

NODA News

Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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Jacqueline Linden demonstrates the First Level USEF Rider Test in the George M Humphrey Equestrian Center arena at the NODA/Lake Erie College New Rider Test Symposium

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Dear Noda Members,
Happy Spring to everyone! As I write this, it's still very cold and there is snow on the ground, but the sun is shining and it is officially Spring. Early Spring bulbs have been trying to come up for a couple of weeks now, so I know it will be warmer soon. All the signs are there and I have faith!

I don't know about you, but my tack, even though I clean it after each ride, is disgusting. Blankets are covered with dried mud and there is winter dirt everywhere. I am feeling like a good "Spring Cleaning" is on my to-do list and if I am thinking about it, it has to really be Spring. Hurray!

Another sign of Spring is the April 16th opening date for the first NODA schooling show of the season. Are you ready? This first show is NODA's combined show with Grand Haven on May 11th. You and your horse have been working hard all winter (weather permitting), taking lessons and practicing. Your horse is getting ready too, shedding that winter fluff to reveal a beautiful shining summer coat. It seems you are both ready.

For those who were unable to attend the February 23rd USEF Rider Test Symposium, hosted by NODA and LEC,

Greetings from the President

there is a really good review in this issue, written by Mosie Welch. You may have also noticed that the last issue and this current issue have cover photos of a couple of our demo riders, who graciously agreed to help out by riding these new tests to help all of us learn. Again, NODA is grateful to each of them. Please bring yourself up to date and make sure to read the article.

For all who may be experiencing a little withdrawal from educational opportunities, join us on April 27th and April 28th when NODA and LEC will be hosting the first of the Instructor Certification Workshop Series. Our candidates will be coached and instructed by Sarah Martin, USDF Faculty, on the subject of "**Lungeing of the horse and lungeing of the horse and rider.**" Even if you are not interested in being certified, this is important information that we all need in our tool boxes. Auditors are encouraged to attend and the price is reasonable with a discount for NODA members and LEC students. **You must pre-register with a postmarked date of April 19th or earlier.** We had a really great turnout for the February 23rd event, so let's keep up the support.

Our ad hoc committee for Volunteer Program Overhaul had its second meeting in March. We are still discussing the scope of this undertaking, and to help facilitate that we asking you to complete a short survey at

www.surveymonkey.com/s/VRYN3MV

Please tell us your opinions and your experiences. The survey is online and isn't long or complicated. If you do not have email, we will mail you a copy of the survey. We hope that you will participate. We need your input to help shape what we are doing. It makes no sense for us to decide to change something if that's not what the members need or want.

Our search for new volunteers to help

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NODA is showing slow but definite progress. As new people step up to volunteer and get started at their work, we will include some information about them in the newsletter. I am hoping that it will help all of you who are wondering how you can help or what you can do, to see that anyone can help out in some very creative and necessary ways.

Our latest offers of help come to us from Katie Fink, who lives in Delaware Ohio near Columbus and long-time NODA member Mary Armstrong. Katie has offered to help with things that are computer based. She will start out by assisting Lora Burgess, Historical Committee, in getting our historical documents scanned. Down the road she will assist with creating flyers and other computer-based documents.

Mary Armstrong has volunteered to join our Recognized Show Committee to coordinate our ads and sponsorships. During her history with NODA, Mary has done just about every NODA job there is. We are very excited that she has decided to jump back in for some real fun. You will be hearing more about Katie and Mary in a future issue. We welcome and thank them!

I hope to see many of you at the Instructor Certification Workshop. Check this issue or our website for auditor sign up information.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Happy Spring!

Dee Liebenthal, President

**April 27 and 28,
USDF Lungeing Workshop**

Auditors Welcome

**Learn to lunge your horse
with purpose to meet your riding goals!**



**Auditor Registration Form on facing page
Preregistration required by April 19**

**USDF Instructor/Trainer Program,
NODA/Lake Erie College**

**George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center
10145 Pinecrest Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077**

Contact Marcia-Edu@nodarider.org or www.nodarider.org

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at

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**How can NODA improve
your volunteer experience?**

Share your opinions on...

**Sign-Up
Organization
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**Those without an email address listed will be
mailed a survey**

Volunteer Program, ad hoc committee



USDF INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Presented by Lake Erie College and Northern Ohio Dressage Association

Auditor Registration

When: April 27th & 28th
Doors open: 7:15 AM daily
Clinic begins: 8:00 AM each day

Where: George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, Concord Ohio
10145 Pinecrest Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077

What: USDF Instructor Certification Program – Training thru First Level
Workshop #1, Introductory Lungeing of the Horse

Cost: \$35/day or \$60 both days **NODA Members**
\$25/day or \$40 both days **Lake Erie College Students**
\$40/day or \$70 both days **Non-Members**

REGISTRATION MUST BE POST MARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 19TH

NO WALK-INS – EARLY REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

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Name _____

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Registration: **NODA Member** Sat ____ Sun ____ Both Days ____ \$ _____

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Optional Deli Lunch for \$10.00 each day Sat ____ Sun ____ Both Days ____ \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

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Complete Clinic and Lecture Information
www.nodarider.org or www.lec.edu/equestrian/events

The Auditor Experience at the Upcoming USDF Lungeing Workshop: April 27 and 28

Please plan to attend the upcoming USDF Introductory Level Instructor/Trainer Workshop which is open to everyone. The program is ideal for developing riders and those interested in becoming active in the profession or seeking USDF Instructor/Trainer certification. Sarah Martin of Blanca, CO, a new faculty member for the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program, will be the workshop Instructor. Sarah is a Certified Instructor through Fourth Level; a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist; and an "L" Graduate with Distinction. Sarah has served as a member of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Committee for several years and has been involved in the implementation of many of the changes taking place in the program.

