Join Us for the 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner on January 11

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Noelle Shema and her horse Lashi at the 2013 Chapter Challenge. Photo by Rita Boehm.
PVDA Newsletter

December 2013

2   PVDA monthly Board meeting at Linda Speer’s, Clarksville, Md. All PVDA members are welcome!

4-7  USDF Annual Convention, Lexington, Kentucky.

8   FADS Schooling Show at Pleasant Ridge Farm, Walkersville, Md. See www.FrederickDressage.com

15  PVDA Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Nancy Albrecht at 301-854-2588 or albrechtnl@hotmail.com

January 2014

11  PVDA Annual Awards Dinner and 50th Anniversary Celebration at Turf Valley

Country Club, Ellicott City, Md. All former and present members welcome! Send your photos from the old days to Board member Christina Dale. See www.pvda.org for more information

20-21 USDF FEI Trainers Conference in Loxahatchee, Florida. See www.usdf.org

26  PVDA Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Nancy Albrecht at 301-854-2588 or albrechtnl@hotmail.com

February

15-16  Global Dressage Forum, Wellington, Florida. See www.globaldressageforumna.com

23  PVDA Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Nancy Albrecht at 301-854-2588 or albrechtnl@hotmail.com.

Send your 2014 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.

JANUARY 2013 Deadline: December 10

Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar

PVDA Schooling Shows on separate calendar
It’s that time of year again! The holiday season AND a new PVDA Board of Directors. Every year at the December Board meeting, currently held at Linda Speer’s wonderful indoor facility in Clarksville, the new Board convenes and elects the Executive Committee members. This time they will elect a new president. Each and every PVDA member is always welcomed and encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you are a little confused about what to do and where to go, you can contact any Board member and ask them to mentor you at the meeting. You might be really surprised to see how much information...
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owned by John Bartlett, who were Reserve Champions at the BLMs in the Intermediate 1 class.

Correction to ATC Championship Placing

The New Market Chapter members were actually Reserve Champions in the Mixed Team division with a score of 64.158%. Team members included Dorie Forte, Marsha Mason-Theis, Elizabeth Gassman, and Judy Taylor. Congratulations!

One Year Memberships End December 31

Please renew your membership now for 2014. Deadline is December 31 to avoid a break in your newsletter and benefits. You can renew online at www.pvda.org/membership. PVDA accepts online applications and payments. Memberships that are using volunteer slips as payment must still be submitted via regular mail. There is a 2014 membership form on page 19 of this newsletter. Mail your check, payable to PVDA, to Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791. For more information contact Michele Wellman, membership@pvda.org.

New PVDA Website Coming in 2014

PVDA is happy to introduce a new website in January 2014! Improved features include an updated design and color scheme, PVDA event photo galleries, show registration links, sponsorship and advertising forms, and a website support center. Questions and comments can be directed to valerie.mallder@pvda.org.

Hallie Ahrnsbrak and Emmitt were Reserve Champions at the BLMs in the Intermediate 1 class.

THANK YOU!

The PVDA Newsletter would like to thank all of our advertisers and contributors for making 2013 a successful year! The newsletter is the monthly culmination of many individual efforts and we appreciate them all!

~PVDA Newsletter Committee

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at Stonebrook Farm, 6300 Guilford Rd. Clarksville, MD

December 15, 2013
Judge: Aviva Nebesky

January 26, 2014
Judge: Betty Thorpe

February 23, 2014
Judge: Trisha DeRosa

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Tri-County

2013 was a great start to our new chapter, Tri-County Dressage. 2014 will be even better. Our next meeting will be January 17 at Mama Lucia’s Restaurant in Dunkirk. We have lots of topics to discuss. Below are some of the ideas we have brewing for upcoming meetings next year:

- Barbara Strawson explains the Balimo Chair and how it can improve our riding
- Tiology owner and founder, Debby Witty, will discuss saddle fitting and demonstrate the impact on our horses.
- Lilla Marhefka explains ways to strengthen and condition to become better riders
- From the “Judges View,” better understanding the movements and scores headphone commentary
- Fundraiser—silent auction at Friday’s Creek Winery (we already have donations!)

