In PVDA “country,” August is the month for trying to stay cool, preparing for children and teachers to go back to school, or vacations for many. With the price of gas, we are all feeling the pinch at the pump.

Thanks to all of you again for the wonderful support for the Ride for Life show. As I write this in early July, we are still waiting for the final tabulations, but I can say that indications are that we raised even more for Johns Hopkins this year than last and I couldn’t be happier or more proud of all of you who made this happen! For the riders, volunteers, financial contributors, and the attendees our heartfelt thanks goes out to you for your support.

In September, we have two additional

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The President’s Window

by Marne Martin-Tucker
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The Ride for Life Benefits Johns Hopkins Breast Center to Fight Breast Cancer

By Betty Thorpe

The Fifth Annual PVDA Ride For Life, a benefit for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center, was held for the second year at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md., on June 28 and 29, 2008. The extravaganza that Pat Artimovich and Athena Haresign nurtured last year was even more spectacular this year. Show secretary Carolyn Del Grosso reported that the show’s four dressage show rings were filled and had a wait list. But this show means so much more than merely competing for those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

Liz Erwin collected rider pledges and

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Cheryl Ann Loane at the Ride for Life on Leslie Raulin’s new horse, Cromwell (Ollie), in a lovely extended canter.
Thanks to the Volunteers for Ride for Life

Many people worked together to make the Ride for Life happen. Thank you to everyone who spent time making this fantastic benefit show the success that it was. See the Ride for Life lead article and page 10 for a list of show volunteers. There will be more to come/thank yous for Ride for Life next issue.

Join PVDA’s Board of Directors

Interested in making a difference? Nominations for the 2009 PVDA Board of Directors are now being accepted. No experience is necessary, and on the job training is provided. If you want to learn more about the inner workings of PVDA, make changes, have fun, then get up out of the saddle and run for a seat on the Board. Meetings are the first Monday of the month and are held at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md., at 7 p.m. For more information contact Karen Jacob, nominating chairperson, at Chapters@pvda.org. Deadline for nominating yourself or someone else is August 30, 2008.

Hilltop to Host ISR/Oldenburg Inspections

Hilltop Farm, Colora, Md., will host an inspection for the ISR/OldenburgNA Registry on August 23-24, 2008. Inspections offer the breeding community the opportunity to receive approval and input from top registry officials and opportunities for all sport horse enthusiasts to learn more about each registry’s requirements and ideal conformation and movement for sport horses today.

Stallions can apply for their stallion licensing and mares can complete their performance testing through evaluations both in-hand as well as under saddle. New foals are presented on the triangle as a requirement for registration and to vie for individual honors alongside their mothers. Hilltop also is offering braiding services as well as mare and foal handling by request.

Horses need to be registered in advance. Spectators are welcome and there is no admissions charge. For information visit www.hilltopfarminc.com or call 410-658-9898 ext. 104 or e-mail: natalie@hilltopfarminc.com.

Ride for Life Logo Key Fobs Available Now

The Ride for Life Logo Key Fobs were late for the Ride for Life Show due to a delivery snafu, but not too late for use! They are available now! And 25% of the proceeds will go to Johns Hopkins all year long! Licensed design, beautiful colored enamel, 2-sided, 2 ¼ x 1 ½, black with pink, and black and white with dressage arena letters. They are $17.99 each, plus $2.15 shipping for up to 6 fobs. Contact Eileen at freestyle@tempidesignstudio.com or 703-209-5654. We are at many of the shows.

A Call for Volunteers for Dressage at Devon

Volunteers are needed for Dressage at Devon to be held September 23-28 at the Devon Show Grounds including area stewards, gate stewards, ring stewards, bit check, runners,

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volunteer desk assistant, scorers, scribes electronic scribes and stand by extras “floaters.” Volunteers receive a gate pass good the entire week and parking pass good for the days that you work. There will be free stuff for volunteers and free raffles everyday for great prizes.

Volunteers are needed for the entire week. Contact Andi Bates, 610-558-6216, whitehorsefarm@comcast.net or Gina Peterson, 302-764-4902 or dgp1@comcast.net.

Iron Horse Blankets Offers GMO Cash Back in August for PVDA Referral on Web Site

PVDA will receive a 5% donation (cash back) in August for all Iron Horse Blanket sales that mention PVDA as the referral on the Web site order form. Earn money for PVDA in August! And members will save $100 on their under-armour type fit STAY-PUT BLANKET during the End of Season Sale. Offer good only as long as current supplies last. Check out their action video at www.IronHorseBlankets.com for information about this limited time offering in August.

Don't Forget PVDA Has Two Licensed Shows Coming Up in September!

PVDA has two licensed shows coming up in September: a show at Loch Moy on September 13 and a show at Oak Ridge on September 21. Hope to see you there! See Show Schedule on page 7 for details and show manager contact information.
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E-mail your Chapter News to newsletter@pvda.org (MS Word attachment) by the 10th of the month for distribution the following month.

Southern Maryland’s Clinic with Laurie Scott on June 14. Left is Pam Link with horse Cabot and Laurie Scott, right.

Southern Maryland
On Saturday, June 14 several members of PVDA’s Southern Maryland Chapter gathered to learn about Natural Horsemanship from Laurie Scott. Laurie often rides her own horses without the benefit of a saddle or traditional bridle. She usually rides bareback and uses the bitless bridle or Parelli halter. She trail rides and jumps her horses this way. The goal is better communication skills with our equine partners. Natural Horsemanship helps us read our horses and help them come to a state of mind where they can feel safe and calm so they can learn new skills. A frightened or insecure animal cannot learn so we strive to create a confident horse who is responsive to us in all situations. We can be effective leaders allowing our horses to be willing, happy partners. This applies to all disciplines.

Pam Link started with her horse, Cabot, and did basic ground work and advanced to leg yields and obstacles to be negotiated. Laurie worked with Linda Smith’s Swedish Warmblood, Pollyanna, and Elice Shelton worked with a new Connemara pony belonging to Linda. Elice had never worked with her before and at first the pony seemed insecure, unlike Elice’s own Thoroughbred gelding. This was a challenge, and surprisingly soon the pony became calmer and willing to try new things, walking over the tarp and through a contrived narrow space without worry. One can see how these methods can carry over to all kinds of training, including loading and mounted work. Auditors were Karen McGady,

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The Clarksville Chapter has been busy enjoying the summer season. In addition to competing in PVDA schooling shows, many of our members participated in this year’s Ride for Life. Congratulations to all of our members for their many accomplishments. And thanks to all of our members that helped make the show a great success by volunteering!

We are looking forward to our first annual summer BBQ to be held on Saturday, August 2, at 4 p.m. The BBQ will be held at Tracey Trainum’s house in Mount Airy. Please contact Tracey if you are interested in contributing a dish or if you have any questions. Join us for an afternoon of great fun, food, and company!

We will be holding our yearly Chapter Challenge meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 7 p.m., at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville. Teams will be formed at this meeting so please have all of your necessary entry paperwork completed. Contact Samantha Smith with any questions.

We are looking forward to our mounted clinic with renowned dressage trainer Becky Langwost on September 6 at Stonebrook Farm. The closing date is August 10. The clinic fee for Clarksville Chapter members is $70. Contact Samantha Smith at samsmith8@hotmail.com for more information.

Check your e-mail for upcoming events and Chapter updates. Happy riding!
Send Your 2008 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.  
September Deadline: AUGUST10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar 
(PVDA schooling shows in separate calendar)

August 2008
2 Equestrian Fair and Tack Sale sponsored by Bayside Chapter at Breezy Run Farm in Church Hill, Md., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact Susan at michlib@yahoo.com  
2-3 USDFA Adult Team Championship, Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Va.  
3 Calvert Chapter Schooling Show, Oakridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Judge: Aviva Nebesky. Open 6/15, Close 7/25. Contact Cindy Marquardt at 301-855-7577 or marqfam1@comcast.net  
4 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Bonnie Vaden, 301-942-2876.  
5-6 Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873  
6 Dressage Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors at evergreendords@juno.com  
10 Schooling at Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com or 301-475-5013  
13 Fix a Test (Wed. eve) with Jackie Kinney, 3-8 p.m., Breezy Run Farm in Ridgely, Md. Contact Ruth Pomnaring at Allydobe@gmail.com or 410-634-1774  
16-17 Gerhard Politz Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm in Mt. Airy. For more information contact Shari Glickman at 301-829-6432.  
17 Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by the New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy. Contact Dorie Forte at rivallfarm@aol.com or 410-795-2491  
30-31 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.

