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Third Monday of the Month

Conference Call

NEXT MEETING Nov 15

6:15pm

A Message from NODA's President Niki Sackman

Greetings NODA members and friends!

Fall is upon us and the weather is finally catching up! While show season is over for 2021, there is a lot going on.

Elections are in full swing for our 2022/2023 Executive Board and Directors at Large. All our candidates are running unopposed. We appreciate everyone who stepped up. There were no nominations for the position of vice president. According to our by-laws, once we have a new president, they will appoint a vice president for the two year term. Find out more about how you can vote and some of the candidates on page 13.



Niki Sackman & Raina

A good number of our NODA members qualified for and attended the 2021 Great American/USDF Region 2 Dressage Finals. Thanks to Taya Workum Byers, we have a great recap of this years finals along with scores for NODA members. Congratulations to everyone who participated! Check out page 6.

The 2022 NODA Membership Year begins on December 1! Now is the time to renew your membership. You can do it online or by mail. Details in this months Membership News from our Membership chair, Fran Cverna on page 18. The membership form for 2022 is on page 20. Renew early and encourage your friends and dressage lovers to join you!

NODA's The Dressage Foundation, GMO Liaison, Karen Puchalsky, is working hard to keep members up to date on grants you can apply for. She has a regular column and it's on page 18. NODA also has grants and scholarships for all of our members. There is information on page 21.

The 2021 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, Dressage: The Next Frontier, is going Vvrtual for the second year in a row. It's free and there are educational and informational sessions as well as the Awards and Gala. You can get USDF University credit for attending certain sessions and you can attend your regional meeting to provide input. Find out how to register on page 15.

The Newsletter team wants you to remember that FREE classifieds in the newsletter and on the website are just one of the many benefits of belonging to the Northern Ohio Dressage Association. Find out more about how to place a classified on page 22 of this newsletter.

Finally, page 4 is dedicated to NODA "News You Can Use." It's time to save the dates for our 2022 recognized show moving to the month of May and for the popular Dressage Camp for Adult Riders. Find out how year end awards will be distributed in 2020 and more! **There's lots of planning underway for 2022—renew your membership soon so you don't miss a thing!**

Niki

Cover: Lauren Wade "looking between Lord Burberry CASH's (Tommy's) ears, headed to our award ceremony at the USDF Region 2 Championships in Lexington, Kentucky. Purple ribbon is for seventh place. He was a good boy, " at the Great American/USDF Region 2 Dressage Finals. Photo credit Lauren Wade.

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Don't miss out on the monthly NODA News in your mailbox to keep you up to date on all things dressage in NE Ohio and beyond.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2022!

2021 Year End Awards Pick-up will be hosted by Big Dee's
See page 12 for more information!

2021 Election for 2022/2023 Executive Board and Directors at Large Voting Opened Oct 28 and Closes Nov 8
See page 13 for details

Save the Dates in 2022

Before the 2021 calendar finished out, the NODA board was already making plans for 2022 competitions and educational programs. Dates and locations for the USDF/USEF recognized shows and the Adult Dressage Camp are already finalized with plans for the 2022 schooling show series well underway.

NODA's recognized shows, Dressage 2022 and NODA Dressage 2022 Encore will take place on May 21 and 22, 2022 at Lake Erie College Equestrian Center, Painesville, OH. These competitions are USEF/USDF recognized level 2 and official judging competitions for GAIG/USDF Regional Championships. Each one-day show will have two rings, one ring indoors and one ring outdoors. Inspiration Arena will be available throughout the weekend for warmup.

The judges have been secured and will be Cesar Torrente ("S" Wellington FL) and Joan Darnell ("S" Olympia WA). The TD for the two shows will be Joe Coleman ("r" Kansas City MO). Between NODA and Lake Erie College, competitors can expect a well-run show with quality stabling and footing. Look for the prize list in early spring. *Many thanks to 2021/2022 recognized show manager Patty Keim and recognized show committee member, Dee Liebenthal for scouting out show locations and finalizing dates for NODA's recognized show weekend for 2022.*

NODA's Adult Dressage Camp & More will take place June 23 through June 26, 2022. In 2022 camp will return to Stone Gate Farm, 31407 Schneider Rd, Hanoverton OH where it has been held twice before. Stone Gate Farm has a dressage arena, cross county course, jumper rings, and mountain trail obstacles. Expect great clinicians for dressage, jumping and ground poles, mountain trail, educational lectures, trail rides, yoga, and a fun show. **Camp registration will open on February 1, 2022**, with a limit of 16 campers for the four days. It will open to NODA members first and then to non-members if all slots do not fill. While costs have not been determined at this time, members receive a discounted rate. *The popular Adult Dressage Camp is coordinated by members Sally Burton and Patty Keim who started the Adult Dressage Camp after looking for a place to go to camp together and not finding one.*

The schooling show schedule and judges as well as educational events are also in the works!

