The new Board of Governors met for the first time on December 7, electing new officers and welcoming the new board members. I was elected president (again), so here I am with my first President's Letter. I know plenty of our members would groan to think of meeting every month, but I love these get togethers where we govern the organization and administer the many programs that we offer. The task for this meeting is to staff all the open positions on the committees. I am grateful to the board members who bravely step forward and accept new positions of responsibility. Look at the back page of the newsletter to see

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PVDA One Year Memberships Expired
December 31, 2009

Renew your PVDA membership now for a new year of educational activities, shows, and this monthly newsletter. To ensure that you continue to receive your newsletter without any interruption, send us your 2010 renewal form by January 31, 2010.

You can renew your membership online at www.pvda.org in the membership section of the Web site. PVDA accepts online applications and payments.

There is also a 2010 PVDA Membership Form in this newsletter on page 26. Mail your check, payable to PVDA, and the completed form to Shari Packard, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 16105 Bond Mill Rd. Laurel, MD 20707. For more information please contact Shari Packard at membership@pvda.org. If you volunteered this year you should have a form that may be used for credit toward your membership (in $10 increments). For more information about these forms contact volunteers@pvda.org.

PVDA Elects New Board of Directors and Officers for 2010

The new PVDA Board officers for 2010 are: Chairperson–Jan Denno, President–Betty Thorpe, Vice President–Jocelyn Pearson, Secretary–Shari Packard, and Treasurer–Carolyn Del Grosso.

Other members of the 2009 Board are: Kate Burgy, Jennifer Funk, Lindsay Jensen, Linda Speer, Mike Tucker, Michele Wellman and Hilary Moore.

Please contact any of our Board officers and/or directors if you have questions or want to get more involved with PVDA.

Morven Park to Host a Series of Benefit Schooling Shows

In order to raise funds for fixing up the showgrounds, Morven Park will host four dressage schooling shows this winter, including a final championship competition at the end of the series. Morven Park, site of our PVDA May Show, is a treasure. Please check out the Web site at www.morvenpark.org or the newsletter calendar on page 10 and plan on attending. This is a good opportunity to get your horses out this winter!

New Tea Is For Training on February 20

The popular training class “Tea Is for Training,” now called “Spring Into Showing,” is returning February 20 with a new, expanded format. It will be held at the beautiful Chesapeake Dressage Institute in Annapolis, Md., and will be an all-day event.

We have a wonderful experience planned for our would-be volunteers. All of our popular courses will be back and we will have a luncheon for participants. We will expand the learning experience to include schooling show management.

For more information about our “Spring Into Showing,” volunteer training, contact Jan Denno, jdenno@millenicom.com or Pat Artimovich, partimovich@verizon.net.

Dancing Horse Challenge Announces the Barteus for 2010

The nationally renowned Barteau family will be featured at the 2010 Dancing Horse Challenge, the charity memorial to Jill Hassler-Scoop. The Barteau family (KYB Dressage) is famous for entertaining performances having been featured as the Finale for the Mane Event at USA’s Equitana in Louisville KY, as well as having performed at Madison Square Gardens, The TODAY Show, Equine Affair’s Pfizer Fantasia and many other locations with acts inspired by such productions as the “Lion King” and “Arabian Nights.”

The 2010 Dancing Horse Challenge on Saturday, June 26, also will feature an exciting pas de deux from top competitors
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Betsy Steiner and Belinda Nairn-Wertman, a moving tribute by champion rider Barbara Strawson, and top national and international FEI competitors performing their FEI freestyles.

The event, which takes place at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md., has raised approximately $250,000 for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

Dover Saddlery and Nutrena Feeds return as platinum sponsors. Debbie McDonald is slated to return as the celebrity guest.

For more information about the PVDA Ride for Life™, including buying tickets, becoming a sponsor or donating to the cause, visit www.pvdarideforlife.org or contact Marne Martin-Tucker at info@pvdarideforlife.org or Equimedia Communications at 978-257-0567 or cathy@equimediacommunications.com.

PVDA Ride for Life™ is a member of the Signature Dressage Series. For more information on the Series, visit www.signaturedressageseries.com.

**Congratulations to Amanda Chambers and Golden Hour**

The 2009 GAIG and BLM Finals have come and gone and Golden Hour, sired by our German Trakehner stallion, Happy Hour, and his rider Amanda Chambers did extremely well. In the midst of their very first season together and GHs first season at recognized competition, in addition to their great success at Training Level, they also managed to “step it up a notch” and compete at First Level, ending the season with solid wins at both Open Training and First Levels. As icing on the cake, GH earned the following USDF year-end awards: USDF Horse of the Year (HOY)—GH ranks 94 out of 608 horses. GH also garnered a 2009 USDF All-Breeds Award (American Trakehner Association), earning an outstanding rank of 3rd in the nation at Training Level Open. All I can say is, “Way to go GH!” Our sincere congratulations to “Team GH,” and especially to Debbie and Fred Ellis for taking the great time, effort and dedication required to get Golden Hour into the recognized competition arena. We know only too well the untiring dedication, time, effort and resources it takes to compete these days, yet alone to also be successful. Again, congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

Renee and John Howes, Hawk’s Run Trakehners
Shore Dressage

Shore Dressage held its ninth dressage clinic with Kathy Rowe at Sunset Bay Farm in Onancock, Va., on November 22. Although only a small group could attend, the experiences gained were phenomenal! Riders were Karen Clark from Chincoteague, Cheryl Carpenter from Machipongo, and Leigh Murray and Deri Jeffers from Onancock. Cony Needels and Cynthia Walton were basking in the sun on the Isle of Moustique, but I was told they practiced their dressage movements galloping bareback on the beach!

Cheryl continued to work on getting her kind older gentleman Zeke to go more forward and worked on squares to improve his flexion. Kathy had Deri work on shoulder in at the canter, then two strides half pass and back to the canter shoulder in. She also worked on canter walk transitions and developing more engagement of the hind legs in the canter. With Leigh and Maureen Lawrence’s horse Reno, Kathy had her start on the lunge in the trot on different size circles. She then worked on getting him to go more forward and stand quietly on the bit. Reno didn’t want to come through with the hind legs and so she worked on trot canter transitions while holding a whip in each hand and tickling him! The goal was to get Reno to go forward from a light leg aid, which he eventually achieved. You’d think it was a hot summer day forward, which Dusti did exceptionally well. Once again everyone was very pleased with the results that they got in the trot on different size circles. She then worked on

Clarksville

The Clarksville Chapter has proudly grown over the last few years so that membership is limited. For current members, dues must be paid to our treasurer Carolyn Steppe by February 1. After February 1 any membership openings will be distributed via lottery. Dues for 2010 are $10 per person.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of our members for the wonderful baby shower. I was so touched and honored that you all took the time to do something so thoughtful for me. I am so proud to be a member and a co-chair of this Chapter, and proud to call you all my friends. We have such kind and giving people as members of our Chapter and you all never cease to amaze me! Tracey Trainum
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ground, and had valuable advice for all riders.

