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Greetings from the President

Hello NODA members, families, and dressage enthusiasts,

As I am writing this, Fall is closing in quickly! Did you go to the World Equestrian Games in Tryon NC? I went and had a wonderful time. However, I am very sorrowful for all the towns devastated by Hurricane Florence. Please keep the people and animals affected in your thoughts and prayers.

The FREE Dressage Clinic for NODA Junior and Young Riders was a hit. Once again Christa Sandy, our Jr/YR Liaison, did a great job organizing this dressage clinic with two of our top local trainers, Betsy Rebar Sell

Barb Soukup & Hero

and Kristin Stein, at the lovely Shade Tree Farm in Bath, Ohio. Many thanks to Betsy, Kristin, and Christa for providing this fantastic dressage opportunity for our younger NODA members!

The Schooling Show Committee is gearing up to present another great October NODA Schooling Shows weekend. October 6 Show, open to all competitors, was filled and wait list started within five days of the entry open date! The October 7 Championship Show will be filled with pre-qualified NODA Members. I wish everyone a great ride and successful finish to your schooling show season. Schooling Show Manager, Sally Burton, will be sending out a questionnaire to receive competitor feedback, suggestions, and ideas for future NODA Schooling Shows. Please fill out and return the questionnaire. It is, after all, an attempt to make the NODA Schooling Show Series better for YOU!

Have you heard about the new 2019 USEF Dressage Tests which go into effect December 1, 2018? Our Education Committee is finalizing the details and logistics for our 2019 USEF Tests Seminar with Margaret Freeman (S Judge) in early January. It will be held inside at Lake Erie College Equestrian Center in Concord. With the use of test videos, you will receive new test information, insights, and a chance to ask any questions. You won't want to miss this valuable learning opportunity. More information and Registration Forms available soon on our website, Facebook page, and in our newsletter.

Have you marked your calendar for the November 18 NODA Awards Banquet and Celebration Brunch? You must RSVP to attend the banquet. The Banquet Invitation, Silent Auction Donation and Advertising Opportunities Form, and other banquet opportunities are posted at <u>www.Nodarider.org/2018Pre-Banquet.htm</u>. If you sign up or renew your NODA membership at the banquet, you are eligible to receive a discount toward the 2019 USEF Tests Seminar in January.

Are you planning to apply for NODA Year-End Awards? Deadline to apply is October 15. You may use scores earned between October 15, 2017 and October 13, 2018. Each award requires a separate Competition Report Form, and you will also need to submit four NODA bucks per horse nominated. New for 2018 A Horse and Rider combination may apply for a total of three (3) Trophies in the following divisions: *Recognized/Unrecognized (Schooling) Trophies, Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows Trophies, and Recognized Shows Trophies.* Important Note: Trophy application limit does NOT apply to Year-End Scholarship Awards, Special Awards, and Other Awards. For complete 2018 eligibility, guidelines, information, and awards, Visit <u>www.nodarider.org/YE-Awards.htm</u>. Still have questions? E-mail Janeen at <u>YearEnd-Awards@nodarider.org</u>.

Thank you all! Happy Halloween! Barb

Cover Photo: Alexandra Gainer with Rubinyo's Star compete at the July 22 NODA Dressage 2018 Encore Show at Chagrin Valley Farms. Photography by Sabine Walker



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Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2018 Year-End Awards Program

It's Time to Apply!

Awards Application Deadline October 15, 2018

Details, Awards, Forms www.NodaRider.org/YE-Awards.htm

Northern Ohio Dressage Association Awards Banquet Brunch & Celebration

RSVP Required to Attend!

Silent Auction, Chinese Auction, Raffle Prizes, Awards, Fun

Information, Invitation & Donation/Advertising Opportunities www.NodaRider.org/2018Pre-Banquet.htm

First Trips Down the Centerline

by Christa Sandy, NODA Jr/YR Liaison

Four years ago, at the urging of a friend and teen equestrian role model, eight-year-old Maria asked her trainer, Marty, if she could do "pony NODA". Marty said yes and our journey into the world of Dressage began.

Cheerio, a chocolate palomino pony with a wild flaxen mane (and tendency to drag unsuspecting young riders to the grass), was a lesson pony at Rocky River Stables. He had taken many eager young riders down the centerline for the first time. Cheerio knew his job, took care of his small riders, and had just enough tricks up his sleeve to keep a child focused. He was Maria's first partner.



