Wow! What a show. I hope most of you had a chance to participate in some way in the Ride for Life show June 28 and 29 and/or attend the Dancing Horse Challenge Saturday night. Pat Artimovich has put in hundreds of hours raising sponsorship and being an inspiration for the show and to us all. Barb Strawson with her team organized a great Saturday night show. We all are, drank and made merry at the Gala dinner thanks to Jeannette Bair and David and Janet Geyer, who also organized the vendors. Liz Erwin worked tirelessly on rider donations, Shari Glickman on the silent auction, Karen Jacobs on finance and accounting. Alison May did a fabulous job on the show program and the logo. Jan

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PVDA Offers Year-End Volunteer Awards

PVDA will once again be offering our year-end volunteer awards for all of our tried and true volunteers who give us multiple days of service throughout the year. This year, for those who give 32 hours of service, we will be giving a $50 gift certificate to Everything Equestrian. For those who give 64 or more hours we will be giving a $100 gift certificate to Everything Equestrian. Hang on to all of those volunteer certificates—for this year’s awards we will be accepting certificates from 10/1/2007 to 10/1/2008. Any questions please contact Samantha Smith at samsmith8@hotmail.com.

Congratulations Teresa Butta and Froelich, Reserved Champion Eastern Selection Trials

Congratulations to Teresa Butta and Froelich! Teresa Butta and Dorie Forte’s gelding Froelich were Reserved Champion in the Six-Year-Old Young Horse Eastern Selection Trials held in Raleigh, North Carolina, May 30-June 1, 2008. After two days of competition, the pair finished with a combined score of 76.32%, with Christopher Hickey and Cabana Boy winning the competition. Both horses are by Hilltop stallions—Froelich is by Festrausch and was bred by Suellen Myers of West Virginia. Teresa plans to compete Froelich at Devon and at Nationals later this year, but for now Dorie will be showing her horse at Second Level, competing at the upcoming PVDA Ride For Life show. Teresa also did exceptionally well on Jill Frumin’s Westfalen Reitpony, Picollino 2, in the Five-Year-Old Young Horse Eastern Selection Championship. They finished fourth with a score of 71.72 %. Jill also will be at Ride For Life competing on her pony.

IEO Hosts Book Signing with "USDF Connection" Editor Jennifer Bryant

The International Equestrian Organization (IEO) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. One of the events planned is a book signing with Jennifer O. Bryant, editor of USDF Connection and author of "The USDF Guide to Dressage." The event will be held at Spring Valley Park located in Southern York County, Pa., from 12-4 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008. A picnic lunch ($8 per person/under 10 years free) and a trail ride will be held as well as other fun games. For a $30 donation a deli-style lunch, refreshments and an autographed copy of Jennifer’s book will be included. Participants are asked to bring a potluck to share. The IEO has opened this fun filled day to any and all equine enthusiasts. Children are welcome. For more information go to www.ieodressage.com.

Local Riders on Ranking List for National Young Horse Dressage Championship

Congratulations to our local riders who have appeared on the U.S. national ranking list for the Markel/USEF National Young Horse Dressage Championship, hosted by the Horse Park of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky., in September. In the Six-Year-Old division, Cabana Boy, owned by Hilltop Farm and...
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ridden by Christopher Hickey (Colora), is nationally ranked in third place. Froelich, owned by Dorie Forte (Woodbine), and ridden by Teresa Butta (Glen Burnie), is ranked eighth. Marseillaise, owned by Deborah Stewart, and ridden by Teresa Butta, appears on the ranking list, but out of the top ten. Don Diablo, owned and ridden by Marija Trieschman (Harwood), also appears on the ranking list, but out of the top ten. Picollo 2, owned by Jill Frumin (Bethesda), and ridden by Teresa Butta, appears on the ranking for the Five-Year-Old division, but out of the top ten. In the Four-Year-Old division, Hilltop Farm rider Michael Bragdell (Colora) appears as number one on the list with Selten HW, owned by Cadence, LLC. Revelle, owned and ridden by Susan Graham-White (Port Republic) is nationally ranked third in the Four-Year-Old division.

Alexander Technique Clinic with Robin Gillmore on July 26

An Alexander Technique Clinic with Robin Gillmore on July 26 has an unmounted morning session to learn the principles and application of correct posture and releasing tensions in the body. The afternoon session will be mounted as the riders apply those principles to encourage better performances in their horses. $75 for both sessions, $30 for morning session only.

For more information contact Beverley Fields, El Ammal Farm, Charlotte Hall, Maryland, 301-753-4016.
Shore Dressage

On a gorgeous, sunny May 17 our Shore Dressage Chapter held its second Point Show of the season at Sunset Bay Farm in Onancock, Va. Although the Show was small the atmosphere was relaxed, professional, and very positive. All the riders chose to ride the same test twice, which seemed much more relaxing for them. Trying to do two different tests can be confusing and more complicated even for the horse! Riders ranged from Intro A with a very young 5 year old, to two horses very green at the canter (one horse due to particular circumstances can only be ridden once a month), to a seasoned Prix St. Georges horse. This made for many educational observations. Almost everyone who rode approached their first test with anxiety, but their second rides were more relaxed and confident. The FREE munchies for horses and humans also was appreciated!

The judge, Carol Smith from Virginia Beach, was new to Shore shows, but she really enjoyed judging the different levels and variety of horses. She particularly enjoyed judging our Dressage Pleasure class, a new class this year. In this class the horses were judged on relaxation, smoothness of transitions, and obedience to the aids.

The success of any show is only as good as its VOLUNTEERS! These wonderful volunteers were Cynthia Walton our show manager, secretary and chief scorer; Cathy Giambalvo, our scribe; and Chris Guemple, our paddock master who was assisted by Louis and Chris Madison.

Coming up on June 11 we have an educational event planned at a new consignment shop managed by Becky Alexander. An equine insurance agent will tell us all we want to know about the importance of equine insurance.

