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January 2011
9  Fix a Test hosted by Southern Maryland
   Chapter at Chesapeake Dressage Institute.
   Contact Aviva Nebesky at horsepenhill@verizon.net
22  Morven Park Winter Benefit Schooling

February
13  Fix a Test hosted by the Southern
    Maryland Chapter at Chesapeake Dressage
    Institute. Contact Aviva Nebesky at
    horsepenhill@verizon.net
19  Morven Park Winter Benefit Schooling

March
13  Fix a Test hosted by the Southern
    Maryland Chapter at Exalt Farm. Contact Aviva
    Nebesky at horsepenhill@verizon.net
19  Morven Park Winter Benefit Schooling

20  VADA Schooling Show at Morven Park,
    Leesburg, Va. www.vadanova.org

April
9-10  VADA Licensed Show, Morven Park,
      Leesburg, Va. www.vadanova.org
16  Britch Switch and Tack Sale sponsored by
    Southern MD chapter. Location TBA, 10 a.m.-3
    p.m. Vendor space $20. Contact Linda at 908-451-
    7827 or Julie at 301-503-7709. RSVP by April 13.
16  Morven Park Winter Benefit Schooling
27-May 1  FEI World Cup Dressage and
        Showjumping Finals, Leipzig, Germany.
        www.FEI.org

May
7-11  Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium
      Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For info contact:
      www.EquilibriumHorse.com/clinic/html
21-22  PVDA Annual Spring Show at
       Morven Park. See www.pvda.org

June
25-26  PVDA Ride for Life at Prince George's
      Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. Info on
      volunteering, contact volunteers@pvda.org.

August
18-21  European Dressage Championship,
       Rotterdam, Netherlands. www.eceaccine2011.com

September
7-11  Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium
      Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For info contact:
      www.EquilibriumHorse.com/clinic/html

October
17-20  Pan Am Games, Guadalajara, Mexico,
      Guadalajara2011.org.mx/eng/01_inicio/index.asp
28-Nov 1  Erik Herbermann Clinic at
        Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For
        more info contact: www.EquilibriumHorse.com/
        clinic/html

Thank You for your generosity and support of our recent New Test Clinic. We could not have done it without you! from everyone at PVDA
PVDA Elects 2011 Board of Directors

The new PVDA Board officers for 2011 are: Chairperson–Michele Wellman, President–Betty Thorpe, Vice President–Jocelyn Pearson, Secretary–Shari Packard, and Treasurer–David Geyer.

Other members of the 2011 Board of Directors are Kate Burgy, Camilla Cornwell, Wendy Emblin, Jennifer Funk, Lindsay Jensen, Tim Lewthwaite, Hilary Moore, Leslie Raulin, Jaclyn Sicoli, and Linda Speer.

Please contact any of our Board officers and/or directors if you have questions or want to get more involved with PVDA.

Send Your 2011 Memberships by January 31

Please renew your membership by January 31 to avoid a break in your newsletter and benefits. You can renew online at www.pvda.org in the membership section of the Web site. Go to www.pvda.org/membership. PVDA now accepts online applications and payments. Memberships that are using volunteer slips as payment must still be submitted via regular mail. You can also find a 2011 membership form on page 22 of this newsletter. Mail your check, payable to PVDA, to Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791. For more information contact Michele at membership@pvda.org.

Thank You to All of Our Volunteers for the Axel Steiner Clinic and New Test Seminar

Thank you volunteers for helping make the November Axel Steiner Clinic and New Test Seminar such a success! Some of the volunteers did both days and we greatly appreciate the time everyone gave to help make this great clinic happen.

Ellen Harris*  Kathy DeMarco
Jean Rosen*  Irene Henrick
Linda Hand*  Jordan Rich
Marjie Livingstone*  Jaclyn Sicoli*
Lisa Freund*  Jocelyn Pearson*

* These members volunteered two or more days.

Share Your 2010 Photos Next Issue!

If you have a photo from any PVDA shows or dressage events from 2010 that you would like to share in the February 2011 PVDA Newsletter, please send by January 10. E-mail high resolution photos to newsletter@pvda.org and news@pvda.org.

The President’s Window

We are starting the new year with a new PVDA Board. There will be some changes to the committee chairmen so look at the back page of the newsletter to see who to contact if you have questions. I was elected to be President for the second year so we will be visiting again every month. Our Board meetings will be conducted by our new Chairman, Michele Wellman, and David Geyer will take over the Treasurer’s books from outgoing Board member Carolyn Del Grosso. Jocelyn Pearson will continue as Vice President. We are looking forward to another busy year!

One of the perks of this job is to take part in the ceremonial giving of the check for the funds to the Johns Hopkins Breast

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Shore Chapter

Our Chapter continues to be busy with monthly clinics with Grand Prix rider and "S" Judge Kathy Rowse, held at Sunset Bay Farm in Onancock, Va. Participants in the October clinic were B.J. Martin and her cute paint mare, Annie, Carlene Zak and her 4 year old Quarter horse mare, Velvet Sponaugle and her 10 year old Oldenburg mare, Karen Clark and Dusti and daughter Anne, and Kathleen Kurgan and her darling black Arab, Jetski, and Kerra Johnson on her event horse Page. Horses and riders were from different disciplines and stages of learning, so it was extra interesting for auditors. So many potential riders think they can’t ride in a clinic unless they’re at least at First level with a warmblood. Many riders here were new to dressage and coming from western to eventing to hunter backgrounds! So in our November clinic some of those auditors joined up and rode too.

