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See You At the Classic!

The many exciting changes to the Lancaster Event Center for this year's Cornhusker Classic are promising to be an event you will not want to miss. From newly added amenities for competitors and upgraded lodging for the horses, the Classic is prepared to be the show of the season.

The centrally-located General Store now features expanded hours for visitors to order shavings, camping, rubber stall mat rentals, and Nixall disinfectant alongside their bottled beverages, snacks, and hot food items.

Arena footing continues to excel under new management. The Lancaster Event Center's new Kiser DragMaster equipment offers consistent depth and prevents ridges from forming. Additional sand is being added as needed, and a rock removal service is hired just before horse show season begins each year. Trained footing specialists are now scheduled to be available during shows to work the arena under show management's guidance, and show management has a walk-through scheduled prior to the Classic to allow for any last minute adjustments to moisture content.

I also wanted to include a reminder that the volunteer sign-up link is now live on the NDA website!

Here's to a great 2019 show season with you all!

Happy riding,
Michaela Schieffer
NDA Editor

Meet Your Cornhusker Classic Judges



Dolly Hannon
S, R/WD

A graduate from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Horticulture and a minor in Animal Science, Janet “Dolly” Hannon has trained and taught primarily dressage and combined training at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden, Colorado for over 30 years. She now teaches

and trains at Legacy valley Farm in Arvada, Co. She is a USDF certified Instructor through Fourth Level with USDF Platinum and Diamond Diplomas for attendance at university programs, and is a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist—with several students also attaining all three medals on horses they trained under Dolly’s guidance.

Dolly is a USEF S/Dressage judge, with additional training in Young horse, equitation, and Freestyle judging. She judges on average 27 shows a year across the US and Canada, and gives on average 20 clinics and educational programs per year across the country. Last year, Dolly judged the USDF national finals in Lexington, KY.

Chair of the USDF Freestyle Committee since 2011, Dolly has worked on that committee since 2006. She is also a former member of the USDF Judges Committee, and helped develop and rewrite the USDF continuing education program for L graduates and judges on the judging of freestyles.

Dolly is also a USEF R judge in Western Dressage and helped revise the 2017 WDAA tests. She taught the first WDAA judges group apprentice program in 2015.

Debbie Riehl-Rodriquez
S, R/DSHB

Debbie has been teaching, training and judging dressage since 1973. A graduate of Meredith Manor School of Horsemanship, Debbie lives in Golden Colorado but travels extensively around the U.S. and



Canada judging and teaching clinics. Debbie is a USEF S/ Dressage judge, R sport horse breeding judge and a member of the USDF L faculty for judges training. Still an active competitor, she has won numerous Horse of the Year awards both nationally and locally from Training Level through Grand Prix. Debbie enjoys teaching all levels and working with all breeds. As well as various warmbloods, she has trained and shown Thoroughbreds, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Andalusians, Morgans, Friesians and even Saddlebreds. She has trained several horses through Grand Prix and has earned her USDF bronze, silver and gold medals. Debbie is also a USEF Western Dressage Judge and teaches at the WDAA annual seminar for judge training.



Gwen Ka'awaloa
R, r/WD, R/DSHB

Gwen is a USEF Licensed R Dressage judge and R sport horse judge, as well as a r Western Dressage judge. She is a USDF Certified Instructor through Fourth Level, and is a USDF bronze, silver, and gold medalist as well as a AHSA Hunt Seat Medalist.

Riding since 8 years old, Gwen has spent the last 35 years concentrating on improving knowledge and riding skills, working with several well-known clinicians and trainers. In 2012, she trained and competed a horse to Grand Prix, and now she is working on upgrading her judging credentials.

As a trainer and instructor, she strives to help both the horse and rider to enjoy the journey of dressage through positive reinforcement and clear, achievable goals. Gwen’s students have earned their Bronze and Silver medals as well as Rocky Mountain Dressage and USDF Year End Awards. Students include Junior/Young Riders in both Dressage and Eventing, several of which have qualified and attended the Junior/Young Rider Championships. Adult Amateur Riders compete in both Dressage, Eventing and Western Dressage.

“As a judge, I enjoy watching horses and the training needed to perform a quality test. When a horse and rider demonstrate harmony and skill I am thrilled to give that high score. It is a pleasure and privilege to judge horses and riders.”

2019 Show Calendar

Whether you are trailering in for the day, just volunteering at the Classic, or spending the entire weekend surrounded by your horsey friends, we want to see your smiling face in the ring. There is no better place to celebrate how far you have come, and no better support system to help you achieve the next level. Can't wait to see you!

May 4 Spring Fling Dressage Schooling Show

Come support the event that started most of us on our journey into the horse world. As a fundraiser to benefit Lancaster County 4-H, the Spring Fling is open to all ages. Judged by Marie Maloney (L), the event will be held at the Lancaster Event Center.

May 24 NDA's Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show

May 25-26 NDA's 42nd Annual Cornhusker Classic I & II

The main event of the year that draws all of our members from the barns and homes is, of course, the Classic. A Level 3 show, in addition to being AQHA recognized, the Classic is the best place to step up your game in the show ring!

June 15 Providence Farm Schooling Show

Held on the stunning Providence Farm grounds north of Palmyra and judged by Nancy Gorton (L), the Providence Farm Schooling Show is the inspiring setting to embolden your riding.