September
5-6 Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873  
6 Dressage Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors at evergreendords@juno.com  
7 Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.  
8 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Pat Artimovich, 410-381-7684.

10-14 Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.  
13 PVDA Licensed Show at Loch Moy. See Show Schedule.  
19-22 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit www.chesapeake-dressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  
21 PVDA Licensed Show at Oak Ridge Park. See Show Schedule.  
23-28 Dressage at Devon, Devon, Penn. Contact www.dressageatdevon.org for more information.

October
5 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.  
5 Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by the New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Dorie Forte at rivallfarm@aol.com or 410-795-2491.  
6 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Jocelyn Pearson, 703-771-3231.  
6-7 Walter Zettl Clinic at Reddemeade. Contact jace@reddemeade.com for more information.  
10-12 USDFA/GAIG Regional Championships in Allentown, N.J.  
18-19 USDFA Sport Horse Seminar, hosted by Hilltop Farm, Coloma, Md. Clinician Melissa Cresswick, USDFA credit available. Contact Holly Fisher, holly@hilltopfarminc.com or 410-658-9898  
19 Calvert Chapter Schooling Show at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Judge: Mary Lou Sullivan. Open 9/5. Close 10/10. Contact Mary Russell at 410-535-1670 or mrrussell@crosslink.net.  
24-27 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake

November
2 PVDA Valley Management Meeting, 7 p.m. at Oak Ridge Park. See Show Schedule.  
12-13 Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873  
14-16 Charles de Kunffy Clinic at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds, Md. Contact Rebecca Yount at dryount@yahoo.com or 301-343-3814  
19-23 Eric Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.  

December
1 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Marne Martin-Tucker, 240-505-9929.
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reported that more than 50% of the riders (up from 30% in 2007) came with money for tributes in the show program and direct contributions to Johns Hopkins Breast Center. The Gala dinner Saturday night was sold out before the show started and the exhibition rides for the Saturday evening Jill Hassler-Scoop Memorial Dancing Horse Challenge had an audience of over 1000.

The committee is still counting the money that the show earned in various categories as the newsletter goes to press, but watch for news on the PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org, about the total amount that PVDA will be able to donate to Johns Hopkins.

The weekend weather was hot and muggy which made the air conditioning in the Show Place Arena more than welcome. Everyone had a story about where they were when the Friday night thunderstorm and deluge hit. The good news was that, thanks to the early morning efforts of the staff of the Equestrian Center, the rings were not only rideable but the footing was good all weekend. Saturday night another squall hit the show grounds during the Jill Hassler-Scoop Memorial Dancing Horse Challenge causing chaos with at least one vendor tent and scattering parts of two dressage rings, but the show itself was never compromised by the weather. Many riders still rode with their black coats and happily there were no medical emergencies.

Jules Anderson, Catharpin, Va., accepted the invitation to ride in the Dancing Horse Challenge, and showed two horses in the competition, too. She will certainly remember her experience because she was on her Grand Prix gelding Narobi as the last one warming up outside under lights Saturday night when the storm hit. "I consider it a brief encounter with death!" she laughed. "There were three tents up in the air (from the wind) well past the telegraph lines and electrical sparks. I tried to turn my horse away from it so he wouldn't spook, and we made our way cautiously down the ramp to the indoor arena. Once inside, there was still some smoke from the Maryland State Mounted Police horse demonstration, and worse yet, a great big beach ball they used to show how they train their horses. Narobi had never seen anything like it!" Earlier in the evening, she rode her 11 year old Z. O. Odyssey in an exhibition and he had no problem with the exciting atmosphere.

Jules had a successful show as well, riding Odyssey and a third horse, Brendan Braveheart in the competition. Braveheart is a 9 year old Hanoverian by Brentano II and he placed first in Intermediaire I and earned two third places in Prix St. Georges. Odyssey, who is a son of Iron Spring Farm’s Roemer, was first in his two Fourth Level Test 3 classes with scores of 63.9% and 66.6%. "Narobi was already qualified for Devon, and after this show the others are too," said Jules proudly. "I was happy to take part in this competition. As a woman I feel the fight for breast cancer is truly important."

For PVDA Board member Shari Packard of Laurel, Md., competing at the Ride for Life was a goal. She raised over $1000 in contributions and rode her 13 year old Hanoverian gelding Pikturesque to finish first and fourth at Second Level Test 4 with 65.9% and 65.2% and fifth place at Second Level Test 3 with 60.2%.

"It was a really fun show, probably the best show I’ve ever had!" Shari exclaimed. She rides her horse with trainer JJ Tate who helped Shari decide which tests to enter. And her nerves weren’t a problem because JJ had organized a mock show at home two weeks earlier where her students were given ride times and expected to braid and dress in show attire. "I remember telling JJ that I didn’t want to push my horse in the medium work since he was coming back from a tendon injury. But at the mock show, he turned right at C and just kicked it in for the medium trot. At the real show, he knew exactly what he was doing. For the winning ride Pikture said ‘I’m here!’"

JJ Tate, Mt. Airy, Md., had quite a successful show herself when she wasn’t coaching students. She rode Wendy Costello’s 5 year old Oldenburg stallion Rosall at Training Level Test 4 and earned the high score of the show both days with the same score of 75.2% from two judges, Heidi Berry and Susanne Handler. "Rosall needs confidence and mileage in the ring. His back doesn’t swing as much when I sit too
long, so the Training Level tests give me the option. The test on Sunday felt just awesome, like it could be an 80%!”

JJ rode Prix St. Georges both days on Shari Glickman’s Oldenburg mare, Baronessa, and finished with a win and a second place with 66.0% and 67.75%. "Nesse was doing all the Prix St. Georges movements at home, so we went ahead and entered. Friday night we warmed up in the Indoor with Cesar Para rehearsing with his music for the Saturday night exhibition and Nesse thought it was for her and said ‘Heck yes, finally everyone sees how great I am!’ We had a couple mistakes in the first test. The flying changes sometimes get mixed up so the fours were a problem, but I concentrated on riding forward for the threes and she stayed right with me. By Sunday I felt I wasn’t riding as well, what with being tired and dehydrated and too little sleep with the long day, but she was right there.”

And on her third horse of the show, JJ placed second with her mother’s Donnermuth at Third Level Test 3 with 70%. "Donnermuth is having an easy year in the show ring while we are schooling Prix St. Georges at home. I took advantage of the show to get some lesson time with Scott Hassler. I hope next year to show Donner in the small tour,” said JJ.

Brooke Doss also was busy winning classes with three different horses at three levels. She brought those horses to the show from her new address at Scott Hassler’s facility, River Edge West in Chesapeake City, Md. "I worked with Scott in Florida and was happy to accept Scott and Susanne’s invitation to relocate my business from North Carolina to Maryland. We share training philosophies and schools of thought. It’s an honor to be included in this event to honor Scott’s mother (Jill Hassler-Scoop who died of breast cancer). My mother had cysts, but the battle stopped there for her," Brooke said.

Brooke rode the 4 year old bay Hanoverian gelding Sandro Welt to three wins and a second at Training Level with scores from 67 to 73.8%. The 6 year old Hanoverian gelding Doha was first at First Level Test 3 twice with 71.5 and 72.2%. And the Arabian gelding SC Valor had a first, two seconds and a fourth at Second Level with scores from 62.1 to 71.3%.

Missy Ransehousen, Unionville, Pa., took advantage of the show to compete her Advanced Event horse, Critical Decision, at Third Level where she placed second, third, and fourth with scores from 64.8% to 66.4%. "He gets really silly at the dressage portion of Three Day Events so I like to show him at straight dressage shows. He likes the snaffle, but if he performed better in the double bridle, I’d try him at Prix St. Georges,” Missy said. But rather than working toward FEI classes, this is one dressage horse who might be going to Badminton in 2009. She has owned the 12 year old Oldenburg gelding since he was 3. He is by the Iron Spring Farm stallion Consul out of a thoroughbred mare.

There were prizes for the riders who brought the most pledge money for Johns Hopkins. The winner of the Junior Young Rider category was Christina Davis of Davidsonville, Md., the Senior winner was David Linn, Union Bridge, Md. The Amateur winner was Jeannette Bair, who has won the high pledge in other years and who organized the Gala Dinner. For those who raised money, but couldn’t ride in the show for some reason, the Phantom Horse category was won by Liz Erwin, also a former high pledge winner.

