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## ***Greetings from the President***



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**D**ear Noda Members,  
NODA Announces Venue and  
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Most of you have known since September that after many years of service to our equestrian community, Robyn and John Ambrose of Grand Haven Stables in Jefferson, Ohio, have retired. We are very sorry to lose not just this show facility, but more importantly, Robyn and John's dedication to our sport. They have been very good to NODA, as well as to many other equestrian organizations in Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, and the SW New York area. We thank them for all their hard work and generosity over the years.

There are not a lot of options for horse show venues in Northeast Ohio. Knowing we were going to have to find a new venue for our recognized shows, in November of last year NODA formed an ad hoc committee headed up by Lisa Gorretta and Berni Moauro, who brought in the counsel of local professionals Lauren Ball Tisdale and Kate Poulin. There has been a lot of action behind the scenes and it has taken us a long time to get to the point where we can sign contracts with a new manager and a new venue, but we are finally there.

We are very excited and happy to

announce that NODA Dressage 2015 and Dressage 2015 Encore Shows will be held at Chagrin Valley Farms on July 18th and 19th. Kevin Bradbury of BMCI ([www.HorseShowOffice.com](http://www.HorseShowOffice.com)) will take over the management of these two shows. We will have three rings and we are confident that that the shows will be full. We think bringing the shows a little closer to home will be to our benefit. We are very grateful to Lisa Gorretta, our External Relations Liaison, for all her hard work and constant vigilance as the situation changed, and changed, and changed again.

Getting a late start finalizing our plans has put a great deal of pressure on us, and adding a new venue and new management to the planning will make for a busy four months. We know, however, that with your support we can put on a fabulous and unforgettable show! Please join us on this journey, one that will require a lot of work from a lot of people, NODA members and non-members alike. To make this work we will need competitors, financial support from sponsors and advertisers, and lots and lots of hands on deck to volunteer before, during, and after the shows, much more so than any other year.

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these shows over the next few years. I know that we will all come together to give whatever support is needed to ensure the success of our shows at Chagrin Valley Farms. This is just the beginning! Below are a few of the many ways you can help.


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Sarah Martin is coming! Sarah Martin is coming! We are excited to partner with Big Dee's to bring Sarah Martin back to Northeast Ohio. Many of you may remember that NODA brought Sarah to Lake Erie College in 2013 for our first USDF Instructor Certification Workshop. I do not exaggerate when I say that she impressed everyone with her knowledge and ability to deliver her message. Our participating instructors, auditors, and organizers were so impressed that we thought it would be great to bring Sarah back to do a clinic.


That time has arrived. Sarah will give two lectures at Big Dee's, and she will be at Sand Hill Farm for private, semi-private, and group classical dressage and western dressage clinic rides. If you would like to learn more about Sarah and her philosophies, visit her website, [www.SarahMartinDressage.com](http://www.SarahMartinDressage.com). You can find information about Sarah's experience and qualifications in this month's NODA News. In addition to having many years of experience teaching and doing dressage clinics, Sarah is also a supporter and instructor of western dressage, and helped write the USDF's tests and guidelines for western dressage. Please join us in welcoming her back to NE Ohio and consider signing up for a clinic ride on April 25th or 26th. These rides are underwritten by NODA and reasonably priced. All levels of riding are welcome. You can get additional information and rider application form on our website, [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org).

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone for your continued support of NODA. We are your organization and need all of you to make a difference in the dressage world. We want to thank everyone who traveled in challenging Ohio weather conditions to attend NODA's seminar on the USEF 2015 dressage tests. We had a nearly full house. Dr. Jeni Gaffney gets the prize for attendance however, as she left to attend to an emergency and then came back! Another great educational event coordinated by Berni Moauro and Marcia Doyle. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Dee Liebenthal, President





