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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & ELECTION INFORMATION

It's that time of year again...

With the falling of the leaves and cooler temperatures comes NDA's awards banquet and annual meeting. This is the time that we celebrate our accomplishments, elect new board members and officers, and share our ideas for the upcoming year. It is also the time to renew our membership.

Before arriving at the banquet, take time to fill out the 2012 Membership Information form on page 6. Bring it with you to the banquet. This will help those managing the handbook to get it out earlier. Don't wait...renew now and you'll have one less thing to worry about come show-time.



Tish Gade-Jones **NDA Board Nominee**

I am Tish Gade-Jones and would like the opportunity to serve on the Nebraska Dressage Association board. My journey in dressage started when I decided it would be a fabulous idea to give my daughter, Tillie, horse riding lessons for her 7th birthday. Naive at the time, I had no idea what dressage was or even how to spell it. I quickly caught on after sitting

through many lessons and asking a lot of questions. Little did I know that the birthday present would lead into purchasing a pony two years later. It has actually been the best birthday present I could have given my child as she has found her true passion. Through dressage, it has also given my daughter and me the ability to spend quality time together.

I am a Certified Public Accountant and hold the position of Senior Internal Auditor at the University of Nebraska. Previously, I was the Business Manager at 10/11 and WOWT television stations. I am a graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan. I am currently the treasurer of the Sheridan Elementary Parent-teacher Organization (PTO) and have previously served on the Lincoln Children's Museum executive board. I have lived in Lincoln all of my life. I have a wonderful family, husband-Dallas, son-Dallas Jr.(12 years old), daughter-Tillie(10 years old) and son-Gunnar(6 years old).

It would be an honor to serve and "pay" back to the organization that has taught my daughter the virtues of confidence, respect, and responsibility. Dressage will be with my daughter for the rest of her life and for that, I thank you.

USDF & REGION 4 NEWS

NDA and Providence Farm to Host the
2011 USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic Featuring Lilo Fore

“The Classical System Simplified”

November 5-6, 2011 in Palmyra, Nebraska

By Lisa Van Stratten, on-site Clinic Organizer

Come to audit: Reserve your auditing spot now! Auditing is open to anyone at any age who desires more information on classical dressage training. Anyone who wants to further their dressage knowledge or just learn more about dressage will be welcome. Cost for USDF members who pre-register is \$40/day or \$70 for both days. After October 21, the registration deadline and same day walk-in cost is \$50/day or \$90 for both days. Non-members are also invited at the cost of \$50/day or \$90 for both days.

About the clinician: Lilo Fore is an FEI "I" Judge and began her judging career in 1974. In addition to judging, she owns a successful dressage training facility located in Santa Rosa, CA, and helped to develop the USDF Instructor Certification Program. Lilo's students have gone on to become successful professionals and horses bred by her have earned Grand Champion and Champion awards in breed shows in both the US and Canada. Throughout her career, Lilo has remained involved in many educational projects including hosting clinics all over the US and South America.

All detailed information plus links to the forms, registration and application can be found here: <http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp>

Coming from out of town? Providence Farm is located just east of Lincoln, Nebraska. A block of 30 rooms for Friday, November 4 through Sunday, November 6th have been reserved at a discounted price at the Holiday Inn Express – Lincoln South. Use the code US4 to receive the discount both on-line at <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/lincoln/lnkne/hoteldetail> or by calling directly at 1-402-423-1176. The block includes rooms with 1 king sized bed with pull out sofa couch for \$169/night plus tax or rooms with 2 king sized beds at \$189/night plus tax. Sunday night can be added for the additional price of \$79 plus tax. **This block reservation and rates will expire on October 5, 2011 so make your reservations early.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is a UNL Cornhusker football game on Saturday, November 5th! All hotels will book up fast so please book your accommodations soon.

Additional hotel options are the AmericInn at Lincoln South which can be booked here: <http://tinyurl.com/3gzrw9h> or the Syracuse Inn and Suites which can be booked here: <http://tinyurl.com/422o4ca>

Still have questions? Please let me know. I can be contacted at lisavanstratten@yahoo.com. This is going to be a fun filled weekend of learning and I hope you will be able to attend!

