PVDA Newsletter

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May 2018
6 - PVDA Schooling Show: Schooley Mill Park I, Highland, MD.
6 - PVDA Schooling Show: Oak Ridge Park I, Hughesville, MD.
7 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
13 - PVDA Schooling Show: Woodstock Farm, Beallsville, MD.
19 - PVDA Annual Spring Show: Morven Park, Leesburg, VA.
26 - PVDA Schooling Show: Chesapeake Dressage Inst. I, Annapolis, MD.

June 2018
2 - PVDA Schooling Show: Schooley Mill Park II, Highland, MD.
4 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
9 - PVDA Schooling Show: Bluebird Farm, Friendship, MD.
10 - PVDA Schooling Show: Encore Stables I, Fulton, MD.
16 - PVDA Calvert Chapter Schooling Show: Kings Landing Park, Huntingtown, MD. Open to all. USDF, USEF, USEA, and WDAA. Contact Christina Dale 301-247-6043, christinasmug@gmail.com, http://smu.gs/2o5ivoF.
17 - PVDA Schooling Show: Brooke Grove I, Olney, MD.
23-24 - PVDA Ride for Life: Upper Marlboro, MD

July 2018
1 - PVDA Schooling Show: Chesapeake Dressage Inst. II, Annapolis, MD.
9 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
14 - PVDA Schooling Show: Oak Spring Equestrian, Woodbine, MD.
15 - PVDA Schooling Show: Lucky Cricket Farm II, Huntingtown, MD.

August 2018
4 - PVDA Schooling Show: Exalt Farm, Harwood, MD.
6 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
19 - PVDA Schooling Show: Schooley Mill Park III, Highland, MD.

September 2018
1 - PVDA Licensed Show I: Waredaca, Laytonsville, MD.
2 - PVDA Licensed Show II: Waredaca, Laytonsville, MD.
9 - PVDA Schooling Show: Brooke Grove II, Olney, MD. Alzheimer Fundraiser
10 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
15 - PVDA Schooling Show: Oak Ridge Park II, Hughesville, MD.
22 - PVDA Schooling Show: Schooley Mill Park IV, Highland, MD.
30 - PVDA Schooling Show: Preston Farm II, Preston, MD.

October 2018
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6 - PVCA Calvert Chapter Schooling Show: Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, MD. Open to all. USDF, USEF, USEA, and WDAA. Contact Christina Dale 301-247-6043, christinasmug@gmail.com, http://smu.gs/2Btcn1X.
7 - PVDA Schooling Show: Encore Stables II, Fulton, MD.
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November 2018
3-4 - PVDA Fall Clinic and Chapter Challenge
5 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.
10-11 - PVDA Fall Licensed Show & Region 1 Adult Team Competition: Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD. Get your team together and have some fun!

December 2018
3 - PVDA Monthly Board Meeting: Stonetree Farm, Clarksville, MD. Contact president@pvda.org. 7 p.m. All are welcome.

PVDA Schooling Show Judges
5/6 Suzy Floyd “L”
5/6 Deborah Hellen “L+”
5/13 Jessie Ginsburg “L”
5/26 Wanja Gerlach “L+”
6/2 Jocelyn Pearson “L”
6/9 Aviva Nebesky “L”
6/10 Evelyn Pfoutz “L”
6/17 Aviva Nebesky “L”
7/1 Annmari Ingersoll “L”
7/14 Evelyn Pfoutz “L”
7/15 Jocelyn Pearson “L”
8/4 Judy Strohmaier “L”
8/19 Judy Strohmaier “L”
9/9 Peggy Pariso “r”
9/15 Annmari Ingersoll “L”
9/22 Trisha De Rosa “L”
9/30 Rebecca Langwost-Barlow “L+”
10/7 Marjorie Davis “q”
10/13 Sarah Gonzales “L”
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I had a wonderful time auditing the Tri-County Chapter’s recent clinic with Janet Foy the first weekend in April; I’m hoping I can persuade them to submit an article for next month’s newsletter! And, I enjoyed the photos and video clips posted from the Clarksville Chapter’s clinic with Michael Bragdell. I’m inspired to get back in the sandbox and knock off some of the cobwebs left by winter! As you can see, now is a great time to reach out to your local chapters. Chapter membership is optional but highly recommended. You can meet other local riders, participate in local clinics, shows, and events, and of course, compete in the annual Chapter Challenge!

We’ve announced our the addition of money classes at all of our 2018 licensed shows and our new Trainer Incentive Program (TIP), for every second show that a trainer coaches three or more students they will receive a complimentary quarter page ad in the newsletter. This is a $50 value!

Speaking of the newsletter this is the last month you will receive if you haven’t yet renewed your PVDA membership. You can renew online or via mail with the membership form included on page 14 of this newsletter. We have also just reduced

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By Christina Dale
president@pvda.org

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Dressage Schooling Show
King’s Landing Park - Huntingtown, MD

JUNE 16, 2018

Open for entries April 20, 2018
Close for entries June 5, 2018

All USDF, USEF, USEA, and Western Dressage tests are available.

No memberships required, open to all.

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June 23-24-2018
Prince George’s Equestrian Center

PASSION for Life
PASSION for Riding
PASSION for PVDA Ride for Life
PASSION for Lifting Each Other Up

~ Lots of Ways to Participate! ~

Show Your PASSION during the 15th PVDA Ride for Life Anniversary Show - Become a RFL show sponsor, Ride in memory of someone, Become a fundraiser, Sponsor a rider, class or breed award, Become a Vendor, Ride in the Fundraiser Freestyle, Compete in the Stall Decorating Contest or Do it All!

