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### The 2010 PVDA Show Schedule*

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May 16 Ligons Schooling Show is Cancelled

We regret that the Ligons PVDA Schooling Show scheduled for May 16 has been cancelled. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause.

2010 Ride for Life Is Almost Here!

Make your plans now to attend the best yet PVDA Ride for Life! The show is open for entries and there is a great line-up of entertaining acts, top riders and live music for the Dancing Horse Challenge and gala dinner. Information, tickets and forms are available online at www.pvdarideforlife.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center June 26-27!

Be a Sponsor for the USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition

This annual event will be held on September 4 and 5, 2010, at Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Va. The competition provides an opportunity for adults to compete in a team-like atmosphere with awards for division specific team champions, as well as individual champions. The event encourages camaraderie and provides support for adults competing at any level. For advertising and sponsorship opportunities contact Gardy Bloemers, gardy@gardybloemers.com. Deadline for payments is August 1.

Volunteer for the May PVDA Spring Show

It is springtime again, time to sign up for your volunteer job at our May Show at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va. We would love to have you, plus you get free food and a gift! Don’t forget the volunteer slips are now worth $10 towards clinics, shows and your membership dues. Read the fine print! Please contact Ann Hosmer at annhosmer@powerexcel.org.

Earn Your PVDA Rider Achievement Award

In the five years since PVDA started this program, 75 riders have earned a total of 124 Rider Achievement awards. Totals by level are: Intro (17), Training (67), First (31), Second (9). If you showed from 2005 onward you should save all your tests from all those years. All of them can be used for these awards. If you have scores over 65% at Intro, 63% at Training, 62% at First, or 60% or Second, start saving those tests in a separate folder. Those are the ones that are going to get you this award, and you can keep on saving tests over the years until you have

Finally it’s May and PVDA will be heading into our busy licensed show season. Our Spring Show at Morven Park on May 22 and 23 will be here in no time, and I hope everyone is ready to show and check if their hard work over the winter has paid off in more supple, stronger horses and riders. Our planning for this show, and all of our recognized shows, starts as much as a year before the big event. As the date approaches we will depend on lots of help from our members to volunteer for all the positions to run the show.

The Spring Show is our major source of income for PVDA, along with our schooling show series which is already underway. Our very special Ride For Life in late June is a benefit and our one day licensed shows in

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Shore Dressage
February Clinic with Kathy Rowse

The theme for our February clinic with Kathy Rowse was “Anti-Pulling.” Many of us tend to become too dependent on the reins when we get in a tight spot, and we unconsciously tighten up on the reins. So, Kathy had most of the riders ride with a slightly longer rein than usual so that they could be more dependent on their seat aids to control their horses. Maureen Lawrence on her 18H Dutch PSG horse, Massaro, began her warm up in trot on a 20-meter circle doing shoulder-in to haunches-in and then a 10-meter circle in leg yield. All to get the inside hind leg more under. Then Kathy had her work in the canter from a lighter aid, but with a whip in each hand, not necessarily to use. Then they worked in half pass, then a 10-meter circle and back to half pass. Kathy had her keep the inside hand away from the neck and ask for the bend without pulling back. The 10-meter circle sets you up for the half pass. It’s all about a correct, early preparation. Then they worked on tempi changes, which was a pleasure to watch. She told Maureen you have to end the tempi sequence on the diagonal at the quarter line, so you have time to collect before the corner. Maureen was very pleased with her 2’s! They worked on the pirouettes without pulling the horse around, instead asking him to lower his croup and sit down more.

Kathleen Kurgan and her darling black Arab were next. She’s planning to show at some Arabian Shows this spring! I didn’t have time to watch most of this session, but what I saw was an amazing difference from the last clinic. He was going forward in a much more relaxed frame and seemed very tuned in to the rider’s aids.

Leigh Murray then rode Maureen’s 10-year-old Dutch horse, Reno. She worked on haunches-in on the circle to get the inside hind leg more engaged and had Leigh bend with her leg, not her hand. A lot of leg yield in and out on the circle was helpful. In the canter she had her work in haunches-in on the circle without overusing the inside rein. Since the horse’s neck is built to “come on the bit” she had Leigh ride with a slightly longer rein to encourage the horse to open the neck more and flex more at the poll rather than further back. In the canter Kathy had Leigh keep her leg almost off the horse’s side instead of gripping too much. The horse has to learn to carry himself on his own. And by the end of the session he was!

Cheryl Carpenter and her very kind Zeke worked on...
smooth trot transitions and keeping the horse straight between her hands and legs. In the three loop serpentine Kathy had Cheryl work on keeping the lines curved so that the loops were a series of curved lines. In the free walk she asked her not to allow the horse to pull downwards, but to lower the neck and push it out more. Free walk to medium walk was a good exercise for Zeke!

With Cony Needels and Buddy she began with a brief demonstration with the reins to get Buddy to soften and give with subtle vibrations on the reins rather than “holding” Buddy in a frame. She told Cony not to put her arm forward when bending, but to keep the elbows back and fingers closed. Kathy said that in the trot work the inside hind needs to come through more and that Cony could open the inside rein a bit, but not to pull. They then worked in canter circles with an emphasis on riding the circles round not square. They worked on walk/canter transitions from a light aid, asking for more canter without pulling. Kathy then mounted Buddy to get a better feel for what Cony was experiencing. After a few trot/canter transitions on the 20-meter circle Buddy was ready for the show ring!