The second clinic on November 29 included Event rider Kerra Johnson, Kathleen and Jet, Maureen Lawrence and Massaro, Cony Needels and Buddy, Cheryl Carpenter and her new horse Samba, B.J. Martin and Annie, and Mary Dahlke and her Arab, Wind. Kathy had Kerra ride with more seat and less hand to get her to become more soft and accepting, which she did eventually. With Kathleen and Jet she worked on suppling Jet on small circles, asking her to bring the nose to the point of the shoulder. With Maureen’s wonderful large warmblood Massaro, who is schooling and showing PSG, she worked on tempi changes and half passes as well as canter pirouettes, which developed quite nicely! With Cony she worked on shoulder in with more use of seat and less hand, so she wasn’t tempted to bring the shoulder in with the inside rein. With Cheryl’s 6 year old babe who had led a sheltered childhood, just the experience of being in a new place was a wonderful learning experience. As she relaxed and accepted her new environment she became more supple and willing to listen to Cheryl’s aids. With Mary, Kathy had her work on keeping Wind more consistently on the bit. She asked Mary to think of her elbows as being part of her hip and to let the horse know that she, Mary, was in charge! You really can’t compromise!

There was much to work on and Kathy gave the right advice to each and every horse and rider. We can’t wait for the December Christmas clinic.
The PVDA Southern Maryland Chapter Announces

A Dressage Schooling Show and Fix a Test Series

December 12, 2010
Judge: Aviva Neebnsky (L)
Opens 11/12/10 • Closes 11/29/10

January 9, 2011
Judge: Marija Trieschman-Dever (L)
Open 12/09/10 • Closes 12/27/10

February 13, 2011
Judge: TBD
Opens 1/13/11 • Closes 1/31/11

March 13, 2011
Judge: TBD
Opens 2/13/11 • Closes 2/28/2011

All locations at Chesapeake Dressage Institute in Annapolis with the exception of the March Show which will be held at Exalt Farm in Harwood, MD. Please send a current negative Coggins and proof of rhino vaccine, for CDI shows, (within 6 months of completion date), copy of your PVDA membership, $20 entry fee per class made out to SO MD PVDA ($10 for SO MD members) and a PVDA schooling show entry form to: Melissa Harlinski, 446 Lankford Rd, Harwood, MD 20776.

You may select either a traditional format (ie ride your test(s) for a score) or a Fix a Test format (ie ride your test, receive critique on specific aspects, then ride the SAME test again). If you ride the Fix a Test format, your first (“un-fixed”) score will be used to pin the class. For additional information please contact Linda McDowell at 908-451-7827 or Julie Gross at 301-855-3922.

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By Betty Thorpe

The Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet on November 20 returned to the spacious Carriage House at the Laurel Race Track in Laurel, Md., for the second year in a row. The food was very good, and it was a perfect setting for the many beautiful PVDA awards to be proudly displayed. Caretaker Linda Speer polishes the silver bowls every year. They can be admired for most of the evening since handing them out is the last item on the agenda.

Two other traditions at the Annual Dinner were observed by the 80 members and guests that attended—the Chapter Baskets and the Silent Auction. The Metro, Calvert and Clarksville chapters brought beautiful baskets that were much admired. Chances on winning them were sold at the entrance by a roving Jan Denno who didn’t let a fractured elbow interfere with her ticket selling technique, which has been honed over the years. Shari Glickman, who once again organized the dinner, made sure that the Silent Auction table was filled with lots of interesting items. It was a popular table, circled by everyone who wanted to bid (and rebid) on favorite items.

The business meeting, conducted by Michele Wellman, was finished in record time. The minutes from 2009 and the committee reports and the treasurer’s report are published in the Dinner program. Jocelyn Pearson thanked the retiring board members—Carolyn Del Grosso, Jan Denno, and Aviva Nebesky. All received tokens for their service, but Carolyn’s gift was very special. She received a painting of her riding her stallion, “Kris,” that was painted by PVDA member and Grand Prix rider Janna Dyer, based on a photo of Carolyn on her way to her Gold Medal. Janna donated the framed painting to PVDA.

The members of the 2011 Board of Directors were introduced: Jen Funk, Hilary Moore, Michele Wellman, Jaclyn Sicoli, Shari Packard, Jocelyn Pearson, Betty Thorpe, Linda Speer, Leslie Raulin, Kate Burgy and Lindsay Jensen were re-elected and will be joined by new members Wendy Emblin, Camilla Cornwell, David Geyer and Tim Lewthwaite.

The Honor Awards were announced by Vice President Jocelyn Pearson. The President’s Award was given to Lori Larson, who donates the use of her beautiful Wyndham Oaks in November for our clinics and always lends a hand wherever needed. The Vice President’s Award went to Betsy Lewis for her generous work as secretary at the Oak Ridge licensed show for several years. The Chairman’s Award went to Annmarie Ingersoll who stepped up to manage the Oak Ridge licensed show and she also will do so in the future. Volunteer of the Year was Pat Rudolph who has been active in many PVDA activities.

The Equiery gives an award to the Maryland resident who has the highest score in the Maryland licensed dressage shows at Third Level or above, and this year the award went to Pam Owens on Gardes Grace. Pam showed at the PVDA Spring Show, Ride for Life, Loch Moy and Heavenly

Retiring PVDA Board Member Carolyn Del Grosso receives a painting of herself and her horse “Kris” going for their Gold Medal, at the PVDA Awards Dinner. The painting was done by PVDA member Janna Dyer, www.darkhorsestables.com.

The Annual Awards Dinner Recognizes Our Dressage Achievements for 2010

Linda Speer presents multiple awards to PVDA member Glenda Player.

The Annual Dinner continued on next page
Waters. Her Third Level average was 61.1%.

The President of the Maryland Quarter Horse Association, Eileen Simpson, awarded stunning plaques from their Outreach Program to the highest scoring rider on a Quarter Horse in licensed shows and schooling shows. This year the licensed show award went to Rebecca Crown on Docs Hotrod Dynamo. The schooling show winner was Barbara Awtrey on Strait A Whey Gray (Sebastian).

