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Greetings from the President

Hello to all you fearless Ohio (and PA) Winter friends!

Well February was certainly a very trying month weather-wise. I sincerely hope everyone fared well through all the weather ups and downs. I must admit I had to escape for a few days, so I headed south with my friend, Charma Fargo.

We drove to Florida, stopping along the way in Savannah, Georgia where we enjoyed a fun and educational visit for a couple days, then continued south to the Wellington, Florida area.



Ahhh, the land of warmth, sunshine and beautiful horses. We watched horse shows at the Palm Beach International Equestrian Center, and visited Regina Sacha-Ujczo (*left*) at Tierra Contenta Farm where she boards.



Barb Soukup & Hero



Isabelle Werth autographs her book for Charma & Barb

The highlight of our visit was

the Masterclass Clinic with Isabelle Werth from Germany. Isabelle is amazing. There is no doubt why she is number one in the dressage world. Horses in the clinic ranged from 5 to 12, and their training from Young Horse to Grand Prix. No matter the training level, however, Isabelle found holes in their dressage basics. She took them back to the basics until they got them correct. Isabelle was very adamant that basics and relaxation come first, then you can move on to gymnastics. It was very refreshing to watch and learn. She also provided the riders with tips to ride the movements in a way that allowed the horses to perform at their best ... just fantastic!

While I was away, the NODA Board continued planning our 50th Anniversary year.

- Our July Recognized Shows weekend at Chagrin Velley Farms planning is well underway. Judges are hired, the Prize List almost done, and venue details being finalized by Dee Liebenthal, Christine Thompson, and Arielle Brodkey.
- ♦ NODA 2019 Schooling Show Series is set. Details are on the NODA website SCHOOLING Shows and CALENDAR pages to enable you to plan your show season.
- Our USDF L Education Program has been USDF Approved. Organizers, Jeni Gaffney and Kris Payden, have confirmed dates, locations, and instructors. Volunteers are being recruited to help. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!
- Christa Sandy, Junior/Young Rider Liaison, is encouraging our youth riders to share their horse goals and love of their respective "Heart Horse" by submitting short articles with pictures with great success. She has also begun planning another NODA youth clinic.
- Webmaster, Linda Cooley, continues to keep our website updated with the latest information, news, and opportunities, not to mention also filling our Facebook page daily with NODA news, interesting horse articles, fun photos, and humor.

Take heart! Better weather is almost here, and we will soon be able to ride outside and enjoy more fun adventures with our horses and friends.

Barb Soukup, NODA President

Cover Photograph: Sully (left), ridden by owner Sally Burton, and Patti Valencic's Tony, ridden by Jenny Valencic Nagy, direct their eyes and ears to each other, sharing a message known only to them while their delighted riders look on at Piccolo Pines in Auburn Township, Ohio

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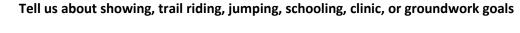


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NODA News wants to hear from You!

DEADLINE: March 12

Share your 2019 riding and horse fun goals! What are you doing to this winter to reach your goals?



Please keep your response to 150 words or less including your name, your horse's name, age, breed, and sex, and where you board or train ALSO INCLUDE a photo that you own the rights to

The newsletter will print as MANY of the responses as we have room for in Issue 4 (April) of the NODA News

Looking forward to hearing from you and your horse!

E-mail your responses with the subject line: (your name) 2019 goals to NODA News Lead Editor, Mosie Welch at mosie-editor@nodarider.org



NODA is updating its Online Directory of Member Equestrian Services
ATTENTION! MEMBERS WITH EQUESTRIAN SERVICES TO OFFER ATTENTION!

All NODA Members, Professionals and Amateurs, are eligible to list their services and equestrian related businesses!