A big Thank You also to Breezy Run Farm; Vicky, Lauryn and Brandyn Meyer for creating a fun, clean and safe environment for all. Snacks and drinks were provided. The weather was nice and sunny, even though a little chilly….toasted bagels, coffee and hot chocolate were the favorites! Our photographer Brandyn was busy all day capturing good moments and pictures are now posted on the Web site: www.breezyrunfarm.com.

In attendance were students and clients of Region 1 dressage riders and trainers such as Kelley Corrigan, Kelley McGinn, Klaus Schengber and Jackie Kinney.

The high score of the day went to a very well turned out and technically correct ridden horse-rider combination; 69.2% for Training Level 3, Allyson Hlasney on Dylan. Congratulations!

Congratulations also to Michael Linardi and Fiona, for two blue ribbons at Training and First Level. Fiona is a 7-year-old Oldenburg bred on the Eastern Shore by DVM Callahan. Well done!

Dressage Test Results

| Intro A | 1. Sarah Baynard/Finnegan/52.5% |
| Intro B | 1. Anna Forbes/Sans Souci/66.5% |
|         | 2. Emma Miller/Zone/57% |
|         | 3. Sarah Baynard/Finnegan/55% |
|         | 4. Linda Hague-Crew/Martin/51.5% |
| Training 1 | 1. Gwen Kellish/Plieades/66.52% |
|           | 2. Donna Nizolec/Travelier/65.65% |
|           | 3. Courtney Johnson-Amritt on Martin/63.91% |
|           | 4. Emma Miller/Zone/62.17% |
|           | 5. Gladye Jacquette/BP/57.82% |
|           | 6. Anne Singer/Ionia/56.96% |
| Training 2 | 1. Donna Nizolec/Travelier/68.57% |
|           | 2. Allyson Hlasney/Dylan/66.79% |
|           | 3. Gwen Kellish/Plieades/62.86% |
|           | 4. Malin Gearhart/Heaven’s Keeper 61.78% (54 collective points) |
|           | 5. Kate Rohrer/Bakers Mill/61.78% (52 collective points) |
|           | 6. Steph Garvey/Dixie/56.43% |
| Training 3 | 1. Allyson Hlasney/Dylan/69.2% |
|           | 2. Olivia Mott/Benny/68.8% |
|           | 3. Bekah Trice/Jack/58% |
|           | 4. Jennifer Pino/Malibu/50.8% |
| Training 4 | 1. Michael Linardi/Fiona/65.6% |
|           | 2. Klaus Schengber/Dezi/65.2% |
|           | 3. Olivia Mott/Benny/62% |
|           | 4. Malin Gearhart/Heaven’s Keeper/60.8% |
|           | 5. Bekah Trice/Jack/52% |
| First Level 1 | 1. Michael Linardi/Fiona/66.33% |
|               | 2. Kevin Fidgeon/Gabriel/56.66% |
|               | 3. Courtney Johnson-Amritt/Ionia/51.33% |
|               | 4. Danielle Harrington/Sweet Justice/48% |

At Bayside’s Dressage Show, high score went to Allyson Hlasney on Dylan (left). Double blue ribbon winner Michael Linardi on Fiona (right).

First Level 2

1. Ashley Ockels/Freudig/60.55%
2. Kevin Fidgeon/Gabriel/49.44%

The Bayside Chapter together with Breezy Run Farm also hosted their Annual Meeting and Holiday Party on December 5 and everybody had time to relax, exchange gifts, make new friends and get excited for next year’s endeavors.

As we began the meeting it started snowing and a nice white blanket covered the farm…perfect timing….for hot cocoa and the traditional German gluewein!

The new committee now consists of Kelley McGinn, chair; Joy St. Landau, treasurer; and Anne Thibo, secretary.

With the New Year ahead of us there will be a lot of fun activities planned for 2010; shows, clinics, demos, wine tastings, group outings and so much more….stay tuned!

Mountain Harmony

The Mountain Harmony Drill (MHD) PVDA Chapter practices every Sunday at Celebration Farm starting at 3 p.m. and currently includes a good variety of riders from the Frederick, Mount Airy and Westminster areas. MHD is focused on quadrille and is available for demonstrations. Come and ride with us to see if you wish to become a new member; if you have any questions, give Janet a call at (443) 745-0207. Some of the MHD riders are left to right: Janet Geyer, Lisa Dannemiller, Jacqui LaRiviere, Cindy Sentelle, Pat Artimovich. Quadrille caller is Nick Artimovich.
Champion Fairbanks Is a Crowd Favorite at German Oldenburg Licensing Event

By Marne Martin-Tucker

The 2009 German Oldenburg Stallion Licensing was this year without the drama of the OS champion (jumping focused) selling for more than 1 million euro and the OL champion (dressage focused) going on to win the 70-day testing with one of the highest scores ever. Yet it still featured many lovely stallions, crowd favorites, the champion stallion “Fairbanks” selling to the Leatherdales, the reserve champion Dante Weltino selling to my German trainer’s sponsors and the best in recent history, Saturday evening Stallion “Parade.”

Each year, the pre-selection of the stallions starts months before (and the breeders preparation of course years before), with it culminating in three days of testing for the main licensing. Later, there also are other opportunities for licensing under saddle, but in November each year is the “main” licensing of primarily two and a half year olds.

The stallions arrive Wednesday and on Thursday are first put through their paces in hand outside on hard ground. This is meant both to show off the stallions to the spectators and the judges, but also to check for soundness and correctness of movement on the hard ground.

The grey Flemmingh-Inselfürst bred Fairbanks that went on to become champion was the declared crowd favorite from outside and impressed all.

Thursday afternoon all the stallions were then lunged in the large indoor arena where the auctions also are held. Fairbanks showed himself well, but on the lunge was not quite as impressive as outside.

The reserve champion stallion, now named Dante Weltino, by Danone I-Welt Hit, showed himself very well, and had the favored black color. The other crowd favorite was a bay Sir Donnerhall-Codex son, a Belgian Warmblood papered stallion, one still eligible for licensing, but not the premium ring. There was another bay Sir Donnerhall son out of a famous Trakehner damline, the Kassette line, who was gorgeous, but could have had more carrying ability and flexion behind. It was interesting that the Sir Donnerhall stallions were quite varying in type but generally expressive movers. The Hotline stallions were more consistent in type, but not as expressive in front as some others. However, they also showed very well on the lunge line and looked to be super easy to ride. There were very few Sandro Hits as there are so many direct Sandro Hit sons, and only one Quaterback son as this was the first crop, a chestnut version with an older style Westfalen damline that unfortunately was not licensed.

Friday was then the free jumping and free running day. Here the jumpers had their chance to shine. In Oldenburg there is a separate jumper-only book, called the “OS,” which is where most of the jumper horses are now being papered rather than the regular “OL” book where mostly dressage stallions are being presented.

