


# NODA News

*Northern Ohio Dressage Association*

A photograph of a rider on a brown horse, seen from behind, in a dressage arena. The rider is wearing a black jacket, white breeches, and black boots. The horse is dark bay with a black tail. They are in a fenced arena with a white fence and a chain-link fence in the foreground. In the background, there are green trees and a house.

**Cover:**  
Think Spring! Now's the time to start planning for show season. Margaret McElhany enters the dressage court at Grand Haven. Photo by Linda Cooley

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## Greetings from the President



**Dee Liebenthal and Rens**

**D**ear Noda Members,  
Holy cow! What a long, cold winter we have had. March is almost here and I can't wait. I am sure March will be challenging, but with its arrival we are one month closer to spring and only a little more than two months away from the NODA/Grand Haven combined schooling show!

As always, you will find lots of good information in this month's NODA News. There is a summary of all the important changes to our schooling shows and our awards program. Please read carefully. These changes will, of course, be included in the 2014 prize list. Look for it in March. If you have questions about anything in that publication, please contact our Show Manager, Kara Maruszak, [schoolingshow@nodarider.org](mailto:schoolingshow@nodarider.org), or Show Secretary Jennifer Tulleners, [ss-secretary@nodarider.org](mailto:ss-secretary@nodarider.org). We are looking forward to the upcoming season.

NODA Members Regina Sacha-Ujcz and Barb Soukup recently had the opportunity to attend the Trainer's Conference in Florida featuring Steffen

Peters and Scott Hassler. Regina has written a lovely and insightful article about the conference, and it appears in this month's issue. Please take the time to read it. She will have you wishing you had been able to attend. Warm weather and dressage, what more could you ask for? Thank you once again, Regina, for your continuing support and contributions to NODA.

Many of you knew and may even have been students of Elspeth Kick. Elspeth passed away January 28th. Please read the words of Sue Lundstrom, a longtime friend of Elspeth, in this issue. Through Red Raider and LEC, Elspeth made many contributions to the equestrian community in NE Ohio, and had a great impact on many of us with her teaching and training.

Clara Etzel has contributed to NODA once again, with an article on her experience at the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program. Clara applied for and received a NODA Professional Grant to help her to continue her education by attending this program. Clara has been a member of NODA since she was very young, and while in high school she was a member of the NODA News staff, contributing articles and urging other Jr/YRs to do the same. She and her mother, Teri, have given many volunteer hours to NODA at shows, banquets, and educational events. Clara helped us get the groundwork done for our Jr/YR grant program that is due to come out this year. Thank you, Clara, for your continuing support and contributions to NODA. We will enjoy watching your future successes.



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*Members are welcome to attend. See monthly calendar for details as on occasion the location of the meeting*

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Remember, with spring quickly approaching you will want to get your volunteer hours scheduled. To apply for year-end awards, you must have 4 NODA Bucks earned in the current competition year for each horse/rider combination. Don't wait for the last show to try to schedule your volunteer hours. Contact Gail Patton now to volunteer at a schooling show, or Karen Shirring to help out at the recognized shows. If you are interested in joining a committee, please contact your member representative, Kathy Kirchner, at [memberrep@nodarider.org](mailto:memberrep@nodarider.org).

NODA Board Meetings take place the second Monday of each month at 7 PM at Panera Bread in Solon. Meetings are open to all members who would like to attend. If you have something in particular that you would like discuss, please contact Kathy Kirchner, member representative, at [memberrep@nodarider.org](mailto:memberrep@nodarider.org) to have your idea or issue added to the agenda.

We have noticed over the past couple of years that NODA schooling show entries are trending down. With the expansion of our unrecognized competitions to include a division for professionals, we are hoping to increase participation. Professionals will be able to compete and qualify for the Schooling Show Championships, and also earn year-end awards in their own category. We are excited about this change for 2014.

Continue to think warm thoughts. Spring is only around the corner.

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## 2014 NODA Schooling Show Series Updates and Changes

by Kara Maruszak, Schooling Show Committee Chair

**H**ello everyone! With the snow and cold finally ending, it's starting to become believable that the show season is right around the corner. During the winter, the NODA Schooling Show committee partnered with the NODA board and many volunteers to update and re-energize our Schooling Show Series. We are very excited about these changes and are certain NODA members and show participants will also be excited. In the February edition of the *NODA News*, President, Dee Liebenthal, mentioned several of the updates her column. This article expands upon those changes and explains new additions.

### Class Names

When you receive your Prize List or look at the entry form, you will notice some changes to the class names. First, in order to be less redundant and easier to understand, the word "Open" has been eliminated from class names. For example, a class that was previously named "USDF Introductory Test A Open" will now be listed as "USDF Introductory Test A." Second, the word "Novice" was moved from the end of a class name to the front. For example, last year the class was named "USDF Introductory Test A Novice." This year the class name will now be "Novice USDF Introductory Test A."