Be part of our exciting new chapter! For more information, contact Julie Gross (310) 503-7709 or Hallie Ahnnsbrak (240) 882-2531.

Charles County

Jaralyn Finn Clinic (Part III of a Three-part article)

Debbie and Tag

Debbie trains her Paint Cross, Tag, not with the goal to compete but because she “wants to improve my riding skills and keep him in shape as he ages (he’s 17 now).”

Jaralyn began the lesson by making adjustments to Debbie’s saddle by lengthening her stirrups and adding some padding in the back to give Debbie better vertical balance. They then moved on to address why Debbie’s foot was slipping in the stirrup by asking her to put more weight into the stirrup and use that weight to open her thighs and seat, preventing her from gripping with her knee. “If you press a little bit on the stirrup, you won’t grip with your knee.”

Jaralyn compared the hip motion as similar to a “hula motion” that stays in the saddle. In the canter you want to keep contact through your seat and open the thigh. As they moved around the ring at the canter, Jaralyn chanted, “Stirrup, Stirrup. Swing your hips” to help Debbie remember the motion and timing.

Lastly, they worked on getting bend by opening the inside rein. Debbie had a tendency to do the opposite by
taking the inside rein and crossing the horses neck to the outside. They chuckled together and Jaralyn called out to those of use taking notes, “Write this down. The inside rein does NOT go across to the outside!”

I rode with Debbie the following week and she said this one tip was one that is making a big difference in their riding.

**Kelly and Bella**

Bella is an 11 year old half Andalusian crossed with Dutch Warmblood and Thoroughbred. They are currently showing First Level and training Second Level.

Because they were a bit more advanced in the levels, their evaluation warmup was more extensive and Jaralyn asked to not only see walk, trot and canter but also some of the movements from First and Second Level. After the evaluation, Jaralyn determined that they needed to spend some time improving the trot. She explained that the trot was actually two different parts—one part to power and extend and the other part that needed to relax in order to get the full extension. “Short and tight means that they are staying contracted a little too long in each step. When you just add power, they brace in their back and get quick.”

This concept obviously takes quite a bit of finesse and feeling and Jaralyn spent some time coaching Kelly and Bella through it. “When one diagonal pair of legs is on the ground, then that is a moment where you can get scope from the other pair.”

Jaralyn then asked if she could sit on Bella and take her through some of the exercises she had them working on.

As Jaralyn worked Bella through the exercises, she smiled, laughed and said, “How much are you selling her for? You have a lot more exploring to do with this horse.” Kelly was clearly happy to hear that her horse had more potential than she thought!

**Mary Beth and Mona**

Mary Beth rode her Thoroughbred mare, Mona. Mary Beth said she wanted to work on rhythm, suppleness, and connection. Jaralyn worked with Mary Beth on improving her ability to flow with the horse and keep steady contact with her motion. “I bet this horse needs to use her neck. When you flow with the horse with give and go and relaxation, then the horse is happy to go forward.” She suggested she work at the technique mostly at the walk but that it applied to all the gaits.

Mary Beth said the biggest ‘ah-ha’ moment she had during the lesson was when she “reminded me to have equal weight in both stirrups. I tend to put more weight in my right stirrup (perhaps because I am right handed and stronger on the right side). The left leg was then pinching the horse at the knee. When I actively paid attention to putting weight in the left stirrup (as well as the right), the knee came away from the saddle and the horse moved much more freely and happily.”

One of the auditors summed the clinic up perfectly with a posting she put on Facebook the following day. Anne Fortes-Lubinsky wrote, “Audited a great clinic yesterday. So many different types of horse/rider combinations that all became more effective and relaxed at the end of their lessons. Lots of good pointers to take away from beginner to advanced riders.”

