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ear Noda Members,

The holidays are over and we are off and running with our 2016 plans for NODA. I am excited by all the new involvement from members and the fabulous ideas that have been pouring in. If you are wondering what is on the agenda and what changes we are making (and I hope you are), all will be revealed soon. I am certain you will be as excited as we are. Most of these changes this year will be to our schooling show program, to enhance the educational experience as well as increase the competitors' enjoyment. Stay tuned!

I want to say a sad good-bye and big thank you to Kara Maruszak, who has served as Schooling Show Chair/ Manager for the last two years. Kara is skills, taking her organizational attention to detail, and the ability to deal with the demands of law school, a job, and our schooling show series to Columbus to start her new career as a lawyer. Congratulations, Kara. You will be missed, and we wish you great success.

As we say good-bye to Kara, we welcome Sally Burton, who will be

Greetings from the President

taking over for Kara as the Chair/ Manager of the Schooling Show Committee. We hope to have a little bio available soon for Sally in the newsletter and on the website; however, I think many of you already know her. Sally comes with all the excitement and ideas of someone starting a brand new job, and her excitement is totally infectious.

Sally's excitement and enthusiasm join that of all new members on the NODA Board and Committees.

Kirsten Thomas is our SS volunteer coordinator; Halle Clause is a Director at Large and Western Dressage Liaison, and our new Vice President is Christine Thompson. Their influence will reenergize us all and help lead us forward into the future. I am extremely excited.

We are still looking for a few people to help us out in 2016. We are desperately in need of someone who will come on as Assistant Volunteer Coordinator for the Recognized Shows. We also need a coordinator for the Silent Auction. If you are interested in helping to facilitate educational opportunities, there is room for you on Education Committee. our For information on any of these please contact Kathy Kirchner, **NODAs** Member Liaison at

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For those of you who may have missed the election results, Niki Sackman has retired from her VP position, but she isn't going anywhere. We won't let her. However, I do want to publically say thank you to Niki for her service as NODA VP and Recognized Show Chair

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for the past four years. The Recognized Shows would Do you have an experience you would like to share not have successfully returned to CVF without Niki. with your fellow NODA members? If so, please write She was a huge part of making it all happen. Niki has an article. Every year NODA submits two articles to served NODA well in several positions and will the USDF for GMO awards. We can submit an article continue to do so as a newly-elected Director at from a "personal experience" and an article that is of Large. She has pledged to continue to bring us her "general interest." If your article wins, you will be expertise and experience with the Recognized Shows awarded a lovely plaque at the USDF Annual Meeting, as a member of the show committee, and to NODA in and if you are at the convention to receive your general where and when needed. valuable member of our team. Her experiences with Williams! You will join the list of NODA members NODA are too numerous to list. We thank Niki for who have won for their articles. everything she's done in the past and look forward to winners are Jeni Gaffney, Niki Sackman, Regina her many contributions in the future.

Awards Celebration. We hope you enjoy the pictures. experience. Check out the submissions by Dr. Jeni Gaffney, winner of the Fabian Schoolmaster Award, and Wendy Happy New Year Everyone - It's going to be an Gruskiewicz for her husband Mike, who won the Edy exciting one for NODA, so stay tuned. Ujczo Partnership Trophy.

Speaking of Dr. Jeni Gaffney, see the terrific article she wrote, "It's All Roberta's Fault," describing her experience at Devon with Fabio in 2015. We at NODA have been following this accomplished pair with great pride.

Niki is a very award, you can get your photo taken with George Some recent

Sacha-Ujczo, and Mosie Welch. You can also earn some NODA bucks towards your own year-end This issue includes reports on the NODA Banquet and awards and maybe inspire someone else with your

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It's All Roberta's Fault By Dr. Jeni Gaffney

About a year ago, I mentioned to Roberta that I would like to achieve my USDF gold medal. It was the start of a wonderful adventure. Roberta worked some magic linking Kristy Lund, the owner of the wonder horse Fabio with me. Fabio has competed and won many USDF Horse of the Year awards with Kristy. We just discovered that he is number two in all time USDF Horse of the Year awards!