We also discussed whether or not the Young Rider classes should be designated as youth classes or junior classes (Youth is 22 and younger, while Juniors are 17 years and younger). The NODA schooling show criteria currently considers Young Riders to be "Juniors," while the USDF recognized criteria considers them to be "Youth." This has caused some confusion for riders at the schooling shows, recognized shows, and for NODA year-end awards. The Schooling Show Committee is considering changing its criteria for 2015 to align with the USDF and hopefully include more young riders. **No change will be made in 2014.** Later this year, NODA will be conducting a member survey to get member input. We will re-evaluate this subject for 2015.

### Novice/Open Rules

In 2014, a rider will move out of the Novice division when they receive 4 scores of 63% or above, regardless of class



placing or what ribbon was won. The goal is to make the move, from Novice to Open, performance based. In the past a rider would be moved out of Novice division to the Open division once they had achieved 4 blue ribbons with a percentage of 60% or higher. NODA has had many occasions where people would score well over 60%, but would not win a blue ribbon and therefore would not be able to

move up.

### High Point Ribbons

To realign with the true spirit of a High Point ribbon, NODA will now be offering 2 High Point ribbons per schooling show - one for the highest score earned for Intro Level (Classes 1-6) and one for the highest score earned at Training Level and above (Classes 7-16). The highest percentage score can be earned by ANY rider (Junior, Amateur, or Professional). Please note for the purposes of earning the High Point Ribbon, the following classes **ARE NOT eligible**: USEF Rider Tests, Equitation classes, and any tests of choice.

### Professional Inclusion in Schooling Show Series

Many of our most exciting changes for 2014 are geared towards Professional riders. As stated above, Professional riders will now be able to qualify for and win a High Point ribbon. Furthermore, Professionals will now be split out and awarded ribbons separately from Adult Amateurs. While the classes may still run together, the Professionals will not be ranked against Adult Amateurs. Finally, Professionals will now be able to ride in the NODA Schooling Show Championship in their own newly created division.

### Championship Show

To avoid confusion, the 2014 Championship Show will have a separate entry form. This form will be available in the 2014 Prize List and online. If you are riding in the Saturday schooling show and the Championship, you will be required to send two separate entries. Both entry forms may be sent together in the same envelope and payment may be made with the same check.

There will also be several other changes to the classes at



the Championship show. Including: ALL Intro Level classes will ride TEST B. This change will be clearly reflected in the Prize List.

Once a rider wins the championship class in Walk-Trot Equitation, that rider will still be able to ride in the class at future schooling shows, however, they will not be able to qualify or win the championship class again. In Dressage Seat Equitation, once a rider wins the championship class they are still able to compete, qualify for, and win the championship class the following year.

Finally, as a result of the interest and amount of participation in 2013, the Rider Tests will now be offered as a division at the Championship. The Rider Tests will be split by level (Training, First, and Second) and will be offered for Juniors, Adult Amateurs, and Professionals. Two scores of 60% or more will be needed to qualify for the championships.

#### 2014 Schooling Show Committee

Jennifer Tulleners (Secretary), Gail Patton (Volunteer Coordinator), and I, Kara Maruszak (Chair) will be serving on the Schooling Show Committee in our same capacities and look forward to seeing everyone again. Jennifer and I greatly appreciate all the help and kindness you offered us in 2013 as we learned the ropes. Volunteer Coordinator Gail Patton remains dedicated to working with members to fill volunteer positions at the schooling shows.

We understand that there will be many questions with the new rule and class changes, and Jennifer and I urge you to contact us. All members will be receiving a Schooling Show Prize List in early March, so make sure to check your mailbox. Happy riding!



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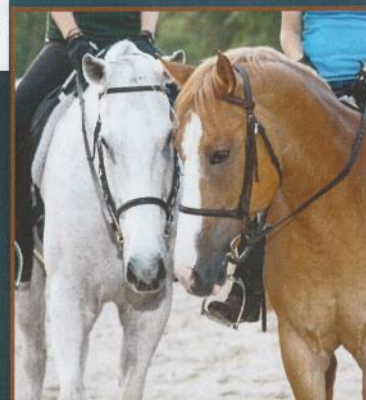


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***CORRECTION!***  
***2103 Year-End Award Winners***  
***Congratulations!***

The following results were omitted accidentally from  
**Issue 2, 2014, NODA News:**

***First Level – Junior***

**Champion:** Sydney Koenig & Brande Artondra 63.521%  
**Reserve:** Kim Shepard & Casey's Artful Treasure 56.465%

***First Level – Adult Amateur***

**Champion:** Robin Hill & Quintessential 68.670%  
**Reserve:** Tay Laster & Kit 'Astrophe 62.808%  
**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Michele Vonk & Crusader Creek 61.389%

***Second Level – Junior & Adult Amateur***

**Champion:** Shannon O'Hara & Royal Thomas 67.460%  
 (owned by Kirstin Thomas)  
**Reserve:** Jennifer Tulleners & Kodakhrome 65.505%  
 (owned by Lynn Tezak)

***Third Level – Junior & Adult Amateur***

**Champion:** Bitsy Gascoigne & Aibrean 62.593%

The **NODA News** editors regret the omission of a section  
 of the 2013 NODA Year-End Award Winners  
 in Issue 2, 2014 of the **NODA News**.

