

NWDA



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Slumber Party Celebration!



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This year's NWDA banquet theme was *Slumber Party*, the color pink ruled the color scheme with balloons galore! Yes, people actually came in their PJ's and slippers! Several people came in PJ's with a bold black & white horse design, which was very appropriate for a dressage banquet. It could not just have been coincidence, shopping at Amazon perhaps?

Kathy Marshall did an awesome job of getting beautiful and functional awards. Saddle pads were given for Jack Pine Circuit Awards, embroidered with NWDA on them—very pretty—and adds a little bling to your horses' wardrobe. It was very fun to gather with everyone again, otherwise you usually just see the people at your barn.

This year's award winners are listed on pages 6 and 7!

All King Victor Emmanuel's School Horses Can Make Really Beautiful People Fall



The President's Message

NORTH WOODS
dressage association

Dear NWDA Members,

Minnesota Spring has arrived (maybe) and the warmer temperature has NWDA members getting out their shedding blades, and dusting off their horses! It was wonderful to see everyone at the 2022 annual awards banquet. Over 80 people came together at the Blackwoods event center in Proctor, MN last Saturday to celebrate in their pajamas! It was a great success with great food, great people, and lots of horsey laughter!

North Woods Dressage board meets monthly. Some of our meetings are virtual and some of our meetings are in person.

Our next meeting will be (in person) May 8th at Blackwoods in Proctor, MN, starting at 6 pm. We will be talking about the geometry of the new tests and making sure we are ready to roll into a new show season.

Please come and join our meeting to learn more about North Woods Dressage visitors are always welcome.

Coming up soon is the Junior Young Rider Clinic with Rachael Wolf in Iron River Wisconsin on May 20th. Look for the entry forms in your email and on the website! We are happy to have Rachael Wolf instructor/trainer for this great learning opportunity. Do not forget to have your Coggins drawn and updated, as well as your memberships. It is never too early to get all that squared away, show season is quickly approaching!

Enjoy the warmer Spring days, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Join us!

Kathi Kusch Marshall
President, NWDA

THE NWDA MISSION

NWDA exists to develop and encourage an interest in dressage, combined training, and all related English style horse activities; to improve communication among interested people; to provide education and recreational activities to its membership; and to encourage other individuals or groups to provide educational and recreational activities to the area.



2023 NWDA SHOW DATES



SCHOOLING SHOWS

June 10-11, 2023

August 5-6, 2023

RECOGNIZED SHOWS

June 24-25, 2023

July 22-23, 2023



Dee Closson wins 2022 USDF Regional Schooling Show Award

NWDA member Dee Closson, riding De Zebaron, a beautiful Friesian Cross, took First Place in First Level Adult Amateur for Region 4 in the Regional Schooling Show Awards Program* with USDF. She wanted to participate in the Regional Schooling Show awards to motivate herself to ride better and to see how she stacked up regionally.

She said it was a fun thing to do, and it didn't involve extra travel to get to a distant show, she showed at our NWDA shows and submitted her scores online at the USDF website, and that submitting the scores was super easy. Your residence location is the basis for what region you are in, she lives in Minnesota, so is in Region 4. It doesn't matter where the show location is.

She had to submit her scores online and pay a \$35 nomination fee by Dec 21, 2022. She liked that you don't have to pay the nomination fee before your scores are earned, so if you have a crummy year, you are not out anything! She submitted her scores as they were earned, but could easily have done them at one time before 12/21/22. She won a stall plate and a pretty ribbon which was mailed to her in February, and her placing was listed in the USDF Connection March/April 2023 edition.

There are 4 divisions, AA, JR/YR, Open and Non-Professional, in Intro Level through Grand Prix. Up to ten placings per division/level will be recognized. Both NWDA Schooling shows will

participate in the Regional Schooling Show Awards for 2023. Any non-USEF licensed/non-USDF recognized completion may participate, but competition management must submit an application prior to the show date. The Score Requirements for Intro Level are minimum of three scores from two different judges from two different competitions. Training Level through Fourth Levels must have a minimum of three scores

from two different judges from two different competitions. There is no need to go to a non-NWDA show to qualify! Complete information and Schooling Show awards Rules are in the NWDA Omnibus. See you at A!



** 4/16/23 With regret, the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program is Suspended immediately by the USDF Executive Board due to Safe Sport Liability concerns. All 2023 USDF Regional*

Schooling Show Awards Program Nominees and Competition management have been emailed regarding this matter and all Nominee and Competition application fees will be refunded in the coming weeks. NWDA will keep you posted of any future updates to the Regional Schooling Show Awards Program.

