Getting Involved In PVDA’s Ride for Life Reaps Unexpected Multiple Benefits

By Naomi Parry

In June of 2007, my husband and a couple of very good friends attended the PVDA Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge with me and we watched in a state of awe as each rider entered the arena and performed their freestyle. The creativity, the quality of riding and training and the professionalism exhibited was inspiring. Each exhibitor was riding in honor of a loved one whose life had been touched by breast cancer. This was not about scores and ribbons. It was a very moving demonstration of dressage for a very important cause.

A special presentation, in honor of Jill Hassler, brought tears to our eyes.

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Fall is finally here and the colors will be changing. We have for our region the BLM and GAIG Championships this month for those qualified, the Washington International Horse Show for those seeking entertainment locally, as well as the final phase of our PVDA schooling show season. We are fortunate at PVDA to have such a strong schooling show calendar for our members. A big thank you to all of the farm owners and organizers who generously donate their facilities and time.

In this month’s issue of the newsletter we have summarized the highlights of the most recently released version of the performance standards (see Flying Changes on page 2). The latest version of the standards does address some of the concerns that we have raised in

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Ride for Life Brings in $80,000 to Benefit Johns Hopkins Breast Center

The net proceeds of the 2008 PVDA Ride for Life reached $80,000 to be donated to the Johns Hopkins Breast Center to support breast cancer research. Thanks to all who took part in the benefit—competitors, sponsors, donors and volunteers!

Online Membership Application

PVDA now accepts Online Membership Applications and immediate online payments. PVDA has teamed up with PayPal to provide fast and easy online payments using PayPal Balances, Instant Transfers, or Credit Cards. A PayPal account is not required. The online membership application can be found in the “Membership” section of the Web site. Visit www.pvda.org/membership to have your next membership processed online. Memberships that are using volunteer slips as payment must still be submitted via snail mail.

PVDA Membership Cards Available by E-mail

PVDA Membership Cards are now available by e-mail. PDF files can be sent by e-mail to each member after the membership application has been processed. The electronic membership card can be printed and presented as proof of membership. Traditional membership cards are still available.

Memberships for 2009 Now Being Accepted

PVDA Memberships are now being accepted for 2009. See membership form on page 22.

Newest Version of USEF Performance Standard Released in September

The latest version of the USEF Performance Standard for Dressage is now available for review on the USEF website http://www.usef.org/contentpage2.aspx?id=rulebook. It is DR 135, with the tracking number 329-08. The USEF also has a comment form where members may express their opinions directly to USEF.

The current version of the Performance Standard requires that riders competing at Fourth Level and above between established criteria which are intended to prove the rider’s competency to ride at those levels. Those who compete at Intro through Third Level do not have any criteria to meet at this time.

For competition at Fourth and Prix St. Georges, a rider must either:

(1) Earn the USDF Bronze Medal, or
(2) Earn a minimum of ten (10) qualification points (as defined below) in USEF Third Level tests ridden in USEF licensed/USDF recognized competitions. Scores must come from at least three different USEF or FEI judges. A panel of two or more judges will count as one distinct judge. Or,

(3) Earn a minimum of 65% (6.5) in the USEF Riders’ Test. The USEF Third Level Test 3 will be ridden using a separate “USEF Riders’ Test” score sheet. Only one riders’ test qualifying score is required with a panel of two eligible judges. Judges will officiate separately and both judges’ scores must be a minimum of 65% (6.5) in order to achieve qualification at this level. If only one eligible judge officiates, two separate rides earning scores of at least 65% (6.5) will be required for qualification. Scores may be obtained at the same competition.

For Competition at Intermediaire and Grand Prix, a rider must either:

(1) Earn either the USDF Silver or USDF Gold Medal, or
(2) Earn a minimum of eight (8) qualification points (as defined below) in the FEI Prix St. Georges test. Scores must come from at least two different USEF or FEI judges. A panel of two or more judges will count as one distinct judge.

Qualifying points will be awarded for tests/rides with the following scores. A score from a panel of two or more judges
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will be considered one test/ride.
58-59.99% One (1) Point
60-62.99% Two (2) Points
63-64.99% Three (3) Points
65% and Above Four (4) Points

Send in Your Annual Dinner Reservations!
The PVDA Annual Dinner is Friday, November 14, at the Golden Bull Grande Cafe in Gaithersburg, Md. Deadline for reservations in November 7. Cost is $45. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner and entertainment at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Charles de Kunffy. See Reservation form on this page. Any questions? Contact Shari Glickman at shari.glickman@comcast.net.

Don’t Miss the Charles de Kunffy Clinic November 15-16 at Wyndham Oaks
Charles de Kunffy will be the guest speaker at this year’s PVDA Annual Dinner and he will also be giving a clinic at Wyndham Oaks, November 15-16, 2008.
Charles de Kunffy has a long list of credentials including 14 years as an FEI judge, author of several books and clinician.
He was born and raised in Hungary as a member of the nobility whose parents were eminent horse breeders with derby winning racehorses. He started riding as a child and his riding

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Clarksville
The Clarksville Chapter held an equine massage clinic with Courtney Molino from Hands on Horses Equine Sports Massage Therapy in July. Courtney demonstrated great massage techniques that members can utilize at home to help their equine partners feel more free and relaxed. Chapter members had a chance to practice their newly learned skills with supervision from Courtney on our demonstration horses. Courtney provided great handouts for members to take home and reference later. Courtney generously held a raffle for us and donated a free massage…congratulations to Linda Speer on winning that free massage! A great big thanks goes out to Courtney for donating her time. She was an excellent clinician and had great knowledge to share. For information, check out her Web site: http://www.handsonhorsesmassage.com.

The Becky Langwost clinic scheduled in September was cancelled due to Tropical Storm Hannah. We are working with Becky to reschedule the clinic and will send out an e-mail with the new date. The Chapter Challenge is right around the corner and so far we are sending six teams! We still need some volunteers from our Chapter, so please let us know if you can spare the day or half a day. It is mandatory for each Chapter to provide volunteers, so please donate your time if you can!
Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. at Stonebrook Farm. We will be electing officers for the 2009 year, so if you are interested in helping with the Chapter, let Tracey or Samantha know. We will be planning our Winter show series, and also discussing events for 2009.
If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Trainum at traceytrainum@comcast.net or Samantha Smith at samsmith8@hotmail.com.

Shore Dressage
On a gorgeous sunny Saturday afternoon, August 23, Deri Jeffers and Cynthia Walton hosted a fun and relaxing crab feast and pool party at the home of Fulton and Deri Jeffers overlooking the Chesapeake Bay. Members came from Machipongo, Va. to Easton, Md. and all noted it was well worth the trip. The crabs came from Fulton Jeffers' crab pots and Charish Campbell's husband! Along with a large assortment of delicious salads, deviled eggs, gorgeous fruits and berries, fruit tarts, Carlene Schiavo's famous Sangria punch and much more. Besides picking crabs there were kayaks and canoes to cruise the creek in as well as a large pool with floats to splash around on. I think the crabs won 1st place though! What a fun day to relax and get to know our members in a non-competitive way!
Speaking of competitions, we're looking forward to our third show of the season at Sunset Bay Farm on September 13 from Intro Level through Prix St. Georges. This is unique and educational as most schooling shows don't have rides over Second Level. USEF "r" Judge Deri Jeffers will give a talk on what the judge looks for and how a judge reaches a certain score. Another educational advantage for auditors!
On Wednesday August 13 we had an informative Educational Event at the home of Dr. Shari Rayne. She gave an excellent talk on "Detecting Lamenesses." This will be followed up with a talk by Dr. Daryl Insley on "Conditioning the Horse for Sport," an excellent talk that will give incentive to establishing a winter training program for your horse!
On September 20 and 21 we will host our last clinic with Jim Armstrong before he leaves for Florida.
If you're in the area come visit! For details visit: http://shoredressage.tripod.com.

