

NODA News

Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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Greetings from the President



Dee Liebenthal and Rens

Dear Noda Members,
We want to send great big congratulations to all the NODA members who qualified for and competed at Region 2 Championships in October, and to those who went on to qualify for Nationals in November. We are proud of all of you. NODA was well represented and many of you shared your great pictures from Regional competitions on Facebook so that those of us who couldn't be there were able to send our good wishes and congratulations.

Congratulations also go out to all our members who qualified for and competed in NODA's Schooling Show Championship this year. Our champions received a saddle pad and a beautiful neck ribbon for their horses. The weather held out and I'm pretty sure everyone had fun. There are pictures and results in this month's issue. One of my favorite pictures is the cover shot of our Schooling Show Manager and soon to be lawyer, Kara Maruszak. I loved being there taking pictures of many of you competitors. It was a really enjoyable day.

As I write this it is almost Halloween and it is cold...burrr...I am not ready. Although we may not be ready for the cold, we are getting ready for the Awards Banquet and Celebration! Our new co-chairs, Shannon O'Hara and Kirsten Thomas, are busy

working their tails off to make sure that our members have a great party with a fabulous silent auction, a slide show, music and raffles, and of course, NODA's year-end awards. New this year, attendees can celebrate and dance to a DJ after the awards ceremony! Bring a donation for the Dog Warden and renew your NODA membership at the banquet to get extra raffle tickets. I hope you are joining us this year.

We held the 4th in the USDF Instructor Certification Workshop series October 25th and 26th at Topline Stables. This refresher workshop was not only a review of the previous three workshops, but also a "what to expect at testing" format for Lungeing, Riding, and Teaching. This program requires a lot of work and dedication from our Participating Instructors.

We are so grateful to everyone who came in to ride and/or brought a horse for our PIs to use. Dr. Jeni Gaffney brought her horse Monty for Liz Biddick to ride, and Cindy Bank turned over her beloved Henry to July McElhaney. Wendy Gruskiewicz came with Eddy and got a riding lesson from Janeen Langowski. Regina Sacha taught Kristin Semegen on her horse One Nation, and Crissteen Miller brought her Swinger for Anne McClintock to ride. Tracy Hendricks on Bandit enjoyed a lesson from Liz Biddick, while Julie McElhaney gave a lesson to Danielle Blymier on Riftin. This is only a partial list of the combinations for the weekend.

We want to express our appreciation to USDF Instructor Bailey Cooke, USDF Education Coordinator Kathie Robertson, Janeen Langowski-Grava and her fabulous crew at Topline Stables, Education Co-Chairs Berni Moauro and Marcia Doyle for putting the weekend together, our PIs for working hard and continuing on this journey, our volunteer riders, and all those who very generously let us use their horses. The workshops are strategically complicated and challenging to

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orchestrate, and this one was the most complicated so far. The actual testing will be even more challenging.

On pages 18 and 19 you can see a picture collage and a thank you from Berni Moauro to all those who made the USDF Instructor Certification Refresher workshop possible.

Also in this month's issue Regina Sacha, NODA's new staff reporter, tells of her experience in New York City, as the title so aptly explains, "Jan Ebeling's Rafalca Takes a 'Bite' Out of the Big Apple." This was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity and it's a really good read.

Crafty (and not so crafty) equestrians will love the great horse wreath that can be put together on your kitchen table and displayed on your front door or in your stable. The easy-to-follow instructions are in this issue. The result is delightful, so get out the scissors and glue. I think even I could do this craft project. Thank you, Jeanne Fashempour, for this fun idea.

See you at the Banquet...bring your dancing shoes and a big bag to carry home your loot from the silent auction.

Thank you everyone for your continued support. NODA is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization

Dee Liebenthal, President



To all NODA members who
competed at the
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&

To all NODA members who
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November 15, 2014

