



September 2011

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

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The NDA Board of Directors are proposing the following modifications to the By-Laws:

Article VI, Section 4, last sentence: Beginning with the 1986 2011 Annual Meeting, the membership shall, each year, elect ~~three~~ two Board members, each of whom shall serve a three-year term of office, and one junior Board member, who shall serve a one-year term of office.

Article VII, Section 1, first sentence: The standing committees of the Association shall consist of Membership, Competitions, Education, Publicity, Awards, Fund Raising, ~~and~~ Equipment Management, and Junior/Young Rider.

Article VII, Section 4: H) The Junior/Young Rider Committee shall be responsible for coordinating information and activities and facilitating communication to and with junior members of the Association.

Article XI: NDA will send one representative to the USDF Annual Meeting. NDA will pay for: Either ~~one~~ one round trip airline ticket at lowest available rate or mileage paid at the current reimbursable rate established by the IRS; whichever is lower;

One hotel room at ~~double~~ the lowest occupancy rate;

USDF meeting registration fees for one person;

USDF Awards Banquet for one person;

Allotment of ~~\$20.00~~ 50.00 per day food allowance.

The purpose of the modifications are to reduce the term of the Jr. board member from three years to one, officially add a Junior/Young Rider standing committee, and to clarify and update the reimbursement guidelines for the USDF Annual Meeting.

Members will vote on these proposed modifications at the Annual Meeting on November 12th.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Schooling Show Championships

Lancaster Event Center
September 24

NDA Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

Parker's Steakhouse, Ashland
November 12

Horse Ownership 101

Hillcrest Animal Clinic
November 12
(see flyer on page 5)

DEADLINE!!

Scores for year-end awards must be postmarked on or before **October 5th!!** Scores and volunteer hours forms should be submitted to Lauren VanNorman (see the forms on pages 6-8).

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy September NDA Members!!

I am hoping everyone has been enjoying the wonderful Fall-like weather these last couple of weeks. Hopefully this means the Summer heat is behind us and cooler weather is here to stay!

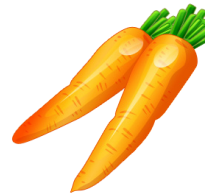
As showing season winds down, I am hopeful that everyone had a successful show season. If you participated in the NDA recognized schooling shows I hope to see you at the NDA Schooling Show Championship on September 24th. If you aren't a participant, hopefully you are taking this opportunity to get your volunteer hours in! I am sure this beautiful weather will continue through September and we will have a wonderful show.

Just a reminder to get your scores in early for End of the Year Awards. The forms for score submissions are posted on the NDA website and on page 6-8 of this edition of The Contact. The Awards banquet will be on November 12th in Ashland, Nebraska. I hope to see everyone there as it should be a great event this year!

As the year-end approaches I am gearing up for the 2011 USDF Convention which will be held in San Diego, California in the beginning of December. I am looking forward to representing NDA at this meeting and I will have a full report to the membership in the January 2012 Contact.

I hope everyone has a wonderful September!

Sydney Ash
NDA President



The *Contact* deadline is the **10th** of the month prior to the month of publication.

SUBMISSIONS ARE ENCOURAGED FROM ALL NDA MEMBERS.

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NDA NEWS

Membership Committee

After a number of years as chair of the Membership Committee, Karen Stricklett is stepping down from the committee. She is looking to train her replacement and get everything ready for the membership blitz at the banquet. If you are interested in being part of the committee, please contact a board member (see the first page of The Contact for email addresses).

Thank you, Karen, for all of your hard work and dedication!!!

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

Wanted: Riders age 22 and older of any ability. Horse may be at any level. Application deadline for riders is September 2, 2011 so start working on the requirements now! Clinic will run from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.

Requirements: Rider must be a USDF member, obtain an instructor reference or history of instruction, create a video in VHS or DVD format, complete the entire application and ensure it is received by USDF by September 2nd. Cost for rider participants is \$250 for a 30-45 minute private session.

USDF will appoint a selection committee to review the applications and select 8 riders. The committee will attempt to select a broad range of horses and riders so that the auditors can see a broad range of issues that affect horses trained through the different levels. The committee will select horses of various breeds, including traditional and non-traditional dressage horses to ensure the auditor will see that classical dressage training methods will have a positive effect on any type of horse. The committee will select horses with training issues that might reasonably be encountered by the average auditor so that the auditors get the most benefit through watching the corrections and their effects.

So as you can see, everyone will have a chance at riding in this clinic. I hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity that has been given to our region.

If you need help creating a video, contact Lisa Van Stratten at lisavanstratten@yahoo.com.

