

# The Contact

*Keeping members informed.*



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## *Do You Have News?*

The Contact is now MONTHLY!

NDA is pleased to share more news and information with you, and we want to do the best we can. So, please submit your stories and photos to:

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

May 29	Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE
May 30-31	Cornhusker Classic	Lancaster Event Center
May 30-31	Western and Dressage Ride-a-Test and Schooling Show	Middle River Ranch - Winterset, IA
June 8	NDA Board Meeting 6:30	Misty's Havelock, Lincoln, NE
June 12-14	Iowa Dressage Pre-Classic, Classic I & II	Maffit Lake, Cumming, IA
June 13	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
June 17-23	Sarah Martin Long Format Clinic	Still Waters and Middle Cross
June 20	Providence Farm Schooling Show	Providence Farm, Palmyra, NE
June 26	NDA Juniors Pool Party	Lincoln Country Club
June 27	Trailerling Troubles Clinic	Middle Cross Stables, Roca, NE
June 27-28	Maffit Lake I and II	Maffit Lake, Cumming, IA
June 27-28	Dressage At The Lake - Clinic and Schooling Show	MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
July 11	Summer Solstice Schooling Show	S&L Stables, Palmyra, NE
July 13	NDA Board Meeting	Misty's, Havelock, Lincoln, NE
July 25-26	Super Fair Open Dressage Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center
September 27	Schooling Show Championships	Lancaster Event Center
October 9-11	USDF Region 4 Championships	St. Louis, MO
October 18	Fall Round Up Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center
November 5-8	US Dressage Finals	Lexington, KY
November 14	NDA Annual Awards and Banquet	TBD

Are we missing something? It's hard to squeeze it all in one page, so check out the online calendar for more details. If you have something you'd like to add, contact our webmaster with event details.

# COMPETITIONS

*How'd you like our judges?*



**Ulrich Schmitz** received his equestrian training in Germany, where he successfully competed in dressage, show jumping, three day eventing and was awarded the German Riding Medal. Uli continued his career as a competitor after moving to Canada. He earned distinction as a dressage judge under the Canadian Dressage Federation. Uli added event course designer, dressage clinician to his equestrian skills in Florida and Arizona. He has shown through the Grand Prix level. Uli is an International FEI "I" Event Judge. He is also an USEF "S" Dressage Judge as well as an USEF Sport Horse Judge. Uli has his USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Rider Medals.

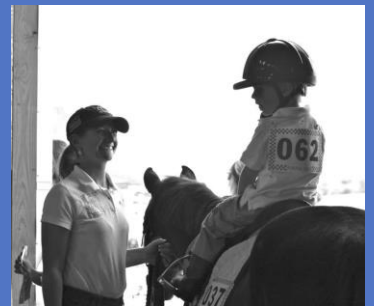


**Jayne Ayers** has been an FEI 4\* dressage judge for over 25 years, and has been judging dressage for the USEF for over 35 years. She also holds an R license to judge Dressage Sport Horse Breeding classes. She enjoyed her work as a licensed Eventing judge for about 15 years, but chose to focus exclusively on dressage when she received her FEI license. As a long-time member of the USEF Dressage Committee, she has served on sub-committees for Judge Training, Clinics, Juniors, Young Horses, Rules, Test Writing, and Sport Horse Breeding. She is currently Co-Chairman of the Dressage Committee.



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual PROVIDENCE FARM SCHOOLING SHOW**  
**Qualifies for NDA Schooling Show Championships**  
**JUNE 20, 2015**

Providence Farm, 663 C Road, Palmyra, NE  
 Opening Date May 25, 2015 – Closing Date June 13, 2015  
 Judged By Felice Rose, "L" Graduate with Distinction



**COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM**  
**One Entry Form Per Horse/Rider Combination**

COMPETITOR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME/CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NDA MEMBER # (not required) \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER \_\_\_\_\_ ADULT AMATEUR \_\_\_\_\_ OPEN \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NDA Horse # (not required): \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE OWNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