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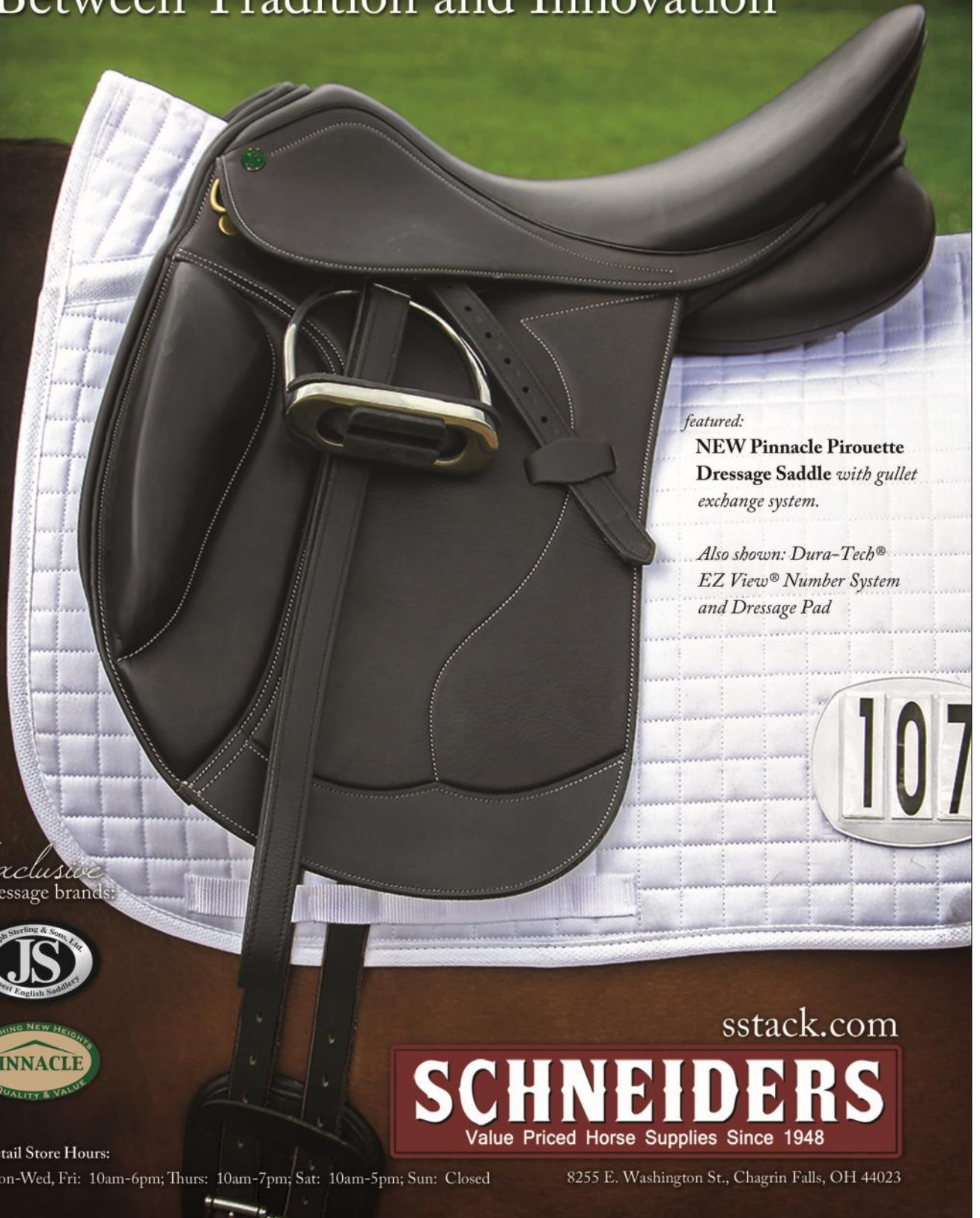
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NODA News is happy to announce that Regina Sacha-Ujczko will be joining the team as a reporter. You may recall reading several articles written by Regina over the past year and we are pleased she will be offering her perspective on a regular basis. NODA News is still searching for an additional editor, please see page 18 for more information.

Regina is a USDF Silver and Bronze medalist devoted to the pursuit of dressage excellence. She has attended the USDF "L" Program and has been an AA Participant in the USDF Trainer/Instructor Certification Classes. Formerly a VP for FedEx, she now leverages her communication and people skills as a Freelance Writer and Manuscript Reviewer, specializing in horse-related websites, clinic reviews, and articles. She enjoys writing for the *NODA NEWS* and was recently awarded first-place USDF recognition for a NODA article in 2014.

Regina owns two senior horses (Fabian and Arabella) and two dogs, (German Shepherd Therapy Dog, Rexton and adorable Terrier mix rescue, Miss Dixieland.) She is married to a very supportive horse-husband Edy Ujczko! Regina is an organist and soloist at her local church and can be reached at regina.sacha@sbcglobal.net.



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Jan Ebeling's Rafalca Takes a "Bite" Out of the Big Apple

By Regina M. Sacha-Ujcz

There are many reasons to visit New York City, but thousands of people travelled this September to "The Big Apple" to witness a spectacular display of horsemanship right smack in the middle of Central Park!

