
NORTHEAST FLORIDA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION



February 2010

USDF Region 3

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

From the President

February 2010 Extended Remarks

January was a great month for NFDA. We had our first show of the year and a fun and well attended banquet. Kudos go to our show manager, Brenda Lewis-Lipscomb for having the foresight to rent the indoor ring at Jacksonville Equestrian Center, once it became apparent that our show was going to be wet. Our May show will also use the indoor ring so if you have never ridden inside, here is your chance. In addition, Brenda has proposed adding prix caprilli (a test which includes jumps) and/or dressage tests for gaited horses to our shows, so please email her (BrendaNFDA@aol.com) so that we can gauge interest.

More thanks and a job well done to Jill Morris and Shantel Brooks, who coordinated our year end awards program and banquet. We had many great raffle prizes and beautiful awards for the series winners and volunteers, including painted coffee mug trophies, ribbons, jackets, coolers and directors chairs.

Our next show is on February 27, 2010 and the closing date is February 13th. Don't forget to send in your entries and offer to volunteer. The winter weather has been cooler than in recent years so get in some riding time before the heat and humidity of summer (and spring and fall, too) set in. Give you horse(s) some extra love on the 14th and have a wonderful month!

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NFDA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2010

Feb 27:

NFDA Schooling Show

NEWS AND CLUB UPDATES

Dressage on the First Coast News

It is time to start thinking about the April DOFC recognized show. The DOFC show will be held on April 10th and 11th, 2010 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. Our recognized shows are the biggest income producers for the NFDA, and help to support many programs that benefit the NFDA Membership. Without the success of the DOFC shows, the NFDA would not be able to offer the membership, clinics, educational events, scholarships and our many Awards programs. The success of the Dressage on the First Coast show depends on your support. We have many members who volunteer and many who help financially with their sponsorship.

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a Sponsorship/ Advertising form. Please review the form. Please consider the idea of becoming a Class sponsor. Another way to support the show would be to become an advertiser. You might consider advertising your business in the Dressage on the First Coast program. Sponsors are entitled to a tax deduction.

Let's make the April show a financial success for our club. Please send your form and check made payable to the NFDA to: Denise Dale, 369 Perthshire Drive, Orange Park, FL 32073

Thank you in advance,

Denise Dale

NFDA SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE TO COLLEGE EQUESTRIAN TEAMS

The board of directors for NFDA has recently received several sponsorship requests from former junior members who now ride for a collegiate equestrian team. We have discussed this matter over several meetings and have devised the following guidelines:

- A maximum of five \$100 sponsorships will be awarded per year.
- NFDA will award one scholarship per team not per rider
- At least one member of the team must be a member of NFDA
- The college does not have to be in the state of Florida but the request must be for a dressage team or a team which competes in dressage (e.g. eventing /combined training)
- The requesting member of the team must have two volunteer points in the current show year
- Each request will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors; along with the request, the member should provide a letter from their coach, on collegiate letterhead, affirming their participation on the equestrian team.
- Students are still eligible to apply for the quarterly NFDA scholarship in addition to the request for team sponsorship

Letters can be emailed to our president, Martha Moore, at planboss@comcast.net or mailed to Martha at 12581 Sawpit Road, Jacksonville, FL 32226

NFDA 2009 Year End Banquet

WOW! What a fun day we had celebrating all of our Year End winners and recognizing those who go above and beyond for the NFDA. The food was yummy and we had a beautiful room overlooking the St. John's River at the River City Brewing Company. We also had a HUGE door prize give-away/raffle that was made possible by a generous donation (\$500 gift certificate to Horse and Kennel) from Deborah Hart. It seems that just about everyone walked out the door with either an award or a door prize!

If you missed out on the fun, please try to attend next January. I would love to hear back from those that attended as to the location and time of the banquet. I think most everyone liked having the banquet in the early afternoon. Since many of us have our own farms, it gave us all plenty of time to do morning chores, get spiffed up for the banquet and then you were back home in time for evening chores. I am looking forward to next year's banquet already!! A special thanks to Shantel Brooks (Awards Co-Chair) for organizing the banquet, designing our invitations and putting together the program. I think her laser printer deserves a special thanks too! Thanks for not breaking during all that printing! ☺

Jill Morris
Awards Chairman

Here are your 2009 Year End winners and those who received special recognition:

Intro Junior

Champion

Sarah David	M&M's and Oreos	62.750%
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Intro Vintage

