

Northern Ohio Dressage Association



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Greetings from the President

Hello NODA members, families, and dressage enthusiasts.

Well, here we are into December! The temperatures have become quite cool and a little rough at times. Our annual Awards Banquet has come and gone for another year. Christmas decorations and music abound as we move on and prepare for the Holidays. I hope everyone had a successful and good 2018.

Congratulations to all the winners announced at the November Awards Banquet. There were numerous great raffle prizes, and the selection of Silent Auction and Chinese Auction items was astounding. The variety of awards and prizes were made possible by NODA's participation in the Big Dee's Bonus Bucks Program. Thank you to those who participated. You can learn more about the program at www.nodarider.org.

In 2019, NODA celebrates its 50th Anniversary. We've grown from a grass-roots organization into one with nationwide influence! 2019 is a milestone for NODA, and we plan to celebrate. Have any ideas? E-mail them to Member Representative, Kathy Kirchner at MemberRep@nodarider.org.

Although December will be a break from our monthly Board Meetings, our various committees continue to plan, coordinate, and organize our 2019 season.

The Schooling Shows committee of Sally Burton and Niki Sackman have the dates, show venues and judges hired. They even secured a new and exciting venue. The NODA Schooling Shows Prize List will be mailed to NODA members in the Spring. Remember you must be a member to receive a copy in the mail! 😊

The Education Committee, led by Elizabeth Scalabrino and Linda McGall, is gearing up for the January 5 USEF New Tests Symposium with Margaret Freeman, "S" Judge. It will be indoors at the Lake Erie College Equestrian Center. This will be excellent preparation for the show season. *Pre-registration by December 15 is required.* See the Symposium Flyer and Registration Form in this issue, or visit the NODA website. Check out current and new 2019 Tests at www.nodarider.org/Dressage-Tests.htm.

NODA member, Jeni Gaffney, DVM, has volunteered to work on a USDF 'L' Program. This will be a huge undertaking and we would love feedback from all of you about your interest in this project. Please contact our Member Rep, Kathy Kirchner at MemberRep@nodarider.org to help us determine if we have adequate interest. I can personally vouch for the value of this program, both from a participant and an auditor's perspective.



There is one good thing I can say about the temperatures dropping and the ground freezing . . . you won't have your horse coming in wearing a MUD HAT AND SCARF like my horse, Hero!! Here he is showing off his Mud Hat (ears and forelock) and Mud Scarf (mane).

Happy Holidays from Hero and me!
Barb



Barb Soukup & Hero

Cover Photo: NODA Member, Heidi Kohl and DG Edorijke "Dutch," celebrate as USDF Region 2, Fourth Level Freestyle Reserve Champions (left) with Angela Jackson and Gaston TF, the Fourth Level Freestyle Champions at Kentucky Horse Park. Photo courtesy of Jack Kohl
UPDATE: Heidi and "Dutch" went on to place 7th at the 2018 US Nationals in November while Angela and Gaston TF were Reserve Champions in the National Fourth Level Freestyle Class.

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Member Spotlight

Century Club Team #366: Beverly Van Nieuwal and Ascot

by Beverly Van Nieuwal

On September 29th, 2018, I rode my second Century Ride. This was particularly special for me because I accomplished it with my own horse! Ascot, better known as "Scotty," was a dream made possible by my inheritance when my parents both passed away within a month of each other. My father and grandfather were horsemen, raising and racing Standardbreds while I was growing up. My grandfather bought me my first pony when I was in the fourth grade.

My interest in dressage started about thirty some years ago when my family moved to Ohio. At my first dressage show, I met so many friendly riders and saw lovely horses – I was hooked! That experience led to joining Classical Attraction Dressage Society, and I still belong to this day.

My daughters and I have owned several breeds of horses that we have shown over the years, but my dream was to have a warmblood. My friend and trainer, Mary Anne Milleman, went with me hunting for just that horse! We



Beverly and Scotty

found him when a friend was selling her beautiful chestnut Hanoverian gelding named Ascot, who she called Scotty. When I heard his name, I was sold. Scotty was the nickname my dad always called my mom. Scotty was truly a gift from my parents.

Scotty and I have been a team for thirteen years. He has taught me so much. Without help from my village (trainers, clinicians, very patient instructors), we would have had a hard time accomplishing my goal. So, thank you to all of my "horsey helpers" along the way. I love all of you!