DEADLINE: March 22

Send the following information about your services

Name and /or Business Name Address and Contact information
Website or Facebook page A description of your services

to

Heidi Miller, NODA Member Services Directory at directory@nodarider.org

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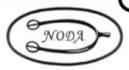


2019 L Education Program

Hosted by Northern Ohio Dressage Association



Part 1 Sessions "A Judge's Prospective"



Session A, USDF# 103124: May 18 - 19

Location Jeffrey and Holly Taylor's Blue Ridge Farm 37511 Sugar Ridge Road, North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039 Instructor - Marilyn Heath

Session B, USDF# 103125: August 17 - 18

Location Jeffrey and Danial Rand's Endeavor Farm 2909 Old Mill Road, Hudson, OH 44236 Instructor - Trenna Atkins

Session C, USDF# 103126: October 26 -27

Location Janeen Grava's Topline Stables at Walden 1109 Hudson Aurora Road, Aurora, OH 44202 Instructor - Sue Curry Shaffer

Cost for Participants

\$750.00 NODA members all three session - \$275.00 single sessions \$900.00 Non-NODA participants all three sessions - \$325.00 single session Cost for Auditors (Lunch Included) \$60 NODA Members for 2 day session \$75 NON-NODA Attendee 2 day session

More details and applications for participants and auditors available on the NODA website **nodarider.org/Education.htm**

We would like to thank our generous sponsors











2019 USEF/USDF Dressage Test Symposium with "S" Judge: Margaret Freeman (Part 2)

by Mosie Welch

NODA's Education Committee opened 2019 in a classroom of the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center at Lake Erie College Equestrian Center with "S" Judge, Margaret Freeman, highlighting showmanship and changes in the 2019 USEF/USDF Dressage Tests. The event, sponsored by NODA and Lake Erie College, was supported with grants from The Dressage Foundation and the United States Dressage

Federation. The day long education seminar was filled with insight and concrete information on how to be a successful competitor and ride the movements of the 2019 USEF/USDF Dressage Tests; Intro to Fourth Level. This article is Part 2 of a two-part series recapping Freeman's discussion of the USDF Introductory Level (Intro Level) tests and USEF Dressage tests, Training Level through Fourth Level.

Freeman advised that overall the changes in the tests are that there are many more movements with coefficients in many tests which results in more total points per test. Many tests are shorter, including Third Level, test 2 which is 35 seconds shorter. In general, the biggest changes are in test three of each level. Freeman advised riders to remember when riding test 3 of any level, "the judges want to see glimmers of the next level." Freeman encouraged participants to read and understand the test sheet because it will provide good guidance in both schooling and riding the tests competitively. Full sized copies of the tests were provided to participants and all watched a video of each test while Freeman scored the video ride. She also had participants score a test, which allowed us to recognize how quickly a judge must evaluate and assign a score to each movement.

Freeman opened the discussion on individual tests by saying "if a horse and rider team can fulfill the purpose of Intro Level, they have a good basic foundation to move up the levels." The Purpose of USDF Introductory Level: "To introduce the rider and/or horse to the sport of dressage. To show understanding of riding the horse forward with a steady tempo into elastic contact with independent, steady hands and a correctly balanced seat. To show proper geometry of figures in the arena with correct bend in corners and circles."



Margaret Freeman judges dressage test videos as participants observe and take notes. Photo by Dee Liebenthal.

Freeman commented that many upper level riders would skip the lower levels and specifically Intro Level, but that Introductory Level is about "basics which are applicable through the Grand Prix." Freeman stated that "Intro Level is the hardest to judge because the movements are easier, but Intro Level is to be judged as a Training Level test." Here is where Freeman explained rhythm as the correct beats at a

walk, trot, or canter versus tempo, which is the rate of repetition of the rhythm in the gait in which the horse is traveling.

Starting with Introductory Level Test C, which introduces the canter... "the canter to trot transition is diagnostic and helps the judge evaluate the suppleness and thoroughness of the horse" which remains true throughout the levels.

