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# NORTHEAST FLORIDA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION



March 2011

USDF Region 3

NFDA is a Group Member Organization and our members are automatically USDF Group Members

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## From the President

### March 2011 Extended Remarks

It's been said that life is what happens to you when you are busy making other plans. In that thought, it's time to get going in 2011 and we'll see where our efforts take us.

I have heard from a number of members that they want the club to be *fun*. Continuing the momentum of December into the new year, we are off to a good start with the freestyle clinic at Lynnette Wadsworth's. I saw many new faces in attendance, maybe even more new friends than old members! Our year end banquet was also well attended; hats off again to Jill Morris, who finds such fabulous award and raffle gifts. She makes us all practice a little bit longer just to win one of her prizes.

For our juniors, Pam Prince has taken on the task of organizing events and is planning a braiding clinic and possibly a junior clinic. Anyone who would like to assist with junior events should call Pam at 904.225.2642 or email to [pamprince@ki-lin.com](mailto:pamprince@ki-lin.com).

So that the adults are not left out, Kate Johnson has volunteered to plan an adult clinic. If you'd like to help, contact Kate at [kjinusvi@hotmail.com](mailto:kjinusvi@hotmail.com).

All of these events are fun to attend, but please remember that nothing happens without someone taking the time to organize it. Please volunteer your time and expertise to make our club the best ever!

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## NFDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

### March 12th

NFDA schooling show

### March 18<sup>th</sup>

Closing date for Dressage on the First Coast

### April 9-10

Dressage on the First Coast

## NEWS AND CLUB UPDATES

### Dressage on the First Coast

It's time for the spring edition of *Dressage on the First Coast*, which will be held April 9-10 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. This is a USDF Regional Qualifying Show and the **closing date is March 18<sup>th</sup>**.

We have international caliber judges, including Gary Rockwell (FEI, "O", FL) and Natalie Lamping (FEI, "I", CA).

We need volunteers for all positions, from Friday (April 8<sup>th</sup>) through Sunday (April 10<sup>th</sup>). Please contact Lana Jurewicz at [LanaJ@comcast.net](mailto:LanaJ@comcast.net) if you are interested.

Please see the forms at the end of this newsletter or contact Teri Reikopf at [ceo@horsesinthesouth.com](mailto:ceo@horsesinthesouth.com) if you are interested in opportunities for Sponsors, Vendors and Program Advertising.

For more information on the show, visit the website at [www.DressageOnTheFirstCoast.com](http://www.DressageOnTheFirstCoast.com).

Putting this show together and staffing all the positions takes a great effort from our NFDA members. Please help out by participating either as a rider, volunteer or sponsor. A successful show is a money maker for NFDA which means that we can continue to offer fabulous series and year end awards, parties and other events. ***We can't do it without you!***

### NFDA SHOWS ARE PAC APPROVED

The Paint Alternative Competition (PAC) program is administered by the American Paint Horse Association (APHA) to recognize your efforts on your American Paint Horse. PAC allows you to get recognition at competitive events for horses and riders that fall outside the category of "APHA-approved classes." As a result, your accomplishments can be recorded on your registered horse's official lifetime performance record through PAC.

Although APHA membership is not required to enroll in PAC, you must be a member to receive any awards you earn from the association. Even though you don't have to own the horse you compete on, annual enrollment of the horse in PAC is required.

For more information on PAC, see [www.apha.com/pac](http://www.apha.com/pac), email [pac@apha.com](mailto:pac@apha.com) or call (817) 834-2742, extension 249. You can also talk with Martha Moore who, along with her Paint, Versa Stars Rodney, has earned 113 lifetime PAC performance credits in dressage and finished in the top ten points earners each year they have participated.

### LOOKING FOR A FEW ENERGETIC PEOPLE!

Have you ever wanted to be on the NFDA Board of Directors? We have open positions for both the Board and committee chairs. Contact Martha Moore at 904-705-1522 or [planboss@comcast.net](mailto:planboss@comcast.net).