HELP WANTED! SEEKING Volunteer Coordinator for the 2022 Schooling Show Series. The position includes Recruiting and organizing schooling show volunteers. Orient new volunteers and ensure each volunteer get their NODA bucks. Contact President@nodarider.org

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Great American/USDF Region 2 Dressage Finals

NODA Recap

By Taya Workum Byers

The USDF Region 2 Championships were held October 7-10 at the beautiful Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The show was hosted by the Kentucky Dressage Association (KDA) in conjunction with their KDA Fall Classic I. Over the course of the 4 days, a whopping 34 championships, 2 semi-finals, and 65 open classes were contested across 7 rings! Add to this the fact that the UPHA Chapter 9 KY Fall Classic Horse Show (American Saddlebreds) and the KMSHA/SMHA International Grand Championship (Kentucky Mountain Saddle horses) shows were going on simultaneously, and you can imagine the electric atmosphere pervading the KHP. It was quite an experience.

The list of judges was both awe-inspiring and terrifying, with such names as Lilo Fore (S), Hilda Gurney (S), Janet Foy (S), Michael Osinski (FEI 4*, S), and Sandra Hotz (FEI 4*, S). Rounding out the list were Joan Darnell (S), Janet "Dolly" Hannon (S), Cheryl Holekamp (S), Debbie Rodriguez (S), Ulf Wadeborn (S), and Rita Brown (R). Having a Training Level class judged by an FEI 4*/S judge was simply amazing!

I wasn't showing, but Jennifer Tulleners had qualified on my 10yo Shire Sporthorse "Crossed Sabres" for both the Training Level and First Level AA Championships so I went as the chauffeur/equipment carrier/stall mucker/hot walker/cheerleader/groom/videographer/pep talker/



Taya (left) and Jennifer— enjoying themselves at Kentucky Horse Park.

Photo courtesy of Taya Workum-Byers.

anything-else-that-needed-done person. We arrived on Wednesday 10/6 in the early afternoon and made our way to Sabre's temporary home in barn 15. Move-in and schooling were in full swing with people, horses, trucks, trailers, golf carts, and dogs everywhere. Thankfully, we were able to get everything unloaded and set up and a good long hand walk in for Sabre before the torrential downpour started. We were lucky- our stalls stayed dry, but others, like Jeff and Holly Taylor, were not and ended up having to strip their stalls - not once, but TWICE after further downpours arrived on Thursday evening.



Jennifer Tulleners & Crossed Sabres ("Sabre") greeting 4*FEI/S judge Michael Osinski before her First 3-Adult Amateur warmup class.

Photo courtesy of Taya Workum-Byers

Thursday morning we arrived early to perform housekeeping and chef duties for Sabre, as well as to get him out for a nice hand walk before we reported to the Rolex Stadium for our volunteer duties. Jennifer and I had decided that, since she was only showing once per day, we would fill some of our free time by volunteering for the show. We also figured that doing so would help us not spend extra money shopping! We were assigned to the outgates for the Rolex Stadium- Jennifer had the outgate for ring 3 and I covered rings 1 and 2. Due to COVID restrictions, we did not physically touch any horses, we merely looked for any overt violations such as blood and had the rider or assistant pull ear bonnets to check for ear plugs. Whip length was also checked for the open show classes. Due to our location, we had the great fortune of getting to watch many



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lovely tests and chat with fantastic people from all around Region 2.

When we finished volunteering, we spent time getting Sabre ready for his Training Level 3 warmup class. There were 8 AAs that went down centerline in front of Michael Osinski in Rolex ring #3 for the class and we were thrilled that Sabre and Jennifer came 3rd with a 66.897 and some fabulous feedback. There were certainly things that needed to be improved (accuracy!), but overall we were very pleased. Another downpour (with thunder and lightning!) put a temporary halt on the proceedings and caused some more stall flooding (sorry Holly and Jeff!), but we were, once again, spared. We put Sabre away for the night with extra snacks and pats, and headed to the hotel for some much earned rest.

Friday dawned with heavy fog. Jennifer's ride time was 9:19am and it was still rather foggy when she went down centerline in the Stonelea Ring in front of Janet Foy. This was her First Level 3 warmup class and she was extremely excited to get some feedback from one of her favourite judges. Once again she had a fairly solid ride and managed to hold on to 8th place (of 20) with a 65.833. After lunch we again volunteered- this time as ring stewards for the Rolex Stadium. I like to call this position "air traffic control"- especially when you are stewarding 3 warm-up rings for 3 show rings. For a while, Jennifer and I were together in the warm-up rings, but she got moved to "the bottom of the ramp" where she directed riders into the correct ring after I sent them down from the warm-up. This resulted in me attempting to keep the rings and riders in order- no easy task when you have 3 rings full of large bay horses! After the rings were finished for the evening, we made certain Sabre was comfortable and then headed out for our own dinner and rest.