Fabio is a 19 year old bay Oldenburg gelding with a heart of gold. They tell me he was guite a hellion as a youngster! He has many defining habits one of which In July, Noel said "we should go to a show" so off we is to stick his tongue out when he is relaxed. We get went to Waterloo. A joint decision was made that we many smiles and people often point to his tongue on should start at PSG. I was the DP (dressage princess) the way to and from the warm up. Never fear the of the show. I arrived a day late due to work conflicts tongue disappears once we start to collect. He looks to find a beautiful tack room set up and Fabio like a very small plain horse until he starts to work. munching hay. I was so scared I might forget the test The extended trot is like floating on air and often that I stayed up all night. I rode the test at least 2,000 elicits an "ah" or two! He has been very patient as I times in my head. I am sure no one else has the same learn the timing of the aids for the FEI movements. I test anxiety. It is a good thing that my fearless am still trying to master the not so simple things like roommate, Noel is a deep sleeper. The next morning, going straight, finding the outside rein and I rode the PSG test alternating from a big smile to connection. The simple things are really not easy and tears! It was so much fun even though I just rode the make all the difference in the quality of the actual test and not the horse. I think George went to hide movements! See I have learned from Fabio, Roberta, when he saw the tears but Roberta (whose fault it Noel and George.

May. I quickly learned that I needed to lose some phone, we had a big celebration! 65% and a qualifying weight and get into better physical shape. (There is score - maybe regionals were in store. The next only so much that can be done when you are over morning I transformed into a DQ (dressage queen) as 50)! Roberta took on the task of trying to help me to George was cleaning my stall! I tried valiantly to find my seat - still a work in progress. George is trying wrestle the pitchfork from him but he said that he to help me to find connection and the timing of the liked to clean stalls so I let him. GW frequently aids for all these new movements. Our training displays his excellent horse management skills and sessions take place at a beautiful facility in Ravenna seems to really love these wonderful creatures. called Freedom Farm. It is on the cover of The Ultimate Barns book! Fabio and I have made many In August, Noel came up with the idea of a freestyle. new friends with the staff. The staff even puts up Why not try it! We had one show left to qualify so we with me arriving promptly every day at 7 AM for my went for it. I consulted with Kristy and she had done 7:30 lesson with some member of the Williams an I1 freestyle to Simon and Garfunkel which is one of Family. appointment at my office!



was) came to congratulate us. Fabio just stuck his tongue out and walked back to the barn-tears do Now, back to our adventures. Fabio arrived in Ohio in not frighten him. When the score appeared on my

Then I have to hurry to make a 9 AM my favorite groups. Lauren Mansky, a Bath pony club member, and musical freestyle genius, came to the rescue to find the tempo of Fabio's gaits and her

It's All Roberta's Fault By Dr. Jeni Gaffney (cont'd)

mother, Terry, found the music! Life got in the way of horse trailers are parked a long way from the show making the choreography when my mother had grounds so you can't retrieve anything you forgot complications from a serious fall down the steps. guickly. Luckily, Roberta had advised what to pack in arrived 20 mins before the I1 ride that I needed to difficult to walk anywhere fast at a show with Georgia DQ at this show) while Noel tacked up Fabio. The people that I have read about in magazines. At the home. However, the CD with the freestyle music was - 6 wristbands for one horse. (I almost forgot Sean, burning a hole in our britches and we had 2 shows for my husband). Wristbands on and we were ready to 2 qualifying scores in the next 2 days. Why not try? show! Noel and I made the choreography up that afternoon sitting in the Waterloo pavilion. Two rides and two What to wear for THE JOG? I decided that I would scores later, we were qualified in the freestyle too. host a party the Friday before Devon so that my George and Roberta received an ecstatic phone call!

Roberta suggested that a CDI at Devon might be laughs a final outfit! I was a fashion model for a night. within reach. I groomed thirty years ago at Devon, The winning outfit consisted of black slim leg jeans Where Champions Meet, and never dreamed that I (Kim Apicella), a black sparkling scarf (Terry Mansky), might ride down the centerline in the Dixon Oval. a leopard belt (Helen Hutchison), leopard flats (Tracy They have a new CDI AM (adult amateur PSG and I1) Strobel), and a leopard Calvin Klein jean jacket (my which was in our realm. Off to Devon we went. Colin, mom). I even put on makeup (Sean says that he can my son, left with Noel and Roberta on Monday tell that an event is important if I put on makeup!) because they participated in the USDF youth breeder handler symposium. Colin had a great time, learned many new things and saw beautiful horses! Even though he had to take a crash course in braiding, Colin would highly recommend the symposium to other youth USDF members.