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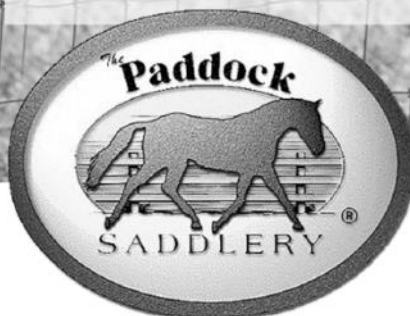
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## *In Remembrance of a Founding Member of NODA Dressage Pioneer Elizabeth Channing*

*By Kimberly Moody, Originally printed in March 2007 — Updates provided by Mary Dana Prescott*

**E**lizabeth Channing was born in London, England and began her riding career when she sat on a racehorse in his loose box at Epsom Downs. Her next riding experience was in Buckinghamshire on an Exmoor pony being lead by a butcher while he delivered meat to farmers from a basket over his arm. The ride back to the stable went from pub to pub. To her father's chagrin, she would report that the day's ride had gone from "the Plough" to the "Black Horse" and then to "The Fox and Hound" which was understandable since the bridle paths were formed by centuries of thirsty horsemen.

Once Liz's father realized she was serious about her riding, her equestrian education was supervised by retired cavalry officers. She was a member of the British Pony Club in Dorset and hunted with the Cattistock Hunt. She was "blooded" at the age of nine by A. Henry Higginson, the American Joint M.F.H. She hunted with the Crawley and Horsham while attending Tortington Park boarding school near Arundel in Sussex.

When Liz first came to the States in 1939, she rode hunt seat equitation qualifying to go to Madison Square Garden. Because of travel restrictions and gasoline rations during the war, she was unable to compete. In later years she showed her own hunters successfully in the days when competition was over outside courses. She counted the ten years when she was a member of the Lauray Hunt, hunting twice a week, as the happiest riding experience of a lifetime with horses. Receiving her hunt colors from Raymond Firestone was the fulfillment of a dearest wish.

While her three children were growing up, she coached them and supervised the training of their own ponies which won many championships. When they were not showing, all five Channings took a Sunday ride in Chagrin Metropolitan Park. As her husband said, "We need a parade permit to go down the road".

Liz's first taste of dressage came from Konrad Fischer, the respected German instructor who taught at the Kenilworth Riding Club in Rye, New York, in the early 40's. While at Kenilworth she rode two Lipizzaner stallions and became enthralled with their intelligence and concentration. She has trained four Lipizzaners, originally for E.T. Meyer of Scottsdale, Arizona. The last, "Pluto Soja" whom she trained to fourth level, was her own, a gift from Mr.

Meyer. For sixteen years Liz and Soja performed at the Great Geauga County Fair. She also gave a dressage exhibition at the Arizona State Fair on Mr. Meyer's "Favory Dubowina", one of the stallions he acquired from the Spanish Riding School.

While working with these Lipizzaners, Liz trained with the late General Handler and Col. Ljungquist. While traveling in Europe, Handler invited her to attend a private training session of the Spanish Riding School, a rare privilege, and to join his evening rounds at 11 p.m. when he talked to his favorite horses. She also rode with Egon Von Neindorff, renowned instructor of classical dressage in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Liz was co-founder of the Chagrin Valley Pony Club with Mary Dana Prescott, and was a former Regional Supervisor of the Tri State Region. The Chagrin Pony Club was unbeaten in dressage while she was their coach. She was a retired USEF "R" dressage judge and had judged from Anchorage, Alaska to Orlando, Florida. She was a past president of the Chagrin Valley Trails and Riding Club.

A founding member of NODA, Liz was at the very first NODA meeting in 1969. Also at that meeting were friends and colleagues Laddie Andahazy, Mary Dana Prescott, and Emmy Temple. During a time when Dressage basically unknown around Ohio, she remembered organizing shows at the Lake County Fairgrounds for her students with Laddie Andahazy. There were no standard tests at the time, so they made up their own. She credits NODA for being the good influence and strong voice that helped educate and promote dressage to the people of this area.

Liz felt that dressage scared a lot of people, but it should not—it simply comes from the French word for training. "Regardless of your focused discipline, the dressage basics are the way to get there."