At Training Level, the 2019 tests have more coefficients. The trot work may be ridden sitting or rising. If a rider is posting the trot, "change diagonals when the direction changes." If a horse "has a tight back," post the trot. When riding corners, ride the "arc of corner the same as the smallest circle of the test." At Training Level that is a 10-meter half circle in the exit off and entrance onto the centerline in movements near the beginning and end of the test. Know how to do a stretchy circle. Freeman said the stretchy circle is a "trained response to a softened hand to stretch forward and down over the topline." How forward and low the horse stretches is "based on the horse's conformation, but the lower the head, the more likely the nose will come back." In the stretchy circle movement, "the judge is looking for the first softening, the first quarter (head going) down and the last quarter, the head coming back up, as well as evaluating the quality of the stride during this movement." Ask yourself, "Does the stride improve?" The stretchy circle is in the lower level tests because "this trained response is important as it will correctly be used up the levels to allow a horse to stretch the topline between movements, even though the horse is not stretching forward and down as in Training Level". In Training Test 3, there are 70 more points to be had and the single loop has been replaced with the 3-loop serpentine. Geometry is key. The 3-loop serpentine is three half 20 meter circles with the "change of bend over the centerline

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parallel to the short side." Freeman reminded riders not to switch the whip from hand to hand during the test as it "disrupts the flow and connection; choose where the whip is needed and leave it there."

First Level introduces the 10 meter half circle at the trot and 15-meter circle at the canter as well as a lengthening of the stride at trot and canter. There are coefficients for the walk, trot, canter, leg yields, lengthenings and canter loops. The lengthenings are very important and must be ridden out of the horse's natural willingness to thrust from behind. "Approach the lengthening by coming out of the corner and straightening onto the short diagonal. When the rider feels increased thrust (from behind), begin to post or increase the post to encourage a lengthening asking for two or three strides of lengthening and build up strength before asking for a short or full diagonal." Freeman also reminded riders to develop good centerline strategy which includes a "clear outside rein to keep straight; go inside of A, not around A as you enter; and practice for a still halt." As horse and rider turn on to the center line, "lock eyes with the judge and halt as E and B go out of your peripheral vision, then salute with a simple and elegant chin drop with a hand drop." Freeman addressed behind the vertical and advised that the horse is not behind the vertical if the "the nostril is not behind the eye."

At Second Level, "there are moments of truth for the horse and rider. Can the rider establish and maintain collection?" Second Level "movements are easier in collection than in working gaits." The light bulb moment in Second Level is that it "requires conditioning of the hind end to build strength for mediums and collection." Now the trained response to the softened hand "to stretch over the topline becomes essential in releasing the tension of the topline between movements." An example of an essential movement in collection is the shortened walk to the collected canter. If the walk cannot be collected, the canter will be strung out. In Second Test 2, the serpentine is three equal loops with the simple changes parallel to the short side over the centerline preparing riders for the "dreaded loop" in Second 3; a serpentine with canter/counter canter with no change of lead but the horse travelling parallel to the short side over the centerline of each loop. "DO NOT go diagonal," (over the centerline) Freeman lamented!

In Third Level the "flying changes now have coefficients, so without clean flying changes it will now be hard to get

a good score at Third Level." Extended gaits are introduced. Freeman described an extended gait as "more out, with a longer topline and more suspension." Reading the Third Level tests explain that the extended movement calls for the "...utmost ground cover with lengthening of frame...". Freeman notes a medium "remains more uphill in the shoulders." Riders must ride "from movement to movement with preparation for transitions and movements key" to a good test.

In Fourth Test 1, Freeman emphasized movement 23: Circle left 20 meters with 5-6 strides of very collected canter between the quarter lines. This movement "has a coefficient of 2 and must be ridden with a clear change of the collection" because the "very collected canter is preparation for working pirouettes." Fourth Test 3 "changed the most- it is easier but not easy, and clean flying changes are important." Freeman also pointed out movements 12 and 13 with two half circles in canter and counter canter to a flying change that "highlights the horse's self-carriage, engagement and the quality of the flying change." She emphasized that as a rider moves up the levels that each test introduces new skills that are added to the skills of the levels below it "so a rider never leaves the purposes or skills of the lower levels behind."