Champion

Pip Randall	D'Razzle Dazzle	66.300%
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Reserve Champion

Michelle Velasco	No Torious	65.880%
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Intro Open

Champion

Kathy Daly	Cordelano	68.870%
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Reserve Champion

Mary Teter	Fancy Southern Queen	62.750%
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NEWS AND CLUB UPDATES

First Level Adult Amateur

Champion

Shantel Brooks	Layla	63.285%
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Reserve Champion

Jill Morris	Mingo	63.139%
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First Level Vintage

Champion

Debbie McNally	Londontowne	64.957%
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Reserve Champion

Marge Savage	Willow's Dream	62.412%
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Second Level Junior

Champion

Jenna Detandt	Excelsior RV	59.458%
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Second Level Vintage

Champion

Michelle Velasco	Copper Chancellor	58.192%
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Third Level Musical Freestyle

Champion

Lynette Wadsworth	Weitze	67.013%
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Third Level Vintage

Champion

Lynette Wadsworth	Weitze	60.775%
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FEI Prix St. Georges

Champion

Mary Ann Callahan	Prime Rate	61.754%
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FEI Intermediare 1

Champion

Mary Ann Callahan Prime Rate 60.263%

Rider Achievement Medals:

Gold Medal

Lynette Wadsworth

Silver Medal

Jenna Detandt
Michelle Velasco

Bronze Medal

Allison Patterson
Audra Early
Aubrey McCall
Ashley Hughes

Special Awards:

President's Award

Michelle Velasco

Volunteers of the Year

Christine Cramer
Lisa Kaatz
Katharine Kotakadenita

Sportsmanship Award

Janet Royce

Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Anne Ramsay
Sue Burdan

"We Couldn't Live Without You" Awards

Mary O'Brien
Brenda Lewis-Lipscomb
Dan Grzyboski

NFDA 2010 Championships off to a GREAT start!!

I am thrilled to see so many riders who already have one score towards the 2010 Championships! Better yet – we already have 2 riders that are completely qualified! Way to go!

So how do you get qualified? Well – all you have to do is enter a NFDA Championships Qualifying Class offered at any of our schooling shows. The qualifying classes are the highest test of the level, i.e. Intro B, Training 4, First 4, Second 4 etc. You also need to pay a \$5 qualifying fee at the time of entry. Next – you need to score a 60% or higher in order to earn a qualifying score. You need a total of 2 scores of 60% or higher from two different judges at two different shows in order to be qualified for the Championship show in November. Once you have your 2 scores of 60% or higher, you are now qualified and do not need to keep entering qualifying classes. Once you're in, you're in! So – venture out of your comfort zone and try it! I want everyone who enters the highest test of their level to also ride it as a qualifier because you know what happens if you don't? You will get a 60% or higher and won't be able to use the score! (Happens to me ALL the time!) I will keep an updated list of qualified rides published in the newsletter each month. Here is the first list of the year!!

****NOTE! If you rode 2 of the same qualifying tests at the January show, you can only use one of those scores towards Championships. You must have 2 scores from 2 DIFFERENT judges. ****

One score earned:

Intro Junior:

Shannon Groff
Casey Knowles
Tricia Murphy
Landyn Williams

Intro Adult:

Ashley Hughes
Lisa Kaatz

Intro Open:

Kathy Daly
Mary Teter

Training Junior:

Shannon Groff
Lizzy Hudson

Training Adult:

Abigail Capone
Lisa Kaatz
Martha Moore

First Junior:

Aubrey McCall

First Adult:

Gwen Kirk

2 scores earned, qualified for Championships:

Training Adult:

Michelle Martin

First Open: Kathy Daly

NFDA 2010 Spring Series is under way!

The Spring Series is now under way. The prize list was incorrect in the number of scores you need. You must ride in 2 of the 3 shows. **3** scores are needed (not 4) and one of those scores must be from the highest test of your level (Intro B, Training 4, First 4 etc.) Good Luck!!

NFDA 2010 Year End Awards

I can't believe I am already mentioning Year End Awards BUT now is the time to be aware of the requirements. The program requirements are rather lengthy so you need to either dig out your membership directory or visit the website to read what you need to do in order to qualify. (I hope to have the entire NFDA Awards programs added to the website soon.) Please remember: You **MUST** have a minimum of 2 volunteer credits in order to be eligible for Year End. Juniors need to have 1 volunteer credit. Please be sure to keep all your score sheets too. They are your only "real" proof of the scores you earned.