Accustomed to group lessons, Maria had to learn to navigate the ring alone with Cheerio. Marty stressed accuracy as they practiced 20-meter circles, prompt transitions, halts, and salutes. No longer could she simply follow the group. After months of riding (and braiding) practice and endless questions, it was time to ride in front of the judge.



Maria and Cheerio looked fantastic as they entered the intimidating warm-up ring. Maria was nervous but looked confident. I was a wreck leaning on the fence while Marty shouted instructions to my young daughter in her first show. But for Cheerio, it was just another day at work. He

was patient, kind, and steady. When the day was over, Maria was all smiles with two blue ribbons, and she was hooked on dressage.

Sadly, Cheerio passed away unexpectedly that summer. It was a tragic loss for the barn and he is still missed. Fortunately for Maria, however, there were other lesson ponies ready to allow her to continue her journey. Penny, Spanky, and Classy each provided new challenges and opportunities, leading to her current "heart horse", Mocha, leased to Maria by a generous boarder at Rocky River Stables.

These "borrowed" lesson and lease ponies and horses are masters of their trade, priceless partners offering more than we ever truly realize. They allow riders to learn and grow, inside the riding ring and beyond. They are tolerant and willing, kind and gentle teachers At Rocky River Stables, many young (and old) riders have the opportunity to partner with these special horses and many take their first trip down the center line in a NODA schooling show.

I'd like to share a few words from young riders of Rocky River Stables, who rode in their first dressage shows this year on Rocky River Stables lesson and leased horses and ponies.

I found out about the NODA show from my friends at the stable. I love to ride my sweet pony, Mer Pony, that I lease from the stables and I was hopeful to see if I could ride him in a dressage show. I signed up two weeks before the show, so I didn't have a lot of time to prepare. Luckily the instructors at our stables were



willing to work with me to get prepared for the show. We went over all the tests and I felt pretty confident and ready. I wasn't too nervous on the show day, and I ended up feeling well prepared and excited. I was so happy with my results! The judges were very thorough, and I appreciated their feedback. I think it will help me for the next show. The staff was very nice, and my instructors were wonderful at explaining what to expect. Mer Pony and I had a blast! We are looking forward to doing another show. **-Clare Barnett**

Having the NODA show at the barn where I take lessons on a school horse was a great opportunity for me to be able to participate in a dressage show, since the school horses usually don't travel to shows. I've enjoyed leasing King, and it was nice to see our work pay off at a



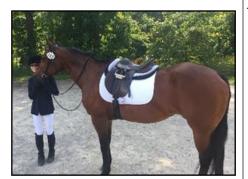
show. It helped me to connect more with my horse than

First Trips Down the Centerline (continued)

by Christa Sandy, NODA Jr/YR Liaison

we do in just normal lessons. It was also nice to be able to share the experience with my barn friends. We continue to support each other even when competing against one another. I am excited for the next competition. -Vanessa Purdey

I was introduced to NODA after I started leasing Stella, six months ago. I have been riding at Valley Riding for seven years, starting with pony camp at



age 5 and have loved it ever since. I enjoy riding, volunteering, lessons, clinics, and most recently NODA. I half lease Stella and ride her at least three times a week, including my lessons. My riding instructor has been working with me over the last four weeks in preparation for the tests. This included staying late to practice tests and, in the rain, to prepare. She would always tell me to go deep in the corners and to sit up nice and tall. I now see why that is so important after participating in my first dressage show. NODA was a really great experience and I really look forward to getting more involved. -Anna Pasela



When I first started leasing AppleJack, I heard about NODA. It sounded like fun and I wanted to try it. The first time I went into the show ring it was scary and I was nervous, but when I went back for my second test, I felt much better. I was more excited than nervous. What I like most about showing in dressage is that it's more about competing against yourself. I am showing again in the NODA schooling

show in October and am very excited. I am working with my trainer to get ready. -Sabrina Siegel

For me, a huge appeal for NODA schooling shows is that you can see the judge's comments on every movement. I thought that would be a great way to see what AppleJack

and I should work on based on their comments. I really enjoyed having to ride tests in preparation for the show because we were able to try and improve every movement which allowed us to set goals based on already existing weaknesses. Then the judge gave us feedback on what we can do to improve upon our weak

areas and even more greatly improve the already stronger areas for next show. For me, I was a lot more excited than nervous because we just had to ride the tests to the best of our ability, and we were able to get feedback that would help 115 improve. Overall, I really enjoyed it and plan to do more in the future. Savanna Siegel



My First NODA Show was, overall, a very good experience. Everyone there was really helpful and encouraging. I had lots of fun being a runner, being with my friends, and showing Patches, who belongs



to Valley Riding. -Olivia Fietkiewicz

As a barn mom and NODA JR/YR liaison, I am so proud of all the young riders who decided to challenge themselves and enter the show ring, whether on their own horse, on a lesson horse, or on a leased horse.