Auditor spots for the workshop are unlimited. The focus of the USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshops is on developing the technical and practical skills needed to lunge, ride, train and teach dressage. **Auditor participants will attend lectures, receive all handouts and take part in the discussion as determined by the workshop faculty. Auditors will also observe the clinical sessions and be able to hear the commentary and critique by Sarah Martin.** While auditors will not participate in the hands-on sessions, they are invited to observe and can provide questions, which will be addressed at selected times by the workshop faculty. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. each day.

Lungeing is a tool that is available to aid in moving a horse up through the levels successfully. The USDF Lungeing Manual is the primary text and the overall program will cover safety, correct use and fit of various types of lungeing equipment, correct technique, as well as the relationship of lungeing to the Pyramid of Training and the development of the horse. This essential information will aid in the correct use of lungeing to develop strength and balance in the horse, the ability to evaluate a horse and their needs and an understanding of how and why to use lungeing as a tool in schooling the horse through the levels of dressage. The program will include the correct fitting and adjustment of equipment on a variety of horses and will also show horses being lunged with an evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses and how lungeing may benefit each horse. The participants will be evaluated and there will be an ongoing commentary which will prove useful to the auditors in their own schooling and training. Of all the introductory workshops, lungeing is the area where participants and auditors often have the least

experience and need the most instruction in order to use lungeing effectively as a positive tool in developing the horse according to the Pyramid of Training.

The USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshop is being co-sponsored by NODA and Lake Erie College and is organized by NODA's Educational Committee. It will be held on April 27 and 28 at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center, 10145 Pinecrest Road, Painesville, OH 44077.

Lake Erie College's George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center has excellent facilities with a large classroom with AV equipment, a good sound system in the indoor arena, bleacher seating for best viewing from both sides of the arena, and a heated lounge area overlooking the arena with the clinic audio piped in.

Pre-registration, postmarked by April 19th for auditors is required. Registration information can be found on page 5 or at www.nodarider.org.

A Professional Grant is available up to \$200 for a NODA Professional Member participating in the 2013 USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshops sponsored by NODA

One grant will be awarded for each workshop in 2013, however a professional may receive the grant ONLY ONCE in 2013

Apply in writing to: NODA Board
c/o Mary Dana Prescott
Cloverfield Farm
9445 Metcalf Rd
Willoughby, OH 44094

Include WHY you should receive the grant
for the Instructor/Trainer Workshop

HOW you have been active in NODA and for how long
SHARE how you will help other members gain from your experience (lecture, clinic, or article)

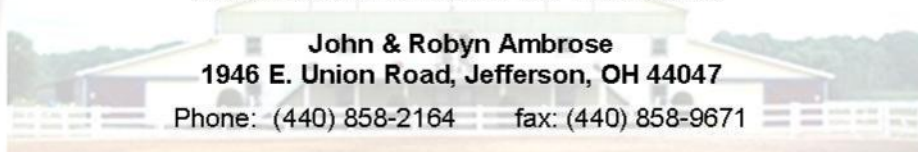
Applicant Requirements

You must be a "professional" horseperson as defined by the current USEF rule book
You must be a NODA member in good standing at the time of application

Questions? Call Mary Dana at 440-256-8858



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May 11, (Saturday) Dressage Schooling Show
Combined NODA & Grand Haven Stable

May 17-19, Adult Dressage Camp
with USDF certified instructors Pam Lifton
Bancker & Susan Hoffman Peacock

June 7, WPDA Dressage Classic at Grand Haven
USEF & USDF Recognized

June 8 & 9, Dressage at Grand Haven
USEF & USDF Recognized

June 23, Grand Haven Dressage Schooling Show

*Grand Haven Schooling Show dates are subject to change as other shows shift on the schedule.
Updates will be publicized as fast as possible.*

July 7, NODA Schooling Show at Grand Haven.

Jul 20 & 21 - NODA's Dressage 2013 & 2013 Encore
USEF & USDF Recognized
Eleventh year held at Grand Haven

Aug. 10&11, WPDA Summer Sizzler
USDF & USEF Recognized Dressage Show

Aug. 25, Grand Haven Dressage Schooling Show

Sept. 20-22, Adult Dressage Camp
Same instructors as the spring camp

Sept. 29, Grand Haven Dressage Schooling Show
End of GHS Series

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Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome

Dr. Sandra Gebhart, DVM

Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome (EGUS) is used to describe a condition of ulceration of the lining of a horse's stomach. Gastric ulcers can affect any horse at any age, with 25 percent to 50 percent of foals and 60 percent to 90 percent of adult horses being affected. The lining of the stomach is eroded due to a prolonged exposure to stomach acids. Management and husbandry can play a large role in the development of gastric ulcers. Horses are designed to be grazers with regular intake of roughage. Since the horse's stomach continually secretes acid, gastric ulcers can result when the horse is not eating regularly.

