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The President’s Window

I imagine that the spring-like weather in January has many of you looking forward to the show season. Remember that your 2007 membership expired at the end of last year and renewals were due by January 31. If you have not renewed, HURRY to do so or you might miss out on the newsletter, the show omnibus, and PVDA’s e-news, as well as many other member-only activities.

Please also take the opportunity to check out the redesigned www.pvda.org Web site. Many thanks go to Almon (Allie) Packard and his wife Shari for their contribution. Allie and Deb Greinke are working on the redesign of the www.pvdarideforlife.org Web site so watch for that soon!

The omnibus will be mailed to you this

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*2008 Show Schedule subject to change. Prepared by Bonnie Vaden. See Omnibus for exact locations of the farms.
This Is Your LAST Newsletter If You Haven’t Renewed by February 1, 2008

Renew your PVDA membership NOW for a new year of educational activities, shows, and the monthly newsletter. Renewals received after February 1 may result in an interruption in delivery of your next newsletter.

See page 22 for the 2008 PVDA Membership Form. Mail your check, payable to PVDA, and the completed form to Shari Packard, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 16105 Bond Mill Rd., Laurel, MD 20707.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions about PVDA membership is on page 11 of this newsletter. Please review to ensure that your membership renewal is processed quickly.

Please note the new Family Membership information in the Membership Renewal form. Family members are only listed if applying for a family membership. Both the primary and secondary members in a family membership are recognized by USDF and receive individual USDF group numbers. Therefore, secondary family members are $10 extra (over the general family membership cost) per additional member per year.

If you volunteered in 2007, you should have a form that may be used for credit toward your membership (in $10 increments). For more information about these forms contact volunteers@pvda.org.

PVDA Has A Brand New Web Site!

PVDA Board Member Shari Packard’s husband, Almon Packard, has redesigned and agreed to host our new and modern Web site! We invite all members to take a look and let us know what you think. We feel that we are now on the cutting edge nationally of all the GMO Web sites. We are open to all suggestions. Contact a Board member with your comments.

Virginia Equine Survey Released

THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, DECEMBER 2007. The just released 2006 Equine Survey indicates that there were about 215,000 horses, ponies and mules in Virginia on November 1, 2006, up 26 percent from 2001. The equine industry adds a significant contribution to the Virginia economy.

Quarter horses and Thoroughbreds were the two leading breeds in Virginia at 49,000 and 30,900 head. The two largest equine counties are Loudoun and Fauquier at 15,500 and 14,800 head, respectively. All the 215,000 equines were located on 41,000 horse farms throughout Virginia, up 41 percent from 2001. The total value of all equines was $1.65 billion, up 13 percent from 2001. Horse operations spent $783 million in 2006 caring for the animals. Feed and bedding were the largest expense at $99.6 million.

Come Join Us This Month for “Tea Is for Training”

Enjoy a real English High Tea...and there will be party favors! Learn new show skills and the latest rules!

Date: 2/17/08 (Snow Date: 2/23/08)
Place: Stonebrook Farm (Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Maryland)
Time: 1-4 p.m.
Contact: Pat Artimovich, 410-381-7684 or nartimovich@comcast.net for information/to register

Slots Are Still Available!!!
Demo Riders Needed for L Program

A few brave souls are needed to serve as demo riders for judges-in-training. There are two sessions left of the L Program, March 15-16 (B) and April 12-13 (C), both at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds, Md. The demo riders should be confirmed at Training, First, and Second Levels, with a variety of breeds and ages. Contact Dorie Forte at rival1farm2@aol.com or call 410-804-7671.

Kelly McGuinn’s Horse Makes the Cover of Dressage Today!

Kelly McGuinn’s horse, Windsor (4 year old KWPN), is on the January cover of “Dressage Today” magazine. They are featured inside in Scott Hassler’s article on young horses. Congratulations to Kelly and Windsor!

Equine Medical Center Receives $10 Million Estate Gift

LEESBURG TODAY. Middleburg resident Shelley Duke has given the largest gift the Equine Medical Center in Leesburg has ever received. The $10 million bequest is expected to establish a major emergency and critical care program at the hospital. Dr. Nat White said that one third of all hospital cases are already “emergency” in nature. This gift will help the staff keep up with emergency technology and will allow the hospital to have a separate emergency receiving area.