So after six years in the saddle, (all spent assuring everyone I would NEVER show), I decided this summer to take the advice I had given to so many kids. I stepped outside my comfort zone, challenged myself, and competed in a dressage show!

My partner, Dude, is an easy-going Valley Riding lesson horse. He and I are fairly new to one another, but he is a kind and willing horse. I knew he would give me his best and take care of me, if I did the same for him.

First Trips Down the Centerline (continued)

by Christa Sandy, NODA Jr/YR Liaison



Looking back, the most valuable aspect of the experience for me was the lessons leading up to the show. I've been riding dressage movements and patterns in lessons for years but preparing to show gave me new goals and a timeline, and I pushed myself more than I typically do. The progress we made while preparing was reassuring, and I felt ready to enter the show ring.

To say I was nervous is quite an understatement, but we did it. No regrets!

In the end, I felt proud of myself, grateful to Dude, thankful to the judges for the feedback, and reenergized in my desire to push myself as a rider. I hope to show again on our home turf of Rocky River Stables next year.

In the meantime, though, I'll be there to support each of you younger riders throughout the year as you continue (or begin) your journey.



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Above : Sandy Family with Dude L-R: Christa, John, Maria, and Michael

Left: Christa & Dude competing at the August 12 NODA Schooling Dressage Show at Rocky River Stables Photo by EMB Photography



Monthly Board Meetings

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All members are welcome to attend

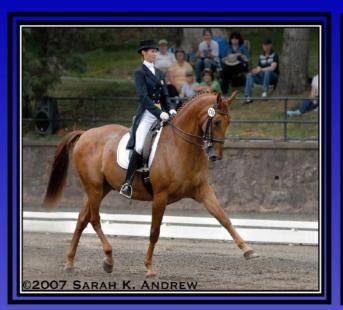
October 8, 2018 6 - 8 PM

November 12, 2018 6 - 8 PM

Meeting held at Panera Bread on Kruse Road in Solon, Ohio

Meeting changes or updates posted at <u>www.NodaRider.org</u>

NODA welcomes all comments, concerns, ideas, and questions regarding NODA activities, shows, and policies. E-mail them to MemberRep@nodarider.org. Thank you!





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Giving Back to NODA by Pam White

I have been a member of NODA for approximately 8 years. Last year NODA awarded me an Adult Amateur Scholarship, and I won the Training Level Rider's Test Division Scholarship. I wanted to write this post as a way to give back to NODA for the opportunities provided by these two scholarships.



In April, I attended Danielle Menteer's Dressage Clinic at Thin Ice Farm in Alliance, Ohio with my OTTB mare, Flashintheknight ("Flash"). In the clinic we worked on relaxation with Flash. In the beginning of the clinic, her nose was in the air and she was tense. By the end of the clinic, Flash had a steady, rhythmic working trot and she was on contact. To achieve this, Danielle had me work on my tension because I was riding very stiffly. Bringing back my shoulders, bending my elbows, and relaxing my stiff ankles made a huge difference in my riding, and it helped Flash relax and work

In July, I attended the NODA Ride-A-Test Clinic with Danielle

Menteer and Robin Birk. Both clinicians gave such good lessons! With Danielle, I continued to work on relaxing my ankles, shoulders, and elbows . . and I'm slowly getting there. With Robin, we worked on the problems she saw when I rode my tests. We worked on cantering, relaxation of myself and Flash, riding down the center line, and riding basics. The next day at the show, all my scores improved and my Rider's Test was 65%! Thank you, NODA, for these scholarships. They provided the opportunities to attend two great clinics that have helped me become a better rider.

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NODA Year-End Awards Program Eligibility, Guidelines & Information Awards Application Deadline: October 15

Competition Year: October 15, 2017 through October 13, 2018

Awards Eligibility: Awards are open to all NODA members and will be presented at the annual banquet.

Scores Eligibility: Competitors must be members PRIOR to earning scores submitted.

