off then packed up and headed up to Majestic Farm again for the CDI***. The last show I had competed in with five judges was at Gladstone in 2011. It was daunting to enter the ring again with five pairs of eyes on me, but

Plato and I put in nice tests, and received a 66% each day and a 68% in the freestyle.

After only a couple days back home, we packed up again and headed to Kentucky Horse Park for the KDA CDI*. At this point, Plato was getting a little tired, but we pulled off solid tests. In June, we were notified that we had earned a spot on the Region 2 Young Rider team with a 65% average, along with Tori Retamoza, Paige Miller and Nicole Chiappetti.

Preparations up to the NAJYRC included a lot of nitpicking the test, and strength training. Twice a week I would ride Plato twice a day; a lesson in the morning and a walk-hill session in the afternoon. The days were hot, and we had temperatures in the 100s. But we wanted to make sure Plato could handle the heat at the week-long championships.

Being only 15 minutes from the horse park, we wanted to head over as late as possible. We arrived on Monday afternoon, unpacked, then met with our Chef, Roz Kinstler, to talk about the logistics of the NAJYRC. We had ridden at the farm in the morning, so Plato was able to just chill out and go for a walk. From there began the NAJYRC craziness, with

meetings and decorating and the jog. After passing the jog and getting our YR patch, we geared up for the first day of competition, the YR Team Test.

We pulled a good time for the team test, early in the morning, and Plato felt good in the warm-up as we tried to keep from careening into other horses. Twice Plato's bell boot fell off, which created chaos. In general, warming up was a test of agility!

When we went in the show ring, Plato lost a little gusto, and I struggled in some places to recreate the activity in the hind end that I had in the warm-up. We finished with a 64.5%, a respectable score, and I left the ring happy with my test. As rider after rider rode, we watched our score move up and down the scoreboard, as well as our team members' scores. By the end of the day, we were balancing on the edge of being in third place and fourth place. Tensions were high as we watched the last few riders go, trying to figure out if we were going to medal. After all the riders were finished, we were pretty sure we had it, but then learned that we were fifth, with a 2% difference from third place. So close! Nevertheless, our team was proud with our finish and we proudly hung our pink ribbons on our horses' stalls.

The next day we weren't competing, so we decided to ride Plato early in the morning. The warm-up was in the hunter-jumper ring, and after an interesting trek down the steeplechase course to get there, we finally were able to relax and do some work. Plato felt particularly good, and right as we finished a good line of changes, 15 horses entered the ring and we took that as a sign to depart. Once back in the barn, I made sure that Plato was happy and then went over to the Rolex ring to enjoy watching the jumpers go. One of the coolest things about the NAJYRC is being able to watch so many talented young riders compete in one space. From the jumpers to the dressage riders and the reiners, there was always something to watch. On Friday we rode the Individual Test, and Plato and I again got an early time. Overall we had a good ride, though Plato was tired and it showed in some of the movements. We had a couple mistakes; one in the pirouette to the right (we skipped into the change directly after the pirouette, and had to change back to do the change at A where it was meant to be), as



Cassandra and Plato. Photo by Victoria Lucky.

well as a break in the extended trot. We scored a high 63% and although I had hoped to pull out an amazing test for the Individual, I was so proud of Plato and myself. We finished in the middle of the pack, and although we were close to making the top fifteen, it just wasn't our day for the freestyle. I was excited to cheer on my teammate, Tori, though, who made it into the freestyle and finished tenth.

After the Individual, we packed Plato up and took him home. He was very excited to return to his hay/food/turnout routine, and I was excited to have successfully completed my first NAJYRC experience. Overall, the week was amazing and exhausting, but I am thrilled that I had the opportunity to compete at the 2012 NAJYRC. This competition gives young riders the rare chance to be treated as high-performance team riders; to stand out and make a name for themselves. It also allows you to interact with other young riders, have fun and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with riding on a team. I encourage all young riders and juniors to try for the Region 2 team. It's a great goal to have and work toward, and the experience is like no other, even if you don't make the team. It helped me as a rider and presented new challenges to me, and I'm excited to take those experiences with me as I continue along my dressage path.