Fairbanks and a number of the other dressage stallions were quite respectable jumpers, which bolsters the case of which stallions make the premium ring. Although good free jumping is not necessarily a prerequisite of licensing, it just speaks overall to the athleticism and cleverness of the horse. There were a few dressage stallions that did lose their chances of licensing with rather dismal performances. For all that the dressage stallions are not expected to jump very high, they are expected not to crash the jumps and have some style.

Watching the jumper stallion candidates sail over their much higher jumps was poetry in motion. It always is one of my favorite parts, with the really good jumpers eliciting gasps and awe from the audience as they sail the big oxer at the end. The jumper stallions are expected to show good reflexes, tight front legs, a good bascule and being free enough in the hind legs to kick out a bit. One of the crowd favorites was again a Last Man Standing son, the same sire as the champion from last year now owned by Blue Hors Stud, although this year’s version did not have the same explosiveness or gait as last year’s champion.

On Friday the stallions were deemed either licensed or not licensed. On Saturday the premium ring stallions were
named. The full list of licensed and premium OL stallions are here:
and or the OS stallions here:

They also crowned the best young breeding stallions in Oldenburg. Furst Romancier was the well deserved dressage winner. The best jumper breeding stallion was a tightly fought contest between the crowd favorite Diarado and Cornet’s Prinz, with Cornet’s Prinz getting the nod.

On Saturday night was the gala stallion parade. This is always a highlight since most of the Oldenburg stallion stations send their best stallions to the event. Unfortunately, Furstenball, last year’s licensing champion just off his win at the 70 day test, was not there, but there were many other highlights. The young chestnut stallion Sir Gregory, who is slated to come to North America, looked fabulous.

Barclay and the young Rousseau son Fiorano, ridden by the excellent rider Susan Draper Pape, were very well presented. It was great to see Ampere in the flesh, as well as the other Dutch stallion Wynton, but neither of them seemed to be able to settle and show off their award winning paces in the packed auction hall.

The young stallion Christ (after the famous German jewelry company) showed himself off extremely well with the good auction and Bundeschampionate rider Heiko Klausing in the saddle.

This stallion has had a very good first foal crop, so despite having a Hanoverian brand, will I am sure get many breedings for next year.

The other stallion fresh off of his World Young Horse and Bundeschampionate 6-year-old season was Rock Forever. He got the crowd rocking showing off all three spectacular gaits, with the ability to extend and collect. He also has settled mentally, and seemed to love the crowd cheers and clapping. He and his rider should be very proud as they gave a stupendous performance. Another crowd favorite was Sancisco, a hugely trainable Sandro Hit-Rohdiamant stallion that at 8, has already mastered very well all the Grand Prix movements.

Royal Diamond also gave a lovely performance, ridden by Markus Griibe as the stallion now stands at his stable. Royal Diamond showed off Grand Prix movements with a mini-retirement ceremony with his breeders. This stallion Royal Diamond with his full brother Rohdiamant have made a very large impact in breeding in Oldenburg and the world, with many fabulous offspring. Royal Diamond seemed more interested in eating the flowers and the apples than in the hoopla over his achievements, but he did take time to sniff his breeders, perhaps he remembered them after all these years.... These stallions of course also were instrumental in making Lisa Wilcox’s career.

The champion stallion Fairbanks came back to be presented to the crowd with his 30-year-old grandfather Lacapo. This now-white gentleman was an amazingly spry, well-moving, fit and happy old stallion with still clean legs at 30. It brought tears to the crowd’s eyes to see this old gentleman with spring in his step trotting happily with his ears and eyes happily taking in the cheers and accolades. Lacapo was the star of the show and loved every minute of it. It also speaks well of the longevity and performance in this line, which I hope Leatherdales will enjoy with Fairbanks.

Last Man Standing, in his prime and looking every bit a super sire capable of siring two champions in a row, also made his appearance to crowd accolades. This stallion is now back breeding in Oldenburg to the satisfaction of local jumper breeders, with great results expected.

There were many other lovely stallion presented under saddle by their talented riders, including the stallion Pentagon’s Peron, and it was clearly the best stallion parade I have been to. I have also heard and seen that as of December both Fairbanks and Dante Weltino are under saddle and doing super. We will all be excited to see them both next year performing in the stallion parade.

All in all, this year’s licensing was a real treat, and as always, proved to be very interesting when it comes to educating oneself about breeding, and what is the standard of top quality young stallions. I highly recommend any and all Americans interested in breeding to attend. For more footage and videos, go to www.oldenburghorse.com and view to your heart’s content!
Lauren Ogden Comes to Celebration Farm for a Series of Dressage Clinics

By Janet Geyer
Lauren Ogden spent November 7 with a group of serious dressage riders at Celebration Farm. The clinic participants ranged from Training Level to Fourth Level—not a problem for Lauren as it can be for some accomplisshed instructors. She was willing to guide and encourage each horse and rider pair to find an area in which to build.

Lauren is a USDF-certified Silver and Bronze medalist and has been a successful FEI competitor since 1996. She started formal dressage lessons at the age of 11 and by the time she was 14 she was assistant teacher at the Kennedy Riding School. Lauren has studied with many dressage greats such as Dietrich von Hopfgarten, Debbie McDonald, Guenter Seidel, and Christine Traurig. In 2003, Lauren moved to San Diego to be closer to long time coach, Guenter Seidel. One year later, she became his assistant and had the privilege of riding his horses and competing Seidel’s young horse, Princeton through Third Level. She continues to show throughout the Southwest.

Sometimes your own teacher tells you the same thing over and over and you just can’t process the information. The right clinic can certainly help with a fresh perspective and new tools to get over the road block so that we can continue to learn. With each new team Lauren managed to find the “rider within” each of the participants. She also was willing to school some of the horses during the sessions—some to understand the riders better and some to understand the horses better. A believer in calm, kind training—she never lost patience. Her classical dressage background encourages the riders to use their seats instead of their hands to create lightness.

From rider, Gretie DePamphilis: “I had a very rewarding ride with Lauren. My mare is trained to Third Level and needs to be more submissive and through for many of the movements. Although this was the first time I rode with Lauren, she was instantly on the right track how to improve our performance. The main issue was riding more forward into a softening contact. Lauren wouldn’t let anything else come before that. She explained that if I don’t raise my expectations combined with more focused aids, my mare is clueless that she can’t settle for less. To be effective I should make sure that the horse is bending correctly with no resistance at the base of her neck. Only then can I expect a quicker reaction from my leg, while using less of it, when my mare wants to slows down. This persistence really helped me, especially when it came to riding laterals, since the horse already knew that slowing down was no option. Suddenly balance and rhythm were more secure, and the movements felt much easier to execute.”

Lauren is spellbinding as a rider and we were all in admiration of her ability. In Bent Jensen’s words, “Lauren Ogden is the most elegant rider I have seen in a long time.” Lauren’s impeccable seat and professional appearance really inspired all of us to a better position.