**Peninsula Dressage**

Peninsula Dressage finished its show season with the annual Women Supporting Women show on October 5. The money raised through entry fees, food sales, donations, and sponsorships goes to the charity which provides counseling and support for women on the Eastern Shore who are diagnosed with cancer. This year, the show raised $2,852, the largest sum ever collected.

“We’re delighted,” said PDA president Jenny Mlyniec. “Every year, we’ve had more support and more donations. It’s particularly great this year, given the economic strain so many individuals and businesses are feeling.”

This year’s show was the largest dressage show on the Shore, with 65 rides from two-year-olds on lead-line to Grand Prix ridden by Kelly Corrigan. The large number of entries required two rings. Aviva Nebesky once again volunteered her services for ring one, as she has done every year for the show. Judge Kim Briele stepped in to judge the second ring. Diane Bloxham once again donated her WinAway Farm in Willards, Md. for the event. Both her outdoor ring and indoor were decorated with pink ribbons, bows, and flowers.

Many thanks go to the sponsors who donated: ASAP, Services Corp; Atlantic Hotel Inc., Ocean City; Aviva Nebesky; Erin Bryan, Equine Sports Massage Therapist;
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The show is traditionally held the first Saturday in October. Interested riders can mark their calendars now!

Shore Dressage

The Shore Chapter held its last schooling show of the season on October 26 with a Halloween theme at Deri Jeffers’ Sunset Bay Training Centre in Onancock, Va. Although small in entries, the enthusiasm was sensational! Thank you to the wonderful volunteers. Cynthia Walton and Stacy Speth tallied all the scores and posted results. Mary Dahlke was a devout and excellent scribe. April Thornton did a great job as show secretary and Deri Jeffers not only was the judge, but also the show manager and did all the pre-show paper work. Stacy Speth also was an excellent paddock master.

Results are as follows:

Class 1 Intro B & C
1) B.J. Martin / Annie / 67.80% / Intro B
2) B.J. Martin / Annie / 67.19% / Intro B
3) Alexandra Dagostino / Augustus / 64.38% / Intro B
4) Joy Rhodes / Chocolate Drop / 61.25% / Intro C
5) Alexandra Dagostino / Augustus / Intro B

Class 2 Training Level 1
1) Joy Rhodes / Chocolate Drop / 63.12%
2) Cana Lankford / Okie Dokie / 60.21%
3) Cana Lankford / Okie Dokie / 58.12%

Class 3 Training Level 3
1) Christian Flournoy / Bells & Whistles / 69.80%
2) Christian Flournoy / Bells & Whistles / 67.40%
3) Christian Flournoy / Sum Kinda Wonderful / 64.00%

INTRO CHAMPION: B.J. Martin & Annie / 67.49%
RESERVE: Alexandra Dagostino & Augustus / 64.14%

TRAINING LEVEL CHAMPION: Christian Flournoy and Bells & Whistles / 68.60%
RESERVE: Christian Flournoy and Bells & Whistles / 59.70%

HIGH PERCENT RIDER: Christian Flournoy / 69.80%

COSTUME CLASS:
Prettiest: Christian Flournoy as a bumble bee with flow ers on her horse.
Funniest: Lindsey Fussell as a fire engine and fireman.
Most Creative: Alexandra Dagostino as a nun with her 4-legged Priest.

These gals worked hard and had a fun time creating elaborate costumes for themselves and their horses!

Clarksville

The PVDA Schooling Show Season is at a close and our chapter wanted to plan some fun activities for the rest of 2013. Our Halloween Party at the Speers’ Stonebrook Farm was so much fun with our families and friends dressing up, ready to have yummies and a good time!

Our first "Video Night" was held in November with a surprise baby shower for Whitney Johnson who is expecting a girl. We watched vintage dressage videos and plan to make this a monthly event. Our upcoming pizza and videos evenings will be held on December 4 and February 5.