The big day finally arrived to depart for Devon. George, Nancy Wentz, Fabio and I arrived on Wednesday in the cold rain which would persist throughout the weekend (yes the weather was Roberta's fault)! "It's all Roberta's fault" became the saying of the weekend. If anyone was hungry, cold, tired, or whining ... it was Roberta's fault! Upon our arrival, we had to wait in line to unload Fabio and our stuff. I was too cheap to pay for a tack stall so my stuff spilled out into the aisle way which proved to be embarrassing as Fabio was stabled between Lisa Wilcox, Juan Matute, Christine Vinios and across from

Jim Koford. If there is a next time, I learned my lesson Fabio passed the jog with flying colors and we looked and will get a tack stall. You must be prepared as the spectacular thanks to my wonderful grooms Colin and

Somehow Noel and I still made it to the last Waterloo my trunk. Fabio was in the CDI stabling so George show by leaving at 4:30 AM for a 9AM ride. We and I set off to the show office. By the way, it is qualify for regionals. I got dressed at the trailer (no or Roberta because they have so many friends! I met score was achieved and we talked about just heading office, you get to decide who is allowed in the stabling

> fashionista friends could pick my outfit. Everyone brought clothes and we put together amid many





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Correction to December 2015 NODA News

For the Region 2 Schooling Show Awards, Stephanie Kiroff and Viva Rosa were Third Place at First Level Adult Amateur.

We apologize for the error!



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It's All Roberta's Fault By Dr. Jeni Gaffney (cont'd)

Nancy Wentz. By the way, the magazine people share how it started but I think George was involved.

our worries - Lisa Wilcox asked me if her thighs looked fat in a pair of britches! Everyone looked fat Our next test, the I1 was in the Dixon oval! I have because they were attempting to wear all the clothes always dreamed of going down centerline towards in their suitcase to just to try keep warm.

The warm up arena was intimidating the first day! Once again, it was misting cold rain (Roberta?). There There were huge horses and the people from the were 5 judges around a beautifully decorated arena. I magazines riding them. Everyone was on a line and forgot to ask George if it was polite to talk to them so knew what/where they were going. By the way, it I just smiled. I was having the time of my life! Fabio was still raining. After riding the first day, it was time somehow sensed this was a special ride. The to shop! Shop we did- new rubber reins for me, a excitement around the arena provided more jacket for Nancy Wentz, hand painted pottery for impulsion resulting in an extended trot for several Karen Russel and Devon memorabilia for everyone at marks of 8. The only mistake was when I went across home. We visited the Lazer saddlery booth to see the diagonal in the tempi's and saw our names in Jeremy and Jan Beale. I was a working student and lights! A momentary lapse in concentration resulted groomed for Jeremy at Devon over 30 years ago.

The trailer parking situation deserves a short emotion after the final salute. mention. Trailers were parked five minutes away from the show in a field that had just been mowed for It was not the rain making my face wet and the the first time in many years. There were weed stems makeup smear, (yes it was an important event). A as big around as my finger with barbaric thorns and yellow ribbon that says Dressage at Devon came axle eating divots in the earth. George took on the off home with us. road challenge and we found a semi high dry spot. For the next two rainy days, we watched the trailer Devon was a bucket list experience and it was All slowly sink into the mud. When Sean saw the field, he Roberta's Fault! I wore my CDI wristband until it took Colin to rescue the trailer and made a deal to finally fell off. Sean commented that it was beginning park it at the hotel. I did not get all the details but I to stink-now it has a place of honor in my jewelry know a tractor was involved and they came back to drawer. I just wanted to say a big "Thank you "to the show covered in mud.

My first test was the PSG. I went into the arena Roberta, Noel and George for all your patience. Sean smiling from ear to ear in the pouring cold rain. My for helping me to follow a dream. Colin for being the loyal friends from Bridlewood, Rockin K, Freedom best groom and sharing my horse crazy passion. My Farm and Pen-Y-Bryn were there to cheer us on! We only regret is that my mom was unable to participate had a few mistakes and I do not quite have the in this wonderful summer. connection but we finished fourth.

While pulling the frozen not so white britches off my tears! red legs wearing a big smile, I realized once again that it was all Roberta's fault. "It's all Roberta's fault" had Watch for the sequel—Finals and Florida! become the mantra of the show- I am still not sure

the sign, Devon Horse Show Where Champions Meet. The tests were live streamed on the USEF channel. in a 3 in the 2's but it was worth it to see our names in lights in the Dixon Oval. I was overcome with

Fabio for being my horse of a lifetime and Kristy for sharing your wonderful partner with me. Also to She instilled and supported my horse adventures for many years. Mom would have been ringside to share my smiles and





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The Edy Ujczo Horse Partnership Trophy Nominee: Mike Gruskiewicz Submitted by: Wendy Gruskiewicz