The full results are on NODA's website,  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

***In Memory of Elspeth Kick***  
***by Sue Lundstrom,***  
***past NODA member and Red Raider Trustee***

**I**t is with gratitude that I pay tribute to Elspeth Kick, a truly special person. I first met Elspeth when I boarded my horse, Rhythm, at Red Raider Stables. She was an incredibly insightful person when it came to horses. As manager of the stables, Elspeth was always there, making sure all the horses were happy, healthy, and well fed. When a horse turned up lame, Elspeth seemed to know which leg, the cause, and most importantly, the preferred treatment. Her knowledge not only encompassed veterinary concerns, but she was a wealth of information on all horse issues. I always felt reassured when I left the barn that my horses were in the best of care. In addition, she was very perceptive when instructing her riding students; she was humorous and most encouraging. It was very hard to see her leave Red Raider when her disability became so marked that she had difficulty getting around at the barn. I will always remember her enthusiasm, dedication, and especially her "feistiness" as well as her zest for life. For the past several years, I have kept in touch with Elspeth on the web and on Facebook. I recently looked at some of my old emails from her, and this one from May of 2011 really struck me:

"Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting, 'WOW...What a ride!'"

Ride on, Elspeth. You will be sorely missed...

Obituary below from Monreal Funeral Home

Elspeth Ann Kick, 70, of Chardon passed away peacefully Tuesday Jan. 28, 2014 at UHHS- Geauga. She was born in London, England on Feb. 13, 1943 the daughter of Graham and Elspeth (Lamberton) Wylie. Elspeth came to the US following her formal education in Equestrian training at the age of 18. She was a member of various groups and clubs and was a very active as a trainer and instructor in the Equestrian community in northeast Ohio, especially in Chardon. She is survived by her loving family; her children Jennifer L. (John McLandrich) Kick and Jonathan E. (Jennifer K.) Kick; her grandchildren: R. Graham Richardson, Lauren Kick and Dylan Kick; and her brothers Matthew (Barbara) Wylie and Mark Wylie. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Note: Elspeth Kick is the late mother of NODA Treasurer and longtime member Jennifer Kick.

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## USDF FEI- Level Trainer's Conference, Wellington, FL

*Photos and Review by Regina M. Sacha-Ujcz*

**O**n a gorgeous sunny Southern Florida day in January, hundreds of Dressage Trainer's, Judges and Guests gathered at High Meadow Farm in Wellington, Florida to witness a spectacular training event. The second annual USDF FEI Level Trainer's Conference was again a huge success and an uplifting demonstration of proper and consistent training by esteemed trainers Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler. This event was sponsored by Succeed and graciously hosted by Mary Anne McPhail at her tranquil and palatial horse estate.



Steffen Peters coaching rider participant Mette Larsen astride her statuesque five-year old 18 hand KPWN gelding Deklan.

This two-day conference was replete with pearls of dressage riding wisdom and underscored the need for harmony and clear and simplistic aids, despite the horses' age or complexity of movement. Steffen Peters is beyond a treasure to the sport of dressage! Each horse he rode changed dramatically with enhanced gaits, suppleness and focus. This was achieved while he concurrently explained to the audience what he was doing to achieve those fantastic results. He is soft spoken and gentle but clear in his approach. From the ground, Scott Hassler was able to provide an insightful perspective into the breeding and training of these horse athletes and continues to encourage the USA to breed and train our own mounts. His approach to horse harmony emanates from his words and actions. The mutual respect these two colleagues have for each other is very evident, each offering a slightly different insight and perspective to the training but always in harmony with the horse toward the achievement of enhanced suppleness and relaxation.

It was my honor again this year to attend this conference as the guest of my friend Barbara Soukup, dressage trainer and USDF "L" graduate (with distinction!). Together we were mystified by the amazing transformation of horse and rider as Steffen and Scott collaborated on training exercises and modest changes to provide an individual approach to each horse and rider combination. It was particularly amazing to watch Steffen ride the horse and then remount the rider atop her mount to feel the drastic improvement. Changes of rider leg placement and the positioning of the horses neck for optimal suppleness and relaxation were all very subtle.