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Contact mosie-editor@nodarider.org

Ongoing Opportunities

Instructor Certification Workshop Planning Committee

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Schooling Show Manager and Secretary Positions Filled

Thank you to all those members who stepped forward showing interest in the Schooling Show Positions. The NODA board is happy to say that we have had enough interest and commitment to be able to assure everyone that there will be a schooling show season in 2013. Information on our new Schooling Show Management team will be provided in the future. Meanwhile, You can expect to see Chairman/Manager, Chris Goodall and Secretary, Taya Workman-Byers through the end of 2012 Schooling Show Series. When you do, take time to personally thank them for their hard work and service to NODA.

Every Volunteer Hour Counts!

Appreciation goes out to each and every volunteer who helped out at the Northern Ohio Dressage Association Schooling Show at Rocky River Stables on September 2, 2012. NODA can't get it done without you!

For More Information: Volunteer Job Descriptions, NODA Buck information, and FAQ's are available on the [VOLUNTEER](#) page on the NODA website and in the NODA Handbook.

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The Giving Spirit Award New for the 2012 Award Season

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The "FABIAN" Schoolmaster Trophy New for the 2012 Award Season

Sponsored by Fabian's owner, Regina M. Sacha-Ujczko and his long-term lessee, Heather Soones Booher of Saddles 101, in the name of the fabulous Oldenburg gelding in honor of all dressage schoolmasters and their role in the advancement of amateurs in countless and unsung ways. Tolerant schoolmasters are priceless and invaluable to the future of the sport. Horse/Rider combination must be a JR/YR or AA submitting (4) scores from Recognized competitions at Training Level or higher from (4) different Judges at the same level of competition. Must show record of the schoolmaster previously having shown Recognized competition at 3rd level or higher, earning a score of 60% or higher. As part of the application process, applicants are asked to submit a 150 to 200 word paragraph detailing the learning and influence gained from the schoolmaster relationship. Please note: While the paragraph will NOT be used to determine the winner, it may be published to serve as learning for others on the important contributions of the schoolmaster. Go to the NODA website for more information.



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USEF Announces Dressage Rider Tests

Lexington, KY - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is pleased to announce the new Dressage Rider Tests Program for the 2013 competition year. Designed and drafted by a joint working group from the USEF Dressage Committee and appointees from the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), these tests are available for use by riders at Training, First, and Seconds Levels. While neither these tests nor their subsequent scores are a requirement to progress through the levels, they are intended to help riders measure their progress.

"The new tests are designed to evaluate the proficiency of the rider relative to the requirements of the given level, without giving extra credit for the horse's gaits, impulsion and submission," said Sub-Committee Chair Lisa Gorretta. "Riders will receive constructive evaluations that they can put to use in improving their abilities as a rider. The principles of correct application of the aids, correct riding biomechanics and the accurate geometry of the figures are accessed through 5 scores evaluating rider's position, correct and effective use of aids, horse's response and performance, accuracy of the exercises and harmony between rider and horse plus written commentary."

USEF Training Level Rider Test

The purpose of the rider test at Training Level is to ensure that the rider has mastered the fundamentals of riding. The test states its purpose as;

To confirm that the rider sits in the correct posture and alignment and shows correct mechanics in walk, rising trot and canter. The seat is sufficiently independent for the rider to maintain a steady, elastic rein contact and encourage the horse to stretch into that contact. The horse is ridden actively forward showing impulsion and balance required for the level, bends equally to the left and right sides on turns and circles and makes smooth, willing transitions.

USEF First Level Rider Test

In the First Level test riders are asked to continue to

demonstrate the requirements of the Training Level in addition to showing increased balance and effectiveness of aids while performing more intricate movements. The test states its purpose as;

To confirm that the rider, in addition to the requirements of training level, shows correct alignment, posture and mechanics in sitting trot, including maintaining a steady, elastic rein contact. In turns on forehand and leg yields the rider remains centered and the horse responds willingly to the aids. The transitions are ridden in a better balance and with more throughness than at training level. In response to the correct application of the rider's aids, the horse moves actively forward showing a consistent tempo and correct rhythm in each gait, shows appropriate bending, lengthens and shortens the stride in trot and responds willingly to both longitudinal and lateral aids.

