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## Greetings from the President



**Barb Soukup & Hero**

**H**ello NODA members,  
friends, and families,

I hope everyone has survived February and is looking forward to a mild spring. I know I am!

The NODA board is hard at work planning an exciting and educational 2018 for everyone.

The Education Committee is tossing around the idea of a Scribing Workshop. If you are interested in learning about scribing, please contact [Marcia-edu@nodarider.org](mailto:Marcia-edu@nodarider.org) or [Elizabeth-edu@nodarider.org](mailto:Elizabeth-edu@nodarider.org), Education Committee Co-Chairs.

To help NODA earn extra money toward awards, education events, and scholarship programs, we have joined the *Big Dee's Bonus Bucks Program*. We will be sending out more information soon.

Our annual Recognized Shows weekend is a work-in-progress. The Recognized Shows committee is working hard to finalize details and options, including a viable venue for the shows. We value the input and feedback from our members.

You will receive an important and short survey via NODA Broadcast eNews by early March. Please take a moment to complete the survey about venue options.

We have two viable venue options for our July 21 and 22 Recognized Shows: Chagrin Valley Farms and Lake Erie College Equestrian Center. More information about each venue will be included on the survey.

Have you renewed your NODA, USDF and USEF memberships for 2018?

Show season is beginning to unfold in our area so be sure to renew your memberships to be eligible for the NODA Year-End Awards and/or to support your club and enjoy the numerous membership perks and education opportunities.

I wish everyone good luck and great rides! Thank you to those that have already renewed your NODA memberships!

Think warm thoughts and sunshine,

**Barb Soukup  
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## *Revelation: The Vintage Hunter Rider Converts to Dressage*

*By Arielle Brodkey*

**W**hy are my stirrups so long? How am I supposed to two-point the canter with my leg so straight? Just how vertical do you really want me to sit? I already feel as though I'm falling over backwards. These are just a few of the questions and issues racing through the mind of a lifelong hunter rider converting to the High Church of Dressage at the age of 70.

In the 1980's and 90's, I did occasionally steal off to dressage shows with my off-the-track thoroughbred hunter, Harry, and later my KWPN open jumper, Night Watch. Trainer Dariush Elghanayan, or DE as he is known in the H/J world, kindly hauled us and stood with us. Once, as I climbed aboard, DE asked if I knew my "course." I replied, "It's not rocket science, you know." At least a half-dozen bystanders whipped around to see who could state such blasphemy. "Hmmm. Something different is going on here", I thought.

We did just fine thanks to the patient and kind attempts of dearly departed Liz Channing and Gretchen Singleton having tried to instill some sense of dressage order, form, and discipline into our rides. The judges' remarks, however, suggested that our successes had more to do with my horses' innate talents than my own skill. I began to feel that something—maybe a lot—was missing from my approach. From all the notes and details written on my test sheets and from watching real dressage riders in action, I began to understand the intellectuality of the sport and the beauty that comes from the precision of it. Having spent my decades-long career in art and academia, "This could be my wheelhouse", I thought.

And, don't think I didn't notice that dressage riders have fewer unplanned dismounts than hunter riders do, or that my own intermittent forced landings had taken their toll.

Even so, it took me some time to join the church full time. In the late 90's and early 00's, I was traveling a great deal for my work; I didn't want to disturb Night Watch's successful career; and I was supporting two retired mounts. Finally, life and events changed enough that four years ago, I bought lovely Leonard (registered as L'aristo), a 2007 Oldenburg.gov., a champion hunter I had drooled over in the show rings the previous year and a half. He has the most beautiful tail! Surely that would get us points in the dressage ring, right?

"She purchased a hunter for dressage! Harrumph" you grunt. But my entire life, I have chosen cats, dogs, and horses by criteria "quite ineffable" as T. S. Eliot might have said. It's the personality, the response, the look in the eye, the understanding. After all, we are not going to the Olympics, but we do have to enjoy being with each other. And Leonard and I do love each other.