St. Mary's
The Spring/Summer season has been busy here in St. Mary's. We are fortunate to have had two clinics with Marja Sandberg. Our first in April was to get everyone going well for the season and the second included a Ride-A-Test, Fix-A-Test format allowing members to work on the finer points of specific tests. With Marja's expertise—she is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, USDF "L" Judge, and BHS Certified—each participant was given solid direction upon which to build.
In June we held a two-day clinic with Lisa Hyslop of Loxahatchee, Fla. Lisa is an active FEI competitor and trainer and she once again delivered an intensive and constructive series of lessons. Thanks to co-chair, Katie Watts whom Lisa trains during her winters in Florida, we are always glad to welcome Lisa to Maryland. She will be stopping through St. Mary's again in the fall with two horses on her way to Devon this year!
We are also proud to report that our chapter was well represented at the PVDA "Ride for Life" Show this June. The show was a major success, exceeding the financial goal of $70K for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

The St. Mary's Chapter was a "triple crown" winner as well as we provided support in the following three areas:

1) Direct financial support. The $100 chapter donation was used to sponsor the Level 2, Test 3 class.
2) Riders! Many thanks to Darryl Cherry and Annmari Ingersoll (and their horses) for donating their time and talents in the saddle
3) Volunteers - There were eight St. Mary's Chapter members on the ground! Alice Allen, Michele Alexander, Kay Duvall, Marty Clarke, Debbie Purvins, Dawn Richards, Katherine Stormont and Katie Watts.

With 12 total Chapter volunteers at the event, this is nearly half of our current membership of 25 (and we may have been the Chapter that was best represented)! Well done St. Mary's!

We are fortunate to have the annual Begin Again Farm schooling show series and wish to thank owners Michele Alexander and John Sapling for their continuing generosity and support. The 2008 series concluded Sunday, August 10, with judge Beverley Fields. This year's awards included a "Young Rider Award" sponsored by the St. Mary's Chapter of the PVDA.

Michele and John wish to thank judges Aviva Nebesky, Jocelyn Pearson, Judy Strohmaier and Beverley Fields. Also thanks to all the competitors and volunteers who support this series. They hope to see everyone next spring.

Looking for information on St. Mary’s Chapter? Visit us at www.pvda.org/stmarys.

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Calendar of EVENTS

September 2008
23-28  Dressage at Devon, Devon, Penn. Contact www.dressageatdevon.org for more information.

October
5  Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.
5  Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Dorie Forte at rival1farm@aol.com or 410-795-2491.
5  Dressage Schooling Show at Misty Meadow Stables, Cooksville, Md. Contact Rachel Minford at 443-864-1786 or rach0046@yahoo.com.
6  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Jocelyn Pearson, 703-771-3231.
6-7  Walter Zettl Clinic at Reddemeade. Contact jane@reddemeade.com for more information.
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10  Cocktail Party for GAIG Championships sponsored by ESDCTA. 6-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn. RSVP terrymasters@verizon.net by October 1.
10-12  USDF/GAIG Regional Championships in Allentown, N.J. Entry Secretary is Steve Reinhardt, 203-264-2148 or steve@centerlinevents.com.
10-12  “Your Classical Seat” with Isabelle von Neumann-Cosel at Cedar Rowe Farm. Contact Linda Denniston, www.cedarowe.com 301-447-6240, crght@aol.com
12  Dressage Schooling Show at Breezy Run Farm in Church Hill, Md. Judge: Marija Trieschman, “L” Participant and gold medalist. www.breezyrunfarm.com or call 410-556-6614
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 Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Judge: Mary Lou Sullivan. Open 9/5, Close 10/10. Contact Mary Russell at 410-535-1670 or mruswell@crosslink.net.
23-26  BLM Championships in Lexington, Va.
25-26  Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Email: trainer@chesapeakeleisure.com or visit www.chesapeakeleisure.com or call 410-268-4115. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.

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December
1  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Linda Speer’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Marne Martin-Tucker, 240-505-9929.

Send Your 2008-2009 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org. November Deadline: OCTOBER 10 Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson www.pvda.org for complete calendar (PVDA schooling shows in separate calendar)

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PVDA Membership Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I ensure that my membership application is processed efficiently?
Check the appropriate membership category with the appropriate amount of years. Consider a TWO YEAR membership as it has COST SAVINGS! Also, check the appropriate box indicating whether you have already been a PVDA member. This saves time when updating the database and prevents duplication errors. Please PRINT all necessary information so that it is easy to read.

2. When should family members be listed?
Family members are only listed if applying for a family membership. Both the primary and secondary members in a family membership are recognized by USDF and receive individual USDF group numbers. Therefore, secondary family members are $10 extra (over the general family membership cost) per additional member per year.

3. Do I need to include my e-mail address?
Your e-mail address is important. PVDA sends out E-News announcements of interest to all members. Please put your ENTIRE web address, including the domain name information (msn.com, aol.com, etc).

4. Is my USDF number important?
If you already have a USDF number, include it in the application. This is how PVDA coordinates information with USDF.

5. I belong to more than one GMO. Does that matter?
If you belong to more than one GMO (USDF Group Member Organization), indicate your primary organization. You can contact USDF directly to obtain a refund for dues that you have paid for as your non-primary GMO. If you want to become a participating member with USDF, you can receive a discount on USDF dues if you are a member of a GMO. See the following link for additional USDF Group Membership information:
http://www.usdf.org/pdf/GMO/GMOFAQ.pdf

6. Should I fill out the volunteer information?
Yes! As with any successful organization, it is only as good as it’s volunteer! YOU can make a difference. From helping out at a schooling show to becoming a PVDA board member. Plus, with many volunteer positions, you receive a volunteer certificate worth $10 towards your next membership dues or schooling show entry! And volunteering also makes you eligible for the PVDA year-end awards. Volunteering is always a win/win situation!

7. When should I renew my PVDA membership?
The PVDA membership year runs from January 1 thru December 31 of each year. You can renew as early as October and this will avoid any delay with the last minute rush. All renewals are taken in the order received and have a usual turn around time of two weeks plus the time it takes for mailing. BEFORE signing up for a show, please verify that you are a current member. Don’t wait until it’s too late!

8. If I have concerns about my membership, what do I do?
Email correspondence is preferred at membership@pvda.org as there is less room for error when information is written down. If you leave a voice mail, please pronounce your name and phone number clearly, spell your last name, and repeat your phone number. A very brief description of your concern is all that is necessary.
By Alyssa Dragnich

The USEF Board of Directors and Executive Board have approved a number of rule changes that will affect competitors at licensed dressage competitions. These rule changes are effective on December 1, 2008 (i.e., they do not affect 2008 shows but will affect 2009 shows).

**Equipment Changes**

Beginning December 1, 2008, riders competing at Training and First Levels may wear half chaps at licensed competitions. “Riders through First Level may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material.” Rule DR 120(1).

