

# New Mexico Dressage Association

## Flying Changes



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*The New Mexico Dressage Association is a United States Dressage Federation Group Member Organization (GMO) and all members are automatically USDF Group Members (GMs). For USDF Participation Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.*

### **President's Message**

It's hard to believe that the year is so far along and here we are in the midst of Summer. Luckily, there are still a lot of great events left to enjoy this year. With our relationships with the other clubs, the NMDA Schooling shows, and the expanded NMDA Awards Program there are more opportunities to show and to strive for awards this year. We are seeing a lot of new faces at the shows and also a lot of you are entering multiple shows and that is a good thing. This is what we want to see happen!

Now I need to make a plea for help. I'd like to ask you to consider taking one day, specifically September 12<sup>th</sup>, and give something back to the club. We need someone to help coordinate the show at Sandia Vista. Many of the same people manage the shows time after time and we'd like to recruit some new faces.. Barbara Burkhardt has offered to be the Show Secretary and that means she'll collect the entry forms and do the scheduling. She needs someone to call and recruit volunteers, set up the arena and be there the day of the show to coordinate the rides and help take down the arena. Please consider doing this and call or email Barbara at [bbequestrian@q.com](mailto:bbequestrian@q.com).

What has the Board of Directors been up to this year? Well, one way you can find out is to read the Board meeting minutes on line. You can also call or email me or another Board member and ask or you can attend the meetings. Any time you are interested, just contact a Board member and let us know so we can be sure there is space for everyone

to attend. We have been meeting at the 66 Diner 1405 Central Ave in Albuquerque. The next meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup>.

One important topic that is being discussed by the Board is the idea of NMDA applying for a tax exempt 501 c status for our organization. Rena Haynes, our Treasurer, has been doing a lot of research on this. The big advantage, besides not having to pay taxes, which we do now if we make a little bit of money, is that we could accept tax deductible donations. We think this would allow us to expand our ability to provide more educational program for members.

In order to be eligible for the new tax status, we will need to re-write our Purpose statement in both the Articles of Incorporation and our By-Laws. Since revisions of these documents require a vote of the members, we will be sending out documents for you to vote on. The big change we need to make is to better describe our focus on education. Since our main purpose is to provide opportunities for our members to participate in schooling shows (not just riding, but also running and managing them), we believe this in of itself is education contributing to the development of the horse and rider in the sport of dressage. In addition, we are looking at more ways to provide educational events for our members other than the schooling shows. If you are interested in this or especially if you have knowledge in this area, please contact Rena or attend our next Board Meeting September 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Susan*

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**NMDA Schooling Show and Calendar Updates:**

Updated Schooling Show information, entry forms, where to send the entries, closing dates, and directions to the show locations are all on line at the NMDA web site [www.nmdressage.net](http://www.nmdressage.net) Be sure to check the web site for updated information as events can change between Newsletter publications. The Schooling Show information has a tab on the left side of the home page.

Aside from the official NMDA show schedule, there is a larger Calendar of Events where we publish all the events that members know or hear about that may be of interest to the dressage community. The larger Calendar of Events has a tab on the home page of the web site.

- **The next NMDA schooling show is Sunday August 8th at the Taos Equestrian Center.** The closing date is August 2nd. The show is being judged by Bill Woods and he is holding a clinic directly prior to the show on August 6 & 7. NMDA members are being offered a discount to audit the show, so take advantage of this opportunity. Read the details of both events on line.
- **August 25<sup>th</sup> is the Juan Tomas Dressage Fun Show in Corrales at the Top Form Arena.**
- **September 12<sup>th</sup> is our next NMDA schooling show at the Sanda Vista arena in NE Albuquerque.**
- **September 18 & 19 is the NMDA Ride Re-Ride Clinic with Shirley Rector at Windsong Dressage in Edgewood.** Contact Ulla for more information and read below about the Ride Re-Ride clinic to see if you are interested in participating or attending – remember, the first ride counts for NMDA year end awards.
- **October 3 – 4 AHANM Chile Roast Sport Horse Training Show at Expo NM, Albuquerque.**
- **October 16 – 17 USDF/USEF and Mew Mexico State Championships, Expo NMD, Albuquerque**
- **NEW Event on the Calendar!! October 31 NMDA is having a combined schooling show and costume event at Cherry Tree Farm.**

## **NMDA Awards This Year Better Than Ever!!**

Read about it on the home page of the NMDA web site [www.nmdressage.net](http://www.nmdressage.net) and see the photo of the Champion embroidered sheet. You can also read about the awards standings so far this year. Note how the expansion of the program to include both schooling shows and the rated shows has significantly increased the number of people eligible for awards. The final results will be calculated after the October 31<sup>st</sup> show and we have decided to have the NMDA Awards Banquet in January 2011 to give us time to prepare and avoid the holiday rush.