As far as equitation is concerned, Liz explained that as a judge she judged the whole picture. When she noticed something wrong with the horse, she immediately looked to the rider to see what the rider is or is not doing. Most often, if you fix the rider it will fix the horse.

When asked what advice she would like to give to riders today, she stated "When you're tacking up and grooming (and everyone should do this for themselves) you can

evaluate your horse's mood from his movement and your contact with him. Then gauge your training for that day accordingly. The biggest thing is patience! It doesn't happen overnight. Also, read Riding Login by Muessler."

Elizabeth Channing passed away October 25, 2014 at the age of 89. Liz lived in Munson on the property of Ellrick Farm with her 2 dogs, Zoe and Colby. She continued teaching at Ellrick Farm until she passed. She is survived by 2 daughters, Jennifer White and Susan Lloyd, four grand children and three great-grand children. Her son Jeff was, and daughter Susan is a well known professional hunter-jumper and equitation trainer and instructor in the area. Most satisfying to Liz about her equine achievements is the fact that her career was not separate from the most rewarding parts of her life; her friendships and longtime relationships. Those who have been fortunate enough to have trained on horseback with Liz learned so much more than equitation, they learned about life. The really lucky ones became dear friends, of which she had many.

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**April 18-19, 2015**  
**Judge: Marlene Schneider**

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**June 20-21, 2015**  
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# Identifying Common Soundness Issues in the Dressage Horse

By April Woodward

**A**s the weather starts to warm up over the next few weeks, many NODA riders and horse owners will begin to shake the snow off the horses, the dust off their saddles, and dig out their horse trailers in preparation for height of horse show season. After a winter as brutal as this one - that's a beautiful thing to look forward to. However, if there is one dreaded thing that can really put a major damper on show season, it's soundness problems with your horse. Studies have shown that on average, about one third (33%) of dressage horses will experience soundness issues during their careers. At the grand prix level, that number rises to closer to 50%. In this month's article, we'll take a look at some common soundness issues in dressage horses and discuss symptoms, diagnoses and possible treatments. In next month's article we'll talk about some reasons why dressage horses are susceptible to these issues, and some possible ways to minimize the risk of injury to your horse. Please take note that this is an educational research-based article written by a non-veterinarian and is not meant to constitute veterinary advice.

## Suspensory injuries

The suspensory ligament is a strong, elastic band of tissue that starts at the top of the cannon bone and continues down to the fetlock area. It lies at the back of the cannon bone and between the splint bones. The primary purpose of the suspensory ligament is to support the weight of the horse and prevent excessive extension of the fetlock joint. Proximal suspensory desmitis (PSD) occurs when there is an injury to the top (proximal) part of the suspensory ligament that results in inflammation. It can occur in either hind-limbs or forelimbs.

This type of injury can often be hard to diagnose, as the proximal part of the ligament is buried underneath the digital flexor tendon and splint bones, making it difficult to feel heat and inflammation. Additionally, it is common for the injury to occur in both hind limbs simultaneously, and there is often no overt lameness. Some common signs and symptoms that you might notice in a horse with PSD would be slight or intermittent lameness, mild to moderate heat/swelling, decline in performance, general resistance to work. Most vets will use a combination of x-rays, local anesthetic blocks, and ultrasound to make the diagnosis.

Treatment and recovery time will vary depending on the severity of the injury. An average course of treatment may

start with 90 days stall rest. Some horses may need more rest than that, and others may still require an anti-inflammatory injection and/or shockwave therapy. In the most severe cases, more drastic measures such as surgery, and stem cell therapy may be necessary.

## Osteoarthritis of the Hocks

Also known as bone spavin, this is basically arthritis (pain and inflammation) of the lower two hock joints, the distal intertarsal and tarsometatarsal joints. The hock, as you probably know, is a complex set of four joints that connect your horse's lower leg (cannon bone/splint bones) to the upper part of the leg, called the tibia. The hock's primary purpose is to drive the hind end. The horse flexes his hocks and uses them to push off his hind end and propel himself forward, as well as using them as shock absorbers. The majority of this action takes place in the upper section of the hock, while the lower two hock joints do as little as 10% of the "work." Actions such as collected gaits, small circles or tight turns can be tough on the hocks, and over time the joints may begin to wear and tear and arthritic changes may occur.