The permitted whip length has changed again. The maximum permitted whip is now 47.2 inches or 120 centimeters. Rule DR 120(5).

There is no longer a restriction on the length of whip permitted for work in hand. Rule DR 121(9).

Cooling vests are now permitted. “Cooling vests may only be worn underneath a riding jacket with the following exception: If coats are waived, a white or very light solid-colored cooling vest may be worn over a riding shirt as specified in DR120.6.” Rule DR 120(12).

**Scoring Change**

The definition for a score of “5” has been changed from “sufficient” to “marginal.” Rule DR 122(8).

**Fee Changes**

USEF has eliminated the Breed/Discipline fee. The USEF fee for each horse entered in a competition has increased from $12 to $15.

Competitors who are not USEF members shall pay a non-membership fee of $30 (increased from $20). Non-members no longer need to pay the breed/discipline fee.

**Freestyle Requirements**

The minimum score to enter a freestyle class has increased from 58% to 60%. “Except for USEF/USDF Championship classes and for FEI Pony Riders, FEI Junior and Young Rider Freestyles, in order to enter a freestyle class at any level, a horse/rider combination must have received a minimum score of 60% in the highest test of the declared freestyle level or any test of a higher level at a Federation Licensed Competition held prior to the competition where the horse/rider combination is entered to ride a freestyle class. A photocopy of the test verifying eligibility must be submitted with the entry for a freestyle class.” Rule DR 128(9).
By Mardee Rochelle

This was the last clinic of the season, and the best yet. The September 5-6 clinic at Chimney Hill Farm in Upper Marlboro had a nice crowd of auditors who appreciated the fact that Dr. Parra enjoys keeping the auditors informed and is always happy to field questions.

The theme of this clinic was the progression of the frame through out the ride. The horse starts long and low in order to stretch the muscles of the back. This is done at walk trot and canter. To encourage the horse to stretch down, contact on the outside rein is established, then the horse is flexed to the inside, then the inside rein is pushed forward. Lazy horses always get a kick or bump with the inside leg as the rein is given. The nervous quick horses don't need the encouragement and will slow down their tempo and relax with the stretching process. You do this for as long as it takes, but as short as you can.

Once the horse is relaxed and reaching for the rein, you can shorten the rein and ask the horse to take more contact and push more from behind. A young horse can only do this for a few seconds, the older horses longer. You are always encouraging the horse to keep the poll at the highest point in this phase of the work. With the young horse, just keeping the neck up at walk trot canter is the work for the day. With the older horse who can work in the poll high frame, the exercises are added: shoulder-in, half pass, changes, etc.

The evening of the first day of the clinic was devoted to a wine and cheese party that was followed by a lecture. Dr. Parra began his talk by saying, “It’s all in the neck.” He passed around drawings of the frames through which the horse progresses in a ride. First the long and low, with the withers as the highest point, then each sketch showed more activity behind and the poll higher until the face is vertical and the horse is in a Grand Prix frame. At this stage the horse has compacted its frame and appears to be much shorter in length. This is accomplished by keeping the horse very active behind and taking more contact with the reins. The last phase of the frame is back to long and low to stretch the back out again.

Questions were entertained from the audience, one of which concerned the pricing of young horses in Europe. Dr. Parra's answer was quite organized. It seems there are classes of young horses for sale in Europe. One group is the small tour group and the other is the large tour group. Small tour group only appear to be capable of becoming Prix St. Georges horses, while large tour appear to be capable of becoming Grand Prix horses. The Grand Prix horses are further divided into those who will piaffe and passage without the whip and those that will not! We were all so busy discussing the various groups that actual prices were never revealed.

All in all it was an excellent clinic. As usual, every horse and rider made substantial improvements in their rides and Dr. Parra left everyone with work to do as we look ahead to next year and the next clinic!

Keep an eye on the PVDA calendar of events for information about the next clinic.
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Jill’s son Scott narrated as Felicitas von Neumann Cosel demonstrated the fundamentals of dressage training on “Where’s Waldo.” It was a loving tribute to Jill’s passion for education. The ride was sheer perfection and spectators were awed by the beauty and correctness exhibited by horse, rider and trainer.

I decided that evening that in 2008 I would find some way to contribute to this worthwhile event. Little did I imagine that I would enter my very green mare in her first licensed show and ride in honor of a dear friend, Barbara, who was diagnosed this past spring with breast cancer. Barbara’s friends and family helped to raise $1000 in pledges in her name. “Tina” and I trained diligently to be ready for the show with lots of help from my two favorite coaches, Marjorie Davis and Scott Hassler. While we trained, Barbara endured surgery and prepared to begin the grueling chemo treatments. She has been a huge inspiration to me and has helped to provide some serious perspective on life. Preparing for a horse show used to be a stressful and scary undertaking. Compared to what Barb was facing it seemed ridiculous to be nervous about taking my mare down centerline! The show was a wonderful experience, made so much more meaningful by showing our support for some very courageous individuals. Every dressage show should be to benefit a worthwhile cause!

There was an extra special treat for riders who collected pledges over $100. Riders received a raffle ticket for every $100 earned. The winner of the raffle had a choice of prizes, one of which was a riding lesson donated by Felicitas von Neumann Cosel. I never dreamed that I would win since I have never won ANYTHING, but I did! I can’t think of anything I would rather win as a prize. I also never imagined that I would have the opportunity to ride with Felicitas. I was thrilled and grateful to all of the people who made it possible by their generous contributions to the Hopkins Breast Center in honor of Barbara.

I was so excited and called immediately to schedule my lesson. We made an easy drive from Annapolis to Woodbine and arrived to a warm welcome by the staff at First Choice Farm. The lesson was fantastic. Felicitas tuned in right away to the issues that needed to be addressed, particularly in the way that I used my aids and the way that Tina was responding to my aids. She helped me to recognize the tension in my legs that was blocking my mare’s energy and willingness to move freely forward. “Legs breathing!” “Legs alive!” “Loose legs!” The results were wonderful and allowed Tina to soften in her body and mind. Felicitas is an excellent teacher who is creative, insightful and enthusiastic. She was more than willing to work with us on the most basic fundamentals and we went home with many useful tools which have made a huge difference in our way of going. It was such an inspiring lesson that I scheduled another within a few weeks that produced equally satisfying results! In this session, Felicitas addressed the subject of contact and really helped me to be more aware of keeping a steady connection, working from the hind legs through the back, to the bit and back again. She used a helpful image of feeling the bit between your shoulder blades while keeping the elbows elastic and the fingers soft and feeling. My favorite comment was about resistance when the horse begins to lock on one rein or the other. She said, “It’s like a drawer that gets stuck. When it gets stuck, you don’t just keep pulling on it because it gets even more stuck. So what do you do? You push it back in and then try again.” What a great image! By the end of the lesson, Tina was flowing along, happy and relaxed and smiling. What a wonderful gift to have received from the Ride for Life show.

I cannot compliment the show organizers and volunteers enough. It was such a positive and uplifting experience all around. I highly recommend becoming involved in the 2009 show as a competitor, sponsor, donor or volunteer.

Naomi Parry is the founder of Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc. in Crownsville. For more information visit the Web site at www.horsesthatheal.org or call 410-923-1187 to volunteer.
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✦ Han. ches. geld. by Contucci. 7 yrs. 16.1H. Exc. dressage or hunter prosp., Karen Serafin Goff, 410-206-2543 or email: kserafin@peroutkalaw.com
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masters were educated during the golden age of equitation, 1900-1945. Cross-country riding, jumping and dressage were melded into one comprehensive riding theory and methodology.