Horse Owners: The owner of a horse ridden by a Professional must also be a NODA member at the time scores are earned

 New for 2018
 A Horse and Rider combination may apply for a total of three (3) Trophies in the following divisions

 * Recognized/Unrecognized (Schooling)
 * Unrecognized (Schooling) Shows
 * Recognized Shows Trophies

 Important note:
 Trophy application limit does NOT apply to Year-End Scholarship Awards, Special Awards, and Other Awards

Awards Deadline: Submission of scores for 2018 Awards must be postmarked by October 15, 2018

Competition Report Form & Applying for Awards: Scores must be sent on the official Competition Report Form and must include copies of applicable test fronts or USDF score sheets from <u>www.USDFscores.com</u> <u>Separate competition report forms and proof of scores must be submitted</u> for each level of competition for the Scholarship Awards, and for every eligible Trophy.

NODA Bucks Required to Apply: Four (4) NODA bucks earned *during the current competition year*, October 15, 2017 through October 15, 2018, must be attached and submitted with your official Award Competition Report Form(s) for each horse nominated for awards. Applicable to Professionals, Adult Amateurs, and Junior/Young Riders! Only four (4) NODA bucks required for each horse/rider team, whether you apply for one award or several.

Volunteer Hours & NODA Bucks Volunteers earn NODA bucks for their volunteer time. **NOTE:** NODA Bucks are signed and dated by issuing board or committee member when they are earned. Riders must donate four (4) hours of their time during the *current competition year*. Volunteer Information & Show Volunteer Job Descriptions

Scores from Panel of Judges: If submitting a score from a panel of judges (i.e. from a Championship competition), the combined average must be submitted. It is still permissible to use different score, earned at that same show or another, from a judge who had been on the panel of judges for the Championship ride.

Scores obtained from Opportunity Classes (offered at Recognized Competitions) may only be submitted for Unrecognized (Schooling Show) Year-End Awards. They will be treated the same as scores earned at non-NODA Schooling Shows. Important Note: Scores from the NODA's July Recognized Shows may not be used as substitutions for the two (2) that must be earned at NODA schooling Shows.

Scores from non-NODA schooling shows may be submitted if the following criteria are met: 1) The show is open to all NODA members and has been advertised in the NODA newsletter and/or website.

Novice riders who compete at non-NODA shows which do not offer specific novice classes may submit Intro or Training Level scores from these shows towards NODA Novice awards. The same test score may be used for either Novice classes or open classes but cannot be used for both.

Mail Competition Form(s) plus 4 NODA Bucks earned in 2018 to: Janeen Grava, 12386 Alpha Rd., Hiram, OH 44234 If receipt is desired, please include SASE or email your request to <u>YearEnd-Awards@nodarider.org</u>

Rotating Trophies All association trophies are rotating unless otherwise noted. Winner may have possession for eleven (11) months, at which time trophy must be returned, in the same condition as received, to NODA. Contact Anne with any questions about returning your rotating Trophy(s) at <u>Trophies@nodarider.org</u>

Ties for Scholarships/Ribbons: In the case of a tie for a Scholarship and/or /Ribbon, equal awards will be bestowed and the next

Ties for Trophies/Other Awards: Award will be given to the rider with the single highest individual score submitted for that

Award Additions, Changes, or Deletions NODA reserves the right to present additional awards or to replace trophies withdrawn by sponsors. If new awards or revisions to the Awards Program become available during the competition year, complete information and eligibility requirements will be published in the NODA newsletter and on this website.

Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2018 Awards Banquet & Celebration

November 18

Everyone Welcome

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Celebration begins 11 AM

Social Hour, Banquet Brunch Buffet, Raffle Prizes PLUS Year-End Awards, Silent Auction, and Chinese Auction Fun

Silent Auction Donations & Program Advertising Opportunities! Silent Auction Donation Contest! Raffle Ticket Opportunities for Special Drawings!

www.NodaRider.org/2018Pre-Banquet.htm

NODA Schooling Show News & 2018 Awards Banquet News

e tried our best, but Mother Nature won out and we were forced to cancel our show at Topline Stables on September 9. Many thanks to the ring volunteers who came out to attempt ring set up: Amy Craig and family, Leslie Grimm, Victoria Patterson-Pirko, Linda Toll, Patti Valencic, and Kim Zemba. After careful consideration of the dire weather warnings because of Hurricane Gordon, and speaking with our fearless President, Barb Soukup, the decision was made to cancel this show.

Thanks so much to all the volunteers who were set to help at the show, to the riders who understood the weather dilemma and accepted it with grace, and to the NODA Board for accepting our idea to allow riders to qualify with only one score IF they were signed up and scheduled to compete at the Topline Show. Volunteers for the show also had their scheduled hours qualify as a required work shift toward pre-qualification requirements of the October Championship. Our biggest thank you goes to Janeen Langowski-Grava for hosting our show, and to the judges Sue Hughes and Alison Schmidbauer, who graciously accepted our cancellation of the show with no cost to us. Everyone involved was relieved in the end. It was a lot of work "undoing" the show, but Niki Sackman talked or texted all the competitors, and Dee Liebenthal handled the refunds quickly.