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The Century Club recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a test of any level at a show (schooling or recognized) or event, and are scored by a dressage judge or professional. Western Dressage riders are also welcome to join the Century Club. Find out more at The Dressage Foundation website, www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/century-club/about.html

NODA Receives Grants for 2019 USEF Dressage Test Symposium

NODA is pleased to receive grants from both the USDF and The Dressage Foundation for the upcoming 2019 USEF Dressage Tests Symposium with Margaret Freeman on January 5. The one day symposium is being coordinated by NODA's Education Co-Chairs, Linda McGall and Elizabeth Scalabrino.

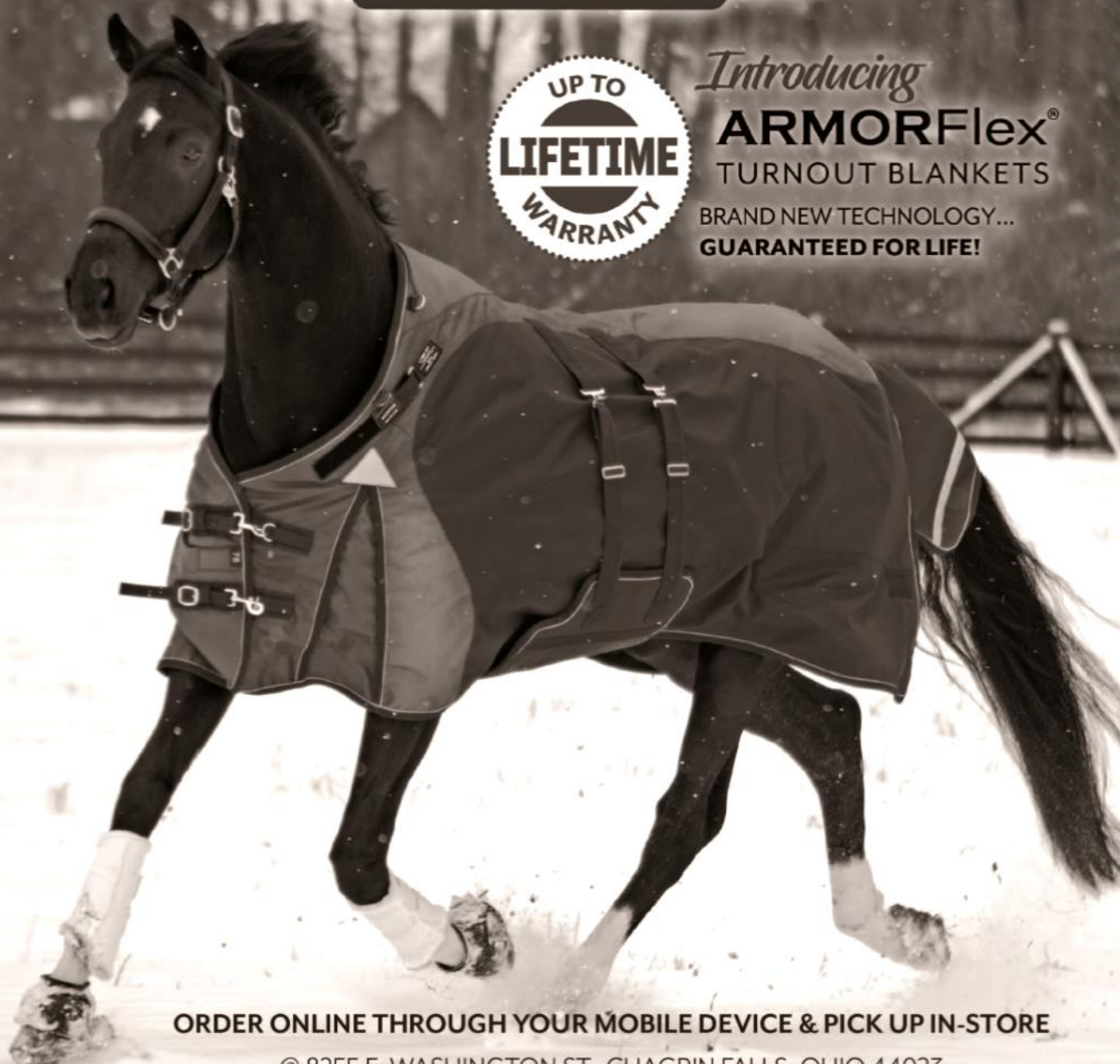
Kudo's to Linda McGall, for drafting successful grant applications for the USDF National Education Initiative Grant (NEI) and The Dressage Foundation's Violet Hopkins Fund. Receiving these grants to support NODA education programs ,helps our education dollars go further.