For more information on how you can participate contact Kerstin Albrecht at 760-580-8466.

Mountain Harmony is sponsoring a series of clinics with Lauren Ogden. Lauren rides “Woodie” at the clinic where she helped participants find “the rider within.”
PVDA Catoctin Chapter

Tack/Swap Sale Attracts

Bargain Hunters from

Near and Far

By Leslie Raulin

The Catoctin Chapter of PVDA held a tack swap/sale on Sunday, December 6, at the Howard County Fairgrounds, West Friendship, Md. Even though the chapter is located in Frederick, Md., we chose the Howard County Fairgrounds as the venue as it is centrally located for most PVDA members. The location was on target, as we attracted PVDA members and non-members from near and far, including vendors and buyers that traveled more than two hours to get there!

The tack swap/sale was modeled after a similar and successful sale sponsored every February by the Maryland Quarter Horse Association (MQHA). Last year, thanks to an invitation from Catoctin Chapter and MQHA member Lynn Christensen, members of the Catoctin Chapter participated in the MQHA tack sale. We realized a dressage-oriented tack swap/sale would be a good fund raiser for PVDA's Ride for Life Dressage Show and Breast Cancer Benefit and a good service for PVDA members and other dressage riders. Soon after the MQHA sale, the chapter got to work. I communicated with the PVDA Board of Directors, Judy Briley investigated venues and ultimately reserved the room at the Howard County Fairground, Donna Lucas worked out insurance issues, and Charna Moore coordinated hospitality. We advertised through The PVDA Newsletter, our online calendar and e-news; the Equiery calendar; by posting fliers in barns and tacks shops; and by word-of-mouth and e-mail. I was the vendor point of contact and Diane McCarthy, the chapter's treasurer, paid the bills.

The tack swap/sale was open to the public for both vendors and buyers. All 30 tables were rented by about 45 people well before the closing date; in fact, we easily could have rented more tables had they been available. Proceeds from table rental went to the Catoctin Chapter for event costs and to help cover the chapter's annual donation to PVDA's Ride for Life Dressage Show and Breast Cancer Benefit. All proceeds from sales were retained by the vendors.

Most of the vendors were PVDA members, although we also had some wonderful non-member vendors. The majority of the vendors were selling personal items, with a few businesses selling their products. Items for sale ran the gamut of equestrian products from saddles, bridles and saddle pads, to breeches and show coats, barn and stable supplies. A mother and her daughter were selling the daughter's entire collection of Breyer horses in collector condition at reasonable prices. Another person had a lovely collection of equestrian jewelry. Mary Riesch, MKR Designs, was selling her embroidered clothing and carry bags, some with PVDA logos and some at end of season bargain prices. The "winners" for bringing the most "stuff" were Liz Erwin, who reserved (and needed) two tables, and new PVDA Board of Directors member Michele Wellman of By Chance Farm, who filled both her table and all the floor space around it.

Despite snow the day before, buyers braved the roads and were willing purchasers. The sale was advertised for set-up at at 8 a.m. with sales from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We attracted some seasoned buyers who arrived before 8 a.m. to ensure the early bird got the worm (the best tack). One mother and daughter from Pennsylvania arrived at 7:45 a.m., helped some vendors set up, and then proceeded to supply the daughter's new quest to become a dressage rider. They left a few hours later with saddle and bridle, saddle pads, breeches, show coat, boots, and a variety of horse boots. Other buyers came looking for one product and

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walked out with a shopping bag full of items. We even had buyers calling friends and family on cell phones, inquiring if a particular item should be purchased for them. The vendors had the “swap” spirit as many vendors purchased items from other vendors.

It also was a fun day to catch up with friends and meet new people. Some of the vendors requested tables next to friends’ tables so they could catch up with news. Buyers were pleased to see friends there as both vendors and buyers. It was an opportunity for people to thank PVDA for its wonderful Web site, as Shari Packard and her husband Allie, web gurus, had a table near the front of the room.

The chapter wants to thank new PVDA Board of Directors member Kate Burgy for suggesting that vendors could donate items to the Days End Farm Horse Rescue. We made an announcement that at the end of the day any “unwanted” items left behind would be taken to the Days End Farm Horse Rescue. Many nice items were left behind and we had trouble fitting them all into my Subaru! The items were delivered that afternoon to a very thankful group of Days End volunteers.

The members of the Catoctin Chapter wholeheartedly thank the PVDA Board of Directors for supporting us and helping us as we developed and executed the plan for the sale. We also sincerely thank both the vendors and the buyers for participating in the tack swap/sale and helping make it both successful and fun.

The Catoctin Chapter plans to hold the tack swap/sale again next year. If you have any suggestions to improve the event, and/or how to get the word out on a limited budget, contact Leslie Raulin at RAULINL@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

January 2010

10 Winter Dressage Show Series, Lucky Cricket Farm, Huntingtown, Md., Calvert County. Judge: Marija Trieschman (L)/GP rider. Details and entry form at www.luckycricketfarm.com. Contact Mary Russell 410-610-4849, mrussell@crosslink.net

11 PVDA Board Meeting. 7 p.m. For more information call Carolyn Del Grosso, 301-774-0794

16 Dressage Schooling Show at Linden Farm Riding Academy, La Plata, Md. Contact Karen Altieri at lindenfarm@comcast.net

16 Dressage Schooling Show Benefit series at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Indoor warm up and competition ring. See www.morvenpark.org

21-24 Horse World Expo, Timonium, Md. Contact Linda Speer at wlspeer@verizon.net

24-26 Clinic with Heath Ryan, World Cup Dressage Rider, Moon Rising Farm, Boyds, Md. Call 301-540-5186 or moonrising@earthlink.net

February

1 PVDA Board Meeting. 7 p.m. For more information call Jan Denno, 301-888-1314

13 Dressage Schooling Show Benefit series at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Indoor warm up and competition ring. See www.morvenpark.org

14 Jr/YR Clinic with Roy Toppings, Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Judge: TBD. Details and entry form at www.luckycricketfarm.com. Contact Mary Russell 410-610-4849, mrussell@crosslink.net

20 Dressage Schooling Show at Linden Farm Riding Academy, La Plata, Md. Contact Karen Altieri at lindenfarm@comcast.net

20 “Spring Into Showing” PVDA Volunteer Training. Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Contact Jan Denno at jdenno@millenicom.com.

March

1 PVDA Board Meeting. 7 p.m. For more information call Michele Wellman, 301-873-3496

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2010 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.
February Deadline: JANUARY 10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar
(PVDA schooling shows in separate calendar)
**What PVDA Will Need From Volunteers in the New Year!**

*By Jan Denno*

Every year we try to plan new and imaginative ways to inform our membership of the volunteer opportunities available. One of the most frequent questions is: What jobs do you have open? The reality is that all jobs are open until we find someone to volunteer to do them!

