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Keeping members informed.



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Breaking News

The Contact is now MONTHLY!

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

newsletter@nebraskadressage.org

May 2	Middle Cross Schooling Show	Middle Cross Stables, Roca, NE
May 2-3	Manuel Trigo Lightness Clinic	Prairie Gem Stables, Omaha, NE
May 8	Introduction to Theraplate	Middle Cross Stables, Roca, NE
May 11	NDA Board Meeting	Misty's, Lincoln, NE
May 16-17	USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic	Providence Farm, Palmyra, NE
May 22-24	Clayton Martin Clinic	Still Waters and Middle Cross
May 23	Western Dressage Ride A Test with Emily Johnson	Log Barn Stables. Plattsmouth, NE
May 29	Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln, NE
May 30-31	Cornhusker Classic	Lancaster Event Center
May 30-31	Western and Dressage Ride-a-Test and Schooling Show	Middle River Ranch - Winterset, IA
June 6-7	Shan Lawton Clinic	Middle Cross Stables, Roca, NE
June 12-14	Iowa Dressage Pre-Classic, Classic I & II	Maffit Lake, Cumming, IA
June 13	Rider Fitness Workshop	The Trade Center - Lincoln, NE
June 8	NDA Board Meeting	Misty's, Lincoln, NE
June 17-23	Sarah Martin Long Format Clinic	Still Waters and Middle Cross
June 20	Providence Farm Schooling Show	Providence Farm, Palmyra, NE
June 27	Trailer Troubles Clinic	Middle Cross Stables, Roca, NE
June 27-28	Maffit Lake I and II	Maffit Lake, Cumming, IA
June 27-28	Dressage At The Lake - Clinic and Schooling Show	MO State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO
July 11	Summer Solstice Schooling Show	S&L Stables, Palmyra, NE
July 25-26	Super Fair Open Dressage Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center
September 13	Schooling Show Championships	Lancaster Event Center
October 9-11	USDF Region 4 Championships	St. Louis, MO
October 18	Fall Round Up Schooling Show	Lancaster Event Center
November 5-8	US Dressage Finals	Lexington, KY
November 14	NDA Annual Awards and Banquet	TBD

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



COMPETITIONS

Did you know...

The Cornhusker Classic is offering a new category of classes this year – National Dressage Pony Cup class Test of Choice, (Intro thru Grand Prix). The National Dressage Pony TOC classes will count towards qualification for the National Dressage Pony Cup and their year end awards. For more info, go to <http://nationaldressageponycup.com/info.html> . Ponies must have a current USEF Pony Measurement Card. Owners of Ponies without a card need to let the secretary know one week prior to the start of the show.

This is a very interesting program for those who show small horses/ponies (< 14.2 hands), (which is a growing population of adults as well as youth riders). The National Dressage Pony Cup (NDPC) and its partner shows are dedicated to the promotion of ponies, breeders, owners, and riders from throughout the United States and Canada in dressage competition. Classes from Introductory to Grand Prix and Freestyle with both breed awards and paybacks will be held at the NDPC in Lexington, Kentucky, September 4-5th, 2015 as well as a year end awards program. The Cornhusker Classic is one of several Partner Shows in the Midwest this year. So if you are riding a Pony, consider this opportunity to compete with other equal size mounts.

Submitted by Sheila Purdum



NATIONAL DRESSAGE PONY CUP

Promoting Ponies in Dressage

CORNHUSKER CLASSIC UPDATE

May 29-31

Show manager Mike Smith and co-manager Jennifer Rawlinson had a very productive meeting with Lancaster Event Center (LEC) staff to plan for our May 29-31 USDF/USEF-recognized show.