IS OWNER AN NDA MEMBER: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Description</u>	<u>Please Circle Test</u>			<u>Fee</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Walk/Trot Equitation 12 & Under				\$20	_____
Walk/Trot Equitation 13-18				\$20	_____
Equitation Walk/Trot/Canter				\$20	_____
USDF INTRO	A	B	C	\$20	_____
USDF Training Level	1	2	3	\$20	_____
USDF First Level	1	2	3	\$20	_____
USDF Second Level	1	2	3	\$20	_____
USDF Third Level	1	2	3	\$20	_____
Western Dressage (USEF/WDAA test of choice)				\$20	_____
Musical Freestyle	Western	English		\$20	_____

OFFICE FEE: \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00

Email [Linda@integritymd.com](mailto:Linda@integritymd.com) for availability of day stall/outside pen, \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FEES DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Providence Farm  
 Mail Entry to 663 C Road  
 Palmyra, NE. 68418

Show Manager: Mike Smith 402-525-4314 or (Linda) 402-217-2177  
 Ride Times will be posted on the Providence Farm Website [www.providencefarm.net](http://www.providencefarm.net)  
 Photography services will be provided by Casey Blum, contact with any questions at casey.blum@yahoo.com

PRIZE LIST: Ribbons will be awarded through 6<sup>th</sup> place by division

# Congratulations

to our scholarship recipients



**Suzanne Boldt**  
*Adult Amateur Recipient*

I would like to thank NDA and the board for awarding me the Adult Amateur scholarship for 2015. I am very excited and am appreciative of the opportunity to do some additional training with Sarah Martin. To be able to enmesh myself in a week-long clinic is exciting beyond words.



**Stella Uiterwaal**  
*Junior Recipient*

I am thrilled to be the Jr./YR recipient of a scholarship from the Nebraska Dressage Association! Thanks to this generous grant, I will get to attend some amazing dressage events such as the USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic and a Shan Lawton clinic. My horse, Striking Silhouette, and I have grown so much since we first met almost three years ago, but our partnership is just starting to flourish. I am beyond excited to have these opportunities to strengthen our connection and develop our skills as we continue to learn the sport of dressage!



**Sheila Purdum**

Thank you so much for the scholarship, which will enable me to go to the Western Dressage Association's Train the Trainers clinic in Pryor, Oklahoma. I am very excited about the two day clinic which will bring me up to date on rules, regulations, training and judging western dressage.



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# Region 4 Adult Clinic

May 16-17

The USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic was held on May 16-17 at Providence Farm in Palmyra, Nebraska, generously hosted by the Kment and Smith families. Eight talented horse and rider combinations worked with Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner on "Creating a Winning Partnership With Your Horse," the name of the clinic series.

Kathy and Betsy would take turns teaching the riders throughout the weekend, then giving input to auditors and sharing their feedback on the ride.

One of the very first questions Kathy asked the audience was very simple, "Why do you like to ride?" After some thought, auditors generally concluded that they rode for the sake of the spiritual connection that we get from the horse, or as NDA member Heidi Helmer said, "You get to fly, I ride because I love it!"

As Kathy went on to describe while Betsy was finishing with another rider, it is important for us as riders to "be where the horse is" and to "be their leaders, not their masters." Betsy went on to say, "Whatever you give to them, you get back. It's discipline, structure and praise that create a good partnership. Horses give so much power and energy, we really must appreciate what the horses bring for us."

The cohesion and fun joking between the two instructors made for a delightful weekend. Both Kathy and Betsy complimented each other well.

Each instructor had a fun tool up their sleeves. Betsy pulled out two small plush balls and encouraged rider, Natalie Truman to stick them under her arms, while she rode her gelding, Roanie. Kathy used a brightly colored hair clip fastened into each horses' manes as a reminder to the rider; every time the rider saw the clip, they must remember to make a specific correction. While riding alone, make progress with your horse by changing what you work on each week.

Betsy emphasized the importance of cross training our bodies as athletes to create the best support for our horses. Because riding uses very specific muscles, cross training supports other muscles that will support our riding muscles and give us an awareness of our body as a whole.

After watching eight incredibly talented riders and chatting with auditors who traveled as far as Texas and Minnesota, I left with a rejuvenated sense of appreciation for not only dressage as a sport, but also for the horse, who gives us so much in return.

Thank you so much for the riders and their horses, for the fantastic demonstrations. Thank you, NDA Juniors, for providing a fantastic breakfast each morning. Thank you to all the volunteers and Providence Farm for making this run so smoothly and finally, for all who came out to watch and participate, we hope you loved it as much as we did!