So now you know that you have the power to do any show job you wish. I would like to encourage you to volunteer for our recognized shows. The 45th Annual PVDA Show will take place at Morven Park on May 22 and 23. The Ride for Life Show at Prince George’s County Equestrian Center on June 26 and 27 will benefit Johns Hopkins Breast Center to fight breast cancer. Both shows have the same needs. Please let me know if you can help. Call Jan Denno, 301-888-1314 or e-mail volunteers@PVDA.org.

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**Junior/Young Rider Clinics with Roy Toppings**

*Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Maryland • February 14 (snow date 2/21) and March 21, 2010*

Two clinics with Roy Toppings will be given at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. Each 45 minute private session is subsidized by PVDA. The cost is $40 per lesson and is open to PVDA junior members only.

For information or questions, call Linda Speer at 410-831-6641. To register for a clinic, please make your check payable to PVDA and send proof of membership and negative Coggins with application to:

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The Latest News from the 2009 USDF National Convention

By Jan Denno

The USDF National Convention was held in Austin, Texas, December 1-6, 2009. It was a year of major change as PVDA member Sam Barish did not run for another term as president. His tenure has taken the United States Dressage Federation from an organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska, to its new home in Lexington, Kentucky, with a National Education Center. The organization is strategically located in the Kentucky Horse Park. It will be front and center for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. The new president is the former Vice President George Williams. You can read all about the new officers in an up and coming issue of Dressage Connections.

The news from the USEF Dressage Committee was interesting. Alex Steiner gave some clues, but not too many, to the changes in the tests that will take place in December 2010. There will no longer be four tests at each level. There will be three at each level. Posting trot will be an option for not only Training Level, but for First Level as well. The stretchy circle will be in all Training Level tests. Fourth Level Test 3 will not so closely resemble the Prix St. Georges Test. All tests above Training Level will take about six minutes. We will have to keep our eyes open for all the articles on the new tests. Marianne Ludwig reported that the judges have problems with Santa Claus judges who score too high and their opposites, those judges who school too low. The answer is better education.

The budget was approved with a raise of fees. As you may remember we did not raise fees last year and changes were made to generate new revenue. There is a new education membership for those people who are not able to join a GMO or who just want to find out more about the sport. This may be a new source of members for our GMOs!

There are some potential rules changes that may be coming in the next year. One is that each federation that belongs to USEF will annually make recommendations to the Federation (USEF) as to which of its competitions will be drug tested. The dressage rules that will be discussed involve ponies and what age they can compete as ponies. The color rule for jackets is being discussed to align with the European rules that allow more colors and contrasting color combinations on piping. Coats colors may match hats, stocks, ties, gloves and boots. So let’s watch that rule and see what the new seasons will bring. There also is a new rule coming about how tight your noseband can be. So stay tuned and keep reading about upcoming changes.
Join the PVDA and get ready for the 2010 Showing Season with “Spring into Showing!” Do you want to do something more on a cold February day than break ice in buckets and dream of the next show season? Better yet, would you like to make a real contribution to the dressage community? Ever wanted to learn a new show-related job but didn’t know where? The PVDA has an event for you—“Spring into Showing,” an expansion on our successful and well-attended “Tea Is for Training,” and even more fun! When? February 20, 2010 from 9-4 p.m. Where? Chesapeake Dressage Institute, 2630 Mas Que Road, Annapolis, MD 21403 (Conference Center).

As with Tea is for Training, novice or relatively novice volunteers can learn how to perform those skilled show jobs that make it all possible from the most experienced members that we have. Seminar courses include setting up a dressage ring, scoring, ring steward and bit/equipment checking, serving as a runner, show rules, etiquette and the role of the technical delegate and more! We also are offering training in the role of show manager and show secretary, as well as an introduction to designing one’s own musical freestyle with EquiChord, preparation for showing with Felicita von Neman-Cosel, FEI level rider and trainer, a veterinary lecture by Dr. Susan Mendes and a nutritional seminar sponsored by Nutrena. Frank and CeCe Maddlone will be offering copies of their book “Rhythm Riding—A Guide to Riding to Music,” for sale at the event, so bring cash or checks, and get your copy autographed by the authors. Each registrant who signs up for at least one class on volunteering skills is eligible to sign up for one of these special courses.

Enjoy a lovely spring-themed luncheon and tea in the tradition of the British/Irish isles during the breaks for $5 per person. Sign up for as many courses as you can fit into your schedule. Attendance at the seminar is absolutely free! Well, there is one catch—participants will be asked to sign a pledge to work in the roles they’ve trained for at one PVDA schooling or licensed show in 2010. For more information, or to register, please contact Pat Artimovich at 410-381-7684, or e-mail partimovich@verizon.net.
**Horses for Sale**

✦ Reg. TB dk. bay mare, 11 yrs, 16.2H, lovely mover. Curr. schooling 1st level. Enjoys trails and has been shown Intro level dressage. Needs exp. rider. Poss. broodmare potential to produce quality sport horses. Free to right rider match. $1,500/obo to breeder, Tiffany Moritz, 301-432-2391

✦ 02 Han. geld. by Contucci, 16.3H, has dressage basics, some jumper training and low level eventing. Was out of serious work for a while due to farm being too busy, but has now been back in training for a few months. Safe to ride inside or out, has been trail ridden and schooled x-c. Excl. ground manners, loving, big boned, suitable for AA, correct gaits for dressage, but also likes to jump! Photos on website: www. breezyrunfarm.com. Lauryn Meyer or Anne Thibo, 410-556-6614

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**Horses for Lease**

✦ Horses for lease at Windsong Arabians in Mt. Airy, MD. beg-adv. $200/mo. incl. board, tack, vet and farrier. Instr., showing and trailering avail. to students. See www.windsong21771.tripod.com/wa for more info., Sue Doll, 301-831-5083 or email: windsong@frederickmd.com

✦ Half lease on a very gentle, reliable and willing training partner. Although 21, he is still most able and capable to compete. Placed 8th at the BLM in 2008 w/scores in the 70s for Training Level 3 and 4 at licensed shows and now showing at First Level Test 1 and 2. Exp. rider pref. Loc. at StoneBrook Farm in Clarksville, MD. Candace Snell, 484-788-3361 or email: CandaceSnell@aol.com

**Equipment for Sale**

✦ 09 Adam 24-IGN horse trailer w/dsg. rm., saddle & bridle racks, side & rear ramps, in exc. cond., must see! Asking $21,000, Rachel Minford, 443-864-1786

✦ 1) >25 dressage, vet and general horse-related books (mostly on dressage) for sale between $6-$10 ea. All in exc. cond., will email list w/titles and prices

✦ 2) Respond Systems electro-magnetic horse blanket w/neck piece, stifle attachments and 2 batteries, just recond. by Respond Systems and in perf. working order! Cost >$5,500 new, will sacrifice for $2,200, Kate Burgy, 301-580-9903 or 410-299-7307

✦ Konig blk. half-chaps, brand new in box, similar in style and size to Ariat Crowne-Pro xx-small. Gorgeous leather and craftsmanship. Ordered from Europe for an adult but prob. will only fit a child, $135, Jaclyn Scolli, 690-651-6526 or email: pompdressage@gmail.com

