

the *Contact*

June 2005



From the President

The 2005 edition of the NDA Cornhusker Classic dressage show is history. The show was well-received by competitors, all of whom appeared to be having a great time. The late-May weather was gorgeous, and the bane of Cornhusker Classics past—bugs and softball players—were nowhere to be seen. Neither was missed!

However, participation in the recognized portions of the show was disappointing. Just over 30 horse-rider pairs entered Saturday and Sunday's shows, which were two-ring, two-judge events.

Interestingly, an equal number of horse-rider pairs competed in the schooling show, which was held in one ring on Friday.

Cheryl Holekamp, USEF "r" dressage judge from Columbia, MO, judged just over 70 rides during the schooling show. By contrast, the recognized show judges—Sonja Vracko "S" of Washington State and Mary Grace Davidson "S" of California—judged a *combined total* of about 65 rides per day. With that light schedule, the classes were finished by early afternoon both days.

From a financial standpoint, this is not good news for the organization. The Cornhusker Classic and the Fall Festival, held in August, have traditionally been the main fund-raising events of the year for NDA.

Coupled with the low entry numbers, the dollar amount of sponsorships was down, further reducing the profitability of the shows. (The final show accounting is not yet completed, so we don't yet know for sure what the numbers look like.)

For whatever reasons—and they are many—attendance at NDA's recognized shows has suffered in recent years. Not at every show, to be sure. Last year's Fall Festival—which, due to the scheduling of the Region IV Championships, fell on a date that attracted competitors looking for qualifying scores—was well attended.

But the generalized decline in participation, along with the virtual impossibility of finding more than a few knowledgeable people willing to devote the considerable time required to manage a recognized show, has brought the NDA board face to face with a discussion of what the organization should do in the future in terms of the types of shows it sponsors.

It appears to me that the sentiment is there, at this time, to reduce the number of recognized shows to one per year, starting in 2006. Coupled with this, the board may favor beefing up the ever-more-popular schooling show series—perhaps adding a championship competition in the fall of the year.

The discussion will be on the agenda at the June 14 board meeting. (See page two of this newsletter for the time and location of the meeting.)

If you have an opinion about this, the board would love to hear from you. Call me (402.435.7561) or any member of the board and give us your thoughts. If there's a groundswell of support for keeping the number of recognized shows at two—*along with people willing to serve as managers and secretaries for the shows*—the board would like to know about it.

Cynthia



THIS MONTH, NDA THANKS:

- ◆ Mike (and Linda!) Smith, who managed the 2005 Cornhusker Dressage Classic. Nice work!!!
- ◆ All those who helped Mike with the show. Your contributions of time and energy were invaluable!
- ◆ The generous folks who backed the show financially by contributing sponsorship dollars. They include: Clay & Carol Teske, Theresa Wagner, Elsie Nickell, Cynthia Johnson, Fucinaro Excavating, Jane Shanahan, and Jami Kment.

NDA Calendar of Events

(Items shown in italics are NDA-sponsored or NDA-recognized events.)

June

- 1-3 **Melanie Tenney Clinic**
Pine Ridge Stables
Ashland, NE
Contact: Patti Rohman 402.421-7988
horsehabit@alltel.net
- 4-5 **Steffen Peters Clinic**
Providence Farm
Palmyra, NE
Contact: Jami Kment 402.780.5010
- 10-12 ***Dakota HorseFest
& Sport Horse Show***
NDA-Recognized
Huron, S.D.
Contact: Sarah Patrick (605) 338-1174 home (605) 321-5713 cell
- 11-12 **Brad Cutshall Clinic**
Debbie Sedlacek's Barn
Lincoln, NE
Contact: Debbie Sedlacek
402.421.1625
- 14 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 18 ***Biomechanics Clinic***
With Arlene Rigdon
Malcolm, NE
Contact: Vicki Luther
402.423.4161, drsagefan@aol.com
- 24-26 **Joe Sieverding Clinic**
(John Lyons Select Horse Trainer)
Cambridge, IA
Contact: Gale Osborne 515.292.1796
jocam2685@aol.com
- 26 ***Platte Valley Schooling Show***
Fonner Park ~ Grand Island, NE
Judge: Lea Ann Hansen
Contact: Janelle Stelk 402.886.2354

July

- 8-10 **Jenni Mosier Clinic**
Falkland Stables
Lincoln, NE
Contact: Dara Liss 402.617.0094
- 12 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 23-24 **Jan Ebeling Clinic**
Reinbow Dressage Center
Springfield, NE
Contact: Sharon Teply 402.253.2891
- 23-24 ***Iowa Dressage Classic I & II***
NDA-Recognized
Adel/Des Moines, Iowa
Contact: Barbara Schmidt
515.277.7075