Saturday brought about Jennifer's Training Level AA Championship. As the class was quite large (39), it ran for a large portion of the day. Jennifer wasn't scheduled until 4:28pm, so we again spent the morning volunteering- with her at the bottom of the ramp and me in the warm-up with a delightful woman from KDA named Catherine. Most everything ran smoothly and Jen and I were back at the



Colleen Welder & Ruby Tuesday of Thistleridge all smiles after a great ride in the Rolex Stadium.

Photo courtesy of Claire Welder

barn by a little after 1pm. We made sure Sabre was buffed, polished, and shining so that he was presentable when he headed into the ring in front of Hilda Gurney at C and Cheryl Holekamp at E. I have to say, I think it was the nicest training level test I have ever seen them perform. Jennifer was thrilled and we both agreed that, regardless of what the judges said, it was a win for us! Luckily, the judges also thought it was fairly good and Jennifer got a beautiful purple ribbon for placing 7th with an average score of 68.621. The high point of the scoring (at last for me) was the comment "Nice Job" from Hilda Gurney. Lori Stella and Quinn Connection were also in the class and scored a 65.431. Bitsy Gascoigne and her lovely mare Awkward Silence were the last to go in the class and earned a solid 67.759 which, unfortunately, did not leave them in

the ribbons. Hilda Gurney certainly liked her test giving her a 70.345 from her vantage point at C.

And then, it was the final day of competition. Jennifer and Sabre had a crack-of-dawn ride time of 7:24am. Of course, Lauren Wade had it slightly worse- she went at 7:16am! This was for the First Level-AA Championship and was another huge class- 53 would ultimately go down centerline and the last ride was scheduled for almost 4pm. Sabre was pretty much over horse showing by this point and demonstrated his displeasure in the warm-up, much to Jennifer's consternation. They seemed to reach an agreement of sorts and went down the centerline in front of Sandra Hotz at C and Debbie Rodriguez at E in what wasn't exactly harmony, but at least wasn't overt arguing over the situation! He settled in a bit as the test progressed and there were some nice moments. All three of us were relieved after the final halt and we promised him there would not be any more showing. They received a respectable 67.292 for their efforts and remained in the top 8 through the lunch break. We had agreed that, as long as they were in the ribbons, we would stick around, but we would head home when/if she fell out.

Sabre got turned out and we explored the KHP since this was Jennifer's first time visiting. We had a horse-drawn trolley ride, watched a presentation in the Hall of Champi-

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ons, checked out all the different breeds in the breed barn and big barn, wandered through the Museum of the Horse, and, of course, went shopping in the gift shop! Somewhere around 2pm, Jennifer fell to 9th so we began the process of packing up. She would eventually finish 12th. Other NODA members in the First Level AA Championship class were Lauren Wade and Lord Burberry CASH (66.389), and Colleen Welder and Ruby Tuesday of Thisleridge (60.347).

A quick note of congratulations for Jeff Taylor- along with his beautiful rides, he also earned the final score he needed to obtain his silver medal!

All-in-all, we had a fantastic time! We saw wonderful people enjoying their beautiful horses with like-minded individuals. I heard "Have a great ride" and "You got this!" over and over. One big take-away though- if you have spare time at a show, please consider volunteering- even if it isn't your "home" GMO. The KDA folks were so grateful that Jennifer and I helped out- and we got free food!!!

NODA Results for 10/7

(** signifies championship class)

Bitsy Gascoigne/Awkward Silence	Training 2-AA	67.414	1st
Carla Gudorf/Chocolate Delight	Third 3-AA	62.875	7th
Michelle Hrnchar/Boegelys Sonny	Third 3-AA	59.750	
Cassandra Hummert-Johnson/Dianella			
Third 3-Open	70.250	2nd	
Meghan Kelley/Holo Holo			
PSG-Open	58.824	8th	
Holly Taylor/Benedictine IHF			
Third 3- Open	66.875	6th	
Holly Taylor/Signato			
Fourth 3- Open**	66.042	4th	
Holly Taylor/Farrel F			
Training 3-Open	69.483	5th	
Holly Taylor/Milestone St. Giles			
Training 3-Open	63.966		
Jeff Taylor/Hortelano JL			
PSG- Open	63.382	4th	
Jeff Taylor/Furstenfreund			
Third 3- Open	68.875	3rd	
Jennifer Tulleners/Crossed Sabres			
Training 3- AA	66.897	3rd	
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CASH			
First 3-AA	60.972	9th	
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CASH			
Freestyle TOC-AA	66.167	1st	

