I hope everyone did well at our school ing shows and/or our May licensed show and are looking forward to the Ride for Life show June 28 and 29. Be sure to plan to attend the Dancing Horse Challenge and Gala Dinner on June 28. It begins at 6 p.m. and more information is available at www.pvdarideforlife.org. We have an amazing evening planned for your enjoyment and to support breast cancer research!

The USEF Dressage Committee has released a revised version of the performance standards. A copy of the revised draft is available on the USEF Web site and also our PVDA Website. USEF followed our lead and has made available an online referendum for all GMO and USDF

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Teresa Butta Qualifies Two PVDA Members’ Horses for Young Horse Selection Trials

Congratulations to PVDA member Teresa Butta. Teresa has qualified two PVDA members’ horses for the 2008 USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Eastern Selection Trials to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina, May 30–June 1, 2008. Teresa has the distinction of qualifying what will likely be one of the largest and one of the smallest horses at these selection trials: Dorie Forte’s 18 hand Oldenburg ISR gelding, Froelich, in the FEI Dressage Test for Six Year Olds, and Jill Frumin’s 14.3 ½ hand Westfalen Reitpony, Picollino 2, in the FEI Dressage Test for Five Year Olds. Two years ago Teresa and her Dutch gelding, Unitas, won the Five-Year-Old division of the Eastern Selection Trials and went on to represent the United States at the 2006 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage held in Verden, Germany. We wish Teresa, Dorie and Jill good luck in Raleigh!

Congratualtions to Miss Preakness 2008

Long time PVDA member Maggie Wolfendale has been honored with The Maryland Jockey Club’s ”Miss Preakness 2008.” Maggie, a student at Towson University majoring in Mass Communications, will represent Pimlico at all Preakness Celebration activities. Maggie’s horse is Colonel Hill. Congratulations Maggie!

American Warmblood Society Awards Now Available at Four PVDA Licensed Shows

American Warmblood Society (AWS) awards will now be available at the four PVDA Licensed Shows. Beautiful Gold, Silver and Bronze neck medals will be awarded to the top three scoring registered horses regardless of their division or level (freestyles are excluded). Horse and rider must be enrolled in the AWS Annual Awards Program. To sign up visit their Web site at www.americanwarmblood.org. Be sure to list your breed designation as American Warmblood Society or AWS when you enter the competitions! AWS also participates in the Adequan/USDF All Breeds Program. Any questions, contact the local representative, Liz Erwin, at liz.erwin@pvda.org.

Vote On the USEF Proposed Performance Standards by June 15!

Log on to www.usef.org with your USDF membership number and vote for or against the proposed performance standards. You also can make comments. Deadline is June 15! Please vote!

Bring Your Dancing Shoes to Ride for Life

When was the last time you spent a Saturday evening tasting fine wine, eating fine food, listening to fine music, watching top riders and supporting a fabulous cause, all under one roof? You can do it June 28, at Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md., at the PVDA Ride for Life, www.pvdarideforlife.org. Gala Dinner reservations are due by June 20, one week before the event. The menu has been listed on the Web site, under “Gala Dinner Event,” and 50% of that
ticket is tax deductible.

Mark your calendar! Fill your car with friends! Doors open at 6 p.m. ($15 coliseum seat donation) with Nicole Uphoff (German Individual Gold Medalist 1988, 1992) at the entrance available for signatures. There will be live music by "Unruly Blues," and a Las Vegas décor theme for the evening, with Elvis wandering on site! Cocktails and appetizers are in the Tack Room at 6 p.m. The Gala Dinner buffet begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Paddock (separate ticket, $50). The Gala Dinner photographer is Rita Boehm. Wine tasting will be provided by Linganore Winery (Mt. Airy). A silent auction will be ongoing on the concourse, including a weekend training package for horse and rider from Hilltop Farm. Tour the table displays and make your bids! Vendors with a great variety of items stay open for this evening’s event. Photographer Bruce Scarborough from BHS Photography and Lu Spinks’ Video Vibes will capture the evening, and Nicole Uphoff will have a personal presentation to share. Sip your drinks in the coliseum and watch the Dancing Horse Challenge commence at 7:30 p.m., or watch from the glass view of the Paddock dining room.

Audience participation is the theme for the entire evening:

Appetizers and dinner are available until 9:30 p.m., cash bar until 11 p.m. Music and spectator dancing in the arena once the horse show completes. "Unruly Blues" will end the evening in music at 11 p.m. Attire is casual to black tie; all acceptable.

All forms are available at www.pvdarideforlife.org on the fliers and forms tab, each with due dates to coordinate this great evening. Get them in on time and see you there with your dancing shoes on! Submitted by Eileen Johnson

Ride for Life Logo Ware Coming Soon

Featuring the lovely R4L Horsehead and Pink Ribbon designed by PVDA member Alison May and the 2008 Poster created and donated to PVDA/R4L by Bob Bevans. You can purchase your items NOW, before the show! Go to www.pvdarideforlife.org and click on Merchandise to find the Pre-Show order form. Or e-mail Karen Jacob at servicedirectory@pvda.org. Deadline to place Pre-Show orders is June 13, 2008!

