

Cowboy Dressage World Nebraska

Mid-Spring Edition Newsletter

Message From the Board

The season is heating up along with the weather! Please check out the upcoming events section below for your next activity with us. We'd like to highlight the Susan Dockter Clinic coming up in June. Susan is a proven clinician and competitor, specializing in creating an all-around horse while prioritizing the horse's welfare and well-being. Her programs preserve the traditions of the ranch horse while complementing that training with classical principles. She also works with the East Bay Mounted Police Department, helping prepare the horses and riders for various challenging situations. Check out her website at www.SusanDockter.com to read all about this talented clinician! And don't forget to register for the clinic! More information can be found in the Upcoming Events section just below!

We are also now accepting sponsorships for our court letters! See the fundraiser section below for more details.

Upcoming Events

The next few events on the calendar are sneaking up on us! Keep reading to plan your next practice!

- Saturday, May 17, 1pm 3pm - Playday at Smilin Ranch, Gothenburg. To get to the ranch: navigate to 21788 S McNickle Rd, Gothenburg - go 1/3 mile north of that spot. There will be a liability release available that you will need to sign when you arrive. \$15 haul-in fee.
- Saturday, May 17, - Lessons by Recommended Clinician Lisa Eggerling. Please call or text Hope at 308-529-0177 for more info or to line up a lesson time. Lessons start at 9am.
- Monday, May 26 - 10am-1pm - Playday at Salt Creek Wranglers' Arena, Lincoln NE. Bring a picnic lunch if you like! Our focus this playday will be working on bend & straightness, and geometry.
- June 21 & 22 - Cowboy Dressage - Lazy K Arena, Grand Island. Clinician: Susan Dockter [REGISTER HERE!!!](#) Please note that you must be a member of Cowboy Dressage World Nebraska to ride in the clinic.

Fundraisers

We are accepting sponsorships for this year's court! A donation of \$50 will get you a letter of your choice from the remaining options! Donations can be made at www.cowboyydressage.com. At this writing, we have J, V, H, Q, Y, M, R, P, N, and all four " * " - the blank markers - available for sponsorship.



The graphic is a central white box with a red border. At the top, the letters K, V, *, E, *, S, H are arranged in a row. Below them, the text reads: "Annual Letter Sponsorship" in large red font, followed by "\$50/Letter" in bold black font. Below that, it says: "Thank you for supporting show and educational activities within Cowboy Dressage World Nebraska. Your Sponsorship will be posted on our website and in print during gatherings." At the bottom left of the box, it says: "Donations can be made at: www.cowboyydressagenebraska.com via" followed by a QR code and the text "Friends and Family". The letters J, A, N, Q, C, Y are arranged around the box. Below the box, the letters F, P, *, B, *, R, M are arranged in a row. Below the entire graphic, a dark green banner contains the text: "Thank you to the following Letter Sponsors, your support means so much to us!"

- C** Cooper Land & Cattle
- E** Eggerling Farms
- A** Ann Gillentine
- F** Fenner Farms LLC
- K** Kari Mullen
- S** Sandi Hunter
- B** The Byrne Family

Horse Spotlight

This month's spotlight is from board member Sandi Hunter, with her five year old mare Peony!

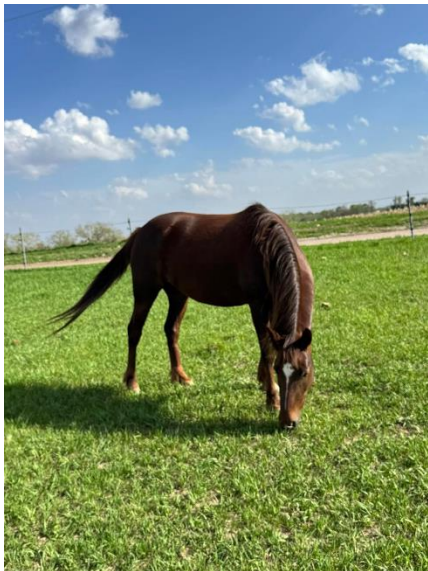
Sandi calls Peony her "checkout aisle purchase", as she definitely was not looking for another horse when she spotted her on Facebook marketplace three years ago. She was scrolling through, and the dark chocolate two year old caught her eye, and Sandi instantly fell in love with her cute, friendly face. After a couple of visits, she knew that she had to bring her home. Peony had not had much handling at that point, so Sandi invested two years in preparing her, doing the groundwork, and even putting the first couple of rides on her. The second ride was a little more exciting than the first, with Sandi executing an unplanned dismount, so she spent some time with a professional trainer to get a solid