August

- 6-7 **Brad Cutshall Clinic**
Debbie Sedlacek's Barn
Lincoln, NE

Contact: Debbie Sedlacek
402.421.1625

- 9 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 26-28 ***NDA Fall Festival I & II***
and Schooling Show
Fremont, NE
Contact: Cynthia Johnson
402.435.7561

September

- 9 ***GAIC/USDF Region IV***
Championships; Midwest Regional
Championships
Mason City, Iowa
Contact: Lloyd Landkamer
612.290.8523
- 13 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)

October

- 1-2 **Brad Cutshall Clinic**
Debbie Sedlacek's Barn
Lincoln, NE
Contact: Debbie Sedlacek
402.421.1625
- 11 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 15-16 **Jan Ebeling Clinic**
Reinbow Dressage Center
Springfield, NE
Contact: Sharon Teply 402.253.2891

November

- 8 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 19-20 **Brad Cutshall Clinic**
Debbie Sedlacek's Barn
Lincoln, NE
Contact: Debbie Sedlacek
402.421.1625

December

- 13 ***NDA Board Meeting***
Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE (downtown)
- 17-18 **Jan Ebeling Clinic**
Reinbow Dressage Center
Springfield, NE
Contact: Sharon Teply 402.253.2891

NDA Board Meeting

Tuesday ~ June 14, 2005

6:30 p.m.

Breadeaux Pizza
Ashland, NE

Members are welcome to attend!

DEVELOPING A FEELING FOR MOVEMENT – A LEARNABLE SKILL

From Eckart Meyners Work, Translated by Tanya Boyd

Cross training activities improve riding. Each month we will highlight a different exercise for riders.

Recently the computer has become a part of everyday life. It is assumed that computers are at use in all offices, and even in homes and schools. Children play computer games daily, and play outside much less often. Instead of moving themselves, they are letting the computers “move” for them.

This has led to two main problems:

Physical activities are often replaced today by technology. People are becoming more and more “seated beings.” The physical demands made on people’s bodies are lessening and the psychological strain is increasing. The results of this are physical and psychological imbalances that appear over time. There is also an actual change in people’s body construction as well as their communication and relationship with their own bodies. The musculature becomes undeveloped and uneven, and we see the results of this in various health problems that arise.

We have learned in recent years to serve the computer; to follow instruction manuals and help screens. As computers advance in sophistication, people spend more time on the computer and less time interacting with other people. This carries over into other areas of life. In riding, people seem to function on instructions. If we were to observe a generic riding lesson, we would most likely define the riding instructor as “a person who stands in the riding hall and gives instructions to the riders.” The riding instructor would like to help their students learn certain lessons, and they tend to use commands and directions to achieve this purpose. While that may work with one student, it does not work with others. Instructors tend to force riders into the so-called “correct seat” without thinking about how people learn movement in general.

Human beings are highly complicated. In movement training in sports, and also in riding, the instructor must be aware of the many parts of the human being that are involved in learning movement. People must use their muscles, which receive commands from the brain. Movement mistakes can result because of the way that our muscles today have developed based on the changed world we live in. Our body parts no longer all operate together in harmony. Emotional conditions such as uncertainty, anxiety, or aggression can also impair motor learning. The age of the learner also plays a roll in learning movement.

Until now, riding education has not paid enough attention to all of these points. The result of this is that riders must struggle since they cannot really learn without understanding these internal and external “prerequisites” to developing proper movement.

EXERCISE OF THE MONTH

Lengthen the THROAT and NECK Muscles
Great for everyone both on and off the horse!

Directions:

Stand with your feet slightly apart. With your left hand reach over your head and hold near your right temple. Then slowly pull your head to the left to the maximum extension, stretching your right arm as far towards the ground as possible. Repeat on other side.



Art by Susan Carlson

Eckart Meyners is a Professor of Sports Physiology and Body Movement at the University in Lüneburg,, Germany. Over the past 25 years he has dealt with issues of how people learn movement in riding, and has worked with the German FN to develop curriculums for professional and amateur riders, trainers, instructors, and judges. He is known throughout Germany as an expert in the area of how to teach movement.

Eckart Meyner work is being brought to North America by Equestrian Education Systems, Inc. EES is an organization that offers a collection of tools and services dedicated to promote personal and professional development.