Barb Soukup joined us for the baptism and made great progress

in his conversion to dressage. I was happily taking lessons on him, but having been away from the show ring now for many years, I couldn't abide the idea of wedging my broadened frame into show clothes and embarrassing Leonard by making him carry me down the centerline.

Barb showed him successfully at his first shows, and then turned us over to Heidi Kohl, who owns 200-acre Rockin' K Ranch in Ravenna with her husband Jack. Rockin' K is where Leonard, Night Watch and Dee Liebenthal's Rens live very happily. Six-foot, two-inch Heidi is a former Olympic swimmer, turned barrel racer, turned PSG and GP dressage rider and trainer. After six months of her work with Leonard, they were high-point champion in their first recognized show together. A month later at their second recognized show, they received their first "10."

Heidi had been bugging me for months about showing Leonard myself. On the contrary, I argued that the two of them were so good together, I could only do much worse. Besides, at my advanced age, with a recently replaced hip, and after not having been in the show ring for dog's years, it just seemed so wrong, so unseemly in so many ways. But Heidi doesn't give up.

She gained an ally in the High Priest of US dressage, George Williams, who trains her and summers at Rockin' K. Heidi signed us up for five-day-a-week boot camp with George. I'll never forget that first day. As GW headed toward the mounting block, I tentatively mentioned that Leonard was terrified of whips. "That's OK," came the quiet response. But Leonard had caught a glimpse of the offending item. His eyes rolled, ears flattened, and haunches swung away from the block. I was so embarrassed! My child misbehaved his first day at religious school.

As I cringed in the corner, George quietly reached over and lightly grazed Leonard's off haunch with the tip of the whip till my boy moved back to the block, eyes still rolling. George mounted and rode off explaining, "Leonard has a right to his opinion, but I'm here to change it." And, so he did quietly and patiently every day. Even when the touch of the whip became more of a tap and Leonard's heels tried to reach up and dent the ceiling, George never budged in position or demeanor. He just quietly touched Leonard's hip every few strides until my boy quit his dramatic flourishes and gave the correct response. In no time at all, Leonard trusted George and accepted the whip as a matter of course.

When it came time for me to ride, George's approach was equally quiet and positive. When something went wrong, George would tell me not to get upset or frustrated. "Leonard was not being disobedient," George counseled, "He simply did not understand the aids." As opposed to, "What on earth were you trying to get him to do?!"

## ***Revelation: The Vintage Hunter Rider Converts to Dressage (Continued)***

***By Arielle Brodkey***

His approach was always thoughtful and intellectual rather than reactive or punishing. It had a simplicity to it as well. George never bothered with my hands, my elbows, my shoulders, whatever. He simply said, "Sit!" And somehow all the pieces and parts came together.

Both Leonard and I gained a tremendous amount of confidence and trust in ourselves and in each other last summer.

So, come July, I did it! I went down the centerline at NODA's Recognized Show at Chagrin Valley Farms. A month later I did the same at Brave Horse in New Albany. We didn't set the world on fire, but we did get qualifying scores at T3 and First 3.

As I entered at "A" the last time, I thought to myself that dressage isn't entirely different from hunters. Just as most religions have similar principles, in both hunters and dressage all the details boil down to placement and pace, placement and pace. The details fill themselves in if you just keep it simple, trust, and believe.



**Arielle Brodkey and L'aristo (Leonard) at  
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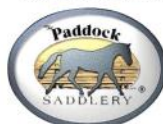
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*by Fran Cverna, NODA Membership Chair*

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### **Welcome New and Renewing Members**

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Ellen Pridemore, Lynn Tezak, and Helen Welch

### **NODA currently has 201 Members**

137 Adult Amateurs, 23 Youth, and 50 Professionals

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## **NODA Newsletter & Member Directory News**

### **Welcome Heidi Miller**

#### **New co-editor of the NODA Newsletter AND the NODA Member Services Directory**



Heidi joined the NODA Board in December 2017 when she accepted the position of managing the annual Member Services Directory. She joined the NODA Newsletter Team in January 2018 as Co-Editor. She will work closely with Co-Editor, April Woodward, and the rest of the Newsletter team. As Co-Editor, Heidi will help develop content, write articles, help format, and review the newsletter.