DressageClinic.com Offers Free Membership to Johns Hopkins Donors

As part of its Gold sponsorship of the PVDA Ride for Life, DressageClinic.com is offering one free month of membership for anyone who donates $35 to Johns Hopkins University Hospital for the Quality of Life Research Fund between now and the end of the show, June 29. Your month of membership would run July 1-30. Help fund breast cancer research AND enjoy a month of top international or North American trainers riding or lecturing on their best horses or training their most dedicated students. Imagine how much you can benefit your own riding from these educational experiences! Visit www.pvdarideforlife.org/Sponsorships and click on "DressageClinic.com" for information and forms. Submitted by Hilary Moore
PVDA Ride for Life 2008
Licensed Dressage Show and Benefit for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Center
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- Sponsorships: Sponsorship opportunities for both individuals and corporations.
- Competitors: Support Breast Cancer Research and compete for prizes.
- Show Program Tributes: Provide a tribute to a loved one in the show program.
- Jill Hassler-Scoop Dancing Horse Challenge: Saturday evening will feature FEI level dressage exhibitions and entertainment.
- Gala Dinner: Join us Saturday evening for a gala dinner while watching the Dancing Horse Challenge.
- Vendor Opportunities: With an expected 250 competitors and with seating capacity of over 3,000 in The Showplace Arena, this is a wonderful opportunity for equestrian companies. Indoor and outdoor vendor space is available.
- Advertising: Opportunities available in the show program for spectators and 250 competitors.

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PVDA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

A copy of the current financial statement of The Potomac Valley Dressage Association is available by writing to PVDA, P.O. Box 1310, Sykesville, MD 21784 or by calling (301) 380-4705. Documents and information submitted under the Maryland Solicitation Act are also available, for the cost of postage and copies, from the Maryland Secretary of State House, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 974-5534.
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home, "Wirtland." We had husbands and family members join in for the evening. It was record setting attendance, 25 total, and a tough act to follow. Thanks to Annmari and Fletch for a most enjoyable start to our year.

Our March meeting was planned to help us become stronger and in better shape with a Pilates demonstration by Diane Bramos. Diane is an accomplished area Pilates instructor who delivered an hour-long workout designed specifically with the horse-person in mind.

In April it was back in the saddle with Marja Sandberg, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, a USDF “L” Judge and also BHS Certified. Although the day of the clinic was wet and blustery, Marja was a trooper. Despite the conditions, the rides stayed on schedule and Marja gave 10 great lessons. She managed to find the “rider within” each of the participants. Guided by her instruction and encouragement each pair found an area of accomplishment on which to build. Many thanks to Michele Alexander and John Spalding of Begin Again Farm for the use of their arena, which kept us all safe and dry.

On May 18 we are headed to Oak Ridge Park for a fun field trip. We plan to ride together in the arenas and then wander the many trails. The outing will conclude with a tailgating opportunity where we will share refreshments and conversation.

Finally, we wish to thank the PVDA and specifically the webmaster, Almond Packard, for the opportunity to create a Chapter Web site housed within the PVDA site. It has become a great place for sharing membership information, updates, photos, etc. Thank you PVDA for this wonderful tool! We encourage other Chapters to do the same.

Check us out at www.pvda.org/stmarys.
New USEF Draft of Performance Standards Released

by Mary Johnston

The USEF Dressage Committee released the newest draft of the proposed Performance Standard on April 23, 2008. It is available for you to read and review at [http://www.usef.org/Contentpage2.aspx?id=dressage](http://www.usef.org/Contentpage2.aspx?id=dressage). The USEF also has established a survey on their Web site, [http://www.usef.org/Contentpage2.aspx?id=dressage](http://www.usef.org/Contentpage2.aspx?id=dressage), to collect member comments and opinions on the draft. The survey will be available until June 15, 2008, and the information collected will be used by the Dressage Committee during their summer meeting, July 1-2, 2008.

This survey is open to USEF members, USDF Participating Members, and USDF Group Members.

PVDA has a separate survey on its Web site to collect as much input from members as possible (insert linky-linky to PVDA survey). Your position and comments on this proposal will be used by the PVDA Board to form any response needed to the next step in this process. Whatever your opinions or concerns on this issue, please use this opportunity to tell the PVDA Board how you wish to be represented in the wider dressage community. Of the responses tallied to date, the membership is running 20% in favor and 80% opposed.

The current draft of the proposed standard is more detailed than the version released at the 2007 USDF convention and subsequently tabled at the January 2008 USEF convention. The current version specifically addresses issues such as the status of eventers, includes the current USDF Medal System as part of the qualifying process, specifically states who will be grandfathered in at which levels, and provides an appeal process. Scores for advancement to Fourth Level can be earned with any Third Level Test, rather than solely with Third Test 3.

A review of the points assigned at each of the qualifying score ranges shows that 75% of all Third Level rides and 74% of all PSG rides will be able to earn the points needed to move to the next level. Riders scoring at the lower end of the range will have to do more rides to earn the required points to move up, which will impose costs in terms of entry fees, transportation and stabling, and time on those riders.

There are issues that were raised in the many discussions that occurred in the dressage community that are not yet addressed:

- What will it cost to administer the record-keeping?
- How will this cost be funded?
- Will qualification changes be recorded/available in a timely manner?
- How will issues of judging inconsistencies be handled, i.e., high scores given to poor rides?
- How will poor riding in the warm-up area be handled?
- What will the impact be on the All Breeds Annual Awards?
- Will there be a process for evaluating the impact of the qualification rules in the year or two after it is fully implemented?

