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*Northern Ohio Dressage Association*

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**Dee Liebenthal and Rens**

**D**ear Noda Members,  
January reminded us all of the reality of an Ohio winter. It brought snow and very cold temperatures, which can make riding challenging. I find as I get older, I understand why retirees move to a warmer climate. Reading the posts from Wellington and other areas of Florida where many of our friends have gone to train and learn makes me jealous.

The NODA schooling show committee has been working to get the 2016 prize list updated with the new calendar, adding more for Western Dressage, team competitions, and other things to make your schooling show experience more of a learning experience and, at the same time, more fun. NODA schooling shows continue a tradition of making sure your schooling show experience is a cut above. To that end we continue to bring in "r", "R", or "S" judges to team up with an "L" graduate for each show.

You don't often get to ride in front an "r" and higher judge for such a reasonable price. Take advantage of the opportunity!

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

Watch for an article in March's NODA News from our new Schooling Show Manager, Sally Burton, outlining everything you can expect this year. There are lots of new things to look forward to. The article will coincide with the issuing of our 2016 Schooling Show Prize List.

Lots of new, helpful, and fun things are in the plan for the 2016 Schooling Show Series.

- ◆ Online Schooling Show registration
- ◆ Online volunteer sign up through "[SignUpGenius.com](http://SignUpGenius.com)"
- ◆ Team competition added to several schooling shows
- ◆ Ride-A-Test Saturday before a Sunday show at Chagrin Valley Farms
- ◆ Expansion of Western Dressage opportunities
- ◆ Year-End award for Western Dressage
- ◆ Thoroughbred awards
- ◆ Spring Western Dressage Clinic

We have started work on the 2016 Recognized Shows, and are excited to expand on our successes of last year. We hope you will support the shows again this year, as you did last year. Kevin Bradbury, with his company BMCI, will again be Manager and Secretary of the shows. Join us as a competitor, volunteer and/or Sponsor

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We have some really good articles in the NODA News this month contributed by a couple of NODA's younger members. Please enjoy an article by Colin Gaffney who shares his experience at the Youth Sport Horse Handler's Seminar at Devon last year. There is also some really great information in Clara Etzel's article on Session A of the USDF "L" Program. Thanks to both for sharing their experiences with all NODA's members.

If you haven't read the news about Betsy Juliano's generosity to US Dressage through her support of Laura Graves, Jennifer Baumert, and Adrienne Lyle, please check out the link below. Betsy's generosity never ceases to amaze us. Thank you Betsy for all your do.

[Betsy Juliano Promotes Teamwork and Training through support of Graves, Baumert, and Lyle](#)

Happy February,

Dee Liebenthal, President

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**Mail your application to:  
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## *USDF Youth Sport Horse Handler's Seminar*

### *by Colin Gaffney*

I attended the first Youth Handlers seminar at Dressage at Devon. My mom and Roberta Williams suggested that I sign up for the two day seminar. Noel was already planning to attend the seminar and my mom was showing at Devon later in the week so it made sense to give it a try.

I am planning to test for the USPC H-A rating this summer and one of the requirements is to show a horse on the triangle then discuss conformation as it pertains to function. This seemed like a great seminar to attend!

Noel and I left Ohio on Monday at 4 AM to drive to Devon. When we arrived, we were assigned a horse from Hilltop Farm named Cha Ching. We were to groom and braid him for the handling session in the afternoon. Noel braided and I groomed. We were given polo shirts and hats to wear by the sponsors.

Our first lecture was an Introduction to sport horse breeding with Krysti Wysocki and Jeanne McDonald. The purpose is to encourage the breeding of horses suitable for dressage and to provide an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of breeding programs. The lectures were very interesting but the handling part was the best!

Michael Bragdoll from Hilltop Farm gave us a lecture on how to handle the sport horse. Handler attire was discussed-polo shirt, light colored pants (no jeans), gloves, helmet for juniors and shoes that you can run in. The handler should not distract from the horse. Horses over 2 years of age are shown in a bridle with reins or a lead shank. Nose bands are optional. Younger horses are shown in a halter. Braiding is optional. No boots or bandages on the legs. Noisemaking devices are not permitted. A standard whip can be used and a handler may have one assistant.