1) Sz. 72” Rhino green and tan heavy wt blanket, 370g fill, $120, new cost $267
2) Sz. 72” Rhino green and tan med. wt. blanket, 200g fill, $90, new cost, $220. Both blankets are in great shape, used lightly one season before horse outgrew them. Both are cleaned, water-proof and in like-new cond. Blankets fit well, don’t shift, and are tear-resistant, Lisa Treviollion, 410-489-4730 or email: silverhorse.farm@verizon.net

1) Weatherbeeta Landa w/Freestyle design, med. wt. waterproof t/o blanket, Like new, used 1x, asking $100, Allison Turner, 410-726-8199

1) 16.5” Prestige Professional hav. brn. dressage saddle, 32 cm (M/N) tree, beautiful quality leather with textured knee blocks and long billets.’07 model but only used for 1 yr., $1,100
2) 16.8” Laser 744 blk. dressage saddle, fully adj. tree. Custom made w/short flaps and short billets. Innovative design to allow horse full range of motion in shoulder. Older model in good cond. and perfect for growing/young horse or rider, $750, Jaclyn Scolli, 690-651-6526 or email: pompdressage@gmail.com

17” Passier Grand Gilbert blk. dressage saddle, wide tree, in fine cond., $2,000, Candace Snell, 484-788-3361 or email: CandaceSnell@aol.com

1) 17.5” Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Solo blk. dressage saddle, short block, wide tree, lyr., in good cond., $1,800
2) 17.5” Legacy Fryso dressage saddle, #5 (x-wide) tree, in good cond., $1,500, Cheryl Griffith, 410-658-9458 or email: odillonfarm@zoominternet.net

17.5” HDR Advantage close contact saddle, reg. tree, wool flicked, in exc. cond. Stirrups/leathers incl. Trial poss., $450, Sara Cook, 443-974-8767 or email for pics: lemonsong22@aol.com

1) 18” Albion SLK blk. dressage saddle, low head, med. tree, in exc. cond., $2,400
2) 17” County Stabilizer brn. jumping saddle, well balanced, in exc. cond., $1,800
3) 17” Collegiate blk. dressage saddle, in good cond., $450, Jennifer Tingley, 410-259-0055 or email: jennifer.tingley@juno.com

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2) 18” Waldenhausen German-made blk. dressage saddle, 31 cm tree (seems to fit wider), v-billets, wool flocked, sm. thigh block, in exc. cond., asking $800
3) 18” German-made Courbette Luxor blk. dressage saddle, 31/32 cm tree, v-billets, water repellent, pre-shrunk leather, narrow twist, low pommel & recessed safety stirrup bars on spring tree w/wool flocking. Long billets rec. replaced, asking $750. Willing to entertain fair offers and can take Paypal, Karen Jacob, 410-489-6083

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The classifieds are accepted by the 10th of the month to be distributed the following month. E-mail classifieds@pvda.org or shari.glickman@comcast.net.

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When I was growing up in Minnesota and interested in dressage, I knew there were dressage happenings on either coast and I was always starving to hear what was going on. That’s one reason I like meetings where people are talking dressage and making things happen. One way to handle this was to attend the USDF Annual Meeting, which was held this year in Austin, Texas. Jan Denno and Linda Speer attended as PVDA delegates and wrote reports about the news from Austin. But more importantly, they came back full of ideas and energy.

I’ll bet there are delegates from other areas of the U.S. who went home from Austin and are telling their GMOs about our good idea for “Tea Is for Training,” which was created and supported by Pat Artimovich. This year we will hold the Tea, now called “Spring Into Showing,” on February 20 at the Chesapeake Dressage Institute in Annapolis and it will be expanded to include more subjects for education. Come for the fun! I think I can teach anyone to be a judge’s scribe, and I enjoy the sessions.

Since I also collect artifacts for our Archives and store them, I was given the beautiful plaque PVDA won for the best Web site design in 2009. It was our second win in a row and it is so much fun to be recognized for this honor. Shari and Almon Packard got our new Web site up and running and maintain it, and Leslie Raulin keeps it current with results and has been wonderfully inventive putting information of interest on the Web site. I’m at that age where I have to be reminded to visit the site, but every time I do I am amazed by the information there.

So thanks to the new board members who are bringing good ideas and enthusiasm to the Board and to all of our members who will volunteer this year to help keep our activities well staffed. It will be fun.

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Col. Clarence Edmonds who passed away November 8 at age 89. Col. Ed was a founding member of PVDA and usually attended our annual meetings, as he did last year. He watched over the affairs of PVDA and over the state of dressage in the U.S. and spoke up just last year against the Rider Standards Proposal at the Region 1 meeting. Throughout the evening others mentioned Col. Ed’s influence and we will miss him. Richard Thomas, husband of Sigrid, who was another of our beloved long-time members who has passed away, also attended and brought copies of Sigrid’s book, “Goodbye Stalin,” for our Silent Auction.

Other guests were from stables that hosted PVDA schooling shows including representatives from Chesapeake Dressage Institute and By Chance Farm. Also attending was Patty Lasko, editor of Dressage Today, and Carolyn Del Grosso for The Equiery.

The minutes and committee reports were approved as printed in the dinner program. Jocelyn announced that for the second year in a row our Web site was the winner of the USDF award for associations with more than 500 members. She thanked Shari and Almon Packard and Leslie Raulin for their excellent work on the Web site during the year as well as those who contributed.

The members of the 2010 Board of Directors were announced: Kate Burgy, Betty Thorpe, Carolyn Del Grosso, Jocelyn Pearson, Jennifer Funk, Jan Denno, Lindsay Jensen, Linda Speer, Mike Tucker, Michele Wellman and Shari Packard.

There was an extensive selection of items donated for the silent auction, which gave attendees a chance to find bargains for their Christmas shopping. Many guests bought raffle tickets hoping to win the chapter baskets. Jan Denno is the main sales force for these raffle tickets; she’s developed quite a technique over the years. Three chapters donated beautiful baskets and we thank all of them very much—Clarksville, Metro and Calvert. The lucky winners of the baskets were Pat Artimovich (who said she never wins anything), Gary Mott and Shari Packard. We also gave away half the cash raised by the raffle. The raffle was won by Leslie Raulin’s mother, Dot, who will keep some of the money for Christmas and will donate the rest to Komen for the Cure and to Johns Hopkins.

Vice President Betty Thorpe presented the honor awards, given to selected PVDA members who have contributed in a significant way during the year. The President’s Award was given to Alison May, who plans to retire from maintaining the PVDA Ride for Life Web site (that she has worked on from the very start,) the Chairman’s Award to Beth Collier who has contributed to The PVDA Newsletter and to our media presence, and the Volunteer of the Year to Ann Hosmer, a graduate of our “Tea Is for Training” and who volunteered generously all season.