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The President’s Window

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The story of the Andalusian and Lusitano starts as far back as the Ancient Greeks and Romans when the horses of the Iberian Peninsula (Spain and Portugal) had been sought after as premier riding horses. During the Renaissance, in 1567, by imperial decree of Philip II, the Andalusian was further refined into the ultimate classical high school dressage horse at the Royal Stables of Cordoba. Later Spain and Portugal selected these horses for athleticism, maneuverability and docility.

The International Andalusian Lusitano Horse Association (IALHA) is the official United States registry for Andalusian, Lusitano, and Half Andalusian. As of this year they have 18,000 purebreds and 9,500 half andalusian registered. The IALHA is affiliated with USEF and sponsors many recognized breed shows around the country and finalizes with the National Andalusian show in Texas during October. IALHA is also affiliated with USDF and sponsors the Andalusian breed for the USDF All-Breed Awards program. Every year the number of Andalusians and Half Andalusians which participate in this program are increasing. In 2017 there were 129 award winners. For more information please go to: www.ialha.org

The Eastern Region Andalusian Horse Club (ERAHC) is the proud sponsor of the PVDA Andalusian Breed Award. ERAHC is the oldest Andalusian club in the United States, and its membership territory extends from New England through the Carolinas. Every year the club sponsors a recognized Andalusian Region Championship show at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, VA. The show is annually managed at the end of August and includes a one day open recognized USEF/USDF dressage show. This is the oldest Andalusian show in America and this year will be the 26th year. For more information please go to: www.erahc.org
2018 Ride for Life
Marcia Mia, Chair

Your Ride for Life Team is ready to celebrate our 15th Anniversary! Our theme this year is Passion. We thank all of you who submitted ideas for the theme – you made our decision very hard! This year’s winner is Claire Lacey. Of her winning theme, Claire said “Passion for life, passion for riding. We are celebrating 15 years of being passionate about R4L and what it does. Passion for the project. Passion for lifting each other up.” Thank you, Claire! Claire will receive a TBD.

The Fundraiser Freestyle (FF) will be back this year, as will the “After Party” at the conclusion of the FF. For those of you who are new to the FF – please see the accompanying Q&A article in this newsletter for additional details.

Another aspect of Ride for Life, which has not seen much participation in past years, is the Phantom Horse entry. In case you are not aware, the Phantom Horse entry allows participation through fundraising, for individuals and groups wishing to raise funds for the RFL, but who don’t show dressage, or perhaps don’t have a horse to ride in the show. The “Class” is pinned on the dollar value of donations raised by the “Rider.” Riders raising a minimum of $100 are eligible for “Plateau Award” and entrants are also eligible for High Pledge Awards in the “Phantom Horse” category. Please consider this option if you are not planning to ride in the show!

By the time this newsletter is published, the Ride for Life website (www.pvdarideforlife.org) will be updated with all needed information and forms. Please visit the website and the RFL and PVDA Facebook pages regularly for real-time updates. We will also use PVDA e-blasts on occasion. As always, you can reach me via email at chairman@pvdarideforlife.org.

2018 JHU Fellow

Did you know that the PVDA Ride for Life stream of donations, since its inception 15 years ago and over $750K in donations, has helped Johns Hopkins Breast Center receive national accreditation for its Breast Center Surgical Oncology program? Our donations, in part, help support the Breast Surgery Fellow program and we are pleased to announce that Dr. Euhus has made the selection for the 2018-2019 Breast Surgery Fellow - Dr. Agnieszka Dombrowska.

Dr. Dombrowska came to the U.S. from Poland in 2000. She immediately became involved in assisting low income families and special needs children. She received her B.S. in Biology (summa cum laude) from George Mason University in 2008. She received her medical degree from Kirksville Osteopathic College in 2013. She will complete a General Surgery Residency at the Cleveland Clinic affiliate, South Point Hospital, in May 2018. Agnes is an exceptionally intelligent, articulate and compassionate physician. Her passion is to care for women with breast cancer and to help advance the science of breast surgical oncology. We look forward to introducing you to Dr. Dombrowska during the RFL event in June.

The Team

We welcome Abby Krohn as this year’s RFL Volunteer Coordinator. Who can say “no” to Abby’s enthusiasm and smile! Please consider volunteering your time, in any capacity. We have opportunities behind the scenes, in the weeks leading up to the show, and at any time over the weekend beginning with setup on Friday. Karrie Dash will return with her “gator” to oversee landscaping setup and care during the show, but as she wishes to ride, we would love to have someone help Karrie out – especially someone with a green thumb who wants to plan plant selection and placement with Fletch’s Garden Products, our landscape sponsor. Any Master Gardeners or Landscape Club presidents out there who wish to step up, please let us know. You may reach Abby at volunteers@pvdarideforlife.org.

We also welcome Bridget Dellar as the Breed Association Award coordinator. Not to be confused (and it usually is) with “Breed Sponsors” which is a RFL Sponsorship Opportunity, Breed Association Awards are a “Show Side” benefit. These awards are provided by breed associations in accordance with their eligibility requirements. Please look for future emails from Bridget for details. You may reach Bridget at bdellar@comcast.net.