Remember: This is a great opportunity to stay involved and *help guide the future of the club.*

## MEMBER INTERVIEW



**Dawn with daughter Lizzy Hudson and other Pony Club members**

**Name:** Dawn McLane, DVM

**Personal:** 53 years old, married, 3 great kids - 21, 19 and 16

**Years in NFDA:** 2 recently; 4 - 5 about 15 years ago

**Hometown:** Baltimore, MD

**Early horse memory:** My 16<sup>th</sup> birthday present from my riding instructor was going on a Foxhunt in rural Maryland, feeling a true gallop for the first time

**Current mount:** Limelight, 19 yr old Swedish Warmblood mare

**Dressage influence:** none in particular

**Other non-equestrian pursuits:** veterinary medicine, watching my daughter preparing for Eventing

# IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE

## --NEW!-- Protective Headgear Rules for Dressage --NEW!--

**Effective March 1, 2011**, the following rules apply to Dressage Competitions and Regular Competitions holding Dressage classes:

1. Riders under age 18 must wear protective headgear, as defined by DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801, **at** all times while mounted on the competition grounds. This includes non-competing riders as well as those competing at any level.
2. While on horses competing in national level tests (Fourth Level and below), riders must wear protective headgear as defined by DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. This includes non-competing riders on horses competing in national level tests.
3. While on horses competing in USEF or FEI Young Horse Tests, and FEI Junior Tests, riders must wear protective headgear as defined by DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801, at all times while mounted on the competition grounds.
4. All riders competing in Para-Equestrian tests must wear protective headgear at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Riders who compete in PE tests must wear protective headgear on every horse they ride, no matter the level or test.
5. All riders of any age while on non-competing horses must wear protective headgear at all times while mounted on the competition grounds.
6. All riders under age 18 and all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, who choose to wear Armed Services or police uniform, must wear protective headgear as defined in DR120.5 and in compliance with GR801 at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Riders age 18 and over who wear Armed Services or police uniform on horses that are competing *only* in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above must wear either protective headgear or the appropriate military/police cap or hat for their branch of service.
7. When a horse is competing in both national and FEI levels or tests (e.g. Fourth Level and PSG), the rider must wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on that horse on the competition grounds and during all tests.
8. While on horses that are competing *only* in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test), riders *age 18 and over* are not required to wear protective headgear in warm up or during competition. However, these riders may wear protective headgear without penalty from the judge.
9. In FEI-recognized (CDI, CDI-Y, CDI-J, CDI-P, etc.) classes, FEI rules take precedence and protective headgear is permitted but not required.
10. All riders while on horses competing in national level classes such as Equitation, Materiale and DSHB Under Saddle are required to wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on the competition grounds.

### **In Summary:**

Effective March 1, 2011, for dressage: Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders *age 18 and over* while on horses that are competing *only* in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).

### Looking For a Former Member

Nia Haynes recently contacted NFDA while researching the history of her horse:

I found an old sale ad in your newsletter from 2004 and I was wondering if you could put me in contact with **Susan Bivins**. I own a 15.3, 24-year old Hanoverian gelding named Kiko. She was selling a 15.3, 16-year old Hanoverian gelding name Keko, so I'm pretty sure we have the same horse! I have owned Kiko since 2006 and I recently had someone recognize him from his former life so it got me interested in tracking down his history.

Does she have an email address? I would really like to track down Kiko's registry with the American Hanoverian Society. If you don't want to provide me with her email address, perhaps you can forward this on to her and she can contact me if she chooses. Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated!

Thanks very much,

Nia Haynes  
[nhaynes@gmail.com](mailto:nhaynes@gmail.com)



### UPDATE FROM UNF EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Hello! My name is Melanie and I wanted to tell you about a wonderful CTC (Competitive Trail Challenge) that the UNF equestrian club is hosting.

It will be held Sat. April 30th, at Princess Place Preserve in Flagler County. The CTC is through ACTHA (American Competitive Trail Horse Association) and you must be a member to participate. The trail will be about 6 miles long with a total of 6 obstacles for horse and rider to go through. The horse and rider will be judged at each obstacle and the person with the highest points at the end wins! We are working on providing food for the event and having a best-groomed horse contest as well as a best-dressed contest. All-in-all we are really looking forward to making this a really fun event! Don't miss out :)

All proceeds will benefit the newly established UNF Equestrian Club and a horse charity of our choice.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. To read more about ACTHA and to sign up for this event, go to [www.ACTHA.us](http://www.ACTHA.us)

Melanie  
UNF Equestrian Club, western coach  
904-864-4645

# REPORT FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

## USDF Convention, Part I by Pamela Prince

December 6, 2010

First of all I need to commend Mary O'Brien on what an amazing job she did organizing two huge events. I swear she had to have had 3 or 4 clones of herself walking around to get done what she accomplished this past week. And all with a smile on her face and a welcome in her heart. You are AWESOME Mary O'Brien!!!