Batman kind of way or a flamboyant figure like manure. Spiderman. He is more like Clark Kent, working and watching quietly behind the scenes, ready to don his Mike knows horses. This handsome ex-dairy farmer cape and swoop in when the moment demands. He husband of mine can saddle, bridle, longue, long line, has, for 40 years, supported and enabled my equine adjust side reins, pick feet, polish feet, body clip, addiction in numerous ways, but in 2015 he truly kept bathe a horse, load any horse on any trailer – in short me and my horse business alive.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer early this He knows when a horse is trailing its hocks and he spring my husband's Clark Kent personality morphed knows when a horse is stiff. into Superman once again as he scheduled vacation from his job to feed horses, clean stalls, groom and Mike is the best dressage test reader in the world. He exercise horses while I was treated. Because of Mike knows that a rider needs time to prepare before a I was able to resume riding only 16 days post-surgery movement. He also knows that some riders, like me, and compete at our Arabian Regional Championship might forget if he calls a movement too soon. He show in Kentucky just 4 weeks later. He is my rock, reads multiple tests for multiple riders at each show because of his can do attitude a terrible diagnosis and is often sought out by others to read their tests. turned into a very successful year in the show ring.

Superman does for me:

Mike fixes things. The horse trailer lights, broken emotional nature. Yet, he still puts up with me. I feed tubs, chewed up stalls, broken cross ties, wheel enjoy his company while travelling, his thumbs up barrows, tractors and trucks. One time he pulled the when I have a great ride and his honest and kind broken axle out from under our dually truck and assessment when I don't measure up. Sometimes he replaced it in the parking lot of the Ohio State knows when to just walk away. Fairgrounds by the light of a flashlight. Sometimes he even fixes my broken heart when I lose that special Mike has spent most of his vacation time over the horse to old age.

Mike builds things. Indoor arenas, a beautiful new 22 Scottsdale, AZ. -stall barn, tack rooms, wash stalls, fences, tack trunks and the best horse show set-ups anywhere around. Mike does all this while holding down a demanding He is often the envy of the horse show neighbors as job as Technical Director at an internationally he hangs stall curtains and decorations with military regarded plastics company and being a loving Daddy precision.

Mike hauls things. He often does the majority of the driving to and from horse shows. He lugs trunks and countless gear into the trailer, only to lug the stuff horse trainer without him, he is truly the wind back out at the horse show. He hauls the grooming bag, leg wraps and test books back and forth from the years. ring. He helps other people schlep their stuff around.

My husband Mike is a super hero. Not in a dark At home he hauls hay, he hauls shavings and he hauls

- anything that is required he has the talent to perform. He has a great eye for a good performance.

Here is an example of some of the things my Mike provides emotional support. He is with me at almost every horse show and has seen the good, the bad and the ugly of my very competitive and

> years attending various horse related functions, vacationing at spots such as Devon, PA and

> to our son Evan.

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Submitted by NODA Membership Chair, Fran Cverna

Next NODA Board Meeting: February 11th, 2016

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Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2015 Year End Awards Celebration!

2015 NODA Year End Awards Results

Year End Awards Unrecognized Shows

Intro Level Open- Junior Champion: Ashley Auen and India 69.400% (Owned by Jackie Schafer)

Intro Level Open - Adult Amateur Champion: Bitsy Gascoigne and Brimstone-N-Wildfire 71.081% Reserve: Kathi Agens and Mercedes 67.656%

Novice Training Level– Junior

Champion: Maria Sandy and Penny 63.550% (Owned by Margaret McElhany) Reserve: John Sandy and Flash's Painted Dazzle 62.763% (Owned by Margaret McElhany)

Novice Training Level - Adult Amateurs

Champion: Penny Baker and Luke's Shadow 71.106% Reserve: Jerry Chuey and Lee's Little Pockets 68.207% 3rd: Sally Burton and Oreo Blizzard 66.145% (Owned by Becky Kirk) 4th: Rob Stone and Mingo 65.036% 5th: Kathi Agens and Mercedes 63.718%

Open Training Level - Junior Rider Champion: Noelle Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 66.656%

Open Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Rachel Caracci and Anikan 69.403% Reserve: Lea Wojtkiewicz and Winter Sky 67.435% 3rd: Patti Valencic and Fox Meadow Dancer 67.390% 4th: Bitsy Gascoigne and Brimstone-N-Wildfire 64.717%

Open Training Level - Professional

Champion: Jacqueline Ann Schafer and My Country Cowboy 70.663%

<u>First Level –Junior</u>

Champion: Alaina Rolenz and Leos Arabella Rose 65.888%

First Level Adult Amateur

Champion: Peggi Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 68.360% (Owned by Noelle Ignagni) Reserve: Amy Craig and Jessica NHH 64.364% 3rd: Crissteen Miller and Easy Swinger 63.178% 4th: Niki Sackman and Mercedes Colortyme 60.037%