You want to show the horse to the best of its ability. Horses that are unsound, unruly, or dangerous are disqualified. Upon a signal from the judge, you walk

the horse to the apex of the triangle. The judge will give a signal to continue. You first walk the triangle. The first and last side of the triangle you try to keep the horse straight so the judge can assess the conformation and straightness of travel. On the open side of the triangle, you try to enlarge the gait to show unrestricted movement and the quality of the gait. Next you trot around the triangle. This can be interesting as the horses are quite excited and Devon is a very electric environment. The horse must stand in an "open stance" to be judged for conformation. When the judge is on the left of the horse then the left front should be forward and the left rear back to allow the judge to see all the legs. When the judge is in front or behind the horse, the legs should be squared up to allow the judge to assess straightness of the limbs. This sounds easy but is actually difficult and takes practice and knowledge to make each horse look their best!

Each pair of youth participants was assigned to an experienced handler for the afternoon hands on session. Our individual session with Michael Bragdoll was great! He gave us many little pieces of advice on how to get the most out of our horse.

That night, we had a pizza party. I met many officials and breeders as well as youth participants from all over the country! When I rolled into bed, I realized how much I learned and how many new friends that I had made in one short day.

The seminar started at 8 AM sharp with a discussion about Sport Horse Breeding and Mo Swanson spoke about the breeding farm. She discussed how to select stock and evaluate the product of your program. She discussed the advantages of various forms of semen (live, cooled, and frozen) to the breeding farm and the mare owner. She explained her experiences with Embryo transfer. It was interesting to learn how she developed the program for her farm.

The next discussion was The Sport Horse: What are you looking for? My pony club background really

**USDF Youth Handler's Symposium (continued)**  
**by Colin Gaffney**

helped me out with the conformation. We discussed form to function, conformation, and movement. You want to see an uphill balance, breed characteristics, masculinity (stallions), femininity (mare), development relate to age, harmony (relationship of movement to conformation), athleticism (strength and mobility), and overall condition. They should demonstrate good character, presence and temperament.

Jeanne McDonald talked about Judging-Methods and Procedures. We went over the judge's card and the rules for showing a sport horse as well as major and minor conformation faults. The horses are judged 50% movement, 40% conformation, 10% general impression. The rest of the afternoon was spent observing the show. It was very interesting to see the different methods of handling the horses. We

observed many different breeds and types of conformation. There were so many gorgeous horses!

This was a wonderful seminar for any young person planning to test for a pony club certification, become a dressage professional, or wants to learn about sport horse breeding. It was an educational and fun two days!

Thank you to USDF Breeder/Handler Committee, Krysti Wysocki, Jeanne McDonald, Mo Swanson, Bruce Griffin, Michael Bragdoll, Christine Smith, Ann Snipes Moss and Scott Hassler for sharing your time and expertise. Also, thank you to Dressage at Devon, Elyssium Farm, Somewhat Farm and Hilltop Farm for sponsoring the seminar.

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### Dressage Prix de Villes

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Judge: Lorraine MacDonald "S"

### Dressage Derby of Ohio I and II

June 25-26

Judges: Natalie Lamping "S", Lisa Schmidt "S"  
and Joan Darnell "S"

### Dressage Rider Clinic with Natalie Lamping

June 27



For additional information, contact the Lake Erie College Dressage Show Manager and Dean of Equine Studies Dr. Pam Hess at 440-375-8005 or at [phess@lec.edu](mailto:phess@lec.edu).

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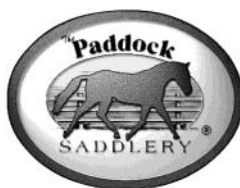
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Left: Participants at the USDF Youth Handler's Seminar at Dressage at Devon.

Below: Colin Gaffney and Cha-Ching. Photos by Jeni Gaffney, DVM




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Thanks to the support of many generous donors throughout the years, significant and meaningful financial support has been provided to non-profit dressage organizations from The Dressage Foundation's Grant Funds.

In 2015, over \$53,000 was awarded to groups from Maine to Hawaii and Alaska to Florida. Over 1,000 individuals participated in events that included educational symposia and seminars, musical freestyle clinics, dressage camps, the USDF Instructor Certification Program, and so much more.