foundation. She's recently come back home and is ready to continue her partnership with Sandi on the trails, in Cowboy Dressage, trail challenges, ranch horse events, or whatever else they want to try their hand at!

Although Peony is grade, Sandi did have her genetically tested and came back with a fun surprise. She tested as Rocky Mountain Horse, Caspian, and Hackney, which explains her deep chocolate coat color, although she is not gaited. Pretty interesting mix in a 14 hand package! Sandi's hope is that Peony will be her final forever companion, and after having some bad accidents that tempered her confidence, she is thrilled to be able to feel relaxed and confident on a horse again.

"I will just say being able to lope on a horse again – just that pure joy and happiness so far with her has been just amazing!", she says.

Thanks, Sandi, for sharing Peony with us!



Event Recap

Our first Playday of the year on April 12 was a great start to the year! The day was windy, but the playday was well attended and we are looking forward to the rest of the year!

2025 Events Calendar

Please note that we have unfortunately had to cancel the Scott Wehrmann Clinic. We will try to schedule another one soon!

**For the below events, you must be a member of CDWN for insurance purposes.

- Playdays (At Salt Creek Wranglers' Arena** unless noted otherwise)
 - May 17, 1pm-3pm - Smilin' Ranch, 21788 S McNickle Rd, Gothenburg (keep going north 1/3 mile) [Click here for location](#) -\$15/haul-in fee
 - May 26 - Bend & straightness, geometry
 - June 7 - Geometry; turning on haunches and forehand
 - July 12 - Turning on haunches and forehand; lateral work
 - September 14 - Fun day! Games on horseback etc
 - **Please note that to practice at Salt Creek Wranglers' Arena you must be a member there for insurance purposes. [Join here](#).
- Lessons:
 - May 17 - Smilin' Ranch, 21788 S McNickle Rd, Gothenburg - \$15 haul-in fee. Lessons start at 9am; call Hope at 308-529-0177 for an appointment.
- Clinics
 - June 21 & 22 - Cowboy Dressage - Lazy K Arena, Grand Island. Clinician: Susan Dockter [REGISTER HERE!!!](#) Please note that you must be a member of Cowboy Dressage World Nebraska to ride in the clinic.
 - CANCELLED: July 5 - Building Mutual Trust and Partnership Outside of the Arena - Blair. Clinician: Scott Wehrmann
- Show: The Round Up!
 - August 8 & 9, Lancaster Event Center, Lincoln

We will be adding to this list as we add events, so keep checking back! Dates are subject to change due to weather and other unforeseen events, so please watch [our website](#) and/or [Facebook page](#) for updates as each one approaches!

How to join

If you haven't joined our club yet this year, it's time! [Membership and Important Links](#)

Do you have a friend who would like to join in our fun? Feel free to forward this newsletter so they can easily join our ranks. Membership is only \$20/person or \$30/family.

Cowboy Dressage World Resources

There is a ton of information about Cowboy Dressage available! From a calendar of sanctioned shows and clinics to the rules and guidelines for shows and the tests you can ride, it can all be found on the [Cowboy Dressage World website](#).

See attached document for board contact info - please reach out!

Not interested? Please reply to this email with “unsubscribe” in the subject line and we will remove you from the list.