NODA Results for 10/8

(** signifies championship class)

Bitsy Gascoigne/Awkward Silence			
Training 3-AA	67.759	6th	
Carla Gudorf/Chocolate Delight			
Third 3-AA**	61.875		
Michelle Hrnchar/Boegelys Sonny			
Third 3-AA**	62.187		
Cassandra Hummert-Johnson/Dianella			
Third 3-Open**	64.562		
Meghan Kelley/Holo Holo			
PSG-Open**	67.500		
Chelsea Nau/Alert the Press DFM			
Second 3-Open	64.881	6th	
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Third 3-Open	58.750	1st	
Katherine Poulin/Carinoso CA			
Second 3-Open	70.119	1st	
Katherine Poulin/Legato			
Training 3-Open**	65.345		
Morgan Schultz/Southern Pacific			
First 2-JR/YR	65.714	1st	
Lori Stella/Quinn Connection			
Training 3-AA	70.172	3rd	
Holly Taylor/Signato			
Third 3- Open**	71.812	Champion	
Holly Taylor/Benedictine IHF			
Third 3- Open**	67.062		
Holly Taylor/ Farrel F			
Training 3-Open**	70.345	Reserve	
Holly Taylor/Milestone St. Giles			
Training 3-Open**	69.224	9th	
Jeff Taylor/Hortelano JL			
PSG- Open	60.735	3rd	
Jeff Taylor/Furstenfreund			
Third 3-Open**	68.938	4th	
Jennifer Tulleners/Crossed Sabres			
First 3-AA	65.833	6th	
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CASH			
First Freestyle-AA**	70.450	7th	
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CASH			
Second Freestyle-AA**	65.267	9th	

NODA Results for 10/9:

(** signifies championship class)

Bitsy Gascoigne/Awkward Silence			
Training 3-AA**	67.759		
Cassandra Hummert-Johnson/Dianella			
Fourth 1-Open	63.590	3rd	
Meghan Kelley/Holo Holo			
4th Freestyle-Open**	69.350	5th	
Chelsea Nau/Alert the Press DFM			
Second 3-Open**	64.524		
Katherine Poulin/Carinoso CA			
Second 3-Open**	69.940	Reserve	
Morgan Schultz/Southern Pacific			
First 3-JR/YR**	58.889		



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NODA Results for 10/9 continued

Morgan Schultz/Southern Pacific		
First 3-JR/YR	65.833	2nd
Lori Stella/Quinn Connection		
Training 3-AA**	65.431	
Holly Taylor/Milestone St. Giles		
First 3-Open	71.667	3rd
Jeff Taylor/Furstenfreund		
Fourth 1-Open	66.282	2nd
Jennifer Tulleners/Crossed Sabres		
Training 3-AA**	68.621	7th
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CCSH		
Second 3-AA**	60.298	

Morgan Schultz/Southern Pacific		
First 2-JR/YR	61.000	1st
Holly Taylor/Milestone St. Giles		
First 3-Open**	70.694	5th
Jennifer Tulleners/Crossed Sabres		
First 3-AA**	67.292	
Lauren Wade/Lord Burberry CCSH		
First 3-AA**	66.389	
Colleen Welder/Ruby Tuesday ofThistleridge		
First 3-AA**	60.347	

End of results

NODA Results for 10/10

(signifies championship class)**

Bitsy Gascoigne/Awkward Silence		
DS Equitation-AA**	71.000	9th
Michelle Hrnchar/Boegelys Sonny		
Fourth 3-AA**	62.917	9th
Chelsea Nau/Alert the Press DFM		
Third 3-Open	59.875	1st

Thank you to Taya Workum Byers for the Region 2 Dressage Championships Recap, photos and for compiling the results of our NODA members who participated. If any NODA member was missed, please contact mosie-editor@nodarider.org and we will publish the results in the next newsletter. Taya earned NODA Bucks for her article.



Big Dee's to host NODA's Annual Year-end Award Distribution

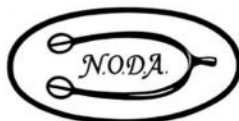
We know many are disappointed that NODA's Annual Award Banquet has been canceled again this year.

The Good News

During the last half of November, NODA will be setting up a couple tables at Big Dee's for multiple days. We are excited and grateful for their help.

- Details coming soon
- Dates will be provided
- A few volunteers needed
- Pictures will be taken





Northern Ohio Dressage Association

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Executive Board —Term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023

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Barbara Soukup



Candidate Bios

Not every candidate sent information



PRESIDENT: Professional, Danielle Menteer is running unopposed for NODA President.