For more information: www.equestrianeducation.org or call 406.626.1947

Results ~ 28th Annual Cornhusker Classic I ~ Saturday, May 21, 2005 ~ Fremont, NE

USDF Intro Level, Test B

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	67.143%	1
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	62.381%	1
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	59.524%	2

Training Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Patrice Urban	Andiamo	Adult Amateur	65.000%	1
Sandie McConnell	Onya	Adult Amateur	61.364%	2
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	61.364%	3
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	56.364%	4
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	63.182%	1
Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	59.091%	2
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	59.091%	3
Jane Fucinaro	Misty Green Méchant	JR/YR	57.737%	4
Joanna Hession	Krypton Dallas Cooper	JR/YR	57.273%	5
Cheryl Holekamp	Hafflicht	Open	64.555%	1
Alyssa Storey	Downtown Advantage	Open	60.919%	2
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	60.465%	3

Training Level, Test 3

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	71.250%	1
Patrice Urban	Andiamo	Adult Amateur	64.583%	2
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	60.833%	3
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	63.333%	1
Katrina Quick	Needa Zip Code	JR/YR	61.250%	2
Joanna Hession	Krypton Dallas Cooper	JR/YR	61.250%	3
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	60.833%	4
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	59.583%	5
Cheryl Holekamp	Hafflicht	Open	65.427%	1
Alyssa Storey	Downtown Advantage	Open	65.427%	2

Training Level, Test 4

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	65.395%	1
Sandie McConnell	Onya	Adult Amateur	62.318%	2
Jane Fucinaro	Misty Green Méchant	JR/YR	63.087%	1
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	62.692%	2
Katrina Quick	Needa Zip Code	JR/YR	61.923%	3
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	61.154%	4
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	60.779%	5
Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	59.231%	6
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	58.856%	
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	57.692%	
Joanna Hession	Krypton Dallas Cooper	JR/YR	56.154%	
Alyssa Storey	Downtown Advantage	Open	65.395%	1
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	60.395%	2

First Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Patrice Urban	Icabod Crane	Adult Amateur	59.269%	1
Jane Fucinaro	Alias Fizz	JR/YR	62.593%	1
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	62.222%	2
Rachel Maas	Nicolodean	JR/YR	61.111%	3
Jami Kment	Maven	Open	72.593%	1
Melissa Piennett	Mariah	Open	55.936%	2

First Level, Test 3

Judge at C:	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rider				
Patrice Urban	Icabod Crane	Adult Amateur	59.143%	1
Melissa Piennett	Mariah	Open	52.000%	1

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Cornhusker Classic I Results (continued)**First Level, Test 4**

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Meredith Kenyon	Nugget	JR/YR	63.611%	1
Rachel Maas	Nicolodean	JR/YR	57.788%	2
Jami Kment	Maven	Open	71.944%	1

Second Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Victoria Heaton	Fendi	JR/YR	56.053%	1

Second Level, Test 3

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	59.574%	1

Second Level, Test 4

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	62.559%	1
Victoria Heaton	Fendi	JR/YR	55.294%	2
Kate Kimmons	Kemah	JR/YR	54.716%	3
Jami Kment	Cadeaux	Open	60.980%	1

Third Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Paula Meyer	Imagine That	Adult Amateur	59.177%	1

Third Level, Test 3

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Paula Meyer	Imagine That	Adult Amateur	57.111%	1
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	65.333%	1
Kate Kimmons	Kemah	JR/YR	55.333%	2

FEI Grand Prix B

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Jami Kment	Contingent Fee	Open	66.875%	1

Freestyle ~ First Level

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Meredith Kenyon	Nugget	JR/YR	57.083%	1

Results ~ 28th Annual Cornhusker Classic II ~ Sunday, May 22, 2005 ~ Fremont, NE**USDF Intro Level, Test B**

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	68.571%	1
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	61.429%	2

Training Level, Test 2

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	65.000%	1
Gail Dwyer	North Light	Adult Amateur	61.923%	2

Katrina Quick	Needa Zip Code	JR/YR	63.846%	1
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	63.077%	2
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	61.154%	3
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	60.385%	4
Joanna Hession	Krypton Dallas Cooper	JR/YR	59.615%	5
Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	58.462%	6

Alyssa Storey	Downtown Advantage	Open	65.385%	1
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	62.692%	2

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Cornhusker Classic II Results (continued)**Training Level, Test 4**

Judge at C:	Vracko 'S' CA			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	67.308%	1
Sandie McConnell	Onya	Adult Amateur	66.538%	2
Patrice Urban	Andiamo	Adult Amateur	63.846%	3
Gail Dwyer	North Light	Adult Amateur	56.923%	4
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	66.154%	1
Joanna Hession	Krypton Dallas Cooper	JR/YR	65.385%	2
Jane Fucinaro	Misty Green Méchant	JR/YR	63.077%	3
Katrina Quick	Needa Zip Code	JR/YR	63.077%	4
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	62.692%	5
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	61.538%	6
Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	56.538%	
Dallas Van Stratton	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	55.769%	
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	49.615%	
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	66.923%	1
Alyssa Storey	Downtown Advantage	Open	66.154%	2
Cheryl Holekamp	Hafflicht	Open	64.231%	3

First Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Patrice Urban	Icabod Crane	Adult Amateur	61.852%	1
Rachel Maas	Nicolodean	JR/YR	67.778%	1
Jane Fucinaro	Misty Green Méchant	JR/YR	61.111%	2
Katrina Quick	Needa Zip Code	JR/YR	60.370%	3
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	57.037%	4