NDA NEWS

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for all committees for the upcoming year. Whatever your niche or specialty, there is a place for you to make a difference!!! Committees that need help include: Education, Competition, Fundraising, Communications, and JR/YR!

Contact a board member today!

NDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2011

President Sydney Ash called the June meeting to order at Bredeaux Pizza at 6:40pm.

Board Members Present: Lisa VanStratten, Amy Blum, Diana Spaulding, Felice Rose, Heidi Helmer, Sydney Ash, Casey Blum.

Board Members Absent: Donna Michelson.

NDA Members Present: Suzanne Eggert.

Amy moved to approve the August 1 Board Meeting minutes; Felice seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: No report.

Vice President: The Annual Awards Banquet and meeting will be held November 12 at Parker's Smokehouse in Ashland, NE.

Treasurer: Diana presented the Treasurer's Report. The Main Account Balance as of August 29 was \$12,477.73. The Show Account Balance was \$3,344.44. Lisa moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: Karen Stricklett has requested replacement. Discussion ensued as to the NDA membership deadline and having the handbook completed by March 1, 2012. Amy stated that she has it formatted and can easily print the handbook with minor adjustments as needed.

Suzanne Eggert needs the "bios" of people running for the NDA board so she can print it in the Contact.

Sheila Purdum is compiling the dates and places where schooling shows will be occurring in 2012.

Competitions: Discussion ensued concerning the upcoming closing date for the Schooling Show Championships to be held September 24. The closing date is September 7, and a reminder will be sent to the membership.

Preparation is being carried out for next year's show season.

Awards: Western dressage was discussed. Felice stated that she would provide a trophy this year for the high score in Western Dressage. This award will be called the Felice Rose Western Dressage High Point Trophy. There are NO restrictions as to age.

Communications: No report.

Publicity: No report.

Fund Raising: Recipes for the fundraising recipe book will be solicited during the annual awards banquet. Heidi will organize the 2012 Silent Auction.

The possible sale of CD's with a competitor's photographs was discussed as a possible fundraising opportunity.

Equipment Management: The NDA trailer needs a new combination lock, and signage will be posted on the trailer with the names and numbers to contact for the combination.

JR/YR: Casey reported that there will be a stall decorating contest at the schooling show championships. The awards will be gift certificates.

Education: NDA members are asked to register for the Region 4 Lilo Fore clinic being hosted by the NDA on November 5 and 6. The deadline for registration is October 21. Members may register at the event, but the cost is greater.

Discussion ensued as to offering a \$10 "credit" for all NDA adult attendees to be applied to NDA sponsored event. This "credit" would expire on November 5, 2012, and could be applied towards the Cornhusker Classic, Schooling Show Championship, and/or NDA awards banquet and meeting. A motion was made by Amy, Heidi seconded. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS: The nominating committee was discussed. Suzanne presented proposed changes/updates for the NDA by-laws. These changes were reviewed by the Board, and will go to the members for approval at the annual meeting on November 12, 2011.

NOTE: the proposed changes will be available for review in the Contact. Any proposed change must be available for review by the membership 30 days prior to the annual meeting.

Sydney stated that Arnie Cole is reviewing the questions to be used for the member survey.

NEW BUSINESS: The USDF Convention will be attended by Sydney Ash this year.

The next board meeting will be held October 3, 2011, at Bredeaux Pizza at 6:30pm in Ashland, NE.

ADJOURNMENT: Casey moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Diana seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Heidi Helmer