That is all the news for now regarding awards. If you have ANY questions about the different programs, please feel free to e-mail me! onthebit@morrisholdings.com

Thank you and Good Luck this coming year!

Jill Morris
Awards Chairman

Hello Everyone:

Despite the weather we had a wonderful schooling show in January. The Jacksonville Equestrian Center and their staff are First Class. As we anticipated severe weather conditions and did not want to cancel the show, JEC was able to accommodate us with the indoor arena allowing those who participated to show their horses in a new environment. Also, many thanks to our Judge, Julie Scott, who is always a pleasure and gives our members constructive remarks. A big thank you to Janet Royce and all of the volunteers without whom we could not hold these shows, and to Kate Grimsley who organized a scribe clinic during the lunch break. Please take the time to thank those who make these shows a great learning experience for all.

There were 16 qualifying rides for our Championship Show in November. Great work everyone.

Congratulations to the High Point Grand and Reserve Winners. We will have your Ribbons at the February Show.

Amateur High Point

Grand	Hughes	Ashley	Coda-Tana	A Intro B Q	Scott	73.000
Reserve	Evans	Brittany	Distant Thunder	A Training 3	Scott	71.200

Junior High Point

Grand	Stromdahl	Gwen	Abbey	J Intro B	Scott	69.500
Reserve	Poulson	Kate	Reason to Smile	J Intro B	Scott	68.500

Open High Point

Grand	Daly	Kathy	Lumina	O First 2	Scott	72.220
Reserve	Daly	Kathy	Hurrikhanna	O Intro B Q	Scott	70.000
Reserve	Steen	Jane	Reminisce	O Training 1	Scott	70.000

Time to start thinking about the February 27th Show (closing date is 2/13/2010). We are very pleased to have Jennifer Aurilio back this year as our Judge for this show. Since last year, Jennifer has achieved her "r" rating so please congratulate her on this accomplishment. I encourage you to send your entries in early as I anticipate the need to hire a second judge for this show. We will be returning to the outdoor arenas and Barn D at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. As a side note, we will be sharing the facility with a Recreational Vehicle Show that is being held the same weekend. Attached is the February Entry Form which has only a minor change to the Camping Fee.

We would like to get some feedback from you regarding additional classes that are being considered. They are:

1. Walk Only Test for Greenies to encourage the young ones to get in the arena (this will be offered at a reduce class fee of \$10)
2. Prix Caprilli which combines a dressage test with some minor jumps
3. Dressage for Gaited Horses

We have the tests for those of you who are interested in reviewing them and will post them to our website or email them to you upon request.

Thank you again to all of you who support NFDA and I would like to encourage any constructive suggestions that will make these shows a more pleasurable experience for all.

Happy Trails,
Brenda



NEXT SHOW:

GHF/Collecting Gaits Farm

Three Horsemen Dressage Show

March 6-7, 2010

Walker Arena

Georgia International Horse Park

For more information

Contact Ann Genovese at goodhorseman@att.net

CLOSING DATE: Friday, Feb. 12, 2010

Tom Poulin (USEF "S" Judge, St. Charles, IL) is returning to the Greater Atlanta Area for a clinic Feb. 27-28, hosted by new GHF member Lisa Harder who has recently taken over as trainer for Misty Meadows Horse Farm, Clarksville, GA. Many people here know him well.

The farm's website gives location, directions and pictures of the beautiful farm with an indoor arena in North Georgia: www.mistymeadowshorsefarm.com

To make reservations, you may e-mail Lisa at lmh714@live.com. The farm's phone number is 706-968-6421; Lisa's cell number is 847-337-2373.



NFDA 2010 Spring Schooling Show Series

Show Entry Form for Saturday, February 27, 2010



Closing Date Saturday, February 13, 2010

→→ ONE HORSE/ONE RIDER PER ENTRY FORM ←←

→→ NO RIDE TIMES ASSIGNED WITHOUT ENTRY FEES & PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS ←←

Rider's Name:							
Horse's Name:			Owner's Name:				
Address:							
Phone Number:				Email Address:			
Circle One:	Amateur	Open	Junior	Juniors Date of Birth			
CLASS SCHEDULE: (Please circle desired classes below)							
Regular Classes					Classes (2nd Ride if 2 Judges)		
Introductory:	Test A	Test B			Intro B	(2 nd Ride)	
Training Level:	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Training 4	(2 nd Ride)	
First Level:	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	First 4	(2 nd Ride)	
Second Level:	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Test 4	Second 4	(2 nd Ride)	
Third Level:	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3		Third 3	(2 nd Ride)	
Fourth Level:	Test 1	Test 2	Test 3		Fourth 3	(2 nd Ride)	
Musical Freestyle	1st	2nd	3rd		Dressage Seat Equitation		