Come to audit: Don't want to ride in the clinic? Then 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 the October 21, 2011 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 lo-

cated 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 members who audit or ride in the Lilo Fore clinic receive a \$10 certificate to use at a NDA run event such as the Cornhusker Classic, Schooling Show Championship, Banquet, or educational event. The certificate will expire November, 2012.

NDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2011

President Sydney Ash called the August meeting to order at Bredeaux's in Ashland at 6:45 PM.

Board Members Present: Diana Spaulding, Sydney Ash, Casey Blum, Amy Blum, Lisa Van Stratten and Felice Rose

Board Members Absent: Donna Michelson and Heidi Helmer

Casey moved to approve the June Board Meeting Minutes; Diana seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: No Report

Vice President: Dates of the banquet were discussed. The award submission form has been updated.

Treasurer: Diana presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 2011. Amy moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report; Casey seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary: No Report

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Membership: Handbook is being printed and will be mailed shortly.

Competitions: NDA Schooling Show Championship: This show will be held on Sept. 24th at Lancaster County Event Center.

Awards: NDA will be awarding a year-end Western Dressage award at Into and Training level.

Communication/Publicity: No Report

Fund Raising: There was discussion of putting together a recipe book.

Equipment Management: The board decided to add language to the equipment rental agreement requiring that the arena be returned clean and in good condition.

JR/YR: This group will be doing something for the NDA schooling show championship. Also, the NDA apparel will be available soon.

Education: No Report

OLD BUSINESS

Survey Questions: The board reviewed the questions and they will be sent to Arnie Cole shortly.

Gillian's Resignation: A member may run for the remainder of Gillian's term (1 year).

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating Committee- The board compiled a list of names of potential members for this committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Action: Casey moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Diana seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney Ash, NDA President



NDA Board Meetings

October 3

6:30pm

Bredeaux Pizza, Ashland

November 12

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

5:30pm

Parker's Smokehouse, Ashland



Horse Ownership 101

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Saturday, October 8th, 2011
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Dental Demonstration
Pat McInteer, DVM

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Lunch will be provided
(please RSVP by email or phone)



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NDA Score-Report Form



NDA members wishing to be considered for NDA year-end awards are required to report all scores received at USEF/USDF-recognized shows and NDA-recognized schooling shows during the competition year (October 1 of the previous year through September 30 of the current year.) Failure to report all scores may result in disqualification from the awards program. For information about awards, see the *NDA Handbook*.

Use the form below to submit your show scores. (Riders who are "Participating Members" of USDF may also submit scores earned at USEF/USDF-recognized shows by using this form to submit biographical information and providing a copy of the USDF Horse Score Check form for the scores.) If you run out of space, attach another sheet of paper to this form.

Send completed form, postmarked on or before October 5, to: **Laureen Van Natta**
NDA Awards Committee Chair
 2734 Effingham Road
 Lincoln, NE 68502
vanattaroom@earthlink.net 402.458.9596

Your Name _____ Birthdate (juniors only) ____/____/____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

Horse's Name _____

Your Competition Division Junior 14 & Under * Junior 15-21* (*age as of January 1 of the competition year)
 Adult Amateur Adult Non-Amateur

Scores from USEF/USDF-Recognized Shows

Show Name	Date	Level & Test	Score	Judge(s)

Your Name _____

Horse's Name _____

NDA-Recognized Schooling Show Scores

IMPORTANT: All scores earned at NDA-recognized schooling shows during the competition year must be reported here. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the NDA year-end awards program.

Show Name	Date	Level & Test	Score	Judge(s)

RIDER ROSETTE(S)

*Do not apply for more than one rosette per level; you may apply for more than one rosette only if they have been earned at different levels; e.g. a Red Rosette at First Level and a Blue Rosette at Training Level. Apply only for the highest rosette you have earned at a given level. *Because rosettes are given for rider accomplishment, after receiving the highest rosette at a given level, a rider is no longer eligible to earn lower rosettes at that level, even if he/she changes horses.

Competition Level: _____ (Introductory, Training, etc.)

Rosette: _____ (White, Red or Blue)

Show Name	Date	Level & Test	Score	Judge
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				

Competition Level: _____ (Introductory, Training, etc.)