Nearly every member of the PVDA Board of Directors was involved with this show. President Marne Martin-Tucker kept the ship floating forward from her post in London via the warmest BlackBerry in town. And the list of other people who made the weekend possible is immense. Show manager Jan Denno devoted countless hours and efforts to make the show special for the riders, and even got a warning ticket for speeding one show morning. Thanks to the judges: Donna Richardson, Marianne Ludwig, Susanne Handler, Heidi Berry, Peggy Pariso, and Betty Thorpe. The Technical Ride for Life continued on previous page

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Volunteers Are the Heart of The PVDA Ride for Life

by Jan Denno

Every horse show is a mosaic of many volunteers. If any stone is missing it will distort the overall picture. As the show manager I had to solve many problems to get everything to happen exactly when it was supposed to. In the next weeks I will be thanking the volunteers in stages.

We began our concrete work by gathering the rings with the help of a therapeutic riding group that is organized by one of our members, Nicole Kurtz. This was facilitated by Judy Strohmaier, a local dressage judge who lent her property, horse trailer, and muscle power to the task.

Betsy Novotny was the person who managed all our stabling. She traveled to every stall and made sure all the proper notifications were in place. She and Pam Link prepared everything on site. This was a big job.

One task involved a lot of heavy lifting—distributing bundles of shavings to all the stalls. Once again the Unicorn Center came to the rescue. They organized a group of young people to come to the equestrian center and climb into the back of an 18 wheeler and empty the contents, which were piled high, into waiting pick-up trucks. They then delivered the shavings to the stalls.

The kids laughed and joked and made a video of the whole event. Not only did they climb, and carry, and throw shavings into stalls, they did it in a little over an hour. Betsy Novotny and Pam Link were still tacking signs on to stalls and could not believe their eyes. The parents of these hard working kids have every reason to be proud because their children demonstrated leadership, organization, mischief, and a great sense of humor, while making us older folks forget our age and act as zany as they did.

The next day at 11 a.m many of them were back to help set up rings for the horse show. Saturday night they purchased tickets and went to the 6 p.m. program. Sunday night they were back to help us take the rings down and return one of the rings to Calvert County.

Thank you to the Unicorn Center for their invaluable services and to their wonderful director, Nicole Kurtz.

Thank You to the Show Volunteers Who Made The Ride For Life Such A Success!

Pat Artimovich  Melodye Sweetin-Linn  Kat Duval  Kimberley Beldam-Saylor
Elena Artimovich  Alyssa Dragnich  Mary Duval  Rob Crawford
David Artimovich  Mardee Rochelle  Alice Allen  Patty Jeppson
Eileen Johnson  Linda Reinhardt  Patty Bass  Margaret Scarff
Linda Speer  Betty Thorpe  Debbie Purvis  Stacy Wilson
Nikki Witte  Judy Thatcher  Katherine Stormont  Lee Bradshaw
Amy Cobbett  Art Thatcher  Bonnie Vaden  Julia Claypool
Zoë Witte  Katie Watts  Kyrie Garretson  Ruth Frey
Pat Rudolph  Deanna Beal  Jen Moran  Kelly Quesinberry
Jaclyn Sink  Tim Beal  Jacki Holland  Ann Corrigan
Bonnie Sink  Michaela Bass  Judy Strohmaier  Karen Groner
Casey Minar  Jane Beck  Dawn Richards  Ella Groner
Jane Crews  Marty Clarke  Jacqueline DeSpirito  Meline Glickman
Dean Denno  Arnie Popkin  Stephanie Love  Leslie Raulin
Mike Petrenko  Holly Popkin  Nancy Lindsay  Jo Ellen Hayden
Lisa Freund  Michele Alexander  Sierra Lindsay  Betsy Novotny

Thank You to The Following Who Helped with the Landscaping for The Ride for Life

• Bob Brashears, CEO, Patuxent Nurseries, for lending the show $10,000 worth of flowers and landscape plants. Patuxent Nursery provided delivery, setup, and pickup, enhancing our showgrounds appearance and helping us to be the top-flight show that Ride for Life is striving to be. We especially want to thank Patuxent staff including Sara Estep, Paulo, and the landscape crew.
• Hilary Walker for helping with plant setup and placement on Friday.
• Tara Madison, Judy Leavitt, and David Kozak for showing up at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday to re-set plants and rings blown over by the dramatic storm of Friday night.
• David Myers for sending a truck and flatbed trailer driven by Myers Feed employee Fred to move plants indoors on Sunday night. Lee Bradshaw and Jan Denno’s husband for assisting with plant movement that night.
Do You Qualify for A Rider Achievement Award?

Over 65% Intro/ 63% Training/ 62% First/ 60% Second—4 Tests/3 Judges/2 Shows

By Jo Ellen Hayden, PVDA Rider Achievement Awards Coordinator

In 2007, there were as many PVDA members who qualified for a Rider Achievement Award and who did not send in paperwork to get the award, as there were people who did send paperwork and did get the awards! As the Rider Achievement Award coordinator, I find this puzzling and distressing. So much so that I spent several hours putting together the databases of scores for 2006 and 2007, figured out who was eligible, and called everyone I could to find out why they did not apply for an award for which they were eligible.

If you showed in 2005, 2006, 2007, or this year, save all of your tests from those years! All of them can be used for these awards. If you have scores over 65% at Intro, over 63% at Training, over 62% at First, or over 60% at 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 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.

Back to the calling. Here’s what I found out. I only called people who qualified for an award at schooling shows. There were several riders who could have earned awards for scores from licensed shows, but some were “big names” in the show world and I figured that maybe an award for scores at the lower levels was not something they were interested in. That left 32 schooling show riders. Of the 32, eight were either not in the membership directory or did not have a number listed. And 16 were Juniors, and maybe keeping up with the paperwork was too much for them!

Of the 24 that I called, about half did not know about the program or had it confused with the Year-End High Score Award program, (which recognizes horse scores, not rider scores, and only applies to the scores from the current year). These members (or their parents) said they were delighted to know that they qualified for an award and would be sending in their score report forms. The other half sort of knew about the program, but were not interested enough to send paperwork in. Both groups asked me why they had to send in any paperwork at all, since with the High Score awards, PVDA just figures out who wins and then calls those people to make sure that they are coming to the awards banquet! Good question—and one I will be presenting to the Board. Call me at 301-509-5153 if you have questions. I love these awards, and PVDA would love to present one to you!

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Delegate was Nancy Lowey. The show announcer was Sam Barish, and the head scorer was Leslie Raulin. All the rings were decorated by Jo Ellen Hayden who transformed the Show Place Arena with pink petunias and magenta crape myrtle carrying out the pink theme with plants generously donated from Patuxent Nursery for the second year. Stabling was managed by Betsy Novotny, aided by the Unicorn Therapeutic Riding Club who cheerfully helped by delivering shavings Thursday evening. Facilities manager was Cathy Meier who kept in touch with the helpful staff of the Prince George’s Equestrian Center and also doubled as an announcer for the Indoor arena. Eileen Johnson helped Betty Thorpe to welcome the judges by coordinating gift baskets for them. The volunteer coordinators were Jocelyn Pearson, Anne Petrenko, Janice Alperin and Carolyn Del Grosso. The vendors were coordinated by Janet Geyer. Silent Auction items were organized by Shari Glickman. Linda Speer was responsible for the awards and the PVDA Booth. The merchandise booth was run by Marne Martin-Tucker and Karen Jacob. Pat Artimovich cultivated sponsors. The Gala coordinator was Jeannette Bair who turned the party room into Las Vegas courtesy of David Geyer and his Pedestal Events and yes, Elvis was IN the building. The Jill Hassler-Scoop Dancing Horse Challenge was lovingly orchestrated by Barbara Strawson who knew Jill for many years, with help from Hilary Moore. Thanks to all!
Horses for Sale