Our next show is June 22 and in July and August we're looking forward to clinics with Jim Armstrong.

As always you can go to our Web site for more updates: www.shoredressage.com.

Calvert

The Calvert Chapter has already had a busy 2008 with more events planned! Our first major event this year was a Fix-A-Test clinic with Hallie Ahnsbrak on April 20, 2008, at Fresh Meadows in Huntingtown. The weather turned in the afternoon with heavy showers and occasional lightning strikes. The covered arena kept everyone safe and dry and the clinic was a huge success. Thank you to all of our volunteers, Hallie, and the facility owner, Dr. Linda Molesworth.

On May 25, 2008, we hosted our spring schooling show at the newly redone facility at Kings Landing Park in Huntingtown. Judy Strohmeier was the judge for this show and offered great comments while also keeping the show running on time.

We currently have two more shows planned for 2008, a summer schooling show on August 3 and our annual “Chapter Challenge Prep” show on October 19, both at Oakridge Park in Hughesville. We’re also batting around ideas for another clinic later in the year. We hope to see you at our schooling shows. We are open to everyone!
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Our horses aren't everything. Now, before you start sending me hate mail, let me explain myself.

As a professional trainer with two horses of my own, I am the last person to be throwing stones at someone who goes above and beyond to care for their horses. What I mean is that, as riders, we are one half of the team. Though we might never be able to treat ourselves as well as our horses, we should at least try a little bit harder whenever we can.

Too often we spend all of our money and time on our horse's wellness and we completely forget about ourselves.

So I have compiled a list of horse care tips... for riders:

1. **Proper nutrition and hydration are important, especially during competitions and in summer heat.**

   We weigh out our horse’s specialized feeds and monitor their water intake. Almost every horse at our barn is on multiple supplements for joints, allergies, digestive issues or other potions. Our horses don’t eat whatever they want, starve themselves the day before the show to look skinny in the ring and we wouldn’t even hook up the trailer if they hadn’t had any water either the night before or that morning.

2. **Cross-training, massage, acupuncture and other therapies make a good athlete great.**

   My horse’s masseuse, Marjorie Lewis, always tells me to get a massage and she is totally right. Her argument being that if I am tight, my horse will feel it and end up tight himself. Though getting a massage, taking a Pilates class or soaking in a hot tub may seem like indulgences, they keep us loose and aware of our own bodies.

   I used to live with professional runners and they were constantly taking care of themselves like any elite athlete should. As a result, they performed at their peak and were able to quickly identify what was wrong when they did not.

3. **Intense ring work is not all that makes a dressage horse.**

   Whether it is a nice hack outside or simply a day off, sometimes a break is just what is needed. If our horses are feeling genuinely sore or tired, we don’t push them for fear of injury. The same should apply to riders. If you have thrown your back out or have been working through the night at your office, it might not be a good time to ride. The sooner you can rest and recover, the sooner you can come out and give 110%.

4. **Buying $200 shoes each month is essential to success.**

   If anyone knows how to rationalize spending $200 a month on human shoes, please let me know. Otherwise, monthly shoes can only be promised to our horses. However, your boots, breeches, helmet and gloves should be equally as important as keeping properly fitting shoes on your horse—they should fit well, do their job and not interfere with riding.

   From a different angle, we must also remember that it is OK to go out and buy shoes every once and awhile. If we spend our entire clothing budget on barn stuff, pretty soon we are going to end up like that lady I always see in the grocery store, who wears a hair-covered fleece with her clean jeans and shirt…. I can only assume it is because she only owns barn coats.

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Scholarship Report

PVDA Learner Judges Program A Wealth of Information

By Kim Renee Briele

When I learned that PVDA was hosting the USDF Learner ("L") Judges Program, I decided to take advantage of this opportunity. PVDA hosted the program around 10 years ago and it hasn’t been offered since then in such close proximity. At that time, I audited the program and benefited greatly from the education. For the last 20 years I have been a PVDA member and have volunteered my time at shows and with the Peninsula Dressage Chapter. So I decided to apply for, and was then granted, a scholarship from PVDA.

I own and operate Horse Bridge Farm, located on the Eastern Shore, where I have been training, teaching, and competing in dressage for many years now. My education and exposure to dressage began in the 1970s at Meredith Manor/Salem College where I received a Riding Master Degree and B.S. in Equestrian Studies. Taking the L Program now and becoming a judge feels like a natural progression of my career.

The A Session, on bio-mechanics, was taught by Jeff Moore, whose knowledge of the subject is well known. When he taught the A Session years ago, I had my first introduction into this new research. My own riding and teaching greatly benefited then, and at this A Session, my knowledge and understanding was expanded. He referred to research done by Holstrum and Hilary Clayton and then discussed how dressage and riding remained in “archaic” ideas for many years. Other Olympic sports have expanded their knowledge as new technology has become available, and now USDF is welcoming this new research into their judges seminars.

In light of his knowledge of bio-mechanics, Jeff Moore has rewritten much of the terminology used by judges in the Glossary of Judging Terms. During the session, he went over vocabulary that has been used and misunderstood. We were encouraged to use terminology that promotes a more clear understanding of the rider and that directly benefits the horse’s training. For example, we discussed the mechanics of the gaits, and Moore defined “purity” as the correct order and timing of the footfalls and phases of a gait. He also clearly defined terms such as “impulsion” and “engagement.”

The B Session, taught by Janet Foy, covered “Gaits and Paces, and Movements and Figures.” She discussed, in detail, what the “quality” of the gaits should mean. Factors involved with quality are freedom in the shoulders, elasticity, suppleness, suspension, scope, reach and range of motion. She explained the “pyramid of training” in regards to the purpose and directives of each level. We discussed the criteria (exactly what is being judged) for each of the movements of training, first and second levels.