USEF Second Level Rider Test

The aim of the rider test at Second Level is that the rider can demonstrate consistency in all gaits and lateral work while showing enhanced skill from First Level. The test states its purpose as;

To confirm that the rider, having achieved the requirements of first level, is able to ride the horse reliably on the bit with an uphill tendency. The rider lengthens and shortens the horse's stride in trot and canter while maintaining correct alignment, posture, and mechanics. In lateral movements the rider stays centered and demonstrates an appropriate angle and bending of the horse. As a result of the correct application of the rider's aids, the horse shows a greater degree of straightness, bending, suppleness, throughness, balance and self-carriage than at first level.

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NODA Board Meeting Minutes — August, 2012

Meeting Location: Panera Bread in Solon

In Attendance: Robyn Ambrose, Linda Cooley, Fran Cverna, Mary Lou Gallagher, Chris (and Virginia) Goodall, Lisa Gorretta, Jennifer Kick, Kathy Kirchner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Berni Moauro, Gail Patton, Mary Dana Prescott, Niki Sackman, Lora Szloh, Patti Valencic, Mosie Welch.

Call to Order: Dee Liebenthal, President, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Minutes: Patti Valencic

- Lisa moved to approve the Minutes for July meeting. Linda seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer Kick

- Checking Account Balance: \$24,753.05
- Savings Account Balance: \$5,013.04

Membership & Handbook: Fran Cverna

- Total Members: 304. (198 Adult Amateurs, 46 Youth, 60 Professionals).
- Down 1 member from this time last year.
- Think about changes to membership form for 2013 (dues, newsletter mailing fees and any other changes).
- Mary Lou suggests membership card on post card to save money.
- Dee proposed to increase dues by \$6.00 and return \$6.00 to individuals not receiving mailed newsletter. Lisa thinks \$10.00 is more realistic in covering postage. (August newsletter cost was \$1.30). Will discuss next month.
- Mosie will check into cost and time delay.

Gifted Grant: Niki Sackman (grant requirement)

- Niki spoke about her experience as the Region 2 Gifted Grant recipient. The money (\$1000) could be used to cover riding, training, clinics, or travel expenses. Niki used the grant towards intensive riding with her instructor. In May, she rode 4-5 days a week. She took 11 days off of work to do this. She noticed a huge improvement. Her horse was more forward and better in her connection. She brought photos to show the difference. Niki encourages everyone to apply for this grant. You need to have volunteer hours, a trainer, or a clinician, and own a horse. Niki also encourages riders to look into other grants as well. (See July newsletter article written by Niki).
- Dee recommended we submit the July newsletter with this article for newsletter award.

Recognized Shows: Robyn Ambrose & Mary Lou Gallagher

For Dressage 2012 and Encore Shows:

- Good weather.
- Attendance down.
- Judging was fair.
- Feedback from 1 judge commenting how organized and well run the show was.
- Linda Cooley reported the footing was good and the show ran smoothly.
- Good food trays thank you to Betsy Juliano for her generous donation.
- Competitors liked glass bowls and tumblers. Enough tumblers and other glassware on hand for class winners year. Glass bowls and other trophies will have to be ordered for 2013.

Schooling Shows : Chris Goodall

- Lisa suggested we get a new lock with multiple keys to the NODA locker. Chris will do that.
- Great reviews on Cross Winds Show on Facebook.
- 70 entries. Almost 8 hrs of judging. Good job Taya and Chris!
- Betty Thorpe used frequent flier miles, so we will get her a gift card. Dee will handle.
- Need better communication between show secretary and Gail once it is scheduled so Gail can let her volunteers know what hours they are needed.
- Starting times need to be staggered for scheduling, so everyone can ride before both Judges.
- Suggestion made that a hospitality person could get donuts and take care of judges' lunch.
- Rocky River Show coming up on September 2nd.
- In future, try to look for barns that would like to host Schooling Shows with NODA.
- Schooling Show Planning meeting in Oct or Nov to plan for next year.