Marija Trieschman-Dever was our fall clinician and the young riders schooled with her on November 16 and adults the following day. Our chapter supports two clinics a year and subsidizes its members for their attendance.

The Winter Series dates are December 15, January 26, and February 23 (make-up date March 9). Come ride with us and compete for a Show Series Award. You must have a minimum of 3 tests at two shows to be eligible.

Cheryl Ann Loane is coming back for another trot-pole clinic on January 5. Everyone is looking forward to seeing what Cheryl has planned for us!

Other plans for 2014 include an equestrian center or breeding facility tour, spring clinic, and returning to Devon as a group for a second time.
Patrice Edwards Clinic

By Lilla Marhefka

Patrice Edwards returned to Maryland to hold one of her much-anticipated clinics on October 15 and 16 at Celebration Farm. Riders and auditors from Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania came to take advantage of Patrice's wealth of knowledge and rare style of teaching. During her Maryland clinics, Patrice has taught riders on many different breeds of horses, in-hand and mounted. Besides the enthusiasm her clinics have engendered among dressage loyals, riders from eventing, pleasure riding, and western disciplines have come to learn and participate in her clinics.

Born in Bermuda, Patrice began riding at a young age, competing at the elite levels of Eventing and through the Grand Prix Level of Dressage during her young adult years. Both Molly Sivewright and Canadian Olympics Coach, Colonel Gutowski, were among her most influential training coaches during those years. As an instructor, Patrice has trained several horses and riders to Grand Prix. When you hear Patrice, it is clear that she was taught through the influences of classical dressage. It is not surprising that she surrounds herself with other instructors, judges, and riders who use “the best interests of the horse as the guiding principle” (tttrust.com) to correct training of the horse in all levels of dressage. Patrice is a life member of this community, Training the Teachers of Tomorrow (TTT), a non-profit educational foundation. Trainers in the TTT include Charles DeKunffy, Arthur Kottas, Stephen Clarke, Herwig Radnetter, and Captain Mark Phillips. It is within this community that Patrice feeds her “addiction to the dance” of horse and rider. She explained during one of the clinic sessions, that you must say and think to your horse as you ride, “it is not your space; it is not my space; it is OUR space.”

During the clinic in October, Patrice stated, “it is not your fault” when you feel out of balance with your horse, but “it IS your responsibility.” The responsibility lies in your ability to allow the horse to carry himself. As a rider, you do not need to carry your horse and “manufacture” his carriage with your reins. “It is best when offered to you through consequence”...consequence of the way in which you ride. “You have to be the template of balance, before aiding the horse into balance.” Your “template of balance, level to the ground NOT to the horse” allows the horse to find his own postural balance and self-carriage under you.

Patrice explained the rider’s first skill is “deportment, i.e. posture in motion” which allows the horse to immediately move more easily. From this point, the rider can now access the four planes of motion almost invisibly.” Auditors witnessed these transformations throughout the day even for those horses and riders in their first session with Patrice. While the beauty and harmony that lies within classical dressage is undeniable, “it is not a mystery, as often thought,” she says, “it is achievable by all when simple details are done well.”

Patrice also shared her vast array of knowledge about the genetic disposition, mind-frame, skeletal structure, strengths and weaknesses of each rider’s horse. This information provided great insight for each rider as to how she should most effectively approach the training of her horse.

As usual, the clinic was a great success and all participants were extremely grateful for their “aha” moments! Patrice will be returning for another U.S. clinic tour in January/February of 2014. Contact Sheryl Engel (sherengel@gmail.com) for more information.

* Many thanks to Janet and David Geyer for hosting the clinic at their beautiful facility and to Sheryl Engel for organizing the clinic.