PVDA’s Dorie Forte Is the First Winner of the USDF Sunshine Sporthorse Association Perpetual Trophy

Froelich and his owner/rider Dorie Forte were the first recipients of the new USDF perpetual trophy donated by the Sunshine Sporthorse Association of Florida. The trophy is presented to the highest scoring materiale champion in the country. Dorie and her trainer, Teresa Butta, traveled to the USDF convention in Orlando in December to receive the award.

Froelich, a 17.3 hand Oldenburg gelding, had a stellar year not only winning five first place all breed awards, but also capturing the 2007 USDF Horse of the Year in the 4 & 5 year old Gelding Materiale Division with a median score of 82.5%. This score was the highest of all four divisions in the materiale sections making him the inaugural winner of the perpetual trophy. Dorie trains with Teresa Butta in Woodbine and plans on bringing Froelich out at Second Level in 2008. In 2006 with Teresa riding, Froelich won the FEI four-year-old class at Dressage at Devon taking home the four-year-old championship of the North America Breeders Futurity.
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Peninsula

Peninsula Dressage had a busy and fun filled 2007. We held monthly meetings the first Thursday of each month that were well attended by both members and guests. Our meetings almost always include an educational component, a speaker or a demonstration. This year we had a yearly planning meeting, an informative discussion by equine dentist Judy Flynn, a saddle fitting clinic, an equine massage demonstration, a lateral work demonstration, a lungeing demonstration, two open rides and two pot luck suppers. We held schooling shows on May 5 and Sept. 8 at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury Md., June 16 at Renaissance Stables in Salisbury Md., and July 21 at Winaway Farm in Willards, Md. All of our shows this year were well attended and successful. We would like to extend our thanks for the great input from the four judges who judged for us. We would also like to thank the Equestrian Center and the farms that graciously hosted our shows. Peninsula members also were able to compete or volunteer at several PVDA shows, other local club’s schooling shows as well as a Combined Training Series held at Winaway Farm in Willards, Md.

Several of our youth members attended and did extremely well at London Gray’s Young Rider Challenge in August. In November we sent two teams over the Bay Bridge in the wind to the Chapter Challenge where our Training Level 2 team received 3rd place and our First Level 2 team placed 4th.

In November we elected and renewed officers for 2008. Jenny Mlyniec will be the new President and Stephanie Collier who also is the PVDA Media Relations Chair. Membership is Elice Shelton; and Secretary is Beth Collier received the Exalt Farm High Point Trophy and gift certificate from Dover Saddlery. Beth Collier will remain as Recording Secretary.

Most recently we held our annual Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony. We had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party and enjoyed a potluck dinner with turkey and ham provided by the club. We then enjoyed exchanging gifts in our annual and always memorable Chinese Gift Exchange. Year End awards were announced: Champion in Peninsula’s Training Level Division was Amie Blackwell on Moonlight Magic, Reserve was Erin Cook on Think Blue, and Third Place was Ray Carlson on American Mac. Peninsula Division First Level Champion was Bethany Myers on A Midday Star. The Open Division Intro Champion was Nicholas Pino on Gulliver, Reserve was Becky Alexander on Swift Justice. Open Training Level Champion was Nicholas Pino on Gulliver, Reserve was Erin Cook on Think Blue, and Third was Amie Blackwell on Moonlight Magic. Open Division First Level Champion was Bethany Myers on A Midday Star.

We look forward to another fun filled year of great dressage in 2008.

Southern Maryland

Twelve of our Chapter members attended the annual Christmas party and meeting on December 21, 2007. Special thanks to Elice Shelton who hosted the party at her lovely Annapolis home. We enjoyed Elice’s lasagna and other potluck items brought by members. We were delighted to hear that Elice is successfully recovering from a double-knee replacement and is back to posting trot.

Chapter Chair Lori Parkins reported on the USDF Region 1 fall meeting that she attended. New and exciting programs are in the works. See The PVDA Newsletter for her full report (Dec. 2007).

The Chapter members discussed meetings and events for 2008. It was decided that monthly meetings with a guest lecturer will continue. Possible topics include reviewing dressage show rules, musical freestyle, and bridle-less natural horsemanship.

Chapter members thanked outgoing officer Susan Swanda who provided four years of outstanding effort as Membership Chair.

Beth Collier received the Exalt Farm High Point Trophy and gift certificate from Dover Saddlery.

Lori explained how to complete the passage at the walk. She discussed how a more advanced dressage horse could continue the exercise at the trot.

Treasurer Marcia Mia presented a financial report for the year.

The Chapter members participated in a fun Christmas gift exchange where everyone drew a number and the number “1” person chose a gift, and number “2” could “steal” the first gift or choose another one.