If I were to share the copious notes which Barb and I took this article would be a book! However, I here a few of the rare "nuggets" and highlights from this magnificent experience:

- A happy mouth of a horse is important!
- The mouth of the horse expresses the mood.
- Must also engage the horse's MIND.
- STRIVE FOR COOPERATION not SUBMISSION!
- The horse will tell you when he is finished with the warm-up routine.
- Flex the horse within the "channel" of the shoulder.
- Three imperative building blocks – suppleness – suppleness – and suppleness!
- The horse and rider must be respectful in the connection.
- Imperative to do lots of tempo changes.
- Reward the horse with frequent walk breaks. Even 20 seconds of walk.
- Don't always walk when the horse is tense.
- Quiet leg aids imperative.
- Muscle memory is important so school the extended walk.
- Push forward for two strides to surge rather than use the spur!
- Make sure you are sitting straight.
- Practice the canter to trot daily.
- Use half-pass to center line and then go straight. This helps the horse understand the difference of straightness and a half-pass to a change.
- Refresh the horse with lengthenings.
- You need energy for collection.
- Can use travers into canter.
- Use second track or quarter line to keep horse focused

and straight.

- Good to school the piaffe from the walk.
- For the walk to piaffe use invisible aids.
- If there is use of the spur in piaffe it MUST make a difference!
- The piaffe must pass through the entire horse body.
- Practice trot to walk everyday down centerline.
- Horse must be collected before the change. Must be in front of the leg.
- Seek Harmony with the horse!!!
- Practice halts daily.
- Don't accept anything less than a good reaction for each canter depart.
- Be FAIR to the horse. Set up for success.
- STRIVE FOR INVISIBLE AIDS. NO LOUD AIDS.
- VERY LITTLE USE OF THE WHIP. The whip is not for forward! Use leg.
- The whip is used for attention and reminder, not punishment.
- Be a proactive rider rather than a reactive rider.
- Engage the horse with suppleness.
- School canter pirouettes on center line. The center line will tell the real truth.
- Three main components of the pirouettes – compression, suppleness and balance.
- Use every corner as an 8 meter circle.
- Insure rider leg is in correct position. Check position frequently. Sit tall. Weight in heel!

Each and every horse was extremely talented and ridden beautifully by the chosen rider participants. Of course, after Steffen schooled the horse, the gaits and expression and suppleness changed dramatically. Steffen was very cognizant that the one tempis are very personal and he chose not to do them on some horses to protect the integrity of the horse's understanding with the current rider.

Mid-day one of the conference also included a very informative presentation by Master Saddle and Saddle Ergonomist Jochen Schleese. It is vital that professional trainer's recognize the signs of poor saddle fit. Jochen illuminated the difference between a female and male pelvis and the impact that it has (literally) on riding and saddle choice! If you have not seen it, it is worth purchasing Jochen's DVD, *Beyond the 9 points of Saddle Fitting* and/or his book, *Suffering in Silence* (The Saddle-fit



USDF Gold Medalist Ilse Schwarz demonstrating riding perfection on Don Joseph. Ilse is coached regularly by Steffen Peters and it clearly showed in her riding and harmony with DJ.

link to physical and psychological trauma in Horses).

The evening session of day one was held at the Hilton Palm Beach Airport Hotel and began with a wonderful reception to socialize with other trainers, judges and USDF staff members. We listened to Succeed's John Hall's presentation on Digestive Imbalances and then were treated to a very informal Q & A from Steffen and Scott. Steffen surprised us with a short video of his new mount in training, Rosie! She's a powerful but extremely supple mover – very similar to Ravel. There are high hopes for this pair and I'm sure we will see them soon in the dressage arena representing the USA!

Day two was just as spectacular with Steffen spending a lot of time coaching each rider and horse combo. At day's end, we left inspired, equipped, and anxious to ride with more accountability and harmony. No matter the level, age or goals, this training seminar gave each person tools and reminders and provoked riding and training changes which we hope will proliferate throughout the dressage community.

It is fitting for all these horse addicts that this year in the Chinese calendar is "the year of the horse." Of course, there was one attendee that I know of who didn't enjoy the conference as much. My dog, Rexton, seemed very uninterested and slept most of the time in the sand when he wasn't giving an attendee their "dog fix." He did enjoy his chicken sandwich for lunch and at times seemed to be thinking, "I can't wait until it's the year of the dog!"



Steffen Peters astride seven-year old Oldenburg Don Joseph owned by Gaye Scarpa and ridden in the clinic by Ilse Schwarz.



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## 2014 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program Growing Up and Going On In the Sport of Dressage

By Clara Etzel

**T**he USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program is a program designed to bridge the gap between the time of Young Riders and the time when a rider decides if they want to be a professional or adult amateur. The program is held



Participants, trainers, USDF representatives at the 2014 Young Rider Graduate Program.

every two years for riders age 20-28 riding at third level and above. This year the program was held January 18-19 in West Palm Beach, Florida. Thanks to generous support from The Dressage Foundation, young adults accepted into the program are able to attend the program at a reasonable expense. This year I applied for and received a professional grant to attend the event from NODA, an award for which I am very grateful.