We are looking forward to our final shows of the season. Saturday, October 6, will be a full show with a waitlist! It filled within five days! Returning this year is our Lead Line Costume Class at the lunch break in the indoor ring! Please be sure to send in a paper entry for the Lead Line Class so we know how many competitors to expect. Sunday, October 7, is our Series Championship Show which is also full with pre-qualified competitors. We look forward to celebrating a great season!

Your Opinion Matters: We sent out a survey to all our current schooling show competitors. Thank you to everyone who filled it out. If you have any additional comments or suggestions please feel free to send them to Sally at <u>schoolingshow@nodarider.org</u> or to Niki at <u>ss-secretary@nodarider.org</u> The Schooling Show Committee will be meeting in October to set up the 2019 season.

2018 Awards Banquet News Invitations will be mailed in early October. You must RSVP to attend and enjoy another fun Sunday Brunch with great raffle prizes, freebies, silent auction, chinese auction, and awards! We have numerous Silent Auction Donations and Advertising Opportunities, as well as a Silent Auction Donation Contest. More details and information available in this newsletter or visit <u>www.nodarider.org/2018Pre-Banquet.htm</u>.



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SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

2018 NODA Celebration and Awards Banquet Sunday, November 18 Holiday Inn, Independence Ohio

Silent Auction Donations may be in the form of cash, individual item, service, or gift basket. Donations and Advertising Submission Deadline: October 26.

Questions? Contact Patty Keim, Banquet Committee Chair, at <u>silentauction@nodarider.org</u> or (330) 350-2775.

\$500 or Greater Donation Value

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- PLUS a Full Page Congratulatory AD
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- "Thank you" Listed in the January Newsletter

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- · 1 ticket to the Banquet
- "Thank you" from the podium at the Banquet
- "Thank you" Listed in the January Newsletter

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- Business card AD in Schooling Show Prize List

\$50 - \$99 Donation Value

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NODA's annual Schooling Show Prize list provides Advertisers with six months of advertising throughout the show season. There are over 400-500 prize lists printed, mailed and available at local stables and tack shops. The online version with your AD is will also be accessed often throughout the show season. The prize lists are shared with other equestrians and used as a reference throughout the show season.

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The Northern Ohio Dressage Association Invites you to its Year-End Celebration and Awards Brunch Celebrating a Year of Competition, Accomplishment, and Fun

Sunday - November 18, 2018

Venue Holiday Inn - Independence 6001 Rockside Road Independence, OH 44131 Schedule Festivities begin 11 AM (Cash Bar) Brunch Buffet 11:45 AM followed by Awards & More

Brunch Buffet

Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, French Toast, Potatoes, Beef Entrée, Pasta Entrée Mixed Veggie Medley, Pastries, Breads, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice, Iced Tea

Adults: \$30.00Children (12 & under): \$25.00Reservations Required to AttendBanquet Attire is Business CasualMail your completed Reservation Form below with <u>full payment</u> to:

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Reservation Postmark Deadline: November 1, 2018

(Unfortunately we cannot accept walk-in registrations)

NODA Banquet Reservation Form

Please complete the registration form below so we know who will be attending. <u>Table seating is on a first</u> <u>come/first serve basis UNLESS you reserve a table of 8</u>. Please have one person complete this form and turn in with full payment in order to reserve a table for 8. If you have any questions or changes to registration, please contact Halle Clause at <u>WesternDressage@NodaRider.org</u> or 330-472-0888 by November 1st.

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Payment Amount Enclosed (\$30/Adult; \$25/Child)

Checks payable to "NODA". Payment may include NODA Bucks (1 NODA Buck = \$1.00)

Your E-mail for Reservation Confirmation _

Banquet Invitation also available for download at <u>www.NodaRider.org</u> Please see Page 2 for additional banquet brunch details!

2018 Year-End Celebration and Awards Brunch - Page 2

Additional Information & Opportunities

- Friends and family members are welcome!
- Recipients' signatures will be required for all revolving trophies.
- If you think you may win a year-end award and cannot attend the banquet, we ask that you make arrangements to have your award/ribbon picked up that evening.

Silent & Chinese Auctions

We will be auctioning some amazing items/baskets. You will not want to miss out on the bidding! Check or Cash only

Raffle Opportunities

Renew your NODA membership at the banquet and get a free Raffle Ticket!