Axel Steiner was our guest speaker. He was conducting the New Test Clinic at Wyndham Oaks for the weekend as he has done before when the tests have changed. At the dinner he reported that the sport of dressage is doing well despite the bad economy, especially at the FEI level. But he had some recommendations. First, he felt that there should be more ponies available to help children start riding. He has an ally in Lendon Gray on this subject. He mentioned the very successful German Riding Pony that gives German children a good start. Next, he would like to see more separation of amateur and professional riders. “Never say you are JUST an amateur,” he said to his audience. One change in the new tests, demonstrated that morning, is the new rule that riders may now post the trot in First Level. It is an attempt to help the amateur rider show longer. Third, he said that the country needs to get a broader base of riders qualified to be selected for the national Dressage Team. He thinks more face to face competitions will help. And finally, he says there needs to be more transparency in judging. The FEI is addressing the problem and it will recommend changes.

Axel also had advice for judges and riders. For judges, he said to get education wherever you can. “Make judging a serious vocation,” he advised. He also said that judging in panels is a great way to get feedback from colleagues. That way, judges can get recalibrated. It’s not enough to go to a forum every three years as is required. To riders, he said to scribe for a day so that you can feel what it is like and understand what the judges do.
PVDA Members accept ribbons and special awards for their achievements. Photos by Rita Boehm.
USDF Region 1 Fall Meeting

It’s the End of an Era

By Jocelyn Pearson

This was the first time in many years that recently retired USDF President and PVDA member Sam Barish was not at the Region 1 Fall Meeting, and we missed him. Another big change in the making is that this was Region 1 Director Alison Head’s last meeting as Director. Alison has served for many years and we sincerely appreciate all that she has done. Sam and Alison each accomplished so much. We sometimes forget that they are VOLUNTEERS. Stepping up to the plate next will be Lisa Schmidt as the new Director. She is asking that we all help her.

The PVDA members in attendance at the October 31 Region 1 Fall meeting in Leesburg, Va., included Linda Speer, Ingrid Gentry, Leslie Raulin, Wendy Emblin, Jaclyn Sicoli, Michele Wellman and Jocelyn Pearson.

Some of the highlights:

• This year’s BLMs had marvelous weather. Dianne Boyd, show manager, scheduled 997 rides, with 330 horses competing and 514 qualified—a good growth for the show. Also, 372 riders competed. People entered fewer classes and just did qualifying rides. It seemed like a smaller show but it wasn’t. The Virginia Horse Center did a wonderful job; the footing was excellent. They are now working on the stabling. Did you know that PVDA member Sam Barish created the BLMs?

The Training Level, Third Level and PSG Levels at the BLMs were huge, as well as Intermediaire I. There was not much participation in the Grand Prix.

The 2011 BLMs will be at the New Jersey Horse Park with the Region 1 Championships the following weekend. As Alison said, a busy two weeks!

• The BLMs are now an LLC. All qualifying rides for the BLMs are Test 2 of each level. Qualifying Rides for the GAIGs are Test 3. There are Divisions A and B, they took out the 5 year rule. At A Level one can’t have competed at Third Level or above. B Level means one has competed at Third Level or above. A rider must provide the statement that he/she is eligible to ride, it’s self policing.

• The 2011 Regional Championships will be hosted by VADA and held at the Virginia Horse Center the same weekend as this year’s BLMs. The Championships are a Level 4 show. According to the new rule change only board rings will be allowed. Pipe rings also are okay.

• The 2010 Adult Team Competition was hosted by VADA in Culpeper, Va. There were two one-day licensed shows held the same weekend, in conjunction with the Adult Team, run as opportunity classes. It was complicated but it worked. The attendance was lower than the last couple of years because it conflicted with a PVDA show. Financially it worked out fine for VADA. The footing was good and the staff said that they are redoing the stabling.

The 2011 Adult Team Competition will be hosted by ESDCTA. They are in talks with the New Jersey Horse Park about having it there on September 24/25, although it might compete with several big shows. They want to invite Region 8 to attend since some of their area is nearby.

• This year’s Junior/Young Rider Competition was held at Morven Park. The show was the normal size, the bad economy didn’t seem to affect it. Next year VADA will do it again at Morven Park, the dates will be July 23-24, 2011. There are usually good sponsorships, but not much participation from the GMOs. More volunteers are needed.

• VADANova will host the 2011 Linda Zang Seminar at Morven Park.
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✦ For sale or lease: QHX bay geld., 13 yrs, 15.3H, event/dressage horse for PC/AA. Training level scores or email: mardee@tc-solutions.com forces sale! $25,000. Mardee Rochelle, 301-367-0773 or email: deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@deri@de...
Wanted
✦ Working student/groom wanted for FEI dressage trainer in Poolesville, MD. Job includes some barn work, grooming and prepping horses for riding. Lessons avail. on FEI schoolmaster. Poss. field board for one horse. Part-time mornings to mid aft. Tues. - Sat. Jaralyn Finn, email: jaralyn@finessedressage.com
✦ Working student for care of 6-8 horses on 75 acre waterfront Dressage farm on VA’s Eastern Shore in exch. for FREE Board; FREE apt; FREE lessons with USDF Associate Instructor & USEF Judge. Small poss. salary. Positive, friendly atmosph., wonderful learning oppy! Deri Jeffers, 757-302-0224 or email: deripiaffe@aol.com

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CDI Attracted Top Clinicians in Fall 2010

Chesapeake Dressage Institute (CDI) in Annapolis, Md., hosted several outstanding clinics this past fall—Uwe Steiner, Jan Brons and George Williams. Uwe Steiner, who has been traveling down from Chicago for many years, has quite a few students who have been coached by him for decades and who travel to Florida to study with him during the winter. He has been making the summer and fall monthly trek to CDI for several years, combining the trip with teaching at another barn.

