

WINTER 2022

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*The official newsletter of NEWDA*



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## President's Perspective

Hello NEWDA Members,

As we wrap up the end of the winter holidays and move into a new year I'm sure we all begin to think about what is to come.

In 2022 we are hoping for a return to normal, or a new normal that will allow us to return to gathering together, riding, and building our equine community.

In this issue learn more about our plans for late winter and early spring, celebrate the success of our members, and make plans for 2022

Regards,  
Cecelia

# NEWDA Updates

## Know a Treasurer?

NEWDA is still in search of a state treasurer. Treasurer duties include monitoring state accounts, maintaining insurance, approving and accounting for expenditures and income, and various other miscellaneous accounting duties.

The state board typically meets quarterly via Zoom for updates.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking on the position of state treasurer please reach out to Cecelia Conway at [newdapresident@gmail.com](mailto:newdapresident@gmail.com)

## 2022 Awards

With the 2021 season now complete don't forget to register for 2022 NEWDA awards. Registrations must be received before your first competition to avoid the late registration fee.

At the end of the newsletter there are updated 2022 awards registration forms.

## USDF Convention

This year's convention was once again held virtually at the beginning of December. Many topics were discussed including new and proposed rule changes, meet and greets with election candidates, and a celebration of all of our accomplishments at the annual Salut Gala.

The biggest news was the election of George Williams to the position of USDF president after being nominated from the floor of the Board of Governors meeting.

## Membership Renewal

Don't forget with the new year we have a new membership recorder.

Deb LaFond has graciously offered to step into the position and her contact information has been updated on the website and on the renewal form at the end of this newsletter.

Please also note, anyone who renews their membership before the banquet will be eligible for a special prize to be presented at the banquet.

## TDF Updates

The TDF has a new grant fund available for adult amateurs training at Fourth or Prix St. Georges.

The Janes Savoie Fund for Adult Amateurs was established by her family and friends to celebrate her life long love of horses and training.

To find out more information or to apply for the grant please visit:

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/newsroom.html/article/2021/12/15/grant-fund-in-memory-of-jane-savoie-established-at-the-dressage-foundation>

**Grant Deadline: April 10th**



*There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humor and the other is patience.*

*-John Lyons*

# Banquet Preview

WRITTEN BY CECELIA CONWAY

NEWDA 's Northeastern Chapter is in the process of planning our 2021 awards banquet. They are developing plans for an in person banquet to be held at the Grand Meridian in Appleton WI on March 12th 2022.

We are planning a luncheon, state meeting, guest speaker, and awards.

Save the date and registration forms will be available late January or early February.

As a quick preview, this year we will be awarding:

- 3 Horse of the Years
- 14 Champions
- 20+ Additional Awards

## 2022 Awards Continued

NEWDA is unique in the variety and types of classes offered for year end awards.

Not only do we offer Traditional Dressage awards at all USDF and FEI Levels but we also offer Western Dressage, In Hand, and Other Dressage categories allowing competitors to compete at nearly every level and division of dressage offered in both dressage and eventing.

Additionally we award Horse of the Year at USDF, FEI, and WDAA levels.

## USDF GMO Awards

NEWDA is pleased to have received multiple USDF GMO awards in 2021 including:

- Best Website for GMO's 75 Members or Fewer
- Best General Interest Article 75 Members or Fewer



# Time to Spare?

WRITTEN BY DAWN MAIN

It's that season when we are all looking at the calendar and planning our season. What season? Show season. Looking for a horse show that is close by this year? Wondering why you can't find one? The answer is simple, there aren't enough volunteers. So many of our local rated and unrated shows rely heavily on volunteerism to run smoothly, thus making the show successful and ensuring that people return for the next one. It is a perpetual cycle.

What is volunteerism? The short answer is the use or involvement of volunteer labor in an organization or community service project. There are 67 synonyms, antonyms, and idiomatic expressions related to the words for volunteer. Like unpaid workers, enlistees, service learning, to present oneself, chip in, sign up, voluntary et cetera.