The primary objective of the USDF NEI is to create and support new and affordable programs hosted by USDF Group Member Organizations (GMOs) that engage members at all levels. The Violet Hopkins Fund of The Dressage Foundation, provides financial assistance to USDF GMOs to conduct educational clinics and seminars for Dressage Riders at all levels. The Dressage Foundation administers and funds this program, making it possible for twenty to thirty GMO clinics each year, at an approximate total cost of \$35,000 annually.

Registration information for the 2019 New Dressage Test Symposium is on page 12 of this newsletter or at www.nodarider.org. There are only 80 seats available for this popular event, so preregistration is required.



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In Search of the “Perfect” Canter

by Patty Keim

We all know what it's like to go to the barn and think that we are going to work on “THIS movement” or “THAT movement” in our ride that day because we need to make improvements or get a better understanding of aids for the movement. Right? And, we all know that 5 minutes after we mount and start our ride, our plans for the day sometimes go right out the window and we end up working on something totally different.

Well, I'll be honest and tell you that it happens to me all the time! So, I'm not sure why I thought I would be able to follow the specific training plan I wrote for the 2017 Dressage Foundation Gifted Fund Scholarship that I was fortunate enough to receive this year. In my plan, during an intense week of lessons with my current trainer Kristin Stein, I wrote that I wanted to work on achieving canter half passes with more collection and bend, straighter flying lead changes, and more suppleness and throughness in canter pirouettes. These were good, solid, achievable goals in my mind, but as it turned out these were probably not the best way in which to think about or articulate what I was trying to achieve and improve upon. More on that later.

Let me start with a little background. I currently compete at the PSG level and I also compete at a 4th level Freestyle so the movements in my training plan are key to success for me. My partner in crime is Java Joe. He's a 15-year old half Percheron half Thoroughbred, affectionately nicknamed “Hunka Chunka” (since he's a big guy at 17.2 and about 1600 lbs.) and he's been my partner for 9 years now. We know each other very well.

As my week of training was approaching in late May, I was so excited to be on vacation from work so that I could spend every day on the farm. I was anxious to get started so that I could achieve my goals. During my week I took daily lessons, I did lunge lessons to work on my seat, I audited training rides and I videoed as much as

I could. Here's a short summary of the highlights of my week and how it all unfolded:

- ◆ Monday I rode Java in a lesson with Kristin and I thought we would warm up and then get right to work on my goals. Instead we worked on getting him deeper, more over his back, achieving true half halts, staying in my outside rein in the canter while not

letting him sneak out through his outside shoulder, and keeping my outside elbow at my side. We also did some suppling exercises at the canter using leg yields. By the time we finished with the exercises, an hour had gone by and we were done. Note that there was no work on canter half pass, or changes or pirouettes.

- ◆ Tuesday, I had another lesson on Java. We again focused on suppling exercises which included big sweeping leg yields at the trot and canter. We also did an exercise across the diagonals of the arena where we started in leg yield, change to half pass and then back to leg yield. This exercise was to ensure that I could control Java's shoulders and his haunches independently and put them wherever I want them.

Kristin videoed many parts of this lesson and we reviewed the video afterwards, which was extremely helpful. Note that we did a little bit of canter half pass work.

- ◆ Wednesday, I was thrilled to be able to audit a training ride where Betsy Rebar Sell, owner of Shade Tree farm where I board, agreed to school Java. Kristin sat with me and we talked about the entire ride from exercises in warm up to finishing up with full pirouette work. I took tons of video clips on my iPad so that I could see (and replay later) the quality of the gaits she achieved, the exercises she did to achieve them, and the execution of various movements. The ah ha moment for me while watching Betsy ride, was how patient she was with Java and how she never settled for less than what she was asking for. Until she

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Patty Keim (mounted) and Java Joe, recipient of the 2017 Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund for USDF Region 2 with Kristin Stein (left) and Betsy Rebar Sell, owner of Shade Tree Farm.

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achieved the quality of the gait she was in, she did not try to “do anything with it” - no half passes, no flying lead changes, no pirouettes. Near the end of the ride, when the quality gait was there with some consistency, she did a series of movements for me to watch and video. It was quite stunning to watch what my Java Joe could achieve when he had the “perfect” canter.