The First Annual Central Park Horse Show was held at Trump Ring in Central Park September 18 – 21, 2014 and showcased many equestrian sports including Grand Prix Show Jumping, world-renowned Australian Guy McLean's liberty act, the US WEG Vaulting Team exhibition, Polo, and most importantly a night of the best display of

international freestyle dressage under the stars with an impressive cityscape backdrop. Presenting sponsor Rolex donated partial proceeds to several New York Charities. This unique Celebration of the Horse was shared with thousands in New York and live-streamed to spectators from all over the world.

While all alluring, the feature which drew me as an attendee was the retirement ceremony of Jan Ebeling's Olympic mount, Rafalca! I was honored to be present with Jan and Amy when Rafalca first stepped off the trailer on US soil and I followed her seven-year Grand Prix journey vicariously. Rafalca's impressive tour included three World Cup Final appearances (Las Vegas, 2009, Leipzig Germany, 2011, and 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, 2012) as well as two American Nation's Cup teams at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen, Germany. So when the Ebelings reached out with a personal invite to attend her retirement ceremony, how could I refuse? It turned out to be a trip of a lifetime.

Who could ever forget the gorgeous statuesque and "chromey" Oldenburg mare, now 17 years of age, who stood in the limelight of the last Presidential election since



Jan Ebeling and Rafalca at the First Annual Central Park Horse Show in New York, New York. Photo by Regina M. Sacha-Ujcz

she is co-owned by Ann Romney, wife of former Presidential Republican candidate Mitt Romney. Rafalca is actually partnership-owned by the "The Three Amigos" – Ann Romney, Beth Meyer, and Amy Ebeling. Rafalca and Jan represented the USA at the London Olympics in 2012. Rafalca won selection to the US squad to go to Europe to complete for a place on the team for the World Equestrian Games this year but was withdrawn due to an injury. All were delighted that she was healed and ready to return to the ring for her final freestyle performance.

A serendipitous highlight for me at the Celebration of the Horse was to attend the Saturday afternoon "warm up" session where the best international riders were ALL riding at once in the Trump Ring. It was so interesting to watch these esteemed riders applying ring etiquette as they stretched and schooled their mounts for the evening freestyle competition and exhibitions. I was standing in the pathway at the entrance to the arena and had to move out of the way for a horse and rider combination who called out to me. I turned and it was none other than Germany's Isabell Werth astride El Santo NRW! Isabell later took top honors by winning the Grand Prix Freestyle Competition with a score of 82.042%. (Dutch rider Hans Peter Minderhoud showed his mount Glock's Flirt to a score of 78.833% to finish second and Canada's Karen Pavicic and Don Daiquiri scored a 73.500% to place third.) Witnessing all that international talent and horseflesh in one arena so close that I could touch them was an overwhelming sensory experience. Later that afternoon a pre-event reception was hosted high atop a NYC penthouse garden. We then travelled in "uber" cars to the venue.

The evening competition was eagerly anticipated. The stands were full and the VIP seating contained a laundry

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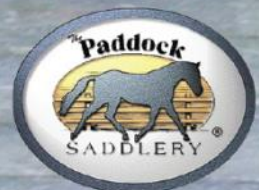
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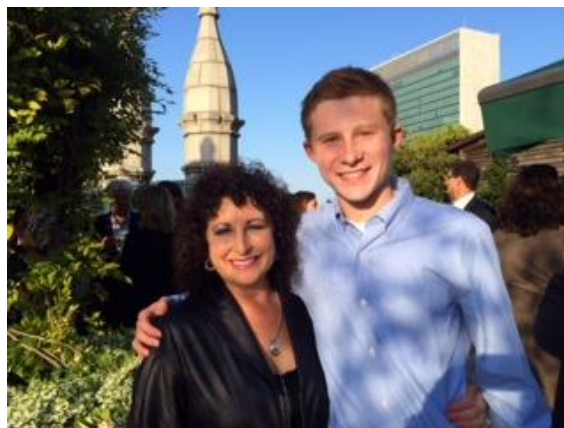
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list of “who’s who” including the infamous Mr. Donald Trump!

Steffen Peters surprised us all by brining Ravel out of retirement to treat us to surprise exhibition freestyle. I doubted the day could get any better! But it did... On the night of her exhibition freestyle, Rafalca looked anything but 17 years old! She was the concluding highlight freestyle with her retirement ceremony to follow. Jan Ebeling and Rafalca exploded into the area under the lights of the evening performance. The air was electric as she danced spectacularly to the music of Usher in her final freestyle with stunning tempis, passage and piaffe. Jan was aglow with pride and beaming broadly. He also performed effortlessly and at times, with all reins in one hand!