Fresh off the plane from Holland was Jan Brons, giving us the benefit of his coaching sessions with Anky van Grunsven, the Dutch multi-medaled Olympian. He used his Carol Lavell Scholarship to study with Anky, and he said it was wonderful. We are the beneficiary of the "trickle-down" effect of her teaching.

To wrap up the year was long-time favorite George Williams. Not only is George a gifted instructor, but he somehow finds time to be USDF President, run a training barn and compete. He is always mellow and calm. And, he is a Consulting Board Member for CDI!

All three clinicians come every year on a regular basis. All are easy to host, and enjoyable company. We feel very fortunate to be able to offer their services. With your support, we can keep them coming.
Center that were raised at our Ride For Life. Pat Artimovich, Michele Wellman, and I were there for PVDA, and Director Lillie Shockney, and two of her staff plus several volunteers who have helped at many of our shows all gathered for a photo op and then we lunched on pizza. Lillie told us how hard our money has worked and what good it has done. Her first words were, “I am very stingy with a dollar.” So we know she made our money stretch as far as possible. See the article in the next issue of our newsletter about how our money has helped.

Our 2011 Ride For Life is well into the planning stages. It’s become a year around project. If you want to become involved in any aspect, from the show to the Dancing Horse evening to the party, contact Michele Wellman at kyebay@yahoo.com. She will direct you to the right person who will be happy for the help. It’s a magical weekend and the rewards are great.

Our delegates to the USDF Annual Meeting came home with lots of news so be sure to read their report about the convention in this newsletter. One piece of bad news was that the USEF will charge money to any Group Member Organization (GMO) like PVDA to publish the new dressage tests in their show omnibus. Our members have grown used to having the tests handy, so we voted to pay the fee and print the new tests.

Speaking of membership perks, please renew your PVDA membership by January 31. We will stop sending the newsletter to you if your dues haven’t been paid, and we don’t want you to miss any newsletters! I would love to see our membership grow, if only to see all former members rejoin who may not have kept their membership current, for whatever reason. This note is going to the choir, as they say, so if you know someone who rides dressage but isn’t a member, please pester them until they join PVDA!

The new year will bring the Horse Expo once again to the Timonium fairgrounds, January 20-23. PVDA will have a booth there and can answer questions and sign up new members. If you plan a trip to the Expo, be sure to visit the booth and if you have time to help at the booth, contact Linda Speer at wlspeer@verizon.net.

The summer schooling show season is nearly in place thanks to the hard work of that committee, the popular Tea Is for Training is in the planning stages, and the Education Committee will be working on several other educational projects. It promises to be an exciting year!

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

Junior/Young Rider Test Riding Clinics with Jaclyn Sicoli
Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Maryland • February 27 and March 27, 2011

Two test riding clinics with Jaclyn Sicoli will be given at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. Each 45 minute private session is subsidized by PVDA. The cost is $25 per lesson and is open to PVDA junior members only.

For information or questions, call Linda Speer at 410-531-6641 or e-mail her at wlspeer@verizon.net. To register for a clinic, please make your check payable to PVDA and send proof of membership and negative Coggins with application to:

Linda Speer
6300 Guilford Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029

APPLICATION—Jr/YR Clinics with Jaclyn Sicoli
Check the clinic(s) you want to attend.
☐ Clinic 1: February 27, 2011 • Price $25
☐ Clinic 2: March 27, 2011 • Price $25

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Age of Rider:

Level of Rider:

Level of Horse:

Please make your check payable to PVDA and send proof of PVDA membership and negative Coggins to:
Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Rd., Clarksville, MD 21029
PVDA Schooling Show

By Chance Farm, Union Bridge, Md. • October 3, 2010

High Score Awards:
Introductory Level Champion: Kimberley Saylor
Introductory Level Reserve Champion: Jeanine Holtsberg
Training Level Champion: Kimberley Saylor
Training Level Reserve Champion: Megan Salzman
First Level and Above Champion: Rebecca Crown
First Level and Above Reserve Champion: Matthew Cross

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Mi Prieto/Jeanine Holtsberg/59.00%
2. WS Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/58.00%
3. Buttons/Diana Hedrick/57.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. CanaDream Jospatriote Seduxion/Kimberley Saylor/74.50%
2. Mi Prieto/Jeanine Holtsberg/65.00%
3. WS Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/60.00%
4. Buttons/Diana Hedrick/58.00%
5. Halftone/Nancy Isaacson/57.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. CanaDream Jospatriote Seduxion/Kimberley Saylor/74.50%
2. Mi Prieto/Jeanine Holtsberg/64.00%
3. WS Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/60.00%
4. Buttons/Diana Hedrick/58.00%
5. Halftone/Nancy Isaacson/57.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Donnerlink/Megan Salzman/67.20%
2. Socialite/Denise Curtis/62.40%
3. Whitney/Teresa Cox/58.40%
4. Black Bars Diamond/Kathy Drzewianowski/54.80%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. D’Artagnan/Terry Gyi/63.67%
2. Lucero G/Matthew Cross/66.33%
3. Silver Diamonds/Becky Maticic/63.67%

USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Donnerlink/Megan Salzman/67.20%
2. Socialite/Denise Curtis/65.60%
3. April Showers/Karen Anderson/64.80%
4. Whitney/Teresa Cox/60.40%
5. Black Bars Diamond/Kathy Drzewianowski/56.40%

USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Docs Hotrod Dynamo/Rebecca Crown/67.67%
2. Lucero G/Matthew Cross/66.33%
3. Silver Diamonds/Becky Maticic/63.67%

USEF First Level, Test 2
1. Docs Hotrod Dynamo/Rebecca Crown/65.00%
2. Silver Diamonds/Becky Maticic/64.72%