° ‘06 Prem. Old, bay filly by Ruffian o/o Axiom (Argentinus/Freiherr) jumper mare. Very sweet w/the prettiest face, 3 very good gaits, should mature a substantial 16.2H+. Will excel in any discipline! Ready to start u/s by end of the year. See many pics & video at www.goodnessridge.com/allelujah.html $14,000, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net
° Hilltop Farm has quality dressage horses for sale. Young prospects, Premium/Elite broodmares, and riding horses from training level thru FEI. Natalie DiBerardinis, 410-658-9898 or see www.hilltopfarminc.com for info.
° ‘06 West/TB ches. roan mare by Grande Saber. “Lilly” is a big-bodied 16.1H, and is beautiful, friendly, well mannered and affectionate. She just competed at her 1st licensed dressage competition at Training Level and won the class! Lilly is schooling 1st level dressage but also has some jumping and fox-hunting experience. She has the ideal temperament for a JR/YR/AA and is a versatile all-rounder! Reasonably priced now at $12,500--will go up with a JR/YR/AA and is a versatile all-rounder! Reasonably priced now at $12,500--will go up with
° 1) 14” Kincade x-c saddle, BNw/T. Well balanced beginners saddle. Asking $250. 2) 18” brn. Wintec 500 A/P w/CAIR, used 6-8x times. Has med. plate but can change to whatever size you want, asking $375. 3) 17” blk. Wintec 500 A/P w/CAIR, BNW/T never been on a horse, asking $375. 4) 18” Courbette Luxor blk. dressage saddle, 31cm (med tree), German made, well cared for and in exc. cond. Double grained leather, almost new billets, asking $800. Trial possible, can take Paypal. Karen Jacob, 410-489-6083
° 17.25” DK Freedom dressage saddle. Like new, though flap show a small amount of wear from stirrup leathers at the top of the flaps. Fully adj. tree, extremely wide gullet for supreme horse comfort. Asking $4,000 Neg., which is less than new price, Karen McCady, 301-385-9867 (cell) or 410-451-0648 (home)
° 17.5” Trilogy Verago, x-wide, in outstanding cond., shows no wear! Only used for 1 yr., horse has been leased, rider has own saddle and it’s silly for this one to sit around! Pics avail., $2,400, Carrie Silverman, 724-272-8994 or email: Cardamon23@aol.com
° 18” Albion SLK blk. dressage saddle, wide tree, lightly used saddle, in beautiful cond. Pics avail. upon request, $2,600, Shawn McCentee, 410-749-2665 or email: snc1159@verizon.net
° Half-lease of HanX dressage mare, 15 yrs, 15.2H, trained through 3rd level, boarded in Sandy Spring, Marlboro/Croom. Board and lessons in exch. for several hours work/5 days/wk. Riding skills a plus. Ind/ outdoor arenas with exc. footing, safe turn-out, very friendly adult boarders. Top care w/owners on premises at Chimney Hill Farm. Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873
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Join the 2009 PVDA Board of Directors
Deadline for Nominations is August 30. Contact Karen Jacob at Chapters@pvda.org.

Ride with Rebecca Langost
Hosted by the Clarksville Chapter

September 6, 2008
Stonebrook Farm
Clarksville, Maryland
Auditors Welcome—No Fee
Open Date: July 27, 2008
Closing Date: August 10, 2008
$20 Clarksville Chapter Members
$40 non-members

Contact: Samantha Smith
410-923-6182
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Have You Thought About Applying for a Scholarship?
PVDA members may be eligible to receive a cash scholarship to be used to further their dressage education. There are two types of scholarships:

1. General Purpose Scholarships: These are open to current members in good standing for the education of the rider with a maximum $500 award. Awards are based on record of volunteering for PVDA. Requirements differ depending on the size of award.

2. Scholarships for USDF/USEF Educational Programs: These are applicable to USEF Judges programs, USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breed Judges, USEF Technical Delegate Program, USDF Judges programs or USDF Certified Instructor Program. Detailed requirements.

For more information about PVDA scholarships and their requirements, visit the PVDA Web site at www.pvda.org (under Programs, then Scholarship Guidelines), or please contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Betty Thorpe, bsthorpe@aol.com.
licensed shows, so get your entries in. The new facility at Loch Moy is a wonderful addition! Our schooling shows continue to be great opportunities to have fun and get some practice for you and your horse so we look forward to seeing all of you there.

We also are beginning the season where we look for members interested in joining the PVDA Board. If you are interested, but have questions (or trepidations), feel free to e-mail me at president@pvda.org. We have a great time in a supportive opportunity. There are plenty of options to get involved, or you can spend some coming to meetings and offering your thoughts until you have more of an idea of what area you are interested in. PVDA relies on its Board and is reaching out to you, the membership, to get involved.

We really will welcome you! I myself was a new recruit. I have had a wonderful time becoming more involved with the other volunteers, making a difference in a sport that I love, with people that I have enjoyed getting to know. So can you!

Stay cool and see you next month.

Marne Martin-Tucker • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

United States Equestrian Federation Dispensations

QUESTION:

Linda wrote me an e-mail note last month and asked the following question: “I have a sciatcne neuropathy that makes it difficult to sit in a chair, much less a saddle. Even though my saddle is custom and everyone who gets in it feels that it is the softest seat they have ever sat in, I still have a lot of pain at certain moments during riding. I have managed it by buying an Ecogold seat cushion, which enables me to ride pain-free most of the time.”

ANSWER:

Here is her problem: she knows and we know that seat cushions are not allowed for showing. She goes on to explain that she has entered a show and is wondering if USEF might make an exception since she has a medical condition. Many people have paved the way for such a waiver, many were rejected and others continued to pursue and press USEF to consider medical conditions. For years USEF would not even consider any kind of waiver regardless of the circumstances, but finally they have become more handicapped friendly. It is about time! That said, it is best to pursue a request long before it may be needed. The process one must follow to gain a “Dispensation Certificate” from the Adaptive Sports Committee of USEF requires filling out an application available online at www. USEF.org and submitting it to the Adaptive Sports Committee which reviews applications on a continuing basis. The application must be submitted with supporting medical documentation in order to be considered and they may request additional evidence regarding the medical status or the aid/equipment which he/she requests. The committee renders an opinion and the individual will be notified by the USEF in a timely manner.

If you acquire a “Dispensation Certificate”, you must submit a copy with every entry to every licensed show so that it will be in the file for the Technical Delegate to review as well as with the test copy that the judge receives before the ride. See General Rules 1310, 1312 and 1315 for additional information. The dispensation aid is allowed for those with limited function but should not give the individual an advantage over other competitors. These aids include callers for visually impaired riders, or permission to post all trot work or sit all trot work according to the need, radio communication for hearing impairment, and many more accommodations. I am happy to see this step in the right direction. I hope this has been helpful since you never know when you might need a special aid to compete.

—Elice Shelton, Your Local USEF Technical Delegate (retired)
USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Grand Reflection/Katie Stratton/62.174%
2. My Lucky Charm/Juliana M. Laboy/59.565%
3. Desteria/Naomi Parry/56.522%
4. Shakespeare’s As You Like It/Camille Baumgardner/56.522%
5. White Night/Linda Lewis/55.652%
6. Song of Solomon/Traci Melvin/55.652%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Rolex/Anne Campione/65.000%
2. Late Night/Kate Chadderton/65.000%
3. Ducari/Deanna Mann/65.000%
4. Teaspoon/Caitlin Parker/64.643%
5. Solitaire HM/Karen Holweck-Mulreany/64.286%
6. Ducel Dandy/Judy Whyte/63.571%

Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/63.214%
3. Song of Solomon/Jaralyn Finn/64.400%
2. Filosopher/Brandi Benedict/65.600%
1. Brinleigh/Iara Osborne/68.400%

Dr. Cesar Parra

USEF Training Level, Test 3 – BLM
1. Sandro Welt/Brooke Doss/70.000%
2. Late Night/Kate Chadderton/65.000%
3. Rolex/Anne Campione/65.000%
4. Teaspoon/Caitlin Parker/64.643%
5. Solitaire HM/Karen Holweck-Mulreany/64.286%
6. Ducel Dandy/Judy Whyte/63.571%

USEF Training Level, Test 4 – GAIG
1. Pik Aboo/Margarete DePamphilis/65.429%
2. Rolex/Anne Campione/63.714%
3. Vivace/Jamie Lorello/62.571%
4. Rampunch/Robert Crawford/60.857%
5. Dante/Karen Schaale/57.143%
6. DMD Shanghai Lin/Carmen Torres/55.429%

USEF First Level, Test 3 – BLM
1. Doha/Brooke Doss/72.286%
2. DP Lidcombe/Silva Martin/67.143%
3. Cromwell/Evelyn Susol/67.200%
4. Fleur Rouge/David Linn/66.800%
5. Rosanova/Klaus Schenberger/64.000%
6. Malachi/Robin Petrasek/63.200%