After the freestyle, Rafalca’s legacy in pictures was projected onto a huge screen and set to appropriate music, John Legend’s “All of Me.” Jan’s wife Amy Ebeling compiled this amazing tribute collage of photos and testimonials to this pair’s uniqueness and specialness. It was breathtaking and highly emotional as we experienced simultaneously tears of joy and of sadness.

Could this retirement ceremony get any better? A cadre of people, instrumental in Rafalca’s Journey entered the arena to include not only the co-owners but Jan and Amy’s son Ben, Rafalca’s groom Raul and several others. Ann Romney gave a heartfelt speech and with numerous American flags flying, The Star Spangled Banner was played in



Regina and Jan’s son Ben, who served as flag bearer at the ceremony. Photo by Amy Ebeling

an extremely emotional tribute to our patriotism.

While bittersweet, this isn’t the end for Rafalca. Plans are to have Rafalca and a frolicking foal at The Acres, the ranch that is owned and operated by Jan and Amy Ebeling in Moorpark, CA. Rafalca was recently bred to Governor STR. Governor (Totilas x Jazz) was this year’s reserve Champion KWPN Stallion.

Perhaps we will be cheering on her progeny at future Olympics. No matter what, Rafalca was a dream come true for Jan and Amy and their son Ben. Rafalca graced our sport with spectacular performances and showcased her desire to excel. Jan stated in an interview after the ceremony, “This horse has given me so much!” Yes, Jan, she and you have given the sport so much and will forever be in our memories and hearts. Thank you for sharing her journey with each of us!

I’m already making plans to attend next year’s 2nd Annual Celebration in the Big Apple. However, nothing will ever compare to this personal, emotional and sentimental send off for my favorite Olympic pair!



Happy retirement Rafalca!
Photo by Amy Ebeling



Jan Ebeling and Rafalca during the ceremony
Photo by Regina M. Sacha-Ujcz

How To: Make Your Own Horse Holiday Wreath Decoration

By Jeanne Fashempour

I try whenever possible to make my friends or relatives a gift that is unique, attractive or completely custom, something they cannot buy but would really like to have. I am an avid do-it-yourselfer, and I saw a picture of a holiday door decoration last year that I thought was nice and my horsey friends would enjoy so I set about making them as Christmas gifts. I documented the process thinking that it would be helpful for other people wishing to make a creative project for Christmas. Some tools you will need: Scissors, wire cutters, paint and brushes, hot glue gun and glue sticks, hemostats or needle nose pliers, jig saw (or a friend with one) picture hanging bracket, decorative floral or fruit items and Plywood or OSB.



I have included a small drawing of a horse head which can be enlarged at a copy store. Cut out the pattern and trace it onto a piece of plywood or OSB, I used 3/8 inch thick. Cut out the horse head using a jig saw.

Now paint both sides and the edges of the horse with outdoor paint, dark brown or green works nicely. Let it dry thoroughly before applying your decorations.



Now is the time to select your trim & start cutting pieces to apply. I use the least expensive artificial evergreen garland, available at any store with Christmas decorations. Cut the evergreen into pieces 3", 4" up to 5" long. You will



need even smaller pieces 1" long for fill-ins so don't throw anything out. I like to buy one color for the body and a slightly different tone and texture for the mane, something with longer needles, like scotch pine.

You can usually find floral picks or branches, don't forget

if you have an old Christmas tree, table arrangement or wreath that you want to recycle, here's your chance.

Bells, beads, ribbon, fruits and berries, flowers, anything goes.

Using a glue gun, start gluing evergreen pieces onto the head, leaving no



background showing. You will find a pair of tweezers, hemostats or needle nose pliers helpful for placement since the glue is hot and you don't want to push them down

with your fingers. Using scissors trim the greens around the face close, as shown so that you don't lose definition. Now is the time to use longer evergreen to define the mane. You can overlap pieces to make a thicker, fuller mane.



Now it's time to get creative! Use Heavy Ribbon, leather pieces, rhinestones, and build your horses bridle or halter. Glue pieces together and wrap around to the back of the horse head, gluing firmly in place.

Here are some examples of the Horse Head door decorations I made. When you glue or nail on the hanging bracket, be sure it is placed in such a way that the horse will hang balanced.