Website: Linda Cooley

Website and Facebook Posts:

- 8/12 Schooling Show information (news, ride times, show wrap-up, pictures & results).
- 7/21 & 22 Recognized Shows (news, ride times, pictures & results). Created album with 74 candid show photos.
- London 2012 Olympic Updates and internet links to Olympic information and articles
 - October 11-14, 2012 Region 2 Championship News... Location is Kentucky Horse Park
 - Humorous cartoon and horse pictures, interesting horse articles links.
- Broadcast E News sent August 2 announcing

August Newsletter, "New Giving Spirit Award" trophy and picture, new "Fabian " Schoolmaster Trophy and picture, Recognized Shows Summary, Results & Pictures information on Website, and HORSE FUN all new for August.

Newsletter: Elizabeth Bross & Mosie Welch

- Mosie's computer crashed. Will get newsletter done ASAP. Dee is sending application to USDF Newsletter awards. Dee looking for really good articles to include. Asked Board to reread them and recommend some. (some general and some first person). She wishes she could include everyone's.

External Relations: Lisa Gorretta

- New Training level, First level, and Second level USEF Rider Tests are almost completed and coming out soon.
- Lisa will be attending the USDF National convention in New Orleans. New USDF President will be elected at that time. Barb Soukup was elected as a PM delegate. Dale cannot make it so Mary Lou will take her place as the NODA voting delegate.
- Discussed amount NODA will contribute to expenses. Dee proposed a total of \$3000. Kathy moved to contribute \$1000 each for Dee and Mary Lou, \$800 for Barb, and \$200 for Lisa. Most of Lisa's expenses are covered by USDF since she is on their board. Niki seconded the motion. Vote taken. Lisa, Dee, Mary Lou abstained, Motion approved.

- Need to send in GMO basket

Banquet: Dee for Carol Cassano:

- Banquet is November 17th
- Planning meeting next Monday.
- Hotel booked another group over our time. Carol is working hard to get the other group to end earlier so we don't have to delay our start time.

Awards Committee: Janeen Langowski-Grava

- No report at this time.

Education Committee: Berni Mauro

- Marcia has contacted the USDF and is working on getting information on the Instructor Certification Workshops.

Historical/Data Management: Lora Szloh

- Lora brought beautiful display board the she created with vinyl cutters.
- Working on banquet display. She is able to make banners and signs.
- Discussed possibility of giving some as Stall Plaques for next year's Banquet .

Member Liaisons: Kathy Kirchner

- At Recognized Show, Competitor disqualified, disputed correct bit rule that TD pointed out was

illegal. Mary Lou responded. NODA (Kathy) received a letter from competitor's father. It was recommended NODA respond by recommending the competitor send bit to USEF for a ruling.

Professional Liaison: Mary Dana Prescott

- Talked about expanding grants/ scholarships in the future.

Jr/YR Liaison: Cassandra Hummert-Johnson

- No report at this time.

Old Business

- Evaluate the Gretchen Singleton Fund Class Sponsorship for the future.
- 2013 - membership year -end mailing newsletter

New Business

- Nomination for USDF Awards - Website and Newsletter - deadline August 31st.
- Dee asked if anyone could research costs of online horse show entries. Niki will research horse show office software.
- Still no Schooling Shows manager or secretary for next year.
- Chris will write article for newsletter.

Adjournment: Patti moved to adjourn .Seconded by Mary Lou . Vote taken/approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 10, at 7 PM at Panera in Solon.



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11/17 NODA Year-End Award Banquet and celebration www.nodarider.org

11/17-18 Platinum Performance/USDF Region 2 Jr/YR Clinic featuring Jeremy Steinberg

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12/5 - 8, 2012 ADEQUAN/ USDF CONVENTION, New Orleans, LA, [www.usdf.org/ convention](http://www.usdf.org/convention)

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