June 23 Summer Solstice Dressage and Combined Test Show

With a second opportunity to visit the S & L Stables for a show, the Summer Solstice will be judged by Nena Denman (r/Dressage and R/Western Dressage).

July 29-31 Lancaster County Fair Open Dressage Show

Judge Nena Denman (r/Dressage and R/Western Dressage) returns once again to judge the County Fair Open Show, held on the Lancaster County Fairgrounds.

August 29 Nebraska State Fair Western Dressage Show and Clinic

Everyone knows the next step after County Fair is the State Fair, even for adults. Held on the NE State Fairgrounds in Grand Island, this show is the perfect place to take a trek out West.

September 15 NDA Schooling Show Championships

A perfect end to the show season and to celebrate your hard work in the ring, the Schooling Show Championships will be held at the Lancaster Event Center.



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Why I Volunteer for NDA

Michaela Schieffer

For many of us, volunteering is something we did in high school to add to our college resume or something our church suggests. In the larger picture, however, volunteering is often the avenue in which our favorite hobbies are made possible and even develop to new heights, rather than a chore.

Volunteering for the Nebraska Dressage Association, for instance, has many faces. Every person that is not in a saddle, is contributing in some way to keep our organization in motion. Whether you want to learn more about the insight into judging tests by learning to scribe, to ensuring the safety of your friends as a ring steward, NDA needs your physical support to continue to bring the best education and opportunities to you and your horse. Our organization wants you to succeed in and out of the ring, and wants to succeed alongside you.

But don't just take our word for it:

"The last 2 years I volunteered at the Cornhusker Classic schooling show. This is my first year volunteering at the International. Both have been great experiences. It's a great way to meet other horse people and contribute to a great organization. Volunteering at the International was perfect as the booth was so close to the demonstration arena that we could watch the events and still be available at the booth to answer any questions."

Jane Hansen

"Throughout the last four years the NDA has extended countless educational opportunities in which I have been able to take advantage of allowing me to progress in the field of dressage. When my trainer and friend, Jane Fucinaro extended the invite for me to help by volunteering at the Burlington International I immediately accepted. I couldn't think of a better way to give back to the organization. The experience was worth my time! My volunteering consisted of running the booth by answering questions, handing out materials with information promoting the NDA and selling NDA hats and T-shirt's. During this time I was able to reconnect with some of my Lincoln friends/members and introduce our organization to several young horse enthusiasts and Dressage hopefuls. Having only been a member for four years now this was my first time volunteering however, it will not be my last. The experience was rewarding in that the NDA feels like family. We are all just here to support each other with our horses and efforts in horsemanship and dressage."

Jody Klein

No matter how small, every volunteer effort for NDA is what keeps our beloved sport alive. It can be as simple as approaching a neighbor's business to be a new sponsor for NDA, so our shows can continue to grow and attract outstanding competition in the ring. Or you can practice for your audition as a radio host by announcing at a show. Most commonly, volunteering for NDA can be as simple as offering to sit behind the organization booth at the International, sharing your love of the sport with those who happen to pass within reach of your smile.

Whether you are planning to ride in this year's Cornhusker Classic or come watch a friend, there are many opportunities for you to get involved as an NDA volunteer at the Classic this year. We have steadily grown each year and we need your help to make this event a success. We have always received compliments from outside competitors on the graciousness of our staff and we want to continue to uphold that image.

Available positions for the upcoming Cornhusker Classic include:

1. Scribes jot down the judge's score and comments for each movement on the scoresheets. Some knowledge of the dressage tests and decent penmanship are required. You'll need to arrive 30 minutes before the first ride time to get set up and meet the judge.
2. Warm-Up Arena Stewards manage safety in the warm-up rings. If an injury occurs, they will radio the onsite EMT. Bring a book or a friend since you must stand guard even when the arena is empty. Plan to staff the arena 30 minutes before the first ride time and through every break.
3. Gate Stewards keep the show running on time by advising the riders when it is their turn and radioing the show office when there are scratches. They will also close the "gate" at A, so feel free to bring a small child with lots of energy.
4. Equipment Check volunteers will review bits, spurs, whips, etc. for a random group of riders from each class after their ride has been completed and can radio for the onsite Volunteer Coordinator if they have questions. Training and all materials will be provided.

5. Ribbon Stewards gather required signatures as they hand out scoresheets and ribbons next to the show office.

6. Show Office volunteers quietly assist with double checking computer scoring and anything the show secretary asks of them.

7. Runners get the most steps on their pedometers! They take completed tests, make sure the judge has signed them, and deliver them to the show office. Confidentiality is a must but this is a great job for young riders or people who like to stay active.

8. Announcers are needed for each show arena and will announce each rider and horse before their ride, communicate class results, and recognize our sponsors. Usually, the announcers get the best view other than the judges!

9. Transportation volunteers help to transfer our officials from the airport to the hotel and Lancaster Event Center. You are only eligible for this position after you are done showing if you or a family member will be showing under that judge.

10. Arena set up and tear down volunteers are needed Wednesday evening before the show and immediately after the last ride on Sunday. Everyone riding will want to get home, so please send spouses or friends to the show arena while you pack up—the more the merrier! ♦

Please mark your calendar for May 24-26, 2019. Online sign up for volunteer spots is now live on the NDA website under the Classic -- Volunteering tab.

All volunteers donating 4+ hours of their time will receive a free 42nd Classic show T-shirt.