Some common signs of bone spavin are: vague hind-end lameness, or stiffness that decreases with exercise; back soreness/pain; shorter and more limited stride with the affected hind-limb, sometimes known as "stabbing behind"; toe dragging of affected limb. Diagnosis can be fairly easy to ascertain, and most vets will use a combination of flexion tests, local anesthetic blocks, x-rays and/or bone scans to confirm the diagnosis.

As with any soundness issue, treatment and prognosis will vary depending on how early the condition is addressed, and how far it has already progressed. For mild cases, NSAIDs such as bute or topical applications like Surpass may be prescribed for therapeutic use, and may provide some relief. However, the most widely used treatment for bone spavin is joint injection. Typically a corticosteroid or a combination of it and hyaluronic acid is injected into the joint to provide relief. The majority of horses respond positively to injection and are able to resume regular work within about a week. For horses who do not respond to the injections, IRAP therapy may also be an option, though it can be very costly. There are also systemic injection options, such as Legend and Adequan, that may provide relief without targeting the specific joint. Due to the range of treatment options available, the outlook for most horses with this condition is favorable.



## Osteoarthritis of the Coffin Joint

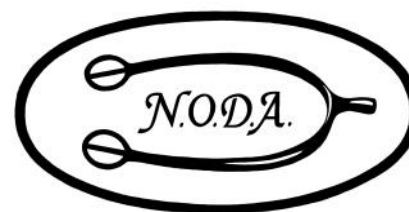
Another very common soundness issue in dressage horses is osteoarthritis of the coffin joint. Much like arthritis of the hock, this condition results in pain and inflammation that can cause lameness and a decrease in your horse's performance. The coffin joint, or distal interphalangeal joint, is located inside the horse's hoof, at the intersection of the coffin bone and the short pastern bone. Obviously, as part of the hoof, this joint is responsible for weight bearing and shock absorption.

Common symptoms of coffin joint arthritis include: acute lameness; uneven movement; and shortened stride. Diagnosis of the condition is similar to that of hock arthritis and typically involves a lameness exam utilizing local anesthetic blocks, x-rays and/or bone scans to confirm the diagnosis. Often, diagnosis is confirmed if the veterinarian is able to see arthritic changes, inflammation and/or bone chips on the radiographs.

Treatment for osteoarthritis of the coffin joint is somewhat similar to that of the hock joint, with some noticeable differences. One option for treatment is corrective shoeing, improving the angles of the foot-pastern axis and/or balancing the hoof properly. Another option for mild cases is NSAID therapy, however that alone is often not enough. Most commonly, corticosteroid injections into the joint are used, and in some situations IRAP therapy can be beneficial. Much like other forms of osteoarthritis, systemic injection options such as Legend and Adequan may provide some relief as well. Most horses with this issue are able to fully return to work, once the right treatment options have been identified and implemented.

## Conclusion

Although the topic of soundness issues isn't one most people look forward to thinking about, and would rather avoid dealing with, the reality is that one in three horses, if not more, will experience these types of issues during their dressage career. Hopefully this article has given you some insight on what to look for when you notice your horse is no longer performing at his best, or perhaps seems a bit "off." Remember, the sooner you call your vet when one of these issues arises, and come up with a treatment plan, the more likely your horse will have a positive prognosis. This is especially true for degenerative conditions, such as arthritis. Like it or not – these horses are athletes, and in order to perform at their peak – they need to be in peak physical condition.



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You can receive 50% (up to \$200) of the cost of the event. The only requirement — you must be a "Professional" horseperson as defined by the current USEF rule book and be a member in good standing with NODA.