Mary Dahlke rode her handsome white knight, Wind, and what a transformation they have made since the first clinic. He was going forward in a beautiful relaxed frame! At times he would have a tendency to admire himself in the mirrors, so Kathy had Mary bend her inside elbow to straighten the neck. She also sometimes had her think of pulling her shoulder blades back to lift her chest, which would keep Wind more up in front and not wanting to get on his forehand.

It was a great clinic and educational for the auditors as well. Thanks to Cony, Cynthia, and Deri for the munchies and to Mary for her delicious coffee bar and pastry shop!
Eleven lucky Junior/Young Riders enjoyed PVDA’s clinic with Roy Toppings on February 28 and March 21, 2010, at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. The riders ranged in age from 10 to 18 and they all showed great improvement at the end of their 45-minute private lesson. Roy stressed the importance of a correct position of the rider and keeping the horse balanced with correct flexion and bend.

Thank you Roy for giving our Junior/Young Riders a great learning experience!

from Casey Minar

I would like to thank Linda Speer for hosting the PVDA Jr/YR clinics at her farm in Clarksville. I would also like to thank PVDA for the opportunity to participate in the two clinics with Roy Toppings. My horse, Love Bug (aka Frosty), and I learned a lot and had so much fun. My horse is 24 years old and we were struggling with some movements in Training, Test 4 and First Level, Test 1. Our main issues are balance and suppleness. Mr. Toppings worked hard with us and gave us some great new exercises that helped a great deal. He was enthusiastic and encouraging, which made my nervousness fade quickly.

After my first clinic with Mr. Toppings I couldn't wait for the next one to further our training and learn even more. Love Bug and I continue to use some of the exercises he taught us to improve our balance and suppleness. I appreciate the opportunity that PVDA provides us to work with different trainers each year in these clinics. It is a great experience and we greatly appreciate it.

from Allison Pappas

Thank you for subsidizing the clinics with Roy Toppings! I went into my lesson not knowing what to expect since I had not previously ridden with Roy. I came out of the lesson smiling.

Roy worked to improve both the horse and myself throughout the lesson in a relaxed manner. I have ridden with other instructors who are stern and serious, but Roy...
brought humor into my ride. In addition to making the ride enjoyable, Roy helped me to develop a wonderful trot. Using a rectangular shaped pattern I rode the short sides alternating between shoulders-in and travers and used the long sides of the rectangle to push my horse out. In just one lesson I learned multiple exercises that I now use each time I school my horse.

I hope that I can ride with Roy again, soon. Thank you PVDA for broadening my own, and all the other young riders’, equestrian knowledge.

from Logan Elliott

It was great to be able to attend the clinic with Roy. He is an excellent instructor. Roy worked really well with “EP” and I to accomplish the things that we both needed to work on. He taught me some tricks to try with “EP” to get him more supple, to keep him more straight in leg-yields and more lengthened in the canter. I really enjoyed the clinic with Roy and I hope PVDA will allow us to have more clinics. Thanks Mrs. Linda for allowing us to have the clinic at your beautiful facilities.

from Molly Evans

My horse Dascha has a problem moving forward, so during my clinic with Roy we worked on a warm-up that would help energize her trot. On the long sides I asked Dascha for a quicker trot and I used the short sides to balance her. We also worked on getting Dascha to become more sensitive by leg aids. By our second clinic I found her to be very responsive. We worked on two exercises that will help me train for higher levels. The first was cantering from the track to the quarterline where I straightened and then cantering back to the rail. This will help me prepare for the counter canter. The second exercise was making a 10-meter circle in the corner, then heading to X, making a 10-meter circle, then heading back to the rail where I made my last

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10-meter circle. This will help me with the loops in Training Level, Test 4. I really enjoyed my clinic with Roy and I’m putting to good use the skills that I learned in my lesson.

from Morgan Hunt

I went to the March 21 clinic with Roy Toppings at Stonebrook Farm. It was the perfect way for me and my pony Ashby to start off the season. Due to winter weather and footing Ashby and I were both out of shape. Roy was very understanding. He took Ashby’s age and fitness into consideration and didn’t push us too hard.

He asked me what I thought I needed to work on and we set to work right away. Roy was very patient and easy to get along with. It made the whole experience feel more personal and not as stressful. Now that the season is in full swing I know what to focus on and how to fix my riding errors. Thank you Roy for the fun learning experience and thank you Mrs. Linda Speer for making it all possible!

Zoe Witte and Cordelius with Roy Toppings. photo by Linda Speer

Attention Junior/Young Riders

PVDA Wants You for the Region 1 Team Championship, July 24-25, 2010

PVDA will send teams again this year to the USDF Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Team Championship on July 24-25, 2010, at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va.

We will send a team in every division, starting with USDF Introductory Level. PVDA will pay for all team tests and stabling.

Requirements:
1. Must be a PVDA member.
2. Send three tests judged by two different judges from any rated shows, or any PVDA schooling shows, at the level you would like to show, to Linda Speer (address below.)
3. Volunteer for one day at any PVDA event.

Candidate Application

If you would like to be considered for the Team Championship, fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 14, 2010, to: Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Road, Clarksville, MD 21029. This is NOT an entry! Call 410-531-6641 or e-mail wlspeer@verizon.net for more information.