Having attended the program in 2012, I had an idea of how the program was outlined. Speakers from all over the business and dressage world come and give 45 minute (or thereabouts) presentations on topics including forming contracts, how to acquire sponsorship, training opportunities in the USA and in Europe, and public relations. This year had a variety of speakers that I had not previously met including Debbie Witty of Performance Saddlery, JJ Tate, Catherine Haddad Staller, Lilo Fore, and Jenny Van Wieren Page.

For our dinner Saturday evening we were greeted by surprise guests Debbie McDonald, Robert Dover, and Scott Hassler. This was a very exciting occurrence for me, particularly because Debbie sat at my table for dinner, and I was able to listen to her recount stories and offer advice. After dinner, Debbie, Robert, and Scott stood at the front of the room and answered questions that the participants had regarding training opportunities, life decisions, as well as their personal competition and training experiences. Also present at dinner representing USDF were northeastern Ohio natives, George and Roberta Williams.

I received so much advice and information from this weekend. Actually, more than when I attended in January 2012, in part, because I have had more experience running

my own business. I have had many small successes and failures and many opportunities in the two years since the last conference I participated in. I have had clients come and go, and found and sold horses for many owners. Through opportunities like

the 2014 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program I have been able to develop a new focus and direction for my business. For me, it is very important to remain enthusiastic as well as to continuously reevaluate my vision, goals, and execution of those goals for myself as a rider and trainer.

While this program provided me the opportunity to meet new young professionals and accomplished trainers from around the country, it also provided me a jolt of desire to reevaluate what I want to do as a rider, competitor, and trainer; which can become blurred in the middle of winter. I want to mention an important point trainer JJ Tate made that I thought was noteworthy. JJ spoke Saturday morning and was the first presenter along with Jenny Van Wieren Page, discussing the topic "How My Career Has Evolved." JJ talked about her career and really trusting the process, not getting stuck in her career and always pursuing the goal of becoming a better rider and trainer by being open to opportunities even when that means taking a large risk like relocating. JJ talked about qualities she believes are imperative to being successful in life. They include:

- Hard Worker- Great work ethic
- Discipline/ Endurance— You must take pride in your work and do it well
- Courage
- Dedication/Perseverance
- Physical Fitness
- Knowledge
- Integrity

This list is worth retaining and revisiting. Lendon Gray spoke about training opportunities in the USA and reiterated JJ's opinion that hard work makes or breaks



someone in the dressage sport. Lendon said working students must be willing to be up at 5am to start working and work until, if not well after dark. JJ noted that many of her working students ride in the dark because their days are so full. Not only that, but you have to take pride in everything you do, even if it is cleaning a bridle or mucking out a stall. I think this list is thorough.

While JJ had countless pieces of advice on life, success, and developing your career, Robert Dover, the US Technical Advisor/Chef d'Equipe, had just as many stories with a big dose of humor. I will tell one story that made the entire room burst out laughing. One participant asked Debbie, Robert, and Scott if they had anything in their careers they would redo. Robert answered honestly saying that he said he regretted being 27, on the Olympic team for the first time, and lacking any experience at an international show. Robert talked about how cool he had been in the weeks leading up to the LA Olympics while other teammates were walking away from warm up rides every day in tears. Then, on the first day of competition Robert said he woke up and was like a deer in headlights while his teammates were cool and focused in their riding. Everyone but Robert had gotten their emotions out of the way. Robert was in the warm up ten minutes out from his ride and told the USA coach at the time "Do you realize we haven't even done any piaffe-passage?" After that point Robert said he was able to school piaffe in the warm up and the coach told him to do some passage around the ring before he went in. This lack of planning lead to very little passage occurring when Robert wanted it to happen during the test. Needless to say, USEF now ensures riders are in multiple international shows before they are selected for an international team competition.

The weekend was full of valuable information and wisdom from top competitors and coaches in the sport. I am very grateful to have been able to attend the event again, this time due to the NODA professional grant. If anyone has any questions about the Young Rider Graduate Program please don't hesitate to contact me. I would be glad to share information on the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program, my business start up, and my dressage journey with you!

Clara Etzel is a FEI dressage competitor and trainer. She operates Clara Etzel Dressage, LLC. out of Hidden Creek Ranch in Saline, Michigan. This article fulfills her NODA grant requirement to give back to NODA members by sharing content of the program. Find out more about her at <https://claraetzeldressagellc.com>

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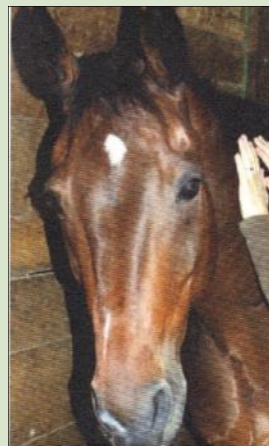
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### USDF Announces New FEI Certification Program

Lexington, KY (February 11, 2014) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the implementation of Instructor/Trainer Certification at the FEI level. The addition of the FEI Certification Program will take the standard of education for instructors and trainers in the United States through the highest levels of our sport.