Second Level - Professional

Champion: Victoria Patterson-Pirko and Fantasia 68.833%

Second Level - Junior Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Tay Laster and Kit 'Astrophe 65.595% Reserve: Crissteen Miller and Easy Swinger 59.293%

Third Level - Professional

Champion: Jessica Paine and Royal Thomas 68.334% (Owned by Kirsten Thomas) Reserve: Sabine Walker and CA Hudson Bay 66.690%

Fourth Level– Professional

Champion: Jessica Paine and Royal Thomas 64.549% (Owned by Kirsten Thomas)

Walk Trot Equitation - Adult Amateur

Champion: Sue Bartlebaugh and Karina 65.667% (Owned by Diane Cochran)

Rider Test - Adult Amateur

Champion: Niki Sackman and Mercedes Colortyme 63.000%

Year End Awards Recognized Shows

Training Level - Junior/Young Rider

Champion: Emily Van Zeeland and Pushthelight 66.875% (Owned by Helen Rutter) Reserve: Noelle Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 64.8835%

Training Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Crissteen Miller and Easy Swinger 65.241%

Training Level– Open

Champion: Janeen Grava and Master Finnigan 69.852% (Owned by Valerie Lopez) Reserve: Anne McClintock and She's A Spitfire 68.095%

First Level – Junior/Young Rider

Champion: McKenzie Miavitz and Capricious 66.603%

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First Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Heather Soones Booher and Bordeaux 70.912%

Reserve: Barb Tuskas and Stonewall's Ronan 66.329% 3rd: Diane C. Weber-Fawsitt and Ecco Domani 65.481% 4th: Peggi Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte 64.543% (Owned by Noelle Ignagni) 5th: Crissteen Miller and Easy Swinger 62.280%

First Level - Open

Champion: Janeen Grava and Davi's Danseur OBX 69.624% Reserve: Danielle Hebler and Riften ++// 69.197% (Owned by Wendy Gruskiewicz) 3rd: Janeen Grava and Welcome 66.802% 4th: Anne McClintock and She's A Spitfire 62.860%

Second Level - Junior/Young Rider

Champion: McKenzie Miavitz and Capricious 63.481%

Second Level - Adult Amateur

Champion: Jessica Litt and Dance Fevor ++// 68.613% Reserve: Heather Soones Booher and Bordeaux 65.880%

3rd: Melissa Borror and Bootscootin Samor 64.207% 4th: Kimberly Apicella and Der Checker 3 63.201% 5th: Tay Laster and Kit 'Astrophe 60.513%

Second Level - Open

Champion: Vitoria Patterson Pirko and Fantasia 70.257% Reserve: Sarah Freeman and Adante 64.614% (Owned by Janet Thompson) 3rd: Danielle Hebler and WWA Colino +/ 64.329% (Owned by Karen Potts) 4th: Danielle Hebler and Riften ++// 61.488% (Owned by Wendy Gruskiewicz)

Third Level - Jr./Young Rider/Adult Amateur

Champion: Lauren A. Wade, DVM and Ghalewind 65.688% Reserve: Kimberly Apicella and Der Checker 3 63.523% 3rd: Tay Laster and Kit 'Astrophe 61.326% 4th: Melissa Borror and Bootscootin Samor 60.417\$ 5th: Cindy Bank and Idle Hour McHenry 58.733%

Third Level - Open

Champion: Sabine Walker and CA Hudson Bay 62.244% Reserve: Danielle Hebler and WWA Colino+/ 61.842% (Owned by Karen Potts)

Fourth Level - Open

Champion: Cassandra Hummert-Johnson and Viggo 64.409% Reserve: Jessica Paine and Royal Thomas 64.097% (Owned by Kirsten Thomas)

Prix St. George-Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Jeni Gaffney and Fabio 64.951% (Owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

Intermediare I– Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Jeni Gaffney and Fabio 62.402% (Owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

Grand Prix Combined - Jr/YR/AA

Champion: Sara Justice and Narok 60.300% Reserve: Regina Sacha and Arabella 58.275%

Dressage Rider Test - AA

Champion: Amy Craig and Jessica NHH 72.333%

2015 NODA Year End Trophies & Awards

<u>Mini-Trials– Unrecognized</u> Champion: Colin Gaffney and Season O'Reason 37.533%

<u>The Alessandria Memorial Trophy</u> <u>Sponsored by Lisa Gorretta and Paddock Saddlery</u> Jeni Gaffney and Fabio (Owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