Why do you think the Northern Ohio Dressage Association and its programs are important? NODA is the representation and reflection of

our local dressage community. It serves to gather the ideas and desires of our members through the collective efforts of our volunteer boards members who then evaluate, design, and implement programs, competitions, and educational opportunities that will perpetuate the passion and growth of the individuals that are NODA. As with any family, goals are easier to accomplish with the collective support of each member and the victories are sweeter when celebrated with those who played a role and under-

stand the path it takes to get there.

Tell us a little about your equestrian career. As a graduate of Lake Erie College with a degree in Equestrian Studies, I started immediately as a professional in the horse business. In my early years, I was an assistant trainer at a hunter/jumper program, then moved on to a stable that offered huge educational opportunities in dressage, jumping and natural horsemanship as part of a John Lyons certified training center. Through this job I met some of the most influential people of my life, many of whom continue to play a role in my learning as well as business. From there I started my own freelance training business and eventually landed in the collegiate world at Albion College in Michigan. Since my return to focus on dressage training, I had a short stint as an assistant to JJ Tate in South Carolina and Florida before returning "home" in 2018 and back to my roots of freelance teaching and training. Along the way I have been teaching clinics in Ohio, Indiana and

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Pennsylvania, have earned my USDF Silver Medal, have earned the USDF Learner Judge certification with distinction, and have been accepted into the USEF 'r' Judges Program.

What do you bring to the position you are running for?

As your candidate for president, not only do I bring the typical perspective of a professional teacher, trainer and competitor, but I also have ten years of experience as associate director and director of a large collegiate equestrian facility and program. That role encompassed a broad range of responsibilities and experiences which includes managing a 79 stall barn of student and community boarders, teaching dressage and hunter/jumper lessons, hosting and managing intercollegiate, schooling and recognized shows, oversight of 3 intercollegiate teams, coach of the IDA dressage team, construction of a 150' x 420' indoor show arena, and a member of a planning committee for a multi-ring, national show facility. Running a large equestrian program owned by a college presented the unique challenges of constant evaluation of our marketing and recruiting strategies; the purposeful development of our program growth, brand, and reputation; the ongoing pressure to justify the program's existence to the Vice President and Board at large; the engagement in other programs and departments across campus; and perhaps the most challenging aspect of all - understanding and managing the personalities, diverse backgrounds, and varying levels of cooperation of over 100 young adults with all their own challenges of making their way in our program and in the world.

VICE President: No nomination in advance or from the floor at the open meeting. The NODA bylaws require the newly elected president to appoint a vice president once they are in office.

Secretary: Adult Amateur, Elizabeth Scalabrino is running unopposed for Secretary



Why do you think the Northern Ohio Dressage Association and its programs are important?

There is a real need for dressage education and knowledge to support riders and horses in our territory which is why I spent time

on the Education Committee. I have enjoyed taking advantage of many of NODA's educational offerings over the past 15 years.

What do you bring to the position you are running for?

have attended many board meetings and backed-up the current Secretary Patti Valencic.

Tell us a little about your equestrian life. After a few years attending Red Raider day camp and falling in love with horses as a child, I re-entered the world of horses through Dressage in my forties. I have had 3 thoroughbreds through the years and my current is an 11 year old son of Big Brown, who is probably the most talented of them all, but also the most challenging!

Treasurer: Incumbent Dee Liebenthal is running unopposed for Treasurer.

Directors at Large

5 candidates are running unopposed

Melissa Borer—running unopposed.

Gale Browning is an Adult Amateur running unopposed as for the position of Director at Large.



Why do you think the Northern Ohio Dressage Association and its programs are important? NODA is a great resource for the amateur rider to get schooling show experi-

ence. NODA also is a tremendous educational resource.

What do you bring to the position you are running for? I have been a member for several years and have benefitted from the work of those that served before me. I look forward to helping NODA grow.

Tell us a little about your equestrian career: I was very happy to be a "horse show Mom" for the time I got to do that. I now have the chance to be the one in the saddle.

Mary Lou Gallagher—incumbent, running unopposed.

Tay Laster—running unopposed.

Barbara Soukup is a professional running unopposed for the position of Director at Large. Barb Soukup said "I am



currently running for the NODA Director at Large position. I am a USDF Silver and Bronze Medalist as well an L graduate with distinction. I am an instructor of Classical and Western Dressage, I judge schooling shows and travel for clinics. As a Professional and schooling show judge I have the opportunity to meet many of our NODA members and non-members; this makes

me easily accessible to anyone wishing to discuss their concern or ideas they would like presented to the board. I am very familiar with the board as I was a past President and current Parliamentarian."



The 2021 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention is Going Virtual! Dressage: The Next Frontier December 1-4

Dear Dressage Enthusiast,

Based on continuous monitoring by USDF leaders of potential impacts to an in-person event, and upon feedback from governance representatives, the host region, and the local club, the decision has been made for the 2021 USDF Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention to return to a virtual setting. After the overwhelming success and positive feedback from the membership regarding the virtual convention held in 2020, USDF is confident that we can deliver a convention experience that members will enjoy and that will allow us to successfully complete and attain our governance tasks and objectives.