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4	Kara Maruszak	Irish Cameo Rose	61.250%
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1	Anna Simile	Just Takes Time	65.625%
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2	Heidi Miller	Got That Right	65.938%
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1	Rob Stone	Mingo	61.875%
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1	Noelle Ignagni	Sommertime Riddle	61.667%
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Novice Training Level Test 2 Amateur Rider (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Colleen Welder	Owen	61.429%
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2	Kathy Davis-Kime	Smoke On The Water	58.036%
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1	Alexandra Salmon	Good Will	62.679%
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2	Kathy Davis-Kime	Smoke On The Water	58.400%
3	Colleen Welder	Owen	55.000%

Novice Training Level Test 3 Junior Rider (C) Winn

1	Alexandra Salmon	Good Will	64.800%
2	Meghan Sozio	Paint By Numbers	62.200%

Training Level Test 1 Amateur (C) Winn

1	Joanna Zimma	Annie	60.000%
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Training Level Test 1 Junior (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Mary Meehan	Street Scene	61.042%
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1	Catana Deskins	Ikonos	67.708%
2	Barb Soukup	Leonard	65.625%

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1	Joanna Zimma	Annie	69.107%
2	Lea Wojtkiewicz	Winter Sky	62.500%

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2	Barb Soukup	Leonard	70.536%
3	Sarah Freeman	Rumble	66.071%

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3	Lea Wojtkiewicz	Winter Sky	62.400%

Training Level Test 3 Junior Rider (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Meghan Sozio	Paint By Numbers	61.400%
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Training Level Test 3 Open (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Sarah Freeman	Rumble	58.200%
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First Level Test 3 Amateur (C) Winn

1	Megan Barnhizer	Fascination Starr	69.032%
2	Tay Laster	Kit 'Astrophe	68.710%
3	Julie Shipley	Beau	63.548%
4	Michele Vonk	Crusader Creek	62.258%
5	Amy Craig	Jessica NHH	60.484%

First Level Test 3 Open (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Tina Brown	Princess Gothic	63.871%
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Second Level Test 3 Amateur (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Cindy Poulson	Regalia	65.357%
2	Jennifer Tulleners	Kodakhrome	59.167%

Second Level Test 3 Open (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Sarah Freeman	Adante	60.476%
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Third Level Test 1 Amateur (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Jennifer Tulleners	Kodakhrome	63.553%
2	Cindy Poulson	Regalia	61.184%

Third Level Test 1 Open (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Sarah Freeman	Adante	60.263%
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Third Level Test 3 Amateur (C) Connell-Marsh

1	Cindy Bank	Idlehour McHenry	64.103%
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Walk-Trot Equitation (C) Winn,

1	Michelle Heinz	Dukhaan	70.000%
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FEI Para Grade 1a Team Test (C) Winn

1	Laura Goldman	Buckeye	63.696%
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FEI Para Grade 1a Individual Test (C) Winn

1	Laura Goldman	Buckeye	67.391%
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Western Dressage Intro Test 1 (C) Winn

1	Deb Usay	Reba	66.250%
2	Susan Baker	George	61.964%
3	Elaine Marino	Bailey	58.571%

Western Dressage Intro Test 1 Junior (C) Winn

1	Sarah Pruzan	Dreamer	59.464%
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USEA Novice Test A (C) Winn

1	Allison Morris	Handful of Gold	39.563%
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USEA Novice Test B (C) Winn

1	Allison Morris	Handful of Gold	39.000%
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Ring preparation for NODA's Schooling Show
Championship Weekend and Chagrin Valley Farms

Above: Lynn Fry and Jennifer Tulleners

Below: Kim Shepard, Kara Maruszak and Mary Lou Gallagher

Photos by Dee Liebenthal



Congratulations to all the riders who competed during the 2014 NODA Schooling Show Season! The last NODA schooling shows of the season are successfully completed.

We would like to thank all the competitors for participating, and thank all the volunteers who made the shows possible and successful!

For the October 4 & 5 Shows, we thank the people who helped set up the ring on Friday afternoon (just in time before the rain started), everyone who endured Saturday's 'delightful' weather, and those who volunteered at the Sunday Championship.

Weekend Volunteers: Maggie Ball, Megan Barnhizer, Sue Barnhizer, Amanda Brisbane, Ricki Bunkin, Suzanne Carlton, Lynn Fry, Mary Lou Gallagher, Kimberly Harris, Robin Hill, Katie Holzheimer, Sara Justice (and her Dad), Meghan Kelley, Becky Kirk, Amanda Kopec, Dee Liebenthal, Kara Maruszak, Crissteen Miller, Heidi Miller, Berni Moauro, Jane Paisley, Sally Pla, Kirsten Rall, Beth Scalabrino, Kim Shepard, Susan Slotnick, Christine Thompson, Jan Thompson, Jennifer Tulleners, and Shari Weeden.

We also wish to thank our two judges this weekend **Karen Winn** and **Cheryl Connell-Marsh**, and our host stable, **Chagrin Valley Farms**. We hope to see everyone at the banquet!