From Training Level to Fourth Level, the first line of the purpose of every USEF test is the phrase, "To confirm that the horse demonstrates correct basics...". Freeman reminded us throughout the day to read the purpose, directives, the skills introduced, and the description of the collective marks of each test. She noted that each purpose "directs the rider to focus on the basics first." In every instance where a participant asked Freeman to clarify a movement, the discussion went back to the supporting basics. Margaret Freeman left us with some great advice; when in doubt – go back to the basics – you can find them outlined in the purpose section of your USDF/USEF test sheets.

About Margaret Freeman Margaret Freeman, of Tryon NC, is a USEF Senior Dressage Judge and an FEI level competitor with her Friesian-cross mare. She's a freelance writer/editor for horse magazines and covered the equestrian events at seven Olympics for the Associated Press. She is the Executive Board Secretary of the USDF and is active with youth dressage activities, including Dressage4Kids, Inc.. and Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival (NY). She's an experienced show organizer and was on the founding committees of CDCTA (VA) and Dressage at Devon (PA).

Schooling Show News

by Sally Burton, Schooling Show Manager

2019 NODA Schooling Show Series

Show Date	Location	Judges	
May 12	Chagrin Valley Farm	Robin Birk "r" Alison Schmidbauer L*	
June 9	South Farm	Karen Winn "R" Cory O'Connor L*	
July 7	Chagrin Valley Farms	Jennifer Roth "r" Debbie Boeh L*	
Aug 11	Rocky River Stables	Sophie Bayer "r" Clara Etzel L*	
Sept 8	Fair Winds Farm	Kerry Petty "r" Sue Manchin L*	
Oct 5	Chagrin Valley Farms	Sue Posner "R: Sue Hughes "r"	
Oct 6 Championship	Chagrin Valley Farms	Sue Posner "R" Sue Hughes "r"	

Show Entry Open & Close (Receive By) Dates at www.NodaRider.org/SS-Calendar.htm

Schooling Show News - March

What are your goals for you and your horse this season?

Do you want to get more involved in show operations?

Are you ready to volunteer at our shows?

Do you want to test your progress?

Come to a schooling show!

Do you need some advice, help with problem areas of your test riding? Join us at our ride-a-test!

Not sure you want to show, or you don't know where to start? Come watch a show!

All level riders and horses are welcome.

Prize List Update

Look for the Schooling Show Prize List to show up in your mailbox by the end of March or early April at the latest. Please read the rules, note that our class and office fees have changes, and ASK if you have any questions. Pay attention to opening dates and plan to register online as our shows have been filling very quickly. Also try to do all of the paperwork online as well to make it easier for everyone on show day. Secretary, Niki Sackman, sends detailed emails so make sure to read those for more assistance. And finally, read the show notes! These notes are attached to the ride times and let you know important information about that specific show.

Volunteers

Online signup via SignUpGenius.com will be available soon. Remember to check the show schedule and sign up for your favorite job early. One shift of work per horse-rider combination is required if you qualify and would like to show in the Championship show and four (4) NODA bucks are required to enter Year-End Awards. We keep track of your volunteer hours toward qualifying for the Championship Show, so keep those NODA Bucks for year-end awards or to use for other NODA events.

Upcoming Events

There are two events coming this spring for NODA members. Although these two cool activities are not "technically" part of the schooling show season, this is the perfect place to make sure you know about them!

NODA Dressage and More Adult Rider Camp

Our brand new 'Dressage and More" camp filled very quickly with 16 riders signed up in one week. We are maintaining a wait list, so if you are interested, please let Sally Burton know and she can advise on how to join the list. We are super excited to spend the long weekend at Stone Gate Farms to learn about Mountain Trail with Jackie Smith and to improve our dressage work with Danielle Menteer and Barb Soukup. Camp is shaping up to be an educational, fun, and food filled experience! For those who want to get on the wait list information about camp remains on page 16 of this issue. It is also available on the NODA website.