Prolonged or strenuous exercise can also increase acid content with the sensitive portions of the stomach. The horse's stomach is divided into two parts. The lower portion is glandular region where acid and digestive enzymes are secreted – both hydrochloric acid and pepsin. There is also secretion of protective compounds, such as bicarbonate and mucus, which help coat the stomach to minimize damage from the acid. The top portion of the stomach is designed for mixing of the contents of the stomach and does not have as much protection from the acid. The junction of the two regions of the stomach is termed the margo plicatus, and this is the most common place to find gastric ulcers in many horses. Horses on NSAIDs, such as bute or banamine, may develop ulcers in the glandular region of the stomach near the pylorus. Ulcers can also extend down into the duodenum, the first segment of small intestine.

Ulcers are often a result of husbandry conditions. Stall confinement, meal feeding and high-grain diets can all increase the likelihood of ulcers. Diets comprised of whole grains are high in carbohydrates and cause formation of volatile fatty acids that can contribute to ulcer formation. Stress, both environmental and physical, will increase the incidence of ulcers. Standard training and showing have been shown to induce ulcers within a weeks' time. Hauling, stabling and changing groups of horses can be very stressful for your equine companion. Finally, chronic administration of any non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as phenylbutazone, flunixin meglumine, firocoxib or ketoprofen, can decrease the production of the stomach's protective mucus layer, making it more susceptible to ulcers.

Many horses with gastric ulcers may have clinical signs that are subtle and easily overlooked. Mild clinical signs include failure to consume a meal, dullness, attitude

changes, poor appetite, decreased performance, reluctance to train, poor body condition, rough hair coat, weight loss, excessive recumbency, low-grade colic or teeth grinding.

Definitive diagnosis of ulcers is through gastroscopy. The horse is fasted for 12-24 hours and then a long endoscope is passed through a nostril, down the esophagus and into the stomach. The lining of the stomach can then be visualized and evaluated for the presence and degree of ulcerations. A presumptive diagnosis of EGUS is often made by identifying typical clinical signs, ruling out other disease conditions and by having a positive response to appropriate therapy.

Treatment of ulcers is aimed at reducing the inciting factors and decreasing acid production. Reduce confinement time by allowing access to pasture or other turnout. Evaluating relationships with other horses' is important and social groups may need to be re-arranged. Free-choice access to grass or hay provides a more natural grazing diet and keeps feed in the stomach to help buffer the acid. The act of chewing also produces saliva, a natural antacid. Minimize grain feedings; feed smaller, more frequent meals and remove high-carbohydrate feeds that form the volatile fatty acids. For horses that require more calories than a hay diet can supply, switch to a feed that is higher in fat and highly digestible fibers. There are many commercial diets available that fit this description. Fat calories can be added in the form of corn oil to an otherwise balanced diet. Nutritional evaluation is complex and needs to be individualized for each horse and situation.

Medication to decrease acid production may be necessary in horses showing clinical disease or when the predisposing factors cannot be removed. There are many over-the-counter products available known as nutraceuticals, which are nutritional supplements and not medications, and cannot claim to treat a medical condition. Antacids are formulated to buffer stomach acid, but to be useful, they would need to be administered 6 to 12 times a day. Antacids administered with feeds are relatively ineffective because they are ingested at the same time as the feed, which will buffer the acid by itself. The only FDA-approved medical treatment for equine gastric ulcers is Gastrogard™ (Merial). Gastrogard™ contains omeprazole, a proton pump inhibitor, and decreases the actual production of acid within the stomach. A 28-day course of Gastrogard™ is typically

sufficient to heal ulcers, although re-evaluation with a gastro-scope is recommended to ensure complete resolution.

Prevention of ulcers is ideal, but when this is not adequate or possible, horses at greatest risk will benefit from daily medication to decrease acid production. A lower dose of omeprazole, Ulcergard™ (Merial), is often used as a preventative measure when the horse must remain under stress or husbandry conditions that predispose them to ulcers.

Ulcers are a very important and prevalent disease in our population of horses. If you have questions regarding symptoms that your horse is having, please call your equine veterinarian. There are many conditions that can have similar signs; therefore diagnosis is the first step to getting your horse's issue resolved. Ulcers are painful and can decrease your horse's performance as well as cause behavioral issues. Proper diagnosis, treatment and management are key to keeping your equine partner healthy and happy.

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February 23 New USEF "Rider Tests" Symposium with Jayne Ayers, FEI "I" Judge at LEC Equestrian Center

Clinic Review by Mosie Welch

“**A** turn down center line; D to X, travers left; X, circle left 10 meters; X to G, shoulder-in left; G, straighten; C, track right.” These are movements 9, 10 and 11 of the 2013 USEF Second Level Rider Test. The Directive Ideas for movement 9 read: “Rider sits centered and vertical; uses inside and outside aids to control the angle, bend, balance and impulsion in travers. Horse is reliably on the bit.” Notice how the movements are on the center line to allow the judge optimal viewing for evaluation and the directives are designed to evaluate the rider rather than the horse.

The USEF Rider Tests at Training, First and Second Level are new for 2013. But don't let the designation as Training, First and Second Level lure you into thinking that these tests are for lower-level riders. In order to expect a good or very good score (70% or above), these tests are recommended for riders who feel quite comfortable showing a level or two above the Rider Test level they will compete.