Heidi has had a lifelong love of horses, and finally got her first horse 18 years ago. Retired after 28 years working in a machine shop where she did everything from running machines to office work, Heidi now devotes her time to working with her beloved horses, Merlin (in picture), and Tucker (also known as "Got That Right") and working at her barn.

She enjoys competing at dressage shows with both horses, and hopes to compete in breed shows with them. Another passion is creating and producing beautiful custom embroidery projects, and attending drag car races with her boyfriend.

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(formerly known as NODA Directory of Professional & Equine Services)

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### **Next NODA Board Meetings**

**March 12, 2018 6 to 8 PM**

**April 9, 2018 6 - 8 PM**

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## Schooling Show News

by Sally Burton, Schooling Shows Manager

**W**armer weather is on the way! Now is the time to start planning your schooling show season. 2018 NODA Schooling Show Series Prize List will be mailed in March. The NODA website ([www.NodaRider.org](http://www.NodaRider.org)) has the 2018 calendar of shows, dates, judges, and volunteer information on the [SCHOOLING Shows](#).

As you plan your show season, please pencil in your Volunteer time as well! Volunteers are needed to offer our shows. Online signup via "SignupGenius" is available on the [SCHOOLING Shows](#) and [FAQ/FORMS](#) pages of the NODA website, or you e-mail Kirsten, Thomas, Volunteer Coordinator at [SS-Volunteers@nodarider.org](mailto:SS-Volunteers@nodarider.org). Sign up today!

The popular Ride-a-Test Clinic is back in for 2018 on Saturday, July 7, with two rings and two judges, Danielle Menteer (L) and Robin Birk (r). Both are also experienced instructors who love to help dressage riders improve and master their tests. You will have the option of riding before both judges. Each rider has a 20 minute time block for their test with a judge. You can ride the test first, receive verbal feedback, and ride the test again. Or you can ride the test first and then receive a mini-lesson session to help improve your test ride. Either option will give you more confidence and experience. You will also have your test scores and judge's comments to take home. It is a wonderful opportunity to ride your test in front of a judge without the stress and pressure of a show.

There are some changes for the 2018 season that are detailed in the 2018 Schooling Show Prize List. Here are a few highlights that may your planning. Higher level tests will be scheduled in the morning followed by lower level tests. Each horse/rider combination is limited to three (3) rides (includes Equitation classes or Rider Tests). The September show will be at Topline Stables in Aurora. There will be some new judges at the shows.

We look forward to the start of the show season which begins May 13 at Chagrin Valley Farms, and we know that you are, too! And please remember that volunteers are needed at every show so sign up today and Volunteer. You don't have to be a NODA member to volunteer. See you at the show OR in the show ring!



## NODA Website Calendar of Events

[www.NodaRider.org](http://www.NodaRider.org)

Complete Calendar on NODA Website .

E-mail [Webmaster@nodarider.org](mailto:Webmaster@nodarider.org) to add your event

(\*\*) Show scores eligible for 2018 NODA Year-End Awards

**March 17 - 18, 2018 (\*\*) LEC Dressage Winter Show**  
[www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events](http://www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events)

**March 24 - 25 (\*\*) MODA Spring Schooling Show**  
[www.MidOhioDressage.com](http://www.MidOhioDressage.com)

**March 25, 2018 (\*\*) CVF Schooling Dressage Show**  
[www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com](http://www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com)

**April 7 - 8, 2018 (\*\*) LEC Dressage Prix de Villes**  
[www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events](http://www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events)

**May 5-6, 2018 (\*\*) Jackpot Dressage Schooling Show**  
[www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.Com](http://www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.Com)

**May 6, 2018 Trail Obstacle Clinic**  
[www.Buckeyehorsepark.org](http://www.Buckeyehorsepark.org)

**May 12 2018 IMTCA Obstacle Show**  
[www.Buckeyehorsepark.org](http://www.Buckeyehorsepark.org)

**May 13, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show at CVF**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