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For more information on Charles de Kunffy visit http://www.charlesdekunffy.com.

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Vote for PVDA’s 2009 Board of Directors

It is time to choose PVDA’s 2009 Board of Directors! Turn in your ballot for the 2009 PVDA Board of Directors by November 1, 2008. See pages 20-21 in this newsletter for the candidate bios and voting ballot. There are 16 candidates this year and you can vote for a maximum of 15. Please vote!
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the past to the USEF Dressage Committee. We need to hear from you, our PVDA members, in these coming months on this proposal so that the PVDA delegates that go to the USDF convention in December can accurately reflect your views in their votes. Go to the PVDA Web site, www.pvda.org to access a link to the actual proposals.

The annual dinner and clinic is coming up in November. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with PVDA members and celebrate our mutual successes. PVDA Board member Rebecca Yount is organizing the clinic with Charles de Kunffy at Wyndham Oaks, so be sure to get your applications in if you are interested in riding.

Thanks to the technology of live streaming, I watched the German Bundeschampionate. The ponies were lovely and amazing doing their high quality tests. There were many young jumpers that looked like they might have international careers one day. For the dressage horses, there were some 3-year-old stand-outs, including the third placed stallion Statesman, owned by an American Ann Kitchel. This was the highest placing ever for an American owned horse. Statesman is to be sold in the October elite auction for the German Oldenburg Verband and will be a popular entrant. There also were many nice horses in the 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds, with the Trakehner stallion Imperio again the stand out winner in the 5-year-olds. The chestnut Hanoverian mare Waioni was the surprise winner of the 6-year-olds, which was a lovely result to see given that the mare is turned out every day, only ridden in dressage movements a few days a week, and trail-ridden the other days—a schedule and lifestyle very atypical to that of most of the successful young horses in Germany. Overall, the quality of riding and depth of the horses shown in Germany seems to exceed on average the quality at the World Young Horse Championships or other National Championships, although I still think many of the very best future Grand Prix horses are kept at home in the trainer’s stable and not brought to these events. Regardless, it is easy to see why Germany a) continues to be so successful at the international level and maintains a “stranglehold” on the Olympic Gold Medal and b) sells so many horses to the rest of the world that then end up on their international squads (although Dutch horses were very well represented this year on ours).

I do, however, like the structure this year of our national championships better where we combine the young horse classes with the developing horse PSG class. That structure really shows the progression in training and strength with the horses, although the weather certainly complicated things this year. It is especially positive that we are seeing horses successful with good riding year after year. Cabana Boy from the 5- to 6-year-old classes for one, and Grandioso from the 6-year-old to developing horse PSG classes.

Congratulations of course go to Michael Bragdell and Selten HW, Nicole Bellah and Winsor, Chris Hickey and Cabana Boy, and Guenter Seidel and U II, the winners of the 4-, 5-, 6-year-old and developing horse PSG classes.

I wish you all a great month, and Happy Halloween!

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

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PVDA Schooling Show

Tenacity Stables, Dickerson, Md. • July 27, 2008

Tenacity Stables proudly hosted its first PVDA Dressage Schooling Show. Entries were pouring in resulting in an overbooked show, whereas the scratches were few. Despite the hot weather, participants arrived beautifully turned out and ready to show. There was one minor interruption of a brief thunderstorm at the end of the day, but the weather was mostly cooperative. Betty Thorpe (r) presided over the judging with a wonderful bag full of helpful comments and suggestions. The Tenacity Stables crew and volunteers were instrumental in preparing and running the show smoothly, and staying on time! The owner of Tenacity Stables, Heather Fay, also played the roles of show manager and secretary. The fabulous volunteers were Amy Nostrandt, Jeff Stout, Anne Buckman, Kimberly Kempa, Claire Wolfe, Marla Stoner, Karen Anderson, and Kim Murphy. Bonnie Vaden, PVDA Schooling Show Chairperson, came by to have a delicious wrap sandwich provided by The White's Ferry Store and to cheer on horses, riders, and the show staff. Carol Havelka and Bob Gober also were at the show from PhotoLocations taking pictures and video taping rides. The 50 rides ranged from Introductory Level to Fourth Level. Marla Stoner not only volunteered, but brought her lovely mare Limerick to perform her Fourth Level Test 1 with a winning score of 53.3%. Leslie Raulin, as a last minute substitution, brought her stunning Percheron gelding Hemingway to take the medal at Training Level Test 4 with a score of 68.4%. And what a wonderful surprise to see Louise Foster and Along Came A Spyder back together! Not only did Spyder look fit and ready for action, they won their First Level Test 1 division with a stunning score of 70.33%. The High Score of the show was Beth Brown and Catcher, with a score of 71.8% at Training Level Test 2. Heather Fay, Show Manager

**USDF Introductory Level, Test A**
- 1. Future Image/Donna Hoffman/70.50%
- 2. Obvious Advantage/Rachel Minford/65.50%
- 3. Escapade/Janet Geyer/63.50%
- 4. WS Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/62.50%
- 5. Kleingeld/Tori Barr/60.00%
- 6. Docs Hotrod Dynamo/Rebecca Crown/59.00%

**USDF Introductory Level, Test B**
- 1. Obvious Advantage/Rachel Minford/69.50%
- 2. Escapade/Janet Geyer/69.00%
- 3. Future Image/Donna Hoffman/66.50%+
- 4. Zachary/Domenic Carson/66.50%
- 5. Docs Hotrod Dynamo/Rebecca Crown/60.50%
- 6. Pillsbury/Abby Little/59.00%

**USEF Training Level, Test 1**
- 1. Terra Lynn/Diana Beuchert/66.50%
- 2. Roxanne/Domenic Carson/63.50%
- 3. Rafiki/Domenic Carson/59.10%
- 4. Pillsbury/Abby Little/53.00%

**USEF Training Level, Test 2**
- 1. Catcher/Beth Brown/71.80%
- 2. Terra Lynn/Diana Beuchert/67.50%
- 3. Roxanne/Domenic Carson/66.40%
- 4. Johnny Walker/Kimberly Kempa/60.36%
- 5. Like A Trick/Morgan Richardson/52.10%

**USEF Training Level, Test 3**
- 1. Catcher/Beth Brown/66.80%
- 2. Bourbon Lad/Tori Barr/66.40%
- 3. Hemingway/Leslie Raulin/65.60%
- 4. Amethyst Q/Dennis Moore/57.66%
- 5. P. Renaissance/Donna Lucas/53.20%

**USEF Training Level, Test 4**
- 1. Hemingway/Leslie Raulin/68.40%
- 2. Boris Minor/Ray Carter/65.20%
- 3. Bourbon Lad/Tori Barr/64.40%
- 4. Johnny Walker/Kimberly Kempa/63.60%
- 5. P. Renaissance/Donna Lucas/50.80%

**USEF First Level, Test 1**
- 1. Alone Came A Spyder/Louise Foster/70.33%
- 2. Ralph/Candace Snel/63.66%
- 3. Black Tie Option/Linda Jurata/60.66%
- 4. Common Sense/Carolann McConaughy/58.33%
- 5. Irish Décor/Julie Kingsbury/54.66%