USEF Training Level, Test 4 – GAIG
1. Rosall/Jessica Jo Tate/75.200%
2. Grand Traverse/Jocelyn Wiese/68.000%
3. Helbert van de Slachtedyk/Evelyn Susol/67.200%
4. Fleur Rouge/David Linn/66.800%
5. Rosanova/Klaus Schenberger/64.000%
6. Malachi/Robin Petrasek/63.200%

USEF First Level, Test 3 – BLM
1. River Willow/Nicole VanderVliet/65.000%
2. Finnegans Wake/Mary Sue McCarthy/65.000%
3. Desteena/Naomi Parry/56.522%
4. My Lucky Charm/Juliana M. Laboy/59.565%
5. White Night/Linda Lewis/55.652%
6. Song of Solomon/Traci Melvin/55.652%

USEF First Level, Test 2
1. Grand Reflection/Katie Stratton/62.174%
2. My Lucky Charm/Juliana M. Laboy/59.565%
3. Desteria/Naomi Parry/56.522%
4. Shakespeare’s As You Like It/Camille Baumgardner/56.522%
5. White Night/Linda Lewis/55.652%
6. Song of Solomon/Traci Melvin/55.652%

USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Grand Reflection/Katie Stratton/62.174%
2. My Lucky Charm/Juliana M. Laboy/59.565%
3. seoia/Naomi Parry/56.522%
4. Shakespeare’s As You Like It/Camille Baumgardner/56.522%
5. White Night/Linda Lewis/55.652%
6. Song of Solomon/Traci Melvin/55.652%

USEF Second Level, Test 2
1. SC Valor/Brooke Doss/71.351%
2. Nashville USA/Sarah Campbell/58.649%
3. Tijo 401 of Rolling Ridge/Wendy Klazenga/58.649%
4. Robaiyat/David Linn/57.838%
5. Aura/Samantha Smith/52.432%

USEF Second Level, Test 1
1. River Willow/Nicole VanderVliet/65.405%
2. Farah Diba F/Nanci Lindroth/62.432%
3. Wonderland/David Linn/60.811%
4. Zanchers/Meredith Manheim/59.189%
5. Waps Shenanigans/Judy Taylor/54.865%

USEF Second Level, Test 3 – BLM
1. Harmony’s Davidoof Hit/Susanne Owen Hassler/66.512%
2. Frolick/Dorie Forte/65.581%
3. Tijo 401 of Rolling Ridge/Wendy Klazenga/56.116%
4. SC Valor/Brooke Doss/61.395%
5. Pikturesque/Shari Packard/60.233%
6. Laurel/Sally Buchheister/59.302%

USEF Second Level, Test 4 – GAIG
1. Pikturesque/Shari Packard/65.952%
2. Popeye/Jocelyn Wiese/65.476%
3. Siranno/Lisa Lewis/65.238%
4. Starback/Cindy Backlund/62.857%
5. Air Jordan/Melissa Harlinski/59.524%
6. Eljah/Kita Boehner/58.095%

USEF Third Level, Test 1
1. Cabana Boy/Christopher Hickey/69.487%
2. Critical Decision/Missy Ramehouse/66.410%
3. Nortessa/Rebecca Hart/64.872%
4. Carlingford JD/Trudy Phillips/61.538%
5. Erin Go Get ‘Em/Jocelyn Wiese/61.282%
6. Merlot/Stephanie McNeill/61.282%

USEF Third Level, Test 2
1. Dancing Queen/Kathleen Riley/70.513%
2. Unitas/Teresa Butta/70.513%
3. Gadaymed/Silva Martin/70.256%
4. Critical Decision/Missy Ramehouse/65.897%
5. Marsellite/Teresa Butta/64.103%
6. Revival/Amy Hofffield/62.051%

USEF Third Level, Test 3 – BL/GAIG
1. Erin Go Get ‘Em/Jocelyn Wiese/64.651%
2. Linda/Beth Stambaugh/59.302%
3. Gentleman/Kristin Herzog/59.070%
4. Rainman/Cathy Armiger/57.209%
5. Connoisseur/Megan Michaels/54.884%

USEF Fourth Level, Test 1
1. Sacramento/Carolyn Goff/63.953%
2. Minerva/Susan Wiedman/63.256%
3. Get Ready/Vouletti Mitchell/62.791%
4. Gold Standard/Megan Michaels/61.628%
5. Rainman/Cathy Arminger/60.465%

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6. Mariner/Cheryl Swing/58.837%

USEF Fourth Level, Test 2
1. Bacardi/Teresa Butta/64.318%
2. Felix/Silva Martin/63.636%
3. Jeff the Chef W/Silva Martin/61.818%
4. Clever Me/Pam Brumfield/56.364%

USEF Fourth Level, Test 3 – BLM/GAIG
1. Z.O. Odyssey/Jules Anderson/63.902%
2. Clever Me/Pam Brumfield/58.049%

FEI Prix St. Georges – BLM/GAIG
1. Baronesssa/Jessica Jo Tate/66.000%
2. Tonico Do Top/Felcitas van Neumann-Cosel/65.750%
3. Brendan Braveheart/Jules Anderson/63.250%
4. Lord Ludget/Missy Ranschouen/60.750%
5. Finnkin/Jaralyn Finn/60.500%
6. Orlando/James Dwyer/59.500%

Rachel & PVDA Booth at Ride for Life.

Karen Jacob was in charge of Ride for Life merchandise and also getting the new Ride for Life logo developed.

Linda Speer managed the Awards Table and PVDA Booth at Ride for Life.

FEI TOC (except PSG) – BLM/GAIG
1. Brendan Braveheart/Jules Anderson/67.500%
2. Schiffen/Patrick Tigchelaar/63.750%
3. Jaralyn Finn/63.750%
2. Dante/Karen Schaal/66.458%
1. Froelich/Dorie Forte/69.792%

USEF Second Level, Test 3 – BLM
1. Tije 401 of Rolling Ridge/Wendy Klazenga/53.243%
2. SC Valor/Brooke Doss/62.162%
3. Nashville USA/Sarah Campbell/60.541%
4. Babiat/Caroll Linn/60.800%
5. Aria/Samantha Smith/65.700%

St. Louis/Jo Ellen Hayden

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6. Wonderlander/David Lime/60.696%
USEF Second Level, Test 4 – GAIG
1. Harmony’s Dav idol/Hit/Susanne Owen Hassler/66.905%
2. Siranno/Lisa Lewis/66.190%
3. Farah Diba F/Nanci Lindroth/66.238%
4. Pikturesque/Shari Packard/65.238%
5. Starbuck/Cindy Buckland/62.857%
6. Wyndy Wrumner/Meredith Baker/62.381%
USEF Third Level, Test 1
1. Carlingford JD/Trudy Phillips/66.410%
2. Nortessa/Rebecca Hart/64.872%
3. Critical Decision/Missy Ransehzen/64.872%
4. WUS Ivan of Rolling Ridge/Wendy Klazenga/64.359%
5. GardesGrace/Pamela Owens/58.462%
USEF Third Level, Test 2
1. Units/Teresa Butt/72.051%
2. Mearlsalise/Teresa Butt/66.667%
3. Waimrea/Silva Martin/65.128%
4. Bens Ideal/Elsa Fries/62.564%
5. WUS Ivan of Rolling Ridge/Wendy Klazenga/61.282%
USEF Third Level Test 3 – BLM/GAIG
1. Cabana Boy/Christian Hickey/74.419%
2. Donnermuth/Jessica Jo Tate/70.000%
3. Gadymedes/Silva Martin/69.767%
4. Erin Go Get ‘Em/Jocelyn Wiese/62.093%
5. Rainman/Cathy Aringer/60.465%
6. Revival/Ami Hoffield/60.465%
USEF Fourth Level, Test 1
1. Get Ready/Vouletti Mitchell/63.721%
2. Sacramento/Carolyne Goff/63.488%
3. Minerva/Susan Wiedman/62.993%
4. Gold Standard/Megan Michaels/60.698%
5. Rainman/Cathy Aringer/57.674%
6. Dzwina Primera/Lisa Hensley/52.791%
USEF Fourth Level, Test 2
1. Bacardi/Teresa Butt/61.591%
USEF Fourth Level, Test 3
1. Z.O. Odyssey/Jules Anderson/66.585%
2. Felix/Silva Martin/66.314%
3. Jeff the Chef W/Silva Martin/65.122%
4. Clever Me/Pam Brunfield/59.756%
FEI Prix St. Georges – BLM/GAIG
1. Finnikin/Jarayln Finn/68.000%
2. Baronesse/Jessica Jo Tate/67.750%
3. Brendan Braveheart/Jules Anderson/67.000%
4. Tonico Do Top/Felicitas von Neumann-Co sel/67.000%
5. Lord Ludger/Missy Ransehzen/65.250%
6. Catus/Christine Bete/60.500%
FEI TOC (except PSG) – BLM/GAIG
1. Schiffon/Patrick Tichelehr/67.000%
2. Roulette/Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel/62.083%
3. Orlando/Vanessa Swartz/60.000%
4. Milazzo/Jordan Rich/58.250%
USDG Musical Freestyle TOC – BLM/ GAIG
1. Gentleman/Kristin Herizing/62.083%
2. Grand Endavor/Karen Holweck-Mulreyan/60.417%
3. Dante/Karen Schade/58.958%
FEI Musical Freestyle TOC – BLM/GAIG
1. Fillipe/Evelyn Susol/64.000%

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Jane Hannigan performed in Saturday night’s Dancing Horse Challenge.