Jennifer Tulleners, Schooling Show Secretary
ss-secretary@nodarider.org

NODA Schooling Show Championships at Chagrin Valley Farms

October 5, 2014 • Photos By Dee Liebenthal

Judges: Cheryl Connell-Marsh (R) at H and Karen Winn (R) at C

Novice Intro Test B Amateur

1	Penny Baker	Luke's Shadow	69.375%
2	Kara Maruszak	Irish Cameo Rose	65.625%
3	Sue Bartlebaugh	Karina	64.531%
4	Amanda Kopec	RVF Candlelight	61.875%

Novice Intro Test B Junior

1	John Sandy	Flash's Painted Dazzle	66.250%
2	Maria Sandy	Penny	65.938%
3	Anna Steinhagen	Lucy	63.594%

Intro Test B Amateur

1	Sara Justice	Elita	69.375%
2	Rob Stone	Mingo	65.938%
3	Heidi Miller	Got That Right	60.000%
4	Amanda Turk Brisbane	Just Dun It Ab	57.031%

Intro Test B Junior

1	Noelle Ignagni	Sommertime Riddle	67.031%
2	Richard Tyner	Bur-Dal Chaos	66.406%

Novice Training Level Test 3 Amateur

1	Kathryn Davis-Kime	Smoke On The Water	63.200%
2	Rob Stone	Mingo	61.300%
3	Colleen Welder	Owen	57.800%
4	Laurie Grucza	Caps Di Orso	56.800%

Novice Training Level Test 3 Junior

1	Alaina Rolenz	Leo's Arabella Rose	70.900%
2	Rachel Gould	Sir Fuji	67.800%
3	Alexandria Salmon	Good Will	66.000%
4	Michelle Cobb	You Bett It's Zip	65.300%
5	Meghan Sozio	Paint By Number	63.700%
6	Cassandra Hauck	Incandescence	63.600%
7	Noelle Ignagni	Sommertime Riddle	60.500%
8	Sarah Page	Northern Lights	59.200%

Training Level Test 3 Amateur

1	Barbara Tuskas	Stonewall's Ronan	72.300%
2	Crissteen Miller	Easy Swinger	67.100%
3	Amy Craig	Jessica NHH	66.700%
4	Megan Barnhizer	Fascination Starr	66.400%
5	Lea Wojtkiewicz	Winter Sky	64.700%
6	Lauren Van Lehn	Mary Rose	64.000%
7	Gail Patton	Summer Breeze	62.700%
8	Anne Demanelis	Tuf Davin	59.900%

Training Level Test 3 Junior

1	Rebecca Kirk	Oreo Blizzard	64.400%
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Training Level Test 3 Open

1	Sarah Freeman	Rumble	66.200%
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First Level Test 3 Amateur

1	Tay Laster	Kit' Astrophe	64.113%
2	Megan Barnhizer	Fascination Starr	63.387%
3	Amy Craig	Jessica Nhh	63.065%



4	Crissteen Miller	Easy Swinger	62.500%
5	Michele Vonk	Crusader Creek	61.613%
6	Robin Hill Lasting	Impressions	61.371%
7	Deborah Winkler	Morante'	61.048%
8	Kimber Mackenzie	Incandescence	57.419%

First Level Test 3 Junior

1	Rebecca Kirk	Oreo Blizzard	58.629%
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First Level Test 3 Open

1	Tina Brown	Princess Gothic	64.919%
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Second Level Test 3 Amateur

1	Cindy Poulson	Regalia	64.643%
2	Jennifer Tulleners	Kodachrome	62.381%

Third Level Test 3 Amateur

1	Cindy Bank	Idlehour Mchenry	61.218%
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Usef Training Level Rider Test Amateur

1	Gail Patton	Summer Breeze	61.000%
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Walk-Trot Equitation Amateur

1	Amanda Kopec	RVF Candlelight	72.000%
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John Sandy & Flash's Painted Drizzle, Maria Sandy & Penny



Above (left to right): Sarah Freeman (Professional member) & Rumble TL, Amanda Kopec & RVF Candlelight Romance, Kathy Davis-Kime & Smoke on the Water

Below (left to right): Rebecca Kirk & Oreo Blizzard, Alaina Rolenz & Leos Arabella Rose, Cindy Bank & Idlehour McHenry





Left to right: Penny Baker & Luke's Shadow, Barb Tuskas & Stonewall's Ronan, Sarah Justice & Elita

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USDF Congratulates 2014 GMO Award Winners

Lexington, KY (Oct. 22, 2014) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to congratulate all of the winners of the 2014 GMO Awards, which will be presented during the Board of Governor's General Assembly at the 2014 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, in Cambridge, MA. These awards are given annually to recognize outstanding achievement within USDF's GMO community. Recognition is given in the following categories: GMO amateur photograph, website user experience, and newsletter first person experience and general interest articles. USDF also recognizes outstanding volunteers at the regional level along with the recipient of the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund grant.