Finally, also new to the fold is Vanessa Meeks, as the Sponsorship Chair. She has made some “tweaks” to sponsorship this year to provide additional clarity and opportunities to our wonderful sponsors. By this time, past sponsors should have received our sponsorship appeal letter. If you have not, never fear! Please contact Vanessa directly, at sponsorship@pvdarideforlife.org.

Recipient of the 2018-2019 Breast Surgery Fellow
Dr. Agnieszka Dombrowska

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Key members returning this year are:
Jeannette Bair – Rider Donations Chair
riderdonations@pvdarideforlife.org
Pat Artimovich – Communications Chair
communications@pvdarideforlife.org
Jessica Katz – Program, Advertising & Tributes Chair
adverstising@pvdarideforlife.org
Claire Lacey – Merchandise Chair – merchandise@pvdarideforlife.org
Rebekah Lusk – Vendor Chair – vendors@pvdarideforlife.org
Mimi Mack – Raffle Chair – support@pvdarideforlife.org
Marcia Mia – RFL Chair – chairman@pvdarideforlife.org

Please visit www.pvdarideforlife.org/about/board-of-directors/ to read personal stories about this year’s team and what makes PVDA RFL special for each of them!

Questions and Answers about the Fundraiser Freestyle

Q: When is the Fundraiser Freestyle?
A: The Fundraiser Freestyle will be held in the indoor on Saturday afternoon.

Q: What kind of class can I enter?
A: The emphasis is in the Fundraiser Freestyle is on “FUN” and “FREE”. So be creative. USEF, USDF, FEI or other formats are welcome (vaulting, performance, leadline, etc). All Fundraiser Freestyle rides compete against each other, regardless of level or format. Costume is allowed as long as the safety of the horse and rider are preserved. Approved headgear is required.

Q: How do I enter?
A: The Fundraiser Freestyle has its own entry on Equestrian Entries, separate from the PVDA Ride for Life show. The “entry fee” is $50 per human participant in an entry. For example, if you enter as a pas de deux, the entry fee is $100. (https://www.equestrianentries.com/calendar/show/3360)

Q: Can I ride in both the PVDA RFL show and the Fundraiser Freestyle?
A: Yes. But each requires its own entry through Equestrian Entries.

Q: Is there a judge?
A: Yes and No. There is no “dressage judge” but you will be judged via People’s Choice. The only “score” you will receive will be the total monies you raise for JH Breast Center.

Q: How will the People’s Choice be decided?
A: During the Fundraiser Freestyle and for some period of time afterwards, spectators and supporters will be able to purchase tickets, which they will use to “vote” for their favorite Fundraiser Freestyle Performance. Each ticket will have the same cash value, so that the accounting can be done quickly at the end of the class. The entry with

Schooling Show Host Series

Lucky Cricket Farm
Huntingtown, MD
by Polly Irons

Success, Life and Giving Back
“Success is not measured by what you get out of life but by what you give back.” Jerry Moran.

What comes to your mind when you think of hosting a schooling show? A ton of work, massive time commitment or invasion of privacy and property are just a few downfalls that may come to mind. Mary and Mike Russell are not only hosts to two PVDA schooling shows but three other schooling shows throughout the year. Mary and Mike believe in giving back to community by sharing their beautiful facility and enjoy bringing people and horses together. After all, Mary got hooked on riding through schooling shows.

Mary started riding as a young child through pony club. Growing up in Baltimore, her neighbor opened up his farm and horses to Mary not knowing this would become a lifetime passion. She did it all; jumping, eventing, gymkhana and dressage. Like many of us, dressage called to her heart. Mike was born in England and traveled with his military family but lived most of his life in Washington D.C. When asked if he rode he joked, “I only ride internationally and the last time was when we visited Ireland”. Both attended the University of Maryland and hold degrees in Electrical (Mary) and mechanical (Mike) engineering. They work full time as engineers in addition to running Lucky Cricket Farm.

The Russell’s moved to Lucky Cricket Farm in 1987 and all that stood was a home and a small barn. Fencing was a must have in addition to a riding arena and an indoor was a dream. The outdoor arena came in a round-about-way. While working on drainage issues around the old barn, the grading contractor asked Mary if there was additional work needed to be done and mentioned it would save money if she did not have to call him out again. Mike arrived home that evening to the surprise of continued...
heavy equipment working in his backyard installing their outdoor arena.

It was Mary’s dream to have an indoor with an attached barn. In 2006 Mike and Mary made it a reality. They traveled to Canada to visit a farm that used temperature regulated windows, something they wanted for their future indoor. The farm they visited used temperature controlled windows for their barn but their indoor riding arena was a dome building constructed of fabric. Mary stood in the doorway captured by the light and openness and knew a dome was what she wanted built.

Lucky Cricket Farm, located in Huntingtown, MD, is home to 12 horses including Ramazotti, Mary’s current FEI Horse, Zoe, their 11 year old lovable terrier/lab looking cross and various boarders. Mary’s retired show horse, Feinesse is also living on the farm and is used in lessons. The barn consists of 16 stalls, 3 wash stalls and a large heated tack room. Ample parking and turn-around space is an added plus. The Arena is ‘bright and airy’ and meticulously groomed.

The Russell’s installed a state of the art ventilation system to circulate the air through the barn and arena during the sweltering months of summer. Attached to the arena/barn is a large temperature controlled viewing area that includes an office, full bathroom, complete kitchen and dining area. This viewing space was a priority for Mary and is home to their potluck luncheons during schooling shows.