USEF Second Level, Test of Choice
1. Madchen (2-1)/Anne Buckman/63.95%
2. Madchen (2-2)/Anne Buckman/63.24%
3. Fhinland (2-2)/Karen Anderson/60.95%
4. Fhinland (2-2)/Karen Anderson/60.0%

USEF Third Level, Test of Choice
1. Drillenport (3-2)/Megan Salzman/65.13%
2. Drillenport (3-3)/Megan Salzman/64.65%
3. World Lady (3-3)/Linda Reinhardt/61.16%
4. World Lady (3-3)/Linda Reinhardt/59.49%
5. SEY Jospatriote (3-3)/Kimberley Saylor/59.07%
6. SEY Jospatriote (3-3)/Kimberley Saylor/58.21%

Terry Gyi and Marzipan

Top: Becky Maticic and Silver Diamonds. Center: Megan Salzman and D’Artagnan. Bottom: Julia Beall and Wolfgang at the By Chance Farm Schooling Show.
PVDA Jr/YR Schooling Show  
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • October 9, 2010

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers: Kimberly Beldam-Saylor, Lisa Michalek, Claire Kuhlkin, Marjolein Kuhlkin, and Annabel Winters-McCabe. Thanks also to our judge, Trisha DeRosa. Linda Speer, Show Manager

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion:  
Bernadette Coyle

Introductory Level Reserve Champion:  
Bernadette Coyle

Training Level Champion:  
Hannah Recknor

Training Level Reserve Champion:  
Amy Cobbett

First Level and Above Champion:  
Logan Elliott

First Level and Above Reserve Champion:  
Logan Elliott

USDF Introductory Level, Test A  
1. Five Guys/Bernadette Coyle/71.00%
2. Reddemeade Starlite/Monique Gill/68.00%
3. Bobby/Annabel Winters-McCabe/65.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Five Guys/Bernadette Coyle/73.50%
2. Reddemeade Starlite/Monique Gill/70.00%
3. Bobby/Annabel Winters-McCabe/67.50%

USEF Training Level, Tests 1 & 2  
1. Magic Illusion/Victoria Ridgway/68.21%
2. Jump for Joy/Hannah Recknor/67.50%
3. Cinnamon/Claire Kuhlkin/67.50%
4. Magic Illusion/Victoria Ridgway/66.96%
5. Cinnamon/Claire Kuhlkin/66.96%

USEF Training Level, Test 3  
1. Jump for Joy/Hannah Recknor/70.00%
2. Some Like It Hot/Julia Granfors/68.40%
3. DeLily/Helen Steiger/58.00%

USEF Training Level, Test 4  
1. LaineLi/Amy Cobbett/68.40%
2. Some Like It Hot/Julia Granfors/67.60%
3. DeLily/Helen Steiger/62.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
2. W.S. Montanna/Sue Doll/68.70%
3. Sabovee/Christine Ganassa/67.39%
4. Marzipan/Terry Gyi/65.22%
5. Tempest/Kim Engelke/58.70%
6. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/58.26%

USEF Training Level, Test 1  
1. Barney/Zoe Witte/66.67%
2. Solicitor General/Amy Cobbett/64.00%
3. Winters/Hailey Leishear/62.67%
4. Navajo/June Dickinson/61.00%

USEF First Level, Test 2  
1. Winters/Hailey Leishear/63.89%
2. Solicitor General/Amy Cobbett/62.78%
3. Navajo/June Dickinson/61.39%

USEF Second Level, Tests 1 & 2  
2. Eternaluna (2-1)/Logan Elliott/70.26%
3. Eternaluna (2-2)/Logan Elliott/68.11%
4. Sil'Sations Spirit (2-1)/Jaclyn Sink/65.79%
5. Sil'Sations Spirit (2-2)/Jaclyn Sink/64.59%

USDF Musical Freestyle  
1. Jump for Joy/Hannah Recknor/76.25%
2. W.S. Montanna/Sue Doll/69.64%
3. Ali Baba Q/Alison Ehrlich/64.64%
4. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/62.86%
5. Marzipan/Terry Gyi/62.14%
6. A Precious Tradition/Leigh England/55.71%

USEF Training Level, Tests 3 & 4  
1. Zephyr (T-3)/Rachel Surkin/71.60%
2. Zephyr (T-4)/Rachel Surkin/66.00%
3. Blondie (T-4)/Alison May/63.60%
4. BDF Titan (T-3)/Edith Blair/56.80%
5. Beaujangles (T-4)/Renee Roberts/58.80%
6. BDF Titan (T-4)/Edith Blair/56.80%

USEF First Level, Test of Choice  
1. SEY Jospatriote (3-3)/K. Beldam-Saylor/64.42%
2. SEY Jospatriote (3-2)/K. Beldam-Saylor/64.10%
3. Zackary (3-2)/Samantha Sandler/62.56%
4. Zackary (3-1)/Samantha Sandler/59.74%
5. Eternaluna (2-2)/Logan Elliott/65.95%
6. Eternaluna (2-1)/Logan Elliott/65.79%
7. Davida (2-4)/Rachel Surkin/64.76%
8. Davida (2-3)/Anne Buckman/63.26%

USEF Third Level, Test Of Choice  
1. SEY Jospatriote (3-3)/K. Beldam-Saylor/64.42%
2. SEY Jospatriote (3-2)/K. Beldam-Saylor/64.10%
3. Zackary (3-2)/Samantha Sandler/62.56%
4. Zackary (3-1)/Samantha Sandler/59.74%

PVDA Schooling Show  
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • October 10, 2010