As a show volunteer at the Classic you will be able to get to know your fellow dressage enthusiasts and gain the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution of time has been invaluable in helping NDA put on a dressage competition that we can all be proud of. This year, we want the Classic to be a reflection of how much growth NDA has experienced, which means we have the need for more volunteers than ever.

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Nebraska Strong

By Michaela Schieffer

Fortunately for us, few areas in the world are as protected from natural disasters as we are in the Midwest. Outside the odd tornado stampeding through a small town, we have never been subject to the horror of a devastating earthquake or the trauma of a wide-spread hurricane. So when the flood waters came to our own doorsteps, we thought we were caught in a nightmare.

We couldn't believe our eyes when the news showed us images of boats rescuing families from second-story houses and helicopters carrying the wounded to safety. We couldn't believe our ears when the radio reported the staggering cattle losses and untold destruction this passive element could inflict. But we believed our hearts when the time called for action.

The odd tornado rampaging through a farm each summer demonstrates that community strength, as the local community rush to support the affected family. But the flooding of 2019 became something more. The rally cry was heard across state lines and throughout the entire nation.

As my own social media feed was flooded with images of surrounding states sending resources and livestock feed with inspirational messages like, "We're On Our Way" and "Nebraska Bound" to support the farmers who have spent their lives supporting the rest of the country, I needed more action than blindly donating money to organizations. As a horse owner and member of Nebraska Dressage Association, the images of barns underwater was hitting too close to home. Following a news story for days featuring horses trapped in water at Winnail Stables in Waterloo, Nebraska became the final straw.

Gathering up the bags of horse feed I had recently purchased for my own horse, I donated the carload to the Lancaster Event Center in anticipation of horses scheduled to arrive after the flooding of their own barn. I joined social media groups which were attempting to connect local farmers with the resources they desperately needed. I posted a few queries, and finally received word of a barn whose owner had taken in a group of local horses. She had used her own resources to keep these new horses fed, and was now dangerously low on money and feed. The woman had nearly doubled her stable residents and was running short on room. With only an SUV on hand, my mother and I drove to the feed store to load the vehicle with sweet feed and water buckets for the new barn arrivals. With donations from a few friends, we were able to stock an SUV full of supplies for the equine guests and the feeling of finally being able to take action was incredible.

Arriving after dark at the stable, we unloaded the supplies and helped the staff workers organize their feed room to accommodate the new shipment. The offer was extended to have us meet the new residents of the barn, which I eagerly accepted. Approaching the first horse, the staff member mentioned his role as the "lead horse who led the rest to safety." After a few questions, it quickly became clear that these horses were the ones featured in the news story from Winnail Stables!

A wild coincidence, but one that left my heart eased. The horses from the story had been split between two local barns in Elkhorn, but a few were still under veterinary care from their ordeal. Leaving the stable parking lot that evening was a surreal experience of feeling thankful for the opportunity to help, but the anxiety of knowing so many more people and animals needing assistance from those of us not affected by the flood. Assisting in only a few other supply runs to other barns before the frantic call for resources calmed, I am so thankful to have been an active member in our nation rallying together to support one another in our time of need.

The Midwest has always been known for our strength. The settlers that staked a claim on a life full of brutal winters and blistering summers were certainly not faint of heart. This is a place I am so thankful to have at my back despite what the future may bring us, and am so thankful this place is the backbone of our country. Despite the devastation the flooding left in its wake, NebraskaStrong became more than a motto, but rather a reminder of the grace and strength our country was built upon. ❖

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At Nebraska Equine, we build relationships to provide exceptional veterinary care for your horse. Nebraska Equine Veterinary Clinic has a long relationship with the local equine community. The equine only practice was founded in 1971 by Dr. Lowell Smalley. Dr. Mike Black joined the equine practice in 1999 becoming practice owner in 2005. The clinic was relocated to a new facility in 2008 in order to better serve our clients. Our facility is based in Omaha, but we serve equine patients in western Iowa and eastern Nebraska. The 6400-square-foot facility features two exam rooms, a surgery suite with two induction/recovery rooms, in-house laboratory, federally approved EIA/Coggins laboratory, spacious reception area, and 12 hospital stalls.

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Barn Highlight: Coda Cavallo Riding Academy By Jane Fucinaro

2018 was a whirlwind year for my now husband, Nick Gollin, and I. Our wedding was planned for August 4, 2018, we had a full schedule with shows, I wanted to achieve my USDF Bronze Medal and become a USDF Certified Instructor, and Nick and I wanted to buy a farm. The search process began in March of 2018 around the Omaha area. We put an offer in at “Heartland Farm” in May. This farm is located two doors south of my parents acreage where I grew up and spent the majority of my life. It was in desperate condition and needed TLC, but generally had good bones. After months and months of negotiations, our close date was supposed to be August 6, two days after our wedding!

Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, of which might have been the wildest and most dramatic moments of our life together, the closing date got pushed back to September 15. We were able to enjoy a spur of the moment trip to Colorado for a mini-honeymoon, which we spent most of the time making calls to everyone involved in our buying process of the farm. We had spend five months not planning our wedding, rather, planning our horse farm and boarding facility, so it was nice to enjoy a very brief time of being newlyweds. When we finally arrived on September 15th, the condition of the property had deteriorated even since our first walk-through in May.