A member of a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) in Virginia shared, "As an organizer for this year's adult dressage camp, I realized how crucial your grants are to us. They allow us to keep the camper fee reasonable, allowing more people to participate. Thank you so much for your support!"

"Because of this clinic, I realized that riding a musical freestyle was definitely within my skill set," said a rider from Kansas. "The Dressage Foundation and the Dancing Horse Fund definitely provide a much needed helping hand to riders everywhere."

Grants are available for USDF Group Member Organizations and other nonprofit equestrian clubs from several different Grant Funds:

**Violet Hopkins Fund** – For USDF GMOs to host a variety of educational events, such as camps, symposia, and seminars for riders at all levels.

**Dancing Horse Fund** – For nonprofit groups to hold musical freestyle clinics and seminars or to purchase sound systems to use for freestyle events.

**Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund** – For nonprofit groups hosting USDF's Instructor Certification Program.

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**Michael Poulin Dressage Fund** – For nonprofit groups or individuals to host an event that will improve the quality of dressage in their area through riding, training, instructing, or judging.

For many years, grants made possible by TDF donors have also supported USDF's Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series and the USEF/USDF Young Rider Graduate Program.

For more information about applying for a grant, or to make a charitable contribution to a Grant Fund, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) or contact TDF at [info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:info@dressagefoundation.org) or (402) 434-8585.

## USDF News

- ♦ **Attention 2015 USDF Award Recipients:** Awards not picked up at the 2015 Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet will be mailed to recipients at the end of December. Please contact the USDF office if you have not received your award by January 30, 2016.
- ♦ **Use Your Member Discounts!** USDF membership has many benefits, including special discounts with partner organizations. USDF's Member Perks partners include DressageClinic.com, Dressage Extensions, DressageMeetingOnline.com, DressageTrainingOnline.com, MyDressageStats.com, Premier Equestrian, Ride Alert, and US Rider.
- ♦ **New Year End Awards:** Beginning this year, there will be an Adequan/USDF Para-Dressage Rider of the Year Award. In addition, USDF Vintage Cup awards will be split into professional and adult amateur divisions. See the USDF Member Guide for more information.
- ♦ **Free Online Reports Available:** USDF Historical Reports, owners'/lessees' horse portfolios, and breeders' horse portfolios, and dam/sire reports are available to current USDF participating, group, and business members free of charge. Please note that you must be logged in to the USDF website to obtain your free reports.
- ♦ **L Program Accepting Faculty Applications:** The USDF L Education Program is accepting applications for new faculty members. Applicants must meet the following requirements:
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  - ♦ Experience Teaching in a classroom/lecture environment
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## *The USDF “L” Judges Program: Session A- Introduction to Judging and Biomechanics by Clara Etzel*

**I**n late 2015 I made the decision to attend the USDF “L” Judges Program through CARA (Central Arizona Riding Academy). You may wonder why I choose a program so far away. The CARA program enticed me for a couple reasons. When I looked into available L programs in 2016, CARA was the only program that was hosting (when I was doing my research) Part 1 and Part 2. Other organizations (closer to me) were running Part 1 but not Part 2. Also, I liked the locations CARA had their sessions scheduled at. Part 1, which includes Sessions A, B and C are held in Phoenix, AZ. Part 2 includes D1, D2 and the Final Exam. D1 and D2 are held in Parker, CO. Then the Final Exam is set in Burbank, CA. Maybe it was wanderlust, maybe it was a desire to finish the entire program in one year. Regardless, I decided the CARA program was the one I was going to do.

Part 1, “A Judge’s Perspective” is open to all USDF members. This is the educational foundation of the program. Part 2 is a smaller group of participants who have already completed Part 1, have earned scores above 65% at Second Level and/or scores above 62% at Third Level or above (the requirements have changed as of April 2016). Participants in Part 2 intend to become L Graduates and possibly go on to the USEF “r” Judge Training Program. Anyone interested in the program can be a participant in Part 1. I should note that Part 1 is also open to silent auditors. So even if you don’t want to earn the credential of L Graduate by completing Part 2 (or maybe you still need scores to enter Part 2) you can still absorb the information taught during the classroom sessions in Part 1.