Michael Norwood won the Equiery award and Leslie Raulin won the Hanoverian award donated by Shari Glickman. Jo Ellen Hayden announced the Recognized Rider awards.

Lynn Christiansen once again presented the beautiful trophies donated by the Maryland Quarter Horse Outreach Program. The Youth High Score at a licensed show went to Olivia Mott; the Youth High Score at a schooling show went to Shannen Sullivan. The Adult Rider High Score at a licensed show went to Rebecca Crown, and Charli Plumtree won the High Score at a schooling show. As a post script, Charli rode a Rugged Lark baby.

This year our famous guest speaker was Brian O’Connor who talked about his 30-year career as an announcer at dressage shows and horse trials. He belongs to a famous family so he started by reminding us that his mother, Sally, was a past president of PVDA; his brother, David, is president of the USEF, and he, Brian, has a present-dent on his truck. But he’s had his success, too. The highlight of his career was announcing all three equestrian sports at the Olympics in Hong Kong. He was

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embarrassed to tell us of his big mistake, when he announced the wrong name of a rider entering the arena. It turns out that the Olympics did NOT have the one volunteer that would have prevented this, someone at the in gate with a walkie talkie connected to the announcer booth. Two school girls, 15 and 16 years old, joined him announcing at the Olympics, not because of their skill at the microphone, but because they had excellent English and could announce in the official languages of China, Mandarin and Cantonese. He talked about Brentina’s meltdown in the arena, how these things are inexplicable. Much the same thing happened to a rider from Brazil. “It’s just the day,” Brian explained.

The O’Connors are a tight knit family, and Brian talked about hearing, via cell phone from his mom, how David won his Gold Medal in Sydney. His mom was in the audience and was conducting a fence by fence description of the stadium round. Wouldn’t you know, the call was interrupted at the crucial moment leaving Brian breathless in his kitchen. Brian enjoys announcing when his brother and wife, Karen, are competing. Recently, he said, David has started competing young horses for his sponsor and Brian reported that David has gone off course five times this season, once on a course he designed himself! He will never hear the end of that one.

Over the years Brian has observed that the quality of riding has improved and not only for Steffen and Guenther and other Team members, but also for the adult amateurs of the sport. Brian commented that his golf buddies used to need extensive explanation about his occupation, but today are more likely to have heard of dressage. He still enjoys announcing and he says that the fun is educating those who don’t know about dressage. He will announce at the World Equestrian Games next year, not only dressage and eventing, but also vaulting.

Kimberley Beldam-Saylor tabulated the scores during the year, but was unable to come to the dinner so Carolyn Del Grosso read the lists of winners and Linda Speer, who stores and polishes the trophies, handed out our many beautiful trophies and ribbons. Congratulations to all of our winners.

Final thanks go to Shari Glickman who once again organized a very successful annual dinner and silent auction as she has done for many years. Thank You!
Annual Dinner 2009
photos by Rita Boehm
### PVDA 2009 Year End Awards

#### USDF Intro Level Senior
1. Lisa Feit/Releve/70.41%
2. Terry Gyi/Marzipan/68.40%
3. Mary Beth Friedel/WS Fledermaus/64%
4. Sue Hildebrand/WS Rebel Spirit/59.54%

#### USDF Intro Level Junior/Young Rider
1. Emily Clinch/Gator/64.40%
2. Holly Anderson/Ataisahara/60.30%

#### Training Level Senior
1. Leslie Raulin/Aviani/70.06%
2. Jill Windsor/WS Reckless/69.53%
3. Judy Strohmaier/Mardi Gras/69.22%
4. Nikki Witte/Barney/67.44%
5. Rebecca Crown/Doc’s Hot Rod Dynamo/67.24%
6. Charli Plumtree/Are’t I Regal/66.29%
7. Jacqueline Ducchi/Lady Isolde/66.23%
8. Rachel Minford/Obscure Advantage/64.14%
9. Sue Doll/WS Montana/63.88%
10. Jan Denno/County Tramp/63.28%

#### Training Level Junior/Young Rider
1. Zoe Witte/Holly/69.55%
2. Shannen Sullivan/Flashy Golden Joe/68.05%
3. Kimberly Horton/Extreme Case/67.43%
4. Michaela Bass/Legally Blonde/63.88%
5. Casey Minar/Love Bug/62.43%
6. Jennifer Foulon/Morgen/61.36%

#### First Level Senior
1. Leslie Raulin/Aviani/67.42%
2. Nancy Moseley/Wyndsong/63.41%
3. Patricia Haley/Queens Colours/62.54%
4. Jessica Katz/Doha/62.50%
5. Samantha Smith/Aurion/60.06%
6. Katy O’Donovan/Anzia/59.34%

#### First Level Junior/Young Rider
1. Logan Elliott/Eternaluma/67.78%
2. Zoe Witte/Barney/67.62%
3. Emily Long/Amanda Rae/62.72%
4. Shannon Zik/Contucci’s Secret Agent/60.91%
5. Kristen Chicka/Cadet/60.37%

#### Second Level Senior
1. Hallie Ahrensbrak/Gustav/65.92%
2. Amy Nostrandt/Parceval/61.65%
3. Samantha Smith/Aura/59.44%
4. Judy Strohmaier/Peaches in Regalia/57.77%

#### Third Level Senior
1. Jaralyn Finn/Brio/64.64%
2. Pamela Owen/Gardes Graces/58.97%
3. Shari Packard/Pikturesque/57.12%

#### Third Level Junior/Young Rider
1. Elsa Friis/Beau Ideal/57.92%

#### Freestyle Senior First Level
1. Samantha Smith/Aura/67.61%

#### Freestyle Junior/Young Rider
1. Zoe Witte/Barney/71.69%
2. Erica Greenwald/Summer Finale/66.45%

#### USEF Dressage Seat Equitation
1. Zoe Witte/Holly/21 Points
2. Casey Minar/Love Bug/13 Points
3. Sarah Lipkowitz/Indian/10 Points
4. Christina Sahadi/Red Line/9 Points
5. Molly Osborne/Mickie O’Neill/6 Points
6. Amy Cobbett/Solicitor General/5 Points

### PVDA 2009 Year End Award Special Trophies

#### Eastern Shore Chapter Perpetual Trophy
To the Junior or Senior with the highest Training Level Average Score. Neither horse nor rider has ever competed above First Level in a recognized competition. This year it is awarded to **Zoe Witte** on Holly with an average score of 69.55%

#### Trespasser’s William Perpetual Trophy
To the Junior or Senior with the highest Musical Freestyle Average Score. This year it is awarded to **Zoe Witte** on Barney with an average score of 71.69%

#### Doris Schadt Memorial Perpetual Trophy
To the Junior/Young Rider with the highest score at First Level. This year it is awarded to **Addison Spencer** on Giselle III

#### June Robinson Memorial Perpetual Trophy
To the Junior/Young Rider with the highest score at Second Level. This year it is awarded to **Katherine Abrams** on Charlemagne

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By Jaclyn Sink

On December 5-6, 2009, Jennifer Foulon and Jaclyn Sink, Junior PVDA members, were invited to participate in the USEF Youth/Pony Pilot Program Clinic with Michael Barisone in New Jersey.