Name ___________________________ Age ____________________
Address ____________________________________________
Phone _____________________________________________
Level you intend to compete at this season ________________
Horse’s name and age _________________________________
April 2010
30 New England Dressage Association (NEDA) Annual Spring Symposium with Bettina Drummund, Contact Linda Mendenhall, hofmendenhall@verizon.net

May
1-2 CDCTA Dressage at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. www.cdcta.com
3 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For more information call Lindsay Jensen, 443-928-9591
7-9 “Transformational Boot Camp” hosted by Barbara Strawson. Balimo, Pilates, Hiking Massage and Riding. For information, www.barbarastrawson.com
8 Catocin Chapter Open Sport Horse In Hand and Dressage Schooling Show, Plantation Valley Stables, Middletown, Md. Contact Debbie Lomb at 301-371-5434 or debbielomb@hotmail.com
9-10 Joint Clinic with the Washington Flying Horses Hosted by Ingrid Kahan and Lesley Robinson. Westminster, Md. Contact Linda Mendenhall, dresses2009@gmail.com
12-14 NCED Annual Training Sessions for Riders and Grooms. Contact Lariosal Pasch, lariosalpasch@verizon.net
18-20 Dressage at Heavenly Waters, Darlington, Md.
20 Fix-a-Test at Misty Meadow Stable, Cooksville, Md. Hosted by Peace of Mind Dressage. Contact Rachel or Terri, 410-489-7904 or mystymeadowstables@yahoo.com
26-27 PVDA Ride for Life Show and Breast Cancer Benefit, Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. For more information visit www.pvdarideforlife.org
28-30 Betty Steiner Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174.

June
4-8 Eric Herberman Clinic. Contact Equilibrium Horse Center at 410-721-0885
5-6 VADA Nova Spring Dressage at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. www.vadanova.org
7 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
11-13 Dressage at Fair Hill, Elkton, Md. www.dvcta.org
12-13 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174.
13 “Spring into Summer Horse Festival” organized by the Bayside Chapter Team, Dressage Schooling Show and Jumping at Hidden Island Farm, Kent Island, Eastern Shore. Judge: Celia Vornholt. Contact Anne Thibo at baysidechapter@yahoo.com
18-20 Dressage at Heavenly Waters, Darlington, Md.
20 Fix-a-Test at Misty Meadow Stable, Cooksville, Md. Hosted by Peace of Mind Dressage. Contact Rachel or Terri, 410-489-7904 or mystymeadowstables@yahoo.com
26 All breed open competitive trail ride at Tom Seay’s Ranch in Culpeper, Va. See www.bestofamericanbyhorseback.com
26-27 PVDA Ride for Life Show and Breast Cancer Benefit, Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. For more information visit www.pvdarideforlife.org
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July
2 Judy Whyte Clinic sponsored by PVDA Charles County Chapter, Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Opens May 15. Closes June 15. Contact Dorothy Anderson for information or gardorand@aol.com
12 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For more information call Shari Packard, 301-498-4972
17 Schooling Show at Willow Way Stables, Haymarket, Va. www.willowwaystables.com
17-20 Positive Riding Instructors Certification Program at Evelyn Susso’s Cool Breeze Farm in Orttanna, Pa. USDF University accredited. www.coolbreezefarm.com
24-25 Region 1 Team Championship for Junior/Young Riders. Morven Park, Va. Contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641 or wlspeer@verizon.net for information.
31-Aug. 1 EEMI Summer Fling Dressage Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. www.equestrianeventmanagement.com

August
2 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For more information call Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108

September
4 PVDA Licensed Show at Loch Moy Farm, Adamstown, Md. www.pvda.org
4-5 USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition, Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Va. www.usdfregion1.org
8-12 Eric Herberman Clinic. Contact Equilibrium Horse Center at 410-721-0885
11-12 VADA Nova Spring Dressage at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. www.vadanova.org
13 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For more information call Kate Burg, 301-580-9903
19 PVDA Licensed Show at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. www.pvda.org
27-Oct. 1 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, Lexington, Ky. www.alltechfeigames.com
27-Oct. 3 Dressage at Devon, Devon, Pa. www.dressageatdevon.org

October
4 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
10 Schooling Show at Willow Way Stables, Haymarket, Va. See www.willowwaystables.com
24 Chapter Challenge Prep Chapter Schooling Show at Oakridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Opens August 5. Closes October 15. Contact Christina Dale at 410-257-0112
29-31 New England Dressage Association Fall Symposium with Stefan and Shannon Peters. Freestyles. Contact Jennifer Dillon, jjpdillon@verizon.net.
29-Nov. 2 Eric Herberman Clinic. Contact Equilibrium Horse Center at 410-721-0885

November
6-7 26th Annual PVDA Waverly-On-Chester Chapter Challenge. See www.pvda.org
19-21 Young Dressage Horse Trainers Symposium. Hassler Dressage. www.hasslerdressage.com
20 PVDA Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at Laurel Racetrack, Laurel, Md. Contact Shari Glickman at classifieds@pvda.org

December
4&5 Debbie McDonald clinic (rescheduled from April 24/25), Hassler Dressage, www.hasslerdressage.com
6 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For more information call Jocelyn Pearson, 703-771-3231

2010 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.
June Deadline: MAY 10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson www.pvda.org for complete calendar (PVDA schooling shows in separate calendar)
Keepin’ It Simple: Left Is Left and Right Is Right

By Pam Link

Our neighbor in Wellington has been riding, training and teaching quietly next to us for years. We would wave and chat over the fence and sneak a peek when we saw he was riding a particularly naughty horse. He was very effective with these naughty horses, so much so that he got a reputation for helping naughty horses become good citizens.

This winter our trainer had a client’s young mare that had learned that to get out of work she could rear. She had become quite good at it. I saw her on two occasions go straight up like “hi ho silver.” This is not everyone’s favorite movement! So a call went out to our neighbor of the naughty horse fame.