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## April 25 & 26 Sarah Martin Classical & Western Dressage Clinic



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Rider & Auditor Details Available Soon at [www.NodaRider.org](http://www.NodaRider.org)

~ Clinic Location ~

[Sand Hill Stable](#), 4311 State Route 303, Mantua Ohio

**Sarah Martin** is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist, USDF Certified Second and Fourth Level Instructor Trainer, USDF "L" Program Graduate with Distinction, Trainer of USDF Horse of the Year horses and riders from Training Level through Prix St Georges, active member of the USDF Instructor Certification Faculty, and author of the DVD series "Teaching the Rider to Feel".

Sarah grew up with endurance horses and eventing, spent time with both cutting and reining horses, then fully focused on Dressage training more than 30 years ago. She has a broad understanding of what different disciplines ask of a horse and rider, and how Dressage can benefit each of them.

[www.SarahMartinDressage.com](http://www.SarahMartinDressage.com)

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## April 24 & 25 Sarah Martin Classical & Western Dressage Lectures

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April 24, Friday at 5 pm    April 25, Saturday at 10 am

~ Seminar Location & Event ~

[Big Dee's First Anniversary Celebration](#) Streetsboro, Ohio

## April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Dressage Clinic with Sarah Martin

### Classical and Western Dressage

By Mosie Welch

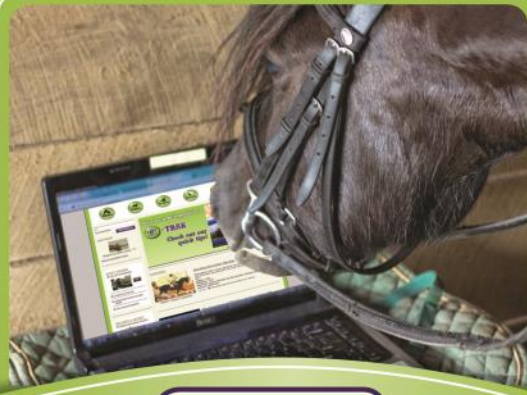
On April 25 and 26 NODA will sponsor a Dressage Clinic with Sarah Martin at Sand Hill Stable in Mantua, Ohio. This clinic will focus on classical dressage basics according to the Pyramid of Training and based on each horse and rider's needs. Sarah specializes in teaching the elusive "feel" so necessary to accomplishing good communication with our horses and subsequently, our goals. With a diverse background and an excellent track record teaching at the NODA USDF Instructor Trainer workshops in 2013 and 2014, Sarah has the training, skills, and background to help horses and riders at all levels; juniors, amateurs, and professionals. Her specialty is assessing a horse and rider, putting together a plan for the day, and then working with the rider to accomplish specific goals with exercises that the rider can take away and use on their own.

Sarah Martin is a USDF certified Second and Fourth Level Instructor/Trainer; a USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalist and has completed the "L" Judge program "with distinction." She has trained horses and instructed riders who have gone on to be recognized for "USDF Horse of the Year, from Training Level through Prix St Georges." But that's not all; Sarah has a diverse equestrian background in addition to her excellence in dressage instruction and training. She has experiences that include Endurance, Snaffle Bit Futurities, Western Pleasure, cutting horses and Arabian hunters. Her diverse background is the perfect match for Sarah's interest in bringing dressage basics to as many horses and riders as possible; of course to the traditional dressage rider, but also to the western dressage rider seeking to use the dressage training scale to reach their riding goals. With the newly emerging USEF Western Dressage discipline, Sarah is embracing the opportunity to share her dressage knowledge for the benefit of all horses and riders. While western dressage is a separate and distinct discipline from dressage as defined by the FEI and USDF, dressage as basic training is a benefit to all horses and riders. The Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) is the USEF recognized affiliate for Western Dressage as the well-established United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is the recognized affiliate for dressage training and competition in the United States. Sarah Martin will offer private, semi private and group sessions at the April clinic. Auditing is encouraged and will be a great opportunity to mingle with other riders looking to improve themselves and their horse through dressage training. Sarah Martin also be presenting sessions on both

classical and western dressage at two separate times at Big Dee's First Anniversary Celebration in their new space on April 24 and 25. Check out Big Dee's website for more information at [www.bigdweb.com](http://www.bigdweb.com).