The 2021 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention will continue to be where members and attendees can play an active role in USDF governance. Attendees will still be able to learn about the latest developments in the sport, as well as attend open meetings and forums. Yet again, the convention attendees will experience the event through a series of Zoom webinars, video chats, and other online content mediums, and we will still be able to offer the ever-elusive conflict free schedule.

This is a prime opportunity to get a glimpse into the inner workings of the organization and keep your thumb on the pulse of happenings within the sport. Our volunteer leadership, from GMO officials to committee members, to delegates, to directors, all bring so much knowledge and expertise to all aspects of the annual convention, it would benefit anyone to attend. Each and every member's voice is valued and plays a vital role in USDF governance and in plotting the trajectory of the organization and the sport.

We hope you'll join us for another virtual experience to continue this mission of influencing the direction of our sport and push it to new heights towards the next frontier of dressage. As always, keep an eye on the convention website and follow USDF on social media for the latest updates.

Sincerely, USDF

Registration page: www.usdf.org/convention/registration.asp

To get on the update and information list go to: www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp

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USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program

You can participate and get recognition for your hours as a GMO volunteer!

The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s).

Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log below and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF.

Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer. Volunteer hours earned prior to the implementation of the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program (May 28, 2021) will not be recorded.

GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log:
www.usdf.org/clubs/gmo/GMOVolunteerHourLog.pdf

Milestone 1 Recipients for 2021

25 Volunteer Hours

Christine Lemoine, MA

US Equestrian Announces New Membership Tier Structure for Implementation in 2022

by US Equestrian Communications Department | Oct 25, 2021, 10:00 AM EST Lexington, Ky.

US Equestrian is pleased to announce the launch of a newly designed membership tier structure to be implemented during the 2022 membership renewal season, offering more access, and expanded opportunity to grow equestrian sport through increased engagement. The new membership tiering will not impact the current pricing structure of membership categories but will adjust benefits and access allocated to each individual tier.

The move to restructure the membership tiering aligns with the next phase of the strategic plan announced in January 2020 and the million-member goal set by current President Tom O'Mara. The new member tiering will include three categories: 1) fans; 2) subscribers; and 3) competing memberships, offering an array of opportunities for enthusiasts and participants in equestrian sport. "The goal behind this restructure is to create a model that is enticing for new members to join USEF so we can continue to grow access and interest in our sport from the grass roots level all the way up through our high-performance programs," said Tom O'Mara, President of US Equestrian. "With the updated tiering, we believe we will encourage individuals passionate about equestrian sport to join our organization as a fan at no cost or upgrade their membership to a subscriber level for \$25 to experience increased benefits, with the ultimate goal of expanding the pool of competing members participating at our licensed competitions. We know there are millions of people in the U.S. with a passion for horses and want everyone to have an opportunity to be a part of US Equestrian."

The base fan experience is free and will allow individuals to learn about the benefits of USEF and sample offerings at no cost, encouraging interaction and connection with USEF on a free and ongoing basis. Fan members will have access to USEF Network livestreaming (not including On-Demand access), the Learning Center, the USEF Equestrian Weekly e-newsletter, and the Member Perks program. Fans will also automatically renew. The subscriber tier of membership, available for \$25 annually, will include exclusive on-demand and replay streaming on USEF Network, access to USEF Member Health Coverage options, and a mailed subscription of US Equestrian magazine while maintaining all exclusive benefits available to non-competing paying members, as well as access to the additional benefits offered at the fan membership level. Official Education Partners of USEF and their members will automatically be eligible for free Subscriber memberships. The competing memberships will remain at an annual renewal fee of \$80 and receive access to all US Equestrian benefits, including access to the membership health coverage options, as well as live and on-demand streaming via USEF Network, the Learning Center, Equestrian Weekly, Member Perks incentives, and the benefit of a working framework of to ensure fair and equal organized sport.

US Equestrian will launch the new tiers of membership at the beginning of the new competition year on December 1, 2021. To learn more about US Equestrian's member benefits and programs, please visit www.usef.org/join-usef.

Membership News

Fran Cverna, Membership Chair
NODA's 2021 Membership Year
12/01/2020 – 11/30/2021

**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

TIME TO RENEW FOR TWENTY 22

We are ending the 2021 Dressage year
December 2021 through November 2021
with 281 members -
185 Adult Amateur, 38 Youth, 58 Professional.
YOU are the people who ride and support dressage
in northern Ohio!

Compared to last year we were up 33 members.
Compared to 2019 we were down 37 members.
I truly hope next year we get back to 300+ members.