I was able to make it to 4 of the 5 classes the USDF convention offered. The first one had a lot of *AH HA* moments in the Pain Free Riding for you and your Horse, presented by Jochen Schleese, sponsored by Schleese Saddlery. I was sure it would be another saddle maker pushing his new innovative saddle, however, I was mistaken. It was really a generic saddle fitting issue across the board in which Kirstin and I were constantly looking at each other and thinking wow, we're not crazy, this is really an issue other people have. Jochen presented a serious issue that is potentially embarrassing in an entertaining yet informative way. He didn't just cover saddle discomfort for horses but also the all important rider who has to be comfortable too.

He came wobbling out in very high heeled red shoes to prove his point. If the rider is not comfortable you are not going to be able to ride well. He had male and female pelvic anatomy's to show us exactly how we sit in the saddle and why saddles cannot be unisex. Girls need to ride in saddles made for females and guys need to ride in saddles made for male. Thankfully, a lot of the saddle makers are now doing this, but how can you tell if you have a male or female saddle?

Kirstin couldn't wait to get home to look at her saddle and check it out. The first thing she did was put the cantle against her mid section and pulled the pommel to her to see if it would flex towards her. It did! About four inches in from the pommel towards the cantle, just where it starts to slope down, you should feel a soft spot like the soft spot on a newborn babies head. This is because saddle makers are making a hole or slit in the tree to allow for the female crotch. If you take your thumbs and push in on the top and bottom you will feel only the soft leather. Kirstin was excited, hers did this too. The next thing was to check the placement of the stirrup bars. Going back to the two skeletons you could see how the male hip joints are more forward and the female hip joints are wider and a little farther back. So, the female stirrup bars need to be set a little farther back on the saddle. Kirstin was really excited, hers did this too. Of course to have all these things line up perfectly with each individual female body is impossible unless you have your saddle custom made. At least it's nice to know our bodies are taken into consideration since 98% of riders are female vs. the past couple hundred years where men dominated it. Kirstin loves her Jessica Collegiate saddle even more now, and we bought it off of ebay. Unfortunately, Jochen was only given 45 minutes to give his lecture and he really needed a couple of hours. He was able to touch the horse fitting issues briefly and I would love for the club to have him come and do his full lecture.

Since I did attend 3 other lectures, and I'm sure other people would like to get their articles in, I will have part two next month.

I am so proud of all our NFDA volunteers who stepped up to the plate and helped Mary make this a great USDF convention and Dressage on the First Coast Show. The center pieces for the banquet were awesome, hopefully someone got pictures to submit. Many, many thanks to everyone!



**Dressage on the First Coast**  
**USDF Region 3 Recognized Show**  
**April 9 & 10, 2011**

***Sponsorships and Advertising Opportunities***

**TITLE Sponsor - \$5,000**

- Event Naming in all advertising, press releases, references, and publications:  
[Your Business]'s Dressage on the First Coast
- Name/logo on all ribbons (First through Sixth) – *need commitment by February 22, 2011 for ribbon printing*
- Premier Banner signage within main competition arena
- Message Board signage throughout event
- Sponsorship Announcements throughout the event (8 times a day)
- 1 Full Page advertisement in the program
- 10'X10' Trade Show booth
- Product Sample or promotional information in competitors packet
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on DressageontheFirstCoast.com webmaster Teri Rehkopf/HorsesintheSouth Facebook accounts, (Two accounts - 1st account is maxed at 5,000 friends and additional account has 2,900 friends)
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on HorsesintheSouth.com's Facebook Fan page and Dressage Onthe FirstCoast Facebook account
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on HorsesintheSouth's Twitter accounts