2007 PVDA Chapter Challenge Show Results:
Training Level Test 2 Division B: First place.
Training Level Test 4: Fifth place. Second Level and Above: Third place.

Chapter Officers for 2008 were chosen. The chair is Lori Parkins. She also is the Region 1 coordinator for the USDF Adult Education Council and the PVDA Chair for Education. Treasurer is Marcia Mia; Membership is Elice Shelton; and Secretary is Beth Collier, who also is the PVDA Media Relations Chair.
**COLUMBIA HORSE CENTER**

**SPRING DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SERIES**

**2008**

*March 9*
Judge: Sarah Duclos (L)
Opening date: February 11
Closing date: March 3

*April 6*
Judge: Ingrid Gentry (R)
Opening date: March 10
Closing date: March 31

*May 4*
Judge: Aviva Nebesky (L)
Opening date: April 7
Closing date: April 28

For more information:
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2  Dressage Schooling Show, Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, Md. Judge: Aviva Nebesky, “L” graduate. For more info, call 410-556-6614 or www.breezyrunfarm.com.
14 & 28  Dressage Clinic Series with Jean Paul Pare at Wind Horse Offering, Earleville (Upper Eastern Shore), Md. Contact Jeanne Davis at 610-291-9550 or windhorse02@siteone.net or visit our Web site at www.windhorseoffering.com. Auditors welcome.

March
2  Dressage Schooling Show, Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, Md. Judge: Janice Conlon, “R”. For more information, visit www.breezyrunfarm.com or call 410-556-6614.
13 & 27  Dressage Clinic Series with Jean Paul Pare at Wind Horse Offering, Earleville (Upper Eastern Shore), Md. Contact Jeanne Davis at 610-291-9550 or windhorse02@siteone.net or visit our Web site at www.windhorseoffering.com.

April
2-6  Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpoxon@verizon.net. Visit our Web site at www.equilibriumhorse.net.
12-13  PVDA hosts “L” Education program. Auditors welcome. Session C, “Collective Marks, Equitation, Rider Biomechanics, Basics and Musical Freestyle.” Contact Alyssa Dragnich at adragnich@verizon.net or 301-570-1603
16  Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit our Web site at www.equilibriumhorse.net.
29-30  Jane Savoie, USDF Adult Clinic at Hilltop Farm.
30  Combined Test at Top Notch Farm, Chesapeake City, Md., in conjunction with Wind Horse Offering. Lower levels to Preliminary. Judge: Elsie Kellerman. Contact Jeanne Davis, 610-291-9550 or windhorse02@siteone.net or visit Web site at www.windhorseoffering.com

May
24-25  PVDA Annual Competition at Morven Park
29-June 2  Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpoxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.
By Elizabeth Trossbach

I recently had the privilege of riding in the PVDA sponsored clinic with Lendon Gray at the beautiful Wyndham Oaks facility. I ride a beautiful, although sometimes mentally challenged, nine year old 17 hand Thoroughbred gelding named Bugsy. I have owned Bugsy since he was barely two years old. He was born special as he was born without one eye. It has been a challenge because he feels that he is my protector and finds it necessary to warn me of the evil that lurks in the woods on a crisp fall day or a windy March morning. However, we have built a partnership together and have been quite successful at recognized dressage shows. I was particularly excited to ride in this clinic as I was a working student for Lendon when I was just 17 years old, 11 years ago. The reason I am writing this letter is to thank several people who were of great assistance to me at the clinic.

Upon arrival to Wyndham Oaks, I unloaded Bugsy and walked him around the beautiful facility, including the indoor, while the clinic was on break. He took it all in stride and was quite calm. I put him back onto the trailer as my scheduled ride time wasn’t for another hour and a half. When I took Bugsy off the trailer to tack him up, he was very “up” and was acting unusually alert (he’s usually better away from home). As I tried to bridle him he shied away from something in the distance. I didn’t see anything and figured that he was just being naughty and mischievous (as he sometimes is). I gave him a peppermint, which is usually all it takes to distract him enough to calm him down, and although hindsight is 20/20, I thought that he had calmed down and again attempted to bridle him. At this point, whatever demon that had my boy upset overwhelmed him and he remembered how great a racehorse his grandsire Secretariat was and off to the races he went... with my very expensive padded crank noseband bridle dangling. My heart was racing. I didn’t know if the farm was fenced in—what if he tripped on the bridle, what if he tried to jump one of the fences and got caught or the bridle got caught? I couldn’t run fast enough and my lungs burned from the cold air. All of a sudden I realized that I wasn’t alone in this horrible situation. I saw a pick up truck off in the distance trying to block his avenue of escape and I heard a voice next to me. Everyone was running to my rescue! I knew Bugsy was frightened as he was whinnying frantically and when he is afraid he usually looks for someone he knows. I whistled for him and he came running. Of course he ran past a few times and then

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came to me for yet another peppermint. He stood like a statue and let some brave lady, I don’t know who she was, take apart the bridle that was now tangled between his legs and hindquarters. His white polo wraps were quite stained but still intact. His legs were unscathed.