At the appointed time several of us climbed over the fence to watch this naughty horse have a session. I won’t go into all that our neighbor did, but I do want to emphasize what impressed me so much. Yes, she reared, impressively, and he sat her like a Spanish Riding School rider. On her return to the ground he strongly suggested she go very forward. The impressive thing was that he had no ego involved. Let me try to explain. He rode her forward, very forward, but he sat quietly, securely, and had her on the bit and on his aids. But there was no force. This is the hard part explaining the determined riding he did but he was very fair. He would revisit the rearing problem, which happened when she was asked to go from the halt to a walk or trot. After a second rear, this time not as high, he again suggested very clearly she should go very forward and she did. When she was going as she should, he revisited the halt to walk/trot. The third time she thought about rearing you could almost hear her say, “Oh, I am so sorry, I lost my head. I did not mean that! Forgive me.” As one of my friends said at the time, “Jesus comes in many forms.”

We have been going over the fence now for three days and each day the horse has become a more solid citizen. But this is not the end of the story. Today we watched our neighbor

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teach her to turn left and then right. We have all been on baby horses that don’t know how to steer and we think we know how to teach them. So I was curious when he rode her forward and turned her head. I was interested in the fact that he did not use his outside leg to help her turn. When I asked why he did not help her with the outside leg, his answer was so great. He said that riding young horses is different than riding older horses, especially young ones that can be naughty. First, know that they are naughty because they feel blocked and afraid or nervous of what is being asked. So when you ride a baby you simply say by your riding, “Left is left, right is right, and always go forward in to the bit.” Nothing is harder than that for the beginning. Later when they get “left is left and right is right,” you can add the supporting outside leg.

What I see now is that sometimes we are trying to teach algebra to youngsters that are trying to figure out what 2 plus 2 means. Of course we do it because it is second nature for us to give these supporting aids. But sometimes the babies just want to know if they should go left or right.

I am so looking forward to climbing over the fence tomorrow to see our neighbor ride.
Horses for Lease
✦ 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 Stone Brook Farm in Clarksville, MD. Candace Snell, 484-788-3361 or email: CandaceSnell@aol.com
✦ Full or half lease: 1) Arab bay geld., 10 yrs, 15.1H, Polish bloodlines, has nice disp. and sane. Ready to show training and 1st level, schooling 2nd level. Has also done endurance and Parelli. This guy has beautiful trot, he can sit so upper level movements are in the future. 2) Imp. Belgium WB dk. bay geld., 15 yrs, 16.3H, can also show training and 1st levels this year. Easy to sit w/nice med. trot. Both to stay at Cheshire Horse Hills, premier dressage facility w/ind. arena and all amenities. See www.cheshire-horsecolls.com, Kathleen Avillion, 301-372-6302
✦ Dutch WB ches. mare, 14 yrs, $55,000.

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✦ ’06 American Spirit 2H GN w/4 foot dressing room. Straight ramp load. Rarely used, in exc. cond., $9,500, Mardee Rochelle, 301-599-8121 or email: mardee@tc-solutions.com
✦Sz. 8.5 Ladies’ Konig dressage boots, pull ons, 20” tall, in exc. cond., $250, Jayne Nessif, 443-604-7626
✦ Like-new, exc. quality German leather side reins purch. from Dressage Extensions. Horse is retired from training and no longer needs them. Can be picked up in either Arlington, VA or Woodbine, MD or can ship for add’l cost, asking $45/obo, Kathy Coviello, email: googleplex@aol.com
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✦ 1) ’09 Prem. Govt Old. blk. w/chrome colt by Sinatra Song (Sandro Hit) o/o Govt MM DBB Treatt (Hall of Fame). Athletic, gorgeous and sweet. 2nd place colt foal at the East Coast Oldenburg Show. Will mature 16H+, $12,000. 2) ’07 bay w/chrome Half-Welsh ASPR pony filly by Menai Mister Mostyn (2x WPCSA Nat’l Ch) o/o Heaven Forbid xx. Site Champ. and 1st premium at AWR/ASPR insp. Started u/s, suited to any discipline. Currently 13.3H, $8,000
3) ’08 Palominino w/ttons of chrome Half-Welsh filly by Wedderlie Mardi Gras o/o Govt MM DBB Treatt (Hall of Fame). Has the breeding and the beauty. Should mature 15H+, $5,500. 4) ’09 Han. bay filly. by Stedingter (Sandro Hit) out of L’Image (Han.). Beautiful sporthorse prosp. Should mature 16H+, $8,500 untill insp. Photos online at www.flyingchesterfieldfarm.com, Nicki Carson, 240-405-0193 or email: nicki@flyingchesterfieldfarm.com
✦ Morg. ches. mare by Starame Emanuels Eclipse, 8 yrs, 14.2H. Had one year of prof. training in ’09 w/Ange Bean. FEI prosp. Site competing at PSG this year, $7,500, Kate Farris, 410-531-8434, or email: ensignsgrace@hotmail.com
✦ 1) IHS mare, 6 yrs, 15.3H beautiful, naturally balanced and quiet! Regina easily scores in the high 60s, low 70s and is ready for the spring show season. A seasoned eventer, she can continue eventing or do straight dressage. Suitable for JR/AA, $15,000. 2) Looking for your future star? Playland Farm’s 2008 generation is ready to shine. These Irish Sport Horses are bred for their temperament and athleticism. All lead, load and lunge. Most will mature to 15-16H and are priced $5,000-$10,000. Photos and video online at www.playlandquestriancenter.com, Glenda Player, 301-788-1188 or email: glenda@playlandquestriancenter.com
✦ 1) Han. bay geld. by ES Donavan out of MS Winnypenny (Weitakkam), 7 yrs, 17H, finished 7th in the country in the FEI 4 yr olds, mult. wins at Training and 1st levels and top ribbons at BLMs, Regionals and Devon w/scores in the high 60s to mid 70s. schooling 2nd level. Easy keeper, no vices, priced to sell at $55,000. 2) Trak. bay mare, 10 yrs, 16H, beautiful, 3 exc. gaits, working 4th level. Forward and light in the hand, charming charac., $40,000, Felicitas von Neumann Cosel, 301-854-6541
✦ 1) ’02 DWB bay geld., 16.1H, fancy, well mannered, lots of presence, shown thru 3rd level, schooling PSG. Super nice FEI prosp. for prof. or AA. 2) ’96 Selle Francais blk. geld., 17.1H, shown thru 2nd level and also shown in Adult Jumpers. Lovely 1st horse or lower level schoolmaster 3) ’03 Han. ches. geld., good mover, well bred, attractive. Shown thru 1st level, schooling 2nd level. Nice prosp., very sweet and personable. 4) ’01 Morgan blk. geld., 15.2H, lovely, eleg. Horse. Shown 1st level and will show 3rd level this season. Sensible, good mover w/FEI potential. Cathy Echtermach, 301-704-435
✦ 06 Prem. Olden. dk. bay filly by Sunny-Boy o/o Robadiamant geld., 16.1H. Prof. started u/s with 3 exc. and conf. gaits. Breathtakingly beautiful, well mannered, and talented. Quiet and safe, but sensitive, appropriate for competent AA/JR/YR or prof., $28,000, Siobhan Byrne, 732-406-9606 or email: byrne.sio@gmail.com. See www.goodnessridge.com/samsara.html