Each day after the lecture sessions we went to Wyndham Oaks to watch and judge riders from each level. Again, Janet emphasized the purpose of each level, using the directives to judge and comment. Janet encouraged us to be positive, sharing with us that she has seen too much negativity in judging. One task was to judge a couple of tests using only positive comments, in order to keep us from being negative. She also encouraged us to use the entire number scale.

The C Session was on "Collective Marks, Equitation, Rider Biomechanics, Basics and Musical Freestyle." Taught by Sandy Howard, she did a great job of covering all of the material. In the collective marks she explained the process at which the gaits, impulsion, submission, and rider scores are arrived. When we judged the actual rides, we were much more able to determine what issues are put under what categories. I came away with a much clearer methodology of how to score these marks.

Sandy Howard also was knowledgeable about the bio-mechanics of riding, and spent a good deal of time on the topic. She showed correct use of body positioning to achieve better movement and engagement from the horse. Using videotapes of riders, she showed various issues that positively and negatively influence the horse. She explained how the use of the rider’s hip excursions and core muscles influence the horse. This helped us with determining the rider scores, and indeed, with our own riding.

Everyone who attended the sessions, as auditors or judge’s candidates, received a wealth of information leading to benefits while training, teaching, competing, or going on to qualify as a judge. I’m encouraged by how USDF is improving our judges’ education and I’m looking forward to seeing the results of how this quality training will benefit dressage in the years to come.
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August
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 USDF 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.
9 Dressage Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors at evergreendors@juno.com
10 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com or 301-475-5013
16-17 Gerhard Politiz 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 rivialfarm@aol.com or 410-795-2491.

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 evergreendors@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.
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13 PVDA Licensed Show at Loch Moy. See Show Schedule.
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6-7 Walter Zettl Clinic at Reddemeade. Contact jane@reddemeade.com for more information.
10-12 BLM Championships in N.J.
18-19 USDF Sport Horse Seminar, hosted by Hilltop Farm, Colora, Md. Clinician Melissa Creswick, USDF credit available. Contact Holly Fisher, holly@hilltopfarminc.com or 410-658-9898
19 Calvert Chapter Schooling Show at Oakridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Judge: Mary Lou Sullivan. Open 6/5, Close 7/10. Contact Mary Russell at 410-535-1670 or mrusseell@crosslink.net.
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✦ 1) Selle Francais blk. geld., PHR reg., 12 yrs, 17H, zone awards at Training-Second levels. Handsome, quiet & kind—a good schoolmaster for dressage or jumping. Easy to handle, trailers, nice horse to be around, healthy & sound, $20,000 2) Blk. Sport Pony, shown at 1st level, schooling 2nd. Beautiful mover, level headed, also drives, $8,500, Cathy Echterrnach, 301-874-6975

✦ Imp. Old. ches. geld. by Rohdhiamant, 6 yrs, 17H, impeccably bred, impressive movement, w/that “look at me” attitude. Scores in mid-70s at Training level at show debut in May. Teresa Butta, 410-207-2640

✦ 1) Old. (GOV) dk. bay geld., 5 yrs, 16.3H, beautiful mover currently training level but ready to move up w/consistent riding. Need to make room for the babies, price neg. Photos on website: www.breezynurfarm.com 2) ‘08 fancy ches. DeLaurentis colt o/o a Bordeaux/Grussus mare. Huge blaze/2 white stockings. Beautiful mover w/potential for being a top level dressage horse. See video at: http://www.youtube.com/user/horsechica321@hotmail.com

Horses for Lease

✦ Half-lease of HanX dressage mare, 15 yrs, 15.2H, trained through 3rd level, boarded in Sandy Spring, MD, ind/outdoor arenas. Flex. lease arrangements poss. Sweetest temperament, confidence builder both in the saddle and on the ground. Perfect for lower level dressage rider looking to learn correct basics or in exc. cond., purch. for >$600, asking $450, Tedi Lesniewski, 301-928-7279

Equipment for Sale

✦ 1) ‘86 Arndt 2H GN trailer, in good shape & well maintained, $3,000 2) ’89 HorseTran (made by Arndt) 2H GN trailer, FRP & alum. on steel frame, back & side ramps, 14’ for horses, 6’ dressing rm., door from horse area to dressing rm., overall trailer length 27’, in exc. shape, I love this trailer but I’d like a smaller one. $10,500, Judy Taylor, 410-875-2112 or email: judyt@cerr.org

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✦ Three stalls avail. at new boarding facility in Rocky Ridge, MD. 120 x 200 sand outdoor, miles of trails, only one other boarder! FEI trainer/rider avail. for lesson/training or bring your own coach! Owner lives on property. Stalls have attached sm. paddocks. Quality hay/grain. Auto waterers in stalls and paddocks. 12 x 12 matted stalls w/dutch doors. Heated tack, washer/dryer, Wash stall w/H&C water and heaters. Barn will be expanded and ind. built by end of summer - many perks to be added! Get in on the ground floor! $450/mo. stall board, Kimberley Beldam-Saylor, 301-748-0413 or email: sabovee@horsemail.com or see www.rockyridgequestrarian.com
✦ Boarding/lay ups avail. at 100 ac. equestrian facility in Church Hill, 45 min from Annapolis on the Eastern Shore. Plenty of grass t/o, 3 outdoor arenas, half-mile track, 100x200 ind. w/custom footing, heated/AC viewing area w/kitchen, restrooms, offices. Fly predators used in fields, overhead fans in barn, heated wash stall. Home of Bayside PVDA with monthly meetings/activities. Schooling dressage shows during the winter months, lessons/clinics avail. Full board $525 & layups start at $20/day. See www.breezyrunfarm.com or call Vicky Meyer, 410-556-6614
✦ De-Stress (both you and your horse) at Cheshire Horse Hills. A sm. picturesque facility that minimizes population to maximize care. Yet we have all the amenities, ind/outdoor dressage arenas, trails, bathroom, lounge, plus much, much more, check out our website www.cheshirehorsehills.com. Intro. premier board and 2 lessons/mo. for only $600. We offer lessons in Classical Dressage and Centered Riding. Just across WW Bridge in MD, minutes away from new National Harbor Place, Easy from DC and Northern VA, call for directions, Kathleen Avillion, 301-372-6302, or email: thealphamare@aol.com

Wanted
✦ Working student wanted for prestigious international FEI trainer in Westminster, MD. Serious student who wants to learn — call for details, Teresa Butta, 410-207-2640

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.
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Denno and Carolyn Del Grosso ran a great show with help also from Betty Thorpe, Linda Speer, Cathy Meier, Jo Ellen Hayden, Betsy Novotny and the legions of volunteers organized by Jocelyn Pearson, among others. It was amazing!