Approximately 75 auditors attended the NODA/Lake Erie College-sponsored 2013 USEF Rider Test Clinic on February 23. The clinic was presented by FEI Judge Jayne Ayers, who packed in a lot of information and education in six short hours, beginning with a morning lecture followed by commentary and scoring of 9 demonstration rides. As Ayers went through the test movements, directives and collective marks for scoring, it is not surprising that I felt like I was getting a primer in position, correct and effective use of the aids, horse's response and performance, accuracy of the exercises, and harmony between horse and rider; which are the five collective marks of the tests. The horse is shown to be a reflection of the rider's technique and skill. As the day went on, it became

apparent that these tests are a valuable tool in building a rider's understanding of what must be accomplished to be competent at each level.

Morning Lecture

During the morning lecture, Ayers made it clear that the Rider Tests are more difficult than the regular dressage tests of the same level and take skills beyond the level the person is riding. To get a score of 70% or above, the rider must be accurate, prepare and execute



FEI Judge Jayne Ayers presents to a full house. Photo by Mosie Welch

movements quickly, demonstrate independent aids, and be able to use the half halt effectively. The tests have been developed so movements can be evaluated by a judge sitting at C. Transitions, leg yield, shoulder-in and haunches-in are all performed over or on the center line to give the judge a bird's eye view of what the rider is doing and how the horse is responding.



Sydney Koenig rides the Training Level
USEF Rider Test.

Photo by Stephanie Kiroff

The tests are specifically designed to evaluate the technique of the rider and the effect the rider has on the horse. The tests also minimize the effect the horse's natural gaits or ability have on the final score. Movements are not even scored one-by-one as in the regular dressage tests. Instead, the judge evaluates the overall ride and takes notes, and then gives the rider feedback in the form of collective marks at the end of the ride. So, while riders are challenging themselves with the new tests, judges will be challenged to learn a

new way of evaluating and communicating with the rider through the collective marks and judge's remarks. The five collective marks each have a coefficient of 2.

The Collective Marks

When it comes to **rider position**, think vertical alignment,

symmetry and rider “harmony with the mechanics of each and ability.

gait.” Posture is the way a rider sits. Is the vertical alignment of “ear, shoulder, hip and heel” disrupted by rounded shoulders or a collapsed waist/hip? Is the rider out of symmetry with legs too far forward, sitting behind the vertical, or riding to one side of the saddle? A rider will get a lower score if they are crooked, tense or riding with straight elbows. Riders will get a better score when they have a stable core; are vertically and laterally balanced; their arms drop from the shoulder and remain close to the body with elbows slightly forward of the shoulder; their hands operate independently; and they have a secure position, which allows for independence of the aids.

Correct and effective use of the aids

means the rider uses the aids in a “subtle, tactful and effective” manner. You will get marked down for subtle aids that do not elicit a response or elicit the wrong response; just as obvious or rough aids will not score well. Resistance or lack of submission by the horse is a reflection of rider technique and will be judge accordingly. The horse is expected to be bent appropriately for the movement and to respond in a manner that gives a “clear impression of communication between horse and rider.”

The horse’s response and performance are also considered a reflection of the rider. This area is most similar to the regular tests. Ayers said the judge asks, “Is this horse’s training going in the right way at the level it is working to move up the levels?” The judge wants to see the horse display an active, forward and consistent tempo, a clear reactivity by the horse to the rider’s aids, and a balance appropriate to the level. The horse’s response to the half halt will weigh heavily here.

Accuracy of the exercises is a strong indicator of a rider’s skill. This collective mark is all about preparation; both in schooling and training the basics at home and in the preparation of each movement during the test. These rider tests are designed to give the judge a better view of movements, transitions, and lateral work. The judge is looking for the exercises to be performed at the right spot, in the correct shape, using the correct number of steps when indicated. And the way the movements are put together will challenge even a seasoned rider’s technique

Harmony between the horse and rider is the last collective mark. It is all about the impression the horse and rider pair present. Ayers says a judge wants to see the “impression of cheerful cooperation” and a sense that “good basics underlie the entire performance.” This collective mark requires competence and correct training. As Ayers said, “a horse that is happy because he is not asked to work will not be scored well,” just as a horse that displays tension will also not score well.



Kailey Nast salutes FEI Judge Jayne Ayers after riding the First Level USEF Rider Test.

Photo by Stephanie Kiroff

Ayers shared that the USDF hopes that a lot of riders “are willing to ride these (Rider Tests) because they provide such good feedback for the

rider” on their position, seat and effectiveness. Over 100 dressage judges will be participating in a forum and training for scoring the Rider Tests and Ayers reminded auditors that there will be a learning curve for both the rider, as well as the judges. Ayers also said she hopes a lot of FEI riders will embrace the Second Level Rider Test and ride in front of a judge they want an opinion from. Of course the FEI rider cannot enter FEI level competition and ride the Second Level Rider Test at the same show. Ayers says the Second Level Rider Test challenges the rider to have a horse that is on the aids; the rider must demonstrate skill at Third and Fourth Level movements (even I-1 movements) on the centerline where effectiveness can best be evaluated; and requires that the rider prepare, use corners to collect, have an effective half halt, and demonstrate correct sitting mechanics in the medium gaits.

Ayers indicated that the new tests will challenge dressage riders in a different way. The afternoon demonstration rides were an indication of how effective the Rider Tests are at allowing a judge to evaluate a rider.

Demonstration Rides

Kudos and a BIG thank you to each and every rider who shook off their nerves and rode one of the new 2013 USEF Rider Tests in front of Jane Ayers and 70+ auditors.