Support The Geauga County Dog Shelter located in Chardon and get a free Raffle Ticket!

Raffle tickets for NODA Membership Sign-up and for donations to the Geauga County Dog Shelter will be used for special drawings throughout the evening.

Donations for Geauga County Dog Shelter

We are asking our banquet attendees once again to kindly remember our canine and feline friends in need by bringing much-needed supplies for The Geauga County Dog Shelter located on Merritt Road in Chardon, Ohio. There will be a convenient spot set up at the banquet to drop off your donations.

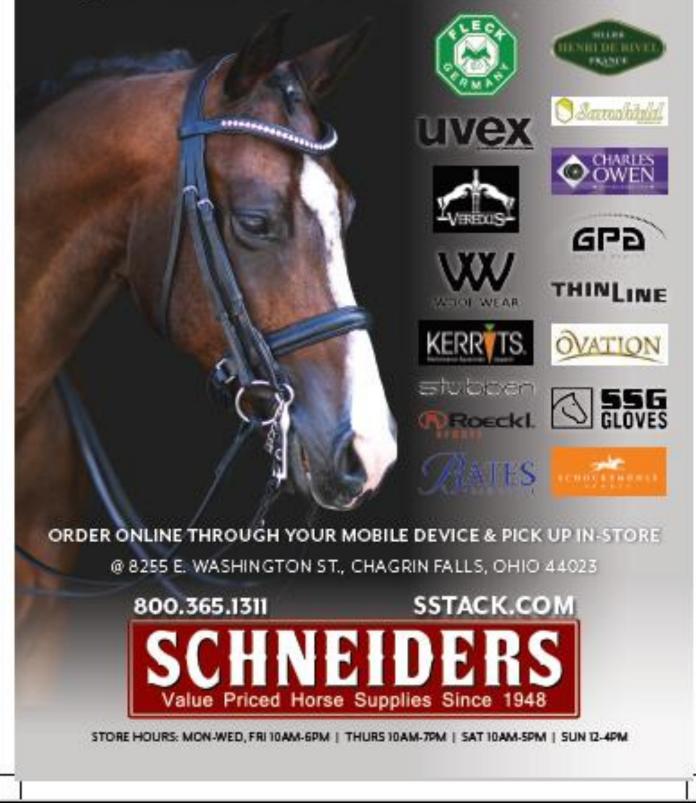
The Geauga County Dog Shelter is a no-kill shelter.

Donation Wish List: Canned/dry dog and cat food, treats, laundry soap, bleach, paper towels, blankets, sheets, towels, leashes, collars, medical supplies, cleaning and office supplies, printer paper, fine-tip dry erase markers, and of course, cash and kennel sponsorships.

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Magical Riding in Iceland

by Arielle Brodkey

Ever wonder why you don't see many Icelandic horses at dressage shows? One reason is that classical collection and lateral work are not their thing, but, boy-oh-boy, can they go forward!

They have the usual three gaits—walk, trot, and canter/ gallop—and two more in addition: the unique "tölt" and even more special "flying pace." More about all of that later.

Looking for a way to beat northern Ohio's hot, humid summer, I decided to take advantage of Icelandair's new non-stop flight from Cleveland to Reykjavik. The idea was to do some puffin- and whale-watching and, yes, to take a stroll through the countryside on an Icelandic pony, excuse me, horse. Even though these charming creatures easily pass the vet check for pony height, their aficionados insist on the horse designation given their history, sturdiness, and work ethic.

The experience was richer than I could have imagined. Having signed up for a three-hour trail ride at Eld Hestar ("Volcano Horses"), a farm about 30 minutes from Reykjavik, I was picked up by the farm van and driven across southwestern Iceland's surreal landscape--rolling treeless plains of matte-black lava ash carpeted with lime -green moss, dotted with steaming hot springs, and surrounded by dramatic volcanic mountains. The sudden appearance of the farm's low white barns and arena provided the first familiar sight since leaving Reykjavik.

Eld Hestar owns 350 horses and uses most of them every day for their packed schedule of trail rides, some dayslong and through wilderness. Each horse works about three hours a day, six days a week. They are fit and friendly. My ride, Lóa ("Bird"), like all his friends, was easily mounted from the ground even by this septuagenarian grandmother.