First Level, Test 2

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Patrice Urban	Icabod Crane	Adult Amateur	61.176%	1
Jane Fucinaro	Alias Fizz	JR/YR	57.647%	1
Melissa Piennett	Mariah	Open	57.647%	1

First Level, Test 4

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Rachel Maas	Nicolodean	JR/YR	69.444%	1
Meredith Kenyon	Nugget	JR/YR	63.056%	2
Jami Kment	Maven	Open	61.667%	1

Second Level, Test 2

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Victoria Heaton	Fendi	JR/YR	58.649%	1
Jami Kment	Cadeaux	Open	65.405%	1

Second Level, Test 4

Judge at C:	Vracko 'S' CA			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	65.686%	1
Kate Kimmons	Kemah	JR/YR	60.000%	2
Victoria Heaton	Fendi	JR/YR	57.843%	3
Jami Kment	Cadeaux	Open	71.765%	1

Third Level, Test 2

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Paula Meyer	Imagine That	Adult Amateur	60.952%	1
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	67.381%	1

Third Level, Test 3

Judge at C:	Sonja Vracko 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Paula Meyer	Imagine That	Adult Amateur	61.111%	1
Salome Viljoen	Picasso	JR/YR	65.111%	1
Kate Kimmons	Kemah	JR/YR	54.667%	2

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Cornhusker Classic II Results (continued)

FEI Grand Prix B

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Jami Kment	Contingent Fee	Open	61.875%	1

Freestyle ~ First Level

Judge at C:	Mary Grace Davidson 'S'			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Meredith Kenyon	Nugget	JR/YR	65.000%	1

**Results ~ Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show
Friday, May 20, 2005 ~ Fremont, NE**

USDF Intro Level, Test A

Judge at C:	Cheryl Holekamp			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Patrice Urban	Andiamo	Adult Amateur	73.000%	1
Laureen Van Norman	Capita	Adult Amateur	68.500%	2
Sandie McConnell	Onya	Adult Amateur	65.500%	3
Kandra Spaulding	Jungle Flyer	Adult Amateur	61.000%	4
Trish Weber	Valentine	Adult Amateur	61.000%	5
Loye Jaeger	Galiente	Adult Amateur	59.000%	6
Tina Sprecher	Riley	Adult Amateur	56.500%	
Sheila Scheideler	Flicachet	Adult Amateur	53.500%	
Hallie Stueckrath	Sparkle	JR/YR	53.500%	1
Alyssa Storey	Polka	Open	62.000%	1
Melissa Poulter	Jeter Fan	Open	55.000%	2

USDF Intro Level, Test B

Judge at C:	Cheryl Holekamp			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Patrice Urban	Andiamo	Adult Amateur	69.048%	1
Laureen Van Norman	Capita	Adult Amateur	66.190%	2
Sandie McConnell	Onya	Adult Amateur	64.286%	3
Loye Jaeger	Galiente	Adult Amateur	62.857%	4
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	62.381%	5

Tina Sprecher	Riley	Adult Amateur	60.000%	
Kandra Spaulding	Jungle Flyer	Adult Amateur	60.000%	6
Trish Weber	Valentine	Adult Amateur	56.190%	
Sheila Scheideler	Flicachet	Adult Amateur	53.333%	

Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	61.905%	1
Hallie Stueckrath	Sparkle	JR/YR	52.381%	2

Alyssa Storey	Polka	Open	67.619%	1
Melissa Poulter	Wakis Fancy	Open	60.952%	2

Training Level, Test 1

Judge at C:	Cheryl Holekamp			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	65.000%	1
Diana Hopkins	Lynx	Adult Amateur	64.091%	2
Karen Stricklett	Audacious	Adult Amateur	60.000%	3
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	58.182%	4
Suzanne Boldt	Canterbury	Adult Amateur	55.909%	5
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	64.545%	1
Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	62.273%	2
Meredith Weber	Misty Green Parade	JR/YR	58.636%	3
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	55.455%	4
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	61.364%	1
Melissa Poulter	Wakis Fancy	Open	56.818%	2
Alyssa Storey	Luther	Open	56.818%	3

Training Level, Test 2

Judge at C:	Cheryl Holekamp			
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Gail Dwyer	North Light	Adult Amateur	62.692%	1
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	61.538%	2
Karen Stricklett	Audacious	Adult Amateur	61.154%	3
Suzanne Boldt	Canterbury	Adult Amateur	59.231%	4
Dallas Van Stratten	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	63.846%	1
Meredith Weber	Misty Green Parade	JR/YR	63.077%	2
Sara Klein	Ginger	JR/YR	60.769%	3

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Cornhusker Classic Schooling Show Results (continued)