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Free to Good Home
✦ Free to a good home only: two adorable minis, both mares. One is a gray, registered, 10 yrs old. The other is a chestnut, 4 yrs old. Would make great companion horses or can be broke to drive. Dona Hoffman, email: dona@singelec.com

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What Saddle(s) Do You Use?

NANCY H. ISAACSON

I am a senior PVDA member who took her first dressage lessons from Col. Edmonds at the former Potomac Horse Center in 1969. After a break of 30 years, I have ridden some tests in the last few years, using two Stubben saddles. One of these is a 60-year-old Stubben Siegfried, which I bought from a former teacher and judge, Doris Ferris. It rides equally well xcountry and for dressage. The second is a Stubben Tristan, purchased from a former dressage rider, and once ridden on by Col. Bengt Lundquist. I use it for schooling shows, lessons, and practice. It is probably at least 40 years old and in great condition. I marvel at the new dressage saddles I see, but I intend to keep using these old faithfuls.

To send in your saddle story, write to Jocelyn at news@pvda.org.

What Saddle(s) Do You Use?
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September at Loch Moy and Oak Ridge support themselves, but generally don’t make money. Our bank account is healthy, especially considering the economic times, but to keep the ball rolling it will be great to have a busy, successful, and happy show at Morven Park. Do come and ride or help out!

Our Ride For Life competition is gaining momentum. This show has always surprised me with the emotion and the generosity of our members and guests. The committees that are working on this special weekend have good ideas and have been meeting regularly. There is still time to get involved and plenty of work to be done. Check the Web site at pwdarideforlife.org.

This is an exciting year for shows, thinking globally, with the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky in September. Before that the U.S. will select their dressage team at Gladstone in August. I wonder if our best horses and riders are ready to go head to head with Totilas and Edward Gal from Holland who have been so exciting in Europe. See Beth Collier’s article in this issue and you will feel her awe at watching this pair in Great Britain.

Our April newsletter had a new cover design thanks to Michele Stinson who works hard every month getting our news into the shape of a magazine. PVDA board member Jocelyn Pearson, present news editor, and I, past news editor, have been trying to think of ways we can win a USDF award for our very good newsletter. Susan Graham White was the first candidate on the cover. Those of you who enjoyed Susan’s story in the April issue about a life filled with horses and music may wonder where you can buy her music. Susan said, “The easiest way to get my music is on the Web site cdbaby.com. The “Sounding Land” album is the one that includes the song “The Farm,” and also “The Rhythm of Air” (about riding dressage).

Many of you may have been watching Courtney Dye’s progress from her riding injury. The cheering for her, now that she has awakened from a coma, must have been felt throughout the national dressage community. We will all be riding with helmets for our safety, right??

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

What PVDA Will Need From Volunteers in the New Year!

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. Contact Ann Hosmer at volunteers@pvda.org or annhosmer@powerexcel.org.

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four tests, from three different judges, at two different shows. That’s it! Download the score report form from the PVDA Web site, send it in, and soon you will be wearing an award pin on your show coat. All the details are on the PVDA Web site. Call Jo Ellen at 301-509-5153 if you have questions.

Transformational Boot Camp This Month!

An intensive weekend, May 7-9, with Balimo™, Pilates, Hiking, Massage and Riding designed for riders to learn the importance of fitness and how cross training develops overall health as well as better riding skills. For more information about the Boot Camp, visit www.BarbaraStrawson.com.