Meet the Board
NORTH WOODS
DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

Hello! My name is Meghan Gantz, and I am the newest addition to the NWDA Board of Directors!

Twenty years ago, I was actually a member of NWDA as a junior/young rider. Although I grew up in northwest Wisconsin, I initially discovered the English riding disciplines in the Chicagoland area. At the age of twelve, I began spending summers on a farm owned by family friends. There, I would work for their pony ride and petting zoo business in exchange for riding lessons at their adjacent boarding stable. As a barn rat on their farms, I soaked up every possible morsel of horse knowledge. At the nearby Tempel Farms, I witnessed the Lipizzaners and was able to volunteer at events like the NAYRC. I was HOOKED.

By dumb luck, a free mare landed in my lap back up north. I was ecstatic. My dad and I cleared pasture, strung up fence, and converted an old shed into a couple of stalls. We found a trail horse for my mom (yep, it's in the blood), and voila, we were living the dream! That mare taught me everything, but she made me work for it; in fact, her original name was Nightmare! We worked hard and had fun, and eventually I even showed her at a county fair in Illinois. She was technically pony-sized, and I was getting older and dying to learn more, so I went on the hunt for more experience and knowledge.

I started training under Anne Cizadlo when I was fifteen, and eventually bought a sweet gelding named Finnegan. We showed the lower levels throughout the Midwest, and I learned a vast amount by training, competing, and volunteering. After attending college in Duluth, life happened (as it does). I stepped away from riding for a bit longer than intended, and aside from a brief stint here or there, I was out of the saddle for most of the last fifteen years. It seemed that each time I got back in the groove, I would be derailed by life. But as you know, that horse bug never stops biting! Last fall,



with the support and know-how of my friend, fellow board member, and instructor, Leah Nelson, I got back in the saddle. I don't own a horse, so I am grateful beyond words for the generosity of several horse owners in the community, as they've allowed me to borrow their steeds in my pursuit to figure out this thing called dressage. Horses have always been my beacon in life, and it has been so wonderful becoming reacquainted with the sport, its people, and of course — the horses.

In my non-equestrian life, I live in Duluth by Chester Creek and I own an old Craftsman with my better half, Jake. I work in Continuing Medical Education for physicians at the Essentia Institute of Rural Health, and prior to that, I worked for many years in local nonprofits as a legal advocate for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. I'm a proud pet mom to a three-year-old Australian shepherd, Bertie, and two cats — Chucky and Twiggy. I enjoy spending my free time hiking, camping, birdwatching, traveling, and laughably attempting agility training with Bertie. I look forward to volunteering at shows this summer and meeting as many of you as possible. Thank you for welcoming me back into this wonderful community, and for allowing me to serve on the Board of this wonderful GMO!



FOR MORE INFORMATION: northwoodsdressage.net

OR



North Woods Dressage Association

NWDA Educational Events



NWDA Jr/YR DRESSAGE & JUMPING CLINIC Rachel Wolf

Bayfield County Fairgrounds

MAY 20-21, 2023

Contact Jen Hovde for more information: 218-349-9753 or mackie_k_shadow@hotmail.com

Jr/YR NWDA Member: one day only \$210, two day clinic \$310

Adult NWDA member: one day only \$220, two day clinic \$320

NWDA non-member fee \$50

Stall \$35/day or \$60/weekend Bedding \$9/bag

The clinic will accept Jr/YR first, then if space is available, the clinic will open to adults.

If you have NWDA volunteer credits from a previous year, you can use them on this clinic!

NWDA Fundraiser

MAY 17th at 6PM

Spring Hill Farm

2820 Jean Duluth Road Duluth, MN



DR. BRIGID PAJUNEN, NWDA Board Member and USDF bronze medalist, and her mare, Rey, share experiences from a year spent learning from Aimee Brimhall McCord in rural Tennessee. The knowledge gained was foundational for anyone who loves being with horses — dressage enthusiasts included!

\$10 donation

will go to

NWDA's Educational Scholarship Fund.