Ayers said this was her first experience judging these tests and she and her scribe, NODA member Kathy Kirchner,

tried a few different things during the afternoon. Ayers turned off her microphone so the rider could not hear the stream of comments she made during the test, and Kirchner wrote everything down on scratch paper. At the end of the test, Ayers reviewed and used the notes to give collective scores with comments. The weather was warmer than it had been, but auditors were sporting winter wear, warm boots, blankets, coolers and gloves in order to watch the rides and listen to the commentary and scoring. We each had copies of the test so we could follow along with the movements.

During the demonstration rides, I had to keep reminding myself to really focus on what the rider was doing while thinking about the collective marks and how the rider was affecting the horse rather than just watching the horse go. Ayers also challenged auditors during the after-ride commentary

by asking questions, such as, "What about this rider's position did you notice?" Or she would say to the auditors, "Did you see how the lack of preparation caused this rider to rush movements and appear hurried during the whole test?" She waited for a response. Ayers really challenged everyone to use the collective marks to try to evaluate for ourselves what we were seeing.

Throughout the afternoon rides, Ayers comments were blunt, kind and always came off as instructive. She looked for the positive in every ride and also took the time to explain the problems she saw with position, preparation, use of aides, the half halt and accuracy. Ayers spent time with each rider making sure they understood how and why they were scored for each collective mark. Each rider had a chance to ask questions or make comments following Ayers' critique.

For Demonstration rider Sue Hines, Ayers was going to provide comments throughout the test so that auditors could understand a judge's train of thought. Ayers told Hines that it might be a little unnerving, but Hines was fine with it. The bell rang and Hines entered at A with Ayers comments starting with the halt. Hines and her horse worked their way through the movements of the First Level Rider Test with a barrage of comments streaming from the judge's box providing insight into every observation made by Ayers during the ride. At one point,

Hines smiled and switched from sitting to posting the trot when Ayers commented, "Rider not posting the movement as prescribed by the test." At the end of Hines' ride, Ayers said, "Hmmm, now I have to remember what I said." Nope! Kirchner, the seasoned scribe that she is, smiled and waved a sheet of paper on which she had taken excellent notes. As the demonstration rides progressed, I found myself observing more about each ride and trying to test my thoughts against Ayers' commentary.

Taking it Back to the Stable

Ayers stressed throughout the day that it's imperative that a rider really prepare in advance before riding one of the new USEF Rider Tests at a competition. Riders must be ready to hear an honest assessment of their technique and skill at a given level, as the outcome of a test is placed directly with the rider. If a rider is not familiar with the test, does not have an effective

half halt or there are glaring position concerns, a rider would be better served to work with their trainer and use the tests to guide improvement.

Throughout the day, Ayers discussed ideal position and use of aids and how to work toward them. There are several areas Ayers discussed where I know I have been struggling. But watching the tests and hearing Ayers' lecture and commentary gave me specific techniques to work on, as well as guidelines to evaluate how what I am doing is affecting my horse. And that's what it's all about – riders using better technique and developing more skill so that "both horse and rider appear calm, focused and confident. They perform competently at the level and are pleasant to watch." That's Collective Mark 5 in USEF Rider Tests at Training, First and Second Levels; Harmony between Rider and Horse. At any level, that's good Dressage.



Julie McElhaney demonstrates the very difficult Second Level USEF Rider Test.

Photo by Stephanie Kiroff

The USEF Rider Test Symposium was organized by the NODA Educational Committee Co-Chairs Marcia Doyle and Berni Moauro. They deserve appreciation and a big thank you for coordinating another great event for both NODA members and the equestrian community!



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The 2nd Annual Dusty Boots Derby Benefit is Coming Up

By Jeni Gaffney

The first Dusty Boots Derby Extravaganza at Rocky River Stables, held May, 2012, was a magical event! Kentucky Derby Day 2012 dawned with lots of sunshine just for the party. The indoor arena was transformed by volunteers into a clubhouse complete with a winner's circle! Ohhhs and aaaahs could be heard from the guests as they arrived donned in their dusty boots, jeans and, of course, fancy Kentucky Derby hats on the ladies.

Mint Juleps were served as guests arrived and received their bid number for the evening. Many silent auction items were available. The hot items were lesson packages from the generous local riding professionals, a restaurant gift certificate and the themed baskets. The live auction items included trips, condos, bridles and a fox-hunting experience (horses provided). The race was televised on two huge screens suspended in the arena, and there was even a hat parade for the top ten hats of the night.

Dinner was catered by The Madd Chef, Richard Cicic, and everyone agreed it was wonderful! Guests enjoyed Kentucky Derby-style favorites served at stations



Spectators enjoy the Kentucky Derby on the big screen at the First Dusty Boots Derby

throughout the "clubhouse" and racing helmet-shaped cookies were a delicious and popular item.

Last year's event was a great success, raising over \$60,000 in support of Valley Riding, Inc. and their Therapeutic Riding Program and Youth Outreach Programs & Scholarship Funds in partnership with Cleveland Metroparks!

This year, the **Dusty Boots Derby Extravaganza** is being held on **May 4th** from **4:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** For those

needing Derby Hats, Gestures, a gift shop in Rocky River Ohio is sponsoring a fun **Run for the Roses Cocktails and Derby Hat Auction from 7—10 pm on April 18.** The Dusty Boots Derby is shaping up to be another wonderful evening for you and Valley Riding Inc., so please dust off your boots and start creating your own derby hat!