**May 19, 2018 (\*\*) Western Dressage Schooling Show**  
[www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.Com](http://www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.Com)

**May 19 2018 BHP Combined Test**  
[www.Buckeyehorsepark.org](http://www.Buckeyehorsepark.org)

**May 25, 2018 Spring Combined Test**  
[www.hackamorefarm.com](http://www.hackamorefarm.com)

**Dressage Schooling Show & 4H State Qualifier**  
[www.SummitCountySaddleHorse.org](http://www.SummitCountySaddleHorse.org)

**June 10, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) Sweetwater Equestrian Center, Ravenna

**June 23 & 24, 2018 (\*\*) Dressage Derby of Ohio I & II**  
[www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events](http://www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events)

**July 7, 2018 NODA Ride-a-Test Clinic**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls

**July 8, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls

**August 12, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) Rocky River Stables, Rocky River

**September 9, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org) Topline Stables, Aurora

**Western Dressage Schooling Show**  
[www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.com](http://www.BuckeyeEquestrianEvents.com)

**October 6, 2018 (\*\*) NODA Schooling Show**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)

Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls

**October 7, 2018 NODA SCHOOLING SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
[www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org)  
Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls





### **New National Education Initiative Grants Awarded**

The primary objective of the National Education Initiative is to create and support new and affordable programs, hosted by USDF Group Member Organizations (GMOs). GMOs that participate in the USDF National Education Initiative demonstrate their commitment to providing affordable, quality educational opportunities at all levels. The following GMOs have been approved to host events in 2018 and are also receiving funding support through USDF National Education Initiative Grants: California Dressage Society, Central Texas Dressage Society, Lower Puget Sound Dressage Club Chapter of the Oregon Dressage Society, Oklahoma Dressage Society, Dallas Dressage Club, Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, Central New York Dressage and Combined Training Association. Look for more information on these events on the [USDF education calendar](#).

### **Save the Date: USDF Sport Horse Seminar – held in conjunction with the USEF DSHB Judges Clinic**

This seminar is an outstanding opportunity for riders, breeders, owners, and trainers to learn about the roles that conformation and movement can play in a horse's competitive success, as well as how to evaluate horses for their dressage sport horse potential. The seminar has been scheduled for August 5-6, 2018, at DG Bar Ranch, in Hanford, CA. Instructors will be USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R' Judges Kristi Wysocki and Hilda Gurney, and the USDF Sport Horse Seminar serves as a prerequisite for becoming a USEF-licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judge.

### **USDF announces additional dates for Instructor/Trainer Education Workshops in 2018**

USDF will host a series of workshops in Wellington and Loxahatchee, FL, in February and March. Visit the [USDF Education Calendar](#), or contact [the organizer](#), for complete details.. [Eastern New York Dressage & CTA](#) will be hosting a workshop series, for the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program, starting in August. Visit [their website](#), the [USDF Education Calendar](#), or contact [the organizer](#) for more complete details.

### **2018 FEI North American Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships**

[Applications of Intent](#) for the USDF North American Junior and Young Rider Dressage Championships are available on the USDF website. Applications submitted on or before May 1, 2018 have a \$50 application fee. Applications submitted after May 1, and on or before May 15, have a \$300 application fee. Applications will not be accepted after May 15. If you have any questions, please contact [najyrc@usdf.org](mailto:najyrc@usdf.org).

### **Regional Championship Owner Membership Requirement Update**

Effective for the 2018 regional championship program year, owners must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership [Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)]. If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both an active USEF membership and an active USDF Participating or Business Membership. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

### **Regional Championship Prize Money Announced!**

[Prize money totaling over \\$180,000](#) will be awarded at the 2018 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. This prize money will be divided evenly among the nine regions and 35 divisions that are offered, allowing each region to present competitors with over \$20,000 in prize money and awards. Champions in each region and division will receive \$350 in prize money, an engraved silver tray, and an embroidered jacket and gift certificate provided by SmartPak, official supplement feeding system of USDF. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive \$233 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships. For more information regarding the Great American/USDF Regional Championships visit the [USDF website](#).