**New Ideas for 2011:** We are looking for ways to develop our Awards program for 2011 and the Board is considering new requirements to be eligible for Awards to be more similar to the USDF qualifications for Regionals. We are considering adding a requirement to have at least one of the eligible rides be the highest test in the level, for example for Training, you would have to ride at least one Test 4 and that score is included in the calculation for the awards. The interesting twist to this is that USDF is coming up with the new tests for 2011 and we're hearing that there will be three tests in a Level instead of four. We're not sure if this will impact our proposal, but are interested in your feedback. Please let us know what you think. You will also get a survey by email about this topic, so be ready to give your opinion.

## **Volunteer Awards for 2010 and a General Membership Meeting .....**

We want to recognize all the wonderful volunteers that make our shows possible. Every show, we see many of the same volunteers helping out and then we see new people joining our volunteer team learning about what it takes to run a show. We know they work hard and take on a lot of responsibility. So, this year we are adding awards for Volunteers. In fact, you will soon receive a request to nominate volunteers in five award categories and you will have a chance to vote for the winners at the General Membership meeting we will be planning to have in November. The award categories are:

The Volunteer Who Does the Most (who is it that you see at every show?)

The Best Scribe

The Best Gate Keeper

The Best Runner

The Best Scorer

Team Prize, for Your Favorite Show (all the people who helped at that event will be recognized).

You will hear more about this via the email distribution – look for it! And be thinking about who you want to nominate.

## **What is a Ride Re-Ride Clinic?**

A Ride Re-Ride Clinic is like a schooling show and clinic combined with the purpose to help you learn about what a judge is thinking and why the judge gives you the score. You also get to talk to the judge after the test to get feedback and suggestions on how to improve your ride and your score. Then you ride again and get a second score to see if you have improved. It is fun and educational. And as an added bonus, the first ride of each test will count towards the NMDA Year End Awards, just like a schooling show.

On September 18 & 19, NMDA is sponsoring the Ride Re-Ride Clinic with Shirley Rector, an “S” Judge at Windsong Dressage in Edgewood. There will be approximately 12 rides per day and you can ride once each day, or just one ride, depending on the number of entries and availability of rides. The opening date for taking entries will be August 16<sup>th</sup> and entries will be taken on a first come first serve basis with the entry form mailed in with payment included. Details on how to enter will be posted on line in the next week or so and there is a special entry form.

The really good news is that Board has decided to underwrite this event. This means that instead of paying \$80 - \$90 a ride, NMDA members will only have to pay \$50 for each ride. This is a great deal for you, and we expect a very full event, so get your entries in early! If you don't get in, you can always audit. It is great to watch the rides and learn what the judge is seeing, then see the rider do it again and improve. There is no fee for NMDA members to audit!!

For questions about the event, contact Ulla Hudson at 505-615-5050 or email her at [ulla@windsongdressage.com](mailto:ulla@windsongdressage.com)

## **Goodbye to a Friend and Dedicated Member of NMDA**

Sue Ann Kirkby

12/19/44 to 7/2/10



**Sue Ann and Dani**

The “usual” accounts of one’s passing generally include background, employment, relatives, short histories, etc. This article will touch on those subjects as well, but humbly attempt to describe an extraordinary Lady.

After many years of bravely battling Cancer, Sue Ann went to her rest on July 2, of this year. Her love of Dressage kept her going as she would ride even when she was feeling poorly, which was most of the

time. She would take her Warmblood mare, "Danny" to Ulla Hudson's, (where she trained) in the middle of the week. Sue Ann would travel up the mountain for the next few days and then haul her mare home after the lesson on Saturday. The routine would be repeated weekly.

There were times when she would have to leave the mare at Ulla's as she was not feeling well or had to have, as she put it. "More damned tests." These would be the few and far between times when she would join the rest of us and cuss.

The Term "Lady" most definitely describes Sue Ann. She was cordial to all, and could comport herself well in any social situation. She had a sixth sense about people and was a loyal friend. Proof of this statement can be found in the number of people who are mourning her passing.

Sue Ann and her husband, Wayne, moved here from Michigan. She made lasting friendships with the nurses at the University of Michigan Hospital, where she worked. There were also friends from church and from the stable where she rode and kept her horse, "Mr. Willow." Over the years, the many friends she had made "back there", would visit. There was such a deep, and loyal bond among them. She kept in touch with the friends of her past while being true to the friends of her present. The friends from Michigan did not waste any time getting to her bedside when told of the situation.

When Sue Ann was hospitalized one would visit and there would be friends from here and one or more who had flown in from Michigan. There was a constant stream of friends, both past and present.