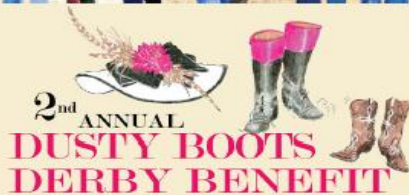
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Applications of Intent Now Available for USEF Dressage National Championships

The applications of intent for eight of the USEF Dressage National Championships are now available on usef.org. National Championship competition will be held at different venues through the U.S. in 2013. The first championship of the year will be the 2013 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships presented by HorseShow.com in August followed by the U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by the Dutta Corp. in October.

Applications of Intent are available here:

www.usef.org/AUAIFrames/Dressage/Championships/ApplicationList.aspx

2013 Markel/USEF Dressage National Championships for Young Horses and Developing Horses presented by HorseShow.com

The 2013 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse National Dressage Championships presented by HorseShow.com will take place at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, IL August 22-25. Applications received on or before April 30 will require a \$50 application fee per horse, applications received after April 30 but on or before the final deadline of May 15 will require a \$150 application fee per horse.

To learn more about the Markel/USEF Developing Horse Dressage Championships visit:

<http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/developingHorseInfo.aspx>

To learn more about the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program and Championships visit:

<http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/NatLYHProgram.aspx>

U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by the Dutta Corp.

The 2013 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by the Dutta Corp. will be held October 9-12, 2013 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. Six National Championship divisions will be held again in 2013 - Dutta Corp/USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship, Dutta Corp/USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship, USEF Young Adult "Brentina Cup" National

Championship, AGCO/USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship, AGCO/USEF Junior Dressage National Championship and USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship.

Grand Prix and Intermediaire-I applications received on or before June 17 require an application fee of \$50 per horse, applications received on or before the final deadline of July 1 require an application fee of \$300 per horse.

To learn more about the USEF National Grand Prix and Intermediaire I Dressage programs visit:

<http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/hpDressage.aspx>

Young Adult "Brentina Cup", Young Rider, Junior and Pony Rider applications received on or before June 30 require an application fee of \$50 per horse, applications received on or before the final deadline of July 31 require an application fee of \$150 per horse.

To learn more about the USEF Young Adult "Brentina Cup" National Dressage Championship visit:

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To learn more about the AGCO/USEF National Young Rider Dressage Championship visit: <http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/youngRiderInfo.aspx>

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To learn more about the USEF National Pony Dressage Championship visit:

<http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/dressagePonies.aspx>

USEF Developing Dressage Program Announces Training and Grant Opportunities

The United States Equestrian Federation's Dressage Developing Program, made possible by a generous gift from Akiko Yamazaki and Red Husky Foundation through U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation, has gotten off to a successful start in 2013. The program opened with two observation competitions, at the Gold Coast Opener CDI-W in West Palm Beach, FL, January 17-20 and at the Mid-Winter Dressage Fair CDI3* in Burbank, CA, February 21-

24. Debbie McDonald, USEF Developing Dressage Coach, and at least one other named selector (Lendon Gray, Anne Gribbons, Scott Hassler and Jeremy Steinberg) have attended these sessions in an effort to identify talented, developing combinations with potential for future team and international success.

The next step in the program will be for selected combinations to take part in mandatory training outings. These outings will be with McDonald, who will work alongside riders' personal trainers to observe the combinations' training. Additional training outings will be held in California and other locations throughout the spring and summer; dates and information will be forthcoming.

The first training outing will be held April 2-3, 2013 in Wellington, FL. Riders will only be required to participate one of the two days and McDonald is able to travel to individual farms for the session. Riders wishing to participate in this outing and be considered for funding will need to complete an application by March 20, 2013. In order to be considered for future training outings, riders must submit applications to the USEF Dressage Department by June 1, 2013.

"Now that we have had two observation competitions, I must say that the quality of horses and riders coming up makes me very optimistic about the future," said McDonald. "I am excited for our first training session in Florida and thanks to our amazing sponsor we are going to be able to give deserving combinations the chance to further their training through grants. This is a great incentive for everyone who thinks they have a nice horse to get out there and show it."

The program's goal for the Fall of 2013 will be awarding grants to selected top combinations, approved by the High Performance Dressage Committee, with the aim to provide funding for developing combinations to seek further training and competition experience.

The 2013 Dressage Developing Program Training and Grant Application can be found here: <http://usef.org/documents/highPerformance/dressage/2013/DevelopingTrainingGrantApplication.pdf>

Further information on the observation competitions can be found here: <http://usef.org/documents/highPerformance/dressage/2013DevelopingDressageProgramforwebsite.pdf>

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- 11 Mahoning Valley Pony Breeders
- 18 BHP Combined Test
- 19 MCSHC Gayle Dennison Scholarship 4-H Show
- 25-26 Horse Sports at Buckeye Horse Park

june

- 1 BHP Hunter Show*
- 8-9 Tri-State Pony Club Rally
- 21-23 Up & Over Hunter Show*
- 29 BHP Buckle Bonanza Series
- 30 MCSHC 4-H Show

july

- 7 Village Varieties 4-H & Open Show
- 13-14 BHP Open Shows
- 27 BHP Buckle Bonanza Series

august

- 3-4 Judge's Choice 4-H Pink Ribbon Show
- 10 BHP Hunter Show*
- 11 Horse & Rider 4-H Contest Show
- 17 BHP Buckle Bonanza Series

september

- 8 BHP Hunter Pace
- 14 BHP Hunter Show*
- 22 BHP Can't Miss Ride
- 28 Up & Over Hunter Show*

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Membership News

THANK YOU

to all those who made the

NEW DRESSAGE "RIDER" TESTS SYMPOSIUM

with Jayne Ayers, FEI "I" Judge at LEC Equestrian Center
a huge success!