Session A, which is the first session was held at CARA outside of Phoenix January 9-10 and consisted of two days of lectures and demonstrations. Lois Yukins (USEF “S” Judge and FEI I\*\*\*\* dressage judge) was the faculty member who taught Session A and was assisted at times by Beverly Rogers (USEF “S” Judge), who lives in Arizona and came to help and watch the demonstrations.

Over the weekend Lois and Beverly said a few interesting quotes, and I wanted to share those with you all, as they left an impression on me. Some of these statements apply to judging specifically, and others could be applied to different aspects of life.

“There are so many ways to say the same thing”- Lois Yukins

“Never say impulsion in walk”- Lois Yukins

“Your job is to judge that day, that test”- Lois Yukins

On dressing professionally: “I’m always embarrassed when the scribe dresses better than me” – Beverly Rogers

On watching what you say to your scribe: “Whatever you say in the box does not stay in the box”- Lois Yukins

When judging a test: “Stay as current in the moment as possible”- Lois Yukins

As participants watched videos of tests: “If you want to cluck, it needs impulsion”- Lois Yukins

I will be chronicling each session for the NODA Newsletter. If you have not considered the program before or have considered it but objected because of the cost or because there was not a program offered locally, I encourage you to find a program you can attend, even if it is only Part I. I raised over half of the tuition cost of the CARA program through various sources, including a grant from the NODA.

While have years of experience training horses, competing, numerous equestrian awards and accreditations, I can honestly say the program has already provided me with new terms and perspectives that have not been brought to my attention before.



**NODA Professional Member Clara Etzel &  
More Coffee Please, “Reggie.”**

Photo by Third Shutter from the Sun Photography

***USEF Announces Rule Change for DR122.5b-e  
Released January 21, 2016 on USDF Website***

**Please take note of the rule changes effective February 1, 2016 for Dressage Test error calculation (DR 122.5b-e). These changes were made in order to keep USEF rules consistent with the FEI rules for Dressage Test error calculations.**

**USDF Introductory Level tests and USEF Training Level through Fourth Level tests**

In National tests, every “error of the course” whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, except as noted under DR122.5a:

- the first time by 2 points;
- the second time by 4 points;
- the third time the competitor is eliminated. However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish to test. If the competitor’s continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.

**USEF and FEI Young Horse tests, and FEI Children, Pony Rider and Junior Tests**

For these tests, the deduction for an error shall be:  
First error: -0.5% ( ½ percentage point) from total score received

- Second error: -1.0 % (one percentage point) from total score received
- Third error: Elimination

**FEI Young Rider through Grand Prix Tests**

In FEI tests (except FEI Children, Pony, Junior, and Young Horse Tests), every “error of the course” whether the bell is sounded or not, must be penalized, except as noted under DR122.5a: the first time by 2 percentage points from the total score received;

- the second time by elimination; However, at the discretion of the judge, the rider may continue to finish the test. If the competitor’s continued presence in the ring is about to interfere with the start of the next scheduled ride, then the judge must excuse him/her from the ring.

**Rider Tests**

For Rider tests, the deduction for an error shall be:  
First error: Total Score reduced by 0.5 points

- Second error: Total Score reduced by 1.0 points
- Third error: Elimination

**If you have questions regarding DR122.5b-e, please contact Hannah Niebielski, Director of Dressage, National Programs at [hniebielski@usef.org](mailto:hniebielski@usef.org). Please refer to DR122.5b-e, Execution and Judging of Tests, of the USEF Dressage Rules for this Rule in its entirety on February 1, 2016.**

## *The Young Dressage (and Hunter) Rider's guide to 4-H* by Sara Justice

"I got my start in 4-H!" is a nation-wide campaign slogan for the 4-H program, highlighting many successful business people, politicians, and professionals from many different fields. For me, I can safely say that had I not grown up in the Summit County 4-H program, I would not have learned about dressage at such a young age.

First, I have to thank my Horse Bowl Coach, Lynn May, for being the first person to introduce me to dressage. I was a kid on a barely-a-horse red dun Quarter Horse named Muffin. I rode western, because that's what my parents rode, and Muffin couldn't do the peanut-rolling, four-beat lope to go slow enough for western pleasure, and I wasn't really in to jumping. I told Lynn that I wanted to learn to ride "English", and a few meetings later Lynn handed me a video of the 1995 World Cup. I watched that video over and over again, amazed by Anky & Bonfire and I kept telling my parents "I'm going to do that". While I had no idea the amount of hard work, dedication, and money it takes to get to Grand Prix, it was all thanks to Lynn May and that VHS tape that I became hooked on dressage.