"Open Barn" May 15 at Persistence Farm/ Wish Upon a Ster

Enjoy a day of learning and entertainment on the farm with demos in riding and driving by new Persistence Farm trainer Alexis Martin-Vegue. Meet the owners of Persistence Farm, Steven and Kamilla Feys for information on the Friesian breed and the great facilities on the farm. Enjoy a Friesian carriage ride or cuddle time with our many friendly young- sters. Visit www.wishuponastEr.com for more information and directions.
Take Me Back to Sunny Wellington

By Betty Thorpe

Remember how cold and snowy it was this winter? Then, what is better than a winter vacation for a dressage nut than going to a palm-tree-warm climate (West Palm Beach) in a town devoted to horses (Wellington) where every weekend is a dressage show? And just think, that show might be a CDI with international riders, judges and beautiful horses.

It’s hard to explain how much fun a Wellington vacation is to someone who has never been there. It starts with packing your summer clothes and counting on the fact that they will be appropriate when you arrive, no matter if wind and snow are swirling outside. This is somewhat confirmed by the other passengers waiting at your airline gate, some of whom are wearing tans and summer clothes, maybe even flip flops. When the plane lands in West Palm Beach you see the palm trees and eventually feel the humid air, which sinks into your winter dry skin. Then you notice the flowers and you wonder if you are dreaming.

The main show grounds are the heart of Wellington. The dressage folks have always complained about the bustle and craziness there so they are cheering about the new grounds, the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, with the good footing and better atmosphere that Beth Collier wrote about in the PVDA March newsletter.

But it is at the main showgrounds where the Masters Dressage show is held with the invited European riders. The hunter/jumper crowd lives and maybe thrives in this craziness of golf carts, water trucks, shops, restaurants, foot traffic, loud speakers, all of it going on 6 days a week. Monday is their day of rest. The tents that stretch into the distance are the stabling for these folks, and the flowers and landscaping around the entrance of each are there to impress you. You would also note the string of ribbons hanging there that have been won, so far, in the Season.

But the other part of Wellington that is such fun is the farms around the show grounds that are 3 to 10 acres with a barn and maybe groom’s quarters, and maybe a home. The stable would be the most grand building—yes, that’s the barn. It’s the place with all the flowers and the chandelier and the sculpture outside. And the flowers, remember we are trying to impress anyone who stops by. These barns are available for the season-long lease. Each year trainers figure out how many horses/students/hangers-on they are bringing to figure out what size barn they need. These farms have dressage arenas with mirrors and maybe a round pen. So a northern visitor needs to have someone who is also there for the season who knows where all the trainers are renting this year. Most trainers are happy to have visitors, or at least tolerate them, to watch them train. There also are plenty of horses for sale everywhere, and all the horses look gorgeous in the Florida sunshine.

The Florida sunshine can be brutal to someone with a winter white hue. One must bring sun hat, sunglasses, lip gloss, water bottle. And maybe bring a swim suit for the beach, which isn’t too far away. A visit of even a long weekend brings all sorts of confusion as to exactly what season this is, and many visitors and trainers will casually say what they are doing “this summer, no I mean winter.” Birds chirping, flowers blooming, who can blame anyone for getting disoriented!
Riders Wanted: With or Without Horses, Near or Far

Get Involved in the 7th Annual PVDA Ride for Life. There are many ways to participate/raise funds for Johns Hopkins Breast Center. In 2009 riders raised more than half of the $85,000 sent to JHU. This was achieved by 25% of the total riders entered. Just think of what we could do with 100% participation! Tickets for all events on sale at pvdarideforlife.org beginning March 1, 2010. For information, contact Carolyn Del Grosso, 301-774-0794 or mandcdelg@aol.com. Watch the Web site for all the exciting events!

How Can I Participate?

1. Competitor: Ride your horse, collect donations or get sponsors. Divisions for professionals/amateurs/junior riders.
2. Phantom Rider: Collect pledges for JHU or sponsor for PVDA (no horse needed). “Enter” a beloved equine partner, retired or passed on, or honor a horse loved from afar in this class.
3. Part of a Group with or without a horse. We are initiating our group classes at three levels this year:
   - Pas de Deux (2 or 3 in group) • Quadrille (4-8 in group) • Menage (10 or more in group)
If you are shy or find it hard to ask for money, it is easier to raise funds with group activities where there are many ways to help.

What Can I Do to Raise Money?
- Ask your Friends, Family, Coworkers
- Find Advertisers for the program or encourage people to pay tribute in honor of/memory of someone important to them–family, a doctor, a friend.
- Have a bake sale, fix-a-test, restaurant night, tack cleaning day or tack swap
- Run a celebrity golf tournament or similar activity
- Use your imagination

How Do I Donate Funds?
- Checks made payable to JHU or PVDA (sponsors)
- Pay by Credit—Go to PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org
  - To donate to JHU click on donate directly to JHU
  - To become a PVDA sponsor click on donate directly to PVDA
- For groups or individuals who are trying to raise $1000 or more, a page will be made available on the PVDA Ride for Life Web site, www.pvdarideforlife.org, to tell your story and help with your efforts. Pictures can be uploaded.

Why Should I Help?
- The satisfaction of Saving Lives through your LOVE OF HORSES!
- Prizes in the Rider Raffle, all included, 1 ticket per $100 raised
- High Pledge Awards (Phantom, Group, Jr, Amateur, Open)
  - Only money to JHU or PVDA eligible for these awards (we appreciate all help but these are reserved for those most directly helping us reach our goal).
- Listing in the Program: all riders collecting funds will be listed in the program. Riders must declare they are bringing donations or sponsorships and turn at least part of the funds in no later than June 3 to be in the program.