The one I'd like to focus on is service-learning. What is service-learning? It is to help an individual understand a topic in which they are learning about with hands-on experience. Service-learning or volunteering is to serve a community or organization and its efforts to get better results in its mission. What are some of the benefits of volunteering? By volunteering maybe you get a chance to watch that trainer you've wanted to clinic with not only ride but interact with current clients and see if they are a good fit before spending money on the clinic. Volunteering also gives you the opportunity to watch some amazing riders in the ring close up without the pressure of riding and focusing on your own horse. If you're lucky, maybe being a scribe and having a full day of education from the judge's point of view, this is often the most coveted volunteer job at the horse show.

When else are you going to sit elbow to elbow with someone who is so knowledgeable about our sport for a few, hours at a time? It also gives you the chance to meet people you might not have because you are usually just hanging out in the barn aisle or tack stall.

Volunteer you say ...how can I show and volunteer at the same time? Volunteering at a horseshow need not always be a whole-day commitment. There are many activities that take place either before, during, or after the horse show, one just needs to ask.

A few of the things that come to mind are running water bottles to other volunteers like ring stewards, gate person, or judges box. There is the possibility of running tests between your own classes if you have a several-hour gap. Announcing for a brief time so that the regular announcer might have a short break. Being a warmup-ring steward, checking in people so that someone might have a chance to grab lunch. Awards...who doesn't want to hand out ribbons, a chance to say congratulations and be thanked with a smile.

One of the key ways to make your volunteerism day fun and enjoyable is to be prepared. Dress for the weather, bring snacks and fluids -particularly water, wear close-toed shoes don't forget your sunblock and a chair so you can sit and enjoy the view.

I know that many organizations require so many hours of volunteer work to be eligible for year-end awards. Currently, Newda does not, but shouldn't we try to make our local show scene a better place to be? By volunteering, we can ensure we have a local show to go to when we search those calendars in the early spring.



# Kentucky Bound

WRITTEN BY SARA CALICCHIA

My first experience at Dressage Finals was incredible! The weather was cold and rainy but the horses and facility were amazing.

I knew the classes would be large and very competitive with Finals being cancelled last year due to Covid, but I'm glad I went.

This was Maaike's first year showing in rated Dressage and I was very proud to have made it to Finals. I qualified in both Training Level and First Level. I did a First Level warm-up class on Friday in the Rolex Stadium and we got 4th place with a 68.9%. Saturday was the First Level Championships, and I was the third rider. It was less than 30 degrees, but Maaike gave me a wonderful test that I was very happy with and just shy of a 68%. We ended up 25th with almost 50 horses. All of the top ten in that class scored above a 71%!

Sunday was the Training Level Championships. It was another large and tough class. We ended up Adult Amateur High Point Champion for the Friesian Horse Association of North America!

My favorite part of Finals was watching the Grand Prix classes on Friday and Saturday night after the exhibitor parties. The classes ran late but it was worth every minute to see such beautiful riders and horses. Their partnerships were very inspiring!

I also enjoyed some great shopping and meeting new people. Everyone was very friendly - you could tell everyone was happy to be there!

My biggest take away from the show was steadiness - the horses that were winning weren't necessarily the fanciest movers, but they rode incredibly accurate tests and horse and rider were quiet in the contact and exact in their tempos.



Right: Photos by Susan Stickle  
Above Photo by Sara Calicchia

## Upcoming Chapter Events

### Southern

- Chapter Meeting, February, date TBD

### Northeast

- NEWDA Annual Awards Banquet and Luncheon March 12th held at the Grand Meridian in Appleton WI. More information TBD.

### Eastern

- Eastern Chapter Schooling Shows June 18-19th

### State Board Updates

NEWDA's Winter Board Meeting was held via email

Discussion included:

- NEWDA's 2021 USDF GMO awards and potential uses for the USDF Magazine Ad Space we received
- Ongoing need for a treasurer-stipend funds approved
- Prize and ribbon options for year end awards
- Banquet plans
- Website and Form Updates

**Do you have an event you would like featured in our quarterly newsletter or on**

**our NEWDA website?**

Please reach out to:

Cecelia Conway

[newdapresident@gmail.com](mailto:newdapresident@gmail.com)

for information about how to be included.