I started to cry. I think that I was overwhelmed about what had just occurred, but I was relieved that no one, including Bugsy, had gotten hurt. With no bridle to ride in, I walked him into the wash rack and began unwrapping the polo bandages. Marne Martin-Tucker and I think that the manager of Wyndham Oaks immediately began looking to find a bridle for me to ride in. Believe it or not, the bit and reins were still attached to each other and unscathed! They were able to find a bridle for me to borrow and I actually ended up having a great lesson. Lendon joked, mentioning that if this was the blur that ran by the indoor arena door that he should be nice and warmed up for me!

After the ordeal I learned that there was a joint Foxhunt going on and 60 or 70 horses and oodles of hounds had been off in the distance... and that was what had set the entire scenario into motion. Hindsight 20/20, I should have taken him to a stall or wash rack to bridle him and I should have listened to my instincts, but I just didn’t want to be a bother or annoyance to anyone. Next time I will not hesitate to intrude!

Marne went a step further and offered me one of her old bridles to use until I could get the money to purchase another bridle. She shipped it to me, lickidy split, with no expectation of anything in return. I want to thank everyone who helped me— the people who helped me catch my racehorse and who allowed me to borrow their bridle to ride in the clinic and who gave me a bridle to use until I could get a replacement bridle. Also, I want to thank Dianna Sauffley who lent me a bridle to use while I was waiting for Marne’s bridle to be shipped. So to add to the article written in the December issue about how wonderful our PVDA membership is and its many benefits, I want to add that PVDA is full of wonderful people who step up and help others, especially in their time of need!

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month, so keep an eye on your mail box. We are very happy to say that we have scheduled 33 schooling shows and four licensed shows this year giving you, hopefully, ample opportunity to perfect a current level or try out the next level. All members should be aware of a potential rule change that, if passed, would have an impact on members wanting to show at Third Level or above. You probably have noticed letters to the editor and articles in last month’s issue. Enclosed in this month’s newsletter (below) is a letter that I sent on PVDA’s behalf to David O’Connor, USEF President. I will have an update for you in the March newsletter regarding what actions were taken at the USEF meeting. I hope to have positive news that the rule change proposal was NOT approved, but sent back to the dressage committee for more study. We will see.

Lastly, Happy Valentine’s Day to you all! Be sure to share your love for dressage this month and see if you can recruit new participants and perhaps new PVDA members to our wonderful sport. Have a great month!

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

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Mr. David O’Connor, President
United States Equestrian Federation
Lexington, KY

January 8, 2008
Re: PVDA Opposition to Rule Change #275-07

Dear Mr. O’Connor:

The Potomac Valley Dressage Association ("PVDA") is a Group Member Organization of the United States Dressage Federation ("USDF") that represents over 1000 USDF members. This letter expresses PVDA’s opposition to the proposed Rule Change #275-07 regarding qualification for Dressage Competitions at Third Level and above. We support USEF’s and USDF’s efforts to advance our sport by broadening participation and deepening the connection of those currently acquainted with the art of Dressage, but we have not seen the need for the adoption of European-style qualification criteria, and we are concerned that enacting these criteria will harm our sport. Moreover, the fact that the proposal lacks the specific “qualification criteria” that would be used undermines member faith in the transparency of the rule adoption process, and, by extension, in the USEF and USDF.

Specifically, we request that the rule not be adopted for the following reasons:

1. **We are opposed to a points-based qualification process.**

   Our membership rejects the idea that qualification criteria for upper levels is required, believing strongly that a points-based qualification system will reduce interest in Dressage after years of growth. Our GMO members feel that the goal of the USDF and USEF should be to foster participation and education for largely amateur riders. Moving up the levels is effectively controlled by judges, who punish bad riding and should discourage individuals from showing above their level. Implementing nationwide, burdensome, qualification criteria based on European models shows a lack of faith in our pool of recognized judges.

