

# The Contact

*Keeping members informed.*



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October 5	Scores Due for Awards	Mail to Kathy Hanford
October 9-11	USDF Region 4 Championships	St. Louis, MO
October 10	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
October 11	CPC Open House	Middle Cross Stables
October 12	NDA Board Meeting	Misty's, Havelock, Lincoln, NE
October 17-18	Kim Benson Saddle Fit	Middle Cross & Still Waters
October 17	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
October 18	Ride a Test	S&L Stables - Bennet, NE
October 18	Fall Round Up Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center
October 24	Year End Meeting/Banquet Form Due	Mail to Jane Fucinaro
November 5-8	US Dressage Finals	Lexington, KY
November 7-8	Western Dressage World Championship Show	Tulsa, OK
November 14	NDA Annual Awards and Banquet	Parker's Smokehouse, Ashland, NE
November 28	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
December 12	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
December 14	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE

## *Do You Have News?*

Please submit your stories and photos to:

[newsletter@nebraskadressage.org](mailto:newsletter@nebraskadressage.org)

## *Help Wanted!*

Have you been wondering what you could do to help NDA out? We have some ideas! See our "Help Wanted" section on the next page for more details.

# Help Wanted

Learn more ways to give back to your dressage community.

## NDA is looking for a new Membership Chairperson!

Are you organized? Good with spreadsheets? Interested in helping your GMO and working with USDF to keep us on track? Are you looking for a way to get all your volunteer hours for the year taken care of with one job?

Then you might be a perfect NDA Membership Chair!

After many years of excellent service to NDA, Diana Spaulding is stepping down as the NDA Membership Chair following the year-end banquet. NDA is looking for her replacement. Responsibilities include accepting and recording all new member applications, maintaining a spreadsheet of these members, and reporting new members to USDF every month.

Diana will be available to help you learn the ropes as you get started.

If interested, please contact Melissa Ward at [president@nebraskadressage.org](mailto:president@nebraskadressage.org) as soon as possible. Thank you!

## NDA is looking for a new Contact Editor!

Do you enjoy communication? Do you have strong computer skills and enjoy design and organization? Are you interested in keeping your fellow NDA Members up to date on the local, regional and national dressage news? Are you looking for a way to get all your volunteer hours for the year taken care of with one job?

You might be a perfect Contact Editor!

Jane will be available to assist as you get started. If interested, please contact Jane Fucinaro at [newsletter@nebraskadressage.org](mailto:newsletter@nebraskadressage.org) as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Are there other Committees you would be interested in serving on? Contact the NDA Board if you'd like to volunteer. And as always, thanks to the many hard-working volunteers that keep NDA going!**



# Thank You

A Note from Tillie Jones

Dear NDA Members,

I would like to thank all the NDA members that contributed in the Region 4 Junior team "No Braid Fundraiser" at the Cornhusker Classic. With your generous donations, it helped with entry fees, stabling, and other payments along the way to Kentucky. The Region 4 Junior team will be competed at the Kentucky Horse Park during the North American Junior Young Rider Championship on July 13-18. Riders ages 14-21 from many countries come to compete at this show. All 9 regions in the U.S. also competed. The test the junior team rode is combined with 3rd level movements. It will be a very big show so I would like to thank everyone who has supported us on this very special journey!

Thank you,  
Tillie Jones

## Congratulations, Region 4 Jr./YR Team!

The Region 4 girls shined in the national arena! After Day 1 of the Festival of Champions, our Mickayla Frederick and Tillie Jones have taken 1st and 2nd place in the FEI Junior Team Test, respectively. You go, girls! NDA is proud of you.

An advertisement for KLC Vision. The top part shows a woman in a red plaid shirt and a man in a blue vest looking at a laptop. Below this is the Intuit logo and text: "Quickbooks coaching and training for farmers, ranchers, livestock producers, and those serving these agriculture industries." Below that is a Facebook link: "Like our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/klcvision](http://www.facebook.com/klcvision) to learn more." The bottom part features the KLC logo (Kathy Lewis Consulting) and contact information: "VALLEY, NE", "www.klcvision.com • 402.677.5273", and "Kathy@klcvision.com • Facebook: KLC Vision".

# Thank you for your 2015 Century Club Sponsorship!

We passed the **200 member** mark in May and expect to have over 220 total members by the end of this year. Your sponsorship has allowed us to give each new team a Century Club ribbon and plaque.