Lucky Cricket Farm is a Horse Discovery Center for the Maryland Department of Agriculture and an approved High Adventure Site for the Girl Scouts. Mary competes and holds her USDF silver and bronze medals with one score towards her gold. She has been involved with PVDA for 33 years and enjoys offering lessons and of course hosting shows at Lucky Cricket Farm. Don’t miss Mary and Mike Russell’s PVDA schooling shows scheduled for Sunday, April 29th and Sunday, July 15th. Thank you Mary and Mike for your continued commitment to the PVDA Community!

Horse Whiskers: To Trim or Not to Trim?  
by Suzanne Fallis

Many horse enthusiasts trim their horse’s whiskers for competition and showing purposes, general aesthetics, or personal preference for a tidy, smooth look. Others prefer the natural appearance of the horse’s long thick whiskers, or simply prefer to leave them unclipped due to their importance to the horse’s ability to sense his surroundings. So, is one penchant better than the other? Or is it just simply a matter of personal preference, or perhaps it’s required to maintain a competitive edge? Discussions, some quite passionate, of whether or not to remove horses’ whiskers come and go from various equine forums and journal articles, but the question of whether or not to trim a horse’s whiskers never seems to get answered. So what should one do? Trim or not trim? Let’s investigate!

First, it is important to understand a little about whiskers. Whiskers, also referred to as vibrissae or tactile hairs, are long, course, stiff hairs used as sensory organs for touch that typically grow around a mammal’s nose, lips, and eyes. Vibrissae may also be found around the animal’s forelegs and feet. Many researchers assert vibrissae, derived from the Latin word vibrare meaning to vibrate, are important to mammals for many reasons such as for locating and acquiring food, interspecies communication and social interaction, and negotiating objects in close proximity to the face. Vibrissae are even present during embryonic development, appearing prior to the formation of body hair, and are required for many newborn mammals, with limited eyesight, to locate the mother’s teat. Vibrissae have their own blood supply, contain numerous nerve endings, and correspond to the somatosensory cortex of the brain - the part of the brain that receives and processes sensations felt by the body resulting in behavioral reactions. Based on this basic understanding, it appears whiskers are quite important. Unfortunately, most research data available on vibrissae and their purpose are from studies done on rodents, marine mammals, and primates with the investigative findings continued on page 13
**THE CLASSIFIEDS**

*Post it with PVDA*

The Classifieds is available to PVDA members only, at no charge, as a membership benefit. Classified advertisements (unboxed ads) are accepted by post or e-mail. Items submitted by e-mail are confirmed via e-mail. Type or print your submission and include your 2018 PVDA membership number. (The newsletter will not print any classifieds that are submitted without a membership number.) Classifieds MUST be received by the 5th* of the month preceding publication. Email classifieds@pvda.org. Classifieds are placed on PVDA's website, www.pvda.org. If you do not want your email address included on the website, please omit it from your printed ad submission.

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### BOARDING

- Board by day ($25), week ($125), or month ($500) at private dressage training barn near Purcellville, VA. 12x12 stalls, (sawdust). Reduced rate for stall help. Large dressage arena. 80’ round pen. No trails except fields. Turnout in group or private (extra), fed twice or three time per day. Own trainer and vet welcome. No third parties and no stallions. Jacki Holland (540) 338-4506, hollandjacki8@gmail.com

### EQUIPMENT

- Custom Iconstar buffalo leather. Medium wide, 18” seat, purchased new in 7/2015. Excellent condition. $2800. Also, a Ferdi Weischenberg (FW) saddle, 16 ½ seat, wide tree. Handmade in Germany. Older model but excellent condition $1000. Contact Hallie at Hallie@federatedlighting.com or 240-882-2531

- Custom Steffen’s Advantage Monoflap. 17” seat, medium wide tree, petite flap with Buffalo leather. In perfect condition, less than a year old. Asking $2499, contact Annabel Winters-McCabe (410) 294-8316, annabelrosew3@gmail.com

- Treeless Dressage Saddle for sale: Barefoot London Size 2 (about an 18” equivalent.) Only used a few times before horse injured her leg. Super comfortable! Dressage legal. Retails at $900, asking $500. Also available black Skito pad. Contact Christina Dale - christinasmug@gmail.com or 301-247-6043

- Black Prestige dressage girth, NWTs, 25” for $50. Extra long brown used stirrup leathers and XL stirrups $15 for both. Too much to list. I have blankets, fly sheets, trough heaters, helmets, etc. If there is something you are looking for, I just may have it! Willing to trade 78-81 for 72’s. Deborah Thayer (410) 980-0275, dedicationdressagefarm@gmail.com

### HORSES FOR LEASE

- 16 year old appendix Quarter Horse mare, owner off to college. Enjoys training level dressage and trail riding. Located in Boyds, MD at a 200+ acre farm, large indoor arena, outdoor and miles of trails. Supportive boarder community. Resident trainer ready to help you achieve your riding goals. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLngujBlxGo. Contact Mieke at mmeurs@american.edu or Rebecca at 240 277-0039

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### HORSES FOR SALE

- 2 Hanoverians for sale: 11 year old 3 quality gaits 16.3 hand Royal Prince /De Niro Chestnut mare. Request is an exceptional horse, sensitive and forward. Schooled through 2nd level. Just starting back into work after having her 3rd foal by Sir Gregory. She produces better than herself as a broodmare, she is a sound and very talented horse to ride, however needs an experienced rider. $20,000 negot. to right person. Steffen 7 month old Chestnut Colt out of Request (Royal Prince / De Niro) by Sir Gregory (Sir Donnerhall I, Sandro Hit, Don Gregory). He has his Hanoverian papers and Lifetime numbers. Steffen has the best of both his parents, sound conformation, 3 quality gaits and trainability. Steffen is a friendly colt and should mature to 16.2-16.3 hands. asking $13,000. I need sell both of them, reasonable offers with show homes will be considered. Both located in Butler Md. Contact Laura Beetle (410) 596-4577, llbbhorse@gmail.com