Best,  
Jane Fucinaro







*“Be joyful about your progress; don’t pick on the one little thing that isn’t good.”*

*- Kathy Connelly*

*“Having patience creates trust”*

*- Betsy Steiner*

*Top: (Left) NDA Board of Directors with Betsy and Kathy (Right) NDA rider Lauren Van Norman*

*Middle: (Left) NDA rider Jami Kment, (Right) NDA rider Natalie Truman (Length) NDA rider Gracia Huenefeld*

*Bottom: (Left) NDA rider Kathy Hanford (Right) NDA Juniors serving breakfast*

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*(Left) Betsy Steiner and Kathy Connelly (Right) Kathy with Gracia*



# Classifieds

*We can help you sell!*

## Awesome Misty

Breed: Quarter Horse  
(Reg. Name: Awesome Misty;  
Reg. #:4154073)  
Gender: Mare  
Age: 14 (DOB: May 20, 2001)  
Size: 15.0 H  
Color: Bay Price: \$8,750



Plattsmouth, NE

Temperament: Misty is an elegant mare, of quality build and with a gentle temperament. She is a very smart and sensible mare who learns quickly and has a terrific amount of try. She is both a kind and generous spirited horse and has a stellar work ethic. Misty is a pleasure to partner with as she brings her best and fullest effort to each requested endeavor every time. She is polite on the ground and an equal pleasure to ride with smooth, comfortable and balanced gaits! Misty has both show and trail riding experience and has proven herself to be quiet and responsible in both environments, whether on her own or in the company of other horses. She clips, loads, ties and trailers well. Misty is a sensitive mare who is eager to please and subsequently benefits from a strong emotional connection with her human. She is best suited for a kind human partner who can offer both credible leadership and emotional understanding.

Training and Accomplishments: Misty is versatile, talented and proven in many different arenas. She was trained by Sherman Tegtmeier for reining and was campaigned in her third and fourth year in Novice and Amateur classes. She has points in each, which can be viewed on the AQHA website. She was then a working ranch horse as a 5 year old and then became a broodmare for five years producing four foals. In 2013 she was put in training with Rae Lynn Gilmore who showed her in reining and trained her for ranch horse versatility. Misty was judged the Supreme Champion Horse at the 2014 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic after competing in conformation, ranch trail, boxing, open roping, and ranch rodeo. Misty has most recently received natural horsemanship based, partnership and western dressage training with Emily Johnson of Mountain Rose Horsemanship. Misty was shown successfully at the 2014 Western Dressage World Show placing 4th and 5th in her respective Introductory Level classes with Emily Johnson riding. In November 2014 Misty won her division of the Trail Rider Challenge at the Nebraska Horse Expo with the owner riding, further proving her terrific versatility. Misty has eye-catching movement and a free-flowing stride which makes her equally suited for english disciplines. She has also shown with success in english dressage at Training Level. Whether on the trail, in the western arena or on the english dressage court, Misty excels!

Medical History: Misty has been on a regular de-worming, farrier and vaccination program throughout her life and is current in all categories.

Rider Experience: Confident Intermediate

CONTACT: [emily@mountainrosehorsemanship.com](mailto:emily@mountainrosehorsemanship.com)



Click photos for video.

## Eros VF (Aslan)

Eros VF, fondly known as Aslan, is a 6 year old (March 2009) 16.1h registered Friesian Sport Horse gelding (rider/handler in photos/video is 6 foot tall for reference). Both parents are Friesian so his papers do state 100%. Beautiful free and forward movement, soft mouth and responds easily to leg and seat aids. Super dressage prospect or all-around riding, trail or driving horse. Wonderfully sweet and respectful personality on the ground and longe line, Aslan is easy to catch, load, trim and handle. He is also curious and fun to ride and enjoys shows, demos and rides on the trail.

As a young horse, Aslan had plenty of handling and was ponied (at a leisurely pace) down the trail. He was first ridden in April 2014 by a friend of mine using natural horsemanship techniques. I saw him after 30 days and purchased him as a dressage prospect, continuing his training. I took Aslan to his first dressage show in June 2014 where he enjoyed nickering to himself in the indoor mirrors and showing off in the outdoor arena with his first score a 68% at Intro Level despite all the new things to look at...he enjoyed "looking", but continued "working" and was a wonderful obedient boy.