**Congratulations to all NEWDA members on their 2021 accomplishments!**

## Current Board Members and Contacts

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**President:** Cecelia Conway, [newdapresident@gmail.com](mailto:newdapresident@gmail.com)

**Vice President:** Jenny Schmitt,  
[peacefulpinefarm@gmail.com](mailto:peacefulpinefarm@gmail.com)

**Secretary:** Dawn Main, [newdasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:newdasecretary@gmail.com)

**Treasurer:** Position Open

**Membership:** Deb La fond,  
[rromulus5@hotmail.com](mailto:rromulus5@hotmail.com)

**Northern Representative:** Deb LaFond,  
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**Eastern Representative:** Pat Black,  
[rromulus5@hotmail.com](mailto:rromulus5@hotmail.com)

**Southern Representative:** Position Open

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## Chapter Board Members and Contacts

### Northern

President-Deb LaFond rromulus5@hotmail.com

Vice President- Carol Orwig, borwig@new.rr.com

Secretary- Position Open

Treasurer- Trish Rogatzki, tmrogo@yahoo.com

### Eastern

President-Pat Black, macblack1156@gmail.com

Vice President- Jenny Schmitt,  
peacefulpinefarm@gmail.com

Secretary- Shari Crowell, sac224@yahoo.com

Treasurer- Liz Rhode, rohdeoranch@gmail.com

### Southern

President-

Vice President- Dawn Main, moxie1968@gmail.com

Secretary-

Treasurer- Brittany Doerfer, bdoerfer05@yahoo.com



## 2022 NEWDA Year-End Awards Application

(UPDATED: 1.01.22)

**REMINDER:** Year-End Award registration is open to all NEWDA members in good standing. Please read NEWDA Dressage Year-End Award Rules on the NEWDA website .

**PLEASE PRINT**

<b>Rider/Handler:</b> _____ (Rider/Handler must be a NEWDA Member) <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____	<b>Owner:</b> _____ <b>Address:</b> _____ <b>City/State/Zip:</b> _____ <b>Phone:</b> _____ <b>Email:</b> _____
<b>Division:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Amateur* <input type="checkbox"/> Junior/Young Rider  <b>Birthdate:</b> _____ (Birthdate is mandatory for JR/YR's.)  *NEWDA follows the United States Equestrian Federation <a href="http://www.usef.org">www.usef.org</a> rules of regarding the status of an Adult Amateur rider (SUB CHAPTER 13-B AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS – GR1306 Amateur Status).  In checking this box, you verify that you have read and understand the rules defined by USEF regarding Adult Amateur rider status and are eligible to compete as an Adult Amateur in accordance with these rules.	
<b>Horse Name:</b> _____ <b>Breed:</b> _____ <b>Sex:</b> _____ <b>Birthdate:</b> _____	<b>Award Level:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Intro <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> 1st (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th  <input type="checkbox"/> PSG <input type="checkbox"/> Int.I <input type="checkbox"/> Int.II  <input type="checkbox"/> GP <input type="checkbox"/> Musical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other Dressage  <input type="checkbox"/> Western Dressage  <input type="checkbox"/> Young Horse - 3 and Under, Mare, Gelding, Colt <input type="checkbox"/> Mature Horse - 4 and Over, Mare, Gelding, Stallion  <input type="checkbox"/> Amateur Handler
<b>FOR MAIDEN AWARDS (no maiden awards for Other Dressage and In-Hand). No additional fee for Maiden. This section <u>must</u> be completed in order for your horse to be considered for a Maiden Award.</b>  Highest level <b>horse</b> has been shown by <u>any rider in any country</u> (information needed to determine eligibility):  _____  _____	

**APPLICATION FEES:**    # of Levels \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 each x # Rider Divisions \_\_\_\_\_ =    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE:**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Completed Year-End Awards Application
- Check made out to NEWDA for Total Amount Due

**Mail to NEWDA Dressage Recorder:**

Cecelia Conway • 1731 S. River Rd • Janesville, WI 53546  
 Phone: (608) 449-9552 • Email: [newdaawards@gmail.com](mailto:newdaawards@gmail.com)



## 2022 NEWDA Dressage Score Report Form for Year-End Awards

(UPDATED: 1.01.2022)

### PLEASE NOTE:

1. Only one horse & rider combination, and one level, per report form.
2. This form and all score sheets (or USDF score reports) must be POSTMARKED or EMAILED (scanned copies of the test and/or USDF Score Report) no later than **December 1, 2022** (scores can be earned from January 1 to November 30, 2022).
3. Whether sending or emailing, include a good quality copy (or scan) of the front sheet of your test showing the score and this form. Or the USDF score report
4. Receipt will be acknowledged by email. If you would prefer, you can send a self-addressed stamped postcard with your scores. NEWDA is not responsible for scores lost in the mail. Members may use delivery confirmation through the US Post Office, but PLEASE DO NOT send via certified mail.