Being accustomed to horses exceeding 17 hands in height, I had worried that something this small might seem like a bar stool with nothing in front of me. Not so. These sturdy guys take up one's leg, and their thick necks give an impression of plenty of horse up front. Accenting the Icelandic's heft are heavy coats (think a Cushing's horse in January) and manes that would make Beyoncé envious. Both are necessary year-round protection from weather and insects. I was happy that I had dressed for

late autumn riding the first week of August, but I wished I had pulled a bug net over my helmet and head.



We set off on beautifully groomed trails built and maintained throughout Iceland by the federal government. Imagine that! The national government cares about its horses, riders, and trekkers. Hundreds of miles of trails are wide enough for two horses to ride comfortably abreast. The footing is a firm base with a layer of black lava ash on top. It feels marvelous, as good as the best high-tech footing at home. And, despite a downpour the previous day, there were hardly any puddles. Not that our mounts' sure-footedness went unchallenged during this ride.

We scaled up and down river banks and forded clear, icy cold streams with ease. On smooth straightaways we were able to try the famous Icelandic tölt, a quick fourbeat gait, somewhat like a Tennessee Walker's running walk. Icelandic horses nearly pop from the womb doing this gait, but riders need some education to urge them into it, suffering first through a tooth-rattling "piggy trot" before finding the right combination of aids. And these are contradictory to everything we've been taught. For one thing, the tölt is done with the horse's head pulled high in order, I was told, to set the animals' hind ends well under them to achieve the "four-wheel drive" necessary in Iceland's formidable winter. "Yikes!," you say, but it works, and the result is both silky smooth and very fast, truly transporting!

Magical Riding in Iceland (continued)

by Arielle Brodkey

brief historical chat about the Icelandic horse and a demonstration of the various gaits. One by one riders tore pell-mell the full length of a 20-meter-long plywood platform placed down the arena's centerline so that we could hear the difference in the number and rhythm of staccato hoofbeats at each gait. Want to try that with vour horse?



After our ride, we were treated over coffee and cake to a The flying pace is a gait that not all Icelandic horses can do, and it separates the best of the breed from the alsorans. It is bi-lateral like the pacing gait at harness races except that the legs lift quite high pumping up and down in a blur. The fastest Icelandic horses race under saddle at this gait. One of Eld Hestar's owners--lanky, wooly haired Hrodmar Bjarnnason--revved up "Thytur" outside the arena and bolted through so fast that, having turned to speak to a fellow rider, I almost missed it. No wonder! Thytur is a word meaning the sound of the wind, one of a hundred Icelandic words for "wind."

> You don't have to go to Iceland to see Icelandic horses. Northstar Farm, in Brookville, Ohio, breeds and shows a star line-up of the breed, and you can find other farms from Texas to New England on-line.

> It is magical, indeed, to ride these special creatures across their own awesome landscape where they have been bred and developed the past 1200 years since arriving with Viking settlers.

> Should you wish to check out the farm in Iceland where I rode, their website is www.eldhestar.is.



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NODA Membership News & Historical Archive Fun

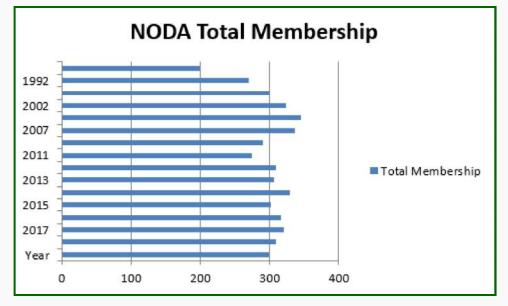
by Fran Cverna, Membership@nodarider.org



Thank you to Everyone who has renewed for 2018! NODA ended our Membership Year with 299 Members: 194 Adult Amateurs 36 Youth 69 Professionals

Membership Year runs December 1—November 30 Check out the <u>MEMBERSHIP</u> page of <u>www.NodaRider.org</u> for complete Membership Information, Form, and Benefits. The 2019 Membership Form will be mailed in October. Please do NOT use the 2018 Form to sign up for 2019 Membership. Watch for the Renewal Form & Renew Upon Receipt or Renew at the banquet.

NODA Membership History Archive



NODA Historical Fun



Arielle Brodkey, NODA's Vice President, has personal insight into last month's report that "the first horseman's manual was written in about 1300 BC." Arielle reported the following.

The 14th century BC horse manual was written by a Hittite horse trainer named Kikkuli. It is not just a horseman's manual, but it lays out in very great detail the training of chariotry horses as well as their management. It is written in cuneiform on several large clay tablets, each about the size of a Kindle. I was lucky enough to hold one of them in my hands some years ago, when I was preparing a book for publication, one chapter of which dealt in part with Bronze Age chariotry. Kikkuli's training methods were used in Egypt to train the horses of the pharaoh whose biography I published, Amenhotep III, the most powerful ruler of his day, and grandfather of Tutankhamen.