2. Darius/Jarayln Finn/63.750%
USDG Introductory Level, Test A
1. First Impression/Jane Bockeneck/61.500%
2. Bask’s Red Bear/Cameron Baumgardner/61.000%
3. Cookie/Karleigh Gray/52.000%
4. Blaze/Austyn Gray/50.500%
USDG Introductory Level, Test B
1. Bask’s Red Bear/Cameron Baumgardner/59.000%
2. First Impression/Jane Bockeneck/55.000%
3. Blaze/Austyn Gray/52.500%
4. Cookie/Karleigh Gray/43.500%
5. Jessie/Cami Gurafalo/42.000%

PVDA Schooling Show
Tewksbury Manor, Laytonsville, Md. • June 1, 2008

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers; AnneMichelle Johnson, Kristen McDaniel, Kim McDaniel, Christine Gunassa, Pamela Saylor, Bryan Saylor, Greg Saylor and Deborah Shuman. Kimberly Beldan-Saylor, Show Manager

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Sophie/Kelsee Gallagher/65.00 %
2. Attracta/Genieve Anderson/64.50%
3. Bey Tobias/Evan Kozam/62.50%
4. Cinnamon/Jane Griffin/59.00%
5. Reddeameade Somer/Kate Shanks/58.00%
6. Reddeameade Peepers/Taylor Kozam/56.50%
USDIF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Attracta/Genieve Anderson/69.50%
2. Sophie/Kelsee Gallagher/67.00%
3. Irish/Madeline Edwards/65.00%
4. Bey Tobias/Evan Kozam/64.50%
5. Cinnamon/Jane Griffin/61.00%
6. Reddeameade Somer/Kate Shanks/58.00%
USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Topaz/Genieve Anderson/73.04%
2. Adagio/Amelia Lyon/65.65%
3. Equishale Marilyn Monroe/Julia Haymore/64.78%
4. W.S. Reckless/Jill Windsor/62.17%
5. Taylor/Hannah Rosenberg/62.17%
6. Reddeameade Trucker/Kim Barash/60.00%
USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Allegria De Andalusia/Karen Crawford/69.64%
2. Adagia/Amelia Lyon/67.14%
3. W.S. Reckless/Jill Windsor/66.07%
4. Equishale Marilyn Monroe/Julia Haymore/65.36%
5. My Lucky Charm/Julianne Laboy/63.94%
6. Taylor/Hannah Rosenberg/62.86%
USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Topaz/Genieve Anderson/69.20%
2. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/66.00%
3. Tewsbury Merlot/Kate Chudderton/60.80%
4. Equishale Valentina/Caitlin Torrisi/59.20%
5. My Lucky Charm/Julianne Laboy/59.20%
6. Seattle’s Rugged Star/Katherine Martin/58.00%
USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Tewsbury Merlot/Kate Chudderton/64.40%
2. Seattle’s Rugged Star/Katherine Martin/61.60%
3. Equishale Valentina/Caitlin Torrisi/61.20%
4. Equishale Alex/Stephanie Basteck/58.00%
USEF First Level, TOC
1. Late Night (1-1)/Kate Chudderton/71.60%
2. Late Night (1-2)/Kate Chudderton/69.40%
3. Tewsbury Samson (1-3)/Eliza Paisley-Wilson/65.14%
4. Tewsbury Famous Painter (1-2)/Kate Chudderton/63.80%
5. Wyndsong (1-1)/Nancy Moseley/63.60%
6. Equishale Robert Redford (1-2)/Olivia Maky/63.30%
USEF Second Level and Above, TOC
1. Karakter (3-2)/Caitlin Klueber/64.35%
2. Canyonleigh Sirecho (2-2)/Kate Chudderton/62.16%
3. Karakter (3-1)/Caitlin Klueber/60.77%
4. Little Caesar (2-1)/Genevieve Anderson/60.26%
5. Canyonleigh Sirecho (2-1)/Kate Chudderton/59.47%
6. Little Caesar (2-3)/Genevieve Anderson/56.70%

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PVDA Jr/YR Schooling Show  
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • June 7, 2008

USDF Introductory Level, Test A  
1. Polka Doc/Helen Wright/68.00%  
2. Full of Beans/Devon M Bragg/67.00%  
3. Reddemeade Peepers/Taylor Kozam/66.50%+  
4. Garden Gnome/Kaizlin Schwind/66.50%-  
5. Just Kidding/Melissa McNabb/66.00%  
6. Sultan of Swing/Grete Wilson Henjum/64.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Equishare Breezy/Courtney Swars/70.50%  
2. Lil Dreamboat/Ceara Mercielliot/69.00%  
3. Bobbie/Emil Clinc/66.50%-  
4. Bey Tobias/Evan Kozam/66.50%-  
5. USF Training Level, Test A  
6. Lisa Montego/Freund/62.61%

5. Finnbenach/Laura Thomson/64.35%  
4. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/65.22%  
3. Medsimo/Carolyn Greene/65.65%  
2. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/66.22%  
1. Dascha/Candace Snell/66.60%

5. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/65.60%  
4. Minnows Creek Tempest/Eric Poretz/68.00%  
3. Going Platinum/Morgan Hunt/69.00%  
2. Minnows Creek Tempest/Eric Poretz/68.50%  
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/65.90%

USEF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/71.50%  
2. Blueberry Muffin/Alexis Widmayer/69.00%  
3. Chesapeake/Jane Dickson/66.00%  
4. Carino/Jennifer Gentile/65.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Sultan of Swing/Grete Wilson Henjum/70.50%+  
2. Reddemeade Peepers/Taylor Kozam/70.50%  
3. Full of Beans/Devon M Bragg/68.50%+  
4. Garden Gnome/Kaizlin Schwind/68.50%-  
5. Polka Doc/Helen Wright/67.50%  
6. Just Kidding/Melissa McNabb/65.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Lil Dreamboat/Ceara Mercielliot/71.50%  
2. Equishare Breezy/Courtney Swars/70.00%  
3. Bobbie/Emil Clinc/69.50%  
4. Cute as a Button/Kathy Smith/69.00%

5. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/62.61%  
2. USEF Training Level, Test B  
3. Clooney/Lauren Peacock/77.86%  
4. Dascha/Candace Snell/68.57%  
1. Finnbenach/Laura Thomson/67.50%-  
2. A Major Star/Katherine Brescia/66.00%  
3. USEF Training Level, Test 1  
4. Medsimo/Carolyn Greene/66.50%  
1. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/66.50%  
2. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/65.22%  
3. Finnbenach/Laura Thomson/64.35%  
4. Lisa Montego/Freund/62.61%  
5. Grover's Slapshot/Samantha Smith/65.20%