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### DON’T MISS THE JUNE ISSUE!
**SEND YOUR ADS IN BY MAY 5!**

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**President’s Letter continued from page 3**

Speaking of the newsletter this is the last month you will receive if you haven’t yet renewed your PVDA membership. You can renew online or via mail with the membership form included on page 14 of this newsletter. We have also just reduced newsletter ad rates slightly and pushed the content submittal date ahead just a touch to the 5th of each month. Those extra five days will give us time to make sure all content is received, reviewed, and sorted before being sent to layout. Then, layout will package everything up and send it off to the printers for publishing and shipping.

I’m also excited to announce that we have committed to our new website platform and that by the time you receive this we will have already begun moving over content and streamlining the site. You won’t see any changes right away, we’ll keep the current site as is until we’re ready to unveil the new one, but we’re really hoping that you are going to love it!

I look forward to seeing you on the trails and in the ring.

Best Regards,

Christina Dale
Schooling Show Host Series

Chesapeake Dressage Institute
Annapolis, Maryland
By Suzanne Fallis

If you have never had the chance to visit the Chesapeake Dressage Institute (CDI) in Annapolis, Maryland through one of their many educational seminars, shows, or dressage clinics by world renown dressage riders such as Olympic dressage competitor Steffen Peters, or FEI 5* international judge Janet Foy, your chance is fast approaching! CDI will host two PVDA schooling shows on May 26, and July 11, 2018. CDI is a 75-acre not-for-profit educational dressage facility housed at Waters End Farm located near the corner of Forest and Spa Roads on Mas Que Farm Road, a private drive, just minutes from the Maryland State House. Situated to the south of CDI is Crab Creek, a major tributary of the South River, which flows into the Chesapeake Bay just south of Annapolis. Essentially located between historic downtown Annapolis and endless rivers and streams feeding the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, CDI’s location combines city adventure with country appeal.

With Annapolis being a Colonial town with links to four Maryland signers of the Declaration of Independence and in such close proximity to CDI, it is no wonder the land on which CDI is located has a rich American history. Historians even believe the land located in and around CDI was used as a “parole camp” during the American Civil War for the parole and exchange of Union and Confederate prisoners of war. The most notable parole camp from the Civil War was located in now named Parole, Maryland less than five miles north of CDI. While in a paroled status, soldiers were authorized to come and go from the camps, but agreed not to take up arms until a formal prisoner exchange could take place returning the soldiers to their respective sides.

Today, however, CDI is a dynamic instructional dressage facility organized around a state-of-the-art barn and arena. Established in 2003, the majority of CDI’s design and functionality was fashioned by founder and president Janet Richardson-Pearson, a commercial interior designer, and space planner by trade. Janet’s never-ending inquisitiveness, desire to learn, and constant pursuit for excellence motivate her to continually seek fresh ideas and novel concepts from other equine professionals and respected subject matter experts. Over the years, Janet gathered an assortment of unique, practical designs and features observed at other barns and arenas transforming CDI into what it is today. Janet’s keen eye for elegant simplicity makes CDI a sophisticated, yet unpretentious, dressage facility for all levels and ages seeking to excel in the sport of dressage.

CDI boasts fourteen 12 by 12 foot matted stalls to maintain the horses’ comfort and fitness, three hot- and cold-water wash racks with heated lamps to warm Maryland’s cold winter days, and a climate-controlled tack room with individual lockers and a kitchenette. The barn is equipped with video monitoring, which provides a sense of security for CDI clientele. CDI also has indoor and outdoor riding arenas filled with specialty footing, numerous pastures for individual turn out, riding trails dispersed throughout the property, and much, much more.

Janet’s vision for CDI was to have something “more than just a place to ride.” She wanted to add an educational component specifically aimed at promoting the sport of dressage by offering various instructional lectures, seminars, and clinics, for both horse and rider. As part of her efforts to promote dressage, Janet regularly collaborates with PVDA to host schooling shows and other dressage focused events. She finds the PVDA schooling shows offer a safe, supportive environment and an overall positive experience for riders and horses looking to build confidence. Janet says PVDA schooling shows are especially beneficial for those wanting to “get their feet…or hooves, wet” to the showing scene, or for those seeking more experience showing at different venues. In the future, Janet hopes to add in-hand work for dressage training to her repertoire of educational classes.

Upon arrival at Mas Que Farm Road, a stately, white automatic gate affixed to prominent red brick pillars mark the entrance of Waters End Farm. Mas Que Farm Road, a gravel drive flanked by a grassy knoll on one side and fenced pastures on the other, escorts guests to the front of CDI. CDI is represented by a large rectangular shaped barn with three ventilation units dressed as cupolas protruding from the barn’s roof giving guests a royal welcoming. The front of the barn is an expanse of a southern-style porch with equally spaced windows equipped with board and batten shutters, each represent-
If there’s one thing equestrians tend to be, it’s particular. Everyone has his or her own systems for organization, care, and training, making it difficult to find a place where you and your horse feel at home. Tired of boarding your horses on someone else’s property? Dreaming of buying your own farmette or even a full-scale training facility? If you are thinking about buying an equestrian property, these are the first two questions you must ask yourself.