   While we aspire to match the success of German and Dutch riders in international competition, mirroring their national competition rules does not directly advance that goal. In Germany and the Netherlands, the systems are designed to prevent over-subscription to dressage classes. These countries have a need for a “gatekeeper” function, given that thousands of competitors live within a few hours of shows that occur every weekend. Indeed, the preponderance of Warmblood horses specifically bred for performance sport combined with deep national equestrian traditions mean that the pool of interested competitors is frequently deeper than the number of show slots. In the United States, we do not have the same issues and rather have fewer shows and larger spaces thereby necessitating longer travel time, administrative difficulties in “real-time” recording and tracking results, less of an equestrian tradition in dressage, and a much greater variety of horse breeds participating in sport.

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2. The lack of actual qualification criteria undermines the process.

We feel it is essential that the actual qualification criteria, when proposed, be subjected to the USEF rule change process so that formal feedback may be presented and considered. The current proposal does not assure that this will take place and does not seem to fully comply with USEF Bylaw 702, which requires fair notice and hearings “before the Federation may declare such individual ineligible to participate in any amateur athletic competition.”

Programs that have been successful in the United States, such as the Bronze, Silver, Gold medal programs and the Regional qualifiers, utilize a set number of scores above a minimum. To the extent that after lengthy review and further empirical evidence (which has not been forthcoming as of yet), qualification criteria are agreed to be necessary for the USDF levels, these criteria should be based on a certain number of scores from different judges rather than a point system.

In conclusion, a change of this magnitude should be made only after detailed discussion such that a consensus may be reached. We therefore request that the proposed Rule Change 275-07 be referred to the Dressage Committee for further study, and only if backed with empirical research and majority GMO support, be then re-introduced with the backing of a much larger segment of the dressage community and ample time for review and comment.

Sincerely,
Marne Martin-Tucker
President
Potomac Valley Dressage Association

CC: USEF Board of Directors
Mr. Sam Barish, President, USDF
Judging in the L Education Program: What It’s All About

By Karen Bell

Ever considered becoming a judge? Want to sit in your car for hours and watch ride after ride in 20 degree weather? Those that do, those stalwarts of dressage perfection, are the L Education Program participants. They are the “beginner” judges, on their way to judge your next schooling show. Many are not trainers or professionals, but rather, amateur riders who have worked their way through the levels. Although to become a participant you only have to have three 60% scores at Second Level, many participants compete at higher levels. In addition, in order to qualify, they also have to scribe for three USEF “R” or “S” judges and be a participating member of USDF. Sounds easy enough, but like Jeff Moore, the A session faculty member and USEF “S” judges who did the program in Maryland in December, said that judging is “a special skill” that requires the ability to multi-task and “run separate tapes” so that all the components of a test movement are noted, written down and scored. Judges have to learn how to cope with the information rapidly. They must note the basics and criteria of the movement, the score associated with the quality of the movement, and they must define comments for the scribe and remember issues related to the Collected Marks. According to Jeff, most people are capable of this sort of learning, but he warned the participants that they must watch and score dressage test videos of actual riders in order to be able to do well in the program.

The first day of Session A began with the history of the L Program, which Jeff and his business partner, Liz Searle, began 20 years ago to fill the need at schooling shows and to ensure that judges had a standard terminology (see USDF Glossary of Judging Terms). He emphasized having an empathetic attitude toward the riders, in the hopes that judges will learn to give comments that are not only useful but will “encourage harmony rather than cause abuse at home,” and to “be charitable when confronted with ineptitude.” He said it is mandatory that a “personal methodology” be developed when confronted with rules that were less than clear or in special circumstances. For instance, DR 122.1 states that “announcing the tests is limited to reading the movement as it is written once only. However, the repetition of reading of a movement is acceptable if there is reason to doubt that the rider heard the original call.” As to scoring, it was notable that he thought commenting on a score of 6 was not always useful, especially if it meant confusing the rider when more than one issue was involved and when commenting on any one particular issue would do a disservice to the rider in her or his training. Jeff also encouraged would-be judges to use “decimal thinking” as a personal methodology to help with accuracy and spread across scores. Because of the small spread (0-10) and because most movements receive scores of 5 through 7, many horses receive the same score even if they have very different performances. To the competitor, it is important to keep in mind that as much as scoring may seem arbitrary, with a whole number system, two different horses can receive the same score even if one was a “6.8” and the other a “6.2.” Without a true decimal system, Jeff believes that dressage scores will continue to be a gross indicator of quality and not always helpful to the competitor.