NODA's 2014 GMO Award Winners

GMO Newsletter Award—First Person Experience Article

GMOs with 175 – 499 members:

First Place: Northern Ohio Dressage Association,
NODA News, September 2013:
Riding and Much More!
Clinic Review of USDF Instructor/Trainer
Program #2 - Riding
Written by **Regina Sacha-Ujcz**

GMO Newsletter Award —General Interest Article

GMOs with 175 – 499 members:

Honorable Mention: Northern Ohio Dressage
Association, NODA News, January 2014:
Start a Core Strengthening and
Mobility Exercise Program
for Your Horse
Written by **Mosie Welch**

GMO Website Award—Best User Experience

GMOs with 175 – 499 members:

Honorable Mention: Northern Ohio Dressage
Association www.nodarider.org
Webmaster: **Linda Cooley**

Please visit www.usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=750 for a complete listing of 2014 GMO Award Winners.

Wanted: NODA News Co-Editor

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Attend Monthly NODA Board Meetings: Actively communicate with all board members and committees to ensure competition, volunteer, education, and award information is included in the newsletter. Coordinate news and information with the Website manager and Membership Chair.

Position Support: Newsletter Committee Team consists of two Co-Editors, Classifieds Editor, Newsletter Reporter and Advertising Editor. This position replaces the outgoing co-Editor.

Volunteer Position: This is a NODA Committee VOLUNTEER Position. The incumbent is exempt from NODA Bucks requirement to apply for Year-End Awards. Questions? Contact Mosie-Editor@nodarider.org.

Next NODA Board Meeting: November 10th

Panera Bread, Solon, **6130 Kruse Drive**
Minutes are available at www.nodarider.org

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

Monthly board meetings are held the second Monday of each month from 7 to 9 pm at Panera Bread in Solon.

Members are always welcome to attend. See the meeting page at www.nodarider.org for details as on occasion the location of the meeting may change.



***Thank you to The Dressage Foundation,
Bailey Cook, Topline Stables and our Participating
Instructors, for helping us put on a successful USDF
Instructor Certification Refresher Workshop, Oct. 25th
& 26th. We couldn't have done it without you!!!!***

Northern Ohio Dressage Association

**Look for a recap of the event in Issue 12 of NODA News!*



USDF Instructor Certification Refresher Workshop

Thank You to USDF Certified Instructor and Faculty member Bailey Cook for a successful and educational Refresher Workshop weekend. Throughout the weekend Bailey coached the Participating Instructors, highlighting their strengths and providing constructive criticism in the areas that needed improvement. Her goal was to give them insight into the Testing process and preparation for possible Certification. We appreciate her professionalism and sense of humor as she upheld her daunting responsibilities.

The Refresher Workshop was a review for the Participating Instructors who had successfully participated in the previous USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshops on Longeing, Teaching and Riding.

Congratulations to the PIs for jobs well done: Elizabeth Biddick, Janeen Langowski-Grava, Anne McClintock, Julie McElhaney and Regina Sacha-Ujcz. We are very proud of them and appreciate their dedication to this process!

Many thanks to The Dressage Foundation whose financial support made this workshop possible. They have been a strong supporter of our educational programs and we greatly appreciate the good work that they do for GMOs, riders, and trainers of all levels and skills. For information on the many available grants, or to make a donation, please visit their website www.dressagefoundation.org.

Thank you to the riders and horses who trailered in from quite a distance to be "students" for the Teaching review: Danielle Blymier on Riften, Wendy Gruskiewicz on Eddy, Tracy Hendricks on Bandit, and Kristin Semegen on One Nation. We appreciate their generosity of time and talent.

Thank You to the owners who provided horses for the Riding session, and to McKenzie Miavitz and Natalie Krill who had seat lessons in the Longeing sessions.

Thank you to Barb Soukup who was our Scribe on Saturday, recording the remarks. We cannot thank her enough for her dedication to the workshop series.

Many thanks to Janeen Langowski-Grava and the staff of Topline Stables for providing a beautiful facility and extra horses.

Thank You to volunteer Lisa Antoniou for her help and diligence as the "waiver police".

Thank you to Dee Liebenthal for her photography skills and unlimited errands.

Thank you to the auditors who sacrificed their fun in the sun. It was a beautiful weekend and we appreciate everyone who chose to spend their valuable time attending this workshop, and the feedback they provided. As always, our goal continues to be the spread of responsible and compassionate riding and training for the welfare and betterment of the horse.