In addition, many posters have questioned what the problem statement is for this rule change; under USEF rule changes procedures, when a rule change is put forward, it must state a specific problem that it will address (and solve), as well as other options that were considered as possible solutions. None of this information has been made available in conjunction with this rule change.
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The Rebecca Langwost Clinic at Stonebrook Farm on April 5, 2008, was a PVDA sponsored and subsidized clinic for PVDA Junior/Young Riders. Six of the participants share their experiences:

**From Julianna Laboy**

I’m glad I had the opportunity to take a lesson from Rebecca Langwost. She provided new techniques to help me with my riding and gave me great input. Rebecca helped me get my horse to bend more to the right—he has a tendency to lean to the outside when tracking right. She answered my questions and helped me work on things that I struggle with such as getting my horse to use his hind legs more effectively. Rebecca is a great trainer who helped me improve my dressage riding so that I may become more successful in future competitions. She was an excellent complement to my current trainer, Jill Windsor, who I have worked with for over six years.

**From Katie Snyder**

In the midst of telling me over and over to look through my horse’s ears, Rebecca Langwost patiently taught me more about bending through my horse’s back rather than just his neck. I repeated several exercises until I finally got it and felt how it is to actually bend all the way through the body. She was extremely patient, but at the same time she got the point across when I needed to fix something. Since coming home from the clinic I have ridden and been able to practice these exercises and improve my bending. This clinic really inspired me to improve my dressage work and I can’t wait to get out and show off what I have learned.

**From Melissa Swearingen**

I rode my 10-year-old American Holsteiner, Cezanne. After warm up, Rebecca had us work on a small circle at the trot to encourage Cezanne to bring his hind legs underneath him. She also wanted me to ride Cezanne more forward with my legs instead of using my hands to collect him. We did circles in both directions with breaks of working trot every now and then. After getting Cezanne collected properly we moved on to the canter. We started with cantering on a circle and down the long side trying to get him off the forehand. Rebecca also worked on my position while cantering to help Cezanne stay collected and supple. Lastly, Rebecca worked on counter canter with us. We cantered the around the edge of the arena in counter canter in both directions. The exercise was very difficult at first but after practicing it a few times we were able to counter canter around the arena with few problems. I realized that my position was confusing Cezanne, and after Rebecca fixed that we got some very nice counter canters.

Thank you Rebecca Langwost for the help! And thank you PVDA and Linda Speer for hosting the clinic at Stonebrook Farm.

**From Zoe Witte**

I was so happy to get a slot in the Rebecca Langwost clinic. My horse has a problem bending to the left and I really needed help. I found out that it was actually my problem for having my left leg too far behind the girth. After I changed my leg position, the bend to the left got much better. I also learned to support my horse more with the outside rein, especially in the canter.

Thanks to Rebecca Langwost for a great clinic and to PVDA for putting it on.

**From Lucy Larner**

The day was beautiful and the weather was perfect for spring riding. Rebecca is an accomplished USDF rider and trainer, and I think I can speak for all of the riders who participated that we benefited from her tremendous expertise and insight. On my young gelding we focused on creating the proper bend in both directions and refining my position. She had us perform leg yields and work on different sized circles in an effort to get my horse to move off of the leg and create a bend using his whole body. She pointed out that my horse could give the false illusion of bending by throwing his neck to the inside, and she also highlighted the importance of the bend coming from the whole body. She had me correct my arm position, keeping my elbows bent, and making my hands more effective. Rebecca emphasized the importance of correcting my horse’s mistakes by pushing him forward through them, not immediately resulting to rein pressure.

The session was 45 minutes of rigorous and intense riding.
and I left with a new level of knowledge and array of new exercises to work on with my horse. Less than a week later, I am already beginning see the results of her methods in both my position and the movement and responsiveness of my horse. This was a wonderful opportunity to educate myself from a top trainer, and a very beneficial experience. Special thanks goes to Stonebrook Farm and Linda Speer for organizing the clinic and PVDA for their generous subsidization.

from Melanie Schutt

Before we started, I was very nervous because I had never taken a lesson with such a good dressage rider. Right from the start Rebecca Langwost was very friendly and put me at ease. We did a very hard exercise, and my horse Delaney really wanted no part of it (she kept trying to bite my foot!). Rebecca showed me how to wait it out while Delaney had her little fit, and then how to move forward so she could do the exercise. She understood my horse, and worked with me to help Delaney complete the exercise. I was exhausted at the end, and was amazed at what my horse could accomplish under her instruction. I am grateful for this opportunity, and Delaney and I thank the PVDA Young Rider's program, Rebecca, and Linda for the lesson.
Horses for Lease

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✦ Has geld., 7 yrs, 16.1H by Riverman o/o TB mare. Has competed minimally. Loc. on MD eastern shore near Salisbury, $3,500/obo, Sharon Rayne, 410-726-2449

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USDF Adult Team Competition
Saturday and Sunday, August 2 & 3, 2008
Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Virginia

This is an unlicensed competition, run in accordance with the current USEF & USDF rules. PVDA will send teams to this competition and we would love to have you represent our GMO. PVDA will pay for the team tests.

General Rules:
1. Competitors may be professional or amateur and they must be at least 22 years old as of 1/1/08.
2. While USDF membership is encouraged, it is not a requirement for team participation.
3. Teams may enter as Intro Level through FEI level. Teams may be made up of GMOs or any group outside of GMOs that want to make a team (ie: barns, trainer etc.).
4. Cost: $400/team (3 or 4 riders), Stabling: $75 per stall for the weekend.