The pastures were overgrown and overgrazed with over 7 foot tall weeds, you couldn't even see the fencing. The outdoor arenas had no visible sand, there was 2 feet of manure in all of the stalls, the ceiling was coming down in the main barn, the stallion barn and “Jurassic barn/horse purgatory barn” was abysmal...and that's just the beginning.

We were lucky in the way that I had all of our stalls “filled” before

we even purchased a property! So on September 15th when we signed paperwork, all of my soon-to-be clients came over and walked the property with us. How they didn't run away screaming, I'm not sure! Some even wanted to move in October 1st. Nick and I had many serious talks about prioritizing projects to make it safe enough for horses. Many times, and many people would ask, “How are you going to do this?” We made a plan, and stuck to it!

In three weeks, we had the place turned around, and we are continuing to work on property repairs to this day. We have 20 stalls in the main barn, of which all are spoken for. Another 6 stalls in the stallion barn, which is currently torn apart because we just removed a 4 bedroom apartment that was attached to it! We plan on renovating the stallion barn and using it for events and quarantine. The main barn is where we focused a lot of our attention in the first several months. It now boasts a climate controlled tack room/kitchenette, insulated and heated stabling area, Comfort Stall footing, cleaned and stained stalls, and mostly all the amenities you can think of for horse and rider.

The indoor arena that came with the property is HUGE. It's 240'x76', however, it's been a serious desensitization arena for horses over the winter! While it's wonderful that it's so large and has synthetic footing already installed, we wanted to build something that would be attached to the main barn. So in late February, we began building a full size (200'x72') dressage arena that will attach to the main barn, with a climate controlled viewing room and bleacher area for events. The arena will be complete by mid-May, and we are so excited!

The new arena will open up into our extra large outdoor riding ring, making it a wonderful show venue in the future. We are also

keeping the other indoor arena to rent for events or to have two show rings! Nick and I are very proud to be able to offer two indoor riding arenas to our boarders, clients and community.

Horses at our barn are quite spoiled with the heated facility, but also daily turnout and loads of hay on demand. We are seeding pastures the day after Easter to have over 7 acres of grazing land for the horses. As you can imagine, getting rid of 7-8' tall weeds was no easy task. Fortunately, Fucinaro Excavating was able to do some incredible earth-moving to break ground for the new arena, footing, and regrading of the entire property. Oh, not to mention removing the "Jurassic Barn/Horse Purgatory Barn," multiple falling apart sheds and buildings, and the raccoon motel apartment. For your reference, the aforementioned "Jurassic Barn" had 40+ stalls in it, with little to no ceiling, built into the side of a hill. It was like a scene from Jurassic Park...also called "Horse Purgatory" by several in the community. We are so glad it's gone now!

Nick and I still work our other jobs on top of running this boarding and training facility. Me with The Dressage Foundation as the Grant Coordinator, and him with Sand Sifters. We just started hiring out help for stalls, as you can imagine, our burden was getting a little heavy! Being the only dressage facility in the Omaha area, my lesson program is booming. I currently offer lessons ages 5-76+, and am proud to be the only USDF Certified Instructor in Nebraska. I love how our barn operates. We have lots of caring individuals who are always keeping an eye out on everyone's horses.



Coda Cavallo was named after a saying that my Italian grandfather used to say, "coda di cavallo," which means, "pony tail." I wanted to honor both sides of my ancestry, so throughout the barn, you'll also see lots of Swedish Dala horses, not to mention the blue paint throughout. Both of my grandfathers were extremely supportive of my riding, and I know both would be so proud of everything Nick and I are doing.

We fully intend to make this a Regional and Statewide gathering place for dressage events in the midwest. This winter, I hosted a

Lunch and Learn series, and have clinics lined up through the summer, and ending with a big USDF Instructor Certification Final Exam in October 2019. We'd even like to look into hosting USEF Rated competitions here, in fact, just today (4/19), we are paving a new road to future temporary stabling off of the new indoor arena!

Needless to say, Nick and I can't thank both of our parents enough...my Mom and Dad for planning and hosting our wedding, providing the excavating work, emotional support, and allowing us to walk over to their house at the end of our crazy long days for a home cooked meal! And also to Nick's Dad, who stays up with us to help us finish up the crazy projects we come up with, his expertise with land management and handyman work. Last thanks to our NDA community, friends, family and clients who are always positive, supportive, and tolerating our construction zone at the barn. I think currently there are 5 dump trucks in my barnyard and two excavators, a commercial seeder and skid loaders going. Not a single one of our clients complain, and I'm really hoping all our horses are now bomb-proof for horse shows during this 2019 season.

If you missed our 2018 Open House in December, we hope you can join us for one of our educational events this summer, or for a "new arena grand opening" party, coming soon! ❖

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Makeover in the Making

By Samantha Holechek

I am planning to compete in the 2019 Retired Racehorse Projects Thoroughbred Makeover in Lexington Kentucky this year, the TB Makeover is the largest re-training competition for retired racehorses in the world. I am one of only 673 accepted trainers, only 4 from the state of Nebraska.

In 2012, I bought my first off the track thoroughbred because, as a college student, I couldn't afford to spend much on a horse. I had ridden thoroughbreds before but never one fresh off the track, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Ready To Romp was a 6 year old thoroughbred gelding bred in Kentucky. I had a lot of ups and downs with Rowdy but he taught me so much about riding and about thoroughbreds.