Samantha Kenik	Gallahad	JR/YR	59.615%	4
Andrea McCain	Shiloh	JR/YR	59.231%	5
Alyssa Storey	Luther	Open	53.846%	1

Training Level, Test 3

Judge at C:		Cheryl Holekamp		
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Nancy Dostal	Silvers Monte	Adult Amateur	65.417%	1
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	66.667%	1
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	58.750%	2
Andrea McCain	Shiloh	JR/YR	56.250%	3
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	53.333%	4

Training Level, Test 4

Judge at C:		Cheryl Holekamp		
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Karen Stricklett	Audacious	Adult Amateur	67.308%	1
Kelly Harrison	Jordan	Adult Amateur	64.615%	2
Gail Dwyer	North Light	Adult Amateur	57.692%	3
Diana Hopkins	Lynx	Adult Amateur	56.538%	4
Sarah Lewis	Sweet Lil Loni	JR/YR	62.308%	1
Dallas Van Stratton	Fancy Twist	JR/YR	58.846%	2
Meredith Weber	Misty Green Parade	JR/YR	58.462%	3
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	58.077%	4
Erica Pieper	5th Avenue	JR/YR	57.692%	5
Andrea McCain	Shiloh	JR/YR	57.692%	6
Melissa Piennett	Don Camillo	Open	62.308%	1

First Level, Test 1

Judge at C:		Cheryl Holekamp		
Rider	Horse	Division	Score	Pl.
Gail Dwyer	North Light	Adult Amateur	0.000%	
Meredith Kenyon	Nugget	JR/YR	62.593%	1
Danielle Lane	Nauticka	JR/YR	55.185%	2
Victoria Heaton	Fendi	JR/YR	52.222%	3
Melissa Piennett	Mariah	Open	48.148%	1

Youth Convention Scholarships Available

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Youth Executive Board has announced the availability of 2005 USDF Youth Convention Scholarships. The scholarships will provide four youth members of USDF with up to \$1,000 each to help defray the costs of attending the USDF Annual Convention, which will take place in Los Angeles, CA, November 30 to December 4, 2005.

In 2004, NDA junior member Rachel Maas of Fullerton received one of the scholarships. Her experiences at the convention were featured in a story about the youth scholarship winners that appeared in the USDF Connection.

Featuring educational programs, fun events, a great trade expo, and the USDF National Symposium, the USDF Annual Convention is an invaluable event for anyone interested in dressage.

To apply for the USDF Youth Convention Scholarship, please contact USDF Director of Programs Sheila Forbes at (859) 271-7879 or at sforbes@usdf.org.

The scholarship application is available at www.usdf.org.



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1994 Appendix Quarter horse gelding. Grey (flea bitten). About 16 hh, sound, clips, trailers well, no vices. Attractive and gentle. Has been shown successfully on the Michigan H/J circuit. Quiet and sane on trails and is happy to go alone. Three nice gaits, balanced, responsive and ready for some dressage training. Priced to sell for \$3,000. Contact Felice Rose. 402.423.4042. [0605]

For Sale

Where's the Gold (Gypsy). 6-year-old sorrel, 16.1-hand, Thoroughbred mare with beautiful forward movement, floating canter and sweet disposition. Has had 90 days professional training and foaled 2 APHA colts in 2003/2004. Sired by FEI dressage stallion "Glitter Please" (deceased), out of "Talk of Gold"; full brother is "El Dorado" (winner at Devon and Upperville), all of whom can be viewed at www.redfoxfarm.com. Been a mommy and is ready to make her own mark in the show ring! Owner has too many 2- & 4-legged critters and not enough time. \$4,000. Contact: Patty Lavelle at 402.641.1750. [0405]

For Sale

A Light Reign. 2003 APHA Sorrel Tobiano Gelding out of "Where's the Gold" (see preceding ad) by 2001 APHA World Champion Open Jumper "The Spotlight". "Reigny" has had 60 days professional training and stands 15'3" as a 2 year old. Will mature 16+ hands and has the potential to brighten up the dressage and hunter/jumper rings with style! Contact: Patty Lavelle at 402.641.1750. [0505]

For Sale

Hungarian Thoroughbred. This is your chance to own a piece of history. Fifteen-year-old, powerfully built gelding, with correct and substantial conformation at 16.2 hands. He's been ridden Western and English and is an excellent prospect for a future career in dressage. Very gentle, dependable, and ready for a mature rider or an adolescent just beginning. \$3000. Contact: George Adam at 402.463.4358. [0505]

For Sale

Quiet, 8-year-old, 16.1-hand AQHA gelding. Shown by novice rider in hunter under saddle, hunt seat equitation, showmanship, horsemanship, and trail. Has been started over fences. 3-year-old Snaffle Bit Futurity winner on Arizona circuit. Placed 1st 13 times out of 19 shows in hunter under saddle, and 1st 12 times out of 16 shows in hunt seat equitation. Easy to handle, and ready to start showing when you get him home. Priced to sell. Contact: Debbie Deitloff at 402.379.4102. [0405]

Deadline, Instructions For Submitting Items For the NDA *Contact*

◆ The deadline for the submission of material for publication in the *Contact* is the 20th of the month prior to publication.