USEF Introductory Level, Test 1  
1. Polka Doc/Helen Wright/68.00%  
2. USEF Introductory Level, Test B  
3. Shakespeare's The Tempest/Catherine Baumgardner/72.00%  
4. Leaguers Lil Miss/Meredith Hunt/69.50%  
1. Minnows Creek Tempest/Eric Poretz/68.00%  
2. Going Platinum/Morgan Hunt/69.00%  
3. Minnows Creek Tempest/Eric Poretz/65.65%  
4. USEF Training Level, Test 1  
5. USF Training Level, Test 2  
6. DeVon/Christine Bertoncini/71.73%  
1. Carino/Jennifer Gentile/63.00%  
2. Shakespeare’s The Tempest/Catherine Baumgardner/67.39%  
3. Cute as a Button/Kathy Smith/66.95%  
4. Minnows Creek Tempest/Eric Poretz/65.65%  
5. Going Platinum/Morgan Hunt/63.04%  
6. USEF Training Level, Test 1  
1. Weltkind/Elizabeth McCague/71.73%  
2. Sherlock’s Romeo/Jordan Hanson/68.59%  
3. BEUSF Training Level, Test 1  
4. Beaus Poco Bay/Laura Barnsley/71.30%  
5. Rosmele's Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/66.52%  
6. Simon Says/Nora Stephens/63.91%  
1. Rosmele's Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/66.52%  
2. Simon Says/Nora Stephens/66.07%  
3. Rock n’ Roll/Molly Chaney/63.48%  
4. USEF Training Level, Test 1  
5. Equishare Marilyn Monroe/Julia Haymore/69.56%  
6. Reddemeade Trucker/Kim Barasch/66.95%  
1. Equishare Marilyn Monroe/Julia Haymore/69.56%  
2. Reddemeade Trucker/Kim Barasch/66.95%  
3. USEF First Level, Tests 1 and 2  
4. USEF First Level, Tests 1 and 2  
5. Sallations Spirit (1-2)/Jaclyn Sink/69.40%  
6. Marcus (1-2)/Samantha Swartz/60.00%

PVDA Schooling Show  
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • June 14, 2008

The weather forecast was rather iffy for this show, it was hot and humid and a storm was brewing. Our judge, Judy Strohmaier, was gracious and allowed our riders to go out of order so that all who arrived could ride. And our riders were more than happy to ride when they could! We got our last ride in and quickly packed up with the help of Kimberley Saylor’s wonderful husband when the storm arrived—and it was a big one! Many thanks go to those who pitched in to volunteer, Marsha Kremzier, Liz Erwin, Jill Greenwald and her dad, Bonnie Vaden and Megan May. And special thanks to Stephanie and David Banks for setting up the ring. Thank you to all who made this show another great success. Karen Jacob, Show Manager

USDF Introductory Level, Test A  
1. Blondie/Alison May/66.00%  
2. Ataisahara/Holly Anderson/63.50%  
3. Persnikity Popcorn/Dawn Gant/61.00%  
4. A Major Star/Katherine Brescia/60.00%  
5. WS Montanna/Sue Doll/53.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Tolkien/Karoline Cochran/71.00%  
2. A Major Star/Katherine Brescia/65.50%  
3. WS Montanna/Sue Doll/65.00%  
4. Blondie/Alison May/64.50%  
5. Medsimo/Carolyn Greene/62.00%  
6. Persnikity Popcorn/Dawn Gant/60.00%  

USEF Training Level, Test 1  
1. Dascha/Candace Snell/70.87%  
2. Alegria De Andalasia/Karen Crawford/66.57%  
3. Medsimo/Carolyn Greene/66.50%  
4. Tolkien/Karoline Cochran/65.22%  
5. Finnbenach/Laura Thomson/64.35%  
6. Lisa Montego/Freund/62.61%  
7. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/62.61%

USEF Training Level, Test 2  
1. Clooney/Lauren Peacock/77.86%  
2. Dascha/Candace Snell/68.57%  
3. Finnbenach/Laura Thomson/67.50%+  
4. Alegria De Andalasia/Karen Crawford/67.50%-  
5. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/66.43%  
6. Montego/Lisa Freund/66.07%  
7. USEF Training Level, Test 3  
8. Clooney/Lauren Peacock/73.20%  
9. Lucena TG/Nikki Nobles/69.60%  
10. Cromwell/Leisl Rafson/67.60%  
11. Wyndsong/Nancy Mosley/67.20%  
12. Grover's Slapshot/Samantha Smith/65.20%  
13. Ralpal/Candace Snell/67.60%  
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17. Ralpal/Candace Snell/67.60%  
18. Ralpal/Candace Snell/67.60%
PVDA Schooling Show

Avalon Farm at the Ligons, Sandy Spring, Md. • June 22, 2008

Once again, this proved to be a popular show venue for PVDA riders. Many thanks to Jim Ligon and Rumsey and Tim Keefe for their continuing support by allowing PVDA the use of this great facility. Judges Ginna LaCroix and Peggy Pariso had helpful comments for all riders. Thanks to both of you. A special “thank you” to Stephanie and David Banks, who came to my rescue again to set up two rings. To all of the other volunteers: Marianne Joseph who delivered and returned the equipment; Genevieve and Susan Hassall, scribes; Karen Yingst, scorer; Marsha Kremzier, gate steward; Jennie Stone, gate steward and stayed after the show and helped tear down the rings; Ellen Harris and Erica Greenwald, runners; and Melodie Wells, for setting up our lunch; your hard work and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. Thanks to one and all for a job “well done.” Lastly — “Thank you” competitors. Your interest and cooperation contributed significantly to the success of this show. Bonnie Vaden, Show Manager

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Refiki/Domenique Carson/70.500%
2. Blueberry Muffin/Alexis Widmayer/68.000%
3. Astoria/Brittany Mills/64.500%
4. Drummer/Rachel Heeley/59.500%
5. Mystik Allure/Rebecca Wilson/58.000%

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/70.000%
2. Midknight/Jill Greenwald/64.000%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/63.500%
4. Dutchess/Ellen Greenfield/63.000%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Mystik Allure/Rebecca Wilson/73.000%
2. RAFiki/Domenique Carson/72.500%
3. Astoria/Elizabeth Alcoba/71.500%
4. Blueberry Muffin/Alexis Widmayer/70.000%
5. Drummer/Rachel Heeley/68.500%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/70.000%
2. Midknight/Jill Greenwald/64.000%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/63.500%
4. Dutchess/Ellen Greenfield/63.000%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/68.696%
2. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/66.956%
3. Chief/Stacy Wisler/64.783%
4. Knock on Wood/Lauren Taylor/63.913%
5. Weltkind/Kate Miska/58.696%
6. Mystik Allure/Rebecca Wilson/56.956%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Alegria Deandalusia/Karen Crawford/61.739%
2. Roxanne/Domenique Carson/56.956%
3. Christopher/Beth Schmidt/53.913%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Chief/Stacy Wisler/70.357%
2. Roxanne/Domenique Carson/66.786%
3. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/63.571%
4. Weltkind/Kate Miska/62.857%
5. Knock on Wood/Lauren Taylor/62.143%
6. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/58.571%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/68.696%
2. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/66.956%
3. Chief/Stacy Wisler/64.783%
4. Knock on Wood/Lauren Taylor/63.913%
5. Weltkind/Kate Miska/58.696%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/61.739%
2. W.S. Sweettooth/Blair Jackson/66.000%
3. C. Dahlia/Miki Erricker/68.500%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/68.696%
2. Extreme Case/Kimberly Horton/66.956%
3. Chief/Stacy Wisler/64.783%
4. Knock on Wood/Lauren Taylor/63.913%
5. Weltkind/Kate Miska/58.696%

USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/75.500%
2. W.S. Sweettooth/Blair Jackson/69.000%
3. C. Dahlia/Miki Erricker/68.500%

USEF First Level, Tests 1 & 4
1. Dylan (2-1)/Megan Salzman/68.158%
2. Wyndsong (1-1)/Nancy Moseley/67.667%
3. Nikita (1-1)/Brenda Davis/63.667%
4. Tommy’s Trivia Rose (1-1)/Jessica Cobbett/63.333%
5. Peabody (1-1)/Steph Butts/62.000%

USEF First Level, Tests 1 & 4
1. Dylan (2-1)/Megan Salzman/68.158%
2. Wyndsong (1-1)/Nancy Moseley/67.667%
3. Nikita (1-1)/Brenda Davis/63.667%
4. Tommy’s Trivia Rose (1-1)/Jessica Cobbett/63.333%
5. Peabody (1-1)/Steph Butts/62.000%

USEF First Level, Tests 2 & 4/Second Level, Test 2
1. Dylan (2-2)/Megan Salzman/66.786%
2. Peabody (1-2)/Steph Butts/62.500%
3. Taylor (1-4)/Sam Helleman/58.421%
4. Nikita (1-2)/Brenda Davis/56.389%
5. Zack Attack (2-2)/Samantha Sandler/54.595%
Clinic Review

Relaxation through Movement with Todd Bryan at Tenacity Stables

By MaryBeth Lewandowski

PVDA’s Sugarloaf Chapter has had two informative and successful clinics with Todd Bryan this year at Tenacity Stables in Dickerson, Md. Todd is an elegant FEI rider, an excellent trainer, and an effective, articulate, and sensitive instructor. He exhibits his objectives across the board, to develop horses and riders to their peak performance levels, to be internationally competitive while still promoting classical dressage, and to preserve the health and spirit of the equine athlete in order to create a harmonious partnership. He is dedicated to his goal of riding for the United States Equestrian Team as well as bringing horses and riders of all levels to a heightened understanding of dressage.