On the second day Jeff introduced the topic of biomechanics. He felt that the dressage community was decidedly late in applying biomechanics compared to other sports. His last three articles in USDF Connection (downloadable from http://bellequine.net) had already introduced readers to the definitions of engagement, impulsion, “stable” and “unstable” balance, and the biomechanics of the gaits and movements. In the L Program literature, he quoted his trainer the late Baron von Blixen-Finecke, “…by biomechanics we mean the way muscle moves bones to produce and sustain various forms of action: as regards the horse, mainly locomotion; as regards the rider, mainly position and giving of aids.” Such a concise definition belies the

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actual complicated nature of biomechanics, which became obvious when trying to separate the rider from horse biomechanics in the afternoon riding session.

Riders from Training to Second Level were evaluated by the participants and graciously allowed themselves and their horses to be faulted on various movement and gait issues. Horses were judged on the basic gait (“is it pure? of good quality?”), specifics of the movement, and faults within the movement. The trot, for instance, would be marked down if lacking elasticity, reach, good articulation of the joints or if it was “flat” (without aerial phase) or the horse exhibited artificial head and neck movements as a result of poor riding.

Participants showing canter work were judged similarly, in accordance to the specifics of that movement. For instance, he described how the fore and hind legs should have good separation with the outside hind leg reaching past the inside hind. The canter should not be four beat, lateral or have a lack of reach with the outside limbs. In several instances, the horses’ canters improved when riders with stiff and unyielding contact moved their arms in synchrony with movement (rather than going “against the mechanic of the canter”).

Leg yielding and shoulder-in provided good examples of what might be seen in the show ring—horses out of alignment with head twisted and neck bent at the withers (leg yield, left) or without the proper three tracks visible, without any lowering of the croup and neck out of alignment (shoulder-in, right). Jeff commented on a story about an international judge who told him that all Second Level shoulder-in movements should get a score of 4, because there is almost never any lowering of the croup and therefore, no collection!

The participants also observed riders on circles and bending lines, looking for the stretch (convexity) of the outer side, the concavity of the inner trunk, with the inner hind and outer foreleg adducting (toward the midline). Done properly, the horse’s inner hip will lower, and there will be a forward reach of the outer limbs. The entire trunk of the horse will form an arc with the head and neck bent in the direction of the turn.

Several participants interviewed afterward felt strongly that the criterion for the program was too low and that L Education Program participants should be riding and training above Second Level. Most, however, found the session educational and Jeff, “charismatic.” Jeff would not comment on the qualifications for the L Education Program but to say “the people who make up the requirements have to deal with a lot of variables in order to come up with a workable and (mostly) equitable system” and that the showing requirements are similar at the other levels of judging. The B (March 15-16) and C (April 12-13) sessions of the L Education Program are still open for auditing (DC area, locations TBA).

For more information contact the L Education Program coordinator Alyssa Dragnich at adragnich@verizon.net.

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Janet Brown-Foy
March 14, 2008
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Janet Brown-Foy is an FEI "I" judge and USEF "S" judge. She is a member of the USDF "L" Program Faculty and the USEF Dressage Committee. She has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals, and has ridden horses to Horse of the Year Awards from Training Level to Grand Prix.

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Auditors are also encouraged to see Ms. Brown-Foy teach the USDF "L" Education Program at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds the following weekend, March 15-16.

To apply, please contact Alyssa Dragnich at
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301-570-1603.
Les Quatre Ecoles d’Art Equestre (The Four Schools of Equestrian Art)

By Alyssa Dragnich

Instead of the traditional turkey dinner, Tania Pierce and I headed to Paris for Thanksgiving weekend to view Les Quatre Ecoles d’Art Equestre, or “The Four Schools of Equestrian Art.” This was the first time the Spanish Riding School (Austria), the Cadre Noir of Saumur (France), the Royal Andalusian School of Equestrian Art (Spain), and the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art had ever performed together. This was a wonderful exhibition of classical dressage. The schools performed to sold-out crowds and standing ovations for three consecutive days—quite a feat!

All riders and horses were garbed in traditional attire. It was fun to see the array of breeds including Lippizans, Selle Francais (and one Anglo-Arab), PREs, and Lusitanos. Representatives of each school came out together to perform the airs above the ground, first in hand and then mounted. This is something you don’t see everyday—Courbettes, caprioles, levades… Horse after horse performed extraordinary leaps.

The Spanish Riding School is always an absolute treat. Each and every rider has a perfect seat and hands, one after the other. Sheer perfection. Andreas Hausberger performed all on the Grand Prix movements on long lines with Conversano Dagmar.