- ◆ Thursday, Java got a much-needed day off and I got the opportunity to ride 2 other horses in the barn in lessons. I rode the 1st level horse “Patriot”, owned by fellow boarder Leslie Hoffman. I also rode Betsy’s very special PSG horse “Doktor House”. I had not ridden any other horse in a long time, so this was a great opportunity that was much appreciated! Both horses are very different from Java and it was fantastic to be able to experience them and compare and contrast them to him. At the core of it all, in these lessons, I worked on the basics that are so key to achieving quality gates. Both lessons were applicable to my lessons and training with Java.
- ◆ Friday I was back on Java in a lesson and the goal was to work on the same things that I saw Betsy work on during her ride on him on Wednesday. While Betsy and Kristin collectively talked me through my ride, Kristin videoed me so that I would be able to compare Betsy’s ride to mine with respect to warm up exercises, suppling exercises and quality of his canter and self-carriage. When I achieved a good quality canter I did work on some ½ pass, flying changes and half pirouettes. Yup, my training week would be coming to an end soon and in my mind, we were just starting to work on my written training plan and goals.
- ◆ Saturday and Sunday, I had 2 more lessons with Kristin on Java to finish my week of training and it was more of those critical basics. We always started with warm up walking work that included leg yields and shoulder -ins. Warm up trot work included big sweeping leg yields, shoulder-ins and haunches-ins. In canter work I had to ensure he was straight, sitting, under himself and had the self-carriage I was looking for. For short periods of time I found that elusive “perfect” canter” and so I was able to work on my goals of more bend in the canter half pass (especially to the left which is the challenging side for Java), straighter changes (key here was to have a very collected and very active hind end so he could jump under himself versus swinging) and more through

and supple pirouettes (I needed Java deep in my outside rein and more in front of my leg during the collection).

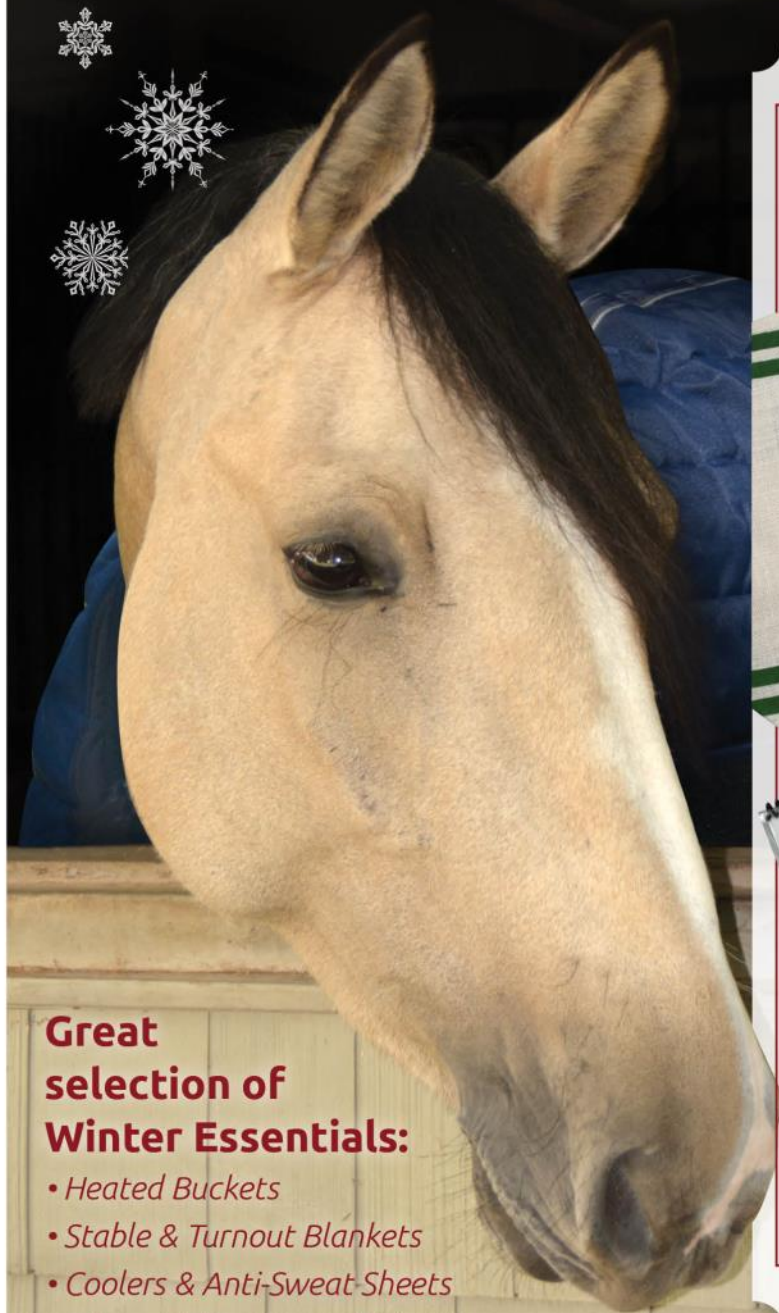
To try to summarize my week of training, I would say I walked away with these key learnings:

- ◆ I’ll probably be seeking the “perfect” canter for the rest of my riding days. When you find it, you want more! When you lose it you want it back! With it, you can do any movement well and it’s an amazing feeling. While I didn’t directly achieve my training plan goals as originally stated, I did improve the movements I targeted, due to work I did during the week on the quality of Java’s canter. I felt I had a VERY successful week and I was thrilled with the results. Foundational things like straightness, throughness, suppleness and self-carriage are the keys to the kingdom.
- ◆ Java is a “young” FEI horse and the sitting and collected work is very hard for him – he needs a lot of positive encouragement and many small breaks during our training sessions. He is building strength in every session so that he can better carry himself. I must be more patient, yet more demanding, with him.
- ◆ I should appreciate what I have more than I do sometimes. It’s easy to complain or get caught up in the little things when your ride does not go the way you planned for it to go. I have an amazing partner in Java Joe and I am more grateful for him than ever. He tries hard for me and that’s all I should be asking for - I’m very lucky to be his mom.

Finally, I want to say thank you again to The Dressage Foundation Gifted Fund Committee and to Carol Lavell who made this scholarship possible for adult amateurs like me. I am proud to represent the adult amateurs in Region 2 and I encourage anyone reading this report to learn more about what the Dressage Foundation is all about and their amazing support of our Dressage community.

*Patty’s article is republished with permission of The Dressage Foundation. **The Gifted Memorial Fund is seeded with donations received in special remembrance of Carol’s great Dressage horse, Gifted.** Many other friends of The Dressage Foundation have added donations and the scholarship fund has grown steadily over the years. This scholarship enables adult amateurs to set aside quality time, in concentrated training away from the daily pressures of job and family, with a horse the recipient owns or formally leases. Find out more at www.dressagefoundation.org.*

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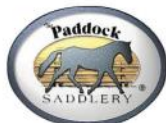


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Schooling Show News—Updates for 2019

by Sally Burton, Schooling Show Manager

2019 NODA Schooling Show Series Updates and Changes

Thank you to all our competitors and volunteers for an amazing 2018 season!

Appreciation also goes out to all the competitors who returned our schooling show survey.

You spoke and we heard you! The Schooling Show Committee met and reviewed the survey results, our notes from the season, and the finance report for the year and presented our updates and changes to the NODA board. Keeping your opinions and comments, and NODA's "bottom line" in mind, the NODA board voted on the following changes for 2019.

Show Venues:

- ◆ NODA is happy to add Fair Winds Farm (located on Munn Road, Auburn Township) to our competition schedule.
- ◆ The Schooling Show will be returning to South Farm in Middlefield this season.
- ◆ Sweetwater Equestrian Center will not be on the calendar for 2019. Many thanks to Sweetwater for hosting a NODA Schooling Show for the past three show seasons.

Class changes:

- ◆ NODA will no longer offer Team Competitions or Prix Caprilli Classes due to low participation.
- ◆ Novice Divisions will no longer be offered. Riders new to dressage competition, please contact Show Manager, Sally Burton, or Schooling Show Secretary, Niki Sackman, with questions or concerns.
- ◆ ALL tests and classes will be ridden in the large (20x60m) ring to allow for flexibility in scheduling ride times.
- ◆ NODA will continue to schedule the upper levels tests rides first.

Championship Show:

- ◆ **Volunteer Hours Required to Participate.** HOURS MUST be earned at a schooling show in the CURRENT competition year for each horse/rider combination planning to compete in the Championship show.

*This rule is for each horse/rider combination If you show more than one horse,
you MUST HAVE four volunteer hours for each horse*



NOTICE: New Qualification Scores Required to Enter the Championship Show

63% Classes through First Level

70% Equitation Classes

58% Second Level & Above

Show Entries accepted Online or by US Mail

- ◆ NODA offers registration through www.HorseShowOffice.com.
- ◆ Mailed registrations accepted IF postmarked on or after the show's posted Entry Open Date.

2019 Show and Class Fees: Office Fee \$15 Equitation Classes \$15 All Other Classes \$25

Even with very full shows, NODA is operating schooling shows at a loss. As a nonprofit organization, NODA must break even. It is, therefore, necessary to increase our fees for the 2019 season. The Schooling Shows Committee researched what other schooling shows charge, factored in the quality of our shows and judges, and presented a new 2019 fee schedule to the NODA board, which was approved.