Sue Ann was an avid reader and well informed about current events. She could discuss just about any subject with knowledge. She loved to travel and had a curiosity about "other places." She and Wayne were members of a Cross-Country Ski club. She was a volunteer at the Corrales Library and participated in events to benefit Corrales. Of course, she was a member of NMDA and recently, served as Secretary. There is a list, too long to mention, of her interests and activities. Oh, we cannot forget to mention her love for her Corgi dogs.

Shortly after her arrival, in New Mexico, she bought her Grey, Quarter Horse, "Chandra". She showed him at Training Level. Always very nervous about showing, she just kept plugging along. There were also fear issues that many have. Sue Ann was no exception but doggedly did her best to work through those fears. She bought her Warmblood mare a few years ago and her dream was to show at First Level. She worked as hard as she could at "getting there." This was the year she had set to achieve her goal.

A Lady and true friend.....she will be, and is missed.

With respect and gratitude for having gotten to "really" know Sue Ann, I submit this article for your reading.

Dianne Fay

Sue Ann persevered with her dressage training through the types of obstacles that would stop most people. She was a shining example to us "women of a certain age". She was never too busy to lend a hand, volunteer and generally help things stay organized. Her strength of character was probably her greatest asset and it showed through in everything she did. She will be greatly missed.

Winnie Fitch

## **New Mexico Horse Council Fund Raiser September 4, 2010 at Cherry Tree**

The New Mexico Horse Council will have a fund raiser on Sept. 4, 2010, at Cherry Tree Farm. There will be vendor tables ( at \$10 each) for advertisement, sales, or information. There will also be a silent auction with equine related products, entertainment and food Bill's Barbeque. Lots of fun for kids with a "real" unicorn! There will be a chance to get great deals on equine related products.

Come on out and support the New Mexico Horse Council  
Sept. 4, 2010, Saturday, At Cherry Tree Farm, 10AM-3PM.

Contact John Collins at [skipanddctf@aol.com](mailto:skipanddctf@aol.com) for information about the event or if you are interested in setting up a table to sell tack or other goods or if you'd like to donate items for the silent auction.

## **We still need a Newsletter Editor...**

We are still searching for a Newsletter Editor. I continue to fill in with a publication every other month on line. The next Newsletter will be October. If you have an article or interested in just helping out to find articles photos or other fun things, please let me know.

If you want a more comprehensive Newsletter, get involved! If you like to write and can work with Word documents or a publishing program, please let me know. Communication is important and would I'd love to see it more often, especially if we can get articles to share. For now, I will send out this abbreviated version and hope that I can find someone to take it over in the future. I will also use the email Yahoo group communication to keep you all informed on what's going on.

This version of a Newsletter contains information and articles that are not already on the web site. Check the web site for the calendar, list of the Board members and Board meeting minutes. I will only include the most critical information about up-coming events and business developments, so you know that your Board is working for you. If you want at any time to hear more about what we are doing, please feel free to call or email me 505-934-5221 [dezavelle@msn.com](mailto:dezavelle@msn.com)

## **Classified Ads**

Members may submit ads for items you are selling and they will be posted on the web as well as in this Newsletter.

## **World Cup Tickets**

*Dear NMDA, I bought tickets to the World Cup two years ago and was all set to go until recently. Unfortunately an unforeseen military commitment came up which will not allow me to attend. Therefore I am selling my tickets to the World Cup at face value. The hotel room is transferrable according to the manager of the hotel. Below is a list of what I have. Bank Cashiers Checks Only. Contact Tracy Kemp at [tnkemp@msn.com](mailto:tnkemp@msn.com) to purchase tickets or more info.*

Hotel: Ramada Limited and Suites, Sparta, KY; \$482.32 pre-paid, \$482.32 due on check out; reserved 25 Sep-2 Oct.

Tickets: 2 of each of the following (seats are premium seating with padded seat backs)  
27 Sep; Team Grand Prix, 1st half; 8:30am; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$90ea  
27 Sep; Team Grand Prix, 1st half; 2:00pm; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$90ea  
28 Sep; Team Grand Prix, 2nd half; 8:30am; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$90ea  
28 Sep; Team Grand Prix, 2nd half; 2:00pm; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$90ea  
29 Sep; Grand Prix Special; 1st half; 10:00am; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$125ea  
29 Sep; Grand Prix Special; 2nd half; 2:30pm; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$125ea  
1 Oct; Grand Prix Freestyle; 7:00pm; Section 108, Row K, Seats 16-17; \$140ea  
Total cost of all tickets: \$1500

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### **USDF Region 5 Messages**

These posting come to us from USDF and we want to pass them on to you:

## **July 2010 Regional Message**

DEADLINES: Region 5 GMO volunteer of the year award, nominations for GMO newsletter and website of the year are due to USDF by August 31. This is also the deadline for the Ruth Arvanette Grant for members to go to the USDF convention. You can find the criteria and applications on [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

The FEI Junior and Young Riders are preparing for the NAJYRC championships at Kentucky Horse Park. As I write this we still have qualifying competitions and the riders are not selected. We have had a great fundraising year and a lot of enthusiasm. Good Luck to those that make the team or compete as individuals and a big thanks for all the volunteers and contributions!