So as my dad says to her every time he sees her- "Thanks Lynn. It's all your fault."

Back in the early 1990's when I was just getting started, 4-H dressage barely existed. We qualified for the State Fair with scores of 50% and the whole competition lasted about three hours. The program didn't have to use licensed dressage judges and many counties didn't even want to deal with "dressage" (you mean that one where they put costumes on horses right?). Many dressage people who tried to help the 4-H program at the time ran in to this attitude and it made them feel as if the program was worthless. I've even ran in to a few of these people at schooling shows when I talk about how awesome 4-H is now- they tell me about how in the 1980's or 1990's that someone from their county treated them poorly and that the 4-H program is a joke. That was more than twenty years ago, and as everything changes, so did 4-H's perception of dressage.

I'm pleased to say thanks to the efforts of a few L Graduates who were willing to work with both The Ohio State University and the Ohio State Fair. The 4-H Dressage program has both improved its standards (qualifying with 58%), improved the judging (L Graduates or better), created an up-to-date project learning manual for dressage, is sponsored by central Ohio GMO's, and holds both classical and western dressage competitions. There were so many riders that even with two rings running at the 2015 Ohio State Fair, the day was still over eight hours long!

Furthermore, 4-H isn't a breed circuit Quarter Horse dominated world any longer. At least in my county (Summit), warmbloods have won the Advanced English (combined) division for the past two years and excel in both flat and over fences classes. The same is true at the Ohio State Fair- a Haflinger won the jumping classes two years ago and warmbloods and Thoroughbreds were sprinkled throughout the top ten. So while your individual county may still be predominately breed circuit horses, change for the better can only come by knowledgeable, good breed and discipline ambassadors stepping in, showing up, and having a great time at great youth events.



## *The Young Dressage (and Hunter) Rider's guide to 4-H (continued)*

*by Sara Justice*

While the State 4-H Dressage Show is the culmination of a year's worth of work for youth involved in the 4-H program who ride dressage, 4-H has so many other



opportunities to help youth develop leadership skills and explore academic interests. Starting in March, the 4-H horse program holds state level competitions in Public Speaking, Horse Bowl (a quiz bowl competition with only horse-related questions), Judging Team, Hippology, Skill-a-Thon, Horse Poster Contest, the Ohio State Fair,

Ohio State Fair Dressage Show, Competitive Trail, and Groom & Clean. Participating in eight 4-H Horse events earns the youth special prizes from the State 4-H program at the annual awards banquet.

Individual 4-H clubs participate in community service activities, learning activities, and give youth the opportunity to gain leadership skills by holding offices in their club.

4-H isn't all about horses, even if that is the most fun part. There are a wide variety of projects that youth can explore, including cooking, sewing, creative arts, tractors, ATV operation, rockets, veterinary sciences, money management, health, and all types of animals.

If you're a parent or youth member thinking that you might like to give this 4-H thing a try, there are a few rules you should know:

- Membership is for youth between 9 and 18 years of age as of January 1 of the current year. Youth who are 8 and in the third grade may also participate, but must show proof of their age and grade.

- Cloverbud (or K-2) members are youth between 5 and 8 years old (unless in the third grade) or enrolled in Kindergarten through second grade.
- The State Enrollment Deadline is March 15. HOWEVER, this may vary by county so it is best to contact your local 4-H education specialist to learn of enrollment dates.
- Each county has different rules for horse project enrollment.
- Contact your local 4-H Education Specialist by finding your county's extension office at [extension.osu.edu/lao#county](http://extension.osu.edu/lao#county)
- A youth must be enrolled in 4-H and list the Dressage project on their registration to compete at the State 4-H Dressage Show
- 4-H State Dressage Qualifying season runs from January 1 through July 1 of the current year

4-H was one of the best experiences I had as a youth rider. It gave me opportunities to try new things, scholarships toward college, and make lifelong friends. I learned so much about horses, showing, and sportsmanship and had great guidance along the way from advisors like Lynn May.