**USEF First Level, Tests 2–4**
- 1. Black Tie Option/Linda Jurata/60.55%
- 2. Regall/Jessica Katz/56.38%
- 3. Regall/Jessica Katz/55.78%

**USEF Second Level Tests 1–3**
- 1. Top Fit/Deborah Zafrani/68.60%
- 2. Parceval/Amy Nostrandt/56.48%
- 3. Parceval/Amy Nostrandt/51.57%

**USEF Third Level, Test 1**
- 1. Antera/Dennis Moore/54.60%

**USEF Fourth Level, Test 1**
- 1. Fox View Limerick/Marla Stoner/53.30%

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PVDA Schooling Show

Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. • August 10, 2008

**USDF Introductory Level, Tests A & B**
- 1. Rostamon’s Island Dancer (Intro A)/Charli Plumbtree/63.00%
- 2. Summer Jane (Intro A)/Leah Miles/62.00%
- 3. Summer Jane (Intro B)/Leah Miles/60.50%
- 4. Air Force One (Intro A)/Charli Plumbtree/58.00%
- 5. Irish (Intro B)/Madison Edwards/57.00%

**USEF Training Level, Test 1**
- 1. Irish/Madison Edwards/64.78%
- 2. Rostamon’s Island Dancer/Charli Plumbtree/59.13%
- 3. Summer Jane/Leah Miles/57.39%

**USEF Training Level, Test 3**
- 1. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/72.40%
- 2. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/65.60%
- 3. Not Too Sweet/Melissa Bryant/60.00%
- 4. Teddy Bear/Jackie Rodriguez/57.60%

**USEF Training Level, Test 4**
- 1. Severn Lute/Sonia Taylor/68.40%
- 2. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/64.80%
- 3. Not Too Sweet/Melissa Bryant/60.40%
- 4. Attujas/Melissa Klem/58.00%

**USEF First Level, Test 1**
- 1. Look Who’s Truckin/Missouri Freligh/61.026%
- 2. Raipal/Candace Snel/63.66%
- 3. Black Tie Option/Linda Jurata/60.66%
- 4. Common Sense/Carolann McConaughy/58.33%
- 5. Irish Décor/Julie Kingsbury/54.66%

**FEI Prix St. Georges**
- 1. Kavel/Linda McDowell/66.00%

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**Year-End Volunteer Awards**

We are again offering year-end awards to our tried and true volunteers. For those who give 32 hours we will give a $50 gift certificate to Everything Equestrian. For those who give 64 or more hours, we will give a $100 gift certificate. We will be accepting certificates from 10/1/07-10/1/08. Any questions call Samantha Smith at samsmith8@hotmail.com.
PVDA Schooling Show
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • August 24, 2008

I always love managing a show that follows Linda Speer’s Jr/YR show from the day before. Arrive early in the morning at the show grounds and the ring is already set up! Who could ask for anything more? We had a very lovely day for a very full show. We had 67 rides with no scratches or no-shows all day! PVDA member Kelly Hanlon was my ring steward and she kept all the riders on schedule and kept the day flowing like clockwork. Non-PVDA members, Christine Wulsich and Mary Crawford both put in a full day as a first-time scorer and a first-time scribe. They did a wonderful job and even stayed after the show to help take down the ring and pack up the equipment. Peggy Pariso was our judge. Peggy has a lovely way of providing helpful comments and encouragement to every rider. It was great to see every rider leave the ring with a smile on their face. That’s what a schooling show is all about! Even though the classes were large and not everyone won a ribbon, no one left the show empty-handed and everyone had a very enjoyable day. Valerie Vallder, Show Manager

Class 1: USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Montanna/Sue Doll/67.50%
2. Equishare Terri/Pamela Ruhl/66.00%
3. Dawn Flight/Candace Snell/65.00%
4. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/64.00%
5. Wickham/Elizabeth Polzin/63.50%
6. Equishare Tiskit/Alice Slater/63.00%
Class 2: USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Equishare Rocky/Ewy Mathe/67.14%
2. Contucci’s Secret Agent/Shannon Zik/65.35%
3. Dascha/Candace Snell/64.66%
4. Silver Trilux/Lisa Kurr/63.92%
5. Tolkien/Caroline L. Cochran/63.50%
6. My Lucky Charm/Juliana Laboy/62.14%

Class 3: USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Equishare Rocky/Ewy Mathe/67.14%
2. Contucci’s Secret Agent/Shannon Zik/65.35%
3. Dascha/Candace Snell/64.66%
4. Silver Trilux/Lisa Kurr/63.92%
5. Tolkien/Caroline L. Cochran/63.50%
6. My Lucky Charm/Juliana Laboy/62.14%

Class 4: USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Equishare Rocky/Ewy Mathe/67.14%
2. Contucci’s Secret Agent/Shannon Zik/65.35%
3. Dascha/Candace Snell/64.66%
4. Silver Trilux/Lisa Kurr/63.92%
5. Tolkien/Caroline L. Cochran/63.50%
6. My Lucky Charm/Juliana Laboy/62.14%

Class 5: USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Cromwell/Leslie Raulin/67.60%
2. Equishare Valentino/Stephanie Basted/65.60%
3. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/64.00%
4. Rocky Road/Catherine Humphrey/62.80%
5. Silver Trilux/Lisa Kurr/61.60%
6. Windsong/Nancy Moseley/59.60%

Class 6: USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Cromwell/Leslie Raulin/69.60%
2. Equishare Valentino/Stephanie Basted/64.40%

PVDA Schooling Show
Sugarloaf Equestrian Center, Boyds, Md. • September 7, 2008

This year, tropical storm Hanna threatened to close us down. However, due to good luck and incredible ring-maintenance skills from our barn manager, Cathy Echternach, the show went just fine and there was no little splashing. We had our highest attendance percentage ever, with a total of 83 rides scheduled and 78 of them performed. The high score of the show was Elizabeth Polzin’s Intro B test on Piconero III with a 73.000%, and reserve high score went for Sugarloaf’s own Lindsay Osburnsen and Emma Morris riding their Pas De Deux, with 72.60%. Many thanks to our wonderful judges Ginna LaCroix and Evelyn Susol, and special thanks to Ginna for allowing us to use her van as the judge’s booth after we had tent failure. Finally, thanks to our fabulous volunteers, without whom the show would not be possible: Anne Buckman, Melanie Coleman, Devorah Gallardo, Cathy Echternach, Leslie Hubbell, Rebecca Morris, Sheila O’Neill, and Laura and Lindsay Osburnsen. Thanks to all for making it another great show! Katie Hubbell, Show Manager

Class 1: USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Montanna/Sue Doll/72.50%
2. Piconero III/Elizabeth Polzin/65.00%
3. Dakota/Sarah Lebsack/63.00%
4. Socialite/Denise Curtis/61.00%
5. Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/64.00%
6. Dutchess/Ellen Greenfield/53.50%

Class 2A: USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Piconero III/Elizabeth Polzin/73.00%
2. Sandefina/Deborah Thompson/72.50%
3. Montanna/Sue Dol/69.00%
4. Socialite/Denise Curtis/67.50%
5. Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/64.00%
6. Dakota/Sarah Lebsack/63.00%

Class 2B: USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. W-B Bedazzlement/C&e Anne Shpley/67.00%
2. Pillsbury/Abby Little/65.50%
3. Raven/Alexis Widmayer/64.00%
4. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/58.50%
5. Apri Meridien/De L Lamaniem/52.50%