Picture: Fourth tablet of Kikkuli Texts - Berlin, Vorderasiatisches Museum



USDF Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic

Registration Deadline: November 23, 2018

This clinic is geared as an introduction to the role and purpose of a dressage technical delegate and also serves as a prerequisite for enrollment into the US Equestrian dressage technical delegate program. Held in conjunction with the USDF Annual Convention

2019 Adequan /USDF FEI Level Trainer Conference

- Presenters: US Dressage Coaches led by US Dressage Technical Advisor Debbie McDonald
- Dates: January 21-22, 2019
- Location: High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, FL
- Registration opens: October 1, 2018

US Dressage Finals Entry Information

- Nomination (required) Deadline: Midnight, 96 hours after the last championship day in the regional championship show in which the horse/rider competed.
- Entry Deadline: Midnight ET on October 25, 2018
- Entries may be submitted at the same time the nomination process is completed.

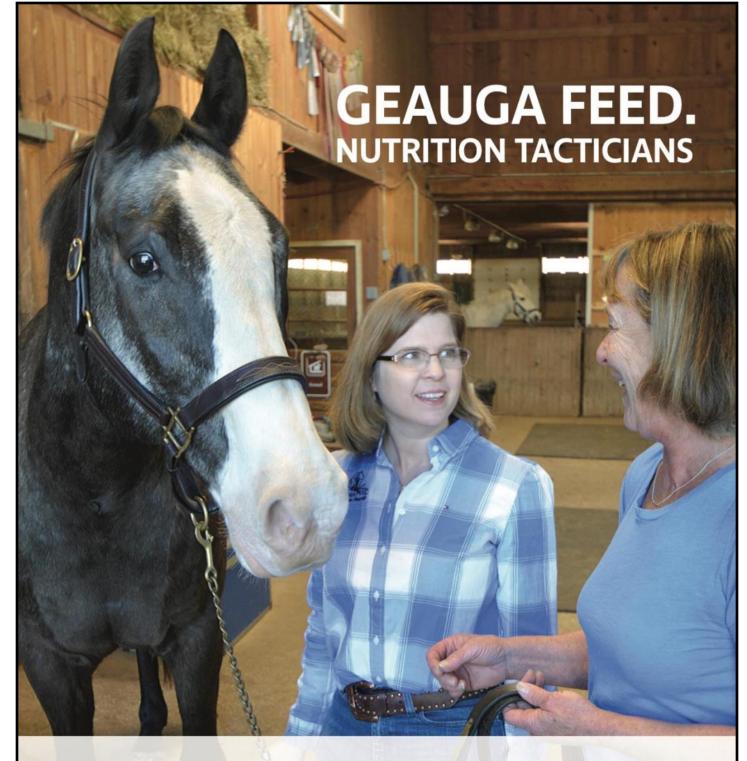
USDF Instructor/Trainer Pre-Certifications

- Central Arizona Riding Academy, San Tan Valley, AZ, October 20-21, 2018
- Uphill Dressage Center, Salpt Point, NY, November 1-3, 2018
- DaCory Farm, Saratoga Springs, NY, April 27-28, 2019

Check Out New USDF Podcasts!

Here are just a few added in September

- Dressage Radio #470—Book Review of 55 Corrective Exercises for Horses
- Dressage Radio #480—Young Riders Medalists Jones, Weniger & Transitioning Young Professional Spracklin
- Dressage Radio #481—USEF Youth Coach Williams, 2nd Level Test 3, Poag's Trainer tip
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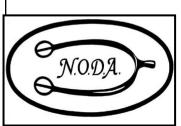
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www.nodarider.org Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls OH

Oct 7 (**) NODA Dressage Show Championship

www.nodarider.org Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls OH

Oct 11-14 (**) GAIG/USDF Region 2 Championship &

Kentucky Dressage Association Fall Classic I

www.KentuckyDressageAssociation.com Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington KY

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Nov 28 - Dec 1

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Corrections to 2018 NODA News, Issue 9:

Page 15: "Images from the NODA Dressage 2018 & NODA Dressage 2018 Encore Shows" Photographers Erin Clark & Sabine Walker Page 9: NODA 2018 Recognized Show Weekend Results, Breed Awards North American Danish Warmblood Association: Alyssa Richards & "Paradox". Owned by Alyssa Richards

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