**COMPETITOR PARTY Sponsor - \$2,500**

- Sponsor Recognition in all advertising, press releases, and publications
- Individual Competitor Party invitations to all competitors promoting sponsor
- Banner signage within main competition arena
- Message Board signage throughout event
- Sponsorship Announcements throughout the event (6 times a day)
- 1 Full Page advertisement in the program
- 10'X10' Trade Show booth
- Product Sample or promotional information in competitors packet
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on DressageontheFirstCoast.com webmaster Teri Rehkopf/HorsesintheSouth Facebook accounts, (Two accounts - 1st account is maxed at 5,000 friends and additional account has 2,900 friends)
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on HorsesintheSouth.com's Facebook Fan page and Dressage Onthe FirstCoast Facebook account
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on HorsesintheSouth's Twitter accounts

**PRESENTING Sponsors - \$1,000**

- Sponsor Recognition in all advertising, press releases, and publications
- Banner signage within main competition arena to be seen by all USDF Symposium attendees
- Message Board signage throughout event to be seen by all USDF Symposium attendees
- Sponsorship Announcements throughout the event (4 times a day)
- 1 Full Page advertisement in the program
- Product Sample or promotional information in competitors packet
- 10'X10' Trade Show booth
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)
- Announcement of your Sponsorship on DressageontheFirstCoast.com webmaster Teri Rehkopf/HorsesintheSouth Facebook accounts, (Two accounts - 1st account is maxed at 5,000 friends and additional account has 2,900 friends)
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- Announcement of your Sponsorship on HorsesintheSouth's Twitter account

**WELCOME PACKET Sponsor – 1 Company Logo'd Gift for all Competitors**

- Banner signage within main competition arena
- Message Board signage throughout event
- Sponsorship Announcements throughout the event (4 times a day)
- 1 Full Page advertisement in the program
- Product Sample or promotional information in competitors packet
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)

**FIRST PLACE AWARD Sponsor – 1 Award for all 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners (65 Classes). Award is usually a bottle of champagne branded with your logo**

- Message Board signage throughout event
- Sponsorship Announcements throughout the event (4 times a day)
- 1 Full Page advertisement in the program
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)

**DIVISION/CLASS Sponsorships - \$100**

- Division Level Sponsorship – \$100
  - Sponsor recognition in program for all classes in the chosen Division  
(Ex.: First Level – Adult Amateur (includes sponsorship of Tests 1, 2, 3, & 4))
  - Sponsor recognition at commencement of all Division classes
- Tax Deduction to 501(c)(3)

**PROGRAM Advertising - \$100-\$500**

- Back Cover - \$500 – Full Color
- Inside Front Cover - \$250 – Full Color
- Inside Back Cover - \$250 – Full Color
- B&W Full Page - \$100
- All ads must be PDF formatted for an 8.5" x 11" vertical page

**INDOOR OR OUTDOOR TRADE SHOW Vendor Space - \$150**

- 10' x 10' Vendor Space within Main Arena - \$150, \$15/day additional for electric
- 10' x 10' Vendor Space Outside on the Terrace - \$125, \$15/day additional for electric
- April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 8:00am – 5:00pm
- Vendor Listing in program



Please return this form with your remittance payable to **NFDA – Dressage on the First Coast** and mail to the address below.

**INQUIRIES/COMMITMENTS:**

**Teri Rehkopf**

Deadline: **March 17, 2011**

4410 Bondarenko Rd.

Keystone Heights, FL 32656

Phone: 352-473-5205, 904-571-5561 (cell)

DressageontheFirstCoast@gmail.com

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**Reservation Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Required)

Reserving: Sponsorship Type: 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Sponsor (state division) 1<sup>st</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_, 2<sup>nd</sup> choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Advertising \_\_\_\_\_

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***Make checks payable to **NFDA – Dressage on the First Coast** and mail to the address above.***

***Reservations are not confirmed until payment has been made in full.***

**BENEFIT TRAIL RIDE**  
**APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup> - 10:00 AM**  
**JENNINGS FOREST – LIVE OAK TRAIL HEAD**

Help raise money for MIKE WOODARD...  
Recently diagnosed and hospitalized with LEUKEMIA.



**Ride Fee ..... \$15**

**Includes Lunch !** (please RSVP so we can prepare enough food!)

*(food donated by Lake Asbury Riding Association & North FL Arabian Horse Club)*

**Silent Auction**

**RSVP Jim (904-505-6728) or Chris Will (904-328-9713) for more info**

**Or Lisa Buchanan – [khladyfish@comcast.net](mailto:khladyfish@comcast.net)**

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