On behalf of NODA and Lake Erie College, I would like to express my gratitude and admiration for the following demo riders who participated in our 2013 USEF Dressage Rider Test Symposium.

Training Level: Sydney Koenig and Melanie Richards.

First Level: Anne McClintock, Jacqueline Linden,
Sue Hines and Kailey Blast

Second Level: Michelle Lackey, Lauren Hunter and
Julie McElhany

These brave riders had the daunting task of riding brand new tests in front of a crowd and having their "scores" and comments read aloud. On a chilly afternoon in February these very capable riders demonstrated the patterns of the new tests as well as the purpose and directives. Thank you to all and to their horses.

Special thanks to Jayne Ayers, our lecturer and judge, and to Lisa Gorretta who gave valuable insight on the inception and thought process behind the new rider tests. Many thanks to Dr. Pam Hess and Nicole Van Dyke for their collaboration on a successful program. In addition to providing the facility, they were on hand to assist with everything from audio-visual aids to microphone batteries.

Thank you to Kathy Kirchner who manned the registration desk and served as scribe for the demo rides. Thank you to my co-chair, Marcia Doyle, and to NODA president Dee Liebenthal for their organizational assistance throughout the day and for manning the refreshment table. Thank you to my husband, Ken, for his continued support of my horse habit, running errands and making lunch. KUDOS to the other two gentlemen who audited. Face it fellas', if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

No program is a success without participation. Thank you to the upwards of 75 auditors who attended, participated, and asked questions. I hope that this symposium led to a more clear understanding of the new Dressage Rider tests.

Berni Moauro, Education Co-Chair

NODA Membership Cards Are Available ONLY on Request

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NODA Welcomes New Members!

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Justine Jarubas
Kate Lovejoy
Rebecca McCarty
Renee Miller
Anna Ruple
Karen Ruple
Nora Zabik

Current membership as of March 16, 2013 is 243

Thank you to all 2012 NODA members who have renewed your membership for 2013!

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Volunteers Can Write Off Mileage on Taxes

NODA is a 501 3(c) organization. Members who travel to volunteer may write off travel expenses. While NODA doesn't provide tax advice, check out the information at www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/remind-nonprofit-volunteers-tax-deductions-29659.html and check with your tax advisor. In the meantime, start keeping a mileage log when you are volunteering.

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Have you ever wondered about how to submit photos or an article to the *NODA News*? How to advertise or place a classified? Wonder no more. With the help of NODA's Webmaster, Linda Cooley, the newsletter committee has posted this information on the NODA website in hope of sparking your interest in supporting NODA News with your articles, photographs, and advertising.

For those of you who don't browse the internet for information, here is the information on how to submit your photos to the *NODA News*.



1. If you plan on taking photos at an event let the editor know in advance.
2. Including the horse number in the photo greatly enhances your ability to identify a horse and rider team you do not know.
3. Try to photograph horses and riders from a variety of barns, stables and trainers.
4. Riders on horseback MUST be wearing a helmet at all times except as allowed by competition rules.

5. Photos must have the name of rider and horse or subjects of the photo as the document name of each photo or NODA News cannot use them.
6. The event and a caption must be included with each photograph. Photo credit may be included in the caption if it is easily matched with the photo document name.
7. The photograph must be credited to the person who took the photo.
8. Take photographs of riders, volunteers, facilities, signs, and interesting things you see. Variety is interesting.
9. To be considered for a cover, the photo must be able to be sized 8 1/2 X 11 and have a background that is NOT cluttered. Send un-cropped as it allows editors to format more effectively for cover photos.
10. Photos must be sent as an attachment to an email and not embedded in an article or email.
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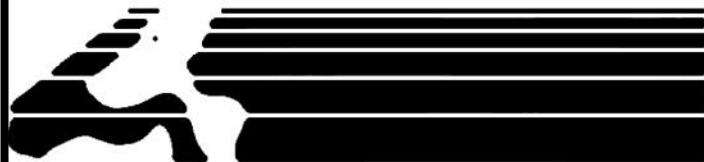
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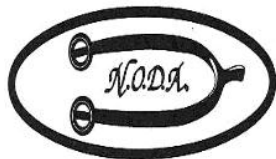
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May 11 Grand Haven Stable

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June 2 Rocky River Stables

Rocky River

July 7 Grand Haven Stable

Jefferson

August 11 Cross Winds Farm

Chagrin Falls

September 8 Rocky River Stables

Rocky River

October 5 Chagrin Valley Farms

Bainbridge

October 6 Chagrin Valley Farms

NODA Schooling Show Championships

*Invitation Only with qualifying scores from
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Bainbridge

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Chair: Kara Maruszak, 440-655-9376, schoolingshow@nodarider.org

Show Secretary: Jennifer Tulleners, 440-213-6685, ss-secretary@nodarider.org

NODA Board Meeting Minutes — February 11, 2013

In Attendance: Lora Burgess, Fran Cverna, Marcia Doyle, Mary Lou Gallagher, Lauren Hunter, Kathy Kirchner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Kara Maruszak, Berni Moauro, Gail Patton, Mary Dana Prescott, Patti Valencic, Mosie Welch

Call to Order 7:02 PM

Minutes of January Board Meeting: Patti Valencic

- Minutes accepted

Treasurer's Report: Dee Liebenthal for Jennifer Kick

- Checking Account Balance: \$14,750.49
- Savings Account Balance: \$5,014.30

Membership & Handbook: Fran Cverna

- 217 members total. 119 members from last year have not renewed. Remind people to turn in memberships
- A few changes to handbook were approved.
- Deleting Schooling Show entry form, membership application form, and competition report forms. (All are available on NODA website).
- Plan is to print and mail to all members by March 20.
- Dee suggested we print 100 extra and make them available to anyone who asks for them.
- Fran will advertise in newsletter that if anyone has a horse related profession to advertise in horse related services directory to contact her.