The teamwork and response from all those who participated, donated, and/or attended made a difference. We should feel very proud of our accomplishments at PVDA helping to support breast cancer research, and I could not be prouder of all the volunteers who labored many long hours putting together the licensed show and benefit aspects of this show. We are supporting a great cause that impacts many brave women and some men in our area and it feels great! Thank you so much to all of you who participated.

And, now, I’m off for a vacation! I do wish you all a very safe and happy Fourth of July.

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

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her black 5-year-old Oldenburg gelding, Doc Holiday. The lowest score of her four tests at Training Level was 75% riding for three different judges.

When Anne finished her fourth test for her 80% score, she exclaimed, "He totally ‘gets’ the stretchy circle now!" It was another triumph in this, his fifth show.

Anne found Doc Holiday in Germany when she went on a buying trip after losing her horse a year ago and, one month later, her mother. It was a very low point for her, so she took a friend, a video camera, and a notebook and started searching for a new horse. "I was looking for rideability first and gaits second. I like Donnerhall and Doc is a Donnerhall grandson, by Don Cardinal out of a dam by Royal Diamond."

Her next goal will be to move Doc up to First Level. Anne works with Elizabeth Lewis and has a few students of her own.

One PVDA member who had a victory in many ways was Karen Anderson on her 7-year-old Hanoverian, Fhinland, She won First Level Test 3 with 63.7% and placed fourth in First Level Test 4 with 62%.

Karen rode in the PVDA clinic with Lendon Gray last November where she heard that she could stop babying her horse and start more serious training. It was a wake up call because she bought Fhinland as a 4-year-old from Marefield Meadows, Warrenton, Va., and had started him slowly and carefully. She took the advice seriously and over the winter she increased the pressure a little bit with the help of good instructors, Carolyn Del Grosso, Caroline Jordan and Becky Langwost-Barlow. When Willy Arts came for a February clinic he was very positive about the schooling and when he came back in April and saw progress he urged her to show First Level as she schooled Second Level at home.

"My goal in the test we won was to have him more on my seat aids, and that’s not possible to do for the whole test, but it did happen at times," said Karen happily.

One of the busiest PVDA members at the show was JJ Tate, who competed on five horses and had several students there as well. "I was exhausted!" JJ said. "We called it a character building show because for some of the students it was their first show with me. I have a system and I show a lot, but I realize that some of the others had trouble finding their groove."

JJ placed first in two classes of Fourth Level Test 3 with Baronessa, the 10-year-old mare by Day Dream owned by former PVDA board member Shari Glickman. "I was really proud of her. I rode the second test in the double bridle, and she has been so light in the bridle that it was great to see her starting to get more confidence with the double.

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Show Results

PVDA 43rd Annual Licensed Spring Show
Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. • May 24-25, 2008

Class 1: USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Zeno/Chelsea Sewell/68.696%
2. Doucette/Peggy Minnich/67.391%
3. Scarlett/Greta Holtz/63.478%
4. Curtain Call/Carol Fregh/P/63.478%
5. Cloud Nine/Cassandra Crouse/60.870%
6. Ionia/Ashley Singer/59.130%

Class 2: USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Curtain Call/Carol Fregh/67.143%
2. Scarlett/Greta Holtz/64.286%
3. Doucette/Peggy Minnich/62.500%
4. Cadet Commander/Katherine Coviello/61.429%
5. Zeno/Chelsea Sewell/61.071%
6. Cloud Nine/Cassandra Crouse/59.829%

Class 3: USEF Training Level, Test 3 (BLM)
1. Doc Holiday/Anne Alloi/75.200%
2. Wildcard/Angela Sasso/68.000%
3. Fleur Rouge/David Linn/66.000%
4. Arion/I/Janet Geyer/65.600%
5. Andromeda/Kim Schmidt/60.800%
6. Duled Dandy/Judy Whyte/59.600%

Class 4: USEF Training Level, Test 4 (USDFQ)
1. Doc Holiday/Anne Alloi/75.200%
2. Mr. Darcy/Jess Brumfield/70.800%
3. Alouette/Kathleen Kelly/62.800%
4. Zivona ISF/Christine Titter/59.200%
5. Kapriole/Karen Yingst/56.800%
6. Hilbert fan de Slachtedyk/Evelyn Susol/55.600%

Class 4.1: USEF Training Level, Test 4 (USDFQ)
1. Mystic/Anya Mullen/65.200%
2. Cadet Commander/Katherine Coviello/62.40%
3. Destinee/Lara Osborne/60.000%
4. Cimarron/Lisa Lewis/59.200%
5. Feinedame/Nikki Wingire/58.000%
6. Riviera/Holly Van Sant/57.600%

Class 5: USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Mr. Darcy/Jess Brumfield/72.333%
2. Tolanda II/Jules Anderson/72.000%
3. Alouette/Kathleen Kelly/65.000%
4. Feragamo/Carolyn Jackson/64.667%
5. Ducari/Deanna Mann/62.000%
6. A Stylish Olena/Genevieve Anderson/60.000%

Class 6: USEF First Level, Test 2
1. To Catch a Thief/Alice Quinn/69.167%
2. Mystic/Anya Mullen/65.000%
3. April Showers/Martha Reuss/62.500%
4. Rampunch/Robert Crawford/58.611%
5. Ducari/Deanna Mann/58.333%