I arrived in New Jersey late Friday night and rode my pony around a bit in their indoor. Saturday morning the group was split in two and we had a group lesson. In the afternoon there was a 45 minute private lesson with Michael to work on our positions. For dinner we had pizza and time to talk with Michael about his Olympic experience and watched a video of his Musical Freestyles. That night we all traveled to our hotels in the snow! The next morning we went to the barn for our final lesson with Michael and worked on movements from the tests that we were riding. After working on the movements we rode a test of our choice.

Michael Barisone was an amazing instructor who had a great facility with a warm lounge, nice aisle ways, and a beautiful indoor riding arena. He provided me and nine other riders (ages 13 to 17) riding First Level and above, with plenty of useful dressage training. Michael helped me experience the difference between a medium and collected trot with my pony. He was able to share riding secrets that some of the Olympic riders use! Thanks to USEF I was honored to have this great experience.
PVDA Out in Force at USDF Region 1 Fall Meeting

By Jocelyn Pearson

The following are some highlights from the meeting:

• **Dressage at Devon.** The breed show entries were down this year, but the quality of the horses was excellent. The minimum qualifying score will be dropped next year, and the classes will fill with the highest combined scores. This action taken due to the conflict with the WEGs. The Devon showgrounds people are committed to improving the footing before May. Volunteers are needed for next year. The GMO party did not fill, so a 70s theme has been suggested. Dressage at Devon now has a Facebook page.

• **North American Junior Young Rider Championships.** The Region 1 Juniors placed third. Our one young rider could not make it due to a soundness issue with her horse, so we had no young riders at the championship. Having the competition in Kentucky at the Horse Park was amazing. The venue was absolutely great and should be the permanent home of the competition. It was voted to have it there again in 2010, July 30-August 1. The same arena and facility as the WEG.

• **Region 1 Omnibus** is produced by Alison Head. At $15 it is breaking even, just barely, due to the high mailing costs. They are trying not to raise prices due to the economy.

• Look on the **Region 1 Web site** for narratives about the Region 1 awards.

• There have been a lot of “I” Programs in Region 1, everyone is tired. Jan Denno is looking into an instructor certification program.

• **Adult Team Competition.** There was better participation this year, but we need to spread it out more over the two days. Saturday is too full. There was a suggestion to allow other regions to enter. ESDCTA wants to include it in the Garden State show, run together, but using different rings. Janine Malone said it would be okay as long as the show management is separate. Will discuss future hosting GMOs at the convention.

• **Young Rider project.** It was suggested that magazines such as Dressage Today and USDF Connection only feature riders using helmets. The USPC might suggest that these magazines be omitted from the reading list if this isn't followed. Alison wants GMOs to encourage use of helmets.
The Glitch Was the Hitch: A Cautionary Tale
By Rita Boehm

On the Saturday afternoon before Chapter Challenge, Lisa Lewis loaded her two horses for what she envisioned to be an uneventful 50 minute trip from Sandy Spring, Md., to the Prince George’s Equestrian Center. As she sat at the stop sign before pulling onto Norwood Road she felt a thud and an odd pull, like one of the horses had fallen down in the trailer. Concerned, she put the truck in park, and got out to check on what had happened.

Lisa glanced at the hitch on the way to check the horses, and what she saw made her stop short. The hitch had buckled in half! Fortunately, it hadn’t broken all the way through and the barn was still nearby. She was able to disconnect the trailer, reconnect with another hitch and eventually continue on her way.

If the hitch had buckled on the Beltway, what turned out to be something of a minor inconvenience could easily have been a tragedy for herself, her horses and perhaps some unsuspecting drivers. Luck was on her side that day, but it could so easily have been a much different story.

The Drawtite hitch was 6 years old and had been left on the truck for the last two years; prior to that the hitch had been out in the elements infrequently, only when it was in use. When Cequent Performance Products was contacted for comment and to find out if there was an average life expectancy, the following information was provided. “What you have here is certainly severe and not something that you would expect to see. The life of the hitch is directly related to the use and storage of the product and I would not be able to list an ‘average’ life expectancy. The most critical issue is inspection of the towing rig each and every time prior to any use.”

This may have been an unusual occurrence, but adding a regular inspection of the hitch to a trailering checklist is advice that those who saw the broken hitch will certainly take seriously.

A very lucky Lisa is riding her horses Lefty and Siranno at Chapter Challenge the next day, below, and the damaged hitch is pictured above.
Publication Deadlines

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Please complete the entry form and mail with your check payable to PVDA. Regular first class mail only. No certified mail will be accepted.

Send to:

Shari Packard, PVDA Membership Coordinator
16105 Bond Mill Rd., Laurel, MD 20707

For more information about becoming a member, contact Shari Packard at membership@pvda.org or 301-498-4972. For chapter information, contact chapters@pvda.org.
DECEMBER PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: December 7, 2009; Meeting #486  
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.  
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Betty Thorpe, Bonnie Vaden, Linda Speer, Pat Artimovich, Jocelyn Pearson, Shari Packard, Jan Denno, Deanna Beal, Hilary Moore, Mike Tucker, Lindsay Jensen, Kate Burg and Michele Wellman

Board Members Absent: Marne Martin-Tucker, Tracey Trainum, Kimberley Beldam-Saylor, Jennifer Funk, Karen Jacob

Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry

TREASURER’S REPORT

Membership Account: $2,201.33  
General Fund: $1,294.24  
Schooling Shows: $3,280.18  
Chapter Fund: $11,645.89  
Money Market: $12,921.34  
CDs: $18,269.49  
Total: $49,612.47

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: This year’s venue of the Laurel Racetrack was very well received. We hope to have it at the same place in 2010, with a tentative date of November 20, 2010.

Education: PVDA is considering hosting one of the parts of the Instructo Certification program. However, there would have to be many volunteers in place to make this feasible. PVDA is considering hosting an education clinic in 2010, to coincide with the annual dinner, but no clinicians have been decided upon.


Omnibus/Schooling Shows: Bonnie Vaden is still looking for an understudy for this committee in 2010, who is willing to take charge of it going forward. As this committee is the core of PVDA’s programs, a willing, competent volunteer is needed soon so that this program can continue.

Shows Recognized: Carolyn Del Grosso is searching for someone to assist the R4L show manager this coming year in hopes of taking over the position going forward.

Volunteers: We need them! Tentative date for Tea Is for Training is February 20, 2010, at CDI in Annapolis, Md. Topics to include seminars on show preparation, veterinary issues and nutrition. There will also be training for show management duties.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2010, 7 p.m. at Linda Speer’s farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Carolyn Del Grosso, 301-774-5530.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shari Packard, Board Secretary
You are cordially invited...

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