Members Regular Classes:	\$ 15.00	Times # of Show classes		\$
Non-Member Classes:	\$ 20.00	Times # of Show classes		\$
Dressage Seat Equitation:	\$ 10.00			\$
Office Fee (mandatory):	\$ 10.00	Per Horse		\$ 10.00
Non-Competing Horse Fee:	\$ 15.00	Per Horse		\$
Championship Qualifying Fee:	\$ 5.00	Times # of Qualifying classes		\$
Stall Including 2 bags of shavings:	\$ 50.00	Per Stall		\$
Grounds Fee: (Only if no stall purchased)	\$ 5.00	Per Horse		\$
Camping Fee:	\$ 25.00			\$
Late / Incomplete / Incorrect Entry Fee:	\$ 25.00			\$
Total Amount Enclosed: (Payable to NFDA):				\$

Volunteer Please Circle:	Ring Set Up	Ring Take Down	Ring Steward	Scribe	Scorer	Runner	Office Asst
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Please stable me with:

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST SIGN THE FOLLOWING RELEASE:

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and anyone entitled to act in my behalf, release and discharge The Northeast Florida Dressage Association, Inc., Jacksonville Equestrian Center, their owners, managers, directors, officials, agents, employees, members and volunteers from any and all claims of injury, of liabilities of any kind, illness or damage suffered by me as a result of my participation in, or traveling to or from this event. Furthermore, the above named association and facility is not responsible for any person or horse stabled on the grounds prior to one hour before entering the show grounds. I know that horseback riding is potentially a hazardous activity. I should not ride unless I am medically able. I agree to abide by the decisions of my instructor and stable officials relative to my ability to safely ride.

I assume all risk associated with this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effect of weather (including high heat and humidity), and conditions of the stable property, all such risk being known and appreciated by me. I realize that riding is strenuous and requires proper training. I hereby certify that I am in such physical condition and good health.

WARNING: Under Florida Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Signed:
Participant: _____ Date: _____

Legal Guardian: _____ (if Participant is under 18 years of age)

Please initial one of the following: Competitor or Competitor's Legal Guardian hereby gives _____ does not give _____ permission for photographs and/or videotape from NFDA schooling shows to be posted on the NFDA website.

MAIL SIGNED ENTRY, CHECK, COGGINS TO: BRENDA LEWIS-LIPSCOMB, 6600 SPRING FLOWER CT, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32258



2010 NFDA SPRING SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES

Saturday, February 27, 2010

Show Time 8:00 a.m.

Closing Date: February 13, 2010

Jacksonville Equestrian Center, FL

Judges: Jennifer Aurilio (r)

NFDA is pleased to offer our **Second Show** in the 2010 Spring Schooling Show Series. We encourage everyone to participate as a competitor, volunteer and/or spectator. Our Series Champions will be awarded a Great Prize and Champion Ribbons. Additional information regarding Series, Championship and Year End Rules are located on the NFDA website NFLADressage.org under the Membership Section. Some information is listed below. Please note that **NFDA Schooling Shows will follow the USA Equestrian Dressage Competition Rules. Certain rules have been exempted - for specific exemptions, please contact the show secretary.** Each competitor is responsible for knowing the rules and a complete rulebook is available on line at: www.equestrian.org. Good Luck and thank you for supporting our shows.