“Remember to level the playing field between horse and rider,” says Todd. At the first clinic we all came to the realization that a key point in developing a working relationship with our horse is developing the art of relaxation through movement. This is not necessarily an easy task. However, Todd was instrumental in focusing our attention on the needs of our horse’s psyche as well as how the rider should use their own body to develop this communication skill. It became obvious that our equine partner is mirroring (and vice versa) the “action/reaction” process whether it is good, bad… or God forbid…indifferent.

In each of the eight rides there was a common thread that became clear regardless of the rider’s skill set. Todd said, “Be definitive, it is all about suggestion, don’t force. Most of our time in the saddle is spent acquiring and maintaining relaxation. Lateral motion helps to warm up and soften the horse’s rib cage. Remember to breathe deeply and discuss things with your horse. Once you create relaxation then you can train.”

The rider should work on softening their own body by not bracing in the hands. This creates negative activity (tension) in your horse. Todd was describing how we should use our core to go forward and back within the gaits in order not to rustle the energy in the front end so we can develop the relaxation through the movements. Allow the horse to do the work instead of doing it for him.

Rising trot should come from your core by using the lower back and stomach. Use the lower back to go forward and the abdominal muscles to slow down. Both motions should be accomplished without your hands. Softening the hands allows the horse to look for the bridle. Get suppleness through your finger tips.

"Sophistication and subtlety come from within your core."

—Todd Bryan

"Keeping your hands in front will unlock the front door."

Pushing with your lower back allows you to keep the rhythm. “Sophistication and subtlety come from within your core.” Your horse tunes into your core so we should not use those muscles for too long or the horse will tune out. Remember hearing your instructor say that you are working too hard? Less is more? Sound familiar? Todd said, “Try to keep sophisticating the use of your lower back by using less and less force to get the proper response. Use your aids, through relaxation, to get the horse’s attention and keep it.”

Another suggestion was to shift your weight from one stirrup to another in order to get suppleness and a response from the horse. Then use the “forward, and then, back” pace work with transitions repetitively to keep your horse tuned into your aids. Bringing back your horse is the half halt. When doing this exercise work the horse for only a few strides at a time. Your goal is to allow the horse to carry you and not vice versa.

Marla Stoner rode her lovely horse, Limerick, in the clinic. Todd explained, “Always check forwardness by asking for more collection then, when soft in the bridle to move forward again.” For the downward transitions “keep the hind end active. Use half halt to engage. Let the canter kick you in the seat. Wait a couple of walk steps while half halting before canter. Feel the hind legs move and then ask. Be patient. Don’t keep asking. Half halt and then go gather the information. You shouldn’t hold the half halt—check and see what you have.”

Counter flexion was a terrific tool for all the riders, too. It helps to engage the opposite hind leg. A very important

Todd Bryan continued next page
Note from Todd was to use your corners to help you. This can add or subtract a point from your score in a test.

We all want to get the best score we can when we ride our test. Todd explained how we can go about this. Always think “points” while practicing so you will be able to deal with infractions before you get in the ring. You are your horse’s personal trainer. Guide, ask and let them carry themselves and you – when relaxed. As mentioned earlier, riding is a mental sport, too. Don’t try to make the work happen. Present more, make your horse available. Here are some of Todd’s recommendations:

- Use your corners. Don’t leave that “point” in the corner and give it to another rider.
- Half halts are invaluable. Don’t lift the weights for the horse.
- Trust in your training. If you present and the horse doesn’t respond, say ok and re-present and go on.
- Create sharpness. It wastes a point here or there. Keep them for yourself.
- Be specific with the walk to keep hocks engaged and at your disposal. Don’t stay there forever when in work or horse will fall behind you.

- Half halt, get change and keep the horse thinking “what is next?”
- Think in increments to correct one thing. What should I do so many paces before to improve what I need next?
- When your horse falls in it is the horse having its rider lift the weights for them.
- Ride up in front means shoulders and withers, not necessarily the Poll.

There was very positive attitude and improvement with all the horse/riders at the clinic. All in all everyone walked away with invaluable tools to work with and we are so appreciative of Todd’s skill and generosity of spirit.

For more information on Todd Bryan go to his Web site: http://bryancenter.com.

If you are interested in joining our clinics, please contact MaryBeth Lewandowski by email: marybeth@exitrp-md.com or cell: 301-775-7155.
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[ ] show scorer
[ ] show ring steward
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[ ] set up/breakdown
[ ] show (other)
[ ] education projects
[ ] computer skills
[ ] advertising/marketing
[ ] anything

Please check the following that apply:

[ ] dressage judge
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[ ] dressage instructor
[ ] breeder

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By the Board

The Minutes

Board Meetings are held the first Monday of each month and are open to all PVDA members.

JULY PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: July 14, 2008; Meeting #468
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md.
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Bonnie Vaden, Linda Speer, Pat Artimovich, Shari Packard, Deanna Beal, Leslie Raulin, Jocelyn Pearson, Betty Thorpe, Jen Funk, Liz Erwin

Board Members Absent: Marne Martin-Tucker, Rebecca Yount, Candy Jeary, Karen Jacob

There were no corrections to the minutes or matters arising from the minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT

General Fund: $12,892.42
Schooling Shows: $6,782.36
Chapter Fund: $7,777.19
Ride for Life: $2,987.82
Money Market: $2,904.32

Total: $52,513.62

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education:
- There has been interest in a new “Tea for Training” for volunteers and for management positions.
- Pat Artimovich will work on contacting Dawn Richards who would like to to get one going.
- Junior/Young Rider:
  - Had 103 rides for Schooley Mill show. Sending two teams to the Young Rider Championships at Morven Park, July 18-19, 2008.
- Constitution/Bylaws:
  - Karen Jacob
- Chapters:
  - Chapters meetings arising from the minutes.
- Scholarship:
  - Awards
- Trophies & Ribbons
  - Dennis Dragnich (Chair)
  - Pat Artimovich (Co-Chair)
- Rider Achievement Awards
  - Jon Ellen Hayden
- Sponsorships:
  - Betty Thorpe
- Trophies & Ribbons
  - Alyssa Dragnich (Chair)
  - Pat Artimovich (Co-Chair)
- Service Directory
  - Karen Jacob
- Special Events
  - Bonnie Vaden
- Special Events
  - Linda Speer
- Special Events
  - Betty Thorpe
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- Special Events
  - Betty Thorpe
- Special Events
  - Bonnie Vaden

Membership:
- Adult-677, Family-129, Junior Aff.-111, Young Adult-23, Senior-34, Life-14, Patron-8, Honor-7, Business Affiliate-3.
- Total: 1109. We have already accepted our first online payment.
- Newsletter:
  - (Jocelyn Pearson) Have lots of pictures and info from Ride for Life. Betty Thorpe has written an article on Ride for Life for the newsletter. More coming for next month.
- Shows Recognized:
  - (Carolyn Del Grosso and Linda Speer) Ride for Life was very successful. There will be a follow up meeting July 23 at Linda’s. Loch Moy is now open; Alyssa Dragnich will be show secretary and Bonnie Vaden will be the stable manager.
- Special Events:
  - (Bonnie Vaden) Two Junior YR teams and one Training Level Adult team.
- Web Site:
  - An officer will nominate the PVDA Web site and the PVDA Newsletter for USDF awards.
- Old Business:
  - Linda Speer requested and was granted $500 for the Region 1 Jr/YR fund. Deanna Beal will present ideas for a new PVDA survey after the Ride for Life. People would like to see another calendar.
- New Business:
  - Request made to use scores from last year to qualify for Adult Team Competition. One score from a previous year can be used.

NEXT MEETING:
August 4 at 7 p.m., Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Bonnie Vaden, 301-942-2876.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.