Show Judges & Schedule: The hiring of 2019 judges is complete. Keep an eye out on the NODA website (www.NodaRider.org), NODA Facebook page, and NODA News for the 2019 Schooling Show Series schedule which will be available soon.

Thanks again for a wonderful 2018 season! We look forward to 2019!

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Save the Date January 5, 2019

2019 USEF DRESSAGE TEST SYMPOSIUM

**WITH "S" JUDGE
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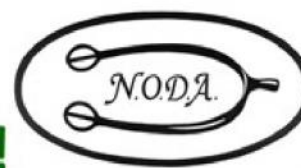


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The new 2019 USEF Dressage Tests for Intro through Fourth Level will be in effect December 1, 2018. While you will be trying to get through the Holidays, we will be preparing for your next step to a successful show season. We will be making sure the room is just the right temperature, the projector is working perfectly and your instructor, Margaret Freeman "S" Judge, is here on time! All of this will ensure you do not miss a moment or movement this next show season! Join us for the 2019 USEF Dressage Test Video Presentation which will include a lecture and a Q&A discussion about each level.

PRE-REGISTRATION Required by December 15. Save your seat today!

When: January 5th, 2019

Check-in: 7:30 AM

Where: Lake Erie College George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center
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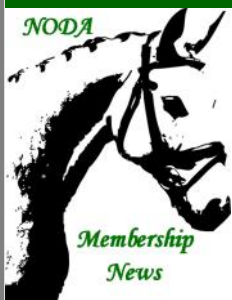
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with "S" Judge Margaret Freeman

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Membership News & Notes from the Historical Archives

by Fran Cverna, Membership & Historian

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We are starting the 2019 membership year at a gallop!

The 2019 membership year runs 12/1/2018 – 11/30/2019

Welcome & Welcome Back New Members

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As of 11/15, even before the banquet, we had 47 members

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- ♦ You must renew before December 31 to receive the *USDF Connection* magazine, Yearbook issue
- ♦ Join before May 1 to receive the *NODA Schooling Show Prize List and Year End Awards* booklet.
- ♦ RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER and mail their new membership form/payment in the same envelope with your membership, you will be sent 4 NODA Bucks! **New for 2019**
- ♦ *Renew right now and all you have to remember are the new tests!*

Historical Archive - Remembering Awards Banquets of the Past

January 12, 1979 (from the November 1978 newsletter). The Third Annual NODA Awards Dinner will be held January 12th at the Executive Club on Chagrin Blvd. in Pepper Pike. Our annual get-together will be less formal this year. So informal, in fact, that we're not calling it a "Banquet" but a Hoedown.

The 1988 Holiday Dinner and Awards Presentation was held December 4th at Squire's Restaurant in Solon. The menu was roast pork, veal scaloppini, lasagna, beef tips in wine sauce, fixings, and apple crisp with ice cream for \$14.50 a person. Cash bar.

1981 Awards Dinner December 12th at Doris and Daniel Van Heeckeren's, Gates Mills. The Newsletter reported "Because the Xmas Dinner is going to be planned and prepared by the social committee, we are able to lower the price this year!!! It will cost \$11.00 and the menu is as follows: Hors oeuvres, Champagne Punch, BYOB Bar Mix & Set Ups (NODA), Beef Tenderloin/ Bearnaise Sauce, Vegetable casserole, Potato, Salad/Pewter Mug Dressing, Rolls/Butter, Chocolate Meringue Dessert, Wine with dinner"

The 1998 NODA Awards & Feast of Italy Buffet Banquet, a gala evening of awards, fabulous food and the convivial company of our friends in NODA) was January 9th at the Holiday Inn Mayfield featuring Veal Cutlet, Chicken Tosca, Baked Lasagna, Italian Roasted Potatoes, Italian Greens, Portobello Mushrooms, Meatballs, Broccoli, Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Mostacioli Marinara, Pasta Salad, Mushroom Salad, AND Cassata Cake for dessert.

Fran Cverna, your historian remembers the good old days fondly. The dinners hosted by the Van Heeckeren's were truly special. I have a memory of Swedish candle light entertainment by their children. However, I do very much like Brunch and Bloody Mary's we've been enjoying in recent years!!



Northern Ohio Dressage Association 2019 Membership Form

NODA membership runs
12/1/2018 through 11/30/2019

NODA is a United States Dressage Federation Group Member Organization (GMO)



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.