(PLEASE PRINT):

Rider/Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Division:  Open

Adult Amateur

Junior/Young Rider

Maiden

Show Name & Date	Level & Test	Judge	Total Points	Score %

Online Entry Link: <https://bit.ly/NEWDA2022>

**Three scores from three different judges from two different shows.** Only one score can be from a virtual show. Scores must be a minimum of 55%.

1. In-Hand Awards: Two scores from two different judges from two different shows.
2. Scores must be earned at NEWDA recognized schooling show and/or USEF/USDF recognized show, open to all breeds.
3. At least one score must be submitted from a show held in Wisconsin.
4. One test score must be from the highest test of that level (example: for Introductory Level, the highest test is Intro C).
5. Maiden division awards may be from any test of that level.

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**NEW DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION INC**

**2022 GMO Membership Form**

Dec 1, 2021– Nov 30, 2022

Visit [USDF.org](http://USDF.org) for GMO benefits

Thank you for filling out form printed completely & legibly.

\_\_\_ NEW or \_\_\_ RENEWING [USDF#](http://USDF#) \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL:** \_\_\_Adult Amateur \_\_\_Professional \_\_\_JR/Young Rider  
Adult Amateur rules available [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) SUB CHAPTER 13-B  
AMATEURS AND PROFESSIONALS – GR1306 Amateur Status.

NAME (First MI Last) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Day \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: Evening \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEWDA STATE & CHAPTER COMMUNICATIONS, MEETING NOTICES and  
WEBSITE ACCESS all sent via e-mail; NEWDA & USDF Activities,  
Events, Scholarships, Shows, Recognition, available online  
[www.newdressage.org](http://www.newdressage.org)

**CHAPTER AFFILIATION:**

- \_\_\_ **Northeast** (North of Green Bay)
- \_\_\_ **Eastern** (Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac)
- \_\_\_ **Southern** (Madison & areas South & West WI)
- \_\_\_ **Member at Large** (out of state residents only)

**SCHOLARSHIP DONATION** (Optional)

\$\_\_\_ Gail Angell JR/YR Fund \$\_\_\_ Adult Amateur \$\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ General Fund \$\_\_\_ Professional

**STABLE, INSTRUCTOR, BREEDER LISTING (SIB)**

Fees cover brief (35 words max.) listing on the NEWDA  
website [www.newdressage.org](http://www.newdressage.org). Email a **SIB** form to  
[webmaster@newdressage.org](mailto:webmaster@newdressage.org)

A **Stable**, **Instructor**, or **Breeder (SIB)** listing may be  
added to an individual/family membership. Include  
payment & check the appropriate items below.

**Note: A Business Membership includes a SIB listing.**

\_\_\_ \$10 Stable Listing      \_\_\_ \$10 Instructor Listing  
\_\_\_ \$10 Breeder Listing      \_\_\_ \$25 (All three listings)

'Like' us on Facebook. Visit [www.newdressage.org](http://www.newdressage.org) often for  
NEWDA activities, events, live/virtual shows & member  
recognition. 'Join' the NEWDA Central, Eastern, Northeast &  
Southern Chapter and USDF Region 2 Facebook groups.

**NEWDA GMO MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS & FEES**

**BUSINESS**.....  
\$160 \_\_\_\_\_

Includes a USDF Group Membership, one individual voting  
privilege, business card ad (must provide business card), SIB  
listing and recognition on the NEWDA website.

**INDIVIDUAL**.....  
.... \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

For 18 yrs. & over as of current membership year.  
Includes a USDF Group Membership and voting privilege.  
**Are you 18-21 Yrs of Age? YES / NO**

**JUNIOR**.....  
.....\$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Must be ≤17 as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of current membership yr.  
Includes a USDF Group Membership and voting privilege.  
**AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_**

**FAMILY**

- 1. Primary member + 1 add'l mbr..... \$80 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Primary member + 2 add'l mbrs... \$105 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Primary member + 3 add'l mbrs ..... \$135 \_\_\_\_\_

**Please add additional family members on waiver!**

Family membership may be composed of 2, 3 or 4 people.  
Primary (adult) and 1 to 3 additional family members with  
the **same** last name or **same** home address as primary  
member as defined by the USDF. Family membership  
includes **one NEWDA voting privilege** and 2 to 4 USDF  
Group Memberships.