I have absolutely fallen in love with the breed and have a desire to help these amazing athletes transition to a second career after racing. So many people judge the thoroughbred horse without giving them a chance. They are amazing athletes with great personalities that will do whatever their rider asks of them.

Bannockburn Beginnings

I spent 2 years working as assistant trainer to Robert Mendoza at Bannockburn Farm LLC in Indiana. Bannockburn Farm LLC is a privately owned sport horse breeding farm located in the rolling hills of southern Indiana. We proudly offer our Belgian Warmbloods for sale, all of which come from top bloodlines. Our foals are bred to be show jumping, dressage,

hunter and eventing prospects. We breed for sound, talented, athletic horses with calm and willing dispositions and winning bloodlines. We firmly believe in producing well bred performance horses for the advancement of the registry and continued success of top equestrian competitors. Bannockburn Farm strives to produce the finest sporthorse offspring by studying bloodlines, performance history, conformation and disposition. Our facility includes breeding shed and lab, foaling, mare and stallion barn, covered round pen, European exerciser, indoor riding arena, visitors barn, quarantine barn, and a charming guest house located in the silos. The main house, built in 1864, overlooks the lake and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bannockburn Farm concentrates on show jumping and uses both Thoroughbred and Warmblood mares. This 54-stall facility stands the BWP/NAD approved and licensed Grand Prix jumping stallion, Simalabim. Bannockburn also imports semen from world-class performance stallions. Young jumping stock is available for sale at all times, as well as overnight guest accommodations for visitors.

During my time on the farm I learned so much more than I could have ever imagined. From starting 2 year olds, to developing a competition horse, I would not have the knowledge I have today if I hadn't gone to Indiana.

Racing Project

I first heard about the Retired Racehorse Project in 2015 and

have wanted to compete since then. I still own my OTTB, so financially it didn't work for me to purchase another horse to compete with. One of my lesson students was in the market for a new horse so I brought up the idea of them purchasing an off the track thoroughbred that I would train and compete at the TB makeover before becoming their daughters' horse, and they agreed!

Thomas

We purchased Thomas from Amy Paulus – Paulus Racing and Performance Thoroughbreds in the beginning of December and he arrived December 15th 2018.

Thomas is a 2014 Bay Gelding by Monarchos out of Rokeby Rosie by Prized. He raced 7 times before suffering from a small fracture in his left hind cannon bone. Dr. Hunt at Hagyard put screws in the cannon bone and after a 4-month rehab, cleared him for everything, even a return to racing. His owners instead, wanted to see him succeed in a second career.

Training so far has been kind of slow, even with an indoor arena, the low temperatures have limited what we've been able to accomplish! With only 3 months of training, Thomas has already blown me away. He's quiet, willing and I would even say kind of lazy. (I hope I don't jinx myself!) We have started lightly jumping under saddle, he doesn't turn 5 until April 22nd and I don't want to push him too hard at such a young age, but we're mostly working on our dressage and flat work skills.

Future Plans

I have until August to decide what discipline we will be competing in, but my top choice now is eventing, followed by show jumpers and dressage. I have a busy spring, summer and fall planned with as many horse shows as possible. It's important to get Thomas used to traveling and being comfortable and focused in a new environment.

The Kentucky Horse park is a huge venue and can be overwhelming, especially to an ex-racehorse. We are planning to compete at all the NDA schooling shows, local hunter/jumper shows, and will travel to Kansas for cross country and combined tests. ❖



Region 4 News

Region 4 Youth Development Clinic

By Mia Newman

Having recently started dressage, I was quite worried about doing a clinic so soon. Instead of being the stressful experience I thought it would be, it turned out to be one of the best educational experiences I have ever had. I learned a lot about the fundamentals of dressage, and got help on things that I had been struggling with. Nancy Gorton was an amazing teacher, she kept me engaged in a true learning environment. I loved the one on one format. You could focus on yourself and really go into what would help you develop into a better rider. I would highly suggest for anyone with the opportunity to do a Youth Development Clinic to take it. Formats like these would help anyone to better their riding, no matter what level they are at.

Mia Newman

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In 2019, we wanted to spotlight the incredible opportunities our members have to access some of the top trainers in the country, right in our own backyard. Whether you are looking to progress to showing at the next level or are looking for feedback before show season, use this resource of our local trainers. Want to be featured as a trainer? Email newsletter@nebraskadressage.org.

Lincoln Area

Margo Hamilton, MA

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Margo Hamilton is a native Nebraskan with over 30 years of experience in the saddle. Margo has her USDF Bronze Medal and has a Master's Degree in Mental Health Counseling. Margo combines her expertise in mental health counseling and classical dressage training to create a positive, solution-focused system of training. Her holistic approach to training and teaching includes components of rider fitness, academic understanding, confidence building, as well as execution of movements. Margo emphasizes harmony between horse and rider as well as conditioning of horse and rider. She works with riders of many abilities in many disciplines believing: responsive horses, and confident riding are transferrable skills. Margo is available for lessons, show coaching and conditioning of horses.

Gracia Huenefeld

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USDF Silver and Bronze medalist and having successfully competed at the FEI level for a number of years, Gracia Huenefeld is available for training, teaching, sales, clinics, or coaching at shows. Whether teaching the youngster how to ride for the first time or taking the student or horse up the levels, Gracia is enthusiastic to pass on all she can to her student of any age! Students are welcome to trailer-in their own horses for lessons or check with her about the availability of a lesson horse. Gracia is also available to travel to teach on a limited basis. For more information, check out Legacy Dressage, LLC on Facebook or contact Gracia at (402) 604-0060 or graciarae@yahoo.com.