# TDF'S GRANT CALENDAR



## **FEBRUARY 1**

Barnett Continuing Education  
for Instructors Fund

## **FEBRUARY 10**

Carolyn Van Cise Fund  
for Michigan Youth and  
Young Adults

## **FEBRUARY 15**

Karen Skvarla Fund for  
Young Professionals

## **MARCH 1**

Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund  
for Region 9 Adult  
Amateurs

## **MARCH 1**

Lloyd Landkamer Show  
Management  
Development Fund

## **MARCH 15**

Shannon Foundation Fund  
for Judges Licensing

## **MARCH 25**

Trip Harting Fund for  
Pony Club Members

## **MARCH 30**

Young Rider International  
Dream Program

## **MAY 1**

Elysium Farm Fund for  
U.S. Breeder Excellence

## **JUNE 1**

Spanish Riding School  
Heldenberg Training  
Center Fund

## **JUNE 1**

Michael Poulin Dressage  
Fund

## **JULY 1**

Barnett Continuing Education  
for Instructors Fund

## **JULY 1**

Veronica Holt Dressage  
Technical Delegate Fund

## **AUGUST 1**

USDF Region 9 Teaching  
Excellence Award

## **SEPTEMBER 1**

Cynthia Aspden Youth  
and Young Adult  
Development Fund

## **SEPTEMBER 15**

Gifted Memorial Fund for  
Adult Amateurs

## **SEPTEMBER 30**

Major Lindgren Instructor  
Education Scholarship

## **OCTOBER 25**

\$25,000 Anne Barlow Ramsay  
Grant for U.S.-Bred Horses

## **NOVEMBER 15**

Oregon Dressage Society's  
Linda S. Acheson  
Education Fund

## **DECEMBER 1**

Captain Jack Fritz Grants  
for Young Rider Graduate  
Program

## **DECEMBER 13**

\$25,000 Carol Lavell  
Advanced Dressage Prize

# GROUP GRANTS

## **Due 90 Days in Advance**

Barnett Continuing Education  
for Instructors Fund

Dancing Horse Fund

Sally Swift Fund for  
Centered Riding Clinics

Violet Hopkins Fund

## **Apply Through USDF**

Edgar Hotz Judges  
Education Fund

# QUESTIONS?

There are no exceptions  
to TDF's grant deadlines.  
Applications must be  
received by our office on  
or before the due date.

We recommend starting  
your application early and  
asking questions along the  
way. Visit our website to  
find our "Application Tips"  
document listed on each  
Fund's page that clearly  
outlines a quality grant  
application.

Contact TDF right away if  
you need assistance with  
your application or the  
process:

Jenny Johnson,  
Executive Director  
[jenny@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:jenny@dressagefoundation.org)

Jane Fucinaro,  
Administrative Director  
[jane@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:jane@dressagefoundation.org)

402-434-8585

## **COMING SOON**

TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund

TDF's Gerhard Politz Instructor/Trainer  
Education Fund for Young Adults

Dates and Grant information are subject to change. Always visit  
[www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) for the most up-to-date information for each Fund.





# APPLICATION ADVICE FROM TDF

Each year, The Dressage Foundation receives hundreds of grant applications. It is always difficult for our Selection Committees to choose the best candidates for each funding opportunity. How can you stand out from the rest?

## 1. Begin the process early.

Finding the time to devote to the application process can be difficult. If you feel rushed, you will skim over important details in the application. Incomplete or incorrect applications are not sent to the Selection Committee for review, so be sure to give yourself enough time to gather all required parts of the application and double check to make sure that everything is included before you submit your application.

Allow enough time for your application to reach our office. If the deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>, that means that your application **MUST** reach our office on or before September 15<sup>th</sup>. There are no exceptions to this rule. The earlier you start the process, the more relaxed you will be, the more your application will follow the format required, provide all necessary information, and allow you time to call with any questions.

