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DRESSAGE FOUNDATION THANKS NDA FOR LOWELL BOOMER AWARD

By Suzanne Eggert

In 2010, NDA developed a new award — the Lowell Boomer Junior High Point Award. We present this to the junior with the highest score at the Cornhusker Classic. NDA has had an adult high point award at the Classic for a number of years. The Competitions Committee and Board thought it was important to also have an award for the juniors.

Because of all that Lowell Boomer has done for the sport of dressage in general and, specifically, for dressage in Nebraska, it was decided to name the award after him.

In January, the Dressage Foundation made a \$100 donation to the Association. Melissa Filipi, Development Director at the Foundation, said, "Jenny and I at the Foundation

were so excited about your award in honor of Lowell Boomer, we talked with our board members and they agreed this was a wonderful idea! We truly appreciate everything you do to promote dressage in our area, and we want to be supportive of your efforts."

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Shaggy Show I & II
Lancaster Event Center
April 2 - 3

*Cornhusker Classic
Schooling Show*
Lancaster Event Center
May 20

Cornhusker Classic I & II
Lancaster Event Center
May 21 - 22

*Lincoln Equestrian Center
Schooling Show*
Lincoln Equestrian Center
June 25

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER :

Happy February NDA Members!

As we get farther into 2011, the NDA board is turning their attention to the Horse Expo and Cornhusker Classic as these big events are rapidly approaching.

NDA will once again be hosting a booth at the Horse Expo (March 11- 13). We hope to see a lot of you there and if you are interested in volunteering at the Horse Expo please contact Loye Jaeger at fourrosesstable@cox.net. Remember, it is never too early to complete your volunteer hours for year-end awards.

The Competitions Committee has been hard at work getting the 2011 Cornhusker Classic put together and they are making very good progress. This year, the competitions committee hopes to offer online registration and payment, increasing efficiency for the show manager and the competitors.

Last month, I discussed my overreaching goal of increasing communication with members. In line with that goal, I am encouraging all members to become more involved with NDA. NDA provides multiple opportunities for a member to become involved and get to know the other dressage riders in this region. NDA hosts several horse shows throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall. Even if you don't compete in the shows, it is a great opportunity to come out and meet the competitors and the other members that support those competitors. In addition, Suzanne Eggert is always looking for articles to add to the monthly Contact and I encourage you to submit article ideas or actual articles. NDA has also set up a Facebook group (see the social networking article on page 6), allowing members to communicate with each other and also post pictures for all to see. In addition to these great opportunities, I hope to include some NDA social events to the calendar in 2011. If you have any ideas or want to host an event please let me know.

I am looking forward to what the rest of the year brings!

Sydney Ash
President

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UPCOMING CLINICS

Michael Beining
February 4-6, 2011
Quail Run
Contact: Jim Urban @ 402.289.2159

Tracy Maher
March 3-6, 2011
Quail Run
Contact: Jim Urban @ 402.289.2159

Clayton Martin
February 11-13, 2011
Lincoln Equestrian Center
Contact: Sandie McConnell
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Sarah Martin
March 25-27, 2011
Lincoln Equestrian Center
Contact: Sandie McConnell
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If you are hosting a clinic, or know of one in the area, please notify the *Contact* Editor at halfhalt2006@yahoo.com.

NDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2010

Vice President Sydney Ash called the December meeting to order at Breadeaux Pizza at 6:20pm.

Board Members Present: Lisa Van Stratten, Amy Blum, Casey Blum, Sydney Ash, Diana Spaulding.

Board Members Absent: Gillian Howell, Karen Stricklett, Hannah Brummer, Loye Jaeger.

NDA Members Present: Mike Smith, Felice Rose, Heidi Helmer, Suzanne Eggert, Donna Michelson. Amy moved to approve the October Board Meeting minutes; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Treasurer: Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of December 1, 2010. The balance in the Main Account was reported to be \$11,128.98. The balance in the Show Account was reported to be \$4,394.13. There was discussion about costs from this year's Awards Banquet. Amy moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: No report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

Membership: Sydney and Diana reported that there are 28 members registered as of December 1, 2010. They anticipate the handbook being completed in March.

Competitions: Lincoln Equestrian Center has applied to have a schooling show on June 25. Amy moved to approve the application pending its review; Casey seconded. Motion carried. The Shaggy Horse Show will be held April 2 & 3 at the Lancaster Event Center. Mike Smith gave a Cornhusker Classic update. The Classic will be held May 20, 21, and 23. There have been two judges hired, prize list is to be submitted, and the show committee is being developed. Committee chairs will be appointed at the January 2010 board meeting.

Awards: Re-adjusted scores for 2010 were presented and discussed. There was insufficient information presented at the meeting as to the effect the scores will

have. Sydney will be following through with this and reporting.

Communications: The Contact will be further addressed in January 2011. Sydney wishes to increase communication in 2011 with the membership.

Publicity: A new publicity chair will be named in January 2011. Donna Michelson volunteered to contact sponsors.

Fund Raising: A new chairperson will be named in January 2011.