The Cadre Noir showed off their jumping prowess, jumping first a table, then a chair, then a vertical post (only 4” wide). Aiming for such a narrow obstacle is quite a test of obedience! I was excited about a woman (the only one in the whole show) performing with the Cadre Noir. They also had three mares in the show.

I fell in love with PREs after watching the riders from Jerez perform and was dying to bring one of their horses home with me. Rafael Soto and his Olympic partner Invasor performed their Grand Prix kur, which was wildly popular.

All four schools exhibited exceptional piaffes and passages. The Portuguese riders performed on a “sounding board,” similar to what Paso Fino riders use.

At the start and end of the performance, all 40 horses entered the ring at one time, with their riders removing their hats all at the same time. It was quite dramatic, and there were more than a few teary-eyed spectators.

Junior/Young Rider Clinic with Rebecca Langwost
Stonebrook Farm • April 5, 2008

A clinic with Rebecca Langwost will be given at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. Each 45 minute private session is subsidized by PVDA. The cost is $50 per lesson and is open to PVDA junior members only.

For information or questions, call Linda Speer at 410-531-6641. To register for the clinic, please make checks payable to PVDA and send proof of membership and negative Coggins with application to:

Linda Speer
6300 Guilford Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029

APPLICATION—Jr/YR Clinic with Rebecca Langwost
April 5, 2008 • Price per session: $50

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Phone Number: ______________________________
Age of Rider: ______________________________
Level of Rider: ______________________________
Level of Horse: ______________________________

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Equestrian Games in Kentucky. You better get your tickets now if you haven’t already.

Most of the lectures and educational forums this year focused on horse health. I was able to attend a few of the lectures—the first one titled, “Conformation and Its Influence on Lameness in the Dressage Horse,” given by Dr. Erin Denney-Jones. She opened with, “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” and “There is no such thing as a perfect horse.” She then recommended looking at the feet first. The forelimbs bear 65% of the horse’s weight and so excessive stress is placed on the tendons and ligaments that support the limb and the foot, which includes the coffin and navicular bones. She said that a base narrow horse (front legs closer at the base) can be susceptible to injuries such as side bone and ring bone—rings on the hoof wall can come from laminitis or founder.

Looking at the front limbs—a horse over at the knee can predispose a horse to suspensory problems. The most common problem in the hind limbs could come with a cow hocked horse (hind legs turned out). The hips should be level and not one dropped lower than the other, which could indicate a hip fracture.

A short neck can make it difficult to flex laterally. The neck should ideally rise up out of the withers. A sloping shoulder is more suitable than a straight shoulder, which could cause more forelimb lamenesses. The area between the ribs and the loins should be strong so to aid in the connection of the hind limbs to the forelimb.

Conformation of the head does not have any bearing on lameness, but there should be a good angle between the head and neck, which will allow the horse to “chew” on the bit much better.

Even though there is no such thing as a perfect horse, Dr. Denney-Jones emphasized that you should enjoy the positive qualities that your horse does have and that correct dressage training will help your horse to be more comfortable and graceful.

The second educational forum that I attended, “New Technologies in Diagnosis of Lameness in the Dressage Horse,” was given by Dr. Mark Martinelli from San Marcos, Calif. Dr. Martinelli has been the “on call” surgeon for the World Cup in Las Vegas as well as in Amsterdam, Holland. He said that a lot of what the veterinarians talk about is “regional.” Orthopedics starts with a physical examination using diagnostic imaging. One of his pet peeves is with riders who have horses that have been going well and then suddenly quit. The rider tries to solve the problem with a longer whip and spur. He says, “Please get a veterinary exam first!” The two examples he gave of horses that “quit” were essentially driven too hard by the trainer. Both horses had sacroiliac problems. Dr. Martinelli says that he sees too many dressage horses that are advancing to higher levels too fast, which can create lameness problems. With dressage one should be looking for longevity of the career. He said it was too risky to push a young horse too fast. He also explained that a horse not going forward enough can be the result of a sacroiliac problem.

He recommends that riders and trainers keep a journal of their horse’s weekly training activities. A journal can also be helpful to the attending veterinarian.

For a lameness diagnosis Dr. Martinelli likes to do the following:

1. A physical examination should be performed. He said that it is harder to find an abnormality in Warmbloods because their skin and their bone is thicker.