Rosette: _____ (White, Red or Blue)

Show Name	Date	Level & Test	Score	Judge
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				

NDA QUALIFIED RIDING MEMBER CERTIFICATE

Show Name	Date	Level & Test	Score	Judge

Questions? Contact Learning Via Networks, Awards Clinic, at awardsclinic@nada.net

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**RECORD OF VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED
or SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS RAISED**

for the

Nebraska Dressage Association

To be eligible for year-end awards, members are required either to volunteer 6 hours of time at NDA-sponsored events or to raise \$60.00 in sponsorship donations. These requirements can be combined (e.g., 2 hours of volunteer service plus \$40.00 in sponsorship donations). Use this form to record your volunteer hours worked and/or sponsorship donations raised. Send completed form, **postmarked on or before October 5th** to:

Laureen Van Norman
NDA Awards Committee Chair
 2734 Rathbone Road
 Lincoln, NE 68502
vanhanson@neb.rr.com

Your Name _____ **Phone #** _____

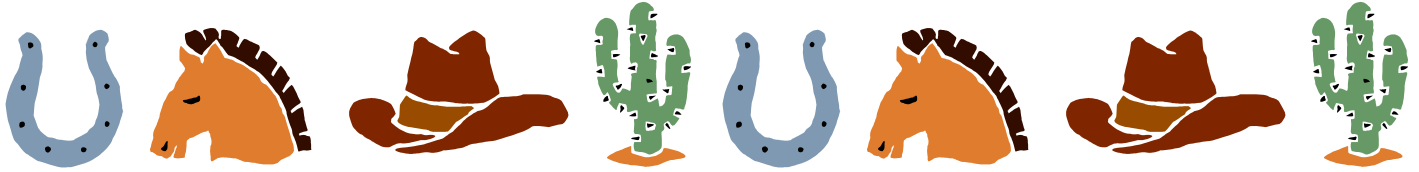
Name of Event (if applicable)	
Date	
Amount of Hours Worked or Sponsorship Donations Raised	
Signature of Event Organizer or Sponsorship Donor	
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Amount of Hours Worked or Sponsorship Donations Raised	
Signature of Event Organizer or Sponsorship Donor	
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Date	
Amount of Hours Worked or Sponsorship Donations Raised	
Signature of Event Organizer or Donor	

Questions? Contact Laureen Van Norman at vanhanson@neb.rr.com

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PROVIDENCE FARM SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS

Entry #	Test	Rider	Horse	Score	%	Place
4	Intro A	Kathryn Hanford	Peppermint Patty	102	63.75%	1
18	Intro A	Kylee Kment	Chester	101	63.13%	2
3	Intro C	Abrea Hensley	Fascinating Lady	132	66.00%	1
4	Intro C	Kathryn Hanford	Peppermint Patty	129	64.50%	2
2	Training 1	Anna Pesta	Sportive	147	61.25%	5
8	Training 1	Jenny Tyler	Hoppy	158	65.83%	3
9	Training 1	Kate Rawlinson	RG Flyhawk's Destiny	140	58.33%	6
24	Training 1	Katie Lowry	Sweetie	138	57.50%	
5	Training 1	Katie Strack	Winselo	165	68.75%	1
3	Training 1	Abrea Hensley	Fascinating Lady	152	63.33%	4
15	Training 1	Briana Beckworth	Glitter Omni	139	57.92%	
23	Training 1	Danielle Drbal	Arnie	160	66.67%	2
7	Training 1	Cindy Olson	Saving Grace	133	55.42%	
14	Training 2	Madison Romjue	Mexicali Cash	178	63.57%	5
20	Training 2	Rachel Dweikat	Benson	175	62.50%	6
22	Training 2	Kitty Duncan	Easy's Delight	194	69.29%	2
8	Training 2	Jenny Tyler	Hoppy	192	68.57%	3
23	Training 2	Danielle Drbal	Arnie	184	65.71%	4
24	Training 2	Katie Lowry	Sweetie	160	57.14%	
5	Training 2	Katie Strack	Winselo	199	71.07%	1
7	Training 2	Cindy Olson	Saving Grace	167	59.64%	
15	Training 2	Briana Beckworth	Glitter Omni	175	62.50%	6
10	First 1	Natalie Nason	RG Flyhawk's Destiny	165	56.90%	2
17	First 1	Laureen Van Norman	Montagny Vonder Heide	191	65.86%	1
13	First 1	Brooke Romjue	Bold n Nu	161	55.52%	3
20	First 2	Rachel Dweikat	Benson	206	55.68%	1
6	Third 1	Melonie Manning	Arabella	245	64.47%	2
16	Third 1	Dallas Van Stratten	Vainquer R	247	65.00%	1
21	Second 1	Sarah Dweikat	Auke	230	65.71%	1
4	Intro B	Kathryn Hanford	Peppermint Patty	104	65.00%	1
19	Lead Line	Lexie Kment	Chester	318.5		
2	Training 3	Anna Pesta	Sportive	148	59.20%	6
14	Training 3	Madison Romjue	Mexicali Cash	167	66.80%	3
9	Training 3	Kate Rawlinson	RG Flyhawk's Destiny	158	63.20%	5
22	Training 3	Kitty Duncan	Easy's Delight	181	72.40%	2
23	Training 3	Danielle Drbal	Arnie	162	64.80%	4
17	Training 3	Laureen Van Norman	Montagny Vonder Heide	183	73.20%	1
13	Training 3	Brooke Romjue	Bold n Nu	147	58.80%	7
16	Second 3	Dallas Van Stratten	Vainquer R	259	61.67%	2
21	Second 3	Sarah Dweikat	Auke	284	67.62%	1
6	Third 3	Melonie Manning	Arabella	246	63.08%	2
25	Third 3	Smantha Kenik	Flavio	258	66.15%	1
10	First 2	Natalie Nason	RG Flyhawk's Destiny	221	59.73%	1
11	Western T3	Sheila Purdum	The Bar Exam	151	60.40%	1