Thank you and happy riding!

Berni Moauro and Marcia Doyle
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11/6-9 US Dressage Finals
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11/15 NODA Year-End Awards Banquet Celebration at the Crowne Plaza in Independence, OH.

11/14-16 Dressage Clinic with Jeremy Beale, Bridlewood Dressage Farm, 1178 Granger Road, Medina OH
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11/30 Dressage Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms,
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Judge Barbara Soukup **

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
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**NODA is a United States Dressage Federation
Group Member Organization**



A portion of your NODA membership dues go towards your group membership in USDF. A USDF Group Membership (GM) makes you eligible for USDF Rider Awards. Group Members may participate in recognized shows without the payment of USDF non-member fees, are eligible to earn university credits, receive member discount rates for USDF events, and receive the USDF Connection magazine. (Supporting Family members do not receive a subscription to the USDF Connection – one magazine per "family.") See www.nodarider.org or www.usdf.org for eligibility to qualify for USDF regional and national championships. Note that Participating Membership in USDF is needed to compete in USDF Regional Championships.

Date: _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Name: _____ USDF # _____

☐ Adult Amateur ☐ Professional ☐ Youth, birth date required: _____
Youth is a NODA membership category that includes both Juniors (JR) and Young Riders (YR). Sign up for YOUTH membership unless you turn 22 or older in 2015. If you turn 22 or older in 2015, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

Address: _____ City, State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If you do NOT want your email printed in the NODA Handbook, check ☐ here

Additional/Supporting Family Name _____ USDF # _____

(Must live at same address; includes ALL benefits except for USDF magazine and NODA newsletters):

☐ Adult Amateur ☐ Professional ☐ Youth, birth date required: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

To add more family members, use other side of form, or contact membership@nodarider.org

NOTE: The printed Schooling Show Prize List, details for the Awards Program, and the NODA Handbook will be mailed to members who join before June 1, 2015. Information about shows, awards and events is available all year at www.nodarider.org. Members are added to the printed NODA Newsletter mailing list as they join; back issues are not sent.

Join early in the year to enjoy the printed NODA News and E-News all year long!

The NODA News printed newsletter is included with membership.

Newsletter subscription without membership

Fill out this section for a Newsletter subscription without a membership. This is not a membership and does NOT include USDF GM Membership, discounts, eligibility for NODA awards or Schooling Show Championship.

Name _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City, State _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Membership Dues:

Adult Amateur or Professional	\$45.00	_____
Youth	\$35.00	_____
Family Member (Amateur, Professional or Youth)	\$20.00	_____
Family Member (Amateur, Professional or Youth)	\$20.00	_____
Newsletter subscription only (not membership)	\$24.00	_____
Additional donation		_____
___ Education ___ Awards ___ Scholarships		_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		_____

Please make checks payable to NODA and mail to:
Fran Cverna
NODA Membership
12212 Snow Rd
Burton, OH 44021

QUESTIONS?

Membership questions: call Fran Cverna at 440-834-1774 or email membership@nodarider.org
Other questions: call Kathy Kirchner at 330-995-6010 or email memberrep@nodarider.org

Anything you want to bring to the attention of the NODA officers and Board Members?

Do you have specific volunteer interests and talents?

NODA News
3244 Camden Rue
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

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Novelty, OH 44072

NODA Newsletter and Web Advertising

Deadline: 10th of each month

Ex: Submissions received by the 10th of the month will publish in the NEXT ISSUE of NODA NEWS.

All Ads will be placed on the NODA website for the same period they are in the NODA NEWS.

Layout in jpg format should be emailed

to: Mosie-editor@nodarider.org

Advertising Rates

(width x height)	One ISSUE	Six ISSUES
Full Page (7.5 x 10):	\$75.00	\$375.00
Half Page (7.5 X 5):	\$40.00	\$200.00
Quarter Page (3.75 x 5):	\$20.00	\$100.00
Business Card (3.75 x 2):	\$15.00	\$75.00

Please complete form & enclose payment in full.

Make Check Payable to: NODA and send to:

NODA News, 3244 Camden Rue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Please note **payment for ads** must be received by the newsletter deadline of the 10th for your ad to be placed in the next issue.

For Classifieds contact Classifieds@nodarider.org —see information on page 20 of this issue.

Date: _____ **Number of issues ad will run:** 1 issue ____ 6 issues ____ full year ____

Issue/year ad will run: _____ **Ad Size:** _____ **Amount enclosed \$** _____ **USD**

Name: _____ **Company:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: (_____) _____ **E-mail:** _____