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2014 LCF Winter Dressage Schooling Show Series

Jan 12 – Judge: Annmari Ingersoll
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Chapter Challenge 2013: Photos by Pics of You
The PVDA Newsletter

We are currently looking for any old photos you might have to be showcased at the upcoming Annual Awards Dinner and 50th Anniversary Celebration on January 11. Board member Christina Dale is taking in all the photos and will create a beautiful slide show for the dinner. Everyone please scan and send her a photo of yourself on your horse! Current or past photos will be included in the presentation. Deadline for making a dinner reservation is January 2, so get going on that now!

Something new that happened this year was that our annual USDF Region 1 Fall Meeting was held online for the first time. As most of you know, PVDA is part of USDF Region 1. Each year there is a Spring meeting, usually held in Leesburg; and the Fall meeting, now online, used to be held at Hilltop Farm or Hassler’s in Chesapeake City, Md. If you would ever like to get involved in the regional activities, remember that you are welcome there, too. The Region 1 website is www.usdfregion1.org.

The upcoming year of our 50th Anniversary is going to be very exciting. We hope you will all have time to get involved and make new friends. I have been so honored to be the President of PVDA for the past two years, it has been one of the best things that ever happened to me! Please consider running for the Board yourself someday, it is such an interesting experience, busy and hectic. There are lively discussions at every meeting and the stress level is sometimes high, but if you look at everything that has been accomplished over the past 50 years, it is worth it!

I’ll still be doing the Calendar of Events, so keep your activities rolling in!

Contact me any time.

Jocelyn Pearson • PVDA president • president@pvda.org
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   Murata
   Wainwright
3. Charles County/66.354%
   Bowling
   Flatley
   Klinger
   Linneman
4. St. Mary’s/65.521%
   Cherry
   Mattingly, P.
   Mattingly, K.
   Mulqueen

USDF Introductory Level, Test C Challenge
1. St. Marys Chapter/67.500%
   Bailey
   Rodgers, E.
   Siebert, L.
   Stanalonis

USEF Training Level, Test 2 Challenge
1. Marlborough Chapter/70.357%
   Boyle
   St. Martin
   Torres
   Ware
2. St. Mary’s/66.429%
   Dodges
   Goebel
   Rodgers, A.
   Siebert, K.
3. Clarksville/66.012%
   Blanchard, D.
   Tobery
   Winters-McCabe
4. Calvert/64.999%
   Dale
   Hill
   Jackson
   McMichael
3. St. Mary’s/Calvert/59.279%
   Guffey
   Rose
   Seidel
   Walker

USEF Second Level and Above TOC Challenge
1. Clarksville Chapter/65.789%
   Nissen (2-2)
   Sink, J. (3-3)
   Smith (2-2)
   Witte, Z. (2-2)
2. Metro/Bayside/64.603%
   Hoffman (2-3)
   Lewis (2-3)
   Reynolds (2-3)
   Sarkin (3-3)
3. New Market/59.920%
   Forte (FEI-I1)
   Gassman (FEI-I1)
   Mason (3-2)

Musical Freestyle Challenge
1. Calvert/New Market Chapter/69.472%
   Seidel (MFS-1)
   Walker (MSF-1)
   Gassman (MSF-1)
2. Clarksville/69.111%
   Erwin (MFS-1)
   Sink, J. (MFS-3)
   Smith (MFS-1)
   Witte, N. (MFS-T)

Pas de Deux & Quadrille Challenge
1. Clarksville Chapter/74.635%
   Blanchard, P. (Quadrille)
   Nissen (Quadrille)
   Winters-McCabe (Quadrille)
   Witte, N. (Quadrille)
2. Clarksville/71.000%
   Sink, B. (PDD)
   Sink, J. (PDD)
3. St. Mary’s/66.000%
   Dodges. (PDD-T)
   Rodgers, A. (PDD-T)
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Meet a Board Member

Carolyn Del Grosso

What is your name and hometown?  
Carolyn Del Grosso, Olney, Maryland

What do you do for a living?  
Bookkeeping for the Equiery.