NODA Ride-a-Test Clinic

Back by popular demand, members have a second opportunity in the 2019 season to work with Danielle Menteer and Barb Soukup, both L graduates with distinction. In addition to instructing at our "Dressage and More Camp," they will also be the clinicians for the July 6 Ride-a-Test at Chagrin Valley Farms.

Note that the Ride-a-Test is the day before the July 7 NODA Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms. It an excellent training opportunity for horse and rider teams to experience a two-day dressage event without the pressure of a recognized show.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 NODA Schooling Shows!



DRESSAGE FOUNDATION



The Dressage Foundation (TDF) would like to extend special thanks to PATH International for their generous support of TDF's new Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund. PATH International (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) established the Margo O'Callaghan Competition Fund in 2006, in memory of Margo, a para-dressage rider from Washington. Margo suffered a massive stroke at the age of 29 and found that therapeutic riding helped her make significant improvements with her balance and coordination. Her instructors introduced her to dressage and Margo became a successful Grade 2 para-equestrian.

In an effort to continue helping para-dressage riders across the country, PATH International made a donation from their Margo O'Callaghan Competition Fund to TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund. The Funds have similar goals and now, thanks to PATH International's generous gift, more para-dressage riders will receive financial help for dressage training. "The purpose of the Margo O'Callaghan Competition Fund has always been to support para-dressage riders in their quest for improvement. PATH Intl. is pleased that Margo's spirit and legacy will continue to live on through The Dressage Foundation's Grant Fund, supporting para-dressage riders from all over the country," said Kathy Alm, CEO of PATH International.

Jenny Johnson, TDF's Executive Director, shared, "The Dressage Foundation is honored to continue Margo's legacy through grants to para-dressage riders. She was a determined and hardworking rider who personally experienced the benefits of riding and competition as a para-equestrian. We are grateful to PATH International for this wonderful support." The purpose of TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund is to provide financial support for para-dressage riders to attend educational events that will enable them to receive training to help them reach their riding and competition goals. To make a donation please go to www.dressagefoundation.org.

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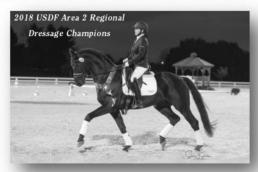


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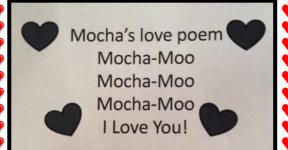
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Juníor and Young Ríders Share Valentíne's About their Heart Horses

Anna Pasela sends love to her heart horse, Mocha in a poem.



Maria Sandy and Mocha
"Like the Garden of Truth is the Eden of Youth
And the fear in my head
And the fire in my chest
Says I will always take your hand
When you're lost and you stray
And I beg you to stay if it means that I'm brave
Until death do us part
God, it tears me apart
Know this love is my verse
from my heart 'til I burst"
(Our Song, Vinyl Theater)

Danielle Northrup shares that Good Will, also known as William was my best friend for about 2 and half years. Unfortunately two



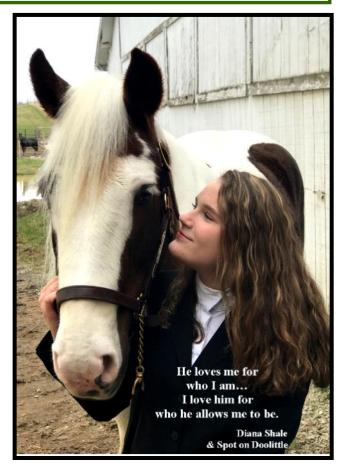
years ago, I kissed my sweet angel goodbye. These past two years without him have been hard, but have made me realize what an impact he made on my life. William was such a lovable horse with a huge personality. All he ever wanted to do was make me laugh. What I miss most about him is him swinging his lead rope and his hugs. He won me many blue and that's because he taught what it means to

be dedicated. I will forever thank this horse for shaping me into the rider I am today. He will forever hold a special place in my heart, and that's why he's my heart horse.