This new program will offer workshops designed to help candidates prepare for FEI certification at two levels. The approved workshop instructors and examiners are some of this country's most respected men and women in dressage. Those interested in becoming certified at the FEI level do not necessarily need to have completed prior certification.

USDF President George Williams states, "FEI Level certification has been in development for several years. The Instructor/Trainer Committee, with input from the Strategic Planning Working Group, have taken the time to create what I believe is an excellent program. The USDF is proud to be adding the highest levels of certification and with it is truly establishing a commitment to the certification of all instructors."

For more information regarding the criteria and application process, or for more information on the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program, please visit the USDF website at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or contact the USDF education programs department at [instructorcertification@usdf.org](mailto:instructorcertification@usdf.org).

### Applications of Intent Now Available for USEF Dressage National Championships

Lexington, Ky. - The applications of intent for eight of the USEF Dressage National Championships are now available on [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org). National Championship competition will be held at different venues throughout the U.S. in 2014. The first championship of the year will be the 2014 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by The Dutta Corp in June followed by the Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Championships presented by HorseShow.com in August.

Applications of Intent are available by signing into your USEF account here: <https://www.usef.org/AUAIFrames/login/default.aspx>.

### U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by The Dutta Corp

The 2014 U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions presented by The Dutta Corp will be held June 12-15, 2014 at the Hamilton Farm/USEF Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone, N.J. The Selection Trial for the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games U.S. Dressage Team Short List will also be held at this time. Six Dressage National Championship divisions will be held again in 2014 - The Dutta Corp/USEF Grand Prix, The Dutta Corp/USEF Intermediaire I, USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup', AGCO/USEF Young Rider, AGCO/USEF Junior and USEF Pony Rider.

Athletes wishing to compete in The Dutta Corp/USEF Grand Prix National Championship/Selection Trial for the 2014 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games U.S. Dressage Team Short List must complete an online application. Applications received on or before March 31 will require a \$70 application fee per horse, applications received on or before the final deadline of April 11 require an application fee of \$300 per horse.

Applications for The Dutta Corp/USEF Intermediaire I National Championship received on or before March 31 will require a \$50 application fee per horse, applications received on or before the final deadline of April 11 require an application fee of \$300 per horse.

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Young Adult 'Brentina Cup', Young Rider, Junior, and Pony Rider applications received on or before March 1 will require a \$50 application fee per horse, applications received after March 1 but on or before the final deadline of March 15 will require a \$150 application fee per horse.

To learn more about the USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' National Dressage Championship visit: <http://usef.org/IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/youngAdultInfo.aspx>.

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

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



To learn more about the USEF Pony Dressage National Championship visit: [http://usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/dressagePonies.aspx](http://usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/dressagePonies.aspx).

### **2014 Markel/USEF Young & Developing Horse Championships presented by HorseShow.com**

The 2014 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships presented by HorseShow.com will take place at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Ill., August 20-24, 2014. 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 Program and National Championships visit: [http://usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/developingHorseInfo.aspx](http://usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/developingHorseInfo.aspx).

To learn more about the Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage Program and National Championships visit: [http://usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/NatYHProgram.aspx](http://usef.org/_IFrames/breedsdisciplines/discipline/alldressage/NatYHProgram.aspx).

### **USDF Announces New Podcast Channel**

Lexington, KY (February 18, 2014) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce the launch of USDF's Official Podcast channel. These podcasts are designed to provide education and insight into our sport, as well as information about USDF programs and events.

Content for these podcasts will include excerpts from many of the educational activities held at Adequan/USDF National Conventions and Symposiums, interviews with dressage legends, information about USDF programs and events, and other dressage news from across the country. The Official USDF Podcast channel is free, and available through the USDF website and on iTunes.

"We are very excited to be able to offer another way for our members to keep in touch with USDF" said Cindy Vimont, USDF Senior Director of Member Programs. "We hope our members will find listening to USDF's podcasts both educational and informative while driving, working in the barn, or just relaxing. This is just one more way USDF is providing a connection to the dressage community, in a format that is geared towards today's busy equestrian." To listen to our podcasts, or to get more information about USDF podcasts, visit the USDF website at

[www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), or contact us at [podcasts@usdf.org](mailto:podcasts@usdf.org). Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277

### **Western Dressage is a USEF Discipline**

To find out more about the tests, rules and guidelines, and Programs in the discipline of Western Dressage go to [www.usef.org/\\_IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allWesternDressage.aspx](http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allWesternDressage.aspx).