This year our Regional Championships will be at Colorado Horse Park on September 2-5, 2010. We had to move the dates earlier due to the 2010 World Equestrian Games September 25 - October 10, 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park. So plan your competition year in to qualify for our championships.

We have a USDF "L" program starting in Arizona with session A October 23-24. To participate in Sessions A-C, you do not need to have the second level scores, only if you go onto Part 2, Sessions D and Final exam. For more information contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz [dvschmitz@msn.com](mailto:dvschmitz@msn.com).

## **August 2010 Region 5 Message**

Congratulations to our riders who represented Region 5 at the 2010 USDF/Platinum Performance North American Junior/Young Riders Dressage Championships at the Adequan FEI North American Junior/Young Riders Championships presented by Gotham North at the Kentucky Horse Park.

**Region 5 NAJC Team**—Chef d'Equipe, Susan Rudman

Catherine Chamberlain/Verdicci

Jordan Farr/Phoenix

Aylin Corapcioglu/Ruhmann

**Region 5 NAYRC Team**—Chef d'Equipe, Eleanor Stine-Masek

Brandi Roenick/Nobel

Laura DeCesari/Cheenook II

Madeleine Birch/Starlight

Thanks to all the shows that held qualifying competitions, and to everyone who donated to the Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider fund to help with the expenses for our teams.



Congratulations to Region 5 riders who have qualified for the Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Festival of Champions held at Gladstone, NJ---Junior, Catherine Chamberlain; Young Rider, Brandi Roenick, and Intermediare I, Cyndi Jackson.

Deadlines: Region 5 GMO volunteer of the year award is due to USDF by August 31. The Ruth Arvanette Grant for three members to go to the USDF convention (up to \$500 airfare expenses, plus free registration, and ½ hotel expense) is due to USDF by August 31. Also it is time to start thinking about GMO baskets for the convention, a great way to show off your GMO at the convention.

Stay Cool and Happy Riding!

Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Ross Creech (859) 971-7038

## USDF Announces 2010 Adequan/USDF National Symposium Focused on Riding New 2011 Dressage Tests

Lexington, KY (July 29, 2010) - The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to welcome featured presenters Gary Rockwell and Lilo Fore to the 2010 Adequan/USDF National Symposium. The symposium will take place December 4-5, 2010 at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center in Jacksonville, FL. The theme for this year's symposium will be "Cross the Bridge from Training to Showing" and will focus on learning to ride the new tests with the featured presenters.

Lilo Fore is an FEI "I" Judge and began her judging career in 1974. In addition to judging, she owns a successful dressage training facility located in Santa Rosa, CA, and helped to develop the USDF Instructor Certification Program. Lilo's students have gone on to become successful professionals and horses bred by her have earned Grand Champion and Champion awards in breed shows in both the US and Canada. Throughout her career, Lilo has remained involved in many educational projects including hosting clinics all over the US and South America.

As a member of the United States Equestrian Team, Gary Rockwell represented the US in competition throughout Europe. He and his Danish mare "Suna" won a Team Silver medal at CHIO Rotterdam in

1993 and a Team Bronze at the 1994 World Championships at The Hague, Netherlands. As a USEF judge for more than 25 years, he officiated at many regional finals and national championships. As an FEI judge, he officiated at North American Young Rider Championships, FEI Challenge Tours, World Cup Finals, European Championships, and the 2008 Olympic Games. Gary currently lives in Wellington, FL and travels to teach, train and judge.

"USDF is excited to have Lilo and Gary on board for our Symposium. Together, they will bring a wealth of knowledge, both from the judges' and instructors' perspective, as they help our members understand the new tests," stated Katherine Robertson, Senior Coordinator of Education Programs.

For more information on the 2010 Adequan/USDF National Convention and Symposium visit the USDF Web site at [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) or contact the USDF office at [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org).

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

### **NMDA Mission Statement:**

The New Mexico Dressage Association (NMDA) is a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of New Mexico. NMDA is also a Group Member Organization of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). The organization's purpose is to promote the understanding of dressage and to develop skill and excellence in its use, as well as encourage, promote and conduct exhibitions, shows, clinics and other events by which interested people may develop their potential as riders and train their horses to the extent of their capabilities. Privileges of membership include but are not limited to participation in the organization's activities and receiving the Handbook/Test Book, and monthly newsletter. Members also become Group Members (GM) of USDF, with all its benefits.

**Photos from the NMDA June Schooling Show at Cherry Tree**

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