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

Candidate Application
If you would like to be considered for the team championship, please fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 16, 2008, to: Linda Speer
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Have You Thought About Applying for a Scholarship?

PVDA members may be eligible to receive a cash scholarship to be used to further their dressage education. There are two types of scholarships:

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

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

For more information about PVDA scholarships and their requirements, visit the PVDA Web site at www.pvda.org (under Programs, then Scholarship Guidelines), or please contact the Scholarship Chairperson, Betty Thorpe, bsthorpe@aol.com.
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members to comment. It is very important that you “vote your mind” prior to June 15, 2008, so that the USEF Dressage Committee has the benefit of your views prior to their July 1-2 meeting in Ohio. The survey is accessible at http://www.usef.org/_IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/onlineSurvey.aspx or you can locate the link on our own PVDA.org Web site under News. USDF is not the initiator of these performance standards, but USDF may have to bear the challenge and costs of administering any performance standards. The issues of administration and who would pay for the implementation of the standards has not been addressed yet in this “second draft” proposal, but it is an important consideration to evaluate and for the Dressage Committee to add to any proposal prior to a draft being presented at the December USDF annual meeting and subsequently at the January USEF annual meeting.

As further PVDA news, we will soon have available a PVDA survey for us to benefit from your opinions and comments. Only through better knowledge of your needs can we be more responsive as a GMO! We also would like to encourage our members to put together teams for the Adult Team competition August 2 and 3, 2008, to be held at HITS Commonwealth Park in Culpeper, Va.

On a personal note, work is very busy and I seem to live in a state of perpetual jet lag, but Escobar and I are very much enjoying the training here in England. (I am lucky that my husband loves our little farm in Woodbine since he has had to pick up so many extra chores with me being away.) Escobar and I had our first show in the Premier League here in England competing PSG and Intermediaire 1 (our first I-1!) as an adult amateur against the professionals. Our scores in the mid-sixties were not good enough for a ribbon since my trainer was winning the class with scores in the 71-73% range, but it was a good debut for our first show this season. Since then, Escobar and I have “stepped” it up a level, so hopefully (fingers crossed!) the judges will agree at our next show in early June. I will have some photos and an article to post on our lovely PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org in June about the experience.

Have a great month and good luck at our shows!

Marne Martin-Tucker • PVDA president • president@pvda.org
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knew about other than those at the Olympics were the ASPCA Maclay trophy and the AHSA Good Hands medal, for the top hunt seat and saddle seat equitation competitors of the year. That competition was at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden, a mythical place that few of our local competitors, regardless of their skill, had ever been to. Driving horses half way across the country to a show was not something that was commonly done.

As a teen, I had the luck to find horses to ride, and instructors who had themselves been taught by some of the legends of the forward seat world. My dreams were no less vivid, but gradually reality took the place of dreams as I began to understand just how far it was from my own shoe-string experiences to the Olympics. But somehow, I never really gave up the idea that, under the right circumstances, I might have been good enough. Whether you are systematically goal-oriented or really a dreamer, I’ll bet that you’ve had this dream too.

Fast forward to adulthood, with a career and the reality of time pressures and expenses in a huge metropolitan area. When I bought my first house at the age of 30, I made a conscious decision—it was either buy a house or buy a horse. I couldn’t afford both. I gave up my dream of the Olympics that day. In my mid-thirties, I gave up riding. But when I was 49 I started riding again. Forward seat gave way to balanced seat, hunters to cross-country schooling with a little dressage thrown in, and still later, just dressage. When I was 57 I earned my USDF Bronze medal. The riches of a life with horses continue, but that’s the last medal I will ever earn, since my physical health no longer permits riding (one never knows how these things will go…). I have always been goal-oriented, wanting to reach some specific mark as a measure of my achievement. I’m forever grateful that I was able to get that last score, and didn’t have to tuck that Bronze medal up in the same part of my mind as the Olympic dream! Of course, the Silver and Gold did go up there….

So, now to YOUR medal! Three years ago, the PVDA Board asked me to revitalize our rider award program. A scaled down version of the USDF medal program, the PVDA Rider Award program recognizes riders who compete at Introductory, Training, First, and Second levels. I wanted the awards to be something that people could be proud to wear, attractive and unique. I think we succeeded there. Our first award went to an Intro competitor—very fitting, since I think that adult beginners are some of the bravest and most hard working of our members. It is so very hard to learn to ride as an adult! The synapses and muscle memory pathways that are active in children, and help a child learn new physical sports and tasks, have shut down in adults. We struggle with coordination that would have been easy to learn years ago. So, if you can pull yourself together enough to go to schooling shows, you can get a medal. Maybe not in your first shows, but I’ll bet eventually you will get the scores. Focus on the judge’s comments, and ask your instructor or a more experienced barnmate to help you sort out exactly what you need to do to bring that 4 up to a 5, 6 or even a 7. Movement by movement, you will improve. And your riding will improve as well. This is not just about scores, ribbons, and pins. Did you know that the dressage tests are carefully crafted to bring horses and riders along in the correct way as you progress through the tests and levels? A huge amount of thinking goes into the tests, which are redone about every three years. The vast majority of our PVDA riders are at Intro or Training Level, somewhat fewer at First, and then dramatically fewer at Second. THESE AWARDS ARE FOR YOU! For more information, go to the PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org, and GOOD LUCK in 2008!
Dressage Protocol