Newsletter: Mosie Welch

- Welcomed and thanked new Newsletter committee members: Sharon Lewis - Review/Editing and Jill Voigt - Classified Editor
- Has new volunteer commitment to write articles, and show reports, and take photos.
- Mosie will be our contact for Horsemen's Corral if anyone has information to include. They have calendar of events and small article from NODA.
- Showed breakdown of costs of Issue 2, 2013 newsletter. Ads generated \$349. Total cost not covered by ads was \$178, making cost of newsletter .55 cents each.

Education: Marcia Doyle & Berni Moauro

- Berni has some auditor applications in for New Rider Test Clinic (at LEC) .
- Update -Instructor Certification Workshop – (Sarah Martin instructor). Still negotiating on daily LEC rate.
- Mosie will email instructors to encourage them to send their students.
- Board reviewed budget for both events.

- Gail Patton proposed encouraging volunteers to attend educational events and do more volunteering by changing to a variable value of NODA bucks. Motion Passed.
- Value for each educational event would be set by education committee.
- Set date for Open Meeting (This is an election year). Sometime in September. Newsletter ad now.
- Discussed need for next two Workshop weekend dates by next meeting.
- NODA received the application to apply for the Region 2 USDF JR/YR Clinic Series for 2103/2014. NODA will request dates in 2014.

Schooling Shows : Kara Maruszak

- Reported on the Schooling Show Meeting.
- Ribbons ordered.
- Target Print date for Prize List - final review by 2/15, out by end of February.
- Bob Weston will allow NODA concession table at Cross Winds Show.
- Rocky River will do their own concession.
- All contracts are out, haven't heard from judges as yet.

Recognized Shows: Mary Lou Gallagher

- Update - online entry, prize list is being tweaked. Tear out and send in or download online.
- Gretchen Singleton Award will be First Level Open Class on Saturday, at Dressage 2013.
- Already are two awards for Amateurs (DOVER, USDF).

Website: & Facebook: Linda Cooley

Posted upcoming events and Shows on Website, Facebook and e-News

- Posted Symposium invitation on Facebook pages of WPDA, WYNDA, ODS, CADS and MODA
- Facebook NODA Page has 373 "LIKES" This is an increase for 23 since January's report
- Three (3) new NODA Emails assigned: Newsletter staff, Jill Voigt Classifieds@nodarider.org and Sharon Lewis Sharon-Editor@nodarider.org; Junior/Young Rider Liaison: Lauren Hunter JR/YR@nodarider.org
- Updated JR/YR and OFFICERS website.
- Tests page on website updated

Historical/Data Management: Lora Burgess

- Discussed need for new used computer. Vote taken to spend up to \$250 for one. Motion passed.
- Will advertise for volunteer to help Lora scan.

Professional Liaison: Mary Dana Prescott


- NODA Professional Grants (up to \$1000 annually) not being taken advantage of. Will advertise in newsletter and include application form. Suggested we offer/advertise that \$200 for one different professional for each workshop is available.

Old Business:


- Volunteer revamp committee - report on kick off meeting of 2/10/13. Will institute Award and Reward incentive for both Board and General Membership to be part of year end awards. May need software to track hours.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7 PM at Panera Bread in Solon.



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Dreizler Family, Spanish Riding School Create New Grant Fund at The Dressage Foundation

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4/6 Equine Specialty Hospital Open House, Burton, OH. 10 am to 4 pm Demos, tours, refreshments. More info at 440-834-0811 or www.equinespecialtyhospital.com

4/6 8th Annual Equine Symposium Clarks Mills United Methodist Church hall, Clarks Mills PA Speakers: Jay Merriam, DVM, MS and Dan Hawkins, DVM, MS, ACVS, CVA, IVCA

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4/14 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show Bainbridge, OH Judge Connie Wyatt (retired "r") PAC Approved show
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4/18-22 Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic Renaissance Farm Saline, MI
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6/7 WPDA Dressage Classic

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6/16 Dream on Farm Schooling Show,

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6/23 Grand Haven Schooling Show

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7/7 NODA Schooling Show,

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8/25 Grand Haven Schooling Show,

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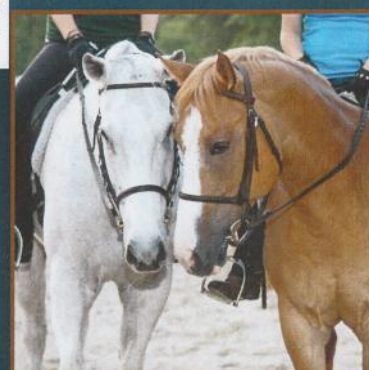
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