## 2. Read all information before beginning the application process.

Remember to do this every year as requirements may change from year to year. If the instructions say to submit your application online, do so. If the instructions say to mail a certain number of copies to our office, then proceed in that way.

## 3. Setting your goals.

How do your goals fit with the grant or scholarship that interests you? Sometimes it is easy to “stretch” the interpretation of a program or fund’s stated purpose to match what you want to do. Be aware that other applicants will take a more literal approach and those that most closely match the stated purpose of the fund will score better with the Selection Committee.

## 4. Consider the funding opportunities.

Consider what other assistance is available to you. Does your GMO or dressage club offer scholarships? Do you meet the criteria as stated by TDF? What is the amount of the financial assistance available from the Foundation? Is your application appropriate?

## 5. Closely review your budget.

Do the numbers add up correctly? Have you included all expenses and income? Double-check your math and explain any areas that may be unclear to the Selection Committee.

## 6. Review your application.

Proofread for grammar and typos, as these can make even the best application look as if it was thrown together at the last minute. If possible, have someone else read through your application. Consider how it will look to someone on the Selection Committee. If you were on the Committee, how would you score the application? Take a close look at the requirements. Do you meet or exceed all the requirements? Do you “somewhat” meet the requirements? Are there areas where you do not meet the requirements? If so, you may want to work on those areas and wait a year to apply for the grant or scholarship.

## 7. Keep a copy for yourself.

Before submitting your application, be sure to print or otherwise keep a copy for your records. You will not receive your application back after the selection process.

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Now that you’ve made sure that your application will be a contender, how do you make it rise to the top?

Our Selection Committee members are busy people. They don’t have time to read a book about each applicant, so keep your application simple and relevant. Answer the questions completely, but keep the information pertinent to the question (don’t go off on a tangent, telling a long story that wanders away from the point of the question). Make sure the information clearly and concisely illustrates WHY you are the best candidate for this grant or scholarship.

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## Did you know...

- 93% of TDF’s applications are on an easy, online format. Just click “Submit” to apply!
- TDF has a different volunteer Selection Committee for each Fund. These volunteers represent different levels and types of dressage enthusiasts from across the U.S.
- You can find a complete listing of our grants, indexed by category online at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).

## Classifieds and Member Stable Listings

### Classified Ads Info

#### NODA Member/2 issues

FREE: 60 words or less  
\$5.00: 60- 80 words  
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\$5.00: 60 words or less.  
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**Free member ads will run for two issues only.** One free ad per member at a time. Submit ad and payment by 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Free Stable Listings** include contact info, city and three lines. Ads subject to editing. Website posting included.

#### Classifieds Editor

Marcia Wrick  
Phone 216-536-9495

#### Check payable to NODA:

Marcia Wrick  
P.O. Box 347022  
Parma, OH 44134

#### Email ads to:

[Classifieds@nodarider.org](mailto:Classifieds@nodarider.org)

### HORSES FOR SALE

No Current Listings

### APPAREL & TACK

**SADDLES FOR SALE:** *Black County Perfection dressage* 18", medium tree, short flap, \$2,000. *Black Laser Rendez-vous dressage* 18", monoflap, adjustable tree, \$2,000. *Black County W.B. dressage* 16.5", narrow tree, \$1,000. Contact Sherrie at 330-239-1997, [cbridlewood@aol.com](mailto:cbridlewood@aol.com).

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### SERVICES

#### ACCOMPLISHED DRESSAGE

**RIDER NEEDED :** In search of an accomplished dressage rider in the Ravenna area to assist in riding, training and showing a lovely dark bay OTTB gelding for his upcoming 2nd summer. I have another horse to ride and show and just not enough time. This is an unpaid position but hoping to find someone who may be without a horse presently but would love to ride and help move this sweet boy forward. He's just under 17 hh and is as sweet as they come. I showed him last year in his first summer of being off the track and he did wonderfully. Private residence with covered riding arena on property. I will request references and your past showing and training experience. Must be dependable, **experienced in training** (not just riding and showing) and of course, personable, fun and gentle! Please call 330-606-4389.