Once again, the weather gods were kind to us for the last 2010 PVDA schooling show at Schooley Mill Park. A gorgeous day provided the backdrop for a smoothly running show, thanks to a lean but energetic crew of volunteers. Emily Long excelled in her first-ever stint as scribe; Rebecca Crown kept riders organized and tests coming back to the scorers, even finding time to snap some beautiful photos; and last but far from least, Shari Packard, scorer and show secretary extraordinaire, kept the riders happy with well-organized details and promptly returned scores. Special thanks to Almon Packard for his indispensable help with online registration and ring breakdown. Deborah Shuman, Show Manager

High Score Awards:
Introductory Level Champion:  
Kim Engzelke

Introductory Level Reserve Champion:  
Nancy Albrecht

Training Level Champion:  
Rachel Surkin

Training Level Reserve Champion:  
Alison Ehrlich

First Level and Above Champion:  
Lucca Rockhold

First Level and Above Reserve Champion:  
Anne Buckman

USDF Introductory Level, Test A  
1. Five Guys/Bernadette Coyle/71.00%
2. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/63.50%
3. Ataisahara/Holly Anderson/62.00%
4. W.S. Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/61.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B  
1. Five Guys/Bernadette Coyle/73.50%
2. Monica Lu/Nancy Albrecht/65.50%
3. Musket/Ashley Christian/61.50%
4. Ataisahara/Holly Anderson/60.00%
5. W.S. Rebel Spirit/Sue Hildebrand/59.50%
6. Bet UR Assets/Denielle Fleegle/57.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 1  
1. Ali Baba Q/Alison Ehrlich/70.87%
2. W.S. Montanna/Sue Doll/68.70%
3. Sabovee/Christine Ganassa/67.39%
4. Marzipan/Terry Gyi/65.22%
5. Tempest/Kim Engelke/58.70%
6. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/58.26%

USEF First Level, Test 1  
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2. Solicitor General/Amy Cobbett/64.00%
3. Winters/Hailey Leishear/62.67%
4. Navajo/June Dickinson/61.00%

USEF First Level, Test 2  
1. Winters/Hailey Leishear/63.89%
2. Solicitor General/Amy Cobbett/62.78%
3. Navajo/June Dickinson/61.39%

USEF Second Level, Tests 1 & 2  
2. Eternaluna (2-1)/Logan Elliott/70.26%
3. Eternaluna (2-2)/Logan Elliott/68.11%
4. Sil’Sations Spirit (2-1)/Jaclyn Sink/65.79%
5. Sil’Sations Spirit (2-2)/Jaclyn Sink/64.59%

USDF Musical Freestyle  
1. Jump for Joy/Hannah Recknor/76.25%
PVDA Chapter Challenge • November 7, 2010

Top left, clockwise: Fran Burwell and Beatitude, Marcia Mia and Casac, Courtney Swartz and My Barbie Now, Marija Trieschner and Don Diablo, Edith Blair and BDF Titan, Annie Blackwell and Moonlight Magic (Training 3/4 for Peninsula Chapter). Photos 1-5 by Vickie Kirkpatrick.
PVDA Sends Delegates to the USDF National Convention

By Jaclyn Sicoli

The schedule for the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Convention, in Wellington, Fla., was packed with five days of meetings, presentations, voting, training symposiums and the occasional refreshment break. As one of four PVDA delegates (with Leslie Raulin, Michele Wellman and Linda Speer), it was my first USDF Convention so I enthusiastically hopped from room to room, absorbing information and taking notes. We divided the group up to cover several meetings simultaneously, discussing our findings throughout the day and over meals.

As a PVDA member and Maryland resident for one full year, I was proud to represent our organization and was reminded of the commitment that we have to educate our members. PVDA stands out as an active Group Member Organization (GMO) with many member benefits and a friendly group of board members who hope to get more people involved in this wonderful sport every year.

L Program Committee Meeting

- Part 1 sessions A, B, and, C of the L Program courses are now open to 30 participants, in addition to auditors, allowing more people to learn from the curriculum.
- USDF is in need of GMOs or other organized groups to host Part 2 Testing sessions due to a back log of participants who are interested in testing to graduate.
- In order to allow a larger number of USDF members to benefit from the L Program education, an online curriculum of relevant materials will soon be available.
- It was suggested that organizers interested in holding Part 2 sessions in Wellington will be able to take advantage of the large number of shows and entries throughout this winter season. Volunteers are needed.

Sport Horse Committee Meeting

- Admittance into the young horse classes is limited to horses with USDF Lifetime memberships. Two horses made it to the championships this year, but without the proper memberships, and so they could not receive their awards.
- A reminder that the ties are not allowed in breed classes and classes cannot be combined if it results in fillies and colts competing against each other.
- Individual Breed Classes (IBC) are designed to be inclusive breed classes and individual breed shows are not sanctioned to create general "non-warmblood" or "colored horse" categories.
- USDF Breed Seminars have been well attended throughout the country. Contact the Sport Horse Committee for more information and to offer this educational experience to sport horse enthusiasts in your area.
- Several breed shows have made judge comments audible to the audience. This has increased the interest for conformation classes.
- IBC class scores do not count for Horse Of the Year (HOY) awards, only all breed awards.
- USDF Evaluation forms should be submitted by any competitor with positive or negative feedback from an event. USDF needs to be aware of any issues regarding horse or com-

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petitor safety. The forms should be submitted within 30 days of the incident. Certain issues related to scores, etc. need to be submitted within a few days.