Emily Johnson

Mountain Rose Ranch – Kearny, NE
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Email: emily@mountainrosehorsemanship.com

Emily considers herself a lifetime student of the horse, believing there is no end to the learning process or to the expansive wisdom the horse has to offer. Inspired by the philosophies and methods of some of the greatest horsemen and horsewomen throughout history, she developed her own comprehensive curriculum, Wholeness Through Horsemanship™. Her instruction is inspired by the principles of natural horsemanship, ranch horsemanship, and classical dressage and reflects her passion for equipping both horses and humans for success on their journey toward individual wholeness and ultimate partnership. Emily, as well, is on the cutting edge of the new Western Dressage movement being one of only a small group of instructors in the nation to complete the Western Dressage Association of America®'s Train the Trainers™ program.

Jami Kment

Providence Farm – Palmyra, NE
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Jami Kment is a bronze, silver and gold medalist. She teaches and trains out of Providence Farm, a top notch dressage training facility where she provides quality, positive education for the horse and rider. Jami has brought her students up to the very top in competition including top ten finishes at The Festival of Champions and North American Junior Young Rider Championships. She and her students have won a total of 15 regional championships. Jami is a USDF "L" graduate, a wife, and a mother of three. See her and some of her students on the Providence Farm webpage at www.providencefarm.net.

Dara Liss

Falkland Stables - 1565 S. 98th Street, Lincoln 68520
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I have been actively learning, teaching and training horses and riders in the art of dressage for 35 years. The more I learn, the more I realize there is so much MORE to learn. I am an advocate for the horse's well-being and the safety of the rider. My training techniques improve communication between horse and

rider by blending classical dressage training and natural horsemanship. My goal is to create a relaxed learning environment for horse and rider. I will identify your strengths and those of your horse, listen to your concerns and help you apply the basics of riding - a supple forward moving horse - to achieve your goals. I also have a special interest in preparing riders for the new USDF Western Dressage classes.

Angie McClelland

Middle Cross Stables - Roca, NE 68430
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Angie McClelland has ridden and taught dressage for nearly 20 years and is dedicated to a classical-yet-practical approach to this most challenging of disciplines. Angie has a talent for helping horses make the transition to dressage and for creative problem-solving when problems arise. Angie believes that every horse can be improved with dressage concepts, such as strengthening the topline and developing suppleness and relaxation to promote soundness and longevity. Angie leads the area's only dressage-specific 4-H club and is experienced in teaching young riders; she also enjoys teaching adult students. Angie is based at Middle Cross Stables, and can teach lessons at that facility or travel to your barn or arena for lessons.

Lyle and Sheila Purdum

S and L Stables - Bennet, NE
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Offering lessons on our older and experienced horses, both English and Western Dressage (Sheila); 8 + yrs NDA member and medal winner and 11+ yrs 4-H club leader.

Laura Stueck

Still Waters Equestrian Academy - Hickman, NE
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Still Waters Equestrian Academy employs Laura Stueck as their instructor and trainer. Laura provides lessons on Still Waters lesson horses or on her students' horses. She also offers schooling for client's horses on a limited basis. Laura has received her Instructor Certification from American Association of Horsemanship Safety and in the Secure Seat Method and has more than five years instructing beginning to intermediate riders attain their goals focusing on safety and the basics.

Omaha Area

Jane Fucinaro Dressage

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Based out of Omaha, NE, Jane is now accepting new students of all types of backgrounds, disciplines and skill sets. Jane Fucinaro Dressage emphasizes the well-being of horse and rider while upholding classical techniques and presenting a systematic approach of training to the horse. Young horses are welcomed into the program and started with a slow process of groundwork and eventually undersaddle training. Show coaching is also available. For more information, visit online at janefucinarodressage.com!

Shan Lawton

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Shan Lawton has over 30 years of experience in the art and sport of dressage, yielding an understanding of both human psychology and physiology. Shan holds USDF Bronze and Silver Medals. He has trained horses and riders competing successfully through Grand Prix. Shan's clients range in level of expertise from lower level non-competing dressage riders to successful competing FEI riders, along with multiple eventing clients and clients wishing simply to work on their flat work, and in age from young riders to retirees. Shan teaches and trains in Omaha and Lincoln, NE and is available for clinics anywhere.

Becky Parker

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From posting to passage, Parker Dressage can help make your riding dreams a reality. Becky Parker, owner/operator of Parker Dressage has successfully competed all dressage levels Training Level thru Grand Prix in both Canada and the United States. Her students have competed successfully Intro Level through FEI. Located in Springfield, NE, at Reinbow Dressage Center, Parker Dressage offers training and lessons for horses and riders of all levels and disciplines. So whether you are wanting to ride a horse for the first time, or further your dressage training, Parker Dressage is here to help you with your equine journey. School horse available for beginning kids' lessons or may horse trailer in.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

27-28 1st Annual Central Nebraska Dressage Classic, Mountain Rose Ranch

29 Lancaster County Fair Open Dressage Show, Lancaster Event Center

MAY

4 Spring Fling Dressage Schooling Show, Lancaster Event Center

5 Spring Fling Clinic, Lancaster Event Center

13 NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse

24 2019 Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show, Lancaster Event Center