Class 7: USEF First Level, Test 3 (BLM)
1. Wisteria ISF/Ashley Wolfe/71.143%
2. AB Sunset Hunter/Kirsten Poole/66.000%
3. Tolanda II/Jules Anderson/65.429%
4. Feragamo/Carolyn Jackson/64.286%
5. A Stylish Olena/Genevieve Anderson/63.143%
6. Diplomat M/Karen Holweck-Mulreany/62.857%

Class 7.1: USEF First Level, Test 3 (BLM)
1. Fhinland/Karen Anderson/63.714%
2. Rose Alba/Trudy O’Walker/61.143%
3. Ursus/S/Mary Mease/60.571%
4. Renoir/Sue Hassan/60.000%
5. Maestoso II Odetta II/Maribeth Wells/59.429%+
6. Rampunch/Robert Crawford/59.429%

Class 8: USEF First Level, Test 4 (GAIG)
1. Maestoso II Odetta II/Maribeth Wells/65.526%
2. Winston ISF/Christin Titter/64.737%
3. Ferrero/Hilary Moore/62.895%
4. Fhinland/Karen Anderson/62.105%
5. Rosalyn/Kathleen Johnson/61.316%
6. Grant One Wish/Catherine Echternach/61.053%

Class 9: USEF Second Level, Test 1
1. Harmony’s Davidoff Hit/Susanne Owen Hassler/74.737%
2. Remarkable/Alison Head/64.474%
3. Vodermus/Catherine Echternach/60.526%
4. Felissimo/Florence Daviet/58.947%
5. Grant One Wish/Catherine Echternach/65.842%
6. Aura/Samantha Smith/51.316%

Class 10: USEF Second Level, Test 2
1. Extracurricular/Jenna Soneira/62.973%
2. Vodermus/Catherine Echternach/62.703%
3. Aura/Samantha Smith/58.108%
4. Rubinayat/David Linn/54.324%
5. Isabella/Matt Steenhuizen-Nelson/51.622%

Class 11: USEF Second Level, Test 3 (BLM) Medal
1. Garlands Gal/Bruno Greber/71.628%
2. Harmony’s Davidoff Hit/Susanne Owen Hassler/71.163%
3. Remarkable/Alison Head/66.744%
4. Siranno/Lisa Lewis/66.047%
5. Chosen/Mary Schwentker/63.256%
6. Extracurricular/Jenna Soneira/60.233%

Class 12: USEF Second Level, Test 4 (GAIG)
1. Ocita/Thorsten Kramer/69.524%
2. Chosen/Mary Schwentker/57.619%
3. Felissimo/Florence Daviet/55.000%
4. Solon/Peta Jean Wylie/54.762%
5. Grand Gigue/Rachel Rosenfeld/51.905%
6. May Miro/Kristin Finney/51.429%

Class 13: USEF Third Level, Test 1
1. Douwe fan ‘e Butenskar/Donna Gatchell/66.667%
2. Rhonia/Bruno Greber/59.487%
3. Jump Up!/Kathy Campbell/59.487%
4. Delancy/Jules Anderson/59.231%
5. At Liberty/Kara Santmyer/58.974%
6. Duchess/Heather Sanders/56.410%

Class 14: USEF Third Level, Test 2
1. Donnernuth/Jessica Jo Tate/63.846%
2. Rodrigo RL/Jacqueyn Sheehan/60.256%
3. Jump Up!/Kathy Campbell/60.256%
4. Chancellor/Sheiri Holdridge/60.000%
5. Grand Gigue/Rachel Rosenfeld/55.385%
6. Gallant Chance/Karen Serafin-Goff/55.128%

Class 15: USEF Third Level, Test 3 (BLM/GAIG)
1. Grand Endeavor/Karen Holweck-Mulreany/65.814%
2. Delancy/Jules Anderson/64.419%
3. Absoluit/Jules Anderson/63.953%
4. Dienhard/Deborah Lowham/61.860%
5. Chancellor/Sheiri Holdridge/59.767%
6. Nelson NW/Donna Pelura/59.302%

Class 16: USEF Fourth Level, Test 1
1. Teade 392/Mary Alice Malone/66.047%
2. Pentagon/Paula Keller/63.256%
3. Barolo/Celia Vornholt/63.256%
4. Absoluit/Jules Anderson/63.953%
5. Gatchell/Donna Gatchell/62.857%

Class 17: USEF Fourth Level, Test 2
1. Baronessa/Jessica Jo Tate/63.415%
2. Whipporwill Dorado/Catherine Echternach/60.244%

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Class 56: USEF 4 Year Old Test
1. Ziggouras-Tar/Alex Robertson/78.600%
2. Corvallis/Abraham Pugh/67.000%
Class 57: FEI Test for 5 & 6 Year Olds
1. Watch Me/Belinda Werriman/75.200%
2. Froelich/Teresa Butta/72.600%
3. Davy Crockett/Jessica Jo Tate/72.000%
4. Exemplar/Angela Sassio/71.400%
5. Sir Prize/Claudia Patrick/70.600%
6. HH The Duke of Glenmoore/Elizabeth C. Meigs/67.400%

Class 60: YR Prix St George
1. Nagales/Danielle Blanchard/58.875%

Class 62: JR Individual Test
1. At Liberty/Kara Santmyer/57.125%

PVDA Schooling Show

Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. • May 4, 2008

USEF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Mocha Java/Courtney Swartz/67.00%
2. WS Reckless/Jill Windsor/63.50%
3. Windgate/Kevin Fidgeon/62.00%