◆ Material should be sent, preferably in electronic format, to the *Contact* at cindyj@inebraska.com.

◆ Hard-copy material can be mailed to: Cynthia Johnson at P.O.Box 22036, Lincoln, NE 68542.

◆ If you have questions about submitting material, you can contact Cynthia at 402.435.7651 or 402.471.0078.

◆ We welcome your submissions and your suggestions!

ADVERTISING POLICY

SALE BARN ads are free to NDA members and will run for three months unless cancelled sooner. Nonmember rate is \$5 per month. Show entry forms or flyers are free to NDA members. Nonmembers will be charged regular ad rates.

Display ad rates are:

Full page (7.5 x 10)..... \$50

Half page (7.5 x 5).....\$25

1/4 page (3.7 x 5).....\$10

Business card.....\$ 5

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Minutes NDA Board Meeting May 10, 2005

Board Members Present: Cynthia Johnson, Beth Wood, Sandy Harman, Laureen Van Norman, Mike Smith, Jane Fucinaro, Monica Fitzwater, Jane Shanahan. **Absent:** Heidi Basler. **Other Members Present:** Diane Fucinaro, Sandie McConnell, Theresa Wagner.

President Cynthia Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. at Bredeaux Pizza in Ashland. Monica Fitzwater moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2005, board meeting. Jane Shanahan seconded. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

President: Cynthia reported that she had let Cathy Childs of Topeka, Kansas know that NDA would not have a breeding class show this year.

Vice President: Beth Wood announced that the NDA Handbooks are finished and will be mailed out immediately.

Secretary: Sandy agreed to write a thank-you note to Valerie Wolf for formatting the NDA Handbook this year.

Treasurer: Monica Fitzwater handed out the Treasurer's Report. See report at the end of minutes.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Awards: Sandie McConnell, Awards Committee chair, reported that the ribbons and awards have been purchased for the Cornhusker Classic I & II.

Competitions: Laureen Van Norman, Competitions Committee chair, reported that everything has been finalized for the Schooling Show and the Cornhusker Classic I & II.

Education: Vicki Luther, Education Committee chair, submitted a written report stating that plans have been finalized for the June 18 Biomechanics Clinic with Arlene Rigdon. Vickie reported that the clinic will begin at 9 a.m. with a presentation by Arlene. She will then discuss conformation while several horses demonstrate the gaits and movement. There will be a break for lunch, with the clinic ending at 3 p.m.

Membership: No report.

Publicity: Jane Shanahan, Publicity Chair, reported that she is still working on organizing her committee and obtaining members.

Fund Raising: No report.

Equipment Management: Theresa Wagner, Equipment Management Committee chair, reported that she is still searching for the NDA headphones and the USDF/NDA Charter Member banner. Theresa also asked the board for clarification on who should be responsible for the registration of the NDA

trailer. After general discussion, it was decided that, although NDA historian Carol Teske should keep most of the paperwork of a legal nature, the Equipment Management chair should be responsible for receiving and processing the trailer-license renewal forms. Theresa also stated that, as a result of problems with getting into the trailer, we should have more than one set of keys. Theresa offered to be in charge of keeping a second set. Theresa also reported that Kevin Kment and Joel Bahl have agreed to serve in an advisory capacity to the Equipment Management Committee.

JUNIOR DELEGATE REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dollar Amount for Cornhusker Classic Awards expenditure: After general discussion, it was decided to authorize the expenditure of up to \$450.00 for awards and ribbons. **Action:** Laureen Van Norman made a motion to allow the Awards Committee chair to expend up to \$450.00 for ribbons and awards for the Cornhusker Classic I & II. Jane Shanahan seconded. Motion carried. It was also discussed and decided to place a free ad in the Classic Program for the show farrier, Josh Freeman.

NDA Website: Tabled until the next meeting.

2005 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet: Tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Cornhusker Classic Progress Report: Mike reported that the ride times for the Classic have been sent out. He also said that very few Coggins tests have been sent in with competitor entry forms; he believes we need to make it clear in the prizelist that Coggins certificates are required even for horses showing only in the schooling show. Mike also stated that trailers were still needed for the judges. Board members suggested that he contact Jack Eden, who owns the Sundowner Trailers dealership near Ashland, to see if he would be willing to supply a trailer or trailers for the show.