**Region 1 Meeting**

- Lisa Schmidt has been voted in as Region 1 director, replacing Allison Head who is stepping down after 9 years of service.
- The PVDA Ride For Life was a hot topic. A new proposed GMO Challenge may increase participation and fund-raising for the Johns Hopkins Avon Breast Center.
- A new Region 1 Web site is being hosted by PVDA’s Allie Packard and designed and updated by Leslie Raulin.
- In order to eliminate confusion we ask that all competitions in our Region require the date of receipt for show entries be the received by date. Postmarked entries should no longer be accepted to full show schedules.
- The cost for nonprofits (Region 1 and PVDA) will be $.50 for each printed copy of the omnibus. For example: If PVDA prints 1200 copies of our show omnibus, the cost would be $600. There has been no decision yet about any costs for posting it to the PVDA Web site.
- North Carolina will be hosting a CDI in 2011.
- The NJ Horse Park has undergone renovations in stabling and footing. The facility will be in top shape for the 2011 Adult Team Challenge and BLM Championships.

**USDF Open Forum**

GMO representatives met during the open forum to discuss their educational ideas, bookkeeping, volunteers, and creative fundraising, as well as helmet safety and market strategies.

Here are some educational ideas that were put forward:

- “Grow A Scribe” program, which operates to create a group of trained and interested individuals who will be available to volunteer for shows.
- “Trailer Safety Day” partnered with the local Horsemen’s association and fire company.
- “Health Day” introduction to alternative modalities for horse care.
- Some regions have organized to rent the mechanical horse simulator.
- For increasing participation at educational events, it was suggested to provide a guest list on the GMO Web site, encourage trainers to bring their barns, schedule educational opportunities for the same time every year, and provide video conferencing of seminars for members who cannot make the drive.
- There is a helmet safety video available to buy from USDF for your GMO called "Every Ride, Every Time." The huge costs to people, the community, and all around the sport for non-helmet wearing injuries, was offered as a key reason for helmet use.

I was very fortunate to attend Dr. Hilary Clayton’s presentation of the most current equine research. Her two studies on back pain in horses resulted in very interesting findings. In one study the research showed a number of stretches, performed on the ground, can improve the health of your horse’s back and shorten injury recovery time. The second study, the result of 40 equine dissections, documented the occurrence of a number of back maladies including kissing spine, fused vertebrae, and fractured pelvis. Of the 40 random horse cadavers, over 90% showed moderate to severe back maladies. Some horses showed no significant signs of injury during life. To learn more about the core exercises and stretches you can do to help your horse go to http://www.sporthorsepublications.com/.

Dr. Jenny Susser’s seminar, “Riding with Confidence” was inspiring. A former Olympic athlete and current sports psychologist, Dr. Susser has great advice on overcoming fear, thinking positive, and achieving competitive mindfulness. Check out my blog to read her suggestions and link to her Web site: http://www.peaceofminddressage.com/POM/Blog__How_was_your_ride/Blog__How_was_your_ride.html.
By Stephanie Corum

How fortunate we were to have Col. Axel Steiner cover the 2011 dressage tests with his wisdom on how and why the tests changed as well as giving us ways “not to donate as many points.” At the Axel Steiner New Test Seminar on Saturday, November 20, we were treated to very nice horses and equally good riders. The Saturday clinic covered Training through Second levels (with a brief discussion about the new Intro C test, which adds a bit of canter). There was so much good information that I took notes, and more notes, and then more notes. I didn’t realize how much I had written until I sat down to type it up. Here are the major points made about the different levels.

The theme of the day was to keep the quality of the gaits. If you remember nothing else—start at the bottom of the training scale with rhythm and relaxation and three regular gaits.

**Collective Marks**

Col. Steiner talked about the changes in the collective marks.

- Straightness has been added to Second level and above.
- The gaits are now worth x1 to go along with the FEI standards. However, it also was done to keep the playing field a bit more level because, as Steiner said, “gaits can be purchased.”
- Impulsion and submission are both very important so they are x2.
- The most significant change is in the rider collective marks. They want to push the idea of better riding. It was broken down so that the judges can address specific areas. It is more difficult for the judges, but it is time well spent.

**Training Level**

The biggest addition to Test 1 is the “stretchy” circle. This was done because they felt that from the very beginning it should be used to reward our horses. However, it is not “the further the horse stretches the better” because if the horse’s head is too low it could interfere with the balance and movement at the trot. There also was more work added at the “A” end of the arena, away from the scary judge.

Steiner talked a good deal about the walk and the free walk. The free walk should show the ability of the horse to cover ground, but judges should look at the overall quality, not just the amount of overstride. The horse should walk through his entire body. “Think the Pink Panther or Marilyn Monroe,” he said. The medium walk should be active, and you should never restrict the horse.

During Training Level Test 2, Steiner emphasized how the first and last impressions are very important. Anything below a 7 on your center lines and you’re giving points away. You need to have a positive attitude because the judge wants to see you show the horse to the best of its ability. “Two front legs and a smile” are all Steiner wants to see for an entry.

In Training Level Test 3, the canter departs are worth double to prepare you for First Level. The single trot loop along the long side is not two straight lines. It’s two curved lines and you must show all the changes of bend.

**First Level**

The biggest change in the First Level tests, as most of us had already heard, was that rising trot is now optional.
While this received some criticism that they were “dumbing down” dressage, Steiner said it was done to save the backs of both horses and riders. Will you get a better score if you sit? “No,” said Steiner. “You won’t be rewarded for sitting poorly.” You can even sit and rise both, but it needs to make sense in the flow of the test. With younger horses Steiner recommends taking advantage of the rising option to allow the horse to show itself better. “The quality of the gaits is terribly important,” he stressed. It also is important to note that First Level has the beginnings of thoroughness and contact.

Test 2 adds the leg yield. Some leg yielding now goes away from the judge so that he/she is able to pay more attention to the hind end. Steiner advised riding the hind legs and not to worry about what’s going on in front. He also warned us not to let the horse dive to the rail. Ride the leg yield to the wall and then straighten along the rail or you are giving away points. They also want to see an energetically forward test so the trot lengthening was put as the second movement. Steiner stressed that your horse should listen to your seat and not your hands. “Your hands should never, ever override your leg aids,” he said.