Junior and Young Riders Share Valentine's About their Heart Horses

I had been riding Mer Pony for a couple months before I really wanted to lease him. On Christmas morning my



Jordan Jacques and Mer Pony

dream came true. My first lease day was nothing like I thought it would be. Mer took off cantering the other direction and refused to turn despite my valiant effort. I for one did not know how important this funny little black pony would become to me until months later. Mer Pony took me through my first dressage shows, wild jumping courses where I frequently would get lost, and to my first blue ribbon (yeah I cried a lot when we won).

Unfortunately my genes got the best of me and I grew... a lot, so I couldn't ride him anymore. Mer pony will forever be my favorite little pony and my heart horse.

Ilex Aquifolium (Holly Berry in Latin) by Lauren Heba

White shines like fresh snow

The thinnest white moves like snow being gently blown across itself

The black like darken ash from a burnt fire Swirling calmly with the snow The blaze on the face

A reminder of the speed this creature has
Shining black eyes tell more than words
A showing of passion, strength, curiosity
Feet strong enough to support itself and another

Another which whom will become one with this creature For when the

two are together Two hearts seem to combine They are poetry in motion Although they have their flaws They are beauty and of elegance And move with ease Sometimes they dance Other times fly In the wind Their souls set free









Skylar Young, youth rider, age 14 shares this poem

Eclipse

My dawn and dusk.
My heart and soul.
My determination and confidence.
My teacher and dance partner.
My very best version of Me.





Thank you NODA young riders for sharing your adventures with your heart horses!

Christa Sandy,
NODA Junior & Young Rider Liaison

Christa Sandy & Spike (forever in my heart)



"You pulled me in and together we're lost in a dream Always in motion, So I risk it all just to be with you And I risk it all for this life we choose...

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Monthly NODA Board Meetings All Members are Welcome to Attend!

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NODA Membership is required to apply

The applicant must be a "professional" horse person as defined in the USEF rule book

Youth & Adult Amateur Scholarships **Available for NODA Members**

NODA offers four (4) amateur scholarships annually in the amount of \$250 each

NODA membership is required to apply

Visit www.NodaRider.org/Scholarships.htm For complete details and forms

Mark your Calendars

NEXT MEETING March 11, 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 your member representative at MemberRep@nodarider.org. Thank you!

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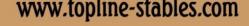
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Cost • \$325.00 NODA Members Includes Stall, Bedding not included. See page 2 for details.

- \$ 50.00 Non-Refundable Down Payment Due with Registration
- Payment in Full required by April 1, 2019
- o Camp Registration opened to Non-Members after April 1, if not full. Non-Member Cost \$375.00



USDF Region 2

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Award Program

An overview of the award guidelines are presented below. If you're interested in participating in the 2019 Region 2, Catherine B Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards, please download and review the guidelines document, registration, and result form.

Region 2 Show Year is from November 1 to October 31 of the following year

PURPOSE REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

- To help provide funds for Region 2 sponsored GMO Educational Fund.
- To establish a standard set of dressage classes throughout the region that will count toward Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year end Program Awards.
- To encourage local competition managers to put together a series of schooling dressage competitions that will provide competitions with standard quality of classes and judges.
- To allow local competitor's scores to be recognized on a regional level without leaving their home area.
- To encourage competitors to improve their skills, gain show experience, and confidence to move up to USDF/ USEF rated shows.
- To encourage a venue to educate and train a base of show volunteers: scribes, gatekeepers, scorers, bit checkers, etc. for local and USDF/USEF recognized shows.
- To encourage riders to join a local GMO (Group Member Organization of USDF).

HORSE/RIDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Competitor must be a current or new member of a local GMO to compete for Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Year End Awards Program.
- Competitor is responsible for following the rules and completing the requirements of the schooling shows.
- Competitor MUST send a completed Region 2 Catherine B. Jacob Schooling Show Registration Form for each
 horse/rider combination to the Region 2 Points Person with a check for \$25.00 for each level or \$45.00 for two
 adjacent levels, BEFORE their scores are eligible.