2006 Recognized Shows: Cynthia reminded the board that NDA needs to apply for 2006 recognized show dates soon. General discussion followed regarding whether or not to hold one or two recognized shows in 2006. Laureen will contact Fremont Parks and Rec and check on an early June and September date for 2006. **Action:** It was decided to use the June *Contact* to solicit input on the question of how many recognized shows NDA should offer and who is available to manage them.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Harman, NDA Secretary

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Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Monica Fitzwater, NDA Treasurer

Account Balances as of 5/10/05

Account	Total
Main	\$3,668.86
Show	617.22
TOTAL	\$4,286.08

Register Report 4/12/05 – 5/10/05

DATE	ACCOUNT	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	AMOUNT
			Balance 4/11/05		\$4,714.18
4/13/05	Main Account	1967	Allegra Printing	Contact printing	-197.33
4/13/05	Main Account	1968	City of Fremont	Fall Show Facility Rental	-100.00
4/13/05	Main Account	1968	City of Fremont	Spring Show Facility Rental	-100.00
4/16/05	Main Account		Fucinaro Excavating	Sponsorship	100.00
4/18/05	Main Account	1969	Elsie Nickell	Handbook Expenses	-95.08
4/20/05	Main Account	1970	Blue Bridle Insurance	Insurance Liability	-519.00
4/25/05	Main Account	1971	Kristin Heaton	Edu. Freestyle Clinic Refunds	-135.00
5/1/05	Main Account		Interest Earned	Checking Account Interest	1.09
			Total 4/12/05 – 5/10/05		-1,045.32
			BALANCE 5/10/05		3,668.86
			TOTAL INFLOWS		101.09
			TOTAL OUTFLOWS		-1,146.41
			NET TOTAL		\$-1,045.32



AAEP Recommends West Nile Vaccination Schedule

The American Association of Equine Practitioners has developed the following general guidelines for vaccinating horses against West Nile Virus. Previously non-vaccinated horses should receive a primary series consisting of two doses of vaccine administered three to six weeks apart.

For more detailed information concerning the AAEP recommendations, visit the organization's website at http://www.aaep.org/pdfs/AAEP_WNV_Guidelines_2005.pdf. Consult your veterinarian for recommendations based on local conditions.

Foals/ Weanlings*	Yearlings	Performance Horses	Pleasure Horses	Broodmares	Comments
First dose at 3 to 4 months of age. Second dose 1 month later. Third dose at 6 months of age in endemic areas.	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.	Annual booster, prior to expected risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.	Annual booster. Booster 4 to 6 weeks before foaling provides augmented passive colostral protection to foal, lasting for 3 to 4 months.	Annual booster is after primary series. In endemic areas, booster as required or warranted due to local conditions conducive to disease risk. Vaccinate semi-annually or more frequently (every 4 months), depending on risk.

*Foals from vaccinated mares.



That happy state where the horse is light in the front and engaged behind is the prize of the rider who knows how to direct from the centre at all times. Master of balance, by centering [her] own body [she becomes] master of the horse without force and all with the utmost subtlety.

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2005 Cornhusker Classic Parade of Champions

Hiram Tuttle Adult Trophy

(High Scoring NDA Member – Cornhusker Classic I & II)

Jami Kment on Maven 72.593% (1st Level, Test 1)

Hiram Tuttle Jr/YR Trophy

(High Scoring NDA Member – Cornhusker Classic I & II)

Rachel Maas on Nicolodean 69.444% (1st Level, Test 4)

Cornhusker Classic I

High Score, by Division

Open	Jami Kment on Maven	72.593%	(1 st Level, Test 1)
Adult Amateur	Kelly Harrison on Jordan	71.250%	(Tr. Level, Test 3)
Jr/YR	Salome Viljoen on Picasso	65.333%	(3 rd Level, Test 3)

High Score, by Level

Training Level

Champion	Kelly Harrison on Jordan	71.250%
Reserve	Cheryl Holekamp on Hafflicht	65.427%

First Level

Champion	Jami Kment on Maven	72.593%
Reserve	Meredith Kenyon on Nugget	63.611%

Second Level

Champion	Salome Viljoen on Picasso	62.559%
Reserve	Jami Kment on Cadeaux	60.980%

Third Level

Champion	Salome Viljoen on Picasso	65.333%
Reserve	Paula Meyer on Imagine That	59.177%

FEI

Champion	Jami Kment on Contingent Fee	66.875%
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Cornhusker Classic II

High Score, by Division

Open	Jami Kment on Cadeaux	71.765%	(2 nd Level, Test 4)
Adult Amateur	Kelly Harrison on Jordan	67.308%	(Tr. Level, Test 4)
Jr/YR	Rachel Maas on Nicolodean	69.444%	(1 st Level, Test 4)

High Score, by Level

Training Level		
Champion	Kelly Harrison on Jordan	67.308%
Reserve	Melissa Piennett on Don Camillo	66.923%