Class 3A: USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. The Big Black Horse/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/68.928%
2. Dawn Flight/Jack Morris/66.785%
3. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/65.357%
4. Nadir/Sarah Welty/65.357%
5. Irish/Madison Edwards/61.785%
6. Rosme & Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/59.642%

Class 3B: USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Always a Venture/Karen Smith/70.000%
2. Raven/Alexis Widmayer/67.826%
3. Devon/Christine Bertoncini/64.347%
4. Pillsbury/Abby Little/61.739%
5. W-B Bedazzlement/C&e Anne Shpley/61.304%
6. April Meridien/De L Lamaniem/60.000%

Class 4: USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. The Big Black Horse/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/68.928%
2. Dawn Flight/Jack Morris/66.785%
3. Tolkien/Caroline Cochran/65.357%
4. Nadir/Sarah Welty/65.357%
5. Irish/Madison Edwards/61.785%
6. Rosme & Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/59.642%
7. Choco/Judy Voorhees/57.857%

Class 5: USEF Training Level, Tests 2 & 3
1. Cromwell/Leslie Raulin/71.200%
2. Rocky Road/T-3/Catherine Humphrey/67.600%
3. Catcher/T-3/Beth Brown/67.600%
4. Johnny Walker/T-2/Kimberly Kemp/66.785%
4. April Showers/T-2/Karen Anderson/65.714%
5. Amethyst Q/T-3/Dennis Moore/61.200%
6. Bentley/T-2/Maureen O’Connell/60.357%

Class 6: USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Rocky Road/Catherine Humphrey/68.800%
2. Cromwell/Leslie Raulin/68.800%
3. Catcher/Beth Brown/66.000%
4. April Showers/Karen Anderson/66.000%
5. Kimbally/Dawn Blanchard/62.40%
6. Rocky Road/Catherine Humphrey/61.20%
7. Equishare Tiskit/Alice Slater/59.20%
8. Equishare Hormiga/Lisa Kurr/61.60%
9. Wind Song/Nancy Moseley/61.33%
10. Auburn/Emma Morris/59.66%

Class 8: USEF First Level, Tests 1 and 2
1. Kapriole (1-1)/Karen Yingst/68.000%
2. Along Came A Spyder (1-2)/Louise Foster/67.777%
3. Ralpal (1-1)/Candice Snell/65.000%
4. Meindert (1-2)/Mariska Bakker/65.000%
5. Sl’Ingecue (1-2)/Deborah Thompson/64.722%
6. Ralpal (1-2)/Candice Snell/64.166%
7. Sl’Ingecue (1-2)/Deborah Thompson/63.333%

Class 9: USEF First Level, Test 3 and Above TOC
1. P.T. Whistler (1-4)/Laura Osburnsen/66.578%
2. Kapriole (1-3)/Karen Yingst/64.571%
3. Peabody (1-4)/Steph Butts/64.473%
4. Meindert (1-4)/Mariska Bakker/64.473%
5. Aaron’s Top Command (1-3)/Lindsay Osburnsen/62.571%
6. Saboovee (3-2)/Kimberly Beldam-Saylor/61.538%
7. Arundel (2-1)/Gretchen Butts/60.526%

Class 10: USEF First Level, Pas De Deux
1. Aaron’s Top Command and Dawn Flight/Lindsay Osburnsen and Emma Morris/67.383%
By Lisa Trovillion

What can a dancer teach a dressage rider? At the Alexander Technique clinic hosted by Beverley Fields at her home, El Ammal Farm, on July 28, we learned the answer to that question—PLENTY!
The Alexander Technique (AT) is a century-old process which has at its center the cultivation of a new and more natural alignment of the individual’s head, neck, and back. This natural alignment, interestingly enough, has striking similarities to the self-carriage that riders strive for in their horses. The technique aims at recovering our natural ease and freedom of movement, thereby eliminating muscle tension we may not be aware of (but our horses certainly are)....

The clinician, Robin Gilmore, a certified teaching member of Alexander Technique International, and also a professional dancer, began the day with an unmounted session. The 10 attendees ranged in age, experience, goals, and disciplines. One of the most interesting concepts presented during this session was “Body Mapping.” It was discovered that often an individual has a faulty concept of where joints are located, how muscles act, and where the body’s center of gravity is located. These faulty body “maps” lead to inefficiency in movement, or in more serious cases, injury. How often has a riding instructor told you to correct your position or use a body part in a particular way, only to tell you that you had not followed the instruction (but I swear I did move my upper body back, or lower my outside hand, or slide my lower leg behind the girth, I did!). According to your internal (faulty) body map or sense of self, you think you did when in fact the movement was not efficient or done correctly, or was forced with great tension. Wouldn’t it be great to have both the student and instructor reading from the same “sheet of music” during lessons? For example, we learned the body’s center of gravity is not near the waist as many believed, but much lower towards the hips and deeper within the body. If we could fold ourselves in half, the hips would be the mid-point. Also, the head, which carries a significant portion of our body weight, is perched on the top of the spine deep within the skull, not near the base of the neck as many believed...another example of a faulty body map.

After a delightful lunch break eating under the crape myrtle tree on the veranda or around the country kitchen table, we tacked up the horses for the mounted version of the clinic. Robin claimed no expertise in rider position, but watched us as we rode and immediately pointed out tension and/or misalignment in the riders. Without a classical education on how a rider “should” be positioned to be effective, she was able to suggest body changes that eliminated tension and put the rider back in balance with the horse. It was amazing to see the difference in the riders who became more graceful, sat deeper, looked more elegant, and how the horses responded by looking lighter and happier.

In parting, Beverley mentioned a possible follow-on clinic. What territory could be explored if we hired a classically trained dressage instructor to give a lesson in conjunction with an Alexander Technique practitioner to assist us with the “translation” of the body movements necessary to achieve effective aids without tension, and self-carriage for both horse and rider! True grace, balance, and fluidity of movement...indeed, that sounds like dancing.

As an added note, special thanks goes to Beverley for the use of her family’s personal horse for me to ride in the clinic, as I had just lost my beloved mare the previous week.
By Jordan Rich

I received a PVDA scholarship to participate in the USDF Region 1 Jr/YR Clinic series with George Williams. There were eight Jr/YRs selected to ride from Region 1 based on a competitive application process.

On May 17 I packed my bags (and my parents), loaded Milo in the trailer, and set off to Eagle Crest Farm in Howell, NJ. After the 3-hour drive we arrive at the green-pastured, gated facility. At the end of the gravel driveway was the beautiful barn and arena. Due to a prior commitment I had been given the last riding session of the day and arrived during the first day’s lunch break. I was a bit overwhelmed by the numbers of auditors who were spread out on the lawn eating and discussing what they had seen during the morning’s rides. My apprehension diminished as I was warmly greeted by the farm owner, MaryAnn Pokus, and immediately led to the stall where Milo would be spending the night. Ms. Pokus graciously donates the use of her facility to USDF for this clinic. Milo and I settled in as the afternoon session began.