NFDA SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES ENTRY INFORMATION

- Dressage classes are \$15.00 members/\$20.00 nonmembers. Dressage-Seat Equitation is \$10.00.
- **NO REFUNDS AFTER CLOSING DATE FOR ANY REASON! ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE CLOSING DATE. Any entry postmarked after the closing date will be held to see if room permits to add the rides and charged a \$25.00 late fee if rides are added.** If membership for NFDA accompanies the entry, then entries will be at membership price. Please send a **separate check** for membership dues. DO NOT include dues with entry fees. Thank you!
- Stabling Fee - **\$50.00. Stalls will be available after 12 noon on Friday and include two bags of shavings.** (Additional Shavings are available for purchase for \$8.00 per bag from the **JEC office** until 9 pm)
- Grounds Fee - \$5.00 per horse (no grounds fee if you are buying a stall)
- Office Fee - \$10.00 Mandatory
- Non-Competing Horse Fee - \$15.00
- Championship Qualifying Fee - \$5.00 per qualifying class.
- **Show grounds open at 12:00 pm on Friday afternoon. The gates will be locked prior to this time.**
- Prize and six ribbons in each class. Champion and Reserve High Point ribbons for Amateur, Open and Junior.
- Junior and Open riders will be scored and placed separately if there are two or more in a class.
- Intro tests may be in a small arena.
- **ASTM approved helmets are MANDATORY for Jr. riders and strongly recommended for adults.**
- All dogs MUST be leashed while on show grounds.
- Concession stand will be on the grounds.
- **No ride times will be assigned unless proof of negative coggins, appropriate show fees, & release have been received by show manager/secretary.**

Ride times will be available on line at: www.nfladressage.org

SERIES RULES: You must be an **NFDA member** and participate in 2 of the 3 shows. 4 Scores from the same division are needed in order to be eligible. One of these scores MUST be from the "Test 4" of your division. Equitation and Freestyle classes only need 2 scores for the series. Please see NFLADressage.org for complete details.

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING RULES: To Qualify you must be an **NFDA member** and the Rider and Horse combination must have 2 scores 60 or above in the highest test of a given level, ie Intro B, Training 4, First 4, etc. and paid the \$5.00 qualifying fee prior to riding the test. Please see NFLADressage.org for complete details.

**Please send Signed Release, Entry, Check & Coggins to Show Secretary and Manager:
Brenda Lewis-Lipscomb, NFDA, 6600 Spring Flower Court, Jacksonville, FL 32258
Phone: (904) 509-6042 or (904) 565-8254 Email Address: BrendaNFDA@aol.com**



NORTHEAST FLORIDA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

2010 Membership Application ♦ 12/1/09 - 11/30/10

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

NAME: _____ USDF#: _____

ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip

PHONE: HOME : _____ WORK: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL: _____ (Please be sure to PRINT your email address clearly!)

Member Preferences:

If you do **NOT** want your name & contact information included in the yearly membership directory please check here: _____

The newsletter is sent out via both email and postal service. Email delivery is faster and greatly reduces costs.

If you would be willing to receive the electronic version of the newsletter but opt out of hardcopy (postal) delivery, please check here: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

_____ **Individual / Supporting Membership - \$ 50**
 Vintage (50 years of age or older)

_____ **Junior Membership - \$ 50**
 Juniors must be 18 yrs or younger as of 1/1/09.
 Birthday: _____

_____ **Family Membership - \$50 for primary member plus \$20 for each additional member.**
 Primary: _____
 Additional: _____
 Additional: _____
 Additional: _____

(Note: USDF will recognize one primary member for each family membership. USDF will designate additional family members as GMO supporting members.)

Your membership entitles you to:

- Group membership in USDF
- USDF Connections monthly magazine
- Eligibility for Spring & Fall Series and Year End Awards
- Monthly newsletter and email updates on events
- Opportunity to participate in club sponsored activities (social/educational/clinics)
- Discounted entry at all NFDA sponsored horse shows
- Yearly membership directory
- Eligibility to hold office
- Eligibility to vote in yearly local elections
- Eligibility for scholarship application

VOLUNTEER FOR NFDA (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Day / Assistant Show Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-show set-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Host a Clinic/Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post-show take-down | <input type="checkbox"/> Ring Steward | <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing / Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scorer | <input type="checkbox"/> Scribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Runner | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Club duties / Anything |

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

- Schooling Shows Recognized Shows Clinics/Seminars Networking/Social Events

TALENT / OCCUPATION: We know we have a wealth of talent within our own membership – please share! Please list any talent or occupational experience that may be helpful to NFDA from an administrating/management, horse show & special event perspective (Examples: graphic artist, PR or marketing consultant, artist, calligrapher, CPA/bookkeeper, attorney, photographer, woodworker, florist, IT specialist, veterinarian, equine retailer, seamstress, writer, printer/desktop publishing, etc.):

<p align="center">MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NFDA</p> <p align="center">c/o Lynette Wadsworth 200 Dark Horse Lane Hastings, FL 32145 904-669-1525 cell</p>	<p>For office use only:</p> <p>Date received: _____ Amt: _____ CK #: _____ Cash: _____</p>
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