- Mike will be working closely with LEC staff the week of the Classic to prepare the arena footing to our (and USDF's) standards
- LEC's Managing Director authorized adding sand in Pavilion 4 (Amy's)
- Pavilion 3 just had sand added and requires little maintenance
- LEC is working to repair the base in MPA and prevent it from mixing with the looser top layer
- Events scheduled prior to the Classic are compatible with our specific requirements
- The new Kiser equipment is designed to avoid ridging tendencies and offers better height adjustment options
- LEC is actively seeking new rock removal solutions as the frost cycle continues to push them up
- Dirt stalls will continue to be available (first come, first served—so register early!) and we have a map showing dirt vs. concrete stall options so we can notify you as soon as possible if you will be on concrete
- LEC has ordered rubber stall mats that will be available for rental
- LEC now has an online camping and shavings pre-order system
- We will have Pavilion 3 and Amy Countryman Arena in Pavilion 4 on Friday and Saturday. On Sunday, both Pavilion 3 and Pavilion 4 will be show arenas as we will have access to MPA as a warm-up arena. Stalling will be assigned in P3 and P2, maximizing use of dirt stalls.

So, why the flip flop comment? While some of you (like Mike) have a tremendous amount of knowledge about—and experience with—dressage footing, some of us don't. Please know that you are welcome to walk any arena during warm-up to see what your horse will be feeling during your ride. Flip flops just make it easier for us newbies to get a feel for footing!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the show!

Jennifer Rawlinson
NDA Competitions Chairperson

Board Member Bio

Kathy Hanford



I was born and raised in Geneseo, Illinois (mile marker 19 on I-80). I bought my first horse (Penny, a 25-yr-old part mustang mare) in eighth grade with money I earned detasseling corn. I bought my second horse (Banshee, a 3-yr-old arab/quarter horse mare) in 10th grade working as a waitress at a truck stop. Because of my love of horses, I ended up majoring in Animal Science at Montana State University. I had Banshee at MSU my last two years (it cost me a bag of chocolate chip cookies to have her hauled out there) and sold her in 1979 in order to go to graduate school. I met Steve Kachman while studying at the University of Illinois and we've been married for 33 years. After moving from Illinois, to Montana, to New York, we finally settled in Nebraska in 1990. In 1996 we bought an acreage by Lake Conestoga, which has become a retirement home for an almost 30-yr-old Arab gelding, Fanfare and an almost 30-yr-old minnie, Lucy.

After over 25 years without a horse, I bought my grade Paint mare, Peppermint Patty in 2006, when she was 2 and a half. Six months later she surprised us with a beautiful Paint filly, Mirrhi. After buying Patty, I went through a couple of disciplines (reining and jumping), several trainers, several barns, a few trips to the

emergency room and a couple of surgeries, before deciding to try dressage about five years ago. Alyssa Storey was willing to take me on as a student and has been the little voice in the back of my head (and great friend) that has allowed Patty and me to progress. Not only do I take weekly lessons from Alyssa, I also participate several times a year in Sarah and Clayton Martin clinics. Not only am I enjoying dressage, the partnership that Patty and I have developed has been amazing. I have also been so thankful for the friends that I have made through NDA, at schooling shows and clinics and other activities sponsored by the NDA. I have also, really enjoyed volunteering when I am able, including compiling the scores for the awards for the past couple of years. I have been a board member for two years. I am now also treasurer for NDA, which is giving me a whole new perspective in all that the NDA does for the Nebraska Dressage community. If you have any ideas that would improve NDA, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any other board member. The more we hear from our members, the better NDA becomes.

Kathy Hanford
NDA Treasurer

Mirrhi, Fanfare, Lucy,
me and my daughter Susan



2015 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION



NDA will be awarding three \$500 scholarships to a deserving Jr./YR, Adult Amateur and Professional. These scholarships may be used for riding clinics or any kind of dressage related educational event that you wish to attend. Application may be found online, under "Forms and Documents."

Complete applications must be emailed to jfucinaro@gmail.com by May 1, 2015. The NDA Board of Directors will review your application and have a decision announced by May 15th.