Other Ways to Help and Get Credit for Rider Raffle
- Collect items for the silent auction • Collect items for the rider raffle

Fun Things That Add to the Special Spirit of Ride for Life!
- Rider BBQ: Friday night, yummy food with beer included! $20 per person
- Gala Dinner: Saturday night, $100 per seat, music, excellent food and elegance
- Dancing Horse Challenge: Saturday night, $20 donation. See the greats join YOU in raising money. Invite neighbors, especially non-horse-y ones. Children under 12 admitted without donation.
I've always wanted to attend the European Dressage Championships and when Windsor Castle, Great Britain, showgrounds was named as the 2009 venue, I began to make travel plans. Great Britain is my favorite country to visit. These championships also would be a preview for the 2010 World Equestrian Games. To help plan my trip I attended the Windsor Castle Horse Show in 2008 and 2009. The Alltech FEI European Dressage Championships have a long history of competitive showdowns between the two powerhouse dressage countries Holland and Germany. Since 1995 Dutch rider Anky van Grunsven has been a multiple winner of the FEI World Cup Dressage Final and Olympic medals, but Germany’s Isabell Werth has earned the most international championship titles and Olympic dressage medals. Then in the summer of 2009 Isabell Werth was suspended by the FEI after her horse tested positive for a banned substance at a show, so she would not be competing. (She also was six months pregnant by the date of the Championships). I knew the European Championships would still be quite a showdown because of the high quality of European dressage riders. At the July 2009 Dressage Master Show at Hickstead, Great Britain, top Dutch rider Edward Gal and Moorland Totilas became the newest dressage star by scoring a record breaking 89.40% for his Grand Prix freestyle.

This was the first time that the European Championships included dressage AND showjumping at the same venue. (The first European Showjumping Championship was hosted by Rotterdam, Holland, in 1957. The first European Dressage Championship took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1963.) Dressage took place during the day and showjumping in the evening, except for Saturday night’s Grand Prix Freestyle. Showjumping took place during the day on Saturday and Sunday. According to event director Simon Brooks-Ward, “The UK is hosting the first combined dressage and jumping continental Championships in an incomparable venue. The private grounds of Windsor Castle will provide an awe-inspiring setting for these Championships and we are extremely grateful to Her Majesty The Queen for giving us permission to hold the event within this exclusive and unique parkland.” The Windsor Castle Horse Show in May has expanded so much that permanent showrings with excellent footing have been added in recent years. For the European Championship show Martin Collin’s Ecotrack “waxed” synthetic footing was installed. In addition, from a scoreboard in front of the grand stand, spectators could view the scores for each movement, and instantly knew who was earning the most 9s and 10s. The judges for the show were Stephen Clarke (Great Britain), Anne Gribbons (USA), Isabelle Judet (France), Wojtek Markowski (Poland), Eric Lette (Sweden), Francis Verbeek Von Rooy (Holland), and Katrina Wuest (Germany). Mariette

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Withages-Dieltjens (Belgium) was the dressage technical delegate.

Although grandstand tickets (except for Saturday night) were still available, I had already decided that it would be more worthwhile to stay by the warm-up areas. (Entrance fee to the showgrounds, without a grandstand seat, was only 5 pounds, about 8 dollars). The top dressage riders all warmed up for well over an hour, starting with walking on a long rein, then continually practicing the Grand Prix test movements. There were several warm-up rings and riders would move to the next warm-up ring as their ride time approached. Almost all of the riders used a headphone system to confer with their coaches in the warm up. British dressage fans eagerly watched the riders in the final warm-up area, hoping for a medal winning performance against the Dutch and German riders. It was a real treat to watch the newest dressage star Moorlands Totilas and Edward Gal. Quite a few spectators were watching along the warm-up area, and one young girl enthusiastically noticed that Moorlands Totilas just floats through the air in all gaits and barely touches the ground. The day before he rode, Edward was busily signing autographs in the vendor area and enthusiastic dressage fans greeted him like a pop star. He was gracious and humble when I said I was sure he would win.

The dressage competition began with two full days of Grand Prix rides. Fifty-three riders from 19 counties competed. Not all counties sent full teams of four riders. The Grand Prix scores determined the team medals. Teams with four riders were able to drop their lowest score. The Grand Prix also was the qualifier for the Grand Prix Special. I am happy to report that all riders scored at least 60% and no one received an insufficient overall score.

The Dutch earned the team gold medal. Moorlands Totilas (Gribaldi X Glendale), a 9-year-old Dutch Warmblood stallion, and Edward Gal scored 84.08% for first place. After watching his Grand Prix freestyle from Hickstead on a computer, I thought he was very good, but wondered how he makes an impression close-up. Moorland Totilas must be seen live in person to be fully appreciated. His absolute effortless flow from one dressage movement to the next is brilliant. This athletic stallion has just bloomed with rider Edward Gal and I saw no room for improvement. It was just stunning. He was one of the last riders to compete on the second day, and I think it was tough for the three riders who rode after him. Parzival (Jazz X Ulft), a 12-year-old Dutch gelding, and Adelinde Cornelissen placed second, scoring 80.38%. Parzival is an athletic and technically brilliant horse, perhaps just a tiny bit less flashy than Moorlands Totilas. Salinero and Anky van Grunsven placed sixth, scoring 73.87%. Anky always shows brilliant passage and piaffe, but sometimes doesn’t quite get brilliant halts in the beginning or end of tests. This ride was not her absolute best, and when she exited the dressage arena she had quite an animated discussion (in Dutch) with the team coach, her husband Sjef Jannsen. The drop score for the Dutch team was Hunter Douglas-Sunrise and Imke Schellekens-Bartels, who scored 73.14%. The Dutch dressage fans were the largest group I saw cheering. Fanatic Dutch dressage fans wear bright orange wigs, Viking hats, wooden shoes, and proudly wave the Dutch flag. In fact, I think quite a few of the vendors were disappointed by the dedicated dressage fans who came to watch the competition and did not linger through the shopping area.