### STABLE LISTINGS

**Bridlewood Dressage Farm**  
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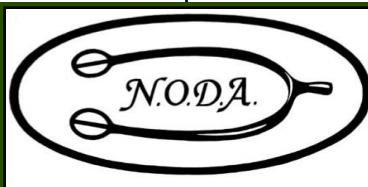
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### It's Time for Spring Cleaning!

The NODA Newsletter is a great place to sell your extra tack, blankets, etc.! Placing an ad is free for members so take advantage of this great benefit of being a NODA member and clean out your tack locker, your trunk, your garage and all the other places your excess horse "stuff" accumulates!



## Member Stable Listings

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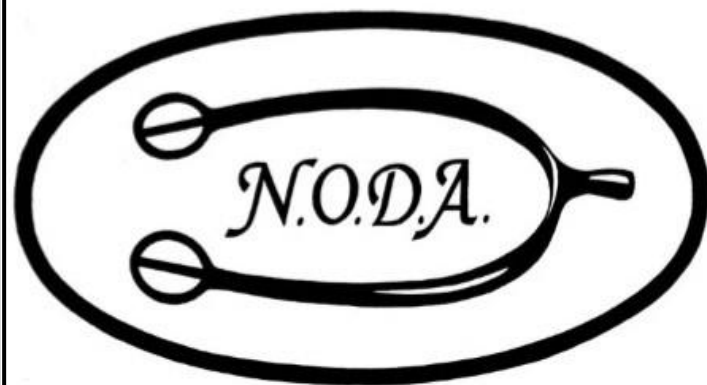
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**Northern Ohio Dressage Association  
2018 Membership Form**

NODA membership runs  
12/1/2017 through 11/30/2018

**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](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.

**Important INFORMATION:**

- Join by December 31 to get the USDF Yearbook and to enjoy the printed NODA News and E-News all year long!
- The printed Schooling Show Prize List which includes the Year-End Awards Program details is mailed to members who join before May 1, 2018.
- NODA information, shows, awards, newsletters, and events are available at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org).
- The printed Handbook containing By-Laws and club information will no longer be printed and mailed; all of the information is available on the NODA website [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org).
- A Member Directory with current member names and contact information will be mailed to current members by June 1.
- The NODA Directory of Professional and Equine Services is available at [www.nodarider.org](http://www.nodarider.org).
- Golden-Ager reduced dues (\$20) are offered to those 75 years old and older as of December 1, 2017.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Renewal ☐ New

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 2018. If you turn 22 or older in 2018, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

To add more family members, use other side of form, or contact [membership@nodarider.org](mailto: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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

Adult Amateur or Professional \$45.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth \$35.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golden-Ager (at least 75 years old) \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member (Amateur, Professional or Youth) \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Member (Amateur, Professional or Youth) \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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](mailto:Membership@nodarider.org)

Other questions: Contact Kathy Kirchner  
330-995-6010 or [MemberRep@nodarider.org](mailto:MemberRep@nodarider.org)

NODA News  
12121 Princeton Road  
Huntsburg OH 44046

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Bulk Rate  
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Permit No. 6  
Novelty, OH 44072

## NODA Newsletter and Website Advertising

### Deadline: 10th of each month

### ADVERTISING RATES

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.

E-mail Layout in ".jpg" or ".tif" format (high resolution, 300 dpi or higher) to Jill at

[Advertisers@nodarider.org](mailto:Advertisers@nodarider.org)

(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

Make Check Payable to: **NODA**

Mail completed form and payment to: **Jill Voigt, Advertising Editor**  
**10021 Station Road Columbia Station, OH 44028**

**PAYMENT FOR ADVERTISING** must be received by newsletter deadline of the 10th for your ad to be placed in the next issue.

E-Mail **CLASSIFIED ADS** to [Classifieds@nodarider.org](mailto:Classifieds@nodarider.org) (See information in the Classifieds Ads section in 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 \_\_\_\_\_