Are you willing to put in or pay for the labor? Most equestrians are aware that horse care is labor intensive, but the reality of it may not sink in for those of us who have been lifelong boarders. Sure, you have to feed the horses and muck the stalls, but it isn’t just about the horses themselves. It’s about the maintenance of the property. The fences need to be checked and mended regularly, the arena needs to be dragged (additives may be necessary to keep the footing safe), and the grass needs to be mowed to keep ticks in check. Not to mention the structural maintenance for your barn and your home. You have to be willing to put in the work (and the money) every day, which brings me to my next question…

Can you afford it? Most obviously—can you afford to buy the property? Find a lender you trust with experience in equestrian and agricultural properties. If you are having trouble finding a lender, then reach out to a realtor. Don’t waste time looking at properties you may not be able to afford. Be sure to get pre-approved (not pre-qualified) before you start searching so you have a better idea of what your limit will be. Pre-approval starts the underwriting process so you can move quickly when you find a place you love. You don’t want to get hung up in the loan approval process when you’ve already found a property you like and you want to put in an offer.

Can you afford the maintenance? As I said before, there is a lot that goes into preparing and maintaining an equestrian property for use and you need to get an idea of what these costs will be in the area you plan on buying. Do some research and reach out to others who may be able to help give you an idea of the monthly costs. Remember to include costs for any staff you plan on hiring.

I know more than one person who bought their own equestrian property only to decide that the lifestyle wasn’t for them. Truthfully, it isn’t for everyone…and that’s ok! Many of them were quite young when they made the decision to buy, but whatever age you are when you feel ready to make the decision, it is always smart to keep resale value in mind.

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PVDA is hosting the 2019 USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition (ATC) during our Fall Licensed Show Saturday and Sunday, November 10-11, 2018 at Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md. (www.showplacearena.com.) The ATC is for all adults ages 22 or older as of January 1 of the competition year and open to any team. Form a team with fellow GMO members, PVDA members, or your barn mates! For teams that are representing PVDA there is an added bonus! PVDA will pay the cost of team classes for the first team (at each level intro-FEI plus mixed team) to submit a complete team entry. All members of the team MUST be PVDA members to receive this benefit. Opening date is September 26 and Closing date is October 24. For information and access to entry forms visit www.pvda.org and go to show info! All teams must also provide one volunteer to help before, during, or after the show.
ing a horse stall. On warm days, the shutters are open for greater airflow and allow the horses to inspect the comings and goings of the farm. Directly behind the barn, the indoor arena, with its massive roofline and intricate ventilation system, gently rises above as if protecting the barn below and all those who enter.

Entering the barn, guests are greeted by curious horses hanging their heads out of beautiful wood-stained stalls as if to say, “Hello! Sugar cube, please.” The stalls are lined along a wide, spacious breezeway with matted flooring providing plenty of room to move horses about the barn. Exiting the back of the barn, a short but generous aisleway leads to the indoor arena as if the barn and arena were fused together. The aisleway guides horse and rider directly into the arena, a well-lit and airy structure, and spectators are ushered past an indoor viewing lounge into bleacher-style seating where they can observe in safety and comfort. Large glass roller doors line the back of the arena to allow greater airflow on hot, humid days and to help keep the arena warm and dry on cold, damp days. Mirrors, situated at each end of the arena, provide riders a glimpse of their positions as they prance by. The indoor arena is filled with dust-free, shock-absorbent footing. The no-watering-required specialty footing has a non-tacky feel giving both horse and rider a comfortable, consistent ride.

Although primarily used as a dressage training barn, Janet has incorporated various rider-enhancing activities such as Pilates, nutritional seminars, and tack-fitting classes to help riders become confident, well-rounded equine authorities with solid horsemanship skills. CDI’s interest in developing the horse and rider, both inside and outside of the arena, gives CDI a unique learning atmosphere with an amazing emphasis on horse and rider as a team. Assisting in Janet’s endeavor to continually promote the sport of dressage is CDI’s trainer and manager, Lisa Gruen. Lisa has been CDI’s trainer and manager since 2008, and in 2010, Lisa began operating her own business, Ryder, LLC, out of CDI. Lisa complements Janet’s vision by encouraging riders of all levels, learning styles, potential, and expectations to progress in their own way, and at their own pace, through a solid understanding of the “correct basics, suppleness, and balance of horse and rider.”

When asked what kind of person it takes to shoulder a project such as CDI, Janet, without hesitation, says, “Crazy!” Crazy or not, Janet’s vision created this gem of a dressage facility, and her personal pursuit of excellence in learning dressage have opened the doors of encouragement for others in their equally passionate quest to excel in the sport of dressage by offering a multitude of educational and training opportunities for advanced and beginner riders alike. Janet’s tireless efforts have shaped CDI’s culture into a blend of discipline, passion, commitment, and determination united by detailed planning and functionality. CDI is truly a must see dressage facility, so get your PVDA show entries in early to secure a ride time! Entries for the May show open on April 20th and close on May 16th.

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**Save the Date**

Tri-County Dressage presents a 2019 New Test Symposium with JANET FOY April 13, 2019

Join us for a full day with Janet Foy, FEI 5* judge & member of the USEF Test Writing Committee. See riders and horses demonstrating the new movements in all of the 2019 tests.

Janet will discuss the changes to the test and the directives for each level. She will have riders demonstrate the changes and discuss how to improve your test riding.