Please reach out to your county's 4-H Education Specialist if you think you or a young person you know might be interested in learning more about 4-H, or if you happen to be in Summit County, I'm always available to talk about 4-H.

Photos: Far Left– A 4-Her salutes C. Gemmel-Gnidovic (L Graduate) at a 4-H Schooling Show. Photo by Sara Justice  
 Left– Abby B. & Wolita (owned by Sara Justice) competed at the State Fair in First Level. by Sara Justice  
 Above: The warm up and competition ring at the Ohio State 4-H Dressage Show. Photo by Randy Steele



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**Two NODA Members won awards from the 2015  
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**Congratulations, Cindy Bank & Susan Ogrinc!**

**First Level Adult Amateur Champion– IdleHour Forio**  
(Ramblers Renown x Kinsey (TB)) Owned & Ridden by  
Susan Ogrinc, Euclid, Ohio.  
Breeder: Marilyn Webster, St. Thomas, PA

**Second Level & Above, All Categories Reserve Champion–  
IdleHour McHenry** (Ramblers Renown x Kee (TB)) Owned  
& Ridden by Cindy Bank, Painesville, Ohio. Breeder:  
Marilyn Webster, St. Thomas, PA  
(Competed at Third Level Adult Amateur)

Left to Right: Cindy Bank and IdleHour McHenry with Susan  
Ogrinc and IdleHour Forio  
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## USDF News (cont'd)

- ◆ **Attention 2015 USDF Award Recipients:** Awards not picked up at the 2015 Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet will be mailed to recipients at the end of December. Please contact the USDF office if you have not received your award by January 30, 2016.
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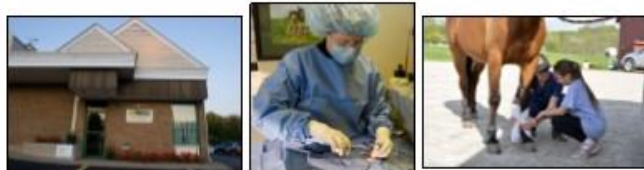


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## ***Member News***

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

**Welcome (or Welcome Back) to the following who were not members in 2015:**

Barbara Gantz  
DeAnna Koch  
Ashley Rand  
Michael Spires

Jana Tuckerman  
Sandra L. Werner  
Lydia Young

### **Thank you for additional donation with membership:**

Suzanne Carlton  
Jennie Drain  
Rachel Jelen

Ashley Rand  
Jana Tuckerman

**Thank You to all 2015 NODA members who have renewed your membership for 2016!**

**Current membership as of January 15 is 185.**

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!**

*Submitted by NODA Membership Chair, Fran Cverna*

### ***Next NODA Board Meeting: February 8th, 2016***

***Location: Panera Bread - Solon, 6130 Kruse Drive***

NODA's Board welcomes all comments and opinions regarding NODA activities, shows and policies. Please contact member liaison Kathy Kirchner at [MemberRep@nodarider.org](mailto:MemberRep@nodarider.org).

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 details as on occasion the location of the meeting may change.

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**3/12-13 Lake Erie College  
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**NODA membership runs  
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](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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Were you a Board member, Officer or Committee Chair in 2015? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Did you volunteer at a NODA schooling show in 2015? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ (You are a valued member no matter  
 Did you volunteer at the NODA recognized show(s) in 2015? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ what you do; we just want to know  
 Did you compete in a USEF/USDF recognized show in 2015? (Y/N)? \_\_\_\_\_ who volunteers and who shows ☺)  
 Did you compete in a NODA schooling show in 2015? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Adult Amateur ☐ Professional ☐ Youth, birth date required: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth is a NODA membership category that includes both Juniors (JR) and Young Riders (YR). Sign up for YOUTH membership unless you turn 22 or older in 2016. If you turn 22 or older in 2016, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If you do NOT want your email printed in the NODA Handbook, check ☐ here

**Additional/Supporting Family** Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF # \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, 2016. 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		_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		_____

**Please make checks payable to NODA and mail to:**

**Fran Cverna  
NODA Membership  
12212 Snow Rd  
Burton, OH 44021**

**QUESTIONS?**

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

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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, 8195 Guilford Road, Seville, Ohio 44273

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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