First Level		
Champion	Rachel Maas on Nicolodean	69.444%
Reserve	Meredith Kenyon on Nugget	63.056%

Second Level		
Champion	Jami Kment on Cadeaux	71.765%
Reserve	Salome Viljoen on Picasso	65.686%

Third Level		
Champion	Salome Viljoen on Picasso	67.381%
Reserve	Paula Meyer on Imagine That	61.111%

FEI		
Champion	Jami Kment on Contingent Fee	61.875%

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BIOMECHANICS: AN INTRODUCTION TO GAITS MOVEMENT CONFORMATION

WITH
Arlene Rigdon

June 18, 2005
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
14200 N.W. 112th St. Malcolm, NE

A USEF "S" judge and USEF licensed sport horse breeding "R" judge, Arlene Rigdon has been the head judge for the American Holsteiner Horse Association for 18 years. She holds USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals, and was long listed for the United States Equestrian Team.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Vicki Luther, 402.423.4161, drsagefan@aol.com

- Yes, I want to attend the June 18 clinic
 I'm not now an NDA member and would like further information

Clinic fee: \$25.00 Under 21: \$20.00
Lunch included if registered by June 12. Bring your own chair.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to NDA. Mail to: Vicki Luther, 9101 Whispering Wind Road, Lincoln, NE 68512

Nebraska Dressage Association Release

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

Biomechanics Clinic with Arlene Rigdon

June 18, 2005

Name of Event or Competition

Date(s) of Event or Competition

The facility owned by Jamie and Joanie Kaylor 14200 N.W. 112th Street

Malcom, NE

Name of Facility Where Event or Competition is Being Held

City, State

WARNING: Under Nebraska Law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. secs. 25-21,249 to 25-21,253.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in this equine event or competition. I am fully aware and acknowledge that equine events and competitions involve inherent dangers and the risk of accident, loss, and serious bodily injury, including broken bones, head injuries, other trauma, pain, suffering, or death.

I AGREE to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Nebraska Dressage Association (NDA), its officers, directors, agents, instructors, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability, or damage arising from, because of, or in connection with my participation in this equine event or competition. I also hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the management of the equine event or competition, its agents, and volunteers from and against any and all loss, liability, or damage arising from, because of, or in connection with my participation in this equine event or competition.

If I am a parent or guardian of a participant under the age of 19, I consent to the child's participation, agree to all of the above provisions, and agree to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.

Print Participant's Name (regardless of age)

Participant's Signature (if participant is 19 or older)

Date

Print Parent's/Guardian's Name (if participant is under 19)

Parent's/Guardian's Signature (if participant is under 19)

Date

Join the Nebraska Dressage Association today...



Your annual dues entitle you to many benefits, including a subscription to the *Contact*, eligibility for NDA year-end awards, and reduced fees for association events. NDA is a United States Dressage Federation Charter Group Member Organization (GMO), and NDA members are automatically USDF Group Members. \$17.00 of your dues is paid to USDF on your behalf. In the case of a Family Membership, the first two names listed will be the voting members of NDA and will automatically receive USDF Group Memberships. Group Membership in USDF entitles you to compete for USDF Rider Awards and includes a subscription to *Connection*, the official USDF publication. If additional USDF Group Memberships and nonvoting NDA membership privileges are desired, please provide the names and (for Juniors) the birth dates of the additional members and add \$17.00 for each to the Family Membership dues.

Membership Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Adult Individual Membership \$42.00

Junior Membership \$32.00

Must be under the age of 21 as of January 1, 2004

NDA Newsletter (*Contact*) subscription only
– no membership privileges \$25.00

I/We am/are willing to receive the NDA Newsletter (*Contact*) by email only, thereby saving \$3 off my/our dues.

Family Membership \$57.00

Must be members of the immediate family, residing in the same household. First two names listed will be voting NDA members and will receive USDF Group Memberships.

Additional USDF Group and Nonvoting NDA memberships, \$17 each

Must be members of the immediate family, residing in the same household as those holding primary Family Memberships.

Name

Birthdate (Juniors Only)

Phone: (h) _____
(w) _____

Email: _____

Address

Send completed form and check made payable to NDA to:

Jane Shanahan
18801 No. 1st St.
Davey, NE 68336

Horse Registration

Lifetime horse Registration: \$25.00 (required for eligibility for all NDA awards). Registration is valid for the lifetime of the horse and may be transferred to new owner(s) without additional fee. To qualify for the awards listed previously, horse must be registered and owned or leased by an NDA member at the time scores are earned.

Member's Name: _____

Horse's Name: _____

Breed: _____

Year of Foaling: _____

Color: _____

Sex (Mare/Gelding/Stallion): _____

Owner's Name and Address (if different from member's name)

Send completed form and check made payable to NDA to Heidi Basler at the above address.