In February at PVDA’s “Tea is for Training” volunteer seminar, there were questions brought up about protocol for a licensed show as opposed to a schooling show. Covering the topic of Technical Delegate responsibilities and fielding questions took my entire time allotment so protocol had to wait. To address those questions I thought it would be helpful to review exactly what is expected of competitors. There is a small booklet compiled by United States Dressage Federation, Inc. which covers more than I can cover in a short article. You can obtain one from USDF. I will try to hit the important things. To start with, make the secretary’s job easier, and be sure to carefully read the entry and fill in all the blanks as well as the signatures for rider, owner, trainer. Unless you bring a trainer with you to the show who will be responsible for your horse at all times, you should sign as the trainer, after all, every time you ride your horse you are training him. Be sure to include all needed copies of your membership cards and membership ID for the horse as well and of course, a current coggins test copy. Do not send originals of any documents. Don’t expect to get any of your copies back for later use as they must be on file for the TD to inspect. When you check in at the office, be polite and if you have filled out your entry correctly you will be out quickly. Just in case you missed something, take your wallet with your membership cards and money. Allow time to check in so you are not pressing the management who are already stressed. Confirm your designated ride times, they may have changed slightly. Address any scheduling conflicts politely and immediately. Additions or changes made for your convenience usually require a signed form and a fee, so be prepared. Upon arrival at the show, park in designated parking only and be prepared to unload quickly if you are allowed to stop at the barn. A cart is handy to load up your equipment and feed to move from trailer to stall. Once in the stall assigned be sure to avoid blocking the aisle or disturbing others. Check with the stable manager in advance before using a fan and be sure it is set up safely and securely. If you choose to play music, keep it soft and turn it off whenever you leave. Be sure that your stall card has the proper contact information. If dogs are allowed on the show grounds, be sure to keep them under control and quiet at all times, following the instructions in the prize list. Some shows charge ransom for loose dogs so be sure your dog is secure and comfortable before you leave him. Introduce yourself to those in neighboring stalls. NO SMOKING IN THE BARN EVER! For warm up be sure to arrive with proper attire and equipment as stated in Dressage Rules 120 & 121. You do not have to wear your jacket in warm up. “Numbers MUST be worn at all times when a horse is being exercised or ridden.” (DR121:10) Be polite in warm up and pass left shoulder to left shoulder and look where you are going. Dressage riders are notorious for staring at their horse’s head so you may even have to say “heads up” occasionally to avoid collisions! Slower gaits take the inside track. Pass on the inside or cross the diagonal or circle to a less crowded spot. Never school your horse if you are angry! If your trainer assists you, be sure not to hog the warm up either physically or verbally. Other people are also trying to concentrate and remember their tests. It is NOT appropriate to have a lesson in the warm up area. Be sure to lounge your horse in designated areas only. Please do not leave equipment where it may endanger others. Upper level riders need to take care not to intimidate green horses or riders. Make time allowance for ring maintenance. You should be ready to enter the ring area when the rider before you has completed their final halt and salute however you are not required to ride before your scheduled time. Be sure your watch is set to official show time. A short greeting to the judge and announcing your number to the scribe is a good way to relax as you pass by the judge’s booth. Once the bell rings you have 45 seconds to begin your test. After your test, you may thank the judge but do not engage in any other conversation with the judge or anyone else until you have totally exited the ring area. Do not dawdle in the ring so the show can run on time. If you have a reader, they should speak loudly and slowly before each movement required. The reader may not coach you or repeat a movement unless there is sufficient interference to warrant a repetition of the movement. For instance, if the loud speaker overhead comes on just as the reader says the required movement, then it can be repeated. If you forget the test, the judge will ring the bell and instruct you where to pick it up again, not the reader. If you are in some kind of distress during the test, you must ask permission from the judge to dismount and or leave the ring. A show is NEVER the place for crude or foul language and you can end up with a warning card or even ejection from the show grounds. Let’s be professional in attitude and attire, avoiding excessive jewelry or revealing clothing. Be sure to wear appropriate under garments so as to avoid distraction from the test at hand. When picking up your test at the show office, you may not disturb the scorers, but if you have a question, you should immediately address it to the person in charge of giving out the tests. She will then address the scorers with any concerns. If something is not resolved, you may speak to the Technical Delegate. As a competitor, I always travel with a calculator to check the arithmic on the test. After all, scorers are volunteers and after a long day can and do make mistakes. You may NOT approach the judge regarding your test unless you have made an appointment through the TD or the management. Judges work long, tedious hours and seldom remember every test they have viewed throughout a competition. When packing up to leave a show, be sure to clean up around your trailer site and stall area. Thank volunteers and landowners when possible because we cannot have shows without them. Above all, breathe, have fun and have a good sportsmanlike attitude. If you have a bad day, there is always another show. Use it as experience and move on.