25-26 42nd Annual Cornhusker Classic I & II, Lancaster Event Center

30 Deadline to apply for NDA scholarships

JUNE

10 NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse

15 Providence Farm Schooling Show, Providence Farm

23 Summer Solstice Dressage and Combined Test Show, S&L Stables

JULY

8 NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse

AUGUST

12 NDA Board Meeting, 6:30 North Misty's Steakhouse

17 Still Waters Dressage Schooling Show, Still Waters Equestrian Academy

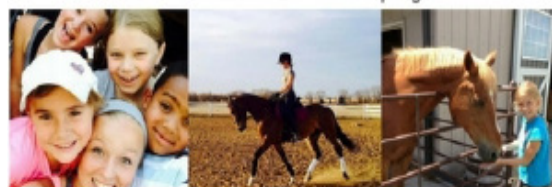
29 Nebraska State Fair Western Dressage Show and Clinic, NE State Fair, Thompson Arena

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Nebraska Dressage Association 42nd Annual Cornhusker Classic

Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show, Friday, May 24, 2019 (full prize list at www.nebraskadressage.org)

Cornhusker Classic I (USEF/USDF #607, Level 3 Dressage Competition), Saturday, May 25, 2019

Cornhusker Classic II (USEF/USDF #84250, Level 3 Dressage Competition), Sunday, May 26, 2019

Lancaster Event Center, 4100 N 84th St, Lincoln NE 68507

Opening Date: Monday, March 11, 2019 ~ Received By Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

Official Qualifying Competition for the ...

2019 Adequan FEI North American Young Riders Championships presented by Gotham North

2019 USEF Pony Rider Dressage Championship

2019 AGCO/USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships

2019 USEF Children Dressage National Championships

2019 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships

2019 Young Adult Brentina Cup Championship presented by Dressage Today

2019 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships

2019 USDF Breeders Championship Midstates Series

2019 World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (5, 6 & 7 year olds)

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Secretary:	Anne Sushko - (563) 580-0510 - gandasushko@hotmail.com
Tech Delegate:	Joe Coleman - (913) 424-8442 - jcoleman@equitechgroup.net
Judges:	Dolly Hannon S (CO); Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez S, R/DShB (CO) Gwen Ka'awaloa R/DShB
Vet/Surgical Center:	Nebraska Equine Veterinary Clinic (402) 533-1151
Farrier	On Call - Posted in show office and stabling area

Go to www.nebraskadressage.org for official prize list

Entries:

- One entry per horse/rider combination per show number
- Must be received on or before the closing date
- Online entries can be done at <http://horseshowoffice.com/> beginning on opening date of show.

Make checks payable to NDA and mail to:

NDA c/o Anne Sushko
1942 Clifford St.
Dubuque, IA 52002-0445

Required with entry:

- Coggins (last 12 months & must list USEF recorded name - no barn names)
- Verification of membership and horse recording/registration
- Payment by check if mailing entry, payment by credit card, electronic check or Paypal if entering online
- Any entry missing these items will be considered incomplete and the incomplete fee applies.

Administrative Fees:

Office Fee	\$35/show
Late fee	\$25/rider
Incomplete entry fee	\$20/bridle #
Post Entries (as sched permits)	\$25 added to class fee
Non-competing horse fee	\$35/horse

Stabling & Fees: (Come early and show 3 days for a stall discount!)

One day/night Horse Stall	\$40 (\$100 for 3 days)
One day/night Tack Stall	\$40 (\$100 for 3 days)
Rubber Mat Rental	\$40 for entire show
Bedding (outside not allowed)	\$9/bag*

Camping/RV Hookup: \$25/night (reserve at www.lancastereventcenter.com)

(*Bedding MUST be purchased from LEC, fines from LEC may apply for violations)

Important: Each day is a separate show. Use current entry form. Competitors showing both days must complete two separate entry forms and pay two separate office fees and USEF Horse/Drug fees. Stabling fees need only be paid once. Entries taken based on the order in which they are received and may close early if shows are full. Remaining entries received will be placed on a wait list based on postmark.