Below is the USEF description of Western Dressage from the Western Dressage discipline page:

Western Dressage integrates the historically validated principles of dressage with the best of western stock horse tradition. It is a systematic and progressive system of training for the western horse and rider, in traditional stock tack with the purpose of enjoying a safe, pleasurable, versatile and useful working horse. The hallmarks of the Western Dressage Horse are usefulness, ride ability, willingness, safety, pure gaits, lightness, calmness and steadiness. A Western Dressage Rider should be attentive and tactful. They should use clear, effective subtle aids coupled with a confident seat and light, responsive hands in communication with their horse.

A Western Dressage Partnership should exhibit impulsion, originating from deeply engaged hindquarters transmitted without resistance through a supple topline to a light, soft contact with the rider's hand(s). The horse should move freely forward, laterally, and to the rear via a willingness to work off the hindquarters which enables the western horse to be a useful working partner. A Western Dressage Partnership should culminate in a happy, harmonious, horse and rider relationship.

Western Dressage Tests provide the opportunity for horse and rider to demonstrate growth through a series of progressive elements by advancing from test to test and level to level as they develop in physical skill, mental maturity and partnership. Competitions are both rewarding and educational with judges providing scores and offering feedback for each element as well as for collective marks demonstrated throughout the test.

## Board Meeting Minutes—January 13, 2014

**In Attendance:** Robyn Ambrose, Lora Burgess, Linda Cooley, Fran Cverna, Kathy Kirchner, Dale Lappert, Dee Liebenthal, Mary Lou Gallagher, Janeen Langowski-Grava, Berni Moauro, Patti Valencic, Mosie Welch.

**Call to Order:** Dee Liebenthal, president, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**Minutes:** Patti Valencic

- Minutes of November meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Kick

- No report.

**Membership & Handbook:** Fran Cverna

- Kimberly Zemba won free NODA membership for 2014 in NODA'S annual survey drawing.
- Reviewed survey results. Plan to make results known in February or March newsletter.
- Total Members: 185. AA, 130; Professionals, 35; Youth, 20. 8 people are new. 152 are lapsed at this point.

**Historical/Data Management:** Lora Burgess

- Lora demonstrated new computerized historical data and access system to store our history. She chose a cloud solution called Sky Drive by Microsoft with free remote storage. (7 gigabytes). Accessible from androids, I-phones, I- Pads etc.

**Schooling Shows :** Dee for Kara Maruszak

Committee meeting was held January 5<sup>th</sup> to framework new rules:

- Sabine Walker will put together prize list this year. She will need a copy of "Publisher". There are no additional uses on Noda's copy, and a new one needs to be purchased or rented. A vote was taken, and purchase was approved.
- Western attire will be added to the prize list (from USEF rules). Mary Lou Gallagher clarified that in Western Dressage, a cowboy hat is usually worn. NODA will require approved helmets and hard soled shoes. It will be made very clear in the rule book.
- The word "Open" will be changed to "Professional."
- Novice USDF Introductory test A will be called Novice Intro or Intro. Classes will be open to all riders with exception of Novice classes, which are open to Amateur and Youth Riders. Definition of Novice and Open rider will be explained on prize list.
- Discussed whether Young Rider classes will be called Youth or JR/Young Rider. They will be called Junior or Amateur. We will leave it the same this year, and in 2015 will poll members to determine if we will align ourselves with the way Recognized Shows categorize them.
- No response to lead line classes. Will evaluate in the future.

- Beginning in 2014, Professionals will be added as a division in the Schooling Show series, Championships, and also Year-End Awards. This should improve participation.
- Riders Test at Championship Show will be split, and require 2 scores 60% or higher to qualify.
- Only 2 High Point ribbons per show. Highest percentage at Intro and highest at Training and above. Does not include Dressage Seat Equitation or Rider Tests or Freestyles.
- There will be a separate entry form for the Championship Show.
- Intro classes Open and Novice will ride Test B at Championship this year (2014). Will revisit this rule next year.
- Clarify: shirts must have collars and sleeves. A warning for the first time this year. Will enforce next year. Changes will be in newsletter and website.
- Once a competitor wins Walk/Trot Dressage Seat Equitation, they will be able to ride again, but not qualify for Championship.
- Dressage Seat Equitation can be won multiple years at Championship Show.
- Board voted to include proposed changes to Schooling Shows and Championship Show. Dale made the motion to accept changes and Linda Cooley seconded. A vote was taken, and changes were approved.
- For Year End Awards: Board approved first place prize will be ribbon and \$75 scholarship for Professionals as well as others.
- Committee will meet again this weekend to firm up rules.

**Awards Committee:** Janeen Langowski Grava/Dee Liebenthal

- A section will be added for Riders Tests ridden by Professionals.
- Wording change from "Open" to "Professionals" in rule book.
- Kathy has contacted all trophy sponsors to see if they want to make any changes to criteria.
- Surveying trophy sponsors to confirm the intent is for the same rider and horse combination from Championship to qualify for Year- End awards.

**Newsletter:** Mosie Welch

- Elizabeth Bross and Mosie would like information earlier in the month rather than later. Makes it hard to format it. The 15th of the month is the deadline. At least give them a "heads up" if you need a quarter page or full page.