Scores submitted must be postmarked by NOVEMBER 5

Show year will be from November 1 to October 31 of the following year.

2018 Year End Schooling Show Award Results

Congratulations to the winners and all who participated in the 2018 Region 2 Schooling Show Awards Program. A special thanks to Cathy Jacobs who administers and manages the program.

For further information go to www.usdfregion2.org/awards.html

Or contact: Catherine B. Jacob at cathbjacob5@gmail.com or (513) 335-0009

NODA Membership News

Membership News

by Fran Cverna, Membership

NODA's 2019 Membership Year runs from 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2019

Thank you to everyone who has renewed for 2019

As of 2/17/2019, we have 236 members 158 Adult Amateurs 27 Youth 51 Professionals 37 New Members!

Welcome (& Welcome Back) New Members

Beth Baryon, Stephanie Desimone, Rachel Dombeck, Jennifer Eismon, Lea Dornack, Karen Puchalsky, Ashley Rand-Torres, Nora Renerts, Abigail Roberts, Tamara Roberts

<u>Thank you</u> for additional donation with your membership Janna Dresing, Janet Thompson, Donna Wolfe

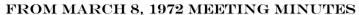


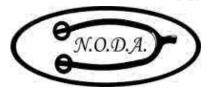
NOTES FROM NODA'S HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

by Fran Cverna, Historian

1969 TO 2019: NODA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF DRESSAGE IN NORTHEAST OHIO

How Old is NODA's Logo?





"... We again discussed an emblem for NODA. Five choices were shown to the group. It was moved and seconded that we vote on two of the five choices (the stirrup and the spur). The spur design was selected by a vote of 16 to 7." Gail Patton designed this emblem.

EXCERPTS FROM NODA'S MARCH 1985 NEWSLETTER

We have seen many funny dressage tests over the years, but the earliest "Amazing Dressage Test" in the NODA archives is from the **March 1985** Newsletter! The text read as follows:

AN AMAZING NEW PRELIMINARY DRESSAGE TEST; From the PVDA (possibly the Potomac Valley Dressage Association) Newsletter, written by a group of pony clubbers, contributed by Sue Vernon.

- A Enter at ordinary serpentine.
- X Sprawl, salute.
- C Drop dead. Stare in horror at the judge and shy to the left. Continue ordinary working gallop.
- E Stagger left 20 or 15 or 22 meters in diameter circle, or pear.
- K Begin to halt.
- Z Keep trying.
- F You can do it.
- B Pulley rein!
- H Regain right stirrup. Continue ordinary trot bouncing.

MKT Change rein. Remove horse from judge's lunch table. Ask judge for leg up. Jump back in ring.

Z Turn down centerline X Halt. Grin. Scratch. Burst into tears. Leave arena at free walk with long reins and loose language.



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.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 50 th Birthday You MemberRep@nodarider.org	ear! If you have any sugg	gestions	for activities that	nat would make this year special please contact Kathy Kirchner at
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Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply Named Presenting Sponsor of USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals

Lexington, KY (February 12, 2019) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply as presenting sponsor of the USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals. As part of their sponsorship, Big Dee's will be providing champions at each of the nine events with a \$100 gift certificate, reserve champions a \$75 gift certificate, and third place finishers a \$50 gift certificate. USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals events, held in conjunction with each of the nine regional championship competitions, serve as the culmination of the USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program, which was designed to recognize adult amateurs competing in equitation, and to promote correct seat, position, and use of aids in dressage. Competitors qualify to compete in these final events by earning a 70% or higher in any Dressage Seat Equitation class (except walk-trot), or by qualifying for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships in a non-freestyle class.