Sat #	Sun #	USDF/USEF Classes Offered	Divisions	Class Fee	Fee w/Q
1UA	2UA	USDF Introductory Test A	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1UB	2UB	USDF Introductory Test B	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1UC	2UC	USDF Introductory Test C	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1T1	2T1	USEF Training Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1T2	2T2	USEF Training Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
1T3	2T3	USEF Training Level Test 3*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	\$55
111	211	USEF First Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
112	212	USEF First Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
113	213	USEF First Level Test 3*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	\$55
121	221	USEF Second Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
122	222	USEF Second Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
123	223	USEF Second Level Test 3* (USDF Benefit Class-see prize list)	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	\$55
131	231	USEF Third Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
132	232	USEF Third Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
133	233	USEF Third Level Test 3*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	\$55
141	241	USEF Fourth Level Test 1	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
142	242	USEF Fourth Level Test 2	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	
143	243	USEF Fourth Level Test 3*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$40	\$55
1PSG	2PSG	FEI Prix St. George*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1FI1	2FI1	FEI Intermediare I*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1FIA	2FIA	FEI Intermediare A	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
1FIB	2FIB	FEI Intermediare B	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
1FI2	2FI2	FEI Intermediare II* (Brentina Cup Q on Sunday ONLY)	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1GPYA	2GPYA	FEI Grand Prix 18-25	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	
1GP	2GP	FEI Grand Prix*	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1FTOC	2FTOC	FEI TOC* - Indicate Test	Open	\$45	\$80
1UFS	2UFS	USDF Freestyle* - Indicate Test. Note that Training Level is not eligible for Qualifying	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1FFS	2FFA	FEI Freestyle* - Indicate Test	JR-YR/AA/Open	\$45	\$80
1EWT	2EWT	Equitation (Walk/Trot)	JR-YR/AA	\$25	
1EWTC	2EWTC	Equitation (Walk/Trot/Canter)	JR-YR	\$25	
1EAA	2EAA	Adult Amateur Equitation	AA	\$25	
1UTOC	2UTOC	USEF TOC* - Indicate Test	Open	\$40	\$55
1NP	2NP	National Dressage Pony TOC* (Tr - GP) Note that pony must have USEF measurement card.	Open	\$45	\$80
1PE	2PE	FEI Para TOC - Indicate Test	Open	\$45	
1PFS	2PFS	FEI Para Freestyle TOC	Open	\$45	
		USEF and NAJYRC Qualifying Classes			
1FJT		FEI JR Team* (NAYC Q)	JR	\$85	\$80
1FYT		FEI YR Team* (NAYC Q)	YR	\$85	\$80
1FPT		FEI Pony Team	JR-YR	\$85	
	2FJI	FEI JR Individual (NAYC Q)	JR	\$85	
	2FYI	FEI YR Individual (NAYC Q)	YR	\$85	
	2FPI	FEI Pony Individual	JR-YR	\$85	
	2FJFS	FEI JR Freestyle (NAYC Q)	JR	\$85	
	2FYFS	FEI YR Freestyle (NAYC Q)	YR	\$85	
1FCT		FEI Children Team	JR-YR	\$85	
	2FCI	FEI Children Individual	JR-YR	\$85	
1DHT		USEF Developing Horse TOC - not USEF Q eligible		\$85	
	2DHP	USEF Developing Horse - Developing PSG		\$85	
	2DHGP	USEF Developing Horse - Developing Grand Prix		\$85	
1YHT		USEF Young Horse TOC - Preliminary/Final Practice Only (morning test)		\$85	
1F5P		FEI Five-Year-Old Preliminary Test (FEI WBC Q Only) (afternoon test)		\$85	
1F6P		FEI Six-Year-Old Preliminary Test (FEI WBC Q Only) (afternoon test)		\$85	
1F7P		FEI Seven-Year-Old Preliminary Test (FEI WBC Q Only) (afternoon test)		\$85	
	2U4	USEF Four-Year-Old Test		\$85	
	2F5	FEI Five-Year-Old Final Test (National and FEI WBC Q)		\$85	
	2F6	FEI Six-Year-Old Final Test (National and FEI WBC Q)		\$85	
	2F7	FEI Seven-Year-Old Final Test (FEI WBC Q Only)		\$85	

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		Opportunity Classes			
10UA	20UA	USDF Introductory Level Test A - Opportunity	Open	\$30	
10UC	20UC	USDF Introductory Level Test C - Opportunity	Open	\$30	
10T1	20T1	USEF Training Level Test 1 - Opportunity	Open	\$30	
10T2	20T2	USEF Training Level Test 2 - Opportunity	Open	\$30	
		USEA Eventing Classes			
1EVT	2EVT	USEA Eventing TOC	Open	\$30	
		Materiale Classes (Under saddle group classes)			
1M3F	2M3F	Materiale - 3 yr old Fillies	Open	\$30	
1M3C	2M3C	Materiale - 3 yr old Colts/Geldings	Open	\$30	
1M4M	2M4M	Materiale - 4 & 5 yr old Mares	Open	\$30	
1M4S	2M4S	Materiale - 4 & 5 yr old Stallions/Geldings	Open	\$30	

* = GAIG/USDF regional qualifying test

** = See Prize list for details on National Dressage Pony Classes

Breed Show Classes

		Sport Horse Prospects In-Hand (Horses 3 & Under)			
1F18	2F18	Fillies Current Year (with or without dam)		\$35	
1CG18	2CG18	Colts/Geldings Current Year (with or without dam)		\$35	
118CH	218CH	Current Year Foal Championship (USDFBC Qualifier)		\$35	
1FY	2FY	Fillies Yearling		\$35	
1F2	2F2	Fillies Two year old		\$35	
1F3	2F3	Fillies Three year old		\$35	
1FCH	2FCH	Filly Championship (USDFBC Qualifier)		\$35	
1CGY	2CGY	Colts/Geldings Yearling		\$35	
1CG2	2CG2	Colts/Geldings Two year old		\$35	
1CG3	2CG3	Colts/Geldings Three year old		\$35	
1CGCH	2CGCH	Colts/Gelding Championship (USDFBC Qualifier)		\$35	
		Breeding Stock In-Hand (Horses 4 & Older)			
1M4MY	2M4MY	Mares Four year old & Older Maiden & Yeld Mares		\$35	
1MB	2MB	Mares Four year old and older, Broodmares		\$35	
1MCH	2MCH	Mare Championship (USDFBC Qualifier)		\$35	
1S4+	2S4+	Stallions Four year old & Older		\$35	
1SCH	2SCH	Stallion Championship (USDFBC Qualifier)		\$35	

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