As an added bonus there will be a discussion on changes to musical freestyles!

at

Chesapeake Dressage Institute Annapolis, MD

Regular updates will be made on our facebook page, Tri-County Dressage.
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the most tickets, plus the value of their entry fee and any monies they raised via Rider Donations will be the winner of the class.

Q: Wait a minute – what if someone enters a 5 person drill team? Won’t they have an advantage with monies raised, just by their “entry fee” alone?
A: It is a fundraiser after all, so the advantage goes to JH Breast Center!

Q: How many winners will be awarded?
A: We will award First-Third placement at the Open, Adult Amateur and JR/YR level. Each member of a multiple member team will receive the prize for their placement.

Q: Where can I get more information?
A: Ask a question on Facebook, or send an email to chairman@pvdarideforlife.org

A Special Appeal for Rider Donations
Jeannette Bair, Rider Donations Chair

Rider donations are a significant portion of the money we donate to Johns Hopkins Breast Center. Everyone has the opportunity to be included. Riders in the show can solicit donations to sponsor their ride(s) and those that don’t ride can participate in a Phantom horse category – a special “division” that is available for people who would like to solicit donations but will not be riding in the show.

To honor those individuals that work hard to bring in donations we have several Pledge levels to work toward. Categories are High pledge in AA, JR/YR, Open and Corporate. The high pledges are awarded to three places in each category. There are plateau levels to reach toward Pink Ribbon that is $500 to $1499, Bronze that is $1500 to $2999, Silver that is $3000 to $4999 and Gold that is $5000 and above. In-kind donations are not included for these pledge levels.

We also provide prizes for first time contributors – those that bring in money for the first time, Each person will receive tickets based on how many dollars they bring in and will participate in a drawing with these tickets. We also do the same type of drawing for those that do not reach one of the plateau levels.

Prizes are great for those that work toward these sponsorships and you will never see a prettier ribbon! The real prize is in knowing that you are participating in something wonderful and making a difference to people afflicted with breast cancer.

Anyone that needs guidance on how to gain sponsorships or what happens with the monies can contact Jeannette Bair at jeannetteabair@gmail.com (or riderdonations@pvdarideforlife.org) or at 443-691-0390.

Jeannette will also be glad to provide individuals, who are fundraising, with information as to how much money is coming in from their sponsors so they can reach out and thank them.

All forms needed for this effort are on the PVDA Ride for Life website at www.pvdarideforlife.org under “Forms” or “Get Involved>>Rider Donations”. Checks and forms are mailed to Jeannette at 6801 Dorsey Lane Woodbine, MD 21797. Jeannette will also work directly with Hopkins to gain visibility to pledges that are made on-line.

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correlated to the equine. Very little direct research is available on vibrissae of hooved animals. Even less research is available on horses. In 2013, however, Dr. Machteld Van Dierendonck and student Idonea van Bergen, from the Netherlands' Utrecht University, conducted a study entitled “Vibrissae of the Horse: A Pilot Study on How to Assess the Effect of Manipulation.” The aim of Van Dierendonck's and Van Bergen's study was to determine an appropriate way to evaluate the purpose, and possibly the importance, of horses' whiskers and the effects of trimming them. The study documented behavior, heart rate, nose bumps, and time latency of the horse's reaction to thermal, pain and electrical stimuli placed on the horse's whiskers. Using a specially devised test apparatus, the study also tested physical and behavioral changes in the horses with their vibrissae at various lengths - natural length, trimmed to one centimeter in length, and completely trimmed.

Although the team observed that some of the horses with trimmed whiskers had a “bigger fright response” when unexpectedly bumping their noses on the test apparatus, their overall conclusion “did not yield significant results” and that “no definite conclusions on the effect of trimming any horse’s vibrissae can be drawn from our data.” The team did note, however, that the tests may not have been adequate due to the limited and types of samplings and methods of measurements used in the study. They also noted that false negatives may have been prevalent in the findings. Ultimately, the research findings were inconclusive as to any specific function of the vibrissae, or as to the effects of trimming.

Despite the lack of empirical data on the effects of trimming horses' whiskers, several European countries including Germany, Belgium and Switzerland have banned the removal, or trimming, of whiskers on equine. In Germany, in fact, trimming of horse whiskers around the eyes, the nose and in the ears is illegal and is codified in the German Animal Welfare Law as animal cruelty. Authorities present at German horse competitions inspect horses for prohibited whisker trimming. Competitors in violation of this law are not only disqualified, but they may also be fined. Additionally, some horse organizations publish rules, guidelines, or provide recommendations on whisker removal and trimming. The Friesian Horse Association of North America grooming rules as per the KFPS, for example, state “muzzle whiskers are to be trimmed no shorter than a length of 2 cm or 0.75 of an inch,” but is only optional and not mandatory or enforced. The European Conference of Arab Horse Organizations prohibits the removal of horses’ whiskers, but does allow for their shortening, whereas the British Miniature Horse Society permits complete removal of whiskers from the muzzle.

With ongoing discussions in the equine world surrounding the importance of whiskers to the horse and those philosophies and theories creeping into laws and regulations, many horse enthusiasts still prefer to keep a neat, trimmed muzzle on their horses for a tidy, smart appearance and claim, out of vast and varying experiences, no ill effects have been noted. In February 2003, a Chronicles of the Horse website forum member posted to a discussion on dressage that because she fell behind on clipping, her horse obtained a case of frostbite on his chin because water froze to the whiskers. Taking this post at face value and despite whether or not the frostbite could have been prevented by trimming the whiskers, it shows how an individual can be committed to her opinions, and without concrete evidence, persuasion to the contrary is difficult.