A few fun facts from some of our new Century Club Members:

Team #208, Jerry Kleffman and Photon: first Team from Minnesota

Team #200, Thann Hanchett and Magellan: first Team from Utah

Two 35-year-old horses have joined the Century Club this year:  
Star (Team #204)  
Rocky (Team #209)

"When I heard about the Century Club, I tried on my old white britches, learned a test, and decided it was time to do it! So, thank you, Century Club, for giving me this goal. Now that I've gotten out and done it, I'm going to continue. *Why not?*"

- Sally MacGowan with Steelmarket, Team #207

Photos:

Jerry Kleffman and Photon (Top), Thann Hanchett and Magellan with owner, Ann King (Second), Cindy Bishop and Star with Tanya Rennie and Amy Libby (Third), Elaine Taub and Rocky (Fourth), Sally MacGowan and Steelmarket (Bottom).

*Again, thank you for helping us honor an older generation while inspiring the next.*

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# 2015 USDF Convention

## Three NDA Members to Attend



### Three NDA Members are Las Vegas Bound!!

Every year in December, the United States Dressage Federation holds its annual convention in a different city. This is an opportunity for representatives from every GMO (group member organization) in the country to meet with the USDF Executive Board as well as PM (participating member) delegates from every region—together, this group represents the voting governance of USDF. They come together for a number of educational sessions and roundtable discussions, and then vote on issues that affect USDF and its members everyday.

This year's annual convention will be held in Las Vegas, Dec. 2 through Dec. 5, 2015. Educational sessions will be presented by some of the country's most respected veterinarians and experts, and attendees will be briefed on all the latest developments at USDF & USEF, including proposed USEF rule book changes.

### GMO Delegates

Each GMO is allotted one GMO delegate per 200 GMO members, so NDA has one GMO delegate in attendance at the USDF Convention. This year's GMO delegate is NDA President Melissa Ward, who will be voting on behalf of NDA on all issues.

In an exciting turn of events, however, Melissa will not be the only NDA member voting at the convention!

### PM Delegates

Region 4 (consisting of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota) is allotted four PM delegates, who vote on behalf of all the USDF participating members of Region 4. Earlier this year, two NDA members were elected by their peers to become PM delegates: NDA Vice President Jane Fucinaro and NDA Board Member Laureen Van Norman. Jane and Laureen will be joining Joyce Hardesty and Barbara Zukowski representing Region 4 in Las Vegas.

### Why This is Awesome

NDA is so excited that our members make up half of Region 4's presence at the convention! This is going to be extremely valuable for networking, promoting NDA on a national scale, and positioning our GMO as an active, valuable cross-section of America's dressage community.

The NDA Board has big ideas brewing for the next couple of years—we are hoping to host some significant regional events and bring big opportunities to our Nebraska dressage enthusiasts. On the tails of another successful USDF Adult Clinic, and in anticipation of the 2017 World Cup Dressage & Jumping Finals in Omaha, we are poised for the spotlight, and our three representatives at the USDF Annual Convention will be busy gathering information, talking to influential people, and promoting

Nebraska's major role in the history of dressage in the United States.

Also, NDA is up for a couple of GMO awards this year, including Best Website and Best Newsletter—so we'll let you know how that turns out!

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To learn more about some of the topics that will be covered at the USDF Annual Convention, visit the convention website or check out the Governance Discussion Topics at the USDF website.

If you have questions about the convention, our representatives, or suggestions for topics to bring up at our roundtable discussions, please email Melissa Ward at [president@nebraskadressage.org](mailto:president@nebraskadressage.org).

### A Note From Laureen and Jane

Jane and I will be attending the USDF Convention to be held in Las Vegas in December. Last spring, both of us received an invitation to stand for election as a Region 4 PM Delegate and were elected in June. PM Delegates represent the interest of all USDF Participating members within their respective regions on the USDF Board of Governors. Key to effective service is communication with members about issues to be considered at the annual meeting. As the meeting grows closer, we will be looking for input from our membership about any issues that will be presented. An agenda for the BOG meeting will be available on the USDF website under "Governance". Proposed USEF rule changes are currently on the website. Please feel free to contact me or Jane with any questions or comments.

Lloyd Landkamer has served as Region 4 director for several years but has withdrawn his name this year. There is no candidate for Region 4 director so nominations will be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.

We are excited to learn more about the operation of USDF from the perspective of a PM delegate and to represent Region 4 in this important work.



You are invited to attend a Cornhusker Pony Club open house at Middle Cross Stables. Cornhusker Pony Club (CPC) has members of all ages, horses of all kinds, and we want you to come be a part of it! Our CPC kids will have fun activities, door prizes and demonstrations for the whole family.

**When:** October 11th, 12 PM-4 PM  
**Where:** Middle Cross Stables,  
 500 Sprague Road  
 Roca, NE 68430  
**Contact:** Jane Fucinaro, 402.504.8113



### Topics of discussion will include:

- Membership: What is included, how much it costs, who can join?
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# NDA's 2015 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet



**When:** Saturday, November 14, 2015

**Where:** Parker's Smokehouse

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5:30-6:30 Social Hour\*  
6:30-7:30 Buffet Dinner\*  
and Silent Auction  
7:30-8:30 Annual Meeting  
and Officer Election  
8:30-9:30 Awards Presentation  
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YES, I/We plan to attend.