The Fabian Schoolmaster Trophy

<u>Sponsored by Regina M. Sacha-Ujczo and Heather</u> <u>Soones-Booher</u> Jeni Gaffney and Fabio (Owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

The Fox Smith Trophy

<u>Sponsored by Lynn Fry</u> Sue Bartlebaugh and Karina (Owned by Diane Cochran)

2015 NODA Year End Awards Results

<u>Musical Freestyle</u> Sponsored by NODA

Cassandra Hummert-Johnson and Viggo 68.944% Lauren Wade and Ghalewind 67.255% Jeni Gaffney and Fabio 65.125% Sara Justice and Narok 64.833%

The Michael Von der Nonne Award Sponsored by Dagmar Zimmerman Heather Soones Booher and Bordeaux

The Randeck Memorial Trophy Sponsored by Carey Smith-Wilson Jeni Gaffney and Fabio

Owned by Kristy Truebenbach Lund)

<u>The Richter 5 Trophy</u> <u>Sponsored by Maggie Ball</u> Danielle Hebler and Riften ++// (Owned by Wendy Gruskiewicz)

The Richard Gascoigne Memorial Trophy Sponsored by Bitsy Gascoigne & Ann Gascoigne Nixon Jessica Litt and Dance Fevor ++//

The Sindarin Award Sponsored by Dale Lappert Rachel Carraci and Anikan (photo by Pro Event Photography)

The Edy Ujczo Horse Partnership Trophy Sponsored by Regina Sacha-Ujczo Mike Gruskiewicz

The Joan Rapp Award Sponsored by Gail Patton Sara Justice and Elita

The Gallant Lad Memorial Trophy Sponsored by Valley Riding, Inc. Crissteen Miller and Easy Swinger

The Moody Mare Award Sponsored by Kimberly Moody Jessica Paine and Royal Thomas (Owned by Kirsten Thomas) The Laddie Andahazy Memorial Trophy Sponsored by The Paddock Saddlery Pam White and Flash in the Knight

<u>The Sweeter Award</u> <u>Sponsored by Janeen Grava</u> Noelle Ignagni and MRF Bello di Notte

The Rowdy Memorial Trophy Sponsored by Cheryl Lee Rachel Caracci and Anikan

Gretchen Singleton Vintage Award Trophy Sponsored by Kathy Dennis and Sally Gries Jerry Chuey and Lee's Little Pockets

The Freestyle Award Adult Amateur Owner/Trainer Sponsored by Ledge Hollow Stables Melissa Borror and Bootscootin Samor

The Full of Grace Award Sponsored by Leslie Grimm Tay Laster and Kit 'Astrophe

<u>The Determined Effort Award</u> <u>Sponsored by Niki Sackman</u> Jerry Chuey and Lee's Little Pockets

The Giving Spirit Award Sponsored and donated by friends of English Oak Stable Rachel Caracci and Anikan

Achievement Certificates Linda Cooley and KnightHawke Danielle Bolm and Jimmy



2015 Fabian Schoolmaster Award Winner Fabio & Dr. Jeni Gaffney

It is difficult to put into words just what Fabio means to me...trying to write this brings tears to my eyes.

Fabio was shown at the Grand Prix level in Florida by his owner, Kristy Lund. Kristy wanted Fabio to spend the summer in a cooler environment as he has some breathing issues. Fabio is a 19 year young, Oldenburg, 15.3 hand bay

Roberta. I have had many lessons on the theme of connection (I have stretched George's patience with this concept). I have found the timing of the tempi changes although this becomes elusive in the competition ring. I can tell you if the feel of the pirouette is correct. Fabio has endured many fumbles of the aids but when it is right the feel is amazing.

gelding. Roberta Williams suggested to Kristy that Fabio might like Ohio and I might be a match for him! (It is all Roberta's fault.)

Last winter, I went to Florida to try Fabio. I am surprised that everyone decided that we were a match. We performed many one tempi changes as I moved my seat around too much and did not have a core at the canter! Any movement means something to him and I was yelling my crude aids. Fabio has



Fabio is worth his weight in Gold. He is an ordinary looking horse with a huge heart. We are competing at PSG and I1 after a few months together. I am learning to ride the horse and not just the test. Fabio makes it easy to have time to think in a test that contains movements which come fast.

Every ride on Fabio is Christmas! I smile ear to ear whether we are riding in a lesson, cantering down centerline at Devon, galloping in an awards ceremony, or hacking in the

taught many new skills to his uneducated rider. I have learned the meaning of true engagement-it really does come from the hind legs and not from my hands. I am developing a core thanks to endless seat lessons with early morning to check on the swan at Freedom Farm!

