PVDA’s Junior/Young Riders Train with Jaclyn Sicoli

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Victoria Ridgway and her horse Magic Illusion at the February Junior/Young Rider Clinic at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Photo by Linda Spero.
Spring Fever Farm Presents a Complimentary Seminar & Demonstration on “Horse-Friendly Dressage” A return to the principles of ethical riding by Diana Beuchert

May 22nd, 2011 1:00 - 4:00 pm

♦ Learn which of today’s popular dressage techniques actually harm the horse
♦ Achieve lightness in your riding through an understanding of biomechanics
♦ Improve the health and longevity of your horse by working with him, not against him

All disciplines and breed owners are welcomed and encouraged. Light refreshments will be served. See www.springfever.com for more information.

Spring Fever Farm, 3430 W. Watersville Road, Mt. Airy, MD 301-829-5048

Attention Junior/Young Riders

PVDA Wants You for the Region 1 Team Championship, JULY 23-24!

PVDA will send teams again this year to the USDF Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Team Championship on July 23-24, 2011, at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va.

We will send a team in every division, starting with USDF Introductory Level.

PVDA will pay for all team tests and stabling.

Requirements:
1. Must be a PVDA member.
2. Send three tests judged by two different judges from any rated shows, or any PVDA schooling shows, at the level you would like to show (see application).
3. Volunteer for one day at any PVDA event.
4. Deadline for application is June 14, 2011.

Candidate Application

If you would like to be considered for the Team Championship, fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 14, 2011, to: Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Road, Clarksville, MD 21029 OR Hilary Moore, 15612 Marathon Circle, #402, Gaithersburg, MD 20878. This is NOT an entry!

Name_________________________ Age_________________________

Address____________________________________________________

Phone_____________________________________________________

Level you intend to compete at this season_____________________

Horse’s name and age_______________________________________

For more info contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, wispeer@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108, info@mooedressage.com.
Join Us at the PVDA Spring Show May 21-22 at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia

Need your volunteer time? Or, just want to help out? The PVDA Annual Spring Show is being held this year in Leesburg at Morven Park. We would love to have all of our members drop by to either volunteer or just meet and greet! For more info visit www.pvda.org or contact Camilla Cornwell at volunteers@pvda.org.

Ride For Life Offers Many Ways to Win Prizes for Your Hard Work at Fundraising

Ride For Life is almost here! The event is June 25 & 26 and the Dancing Horse Challenge is the night of June 25. To erase the fear of breast cancer, to annihilate this disease and to improve the lives of the survivors, we raise money with this show while having fun with our equine partners. Whether you want to ride, groom, watch, volunteer, or just dream, you can participate for GUARANTEED prizes. Thanks to generous sponsors we will offer fundraising plateau awards. The first level is $250.

PVDA also will have a raffle (open to anyone who raises over $200) for a chance at a clinic and additional grand prizes for the greatest funds donated.

Check back next issue for a sneak preview of some of the plateau gifts. In the meantime, get out there and knock on doors! There will be ways to win prizes with combinations of riding scores and dollars raised. Note the new Dover Ride for Life Class is open to Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders at First Level and offers a new saddle and bridle to the winner from Dover Saddlery. See page 17 for more information about the new Dover Ride for Life Class.

Changes to Dressage Rules

At the March meeting of the USEF Executive Committee, significant changes were made to many of the DR rules, effective immediately. Many of these changes pertain to judging and scoring for dressage. Please reference the updated rules at http://www.usef.org/documents/rules/ruleChanges/2011/ECapproved03212011.pdf. Thanks to Leslie Raulin for her research.

Directives for Rider Scores

The directives for rider scores have been updated by the Dressage Committee. Because the Dressage Tests are copyrighted and were published several months ago, the changes to...
the directives will not be made on the score sheets. However, we’ve included them here. These directives should help guide judges in assigning scores.

- **Rider’s Position and Seat:** Posture and alignment. Stability, elasticity, weight placement, follow mechanics of gaits.
- **Rider’s Correct and Effective Use of the Aids:** Subtle but effective aids – correct Basics, accuracy of the exercises.
- **Harmony Between Horse and Rider:** Ease and fluency of execution, calmness. Willingness, and trust in rider. Overall presentation of test.