The Membership Form for 2022 is in the Newsletter
on Page 20 for those who are mailing checks.

Online sign is available at www.nodarider.org

If you want to use NODA bucks for your membership,
you DO need to mail in your membership.

**The 2022 membership year starts
December 1, 2021**

Tell all your friends to join NODA!!



If you have membership questions contact
Fran Cverna membership@nodarider.org



THE
DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

News and Updates from Karen Puchalsky
NODA's Dressage Foundation GMO Liaison
www.dressagefoundation.org

The Dressage Foundation offers many grants though out the year for Adult Amateurs, Young Riders and Professionals. Each month I will post some the grants offered with upcoming due dates to apply. For more information about the grants and how to apply, please go The Dressage Foundation's website at www.dressagefoundation.org/

Captain Jack Fritz Grants for YR Graduate Program

With funding provided through the Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund, The Dressage Foundation is pleased to offer grants of up to \$500 each to individual participants to attend the USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program.
Due Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Gerhard Politz Instructor Education Fund for Young Adults

The purpose of the Gerhard Politz Instructor Education Fund for Young Adults is to support young adults who desire to become dressage professionals, by providing grants to attend the USDF Instructor/Trainer Program. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 25. Grants are at least \$1,000 depending on the need and request.
Due Saturday, January 1, 2022

Karen Skvarla Fund for Young Professionals

The purpose of the Karen Skvarla Fund is to provide \$1,000 grants enabling young dressage professionals to pursue a variety of training or educational opportunities. Grant applicants should be in the beginning stages of their dressage careers as instructors and/or trainers.
Due Tuesday, February 15, 2022

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage in the United States. Lowell Boomer started The Dressage Foundation in 1989, and since that time, nearly \$3 million in scholarships and grants has been awarded to improve dressage in the United States. All of the funding for these grants and scholarships was provided by contributions from donors. These donations have come to us in all sizes - small, medium, large, and extra large. Every contribution is important to our work and has allowed the Foundation to provide monetary assistance to thousands of riders, instructors, judges, and groups to advance their knowledge and experience in the sport of dressage.

Would you like to have more information about The Dressage Foundation? Please feel free to call us at (402) 434-8585 and we would be happy to speak with you.



2021 USDF Salute Gala

The Salute Gala will be held on Friday night. Join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of these honorary guests as they receive special recognition for their dedication and services to the sport and USDF. We will be recognizing the following awards:

Lifetime Achievement Award

USDF Volunteer of the Year Award

USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Breeder of Distinction Awards

USDF Rider Awards

Tribute to Tokyo Olympians, Paralympians, and US Officials



Registration for USDF Annual Convention:

www.usdf.org/convention/registration.asp

To get on the update and information list go to:

www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp

USDF Youth Programs New Quick Reference Guide!

USDF continues to follow and evaluate developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, all currently scheduled events are subject to change. Check back here for the most current information.

USDF offers many programs for youth and young adults.

Some of the programs/competitions do require a USDF membership; be sure to confirm if programs you are interested in require membership, and if so what level. (You can find more information about the levels of membership and their respective fees here.)

Your local Group Member Organization may also offer many opportunities for youth and young adults. We encourage you to contact them and to also become a member of that group.

NEW Quick Reference Guide for Youth/Young Adult Dressage Programs Youth, Parents, and Coaches **CLICK BELOW!**

www.usdf.org/education/youth-quick-reference-guide.asp

USDF Youth are on Facebook! Click below

www.facebook.com/USDFJuniorYoungRiders





**Northern Ohio Dressage Association
2022 Membership Form**

NODA membership runs
12/1/2021 through 11/30/2022

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



A portion of your NODA membership dues goes 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 and Year-End Awards Program details are mailed to members who join **before March 1, 2022**.
- NODA By-Laws, club information, shows, awards, newsletters, and events are available at www.nodarider.org.
- NODA membership includes a subscription to the printed newsletter *NODA News*.
- Online sign up fees are \$2.00 more because of processing fees
- **Two ways to join:**
Mail this form along with a check or
Sign up ONLINE from the MEMBERSHIP page at www.nodarider.org

Date _____ ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Approval to release your contact information to Big Dee's Tack and Vet Supplies?

(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 2022. If you turn 22 or older in 2022, you must sign up for Adult Amateur or Professional membership.