Great Britain thrilled the home crowd with the best championship finish ever—a team silver medal led by third place winner Mistral Hojris and Laura Bechtolsheimer, who scored 76.63%. Lancet and Emma Hindle placed eighth, scoring 72.93%. Liebling II and Carl Hester and Too Sox and Maria Eilberg rounded out the team. The German team won the bronze medal, led by Sterntaler-Unicef and Alexander Matthias-Rath who scored 75.61% and placed fourth in the Grand Prix. The team from Sweden placed fourth, Denmark placed fifth, Austria placed sixth followed...
The top 30 riders competed in the Grand Prix Special, which was a qualifier for the Grand Prix Freestyle Saturday night. The British fans all held their breath eagerly watching the scoreboard and hoping for some small glitch from the strong Dutch riders.

Parzival and Adelinde Cornelissen won the individual gold medal, scoring 84.04%, placed first by four of the five judges. Moorland Totilas and Edward Gal won the individual silver medal, scoring 83.04%. Mistral Hojris and Laura Bechtolsheimer earned the individual bronze medal, scoring 80.08%. Out of six individual medals, Great Britain was the only country that prevented a complete sweep by Holland. Dutch rider Anky van Grunsven placed fourth with Salinero, scoring 77.91%. Augustin OLD and Victoria Max-Theurer (Austria) placed fifth, scoring 75.95%, just squeaking ahead of Sterntaler-Unicef and Alexander Matthias-Rath (Germany).

The top 15 riders competed in the Grand Prix Freestyle Saturday night. Only one rider did not score over 72%. Moorland Totilas and Edward Gal set a new FEI scoring record earning 90.75% and winning the individual gold medal. Parzival and Adelinde Cornelissen won the individual silver medal, scoring 87.25%. It was a clean Dutch sweep when Salinero and Anky van Grunsven won the individual bronze medal, scoring 87.25%. Mistral Hojris and Laura Bechtolsheimer (Great Britain) placed fourth, scoring 81.75%.

For the Alltech FEI European Showjumping Championship, 17 countries sent teams. Switzerland won the team gold medal. Italy's dressage team placed last, but Italy's showjumpers won the team silver medal. Germany won the team bronze medal. Holland placed fourth, followed by France, Great Britain, and Ireland. In the individual showjumping championship, Kraque Boom Bois Margot and Kevin Staut (France) won the gold medal. Corradina and Carsten Otto-Nagel (Germany) won the silver medal. Oki Doki and Albert Zoer (Holland) won the individual bronze medal. He was expected to win the gold medal, but one knocked down rail dropped him to third place. Everyone gasped in horror when he knocked down the very first fence on course. It was such an unexpected ending that the press pounced on Albert as soon as he dismounted. It was an exciting finish to the showjumping competition.

Two U.S. showjumping riders competed in the Rolex Grand Prix Showjumping Class. This class was for those not qualified for the individual final and was open to other riders. Casadora and Lauren Hough placed 6th and Unique and Laura Kraut placed 15th out of 44 riders.

Windsor Castle showgrounds was a wonderful venue for the Championships. Even the weather mostly cooperated, with only occasional rain showers. Hopefully, this venue will be submitted as part of a bid for a future championship. In 2010, European dressage and showjumping riders will be competing at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky. But here they could visit a large display about the state of Kentucky, home of the Corvette and mint juleps! Kentucky is the birthplace of U.S. heavyweight champion boxer Muhammad Ali who made a personal appearance during the championship show. In 2011, the European Dressage Championship will be hosted by Rotterdam, Holland, scheduled for August 18–21. The 2011 European Showjumping Championship will be hosted by Madrid, Spain. In April 2011, the FEI World Cup Showjumping and Dressage Finals (previously they were both successfully hosted in Las Vegas, Nevada) will both be hosted by Leipzig, Germany. In 2012 all eyes will be on London as the venue for the next summer Olympics.

It's an easy prediction that if the Dutch team is as strong for the World Equestrian Games, it will likely mean another Dutch medal sweep. Great Britain will work hard for a good showing too; the British eventing and showjumping teams have a long string of international championship success, and the dressage team doesn't want to be left behind.

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2009 Land Rover trophy winner: Bethell Nunn-Waltman riding front Spring Farm’s Florinara II.
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APRIL PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: April 12, 2010; Meeting #490
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Betty Thorpe, Linda Speer, Shari Packard, Jen Funk, Kate Burgy, Jocelyn Pearson, Lindsay Jensen, Leslie Raulin, Jackie Sicoli and Michele Wellman
Board Members Absent: Jan Denno, Hilary Moore
Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $451.33
General Fund: $401.26
Schooling Shows: $331.21
Chapter Fund: $11,645.89
Money Market: $2,899.37
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CDs: $18,273.41
Total: $34,004.47

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Annual Meeting: Axel Steiner has been confirmed as guest speaker for the annual dinner. He will also hold a clinic over the weekend to introduce the new USDF dressage tests.

NEXT MEETING:
Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Minutes prepared and submitted by Shari Packard, Board Secretary

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