USEF Introductory Level, Test B
1. WS Reckless/Jill Windsor/70.50%
2. Mocha Java/Courtney Swartz/66.50%
3. Windgate/Kevin Fidgeon/65.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Andrea/Pat Habicht/68.696%
2. Alegria De Andalusia/Karen Crawford/67.826%
3. WS Bracken/Jill Windsor/66.957%
4. Amadeus/Lisa Lewis/65.625%
5. My Lucky Charm/Julianna Laboy/63.913%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Andrea/Pat Habicht/71.786%
2. Curtain Call/Carol Freigh/71.071%
3. Alegria De Andalusia/Karen Crawford/70.714%
4. Danny/Judy White/70.00%
5. WS Bracken/Jill Windsor/66.071%
6. My Lucky Charm/Julianna Laboy/64.286%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Danny/Judy White/69.60%
2. Astoria/Becky Wilson/66.00%
3. Queens Colors/Patricia Haley/64.00%
4. Patton/Kevin Fidgeon/62.80%

USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/73.20%
2. Curtain Call/Carol Freigh/66.80%

PVDA Schooling Show

Sugarloaf Equestrian Center, Boyds, Md. • May 4, 2008

USEF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Shakespeare’s The Tempest/Catherine Baumgardner/70.50%
2. Sandilane/Deborah Thompson/70.50%
3. Wild Ballad/Shannon Solo/69.50%
4. Stormin Desire/Camille Baumgardner/67.50%
5. Medesimo/Carolyn Greene/62.00%
6. Ataiushara/Holly Anderson/61.50%

USEF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Eldorado/Hollister, Dana/66.50%
2. City Slicker/Maureen O’Connell/66.50%
3. April Meridan/De Laman/63.00%
4. W-B Bedazzlement/Ca Ann Shipley/59.50%

USEF Training Level, Test A
1. Shakespeare’s The Tempest/ Catherine Baumgardner/74.00%
2. Wild Ballad/ Shannon Solo/72.50%
3. Sandilane/Deborah Thompson/71.00%
4. Stormin Desire/Camille Baumgardner/69.00%
5. Medesimo/Carolyn Greene/68.50%
6. Ataiushara/Holly Anderson/62.00%

USEF Training Level, Test B
1. Clooney/ Lauren Peacox/69.130%
2. Johnny Walker/Kimberly Kempa/68.696%
3. The Big Black Horse/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/67.391%
4. New Horizons/Katlynn Tovar/65.652%
5. Bentley/Maureen O’Connell/65.217%
6. Shakespeare’s As You Like It/Camille Baumgardner/64.348%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Eldorado/Dana Hollister/66.087%
2. April Meridan/De Laman/60.435%
3. W-B Bedazzlement/Ca Ann Shipley/58.696%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Clooney/ Lauren Peacox/71.071%
2. Johnny Walker/Kimberly Kempa/70.000%
3. The Big Black Horse/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/69.643%

USEF Second Level, Tests 1 & 2
1. Levino/Beth Heubisch/64.643%
2. Catcher/Beth Brown/63.214%

USEF Second Level, Test 3
1. Levino/Beth Heubisch/68.000%
2. Hemingway/Leslie Raulin/63.200%
3. Catcher/Beth Brown/62.400%
4. Cadent Commander/Katherine Coviello/61.600%

USEF Third Level, Test 4
1. Hemingway/Leslie Raulin/63.200%
2. Cadent Commander/Katherine Coviello/62.000%
3. BF Emma/Alice DeLuca/54.400%

USEF Training Level & First Level, TOC
1. Renoir (T-4)/Sue Hassall/67.667%
2. Riffle (T-3)/Ellen Harris/66.400%
3. Riffle (T-4)/Ellen Harris/62.400%

USEF First Level, TOC
1. Caprioie (1-1)/Karen Yingst/61.667%
2. Folke (1-2)/Camilla Cornell/60.556%
3. Folke (1-1)/Camilla Cornell/60.333%
4. P.T. Whistler (1-1)/Laura Osburnsen/60.000%
5. Dawn Flight (1-2)/Emma Morris/58.611%
6. P.T. Whistler (1-2)/Laura Osburnsen/58.056%

USEF First Level, Tests 3 & 4
1. Grant One Wish (1-4)/Katie Hubbell/66.579%
2. Grant One Wish (1-3)/Katie Hubbell/65.714%
3. SEY Jospatriote (1-4)/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/61.316%
4. Dawn Flight (1-3)/Emma Morris/59.714%

USEF Second Level, Tests 1 & 2
1. SEY Jospatriote (2-1)/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/64.474%
2. Cimarron (2-2)/Laura Osburnsen/64.211%
3. Cimarron (2-2)/Laura Osburnsen/64.054%
4. Parceval (2-1)/Amy Nostrandt/63.947%

USEF Fourth Level, TOC
1. Whippet/Takayoshi Tanaka/64.545%
2. Capital Oops (4-1)/Christina Webber/62.326%

PVDA Schooling Show

Sugarloaf Equestrian Center, Boyds, Md. • May 4, 2008

We’ve been so lucky for so many years. We thought this year we were out of luck. All week rain was forecast for the weekend, but it didn’t happen and we had another beautiful show day. There were 69 rides evaluated by judges Trisha DeRose and Peggy Pariso. Catherine Baumgardner, on Shakespeare’s The Tempest, was the high scorer with 74% in USEF Intro B. I’d like to thank my wonderful volunteers: Cathy Abbott, Melanie Coleman, Deborah Gallardo, Linda Hall, Kitty Hollister, Kimberley Kempa, Rebecca and Renee Morris, Sheila O’Neill, Laura Osburnsen, Barbara Scheide, CeAnn Shipley, and Chris Webber and also express my gratitude to Maureen O’Connell, the owner of Sugarloaf Equestrian Center, and manager Cathy Echterman for allowing us to use this wonderful facility. Special thanks to Laura Osburnsen for bringing enough carrots so that each horse could have one. Leslie Hubbell, Show Manager

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We had a beautiful dawn with a full day of rides scheduled. The weather held out until just before lunch when the skies opened up with a deluge. Thankfully, the rain ended and the sun came out again for the final rides of the afternoon. Unfortunately, the already saturated ground made for interesting riding conditions for the afternoon rides. Kudos to all the competitors who bravado the downpours and rode in the afternoon! The weather was definitely a challenge! We’d like to thank our judges, Betty Thorpe who filled in to cover our overbooked morning and Evelyn Susol who judged the remaining rides of the day and braved the rain. We’d also like to thank our volunteers, many of whom worked the entire day from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Without them, we could not have put on the effort! Thanks to Lynn Paxton, Cheryl Grossman, Ken Ashman, Jeanne Ashman, Denise Breneman and friend, Charlene Cherry, Allie Ammenheuser, Laurie Taylor and Hailey Setley. Michele Wellman, Show Manager

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She was a little better uphill in that test and that brings us a little closer to Prix St. Georges. We call her our ‘Little Engine That Could.’