2. Do a gait analysis. He spends a lot of time with lameness

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exams under saddle. If the horse lunges he will watch it lunge. He prefers to see dressage horses under saddle. He'll often ask the rider to ride on the wrong diagonal. If a horse tends to buck or crow hop it could be because of a sacroiliac problem. If a young green horse is a rearer he most likely has a physical problem.

3. Regional anesthesia doesn’t really do much. Diagnostic Imaging is much more sophisticated and can detect more. A well taken digital film is extremely detailed! It is important to get a properly positioned view for an accurate diagnosis.

4. An ultrasound will give a 3-dimensional reconstruction. Rechecks with ultrasound should be done to compare results.

5. Nuclear Scintigraphy—Dressage horses have much more uptakes in radioactivity. Bone is continually remodeling on a daily basis. If you inject with a radioactive compound you can find stress fractures more quickly.

6. Bone scans also are an important tool as they can show much more detail.

There are more techniques and methods of detection and treatment in addition to those above. With all that is available in today’s veterinary world it seems that there would never be such a thing as a lame horse!, but then that would put the vets out of business. It’s fortunate for us and for our horses that these modern methods of treatment are available to keep our horses happy and healthy.

A third lecture that I attended, “Functional Feeding, Maximizing Health and Performance,” was presented by Lindsey White, the Regional marketing manager for Freedom Health, LLC. She began by saying that the modern performance horse is managed differently than its “wild” equine counterpart. Being subject to the stresses of grain/hard feed diets, being stabled with less turn out, shipping, competing, etc., can lead to digestive imbalances in the horse.

Ulcers, tying up, and colic are commonly observed digestive disorders, but digestive imbalance can affect a horse’s appearance, temperament and performance, too. This affects trainers and riders daily. A horse’s digestive system is designed for continual eating. Some common signs of a digestive problem include:

- Temperament: Biting, too hot, hard to train, bad stall habits, lethargic, off feed.
- Appearance: Dull coat, overweight, not shedding, poor

condition, poor hoof quality, contracted abdomen.
- Performance: Inappropriate behavior, energy level, kicking out, won’t bend to the right easily, can’t fully extend or collect.
- Clinical: Tying up, colic, ulcers, exercise intolerance, allergies, stall walking, grain in manure, laminitis, anemia, off feed, abdominal pain.
- Ulcers: Some veterinarians did a necropsy on horses and found that 85% of the horses in training had ulcers. Only 3% of the horses studied did not have ulcers.
- Functional Feeds: Feeds and their components that provide a health benefit beyond basic nutrition look at nutrition beyond fat, protein, and fiber. Functional feeds provide nutrients to the G.I. tract. For example: Succeed supports digestive health for a healthy appearance, temperament, and performance. It takes about 90 days to see results. A horse would have to consume 80 pounds in weight of oats to achieve the same benefits as using Succeed. Only Succeed supports health for the entire G.I. tract. It is especially good for elderly horses, but is safe to use on all ages. With a horse on Succeed you can cut back 25% of the grain fed. It has tried and proven benefits, especially for any horse in training and competing. Succeed is currently being used by many top trainers around the world.
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I wish to apply for the following:

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I have previously been a member yes no

Name ___________________________________________
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dressage trainer USEF technical delegate

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breeder (breed) ______
anything

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

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

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

JANUARY PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: January 7, 2008; Meeting #462
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md.
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Betty Thorpe, Bonnie Vaden, Cathy Jeary, Linda Speer, Marne Martin-Tucker, Pat Artimovich, Jocelyn Pearson, Shari Packard, Lori Parkins, Deanna Beal, Jennifer Funk
Board Members Absent: Leslie Raulin, Karen Jacob, Alyssa Dragnich

TREASURER’S REPORT
General Fund: $1,774.75
Schooling Shows: $10,200.91
Chapter Fund: $7,777.19
Money Market: $5,424.52
CDs: $17,423.99
RFL-CCH: $15,599.82
Total: $58,220.18

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Education: (Lori Parkins) PVDA needs to do a Tea for Training type seminar for secretaries and managers. We want to host a freestyle clinic. Will look into getting a grant to help with expenses. ATC is first weekend in August at Commonwealth Park. We have Jeff Moore lined up for the 2009 annual dinner and clinic.

Films/Video/Book Library: (Marne Martin-Tucker) Trainers Conference in Florida, January 20-21 with Jan Brink. Young Rider graduate program also in Florida. Hilary Moore will be attending.

Next Meeting: February 4 at 7 p.m. (all board meetings now at 7 p.m.), Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. For info: Marne Martin-Tucker, 240-505-9929. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.
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