—Eliche Shelton, Your Local USEF Technical Delegate
A TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN OLIVER – VADA FOUNDING MEMBER
1922-2008
by VADA/Nova member Mary Callan

Every one of us who has ever attended or ridden in a local dressage show knew her. Whether it was to offer up a word of encouragement, give a spot on critique of a ride, fix a drooping hairstyle, take a picture, shoot a video, or simply watch and enjoy, Lillian Oliver could be found at almost every show. With her program and pen in hand, she’d be chatting away with judges, competitors and spectators alike. She obviously loved every minute, and in turn, everyone adored her. But how does one attempt to give an account of the texture and significance of the life of someone who touched so many of our lives? We must start with a little known fact: what many of us probably don’t realize is that Lillian was hugely instrumental in the founding of the original Virginia Dressage Association back in 1971. Lillian herself puts it best in an essay she wrote in 1986 describing this period of time:

“Twenty five years ago, with zero dollars and only a dream, the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA) was born. The State of Virginia, known for its excellence in equestrians and fine horses, could not lay claim to one organization devoted exclusively to dressage, and had to rely on the prestigious Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA)...It is difficult, now, to recall that the very word “dressage” was foreign to almost all of us; many did not know what it really meant...., nor was it able to be spelled and pronounced correctly. The educating of the horse community with respect to the importance of knowing how to properly train and communicate with the horse, was going to be a top priority if we were to be able to ‘entice’ the many we needed to join with us to be successful in our endeavor...Oh, how quickly the decision was made (to form VADA) and we sent the ball rolling down the slope that had no visible end.”

Lillian, in fact, retired from her career as a nurse with the Public Health Department at this time in order to better serve the newly formed VADA, with all its trials and tribulations, serving in various capacities, including President. Over the next twenty five years, VADA accomplished a great deal, rising in 1986 to become the second largest dressage association in the United States. Lillian herself speculated as to what the next twenty five years would hold for VADA:

“I believe I speak for all when I say ‘much heartfelt thanks’ to all who, over the years, have served, so unselfishly in giving of their time, energy and expertise in making, and keeping, the Virginia Dressage Association intact, and on course; hopefully, to someday celebrate a fiftieth anniversary.”

And a heartfelt thank you to Lillian, who dedicated herself, and gave of her time and energy to help build VADA into one of the largest and most respected organizations within the United States Dressage Federation. We will all miss her smiling face and undying love of the sport of dressage.
The Pacesetters
Show Results

PVDA Junior/YR Show
Schooley Mill Park • April 19, 2008

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers: Marisa Acierno, Deanna and Tim Beal, Denise and Katherine Brescia, Ashli Cooper, Jill Greenwald, Harper Pryor and Will Speer.
Thanks also to our judge, Tracy Werner, for a wonderful job judging the Junior/Young Riders. Linda Speer, Manager

Class 1: Introductory Level, Test A
1. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/69.00%
2. Adagio/Amelia Lyon/68.00%
3. Cinnamon/Jane Griffin/68.00%
4. Sophie/Kelsey Gallagher/67.50%

Class 2: Introductory Level, Test B
1. Sophie/Kelsey Gallagher/74.50%
2. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/71.50%
3. Cinnamon/Jane Griffin/70.00%
4. Adagio/Amelia Lyon/68.00%

Class 3: Introductory Level, Test A
1. Shakespeare’s The Tempest/Catherine Baumgardner/77.00%
2. Legally Blond/Michaela Bass/71.00%
3. ZigZag Twister/Sheena Patel/65.00%
4. Raven/Alexis Widmayer/62.00%

Class 4: Introductory Level, Test B
1. Shakespeare’s The Tempest/Catherine Baumgardner/79.50%
2. ZigZag Twister/Sheena Patel/74.50%
3. Legally Blond/Michaela Bass/73.50%
4. Raven/Alexis Widmayer/68.00%

Class 5: Introductory Level, Test B
1. Leaguers Lil Miss/Meredith Hunt/69.50%
2. Going Platinum/Morgan Hunt/67.50%
3. Amazing Grace/Hannah Loeb/67.50%

Class 6: Training Level, Test 1
1. Going Platinum/Morgan Hunt/62.17%
2. Marilyn/Julia Haymore/60.43%
3. Leaguers Lil Miss/Meredith Hunt/60.00%
4. Amazing Grace/Hannah Loeb/60.00%
5. Chick’s Dashing Doll/Meredith Evans/59.57%

Class 7: Training Level, Test 1
1. Little Mr. Sassy/Emily Hume/67.83%
2. Valentyno/Caitlin Torrisi/64.78%
3. Taylor/Hannah Rosenberg/63.48%
4. Rock n’ Roll/Molly Chaney/63.48%
5. Seatle’s Rugged Star/Katie Martin/63.04%
6. Reddemead-Trucker/Kim Barasch/60.43%

Class 8: Training Level, Test 2
1. Little Mr. Sassy/Emily Hume/70.36%
2. Valentyno/Caitlin Torrisi/69.64%
3. Marilyn/Julia Haymore/67.86%
4. Rock n’ Roll/Molly Chaney/65.93%
5. Chick’s Dashing Doll/Meredith Evans/55.00%

Class 9: Dressage Seat Equitation
1. Amanda Rae/Emily Long
2. Valentyno/Caitlin Torrisi
3. Heart 2 Heart/Emmy Benton
4. Top Brass/Holly Conroy
5. Seatle’s Rugged Star/Katie Martin
6. Rock n’ Roll/Molly Chaney

Class 10: Training Level Test 2
1. Seatle’s Rugged Slugger/Katie Martin/72.86%
2. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/71.43%
3. Taylor/Hannah Rosenberg/66.07%
4. Reddemead-Trucker/Kim Barasch/62.50%
5. Rock n’ Roll/Molly Chaney/60.36%
6. Heart 2 Heart/Emmy Benton/60.00%

Class 11: Training Level Test 3
1. Equishare Alex/Stephanie Bastek/68.00%
2. Tommy’s Trivia Rose/Amy Cobbett/67.60%
3. Equishare Alex/Stephanie Bastek/68.00%
4. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/67.20%
5. Tommy’s Trivia Rose/Amy Cobbett/66.00%
6. Ukiah/Katie Snyder/57.60%