Since all of the riders were competing at either the FEI Jr. or YR levels, most horses were regularly ridden in double bridles. Mr. Williams requested that each horse be ridden in the snaffle on the first day and the double on the second day. This was a bit unnerving since Milo can be quite strong in the snaffle. This is the case, I learned, for many of the horses participating at the clinic (one rider was even granted an exception since she was riding a borrowed horse). This was an excellent way for Mr. Williams to diagnose any issues that may be “managed” with the double, but apparent with the snaffle. As a competitor, my instinct is to want to perform well, but as a student in a clinic, I needed to understand that I had to reveal our issues in order to improve. Since I wasn’t riding until the last session, I had the opportunity to sit with the auditors and other riders and watch as Mr. Williams began through a series of transitions to really get Milo paying attention to my aids. Through this work, he introduced me to a very interesting philosophy that I have tried to adopt myself. When Milo and I started to school the walk-canter/canter-walk transitions, occasionally Milo would not execute the movement completely correctly. Mr. Williams told me that I should not get frustrated at the horse because he makes mistakes, too. He suggested that the lack of a reward is enough for our horses to realize that the movement was not correct. Any additional discipline will only risk further frustrating them – particularly if they are already having difficulty executing a particular movement. By using this philosophy Milo and I never got frustrated with each other and the clinic stayed productive as we

Scholarship Report
The Jr/YR Clinic Series with George Williams

George Williams Clinic continued next page
After the clinic ended on the first day, Mr. Williams held a one-hour theory session that only the riders and trainers attended. During this session, we discussed some of the movements required at the FEI Jr/YR Level. This session was helpful, not only as a way of informing us of the judges’ expectations, but it also gave Mr. Williams an opportunity to discuss proper rider position and aids needed to perfect these movements. Once this session ended we left the barn, cleaned up and we all went out to dinner. The dinner was sponsored by ESDCTA. At the restaurant, the riders were all seated together. This was a great way for me to meet some of my fellow Region 1 competitors. It was fun to change our focus from riding and get to know each other as people. I’ve had contact with some of these riders since the clinic and have seen them at shows throughout the season.

All of the riders left dinner and went together to night check our horses before getting some rest before the next day’s rides.

The second day was an opportunity to build on the exercises we learned on the first day. Milo was extremely light in the double-bridle (not always the case), and I was able to execute the more difficult movements easily and have Milo carrying himself. Mr. Williams used the second day to work through some of the test movements and discuss accuracy of execution. He gave me some excellent tips about how to pick my line for the tempi changes. Since Milo’s stride is so big, he recommends picking the longest line across the diagonal of the arena. In other words, he had me aim for the true corner of the arena rather than aiming at the letter. By doing this, we ended our line exactly at the letter rather than falling short of the letter.

This clinic was a great experience and a highlight of my riding career. It is something that I will never forget. I want to thank PVDA for providing me with this scholarship.

Jordan Rich is a 16-year-old Junior at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville, Md. He has been training locally with Vanessa Swartz since he began competing in dressage at age 9. He teamed up with Milazzo (Milo), a 19 year old German Warmblood gelding, in January of 2007. Jordan and Milo have qualified and will compete in the FEI Jr. Division at this year’s Dressage at Devon. They also will compete at the GAIG Region 1 Championships at Third Level and the CBLM Championships at both Fourth Level and the Pas de Deux.
• **Pat Artimovich** has been a PVDA member since 2002. She returned to riding after a 20 year hiatus from showing hunters. Having enjoyed learning from her beloved Hanoverian schoolmaster over the past few years, she is presently taking lessons and working toward showing First Level. An active volunteer since joining PVDA, Pat has contributed to the newsletter, served in many capacities at educational activities and at licensed and schooling shows. She presented the concept for the Ride for Life to the Board, served as hospitality and volunteer coordinator for the Ride for Life in 2004 and 2005, helped establish the PVDA as a registered charitable organization and most recently, was a huge part of the 2007 Ride for Life show!

• **Deanna Beal** graduated from Towson University, with a B.A. in Occupational Therapy, and continued her education at Western Michigan University, receiving a graduate certificate in Hippotherapy (therapy with the help of the horse). She is a licensed and practicing OTR/L with extensive experience in psychiatry and adult rehabilitation. She is a NARHA registered instructor and therapist, and member of the American Hippotherapy Association. Married to Tim for 28 years with two daughters, Jackie, 21, and Jenna, 15. The Beals live on Beals Blessing Farm in Finksburg, Md., with their three horses, two dogs and two cats. If re-elected this would be Deanna’s second year on the Board.

• **Kimberley Beldam-Saylor** Originally from Ontario, Canada, Kimberley moved to Maryland four years ago and has since married. Kimberley has four horses in Frederick, Md. She also has two dogs and raises Suffolk sheep. She is currently building a new boarding and training facility in Rocky Ridge, Md. Kimberley has showed at both PVDA schooling and licensed shows. She managed several schooling shows at Tewksbury which was “great fun and a great opportunity to meet more of the members.” She also volunteered at the Ride for Life, participated in the L program rider demo and scribed at several of the licensed shows. It is her intention to attend the L program next year. Kimberley says, “I’m creative and detail-oriented and feel I could really help serve this wonderful club as a member of the Board.”

• **Carolyn Del Grosso** has been a PVDA member for more than 20 years. As a Board member, she has served on the Licensed Show Advisory, Schooling Show and Chapter committees. She has chaired the Education Committee and was the Treasurer of PVDA. Carolyn, a Silver and Bronze and USDF Gold Medalist, is currently the Secretary of PVDA and looks forward to continuing her service on the Board.

• **Jan Denno** has been a member of PVDA since 1995. She has acquired a wealth of knowledge, primarily by volunteering. Her first experience came volunteering at shows and learning all the show jobs. She feels that this has helped make her a better rider. Scribing especially helped Jan develop a vocabulary to improve her riding by understanding more with regards to judging. As show manager for Ride for Life 2008 Jan came in contact with many people who manage show grounds and everything related to them. She listened to their thoughts and ideas, especially how they believe that PVDA may be the only organization that operates on volunteers. Jan believes this is part of the wonderful opportunities dressage gives us and feels it is one of the strengths of our PVDA organization. Jan feels strongly about our volunteers and would like to invigorate the volunteer process. She says, “We can utilize the characteristics of dressage to assure the continuation of the PVDA volunteer spirit and enhance the valuable learning experience we can provide. This vision is a perspective I would like to bring to the Board for the next year.”

• **Jennifer Funk** began riding horses in California at an early age, but has returned as an adult rider interested in dressage. She is currently an active PVDA member serving on the Board of Directors and serving as Schooling Show Treasurer. She is an animal enthusiast who owns a wonderful Paint mare, Daizy, and a Great Dane, Zeus. She resides with her family in Ellicott City, Md. Jennifer looks forward to serving on the Board for a second term if re-elected.

• **Karen Jacob** has been a PVDA member for a number of years. Along with her husband, Lance, she owns and operates a small facility in Sykesville, Md. She is the mother of two small boys; Erik and Evan. Karen instructs and does ratings for Pony Club, was District Commissioner of a local U.S. Pony Club and has volunteered in other capacities for Pony Club. Serving her fourth year on the PVDA Board she has assisted the Education Committee, Volunteer Committee and currently chairs the Nominating Committee and the Group Chapters. Karen has managed six schooling shows, has volunteered at several licensed shows including the 2007 Ride for Life. In 2008 she was the Financial and Merchandise Chair for the Ride for Life. Karen looks forward to continuing to serve PVDA in the future.