The April 25 and 26 dressage clinic will be held at Sand Hill Stable, built in the fall of 2007 on a 50 acre parcel of land in Shalersville. Focused on safety for both horse and rider, Sand Hill encourages continuous learning and opens their facilities for approved clinics. The owners also are very conservation minded and have incorporated many "green" ideas into their facilities and management practices. You can find out more about Sand Hill Stable at [www.sandhillstableoh.com](http://www.sandhillstableoh.com).

NODA is looking forward to hosting Sarah Martin and reaching as many riders as possible as a part of the two day April dressage clinic at Sand Hill Stable. Want to ride or audit? Go to [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) to find out how to register.



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## Member News

### NODA Welcomes New Members!

Welcome (or Welcome Back) to the following  
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Lisa Butterfield	Lynn May
Rebeka Butterfield	Juanita McDonnell
Vanessa M. Jones-Washington	Nancy Murnyack
Jessica Litt	Cindy Scherry

### Thank you for additional donation with membership:

Penny Baker  
Janet Thompson

Thank You to all 2014 NODA members who have  
renewed your membership for 2015!

Current membership as of February 23 is 221 members.  
The online membership roster at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) is used as  
verification of membership for NODA activities.

**Your membership, time, and talents make NODA a better GMO!**

### Next NODA Board Meeting: March 9<sup>th</sup>

Panera Bread - Solon, **6130 Kruse Drive**  
Minutes are available at [www.nodarider.org](http://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](http://www.nodarider.org) for  
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### **\*\* Schooling Show Scores eligible for NODA Year-end Awards**

**\*\*3/1 Dressage Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms**  
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**3/7-8 Dressage Clinic with Douglas Puterbaugh** Author of "The Seven Deadly Sins of Dressage", Puterbaugh Dressage Sport, Howell, MI  
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**3/14-15 Lake Erie College Dressage Winter Series (USDF/USEF)**  
Lake Erie Equestrian Center, Concord, OH [www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events](http://www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events)

**3/26-29 AHS (American Hanoverian Society) University: Breeder's Seminar 2015**  
Northeast, Maryland

**3/26-29 Dressage Clinic with Bettina Drummond**  
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**\*\* 3/29 Dressage Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms**  
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**4/9-12 Equine Affaire**  
Columbus, OH

**4/18-19 Lake Erie College Dressage Prix de Villes (USDF/USEF)**  
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Concord, OH [www.LEC.edu/](http://www.LEC.edu/)

**4/18-23 Dressage Clinic with Miguel Tavora** Woods Edge Stables, Burton, OH.  
[www.migueltavora.com](http://www.migueltavora.com)

**4/19 Basic Dressage & Balanced Seat Clinic with Ann Belth** [www.Half-HaltFarm.com](http://www.Half-HaltFarm.com)  
Bloomington, IN

**4/25-26 NODA Classical and Western Dressage Clinic with Sarah Martin.** Sand Hill Stable, Mantua OH Details at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**4/26 USEF 2015 Tests Clinic with Sue Madden "S" Judge** Stealaway Farm, Johnstown, OH Hosted by [Mid-Ohio Dressage](http://Mid-Ohio Dressage)

**5/1-3 Dressage Clinic with Maryal Barnett**  
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**\*\* 5/2 Dressage Schooling Show & Dressage Test Clinic**  
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**\*\*5/16 CADS Dressage Schooling Show**  
Ridgewood Stables, Medina OH [www.CADSDressage.org](http://www.CADSDressage.org)

**\*\* 5/17 NODA Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms** Bainbridge, OH

**5/24 Basic Dressage & Balanced Seat Clinic with Ann Belth**  
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**5/25 Spring Hunter Pace**  
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**5/29-31 Dressage at Waterloo Spring Classic I & II (USEF/USDF Recognized)**  
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Waterloo Hunt Club  
Grass Lake, MI

**\*\*5/30 Summit County Schooling Dressage Show**  
Summit County Fairgrounds  
Tallmadge, OH  
[www.summitcountysaddlehorse.org/dressage.html](http://www.summitcountysaddlehorse.org/dressage.html)