**Facebook & Website:** Linda Cooley

**Facebook:**

- NODA Page LIKES: 996 Increase of 71 since November
- 2013 Year-End Award Banquet pictures posted

**Website:** (most items were also posted on Facebook)

- 2013 Year-End Banquet Wrap-up Page
- USDF REGION 2 Local Circuits Awards
- USDF GMO Awards for NODA newsletter article, and NODA website
- Website CALENDAR updated with 2014 NODA, LEC, CADS, Chagrin Valley Farms, Grand Haven Stable, WPDA. And USDF Shows & Clinics, and other horse events
- Memorial News posted for Chuck Kinney, Debbie Busta, and Nancy Larson
- NODA Schooling Show information posted
- Ohio Dressage Society (Thallia Blight) shared their Dressage Walking Test.  
Test emailed to Kara Maruszak for possible use in NODA Lead Line Classes.  
Shared NODA's Lead Line Class Test with Thallia Blight.
- USDF Adult Rider Clinic with Hilda Gurney & Rider application information posted
- LEC Equine Program Employment Opportunities Posted
- 2014 Member Roster
- Membership page updated with 2014 information

**Education:** Berni Moauro

- Next goal is refresher for Instructor Workshop - end of April, or early May, with testing in the fall.

**Recognized Show:** Robyn Ambrose, Mary Lou Gallagher

- Renewals done. Officials hired.
- Scoring will be online in real time .

**External Relations:** Dee for Lisa Gorretta

- Congratulations to Lisa Gorretta on her election as USDF VP!

**Jr/YR Liaison** - Lauren Hunter

- 2nd revisions of AA & Jr/YR Scholarship guidelines vote was tabled due to time.

**New Business:**

- A thank you note from Geauga County Dog Warden, for our donation, was circulated.
- Adult Amateur Dressage Initiative - Lobbying the USDF and USEF - Mosie Welch. Tabled due to lack of time.
- Welcome Sabine Walker to the Schooling Show Committee
- Board approved a \$100 donation to the Dressage Foundation in the memory Chuck Kinney.
- Voted to continue the Corral subscription at contract cost of \$100 (for 10 members with subscriptions).

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:59.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 10, 2014, 7 PM, at Panera in Solon.

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**NOTE:** The printed NODA Schooling Show Prize List, details for the Awards Program, and the NODA Handbook will be mailed to members who join before June 1, 2014. All information about shows, awards and events is available all year at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org). Members are added to the NODA Newsletter mailing list as they join, all year long, but back issues are not sent. Join early in the year to enjoy the printed NODA News and the email E-News all year long!

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**NODA President Dee Liebenthal shares how NODA has become involved with *Horsemen's Corral*.** To help introduce the *Horsemen's Corral* to NODA members, you were provided a free, full year's subscription for the last 12 months. **NODA provided club content for the purpose of educating equestrians about dressage and NODA.** We hope that you enjoyed it and found it interesting to read about all the equestrian disciplines that are represented in this comprehensive magazine. For 2014, NODA members are being offered a discounted annual subscription rate of \$10.00, which is \$20 off the annual advertised subscription rate. For all of you who really enjoyed receiving your equestrian news through the Corral, we urge you to take advantage of this low subscription rate. NODA will continue to contribute to each publication.

**NODA Membership as of February 10, 2014 is 208**

**Adult Amateurs: 140**

**Professionals: 41**

**Youth: 22**

### **NODA Welcomes New Members!**

or Welcome Back to those who were not members in 2013

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Member survey: 133 members filled out all or part of the member survey. A drawing for the \$50 gift certificate will be held at the March board meeting.

**Thank You to all 2013 NODA members who have renewed your membership for 2014!**

**Your membership, time, and talents  
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***Submitted by NODA Membership Chair Fran Cverna***

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**3/2 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show**  
[www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com](http://www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com)  
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**3/12 Equine Medicine with Jeni Gaffney, DVM, 6:30 pm,**  
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**3/22-23 Lake Erie College Dressage Winter Series Show**  
[www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events](http://www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events)

**3/26-29 Anja Classical Riding Clinic with Vera Munderloh,**  
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**6/14 CADS Schooling Show**  
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**7/6 NODA Schooling Show,** Grand Haven Stable  
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**7/19-20 NODA's Dressage 2014 and 2014 Encore,** USEF/USDF Recognized Show  
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**8/20-24 Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships/USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals** at Lamplight Equestrian Center, Wayne IL.

**9/7 NODA Schooling Show,** Rocky River Stables  
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**9/23-28 Dressage at Devon**

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**The USDF Region 2 Clinic with Hilda Gurney**

**April 19-20, 2014**

**Michiana Dressage Club in cooperation with Reins of Life**

The clinic will take place at beautiful Michigan City facility at 9375 W. 300 N, Michigan City, IN 46360.

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### General Info

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