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 3 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.

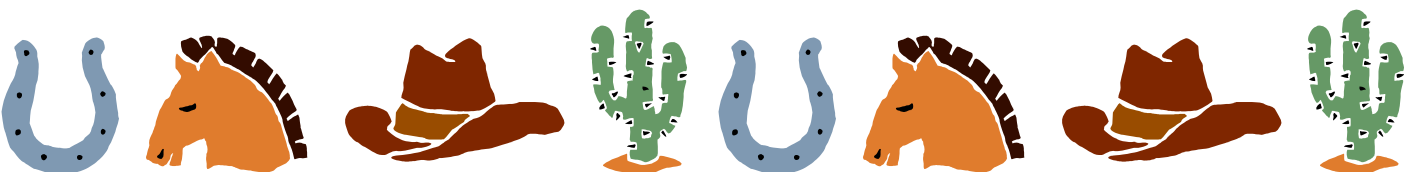
Dinner will be a buffet with many choices. The feast will consist of Texas Beef Brisket, Georgia Pulled Pork, Roasted Chicken, Hickory-Smoked Rib Tips,

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!





**2011 Annual Meeting
And
Year End Awards Banquet
For the
Nebraska Dressage Association**

Saturday, November 12, 2011

5:30 to 6:30 pm Social Hour

6:30 to 7:30 Dinner/Auction

Parker's Smokehouse

Highway 6 and 63
Ashland, Nebraska
402-944-2040

7:30 to 8:30 Annual Meeting

8:30 to 9:30 Awards

<http://www.parkerssmokehouse.com/>

Cash Bar – Silent Auction – Buffet Dinner – Annual Meeting & Election of Board and Officers– Awards Presentation

Yes, I/we plan to attend. Cost is \$22 per Adults. \$11 per child age 10 years and under.

List names of attendees _____

Adults _____ X \$22 = \$ _____

Children 10 and under _____ X \$11 per child = \$ _____

Your Total = \$ _____

Mail this registration form and check for the total made payable to NDA to no later than October 15, 2011:

Lisa Van Stratten
6214 County Road P39
Fort Calhoun, NE 68023

I think the following NDA committee would be a good fit for my abilities:

___ Awards ___ Competition ___ Education ___ Equipment Mgmt ___ Fund Raising ___ Membership ___ Publicity

I think the following positions are the most important at our NDA shows:

___ Ring Steward ___ Scribe ___ Runner ___ Secretary ___ Arena Mgmt ___ Announcer ___ Show Manager

I am unable to attend, please assign my proxy (vote) to: (must be a Member who will be attending)

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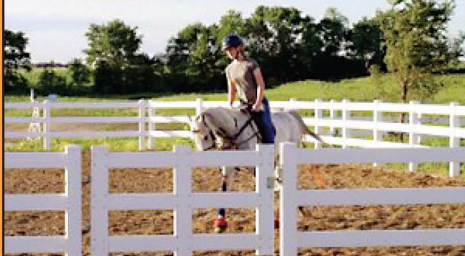
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2nd Annual Equestrians for a Cure Fashion Show & Silent Auc- tion

Last year's fashions, silent auction & reception!



Date: The evening of Tuesday, October 18th

Location: Ponca Hills Farm
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ADULT CLINIC

USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic
November 5-6
Providence Farm, Palmyra Contact: <http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp>

CLINICS

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September 30- October 1
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October 10-12
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Contact: Jami Kment
kjkment@yahoo.com
- * Sarah Martin Clinic
November 18-20
Lincoln Equestrian Center
Contact: Sandie McConnell
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If you are hosting a clinic, or know of one in the area,
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