NDA Secretary 2011

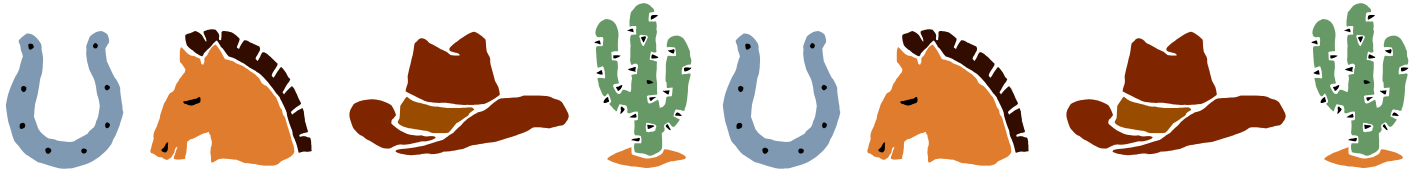


NDA Annual Meeting
November 12
5:30pm
Parker's Smokehouse, Ashland

PROVIDENCE FARM 1ST ANNUAL SCHOOLING SHOW

When Providence Farm decided to put on their first schooling show they thought that it would be just a small affair offering an opportunity to show for those wanting to finish qualifying for the Schooling show championships, or those going to the Region 4 Championships the next week. What they didn't realize is that it would grow into being a large show! Jami Kment stated that they had SO MUCH FUN and they can't wait for next year.





NDA ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BANQUET

by Lisa Van Stratten

The 2011 NDA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th, at Parker's Smokehouse at the intersection of Highway 6 and 36 in Ashland, Nebraska.

I realize that once again, there is a UNL Husker Football game on this day. However, it is an AWAY game and hopefully you will be able to watch it on the TV in the bar area at Parker's if it will be broadcast. So go ahead and send in your banquet reservation. I need it by October 15th. The cost this year is \$22 for an adult and \$11 for a child 10 years of age and under. Please complete the 2011 Banquet Reply Form found on the opposite page or on the NDA website under FORMS; make your checks to NDA.

We will be honoring the newly added Western Dressage classes by celebrating with a Western Hoedown-themed banquet. Wear your best western duds and learn a little about Western Dressage during the banquet.

Parker's Smokehouse will serve as an excellent venue with a spacious party room and an area for the legendary NDA Silent Auction where everyone will have the chance to win some exciting prizes! Heidi Helmer will be scouting the Midwest for contributions and visiting many area vendors for donations to our auction. Last year we had some outstanding gift baskets and I'm sure this year will be just as thrilling.

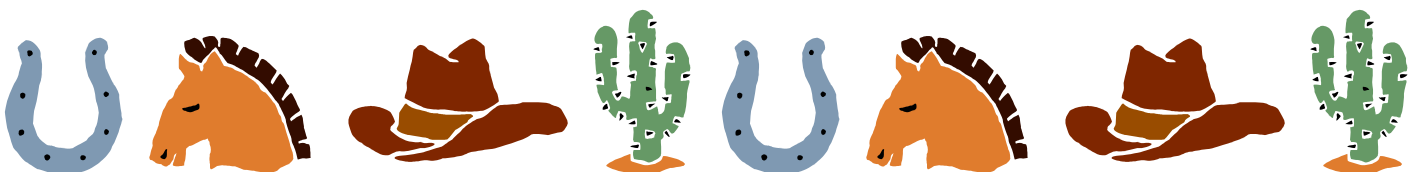
Dinner will be a buffet with many choices. The feast will consist of Texas Beef Brisket, Georgia Pulled Pork, Roasted Chicken, Hickory-Smoked Rib Tips,

and Hickory Smoked Hot Link Sausages. Many sides and a corn muffin will accompany the feast which will be followed up with Parker's famous Caramel Apple Cobbler. Your buffet will include water, coffee, soft drinks, and non-flavored iced tea. To help keep banquet costs reasonable, a cash bar will be available for any other beverages you would like. Thanks for your understanding.

Come early for socializing and networking from 5:30 to 6:30. Dinner will kick off at 6:30. For those of you who are new to NDA, the Annual Meeting is where we discuss and vote on proposed by-law changes, take nominations for the board, and elect the board members. After that, the Officers are elected and approved. This year we have several openings so please consider running. Everyone has talent and experience they can offer! The Annual Meeting will run from approximately 7:30 to 8:30.

At 8:30, let the festivities begin!!!!!! The exciting Annual Awards Banquet is the culmination of all your hard work throughout the year. Get your Score Report Form and your Volunteer Hours Report in by October 5th. Don't have enough hours? You have the option to donate \$10 for each volunteer hour needed. You need either 6 hours of volunteering at an NDA Approved event, or \$60, or a combination of both. Don't forget to have the Volunteer Coordinator for the event sign your form for your volunteer hours!!