**\*\* SIGN/DATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/WAIVER ON REVERSE  
SIDE FOR APPLICATION TO BE VALID! \*\***

MEMBERSHIP FEE....

.....\$\_\_\_\_\_ SIB

LISTING FEE(s)

.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION(s)

.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL FEES**

**DUE**.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to NEWDA and mail**  
**Membership Form, Acknowledgement/Waiver &**  
**Payment to:**  
**NEWDA Membership Recorder Deb LaFond**  
**2912 14th Ave Menominee MI 49858**

**Notice:** A person who is engaged for compensation in the  
rental of equines or equine equipment or tack or in the  
instruction of a person in the riding or driving of an equine or in  
being a passenger upon an equine is not liable for the injury or  
death of a person involved in equine activities resulting from  
the inherent risks of equine activities, as defined in section  
895.481 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**NEW DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION INC (NEWDA)  
MEMBERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WAIVER**

I acknowledge that I have been given the opportunity to read the Association's Bylaws and agree to be bound by the provisions therein. (Bylaws are available on NEWDA website – www.newdressage.org or by request from any Board member.)

As a member of NEWDA, I may choose to volunteer for Association responsibilities or activities. I expressly agree that my services are being provided as a volunteer and that I am not an employee of the NEW Dressage Association. I am neither entitled to nor expect any present or future salary, wages, or other benefits for these volunteer services.

I freely and voluntarily seek to participate in any or all programs, events and/or activities sanctioned, produced, or sponsored by the NEWDA that include educational and training programs, youth programs, clinics, and/or competitions at any time and at any location. These activities, programs, and events will hereafter be referred to as "the Activities," and the NEWDA, together with its sponsors, managers, property owners, officials, organizers and affiliates and their respective directors, officers, members, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, and designated officials will collectively be referred to as "Event Sponsor".

In consideration of NEWDA allowing me to participate in the Activities, now and in the future, I agree to the following:

**1. Acknowledgement of Inherent Risks of Equine Activities/Assumption of Risks.** Member acknowledges that there are numerous inherent risks of equine activities, whether preparing for, entering, participating in, or leaving the Event. The inherent risks include those dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to: (a) the propensity of an equine or other animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (b) the unpredictability of the equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movements and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; (c) certain hazards such as surface or subsurface conditions; (d) collisions with other animals or objects; (3) the potential of member or other participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the member or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or not acting within his or her ability; (f) the breakage or failure of tack or other equipment; and (g) the potential that an equine or animal may cause injury or harm to the rider or other persons or animals in the vicinity. Member is not relying on Event Sponsor to list within this document all possible inherent risks or all risks of participating in any of the Activities at any location.

**2. Waiver and Release of Liability.** With full knowledge and appreciation of these and other inherent risks associated with equine activities and the Activities, member freely and voluntarily assumes the risks of the equine activities involved in any aspect of them. In this connection, member also voluntarily agrees to waive any and all rights to sue and hereby releases the Event Sponsor from all liability, loss, claims, or actions for injury, death, expenses, or damage to person or property resulting from the inherent risks of the Event, or resulting from any action or inaction by the Event Sponsor. This waiver and release is effective even if the injury, death or damage to person or property is caused by, or contributed to by, actions or failure to act of the Event Sponsor and which actions or inactions constitute ordinary negligence or a violation of any applicable law pertaining to equine activity liabilities. Neither Member nor Member's representatives shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from the Event Sponsor or its sponsors, directors, officers, members, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, designated officials, or others acting on their behalf for injury loss, damage or death of the Member, to the Member's horse, or to the Member's personal property (regardless of ordinary negligence by the Event Sponsor or regardless of an alleged violation of an applicable equine activity liability law.)

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Member Name-Print	Member Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian (if member under 18yrs old) - Print	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
(1) _____ Additional Family Member name -Print	Additional Family Member Signature	Date
(2) _____ Additional Family Member name -Print	Additional Family Member Signature	Date
(3) _____ Additional Family Member name -Print	Additional Family Member Signature	Date