Important INFORMATION:

- The printed Schooling Show Prize List which includes the Year-End Awards Program details is mailed to members who join **before May 1, 2019**.
- NODA By-Laws, club information, shows, awards, newsletters, and events are available at www.nodarider.org.
- **New this year:** If you recruit a new member and mail that new membership in the same envelope with your membership, you will be sent 4 NODA Bucks!
- 2019 is NODA's 50th Birthday Year! If you have any suggestions for activities that would make this year special please contact Kathy Kirchner at MemberRep@nodarider.org
- **We hope to have online renewal using PayPal available in 2019. Until then please mail your renewal with a check, or bring it to the Banquet November 18 – THANK YOU!**

Date _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Approval to release your contact information to Big Dee's and Schneider Saddlery?

(Big Dee's reimburses club 5% on members' purchases.) Yes, I approve _____ No, I do not approve _____

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 2019. If you turn 22 or older in 2019, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Additional Family Member 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 _____ E-mail _____

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To add more family members, use other side of form, or contact membership@nodarider.org

Newsletter subscription without membership Fill out this section for a Newsletter subscription without membership. This is not a membership and excludes USDF GMO Membership, discounts, eligibility for NODA awards or Schooling Show Championship.

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Membership Dues

Adult Amateur or Professional \$45.00 \$ _____

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Must be 75 years old or older as of December 1, 2018

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Newsletter subscription only (not membership) \$24.00 \$ _____

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NODA is a 501(C)3 Educational Organization. All donations are tax deductible.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to NODA. Mail to:

Fran Cverna
NODA Membership
12212 Snow Rd
Burton, OH 44021

QUESTIONS?

Membership questions: Contact Fran Cverna
440-834-1774 or Membership@nodarider.org

Other questions: Contact Kathy Kirchner
330-995-6010 or MemberRep@nodarider.org



NODA Professional Grants & Amateur Scholarships



Grants Available for Professional NODA Members up to \$400!

Have you heard of NODA Professional Grants? They are available to help further the professional horseperson's education at seminars, USEF, or USDF events, programs, or functions (excludes riding clinics).

Grants are available for 50% reimbursement of event participation costs (up to \$400)! NODA Membership is required and the applicant must be a "professional" horse person as defined in the USEF rule book. Visit www.NodaRider.org/Scholarships.htm for more details. Questions? E-mail Arielle at VP@nodarider.org

\$250 Amateur Scholarships Available for NODA Members

Annual Deadline to Apply: October 1

Did you know that every year, NODA offers four (4) amateur scholarships in the amount of \$250 each? Two are designated for Junior/Young Riders, and two are designated for Adult Amateurs. The education of our Amateur members (Junior, Young Rider and Adult) is very important to NODA as riders, horse owners, and possible future trainers.

Scholarships may be used for any educational dressage event. This includes all dressage clinics, seminars, symposiums, lessons, and other dressage education events. *Scholarship funds may not be applied to show fees, board bills, or leasing costs.* It is not required to have detailed and specific plans for the money at the time of application. Visit www.NodaRider.org/Scholarships.htm complete details and forms.

Monthly NODA Board Meetings

Mark your Calendars



**No Monthly Board Meeting in December
Happy Holidays!**

NEXT MEETING: January 14, 2019 from 6 - 8 PM

**Panera Bread
6130 Kruse Road, Solon Ohio**

Meeting changes or updates posted at www.NodaRider.org

NODA welcomes all comments,
concerns, ideas, and questions regarding
NODA activities, shows, and policies.

E-mail them to MemberRep@nodarider.org

Thank you!



Newly Approved USDF National Education Initiative Events Announced

Lexington, KY (October 29, 2018) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce three newly approved educational events, as part of the USDF National Education Initiative (NEI). The primary objective of the NEI is to create and support new and affordable programs, hosted by USDF Group Member Organizations (GMOs) that engage members. Each of these events is USDF University accredited, with attendees automatically earning USDF education credits. GMOs that participate in the USDF National Education Initiative demonstrate their commitment to providing affordable, quality education opportunities at all levels. The following events have been newly approved for 2019, and are also receiving funding support through USDF National Education Initiative Grants.



New USEF 2019 Dressage Test Seminar with USEF 'S' Judge Margaret Freeman hosted by the Northern Ohio Dressage Association on January 5, 2019 at Lake Erie College Equestrian Center in Concord, Ohio. Pre-registration by December 15 required to attend. www.nodarider.org

Also approved were a Ride-a-Test with USEF 'S' Judge Joan Darnell hosted by Arkansas Dressage Society and a **Camp with FEI B Certified Instructor and L Graduate with Distinction Stacey Hastings** hosted by the Coastal Empire Dressage Association in Georgia.