(photo by Susan J. Stickle)

IMPORTANT USEF COMPETITION RULE UPDATE NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

This is a preview for an article that will appear in the February issue of NODA News. However, with Lake Erie College holding a recognized show in March, and the need to keep members who may show during the winter up to date with important rule changes, here is the rule directly from the USEF Website.

NODA Newsletter editors would like to thank Dr. Jeni Gaffney in advance for her work on the upcoming February article.

GR845 Equine Vaccination Rule

- At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. Horses not in compliance with this rule may be required to leave the competition grounds upon request by Competition Management. Documentation should consist of one of the following methods mentioned below. The frequency of vaccine administration should be per the vaccine manufacturers' or veterinarian's recommendations. It is recommended that vaccines are administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian.
- 2. In the case of vaccines administered by a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition

Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.

- 3. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
- 4. In the case of a horse that is unable to receive either of the vaccinations due to a history of adverse reactions, the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.
- 5. Competition Management may not amend or enhance vaccination requirements without prior approval of the Veterinary Committee.



BOD 1/17/15 Effective 12/1/15.

USDF News

- Materiale Championships New in 2016– Each Great American Insurance Group/UDSF Breeders Championship Series Final Competition will now hold a material championship. One will be offered for three year olds and one will be offered for four and five year olds. Please review the USDFBC program rules on the USDF Website for eligibility and qualification requirements.
- Adequan[®]/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference
 — This year, there are two opportunities to attend an Adequan[®]/USDF FEI Level Trainer Conference. The first, featuring Johann Hinnemann, will be held January 18-19 at High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, FL. The second, featuring Stephan Clarke, will be held March 14-15 at El Sueno Equestrian Center in Somis, CA. Visit USDF website for attendance criteria, details, to apply as a rider, or register as an auditor.
- NAJYRC Applications Applications of Intent for USDF/Platinum Performance North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships are now available on the USDF Website. The application fee is \$50 if received before May 2, 2016; \$300 if received between May 3 and 17, 2016,. Applications will not be accepted after May 17, 2016. Please contact the USDF office with any questions. <u>najvrc@usdf.org</u>



Right: Peggy & Noelle Ignagni shared success with Noelle's MRF Bello di Notte in 2015. (Photo by Sabine Walker)

Left: Rachel Caracci won three trophies with her horse Anikan during the 2015 season. (Photo by Pro Event Photography)



Top Left: Stone Creek Stables riders Rob Stone, Penny Michaels, Dagmar Zimmerman, Leslie Innocenti, and Sabine Walker celebrate success in 2015! (photo by Mark Walker)

Middle Left: Lisa Gorretta receives the NODA Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Patty Ferris and Carey Smith-Wilson (photo by Linda Cooley)

Bottom Left: Fran Cverna, NODA Membership Chair and Linda Cooley, NODA website

and Facebook chair, at the membership table before the banquet.

Center Right: Halle Clause, NODA's new Western Dressage Liaison & Director at Large, and Lora Burgess, NODA Historian before the banquet. (photo by Linda Cooley)

Bottom Right: Year End Trophies. (photo by Linda Cooley)

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Check payable to NODA: Jill Voigt Rosewood Stables 10021 Station Road Columbia Station, OH 44028

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Horses for Sale or Lease

PONY OF AMERICA GELDING:

2003 13hh Edwin is a talented grey-red roan who has shown dressage, hunter, jumper. He has horselike gaits, sweet personality, sound and healthy. Pictures on DreamOn Farm facebook page. Videos on youtube (Iris and Edwin on the flat and/or jumping). For sale ONLY because rider has outgrown him. Loving home a <u>must</u>. \$3,500. Contact Janet 440/376-9298. (I-2)

PRE COLT 2014, Color is Homozygous Black. Currently 15 hh. Will be tall! Freedom in all 3 gaits. Great personality, very loving, Crossties, bathes, loads, clips. Up to date on de-worming and vaccines. Photos and video available at www.claraetzeldressagellc.com. Contact Clara at 440-669-5714 or email claraetzeldressage@yahoo.com (I

-2)

Apparel and Tack

STUBBEN ROXANE JUMPING SADDLE FOR SALE: 18" seat, medium wide tree (32). Saddle is in great condition and is well cared for. Comes with leathers and irons.\$1,200 negotiable. Call Patty at 330-350-2775. Trial is possible, refundable deposit required. (I-3)

VERHAN ODYSSEY I SADDLE FOR SALE: 2007, 17 1/2 inch seat, medium wide tree. Last year was reflocked and had new billets sewn on. Saddle is in excellent condition and is regularly cleaned and oiled. \$1,200 firm, fittings not included. Call Anna at 440-488-7998 (I-2)

LADIES DEVON-AIRE DRESSAGE

JACKET: Size 16R, black with blue lining. Four silver tone buttons in front. Like new – only worn twice. 53% wool, 45% polyester, 2% spandex. Very nice but just doesn't fit me anymore. Located near Olmsted Falls. Will ship if buyer covers shipping cost or can meet in convenient location. Pictures available. Asking \$55. Contact Jill 216/346-2811. (I-2).