JJ also rode Davy Crockett, a 5-year-old Hanoverian by Donavan, owned by Jayne Nessif. "I was hoping for higher scores but I got some good feedback in the Five-Year-Old Horse class. They said he was ‘well ridden’ which is always nice to hear, and that he’s on the right track, but needs more strength. He improves every month and is very trainable. I rode his sire, Donavan, to Grand Prix and he’s so much like his Dad. Davy’s owner, Jayne, is riding him at Training and First Level at the Ride for Life. She has never shown before, but she rides him at home.”

Donermann, JJ’s 7-year-old gelding, is having a “quiet year” at Third Level after his trip to Germany for the World Championships last year. He won Third Level Test 2 with 63.8% and placed third in Third Level Test 3. Her goal with him next year will be the Developing Horse class.

And JJ loves to talk about her talented 5-year-old stallion, Rosall. "Watch for this one in the future!” she exclaimed.

"The Five-Year-Old test was a little over his head, but he is getting so much more rideable, too.”

Another Maryland rider who found success was Suzanne Hassler and the Oldenburg stallion, Davidoff Hit, owned by Harmony Sporthorses. They had two firsts and a second place in their Second Level classes with scores from 70.9 to 74.7%. "Davi is very intelligent and very sensitive with a tremendous desire to perform,” Suzanne said. “He was a late maturing stallion physically so we decided not to do the Five- and Six-Year-Old tests. My goal this year was to educate him about road trips and showing. In the first show he held his breath in the tests, but he showed real confidence here.

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"I was especially pleased with my ride that scored nearly 75%. He was really in the zone with me 100% as we went down center line, not distracted like a young stallion can be. He did lovely work and we got good scores, but in the first medium trot a flock of loud geese flew over really low. He broke one stride and came right back to me," said his proud rider, who has been riding Davidoff Hit since he was four.

Another competitor who had success with her two Friesian stallions was Mary Alice Malone from Iron Spring Farm, Coatesville, Pa. She had an unexpected incident with the 10-year-old Teade 392 when he fell in the warm up before his Fourth Level Test 1, which he then won with 66%. "I don't know if he slipped or if the footing was deep there, but that has never happened to me before and I've been fox hunting and have done advanced eventing," said Mary Alice. "I was very lucky, I was sore but I felt kind of OK and my horse felt kind of OK though he was a little scared that he was in trouble. So I went ahead with the test and it went really well! I've had Teade since he was a 6-year-old so I know him well. He's my steady boy."

Her second stallion, Ulbert 390, later won his Prix St. Georges test with 65%. She has had Ulbert for one year, and he arrived at Third Level. "He tries really hard, he's really rideable and I'm very happy with him."

By Sunday, Mary Alice warmed up for her Freestyle on Ulbert but found she was just too sore to compete. She reports that she has recovered with no after effects. "My angels were with me!" Both stallions have offspring at Iron Spring Farm.

The judges for this show were Gary Rockwell, Jeff Moore, Dorothy Maxfield, Nancy Porter and Susan Graham White. Thanks to them and to all the wonderful show volunteers who were instrumental in making our Spring Show a success: Bob Alexander, Carol Freligh, Diana Beuchert, Kimberley Beldam, Christine Arthur, Lisa Freund, Jennifer Moran, Mary Johnston, Mardee Rochelle, Lyne Morgan, Leslie Raulin, Mary Cobbett, Lisa Trovillion, Teresa Cox, Julie Baker, Roxanne Wood, Petey Hartung, Victoria Trovillion, Susan Stone, Marsha Kremzier, Wendy Evans, Suzi Hek, Jane Beck, Sue Mallia, Amy Lifson, Art Lifson, Liz Hattenburg, Julia Claypool, Becky Dahlman, Laura Thompson, Luke Welling, Beth Davis-Brown, Louise Cotulla, Anna Baker, Molly Evans, Liz Stoneham, Hannah Temple, Katherine Brescia and Anne Singer!
Clinic Review

PVDA Hosts Susanne von Dietze Clinic in June

By Mary Johnston

On June 2, 3, and 4, 2008, PVDA hosted a successful clinic at Evergreen Stables with Susanne von Dietze, author of "Balance in Movement: The Seat of the Rider." Susanne is a licensed physical therapist as well as an international rider and instructor of instructors. She applies her knowledge of bodies and movement to help riders use themselves to influence the horse's movement more effectively.

Most riders were able to participate for all three days and auditors watched the progression of each pair as the riders were able to release contractions and asymmetries in their own bodies that were creating blockages in the horse's movements. Susanne had riders varying the rising and the sitting pattern at the trot: doing sit-sit-up (rather that sit-up/sit-up), or up-up-sit in rhythm with the trot strides in order to break the routine coordination pattern that horses and riders fall into. With the change in pattern, the horses became more aware of the riders' aids and the riders became more aware of the horses' movements and posture and were better able to control the tempo of the trot.

Several exercises were done on the circle, with an emphasis on softly placing the horse's front feet or hind feet where the rider wanted them as the circle spiraled in and out. Susanne also used counting the number of strides on each quarter of a circle to help riders control the length of the stride, which allowed riders to work toward lengthening without rushing or losing balance.