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The International

April 9-11, 2015

We would first like to say THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped set up, take down and man the booth during the Omaha International. The turnout this year was great and thanks to everyone who helped, we helped to educate more observers on what dressage really is!

We sold coloring books, raffle tickets and a few memberships, too!

Another big thank you to the generous trainers who donated lessons for raffle tickets to help raise funds for NDA. It was an absolute success and NDA gained many new contacts.

Congratulations to our NDA riders who competed in the International's dressage competition, we are SO proud of you.

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Now here's something we don't do every day: NDA is very excited to offer special pricing to 4-H and Pony Club juniors who register between now and June 1, 2015. This offer will be gone before you know it, so register today!

To qualify, you must be under age 21 and provide proof of your 4-H or Pony Club membership. With this \$5 OFF, your membership will only be \$25 for the whole year!

USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic

May 16-17, 2015



New Format!

Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner will be switching off teaching and interacting with clinic attendees! Wouldn't YOU like to audit?

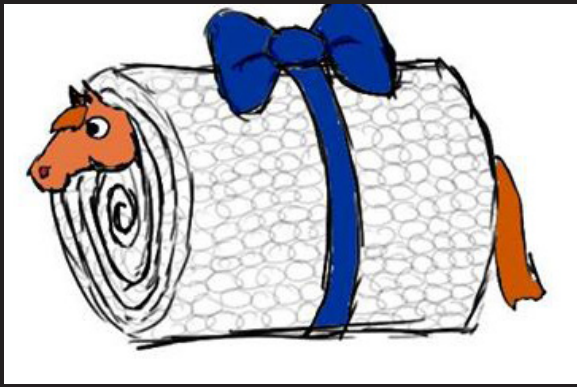
Who can audit? Everyone! These clinics are auditor based, meaning they are designed to be educational for riders of all levels and backgrounds. The new format will increase interaction between auditors and clinicians; bring your questions!

New Group Fee: Pre-register as a group of 6+ and receive the most discounted registration fee.

Our very own NDA Juniors will be serving up a delicious breakfast to riders, auditors and volunteers as a fundraiser, so be sure to stop by their table and support their efforts! Contact Jr./YR Representative, Jenae Tilford for more information: junior@nebraskadressage.org

[Pre Registration ends on May 1, 2015, so register today!](#)

Are you interested in volunteering? Great! We need someone like you. We need help with our registration table, set up and tear down, parking assistance, arena poop patrol, and more. People who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteering can audit the clinic for free—plus have the opportunity to have dinner with the clinicians and riders on Saturday! And of course, your volunteer hours will count toward NDA year-end awards. Email Melissa Ward for more details: president@nebraskadressage.org



Equine First Aid Clinic

May 9, Hillcrest Vet Clinic

You know the feeling...you walk in the barn and your equine friend has injured himself and is bleeding (or limping, or just looks a little "off"). Do you call the vet or can you deal with it yourself?

Come join NDA and Dr. Pat McInteer of Hillcrest Animal Clinic on May 9 for this FREE educational event. We will review First Aid procedures that horse owners should know how to do, and what should be in every horse owner's First Aid kit. Dr. Pat will also discuss when it is best to go ahead and call the vet, and what information you should pass on to the vet when you call. Dr. McInteer will have a horse on hand for demonstrations.

NDA members AND non-members are welcome! Admission is free. Snacks will be provided!



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Judges: Marlene Schneider & Joan Darnell

Madison County Dressage Classic I & II *Level 3*
August 22-23, 2015

Judges: Fran Dearing-Kehr & Dinah Babcock

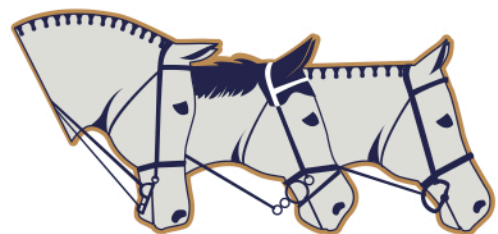


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