The new Test 3 combines the old Tests 3 and 4. He pointed out that the 15-meter canter circle at the end of the arena should be ridden 2.5 meters in from the outside rail. Lack of accuracy in your figures will be a deduction.

Steiner remarked that often riders work too hard in counter canter. You need to ride forward, even in counter canter. The critical part is where you make the turn at X because you have to protect your lead. If you do lose your lead, correct it as quickly as possible.

The question was raised as to how many trot steps are appropriate in the change through the trot. Rather than worry about a certain number of steps, Steiner said it is more important to have a clear canter, smooth transition to a clear trot and then a clear canter on the new lead.

Second Level
Second level is “definitely a step up” and brings with it the beginnings of collection. How much you ask? “Enough to get the job done,” said Steiner. The judge will also begin to look for straightness. The canter serpentine remains in Test 1, and the challenge is to keep the loops even. The E-B line should be halfway through your second loop. You will be rewarded for riding three equal loops.

Second level is also where you start to ride the shoulder-in, which Steiner feels is the best all around training exercise, especially at the lower levels. In the shoulder-in, when you feel the outside shoulder come up and take the outside rein, the inside hind leg has done its job. This movement propels the horse upward and forward and actually has nothing to do with the inside rein.

Steiner began to really stress the transitions at Second Level. They must be obvious in the mediums. He advised to keep the hind legs connected to the front end and when in doubt, go more forward.

The new Test 3 combines the old Tests 3 and 4. Here adds the renver, but to get a good renver you first have to have a good shoulder-in. The travers and renvers are good training exercises to prepare for half-pass and are stepping stones to get you ready for Third Level. “Don’t take this test too casually,” he warned.

Overall Points
At the end of the first day, Steiner covered some additional points.

- At Training Level you should have walk, trot, canter and brakes.
- First Level you start going sideways and add a gear (lengthening)
- Second Level the movements come more quickly.
- If possible, school one level above what you are showing.
- Try to have someone on the ground watch you. Don’t ride alone.
- Pay attention to your horse’s ears. The ears can tell you a lot.
- Your shoulders should follow your horse’s shoulders and your hips should follow your horse’s hips.
- Try not to do anything artificial. Stay comfortably with your horse.
- Don’t make a movement more complicated than it is.

Good luck this winter practicing the new movements!
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DECEMBER PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: December 13, 2010; Meeting #498
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, Leslie Raulin, Jackie Sicoli, Hilary Moore, Kate Burgy, Jen Funk, Lindsay Jensen, Jocelyn Pearson, Linda Speer, David Geyer, Tim Lewthwaite, Michele Wellman

Board Members Absent: Wendy Emblin, Camilla Cornwell

Associate Members Present: Ingrid Gentry, Anne Marie Knight, Pat Artimovich

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $5,648.09
General Fund: $2,425.04
Schooling Shows: $1,306.42
Chapter Fund: $11,645.89
Money Market: $12,857.18
CDs: $18,288.79
Total: $52,171.41

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Annual Meeting: Discussed options for 2011 as far as a different venue and increasing attendance.

Education: PVDA’s annual clinic with Axel Steiner going over the new 2011 tests was a huge success with great demo riders and over 85 auditors.

High Score Awards: A motion was passed to discontinue the application process for year-end awards by members. Motion was also passed to limit the year-end ribbon placings to 10.

Junior/Young Riders: There will be two clinics for Jr/YRs with Jaclyn Sicoli as clinician. The dates are February 27, 2011 and March 27, 2011. There will also continue to be four schooling shows exclusively for Jr/ YR competitors.


Omnibus: USDF has decided to charge $.50 for call sheets, which PVDA normally includes with each omnibus. This will be additional monies of at least $600 PVDA will have to pay USDF yearly in addition to the normal membership fees. A motion was passed to continue printing the call sheets in the omnibus for PVDA members.

Shows Recognized: For 2011 R4L, Michele Wellman suggested a GMO challenge for Region One GMOs be held. She will work out the details with the GMOs to see if this is feasible. There are many guest riders and celebrities being lined up for 2011, which promises to attract both equine and non-equine spectators.

NEXT MEETING:

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

These minutes prepared and submitted by:
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Left: Logan Elliott and
Eternaluma were Reserve
Champions at the CBLMs
and the GAIG Region 1
Championships at First Level.
Photo by Pics of You.

Right: Marguerite Littleton-
Kearny and Diantha at one of
Jeanette Bair’s Bent Jensen
Clinics at her farm in Woodbine.
(Jeannette is very involved in
the PVDA Ride for Life.)
Photo by Cassie Crouse-Rizoulis.

WANTED!
A Loving Home for NaNu

Last issue, NaNu was featured on the cover of The PVDA Newsletter as part of the winning
Metro Intro Team at the Chapter Challenge. NaNu is a 6-year-old Quarter Horse Palomino
gelding that stole the hearts of everyone at the Chapter Challenge. You’d never know that
the well behaved and huggable horse was at his first horse show, and that he was very new
to dressage. He handled himself like a pro.

Less than two years ago NaNu was rescued by Days End Farm Horse Rescue. He came to them
as a starvation and neglect case with a ranking of 2 out of 9 on the Henneke Body Condition
Scale. His feet were overgrown and as a result of being kicked in the face as a foal he had a
fluid filled sac in the corner of his right eye. Thanks to the care and commitment of the staff
and volunteers at Days End, NaNu came through it all. He deserves the blue ribbon that he
won in the Intro Challenge class for more than just his performance at the Chapter Challenge.
NaNu is a star looking for a good home. Please contact Days End in Woodbine, Maryland, at
301-854-5037 for more information. Brighten up his 2011! Photo by Rita Boehm.