With such variation in individual and collective opinions on trimming of horses’ whiskers, more scientific evidence is clearly required. Due to the lack of research and empirical data on the function and purpose of equine vibrissae, it is difficult to truly know their significance, or how harmful, if at all, it is to trim or remove them. With that said, however, one can infer that a horse's whiskers do provide a role as environmental sensing instruments, irrespective as to what degree, as each equine likely perceives his surroundings differently and through varying lengths of whiskers. Let’s keep the discussions going and continue to push for more research!

**Save the Date**

**Fall Clinic & Chapter Challenge**

November 3 - 4, 2018

Fabulous New Clinicians!
Stay Tuned for More Information & Updates
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By The Board

Board Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and are open to all PVDA members.

APRIL 2018 PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: April 2, 2018; Meeting #585
Location: Linda Speer's Farm in Clarksville, MD

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Lynn Adams, Carolyn Del Grosso, Camilla Cornwell, Liz Erwin, Christina Dale, Wendy Emblin, Nancy Bowlus, Linda Speer, Marcia Mia

Board Members Absent (Excused): Michelle Miller, Mimi Mack, Susan Stone

Members at Large: Ingrid Gentry

OLD BUSINESS: Minutes from March 2018 were approved. Carolyn is in the process of getting the paypal account moved over.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Ribbons are all ordered, except Ride for Life. A special award/gift is being purchased for Ride for Life as well.

Education: A chair is needed for this committee. We’re working on a new test clinic for the 2019 tests. Once set we’d like to apply for USDF University credits for the event.

Finance: Current balance: PayPal - $135.02, General - $8,136.11, Schooling Show Fund - $9,855.56, CDs - $9,544.84. Total = $27,671.53.

Membership: We have a total of 421 members; 287 renewed, 45 rejoined, 47 new, 6 honorary, and 34 complimentary.

The Minutes

Newsletter: The March issue was sent to 540 members.

Riders: Jr/YR - there will be themes for each of the Jr/YR divisions at the Schooley Mills shows. Championships are set for October, with school this may not be the best time.

Adults - working on both an adult clinic and the Adult Team Competition at the November show.

Ride for Life: Vanessa Meeks joined the team as the Sponsor Chair. New forms uploaded. 2018 theme set to Passion, submitted by Claire Lacey. New merchandise chair needed.

Shows: Morven Park has redone their rings! We've added money classes to all licensed shows. Scores for shows will be published monthly. The September Brook Grove will be an Alzheimer's fundraiser. For year end awards, we'll no longer drop high/low scores.

Special Events: We're looking into venues for the annual dinner.

Volunteers: We still need a volunteer coordinator for the Waredaca show in September and the November show at PG.

Website: We're moving forward with a new site service and hope to have the new site up and running within a couple months. The current site will remain active until then.

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• Awards (High Scores, Trophies and Ribbons, Trophy Fund, Recognized Rider Awards)
Linda Speer (chair), Michelle Miller, Camilla Cornwell

• Chapters
Liz Erwin and Christina Dale (co-chairs), Linda Speer

• Education
Clair Lacey, Nancy Bowlus, Mimi Mack

• Finance
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www.pvda rideforlife.org
Marcia Mia (chair), Mimi Mack, Vanessa Meeks, Abby Krohn, Jeanette Bair, Carolyn Del Grosso, Rebekah Lusk

• Shows (Equipment, Judge’s Liaison, Recognized, Schooling)
Carolyn Del Grosso (chair), Lynn Adams, Michelle Miller, Julie Gross (equipment - southern); Linda Speer (equipment); Shira Rosenthal (schooling show treasurer); Wendy Emblin, Linda Speer (recognized shows);

Lynn Adams (chair), Camilla Cornwell, Wendy Emblin, Liz Erwin, Michelle Miller (schooling shows)

• Special Events (Awards Dinner, Expo, Other)
Lind Speer (chair), Christina Dale, Mimi Mack

• Volunteers
Camilla Cornwell (chair)

• Website
Clair Lacey, Camilla Cornwell, Lynn Adams, Christina Dale, Liz Erwin, Wendy Emblin
PVDA Spring Show at Morven Park - Leesburg, Va

Opens April 9th                                    Closes May 11th

Offering money classes both days!  
$50 for 1st place, $35 for 2nd place, and $15 for 3rd place.

**Saturday**  
111 - Adult Amateur  
121 - Open  
160 - Open/AA/Jr

**Sunday**  
201 - Adult Amateur  
231 - Adult Amateur  
241 - Open

**Wil Speer Memorial Trophy** - PVDA Jr or YR with the highest percentage score for any training level test, excluding freestyle

**Doris Schadt Memorial Trophy** - PVDA Jr or YR with the highest percentage score for any first level test, excluding freestyle

**June Robinson Memorial Trophy** - PVDA Jr or YR with the highest percentage score at Second Level, excluding freestyle. Note that the FEI Pony Team and Individual Tests are equivalent to USDF Second Level. Scores earned for FEI Pony Team and Individual Tests are eligible for this award.

**Call for Class Sponsors!**

Sponsor a class at a PVDA Licensed Show for just $25. Sponsors will have their name in the show program, announced at the show, and on the PVDA website. Sponsors can also present the awards for their class!

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