According to owner Brenda Miavitz, "Big Dee's is thrilled to partner with the USDF in support of the Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals. We understand how horse health and care, as well as rider apparel, tack, and stable supplies are some of the biggest factors in horse ownership. This partnership allows us to directly help the very riders, trainers, and horses we love to cheer on!" USDF Executive Director Stephan Hienzsch added that "as a long time Hospitality Sponsor of the US Dressage Finals, we are thrilled to expand our relationship with Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply to include the USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals. USDF is always looking for new opportunities to support and recognize our adult amateurs, and the generous support of sponsors like Big Dee's helps us do that."

For more information about the USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Finals, such as qualifying opportunities and additional requirements, visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org/equitation, or contact the USDF office. Also, to shop Big Dee's Tack & Vet Supply, and see what all they have to offer, visit their website at www.bigdweb.com.

Prize Money of Over \$240,000 to be Awarded at Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

Lexington, KY (February 1, 2019) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and Great American Insurance Group are pleased to announce that prize money totaling over \$240,000 will be awarded at the 2019 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 \$27,500 in prize money and awards.

Champions in each region and division will receive \$473 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 \$315 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships. "It is with great pleasure that we continue to provide recognition to these outstanding competitors through our sponsorship of the regional championship program," stated Kathy Sedlak, Great American Insurance Group Assistant Vice President of the Equine Division.

"We're so pleased that through the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to see this program continue to grow and be so well received by USDF members," adds Stephan Hienzsch, USDF Executive Director.

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit www.usdf.org, email usdressage@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.



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Calendar of Events

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

Check out more shows, clinics, and horse activities on the NODA Website CALENDAR!



Daylight Savings time begins at 2 AM, Sunday March 10

(**) Mar 9 - 10 Lake Erie College Dressage Winter Show www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events

Lake Erie College Equestrian Center, Concord OH

(**) Mar 23 CADS Winter Dressage Schooling Show Series

www.CadsDressage.org

Brecksville Stables, Brecksville, OH

(**) Mar 31 Chagrin Valley Farms Schooling Dressage Show www.ChagrinValleyFarms.com Chagrin Falls, OH

Apr 6 - 7 Lake Erie Dressage Prix de Villes Show www.LEC.edu/Equine-Events Lake Erie College Equestrian Center, Concord, OH

(**) Apr 13 CADS Winter Dressage Schooling Show Series www.CadsDressage.org Brecksville Stables, Brecksville, OH

(**) May 12 NODA Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms
www.NodaRider.org Chagrin Falls, OH

May 18 – 19 USDF "L" Education Program
Hosted by NODA - Part 1, Session A
Blue Ridge Farm, North Ridgeville, OH

(**) May 26 Dream On Farm Schooling Dressage Show www.dreamonfarm.com Columbia Station, Ohio

May 30 - Jun 2 NODA Dressage Camp & More for Adult Amateurs www.NodaRider.org Stone Gate Farm, Hanoverton, OH (**) Jun 9 Noda Schooling Show at South Farm www.NodaRider.org Middlefield, OH

(**) Jun 15 LEC Dressage Derby of Ohio I

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Lake Erie College Equestrian Center, Concord, OH

(**) Jun 16 LEC Dressage Derby of Ohio II

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(**) Jun 23 Dream On Farm Schooling Dressage Show www.dreamonfarm.com Columbia Station, Ohio

Jul 6 NODA Ride-a-Test Clinic at Chagrin Valley Farms
www.NodaRider.org Chagrin Falls, OH

(**) Jul 7 NODA Schooling Show at Chagrin Valley Farms
www.NodaRider.org Chagrin Falls, OH

(**) Jul 20 NODA Dressage 2019 Show www.NodaRider.org USEF/USDF Recognized Chagrin Valley Farms, Chagrin Falls, OH

(**) Aug 11 NODA Schooling Show at Rocky River Stables www.NodaRider.org Rocky River, Ohio

Aug 17—18 USDF "L" Education Program
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(**) Aug 18 Dream On Farm Schooling Dressage Show www.dreamonfarm.com Columbia Station, Ohio

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