Class 12: Freestyle
1. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/68.00%

Class 13: Training Level Test 4
1. Solicitor General/Jessica Cobbett/77.20%
2. Amanda Rae/Emily Long/72.00%
3. Equishare Alex/Stephanie Bastek/68.00%
4. Summer Finale/Erica Greenwald/67.20%
5. Tommy’s Trivia Rose/Amy Cobbett/66.00%
6. Ukiah/Katie Snyder/57.60%

Class 14: First Level Test 1 and Second Level Test 2
1. Solicitor General (1-1)/Jessica Cobbett/69.00%
2. Auddie (1-1)/Heather Leiss/68.00%
3. Amanda Rae (1-1)/Emily Long/67.33%
4. Majestic Falcon (2-2)/Dana Cannon/65.41%
5. Equishare Robert Redford (1-2)/Olivia Maky/65.00%

Class 15: First Level Test 2 and Second Level Test 4
1. Equishare Robert Redford (1-2)/Olivia Maky/68.61%
2. Majestic Falcon (2-4)/Dana Cannon/65.24%
3. Auddie (1-2)/Heather Leiss/61.94%
PVDA Schooling Show
Schooley Mill Park • April 20, 2008

It was a dark and stormy day but most of our riders and an intrepid group of volunteers arrived at Schooley Mill Park on April 20, 2008. Between showers we managed to have lots of fun with Judge Celia Vornholt judging from a car, since the forecast called for heavy rain at times. Special thanks to my volunteers: The Baumgardners (Cammie, Catherine and Camille) Katie Snyder, Molly and Caroline Chaney, Emily Benton, Liz Smith and Bonnie Vaden. You all were a pleasure to work with! Carolyn Del Grosso, Show Manager

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Mickey O’Neil/Mollya Osborne/59.00%
2. Star Spangled Knight/Jill Greenwald/ 58.50%
3. Blues Clues/Sarah Khademi/57.00%
4. Blondie/Alison May/55.00%
5. Cookie/Karleigh Gray/51.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Cookie/Austyn Gray/55.00%
2. Jesse/Cami Garasalo/51.00%
3. Ataisahara/Holly Anderson/48.50%
4. Monkey C Monkey Do/Sutton Chiorini/ 47.00%

PVDA Schooling Show
Windsor Stables • April 26, 2008

This year Mother Nature gave us a beautiful spring day, which provided the perfect weather for a great show. A special thanks to our judge, Judy Strohmaier, who provided positive and constructive comments to all riders, and to her scribe, Meredith Hunt. Thanks also to Jill Windsor for the use of her facility and to Jill and Rocky Louzon who set up the ring. And last, but certainly not least, thank you to volunteer Morgan Hunt who did a little bit of everything and to all of the volunteers who helped make this show a success: Melanie Snyder, Anna Johnston, Blair Jackson and Mary Beth Friedel. Lou Giles, Show Manager

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Polka Dot/Helen Wright/65.00%
2. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/64.00%+
3. Desteena/Naomi Parry/64.00%
4. Callow Double Clover/Jacqueline Manz/59.50%
5. Prince Charming/Debra Lambert/57.50%
6. W.S. Sweetooth/Blair Jackson/55.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Desteena/Naomi Parry/59.50%
2. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/59.00%
3. Callow Double Clover/Jacqueline Manz/59.50%
4. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/59.00%
5. W.S. Sweetooth/Blair Jackson/57.00%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Barney/Zoe Witte/64.35%
2. My Lucky Charm/Julianna LaBoy/62.17%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Samantha Bartlett/58.70%
4. Count My Lucky Stars/Ellen Kelly/56.52%
5. W.S. Amelia/Laura Pennington/55.28%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Teaspoon/Caitlin Parker/70.71%
2. Barney/Zoe Witte/65.00%
3. My Lucky Charm/Julianna LaBoy/61.79%
4. Count My Lucky Stars/Ellen Kelly/61.43%
5. W.S. Fledermaus/Samantha Bartlett/ 59.64%
6. W.S. Amelia/Laura Pennington/56.79%

USEF Training Level, Tests 3 and 4
1. Kinbally (T-4)/Dawn Blanchard/68.40%
2. Kinbally (T-3)/Dawn Blanchard/67.20%+
3. Teaspoon (T-4)/Caitlin Parker/67.20%

USEF First Level, TOC
1. Rushcutter/Kristen Gray/51.71%
2. Rushcutter/Kristen Gray/51.14%

USEF Second Level, Test 4
1. Aura/Samantha Smith/62.38%

USEF Fourth Level, Test 3
1. Casac/Marcia Mia/64.39%

USDF Musical Freestyle, Training
1. Teaspoon/Caitlin Parker/65.75%

4. Lucena TG (T-3)/Nikki Nobles/64.80%
5. Grover’s Slapshot (T-3)/Samantha Smith/64.00%
6. Lucena TG (T-4)/Nikki Nobles/61.60%

USEF First Level, Tests 1 and 2
1. Don Diablo (1-1)/Marija Trieschman/73.00%
2. Citation King Leo (1-1)/Dolly Broyles/57.00%
3. Citation King Leo (1-2)/Dolly Broyles/56.39%

USEF Second Level, Test 4
1. Aura/Samantha Smith/62.38%

USEF Fourth Level, Test 3
1. Casac/Marcia Mia/64.39%

Left: Nikita and Marat Bakhramov take 1st place Grand Prix with 70% at the CCDCTA Dressage Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va., on May 3, 2008.
Right: Janna Bakhramov of Dark Horse Stables in Rocky Ridge schooling her new FEI Russian stallion Prezent.