Hope to see everyone there!





Nebraska Dressage Association Membership

- ◆ NDA Year -End Awards ◆ *Contact* ◆ Discounts
- ◆ USDF Group Membership ◆ *The Connection* ◆ USDF Rider Awards

2012 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Voting Member #1

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| USDF # First Name | Middle Initial | Last Name |
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Voting Member #2
(if Family Membership)

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- Adult Individual Membership (\$40)**
- Junior Individual Membership (\$30)**
**(Must be under the age of 21 -birthdate required)*
- Junior/Pony Club- 4H Membership (\$30)**
(Must be under the age of 21 and must submit proof of current membership in Pony Club or 4-H)
- Family Membership (\$60)**
- Additional Family USDF Group/Non-voting NDA Memberships (\$20 each)**
(Must be members of the immediate family, residing in the same household as those holding primary Family Memberships.)

Membership fee includes online subscription to the Contact.

Mail subscription to the Contact (\$15)

New Member Renewal

HORSE REGISTRATION

- New Lifetime Registration (**\$25.00**)
- Horse is already registered
(please complete for record-keeping purposes only)

Note: Horse must be registered with NDA to qualify for Schooling Show Championships and Year-End Awards.

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| Member Name | | |
| Name of Horse | Breed | |
| Foaling Year | Sex (M, G, S) | Color |
| Name of Owner | Address | |

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO: Sydney Page Ash, 4712 No. 144th Ave, Omaha, NE 68116 or sydneypageash@hotmail.com

A NEW FACE IN TOWN

Providence Farm is happy to welcome Katie Strack to their staff. Katie moved to Nebraska from St. Cloud Minnesota to join Jami Kment as a working student. Katie, 22, is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and has previously worked for Natalie Hinnemann and Jane Hannigan. Even though Katie's horse Raymond arrived with an injury, she was able to show at the Providence Farm schooling show and will be riding Karin Nillson's horse Winselo with Conrad Schumacher. We are really excited to have Katie join us, and hope that everyone in friendly Nebraska will help her feel at home.



NDA MEMBER FEATURED ON DRESSAGECLINIC.COM

NDA member Jami Kment and her horse Zania are featured on trainer Kathy Connelley's September video on dressageclinic.com. Jami is also featured on Conrad Schumacher's August video with Flavio, Samantha Kenik's eight year old Westphalian gelding.

What is dressageclinic.com?

Jami: This is a unique site that has archived videos of teaching and training from the top trainers and riders in the world.

When did you start being a filmed rider for this?

Jami: 3 years ago when Zania was just turning 4yrs old.

Under what trainers are you being shown having lessons with?

Jami: Conrad Schumacher and Kathy Connelly

Do you use dressageclinic.com?

Jami: I honestly did not know that it existed until three years ago when they started filming me with Conrad Schumacher and Kathy Connelly to use on their website during my time in Florida. What makes this such a great training tool, is that there is no editing. The whole ride or lesson is all there and they are not perfect! So for riders back home it is a great way to see real problems that are just like ours being solved.

NEXT MONTH

- *Schooling Show*
- *Championships' Results*
- *Election Results*
- *2011 NDA Award Recipients*
- *Highlights from the Banquet*



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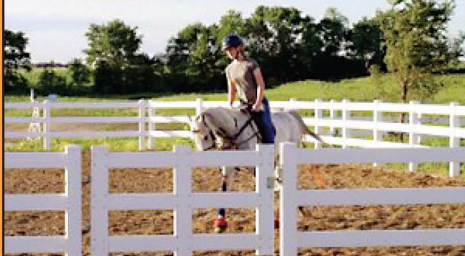
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November 5-6
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October 10-12
Providence Farm
Contact: Jami Kment
kjkment@yahoo.com
- * Sarah Martin Clinic
November 18-20
Lincoln Equestrian Center
Contact: Sandie McConnell
rsmac@inebraska.com

If you are hosting a clinic, or know of one in the area, please notify the Editor at halfhalt2006@yahoo.com.