TWO WEATHERBETTA FREESTYLE

TURNOUTS FOR SALE: 1200D Detach-A-Neck. Size 84". One heavy weight, 360 grams of polyfill (black/purple) asking \$120. One medium weight, 220 grams of polyfill (two tone blue), asking \$110. Both very good condition. Specs can be seen on Weatherbetta's website. Reasonable offers considered. Contact Jennifer (Kick) McLandrich 440-487-1925. (I-2)

TRIOLOGY AMADEO SF SADDLE

FOR SALE: 18 inch seat, wide tree. Five years old and in very good condition. A 30 inch girth included. Pictures available. \$2,100. Please contact Charlene at <u>JTILLYJR@MSN.COM</u>. (I-2)

ALBION SLK PLATINUM ULTIMA DRESSAGE SADDLE FOR SALE:

17.5 inch seat, genesis adjustable tree head currently at medium (31-32mm). Removable adjustable knee blocks (2sets, one large and one small). Saddle cover also included. \$2,200.00. For details and/or pictures please contact mdhabbey@gmail.com or message on Facebook. (I-3)

Services

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CBridlewood@aol.com Board from \$300 (may be reduced for barn work), 2 indoor and 1 outdoor. Excellent care, friendly.

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www.dreamonfarm.com Shows, lessons, boarding, grass pas-

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References. Board, grass T/O, trails, lessons, care of special need horses. Natural training.

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Calendar of Events

Complete Calendar on NODA website: <u>www.nodarider.org</u>. E-mail <u>Webmaster@nodarider.org</u> to have your event added!

** Schooling Show Scores eligible for NODA Year-end Awards

1/31 Chagrin Valley Farms Dressage Schooling Show www.chagrinvalleyfarms.com **Scores eligible for 2016 year end awards**

2/28 Chagrin Valley Farms Dressage Schooling Show www.chagrinvalleyfarms.com

Scores eligible for 2016 year end awards

3/12-13 Lake Erie College Dressage Winter Series Show (USEF/USDF Rec.)

www.lec.edu/equestrian/ events 4/3 Chagrin Valley Farms Dressage Schooling Show www.chagrinvalleyfarms.com **Scores eligible for 2016 year end awards**

4/7-10 Equine Affaire Ohio Columbus, OH www.equineaffaire.com

4/9-10 Lake Erie College Dressage Prix de Ville Show & Team Competition (USEF/ USDF Rec.) www.lec.edu/equestrian/ events 4/23-24 Dressage Clinic with Nuno Santos Grand Haven Stable Riding and Auditing Spots Available! Contact Laura Wiencek grandhavenlaura@gmail.com or call (724) 301-2244 www.grandhavenstable.com

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6/5 Open Dressage Show & 4H Dressage PAS <u>www.SummitCountySaddleHo</u> <u>rse.org</u> Summit County Fairgrounds, Tallmadge, OH

6/25 Lake Erie College Dressage Derby of Ohio I (USEF/USDF Rec.) www.lec.edu/equestrian/ events

6/26 Lake Erie College Dressage Derby of Ohio II (USEF/USDF Rec.) www.lec.edu/equestrian/ events

6/27 Dressage Rider Clinic with Natalie Lamping Lake Erie College www.lec.edu/equestrian/ events



Clockwise top left: Intro Level Adult: Kathy Agens & Bitsy Gascoigne. Novice Training Level Junior John Sandy & Maria Sandy. Novice Training Level Adult Rob Stone, Penny Baker, Jerry Chuey, Sally Burton, & Kathy Agens. First Level Adult Niki Sackman, Amy Craig, & Peggi Ignagni. Third Level Pro Sabine Walker & Jessica Paine. Recognized Training Level Open Anne McClintock, Janeen Grava, & Val Grava. (All photos by Pro Event Photography)

Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2016 Membership Form <u>NODA membership runs</u> 12/1/2015 through 11/30/2016			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.				
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