**\*\* 6/6 CADS Dressage Schooling Show** Ridgewood Stables, Medina, OH  
[www.CADSDressage.org](http://www.CADSDressage.org)

**\*\* 6/7 NODA Schooling Show** at Ridgewood Stables  
Medina, OH

**\*\* 6/14 Dressage Schooling Show, Combined Test & Jumper Rounds, XC Schooling**  
[www.StoneGateFarm.org](http://www.StoneGateFarm.org)  
Hanoverton, OH

**\*\* 6/14 Dream on Farm Dressage Schooling Show,** Columbia Station, OH Judge: Joanne White "L"

**6/20 & 21 Lake Erie College Dressage Derby I and II Shows (USDF/USEF Recognized)** Lake Erie Equestrian Center, Concord, OH [www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events](http://www.LEC.edu/equestrian/events)

**\*\* 6/28 Stone Gate farm Mini-Trials & Dressage Schooling Show**  
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Hanoverton, OH

**\*\* 7/12 NODA Schooling Show** at Rocky River Stables  
Rocky River, OH

**\*\* 7/18 CADS Dressage Schooling Show** Ridgewood Stables, Medina, OH

**7/18 NODA Dressage 2015 (USDF/USEF)**  
New Venue: Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls, OH  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**7/19 NODA Dressage 2015 Encore (USDF/USEF)**  
New Venue: Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls, OH  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**\*\* 7/26 Dream on Farm Dressage Schooling Show,** Columbia Station, OH Judge: Barbara Soukup "L"  
[www.dreamonfarm.com](http://www.dreamonfarm.com)

**\*\* 8/2 NODA Schooling Show** at South Farm Middlefield, OH

**\*\* 8/2 Stone Gate Farm Mini-Trials & Dressage Schooling Show**  
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Hanoverton, OH

**\*\* 8/15 CADS Dressage Schooling Show**  
Ridgewood Stables, Medina OH [www.CADSDressage.org](http://www.CADSDressage.org)

**\*\* 8/23 Dream on Farm Dressage Schooling Show,** Columbia Station, OH Judge: Lynn Hamler "L"  
[www.dreamonfarm.com](http://www.dreamonfarm.com)

**\*\* 9/6 NODA Schooling Show** at Rocky River Stables  
Rocky River, OH

**\*\* 9/19 CADS Dressage Schooling Show**  
Ridgewood Stables, Medina OH [www.CADSDressage.org](http://www.CADSDressage.org)

**\*\* 9/27 Dream on Farm Dressage Schooling Show Championship** Columbia Station, OH Judge: Dale Lappert "R"

**\*\* 9/20 CADS Dressage Schooling Show Championship**  
Ridgewood Stables, Medina OH [www.CADSDressage.org](http://www.CADSDressage.org)

**\*\* 10/3 NODA Schooling Show** at Chagrin Valley Farms  
Bainbridge, OH

**\*\*10/4 NODA Schooling Show Championships** at Chagrin Valley Farms  
Bainbridge, OH





**Northern Ohio Dressage Association  
2015 Membership Form**

**NODA membership runs  
12/1/2014 through 11/30/2015**

**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](http://www.nodarider.org) or [www.usdf.org](http://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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Adult Amateur ☐ Professional ☐ Youth, birth date required: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**To add more family members, use other side of form, or contact [membership@nodarider.org](mailto: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](http://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		_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		_____

**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](mailto:membership@nodarider.org)  
Other questions: call Kathy Kirchner at 330-995-6010 or email [memberrep@nodarider.org](mailto:memberrep@nodarider.org)

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

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Do you have specific volunteer interests and talents?

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## 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](mailto:Mosie-editor@nodarider.org)

### Advertising Rates

(width x height)	One ISSUE	Six ISSUES
<b>Full Page</b> (7.5 x 10):	\$75.00	\$375.00
<b>Half Page</b> (7.5 X 5):	\$40.00	\$200.00
<b>Quarter Page</b> (3.75 x 5):	\$20.00	\$100.00
<b>Business Card</b> (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](mailto: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

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_