Aslan is a big mover with lovely gaits and a presence that catches everyone's eye. He is always happy to go to work and eager to please. Can't say enough good things about this guy! Quiet enough for competent young or amateur rider looking for a fun, rewarding prospect. Available for \$17,500 but willing to negotiate with perfect home! Located in Seward, NE area.

CONTACT: Patty Lavell, [pattyl@windstream.net](mailto:pattyl@windstream.net)



# Trailer Clinic

Presented by Jamie Carman



## WHEN

June 27  
10:00-12:00

## WHERE

Middle Cross Stables  
500 Sprague Road  
Roca, NE

## WHAT ELSE?

Truck, trailer and horse provided  
for practice.

FREE for NDA Members  
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## RSVP

[jfucinaro@gmail.com](mailto:jfucinaro@gmail.com)  
402-504-8113

### Trailer Safe and Sound

The Nebraska Dressage Association and Middle Cross Stables is offering you a FREE (to NDA Members) tutorial for trailering! The goal is to teach us horse lovers how NOT to be helpless while hauling.

#### Topics to be covered include:

- Hitching and un-hitching
- Driving tips and tricks
- Backing up and parking
- Changing a flat tire with a full trailer
  - Trailer maintenance
  - Preparation for long trips
- What to put in an emergency kit

*and new this year...*

- Safely loading a horse!

#### More Details

The Nebraska Dressage Association will provide drinks. A bumper pull trailer will be provided for demonstrations and practice.

The event will be held in the large outdoor arena, please bring chairs and sunscreen!


Please RSVP to Jane Fucinaro and bring your horse friends! All are welcome.

# Breaking News?


*Share it with us!*

Is there something that you'd like to see in The Contact? Submit it to us, we will gladly share it! Photographs from a recent event, show results, barn news, event reports, you name it!

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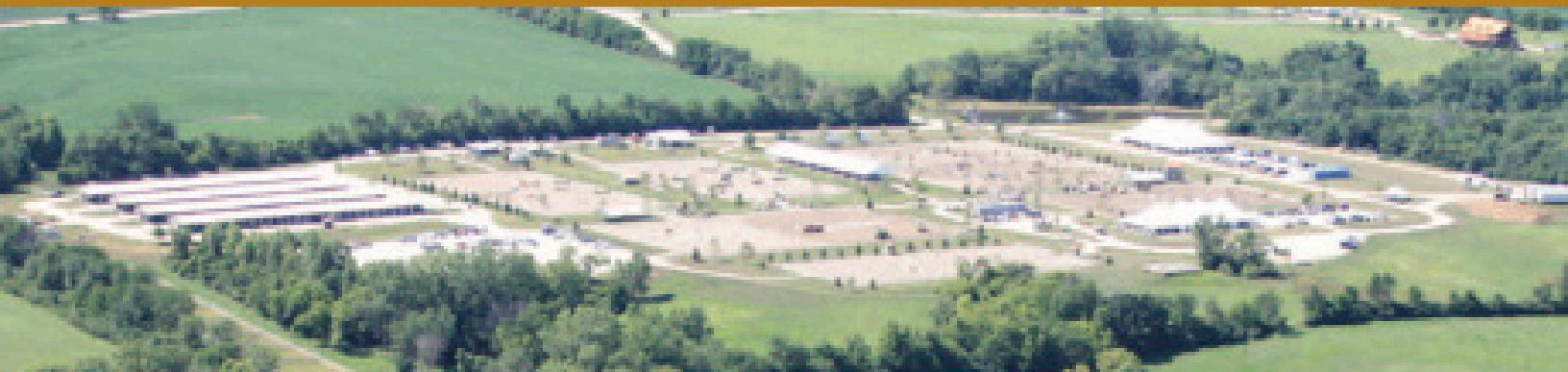
Judges: Sandy Osborne & Sue Kolstad

Two Rivers Dressage Classic I & II *Level 3*  
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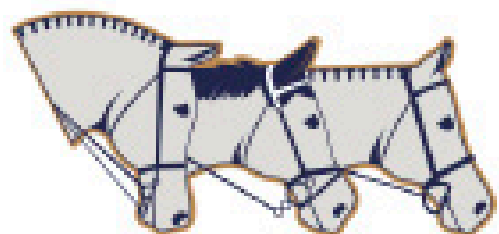
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