North Woods Dressage Association Year End Awards

NWDA ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

IN HAND

Amy Roberts Werner & Rangoon Attack 72.230

DRESSAGE

Nicole Wiebusch & Ty Basic 69.0%
Nicole Wiebusch & Ty intro 4 71.346%

DRESSAGE EQUITATION

Tayla Damyanovich & Sir Duke of the Lair 85%

INTRO LEVEL

Camryn Junnila & Poco Cactus Spirit 60.310%
Abigail Morris & Jed 60.630%
Ashley Morris & Once in a Blue Moon 63.125%
Camryn Junnila & Once in a Blue Moon 64.063%
Carley Wade & Maleabask Norsk 65.0%
Taelor Malmstrom & Cameo's Delight 65.313%
McKenzie Ball & Rising Son 66.563%
Hunter Marshall & Vandemer WE 66.875%
Kassidy Pascoe & Almost Illegal 67.0%
Liv Cane & Skippers Tuff Thistle 68.438%
Isabelle Mecklin & Eternal Effects 68.750%
Audrey Mie Skinner & Goldies Revenge 70.31%
Laurie Vesel & Finnick 72.188%
Alexandra Tafelski 74.375%

TRAINING LEVEL

Alysa Bjorklund & Triton 59.483%
Amy Roberts Werner & Rangoon Attack 63.4%
Liv Cane & Skippers Tuff Thistle 64.423%
Kassidy Pascoe & Almost Illegal 66.034%
Bonnie Browne & Parkisimo Imortal Touch 66.2%
Syra JohnsonEngle & Montanas Princess 66.3%
Kellie Hunter & Lucianno 66.538%
Cherese Hietala & Zephyr 67.41%
Kaelin Ogston & Balla'rina 67.586%
Amy Sletten & Brincador 69.310%
Julie Davies Pagels & Frosticcino 72.069%
Lexi Wiebusch & Feather 72.115%
Jessica Foschi & Lucianno 72.50%
Kaitlin Mann & Nevada 73.40%
Jennifer Thelen & hrancott 74.138%

FIRST LEVEL

Alexandra Tafelski & Riggs 64.714%
Kaelin Ogston & Balla'rina 65.517%
Syra Johnson Engle & Montanas Princess 67.7%
Julie Davies Pagels & Neapolitano Kirilia 68.88%
Tayla Damanovich & Sir Duke of the Lair 68.966%
Erin Johnson & IM Shorty Nuff 68.966%
Dee Closson & DE Zebaron 69.861%
Linda M Scott & Rock N Roll 70.417%
Jennifer Thelen & Bhrancot 70.417%
Kaitlin Mann & Nevada 72.77%
First Level – Musical Freestyle
Kelin Ogston & Balla'rina 68.967%
Lin Mayson Nelson & Tie Creek Zeta Jo 71.5%
Jess Amundson & Encores Illumination 72.26%

SECOND LEVEL

Jess Amundson & Encores Illumination 64.167%
Kaitlin Mann & Nevada 67.430%

THIRD LEVEL

Julie Williams & Abigail of Friesian Stable 63.2%

FOURTH LEVEL

Kristin Zuzek & Siegfried 64.744%

PRIX ST. GEORGE

Jessica Foschi & Calypso 64.559%

INTERMEDIATE I

Julie Davies Pagels & Glimmeratii 63.382%
Kathleen Faccio & Aidan 64.559%

NWDA JUMPING AWARDS

1st Maggie Bellehumeur & Super Buddy 147 pts
2nd Kelby Cloose & Goldie's Revenge 146 pts
3rd Silvia Kershaw & Oreo 116 pts
4th Nadine Luoma & Moon 93 pts
5th Cherese Hietala & Zephyr 91 pts
6th Taelor Malmstrom & Cameos Delight 88 pts

NWDA MASTERY AWARDS

WESTERN DRESSAGE

Nicole Wiebusch & Ty

DRESSAGE SEAT EQUITATION

Tayla Damyanovich & Sir Duke of the Lair

INTRO LEVEL

Isabelle Mecklin & Eternal Effects
Carley Wade & Maleabask Norsk
Liv Cane & Skippers Tuff Thistle
Lexi Wiebusch & Feather
McKenzie Ball & Rising Son
Alexandra Tafelski & Frances Palmer Pony

TRAINING LEVEL

Cherese Hietala & Zephyr
Amy Roberts Werner & Rangoon Attack
Kaitlin Mann & Nevada
Amy Sletten & Brincador BP
Lexi Wiebusch & Feather
Jennifer Thelen & Bhrancott

FIRST LEVEL

Julie Davies Pagels & Neapolitano Kirilia
Kaitlin Mann & Nevada
Dee Closson & DE Zebaron
Jennifer Thelen & Bhrancott
Tayla Damyanovich & Sir Duke of the Lair
Erin Johnson & IM Shorty Nuff