For more information about NEI opportunities, including information on how GMOs can apply for the program and grant funding, and to access a full list of upcoming education events, visit the USDF website at www.USDF.org.

NODA is a USDF Group Membership Organization

If I'm a USDF GMO member– what competition awards apply?

(GMO information from www.USDF.org)

What does a Group Membership (GM) entitle me to?

A USDF GM makes you eligible for USDF Rider Awards. In addition, Group Members receive the award winning USDF Connection magazine, eligibility to earn university credits, and eligibility to receive member discount rates for USDF events. Group Members also have the inside track on local dressage happenings and GMO-sponsored USDF educational clinics and programs. (Supporting Family members do not receive a subscription to the USDF Connection – one magazine per “family”).

Is a GM sufficient to qualify for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships?

No. In order to be eligible to qualify for Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, both the owner and rider of the horse must be Participating Members and the horse must have a USDF Lifetime Horse Registration (LHR) at the time the scores are earned. (Horses may be owned by a current USDF Business Member).

Is a GM enough to make me eligible for Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards?

No. USDF strongly encourages dressage riders to become members of their local GMOs. However, a USDF Participating Membership (PM) is required to be eligible for all Adequan®/USDF Year-End Awards, including horse of the year, adult amateur, all-breeds, and more! (Horse must have a USDF LHR, be owned by a USDF Participating Member or Business Member, and be ridden by a USDF Participating Member at the time scores are earned).

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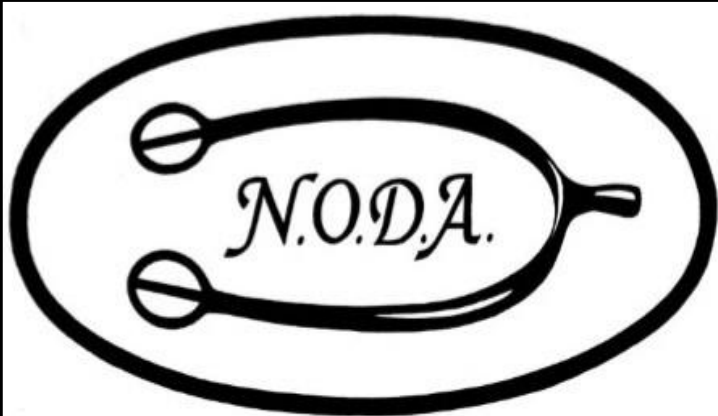
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50 Years of Dressage
in 2019**

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Jill Voigt 216-346-2811

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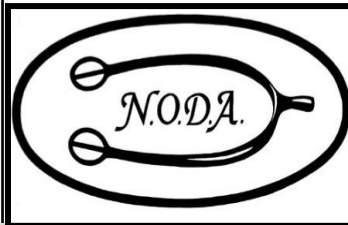
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Interested in joining the NODA Newsletter team?

**Update: 11/28/2018
Advertising/Classifieds
Editor Position Filled**

The volunteer positions of Advertising Editor and Classifieds Editor are open. These positions (can easily be combined) require a relatively small time commitment each month while providing great benefit to NODA and our members. Good communication and computer skills required, and experience with Microsoft Publisher preferred. (If you are computer literate or have worked with other publishing software or MS PowerPoint, you can easily learn Publisher. Newsletter team will provide support.) These are great volunteer opportunities for members who want to contribute to NODA but need some flexibility in time frame. Interested? Contact Jill at Advertisers@nodarider.org.

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Calendar of Events

(**) Show Scores ELIGIBLE for 2019 NODA Year-End Awards

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Topline Stables, Aurora OH



(**) Dec 30 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show
www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com Chagrin Falls, OH

Jan 17-20 USEF Annual Meeting

www.ussef.org/annual-meeting

Hyatt Regency & Lexington Center, Lexington, KY

(**) Jan 27 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show
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Chagrin Falls, OH Entries Open 12/30/18

(**) Jan 26 CADS Winter Dressage Schooling Show Series
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Judge: Sara Justice (L)
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Feb 16 CADS Winter Dressage Schooling Show Series

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Judge T.B.A.

Brecksville Stables, Brecksville, OH



(**) Feb 24 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show
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Chagrin Falls, OH Entries Open 1/27/2019

(**) Mar 9 - 10 Lake Erie College Dressage Winter Show
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(**) Mar 31 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show
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