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List names of attendees:

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I am unable to attend. Please assign my proxy vote to **another NDA Member:**

Print YOUR name

Print PROXY Member name

YOUR Signature

Date

# NDA Awards Banquet and Annual Meeting

## Silent Auction



### *Holiday shopping is just around the corner!*

NDA's Year-End Banquet and Silent Auction is Nov. 14. It will be here before we know what hit us—the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping! It's almost that time of year, and NDA would like to give you a jump start into the season.

Make room for your new incoming items by donating your horsey (or non-horsey!) items for the annual NDA silent auction! Then at the auction, shop for gifts for your two- and four-legged friends.

The auction takes place in conjunction with the Year-End Awards Banquet and has always been a big hit with many unique items!

### *How to donate:*

I (Gracia Huenefeld) will be at the NDA Schooling Show Championships on 9/27 and would be happy to collect any items there. I'm also happy to accommodate your schedule and make other arrangements. Just contact me!

\*Note: Donations are tax-deductible. Please include an estimated value for each of your donated items and you will receive a receipt for your records.

### *How to bid:*

Bidding will take place at the Year-End Awards Banquet on November 14, 2015, at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland, NE. We will be posting some of the items on the NDA Facebook page for you to view ahead of time, but bids will be placed at the banquet.

### *We want your stuff!*

So go through your tack locker, your house and your storage unit! We'd love to auction off your extra bridles, your old lamps, your beautiful art pieces, or anything else that you just don't have room for anymore.

Or, if you (or your business) would like to donate services, brand-new items, handmade gifts, or gift baskets, we would LOVE those, too! Remember, these donations are tax-deductible.

Please contact me with any questions!

Gracia Huenefeld  
NDA Fundraising Chair  
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## Good Luck...

*...don't forget to submit scores for awards!*

### *Good luck to those competing at Schooling Show Championships this weekend!*

The schedule is posted online, be sure to support your fellow members and cheer them on at the Championships! If you'd like to volunteer at this show to squeeze in your last volunteer hours for Year End Awards, please contact show manager, Katie Fink at [kfink1130@gmail.com](mailto:kfink1130@gmail.com)

### *Don't forget to submit scores for Year-End Awards!*

Scores must be submitted or postmarked by OCTOBER 5th!

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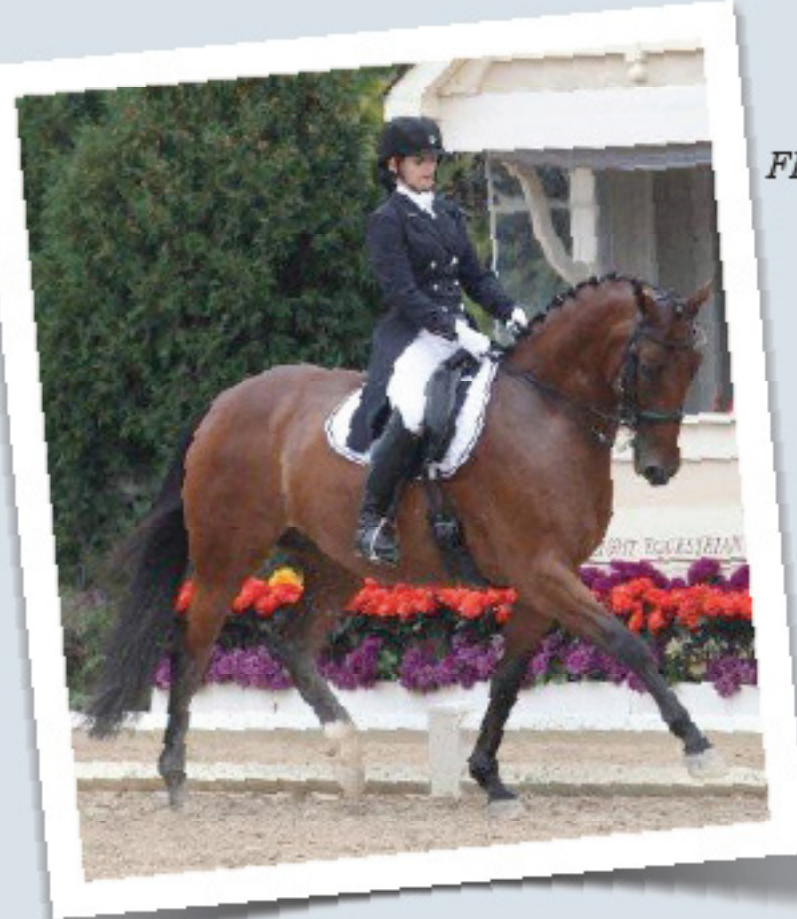
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