FIRST LEVEL FREESTYLE

Lin Nelson-Mayson & Tie Creek Zeta Jo

THIRD LEVEL

Kristin Zuzek & Siegfried

PRIX ST. GEORGE

Jessica Foschi & Calypso

INTERMEDIATE I

Julie Davies Pagels & Glimmeratii

ADULT AMATEUR AWARD

Linda Scott & Rock N Roll

DRESSAGE QUEEN

Alexandra Tafelski

JUMPING QUEEN

Kelby Cloose & Goldie's Revenge

NWDA JACK PINE CIRCUIT AWARDS

JACK PINE CIRCUIT HUNTER JUMPER AWARDS

1st Kelby Cloose & Goldie's Revenge
2nd Maggie Bellehumeur & Super Buddy
3rd Silvia Kershaw & Oreo
4th Kaelin Ogston & Balla'rina
5th Taelor Malmstrom & Cameo's Delight
6th Nadine Lumoa & Moon



JACK PINE CIRCUIT DRESSAGE AWARDS

IN HAND

Amy Werner & Rangoon Attack

INTRO LEVEL JR/YR

1st Liv Caine & Skipper's Tuff Thistle

2nd Isabelle Mecklin & Eternal Effect

3rd McKenzie Ball & Rising Sun

4th Carley Wade & Maleabask Norsk

INTRO LEVEL AA

Alexandra Tafelski & Francis Palmer Pony

TRAINING LEVEL AA

1st Amy Sletten & Brincador BP

2nd Bonnie Brown & Parkisimo Immortal Touch

3rd Amy Werner & Rangoon Attack

TRAINING LEVEL OPEN

Kjerstin Lee & Frankie Frisch

FIRST LEVEL AA

1st Linda Scott & Rock N Roll

2nd Dee Closson & DE Zebaron

3rd Lin Nelson-Mayson & Tie Creek Zeta Jo

4th Erin Johnson & Im Shorty Nuff

THIRD LEVEL AA

Kirstin Zuzek & Siegfried

PRIX ST. GEORGE OPEN

Jessica Foschi & Calypso

INTERMEDIATE I AA

Kathy Faccio & Aiden

INTERMEDIATE II OPEN

Julie Davies Pagels & Glimmeratii

DRESSAGE FREESTYLE OPEN

Julie Davies Pagels & Glimmeratii

WESTERN DRESSAGE BASIC LEVEL

Nicole Wiebusch & Ty



SCHOOL HORSE HALL OF FAME

The horse that shows kindness and understanding while we learn to ride. They will never be forgotten.

JED

CLUB RECOGNITION AWARD

To thank those who continually go above and beyond any expectations in which makes our members' experiences better.

CHRISTINA STEENEKAMP

GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

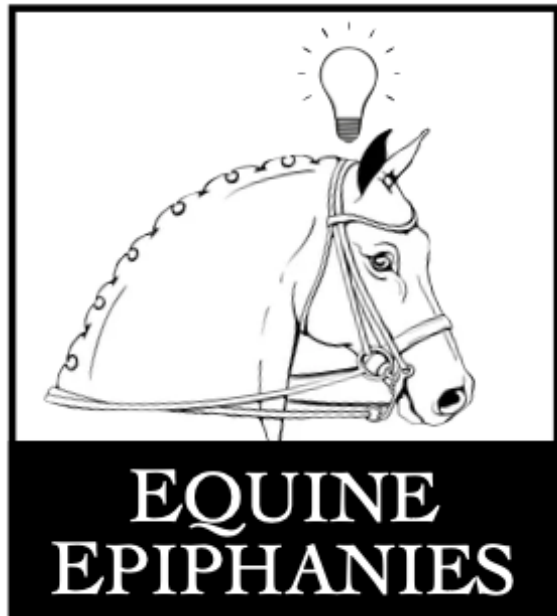
For showing exceptional good sportsmanship during past show season:

BRITTANY DAVIS

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

To thank those members who volunteer significant time & effort to the sport of dressage.

KATHLEEN FACCIO



In left lead canter, ride deep into the corner leave the corner in left lead, slight left flexion to inside, some shoulder fore as well. Maintain slight left flexion down the center line in the counter canter, look straight down center line, like you are looking the judge in the eye. Aim back to the rail move him over, half halt, move him over, half halt again, all done gradually, *It is essential that you keep the horse straight and that you sit tall in the center of the saddle in counter canter.* Then in corner half halt outside rein to rebalance the canter and continue in true canter, maintaining left flexion.

Start with just a shallow loop to the quarter line, then later to centerline, before progressing on to a full 3 loop serpentine, full width of arena.

The counter canter in this exercise is a straightening tool that encourages and then demonstrates collection. *When ridden correctly it puts the horse in better carriage. When ridden crooked, the energy can't go straight through the horse, and it makes him worse instead of better.*

— Claudia Schoendorf



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BRIGID PAJUNEN

Your horse stories, clinic reports and announcements help us improve communication amongst our members and the larger community of Northland horse lovers. We welcome your submissions to nwdagmo@gmail.com.



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