What are your favorite hobbies (besides horses)?  
What? There is no hobby but horses! Reading, playing with my big family, swimming, eating chocolate! It’s a hard thing, but someone has to do it! The things I sacrifice for.

What is one skill (anything) that you still want to learn?  
Dancing. I am a klutz, so good luck there.

How did you get into horses and dressage?  
Parents made us do it at camp as a kid. Hated it because I was a fat kid and they always put me on tall horses and I am afraid of heights. But it was better than piano lessons, so I stuck with it. Got into dressage when the horse I was riding was not athletic enough over fences to get me out of trouble if I made a mistake.

What is your favorite horse (that you’ve ridden) and why?  
My stallion Arklicht (Kris). He is the kind of horse everyone should have once in a lifetime. The horse that adores you and will do anything only for you. Got him when he was only 7 months old and he is getting closer to 30. Still ride him 4 times a week.

What was your greatest riding or dressage moment and why?  
Riding Grand Prix for the first time!

What was your worst riding or dressage moment and why?  
There are no bad times on a horse!

What is the best piece of horse advice that you’ve ever received?  
Never act or ride in anger.

What famous dressage (or other discipline) horse would you like to ride and why?  
Ahlerich—if you saw his victory one-tempi’s in LA you would not ask why!

Why did you join the PVDA Board of Directors?  
To help promote dressage and education.

What is your greatest accomplishment so far as a director?  
Lots of things including helping to run 8-ring shows, organizing educational events, helping with chapters and schooling shows, and doing the books are just a few.

What is one thing that you would like to change about PVDA?  
Wish we could all be closer. Being such a large organization is a double-edged sword.

What is your favorite thing about PVDA?  
Having lots of folks to share my love of dressage with.
Ralph Waldo Emerson said it well about the lives of equestrians, "Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion."

If you talk to Stacy Gallagher, trainer at Breezy Ridge, you know that she definitely has the "grand passion." Stacy, who is a Clinton Anderson proponent, enjoys teaching her 20+ students every week. Her specialty is working with "babies," problem horses, and most of all, she feels she is adept at assisting owners who have lost their confidence to find it again. Through natural horsemanship, dressage, groundwork, and under saddle work, Stacy helps some of her boarders re-establish bonds with their horses when the pair have gotten "off course." The farm has nice trails and terrain for hill work and Stacy values being close to the C&O Canal trails for exposing the young horses to new venues. Presently, she is planning a Gettysburg Battlefield Tour for her riders.

Farm owners Jen and Tim Gargana are both paramedics and quite busy this season renovating their home. They are the third generation of their family to be involved in the equine industry. Ten years ago, they converted a 35-acre dairy farm into an equine facility, starting with 14 stalls and a lighted 80' x 200' outdoor arena with rubber footing and sound system. As their business grew, they added 15 new stalls to the property. In 2008, during multiple large snow storms, the 80’ x 220’ indoor was built, complete with rubber footing, a climate-controlled observation room that seats 20, a sound system, and two wash stalls. There is also plenty of room for parking trailers.

Located on Greencastle Pike in Hagerstown, Maryland, Breezy Ridge gives boarders a real sense of community. About half of the farm's boarders enjoy showing at Intro and Training Level and have benefitted from multiple clinics and shows over the years. In 2013 this included two clinics with Heather Mason, as well as musical freestyle clinics with Michael Matson.
## Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2014

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I wish to apply for the following:

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If under 21, give birth date (for special USDF awards) ________

I have previously been a member: yes no

Please check the following that apply:

- show scribe
- show manager
- show scorer
- show ring steward
- show runner
- set up/breakdown
- show (other)
- education projects
- computer skills
- advertising/marketing
- write articles
- anything
- dressage judge (grade) ______
- dressage trainer
- USEF technical delegate
- dressage instructor (level) ______
- breeder (breed) ______

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