Equipment Management: Cheri Harker will be contacted about continuing to store equipment at Lincoln Equestrian Center.

JR/YR: Nothing to report.

Education: Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Amy is working to develop a new website, and the Board would like to work towards increased communication via the website. Sydney wishes to update the membership bi-monthly when she assumes the NDA presidency in January 2011.

The next board meeting will be held January 10, 2011, at Parker's Rib Ranch in Ashland, NE.

ADJOURNMENT: Diana moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Amy seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Heidi J. Helmer, on behalf of Karen Stricklett
NDA Secretary 2010

NDA Board Mtg.

**February 7, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland**

USDF & REGION 4

From USDF Region 4 e-Newsletter

Year-End Award Certificates Now Available Online

To print a personalized year-end award certificate, you must first log into the USDF Web site and then click on the word “certificate” located after the horse or rider’s name in the Final Award rankings. Get your Certificate Now!

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An iPhone application has been developed for USDF Introductory Level Test A, Test B, and Test C. To download the applications or to see a full listing of EquiTests applications, visit the iTunes App Store.

USEF RULE CHANGE - HELMETS

The US Equestrian Federation has implemented a rule change (DR120) regarding protective headgear. Effective March 1, 2011, helmets are required at USEF/USDF shows for:

- all riders at Fourth Level and below
- all riders 18 and under, regardless of level
- all para-equestrians
- all in FEI Pony, Junior, and 4, 5, & 6-year-old tests, plus USEF 4-year-old.

For the exact wording on the rule change, go to <http://www.usef.org/documents/ruleChanges/313-10.pdf>

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR NDA

By Lisa Van Stratten

Did you know NDA has a Facebook page? Yep, even NDA is into social networking. Depending on when you read your newsletter you may find two accounts set up under the Nebraska Dressage Association.

The initial “Nebraska Dressage Association Group” format was set up over a year ago. A group account limits news to members who frequent that group page. The member would have to physically type in the group name and see the posts. The posting information does not auto-magically appear in your newsfeed. Thus the business type account was set up called the “Nebraska Dressage Association Non-Profit Organization”.

If you are not already a member of the Nebraska Dressage Association Non-Profit Organization, just do a search on Facebook and click “like”. That’s it! You will now receive a plethora of valuable information in your newsfeed. Try it out. If you don’t like what you see you can always “unlike” it, but I seriously doubt it! Just ask the any of the 25 or so members already part of this organization.

Now if you are reading this article and have no idea what Facebook is, I can help you with that. Do you already use the internet to search for horse related topics, order horse and rider items, or go to horse events? Then go to www.facebook.com and sign up. Then search for the Nebraska Dressage Association Non-Profit Organization and click the “like” button. You will see all the status posts. Then search for your friends and request to become their friend. It’s pretty easy if you are computer savvy at all, or just find any teenager you know and they will hook you up. They might even become your first Facebook friend!

I realize there are a handful of people out there who do not wish to use a computer or connect to the internet ever in their lifetime. Never, ever! I totally understand. That is why NDA will continue to send out the most important information to you via a printed copy of the monthly NDA newsletter straight to your mailbox. It’s the easiest option available. But when you are ready to make that jump to ordering supplies on-line to get huge savings and get late breaking news about horses, shows, sales, clinics, horse pictures, and on and on, let me know and I will help you get started.

So what’s next? I think we need an app for that. Yeah, I need to find someone to write an Apple app to mobile-enable our NDA website. Any takers?



Profile picture from NDA's Facebook page.



Nebraska Dressage Association Membership

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Voting Member #1

USDF # First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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(if Family Membership)

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Address

City State Zip

Phone (h) Phone (c) Birthdate (required for Juniors)

Phone (w) Email

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 with this application.)

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
(for record-keeping purposes only)

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

Member Name

Name of Horse Breed

Foaling Year Sex (M, G, S) Color

Name of Owner Address

SEND COMPLETED FORM TO: Karen Stricklett, 15809 Burdette St, Omaha, NE 68116 or kstricklett@stricklett.com

EDUCATION NEWS

- The Nebraska Horse Expo will be held March 11 – 13, at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. As in years past I am looking for volunteers to work either Saturday or Sunday for two or four hours. It is a great way to get your volunteer hours in before the show season starts and have some fun while you do it. Duties are simple, just man the NDA desk, hand out material and answer questions. If you are interested, contact Loye Jaeger at Four-rosesstable@cox.net.

- The Education Committee is working on a “Getting Ready to Show” seminar. Watch your inbox and the website for details.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- It appears that several of our NDA members have acquired new mounts recently; congratulations to those of you who will be exploring a new equine partnership this season! If you have not already done so, **please renew your NDA membership today!**

- Also, please make certain to check with me to determine whether your new horse is life-time registered with NDA and, if not, send in his/her registration information today! You will receive an NDA horse certificate in the mail with the new owner information and a horse registration number.

- Thank you!

- Karen Stricklett
Membership Chairperson



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Kimmie Peterson's Quarter Horse, Astro Silver
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