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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 _____

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 _____

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

Newsletter subscription without membership Fill out this section only 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 (Check or cash)

Adult Amateur or Professional \$49.00 \$ _____

Youth \$35.00 \$ _____

Golden-Ager (at least 75 years old) \$24.00 \$ _____

Must be 75 years old or older as of December 1, 2020

Additional Family Member \$20.00 \$ _____

Full membership, must live at same address

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

Additional Donation \$ _____

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**

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

**NODA Professional Grants &
Amateur Scholarships**

Youth & Adult Amateur Scholarships

Available for NODA Members

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

**NODA Member Professionals
are Eligible for Grant Funds up to \$400!**

Grants are available for 50%
reimbursement of event participation

NODA Membership is required to apply

The applicant must be a "professional" horse
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Visit www.NodaRider.org/Scholarships.htm

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Property for Sale

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Experienced horse person needed: Tuesday/Thursday am feed/turn outs/stall cleaning. \$12 per hour. Contact text/call: Deb Boslett 440-228-5415.

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Winter weight blankets: All in great shape, clean and water proofed. One Weatherbeeta hunter and navy 75 inch, used twice for \$50 . One Centaur with a high neck, 81 inch, navy and silver. Hardly used for \$50. One black watch plaid, channel lined, 78 inch. Also one Baker Blanket stable sheet—82 inches for \$50. Lastly one LETTIA half pad in navy, Never used, for \$25. Gale. 440-655-4516 text or call.

SEEKING Volunteer Coordinator

for the 2022 Schooling Show Series

Recruit and organize schooling show volunteers. Orient new volunteers and ensure each volunteer get their NODA bucks.

President@nodarider.org

Articles Wanted

NODA is seeking informational articles for NODA News. You don't have to be an expert! Telling your story and how you've overcome challenges or what you've learned in bringing your horse along is welcome.

If you are a professional—NODA would love to have you share your wisdom with our members!

Articles are eligible for NODA bucks and USDF Annual GMO newsletter awards! Contact Mosie-editor@nodarider.org with your article or story ideas!

Photo and Article Submission Guidelines for NODA News

PHOTO Submission Guidelines

All Photo Requirements: high resolution, 300 dpi or higher in JPEG/JPG

Photos must be submitted as attachment to e-mails

NODA reserves the right to determine which photos will be published

NO photo will be used of any mounted rider without a helmet

Please include your name and the photographers name, horse's name, breed, hands, age & a description of the activity

Cover Photos for NODA News

Size: Portrait friendly format with uncluttered background—send without cropping.

Article Guidelines

Articles should highlight subjects of interest to NODA membership such as horsemanship, equestrian experiences, dressage, Western dressage, cross training, education, clinic reviews, horse management, rider training, horse or rider fitness, member spotlight or interview.

NODA reserves the right to edit for grammar, flow, and space constraints without changing the intended meaning.

NODA specific articles will have priority in the NODA News.

Photographs enhance your article – see Photo Submission Guidelines

NODA News Editors will determine when an article runs based on space

NODA reserves the right to refuse an article

Photos and articles are eligible for NODA bucks

Mosie-editor@nodarider.org



Northern Ohio Dressage Association

The Northern Ohio Dressage Association is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Group Member Organization.

All members of NODA are USDF group members.

For USDF participating membership, apply directly to the USDF at www.usdf.org

NODA Board Meetings, Third Monday of the Month — Your Ideas are Welcome

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 15, 2021 at 6:15pm - Virtual Meeting

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

Please contact your member liaison ([page 3](#)) to get a link to the board meeting

find *NODA* on social media



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Calendar of Events

Full calendar at www.nodarider.org

Nov 20 USDF "L" Program Part 1: A Judge's Perspective. Otterbein University Equestrian Complex (Sat) Milestone Farm (Sun) Auditor welcome
Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec/ODS
(740) 862-8640 cgemmel@sprynet.com
<https://www.ohiodressagesociety.com/>

****Nov 28 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>

Dec 4/5 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex
3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
<https://cseventingcomplex.com/downloads>

Jan 2 Dressage Schooling Show
Chagrin Valley Farms
Does NOT qualify for year end awards
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>

Jan 8/9 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex
3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
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****Count toward NODA 2021 Year-end Awards Due to COVID-19, check with the event coordinator to ensure a clinic or show has not been cancelled.**

****Jan 30 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>
Feb 5/6 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex
3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
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****Feb 27 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>

March 5/6 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex
3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
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****March 27 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>

April 9/10 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex

3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
<https://cseventingcomplex.com/downloads>

****April 24 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>
May 7/8 Dressage Schooling Show and Combined Test Weekend. Dressage on Saturday/Jumping on Sunday.
Creekside Eventing Complex
3084 Sleepy Hollow Road, Brunswick
Doug Morrison: 330-907-7129
<https://cseventingcomplex.com/downloads>

****May 15 Dressage Schooling Show**
Chagrin Valley Farms
<https://chagrinvalleyfarms.com>

**NODA Events:
more information at
www.nodarider.org**

Send calendar submissions including date, event, location, and contact information by the 15th of the month prior to the edition it will run in to Advertisers@nodarider.org

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