All the riders were pleased and a little amazed at the changes they felt in themselves and their horses as the clinic progressed. As their awareness increased they were able to execute the exercises with smoothness and relaxation and there were visible changes in the outlines and tempos of the horses.

The clinic organizers wish to thank Sally Martin, Beth Barritt, and all the boarders for the use of the arena at Evergreen Stables for the three days of the clinic. Your patience and generosity was greatly appreciated.
Clinic Review

"Training the Trainer" with Grand Prix Rider and Trainer Jan Brons at CDI

By Janet Richardson-Pearson, CDI founder/president

When Jan Brons asks a horse for a response from an aid, it had better happen. That was one of his strongest messages, repeated over and over, at the Chesapeake Dressage Institute’s “Training the Trainer” clinic on May 24 and 25.

In response to expressed interest from local instructors and trainers who spend countless hours working with their students, but hardly ever get to have advanced training for themselves, Chesapeake Dressage Institute (CDI) organized a series of clinics from top level Grand Prix riders. Not only are they serious competitors in the show ring, they are highly respected instructors, as well. Trainers were offered early registration before opening the clinic to others.

Jan (pronounced Yon), is a dedicated competitor, sometimes riding four or more horses a day in a show, as well as a successful instructor with a waiting list for his teaching and national clinics. Having worked with Robert Dover for close to a decade he knows what it takes to be successful. With clinics in Chicago, Tennessee and California, we felt fortunate to have been included in his roster.

Jan’s instruction was clear and concise and he had riders working hard on three basics—forward, responsive and straight.

Some of his comments included statements like:

• “When you touch him with your leg, he better be breathing fire.”
• “When he throws you a trick, hoping you’ll go away, it is not “let’s make a deal.”
• “When you touch with an aid, he should respond like a Ferrari, not like a diesel truck.”
• “No matter what—he must stay on the line you’re on and the gait you’re in.”
• “Touch him, he must immediately answer you, then you must get quiet.”
• “Think about the activity on the hind legs—he needs the hind legs to be more correct to build up his back. Don’t worry about the front legs.”
• “Flying changes have to happen on a straight line.”
• “In pirouette you need to make steps smaller without losing activity before starting turn.”
• “The more collection you need, the more forward you have to think.”
• “He must give you an answer the second you ask for it, even if it is the wrong answer.”

Jan would say “it doesn’t matter,” when a horse would give an incorrect response...he just wanted a response of some kind.

Everyone was thrilled at the level and intensity of the instruction they received. Kelley Corrigan worked with Jan this past season in Wellington and felt that he really helped her with problems she has had for some time with one of her horses. “For me, Jan is very focused on what he wants to accomplish with a certain horse. He also makes me more focused on how the horse is going and keeping him where he needs to be for a particular level,” she said.

Lisa Gruen commented, “I found Jan very helpful. I rode three horses and felt improvement in each horse. He stressed raising the rider’s level of expectation and keeping standards high. He is quick with feedback—I was able to get an immediate sense of what was wanted when things were correct. He is quick to identify the issues and offer clear solutions in a very positive manner.”

We are looking forward to Jan’s next four clinics, and the others we have planned specifically for our trainers. As space allows, CDI also will accept other riders. Auditing is another good option to consider if you would like to benefit from his expertise, as he is clear and concise in his instruction.
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I wish to apply for the following:

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*Each add. family member (over two) is $10 each extra (1 yr. USDF) or $20 each (2 yrs. USDF)

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- show manager
- show scorer
- show ring steward
- show runner
- set up/breakdown
- show (other)
- education projects
- computer skills
- advertising/marketing
- anything

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

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JUNE PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: June 2, 2008; Meeting #467
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, Cathy Jeary, Linda Speer, Pat Artimovich, Shari Packard, Deanna Beal, Leslie Raulin, Karen Jacob, Jocelyn Pearson, Betty Thorpe, Jen Funk, Liz Erwin, Rebecca Yount
Board Members Absent: Marne Martin-Tucker
Association Members Present: Eileen Johnson, Jan Denno, Samuel Funk

TREASURER’S REPORT
General Fund: $23,486.92
Schooling Shows: $2,312.41
Chapter Fund: $7,777.19
RFL-CCH: $2,987.82
Money Market: $2,904.32
Schooley Mill Shows: $2,312.41
General Fund: $23,486.92

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Education: Jeff Moore clinic cancelled because there were not enough entries. Susanne von Dietze going on vacation. A clinic for 2008-09 season.

Film/Video/Book Library: Marianne Joseph has entered all videos on the Web site.

Membership: Adult-656, Family-128, Junior Aff-100, Young Adult-22, Senior-34, Life-14, Patron-7, Honor-7, Business Affiliate-3. Total: 1069. We will begin working on membership directory with Mardee Rochelle.

National Liaison: (Jocelyn Pearson) American Dressage Institute Founder Maggie Serrell has passed away. Theodore O’Connor, the wonder pony, had to be euthanized. David O’Connor is running for president of USEF. June 15 is the deadline to fill out the survey online regarding the possible qualification rule change.

Shows Recognized: (Carolyn Del Grosso and Linda Speer) $10-12K profit from the Morven Park Show. The show went well. Shannon Pedlar did a great job as manager. Ride for Life has 30 people on wait list. Evening performance is all planned. Barns and others against breast cancer promotion sent out to 300 groups.

Shows Schooling: (Bonnie Vaden) Tewksbury and Schooley Mill shows are both full.

Volunteers: Tea for Training attendees are volunteering at the shows. E-news has been effective in getting volunteers when a specific job and time frame are offered.

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 to use scores from last year to qualify for Adult Team Competition. One score from a previous year can be used.

NEXT MEETING: July 13 (note new date so that report on Ride for Life can be presented by Marne Martin-Tucker) at 7 p.m., Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Shari Packard, 240-353-6739. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.
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