Photos by Beth Collier
### Calendar of EVENTS

**June 2008**

2. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Leslie Raulin, 301-620-2172.  
4-6. Clinic with Suzanne Dietze, rider/trainer, physical therapist, and author of Balance in Movement, at Evergreen Stables, Fulton, Md. Contact Rebecca Yount at dryount@yahoo.com or 301-343-3814.  
7-9. Charles DeKunffy Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm in Mt. Airy. For more information contact Shari Glickman at 301-829-6432.  
22. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com or 301-475-5013  
27-29. ARC Adult Dressage Camp with clinicians Debbie Bowman and Debbie Rodriguez at Halls Choice Farm, New Market, Md. PVDA members eligible for $10 discount per day as Auditors at VADA/Nova rate. Contact Kathy Curtis, friesgal@verizon.net or 703-256-1252  
28-29. PVDA Ride for Life at PGEC.  

**July**

14. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Shari Packard, 240-353-6739  
15-17. Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873  
20. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com or 301-475-5013  

**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 michilb@yahoo.com  
4. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Bonnie Vaden, 301-942-2876.  
10. Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com or 301-475-5013  
12-16. Victor Alvarez Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  
16-17. Gerhard Politz Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm in Mt. Airy. For more information contact Shari Glickman at 301-829-6432.  
17. Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by the New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy. Contact Dorie Forte at rival1farm@aol.com or 410-795-2491  
19-23. Victor Alvarez Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  
30-31. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  

**September**

5-6. Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873  
8. PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Pat Artimovich, 410-381-7684.  
10-14. Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpoxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.  
13. PVDA Licensed Show at Loch Moy. See Show Schedule.  
19-22. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  
21. PVDA Licensed Show at Oak Ridge Park. See Show Schedule.  

**October**

6. Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Dorie Forte at rival1farm@aol.com or 410-795-2491  
7. Walter Zettl Clinic at Reddemeade. Contact jane@reddemeade.com for more information.  
10-12. BLM Championships in N.J.  
31-Nov 3. Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis. Visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-267-7174. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.  

**November**

12-13. Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873.
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**Farm Locations**

- **Blue Bird**—Friendship, Md.
- **By Chance**—Union Bridge, Md.
- **Camp Olympia**—Rockville, Md.
- **Ches. Dressage Inst.**—Annapolis, Md.
- **Chimney Hill**—Upper Marlboro, Md.
- **Exalt**—Harwood, Md.
- **Ligons**—Sandy Spring, Md.
- **Loch Moy**—Adamstown, Md.
- **Oak Ridge Park**—Hughesville, Md.
- **Persistence Farm**—Beallsville, Md.
- **Potomac Riverside**—Dickerson, Md.
- **Schooley Mill**—Highland, Md.
- **Sugarloaf**—Barnesville, Md.
- **Tenacity Stables**—Beallsville, Md.
- **Tewksbury Manor**—Laytonsville, Md.
- **Winding Creek**—Union Bridge, Md.
- **Windsor Stables**—Linthicum, Md.

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I wish to apply for the following:

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I have previously been a member: [ ] yes [ ] no

I am interested in volunteering for:

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

Please check the following that apply:

- [ ] dressage judge
- [ ] dressage trainer
- [ ] USEF technical delegate
- [ ] dressage instructor
- [ ] breeder

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**MAY PVDA BOARD MEETING**

**Date:** May 5, 2008; Meeting #466

**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

**Board Members Absent:** Liz Erwin, Rebecca Yount, Marne Martin-Tucker

**Association Members Present:** Betsy Novotny, Jan Denno

No Corrections or Matters arising from the minutes

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Equine Service Directory:** Karen Jacob it now updating the Equine Service Directory.

**Film/Video/Book Library:** Marianne Joseph is in the process of entering all videos on the PVDA Web site.

**Junior/Young Rider:** Had 67 rides for the Junior/YR Schoele Mill show with beautiful weather.

**Membership:** Adult-628, Family-102, Junior Aff.-91, Young Adult-22, Senior-32, Life-14, Patron-7, Honor-7, Business Affiliate-3.

**Total:** 900.

**National Liaison:** (Jocelyn Pearson) The new proposal is on USEF Web site. Olympic selection trials so far: Brentina–Debbie McDonald, Revel–Steffen Peters, Idocus–Courtney King. There are only three people on the team with no backups. Lillian Oliver has passed away.

**Shows Recognized:** (Carolyn Del Grosso and Linda Speer) Morven Park show has four nice rings each day. Ride for Life receiving entries. Lots of great merchandise for the show.

**Shows Schooling:** (Bonnie Vaden) First show was cancelled. Schoolie Mill very rainy but it went on with 60 rides scheduled. Windsor, Sugarloaf and CDI all went well. Motion next year that we have a schooling show champion and reserve ribbon at each show excluding freestyles. Passed unanimously.

**New Business:** Going to run more “Tea for Training” seminars and also try to develop a similar program to get more people for management pools.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 2 at 7 p.m. (all board meetings now at 7 p.m.), Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Leslie Raulin, 301-620-2172. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.
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