• **Marne Martin-Tucker** was raised on cattle ranches in the Western U.S. before coming to college on the East Coast and being based here in Maryland ever since (despite stints overseas). She played polo and did eventing/jumpers, before switching to dressage, and eventually earning her Silver Medal with hopes to one day to make it to Grand Prix. She has been on the Board two years, first as the Chair of the Education Committee, and this year as President of PVDA and co-Chair of the Ride for Life Committee. She has been an active volunteer in PVDA since joining and hopes that her various equestrian contacts and business experience will be an asset to the Board.

• **Shari Packard** has been a PVDA member for over 20 years. She is currently a Board member, chairing the Membership Committee four years and the Web site one year. She also assists with various PVDA shows and educational projects as well as being a delegate at the USDF Convention in 2007. She was first introduced to dressage during her short tenure in Pony Club, from which she graduated as a “B.” Since then, she has been a devoted dressage fan and is currently working towards her USDF Bronze medal.

• **Jocelyn Pearson** has been a member of PVDA and VADA since 1973. She began riding at the age of 3, and insisted that her mother take her every day to the local pony rings. Her family had race horses and she worked as a teenager as a hot walker at Bowie Race Track. In 1973 she also attended the old Horsemasters’ course at Potomac Horse Center. In 1975 she was hired by the U.S. Secret Service and became the first female bomb dog handler in the United States, and was the first to win the United States Police Canine...
Association Bomb Dog Competition. She worked at the Reagan Ranch for Presidential trips and was allowed to ride there from time to time. Recently retired, she now runs Arc en Ciel Farm in Leesburg, which is her home. She is an “L” graduate, enjoys attending symposiums and clinics and riding. Jocelyn currently has six horses.

- Leslie Raulin has been a PVDA member for five years. She is a late bloomer, her childhood dreams of horse ownership were realized in her adult years. Leslie volunteers at PVDA licensed shows, including the Ride for Life show, and recently reorganized the licensed show office materials. She enjoys showing at PVDA schooling shows, riding at Training Level with aspirations to First Level when she and her horse are ready. Leslie would like to augment the voice of lower level riders on the PVDA Board.

- Linda Speer has been an active PVDA member since 1980, currently serving her 22nd term on the Board chairing the Junior/Young Rider Committee. She has organized many activities including the very successful USDF Region 1 Junior/Young Rider Team Championships as well as numerous clinics. Linda also has managed several licensed competitions, the PVDA Chapter Challenge Competition and organizes the PVDA booth at the annual Horse Expo at the Timonium Fair Grounds each January. Linda is a huge supporter for PVDA’s Jr/YR program and manages four of their shows each year.

- Betty Thorpe served on the PVDA Board from 1994 to 1996 as the Volunteer Coordinator, and from 2002 to 2005 as editor of the newsletter. She continues to contribute articles to the newsletter. She was a delegate to the USDF annual meeting in 2002, 2004, and 2005. The biggest challenge of all was serving as president in 2006 and 2007.

- Tracey Trainum became a member of PVDA as a junior and has been a member for over 15 years. She has been a Clarksville Chapter member for many of those years, and has been a co-chair for the last two years. As co-chair, Tracey organizes the winter show series, helps conduct meetings, writes for the newsletter, and helps coordinate Chapter events. Tracey has volunteered at many PVDA schooling shows and hopes to manage a few shows in the future. Tracey has been completing her master’s degree in Nurse Anesthesia at the University of Maryland over the last two and a half years, and is looking forward to graduating this December. After graduation, Tracey is looking forward to having more free time for her mare Dascha, who she currently competes at Training Level. Tracey is a team player and is excited to offer a fresh perspective to the Board.

- Bonnie Vaden has been a PVDA member for over 18 years. She was a fox hunter before turning her interests to dressage. She has managed six Ligons schooling shows and has volunteered extensively for both schooling and licensed shows. She also has donated time to the Nominating Committee and is the current chair of the Schooling Show Committee.

- Rebecca Yount has been a PVDA member since 1986. She has spent many years on the Board, is chair of the Education Committee, and recently became the Rule Change Liaison relative to the USEF Dressage Performance Standards proposal. She has represented PVDA at many USDF conventions and has organized hundreds of clinics as well as volunteering at shows, served as a demonstration rider, and has been a Pony Club District Commissioner. She has her USDF Bronze medal and her Fourth Level scores toward her Silver. She grew up riding ponies and became involved in organized dressage as an adult. She has been very successful with her mares Bo Peep and Dior, and has published articles in Dressage and Combined Training, the Chronicle of the Horse, and other horse publications both national and local. Her 21-year-old daughter, Samra Zelman, also a rider, just started Veterinary School at the University of Pennsylvania.

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**ELECTION BALLOT**

2009 PVDA Board of Directors

Please vote for 15 of the following 16 candidates by placing a check mark in the star to the left of the name. You may select a maximum of 15 candidates. Mail the ballot by Nov. 1 to —Stephanie Banks, 19720 Olney Mill Rd, Brookeville, MD 20833.

- Pat Artimovich
- Deanna Beal
- Kimberley Beldam-Saylor
- Carolyn Del Grosso
- Jan Denno
- Jennifer Funk
- Karen Jacob
- Marne Martin-Tucker
- Shari Packard
- Jocelyn Pearson
- Leslie Raulin
- Linda Speer
- Betty Thorpe
- Tracey Trainum
- Bonnie Vaden
- Rebecca Yount

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By the Board

The Minutes

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

September PVDA Board Meeting

Date: September 8, 2008; Meeting #470
Location: Linda Spear’s Farm, Clarksville, Md.
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attendance
Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Bonnie Vaden, Linda Spear, Pat Artimovich, Shari Packard, Leslie Raulin, Jocelyn Pearson, Betty Thorpe, Cathy Jeary, Karen Jacob, Deanna Beal
Board Members Absent: Marne Martin-Tucker, Jen Funk, Liz Erwin, Rebecca Yount
Association Members Present: Jan Denno

Treasurer’s Report
Membership: $487.13
General Fund: $32,276.44
Schooling Shows: $11,407.56
Chapter Fund: $7,777.19
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Membership: $487.13

Committee Reports
Total: 1162.
National Liaison: USEF submitted new revision of performance standards on 9/2/08. Vote will be at USEF BOD meeting in January. Opportunity to get changes or comments at USDF convention. Fiona Bonn and Robert Dover will be inducted into USDF Hall of Fame. 2010 convention will be in Jacksonville, Fla. Lois Yukins wrote a nice article on the USDF Web site about Trip Harting’s death. Maret Kreswick is giving a sporthorse seminar at Hilltop on October 18-19.

Newsletter: (Jocelyn Pearson) Articles and issues submitted for newsletter contest.

Omnibus: (Bonnie Vaden and Stephanie Banks) Changes are already being made. Stephanie Banks will continue to help.

Shows Recognized: (Carolyn Del Grosso and Linda Spear) Loch Moy has three rings and Oak Ridge has one ring. We will send the final donation for Ride for Life to Johns Hopkins, it totals $80,000.

Shows Schooling: (Bonnie Vaden) BlueBird show was cancelled because of hurricane Hanna. Sugarloaf went on. Tewksbury show in September is cancelled because there are not enough entries. We may get some new facilities and some old favorites back.

Special Events: (Bonnie Vaden) Horse World Expo is January 15-18, 2009.

Next Meeting: October 6, 2008, at 7 p.m., Linda Spear’s Farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Jocelyn Pearson, 703-771-3231.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.
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