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### New Safety Top Hat

From www.EventingNation.com; Samantha Clark’s Blog:

About the pictured new Safety Top Hat: “They are made by bespoke headwear specialists ‘L’Hiver in the Netherlands,’ and this is their brand new model. It is absolutely in line with all the safety standards and launched at the show after years of research and development, which is why we don’t have photos of riders wearing them, they’re that brand, spanking new!” Submitted by Beth Collier

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### The 2011 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule*

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March 20, 2011

USDF Region 1 Spring Meeting at Hassler's Magnificent Riveredge

By Betty Thorpe

Six PVDA members attended the USDF Region 1 Spring meeting—Linda Speer, Jaclyn Sicoli, Betty Thorpe, Hilary Moore, Camilla Cornwell, and Deanna Mann. The Hasslers and their staff are gracious hosts and Scott and Susanne also attended the day of meetings. It was a chance for all of us to hear from the other organizations about what is happening in the Region.

Region 1 has two championship shows, the USDF Finals and the Ljungquist Finals. And the Region has three worthy locations to host these shows—New Jersey Horse Park, Virginia Horse Park, and Williamston, N.C. Unfortunately, PVDA does not have a venue that is large enough. Maybe one day there will be a Maryland Horse Park. We heard that the New Jersey and the Virginia Horse Parks are both making improvements to their footing and stabling, as is Devon. It’s nice to hear that the management of these venues is going to the effort to improve their facilities. We voted that the 2012 USDF Championships will go to North Carolina on November 1-4, and the Ljungquist Finals will be in Virginia on October 18-21. At the end of the day, new director Lisa Schmidt wondered if we should rotate our two championships between the three venues instead of voting each spring. I happen to agree with that, but there is no policy on this yet.

Nicole DelGiorno from New Jersey gave an interesting report on the USDF Youth Executive Board and how it has been reorganized to cover the country. The members communicate in all the updated electronic methods. She also described the fundraisers that the Region 1 FEI Young Rider/Junior teams are planning. They will need money to travel to the Kentucky Horse Park for their competition.

The Region 1 has a new Web site (www.usdfregion1.org) which will look familiar to PVDA members. Alison Head was sensible to go to PVDA’s Allie Packard for the new design, as we did win the Web site Award twice. Any GMO sponsored activity may be listed on the new Web site. E-mail the activity to Lisa Schmidt (crissismgt@aol.com) by the deadline of the first of the month.

The Hassler’s beautiful new facility at Riveredge was the site for the USDF Region 1 Spring meeting on March 20.

The Group Member Organizations all report on their past and future activities. This year there was a most unusual story. Fay Seltzer, president of the French Creek Dressage Association in Pennsylvania, told us about a member they have who is a British Horse Society graduate (BHSAI) and through her they have become a British Horse Society Club. In January they received an invitation from their “sister” organization in Scotland to come in June and take part in their show on borrowed horses. The Scots were nervous that these Americans would be good sized people, and seemed happy to hear these are smaller than ‘normal’ Americans, and yes they could find horses. There could be as many as 11 members going, and they are working on raising the money for their trip as we speak. It will be great fun to hear how it went.

North Carolina DCTA talked about finding more members and how they are planning to reach out to eventers and Pony Club to promote dressage. The general consensus was that membership has dropped for many GMOs. Everyone thought it was a good idea, ans one that PVDA is thinking about, too.

Lisa Schmidt also brought up an idea that Region 1 should think about hosting a Symposium for 2012. The ideal location would be Prince George’s Equestrian Center, which we mentioned. It would be grand to host this event!
The Shore Chapter Hosts Its First 2011 Dressage Clinic with Kathy Rowse

On Sunday, February 20, Shore Dressage held its first 2011 Dressage Clinic with Kathy Rowse at Sunset Bay Training Centre in Onancock, Va. Mary Dahlke rode her handsome Arab gelding, Wind, who has his own motor and sometimes doesn’t want to follow the path Mary wants him to travel. Kathy had Mary work on small circles to improve the bend from poll to tail and to keep the rhythm. Circles were first started in the walk when he started accepting the contact better. They then switched to the left rein and worked on correct arm, hand, and elbow position. Kathy reminded Mary that she has to ride both sides of the horse’s body so he doesn’t drift out of the circle and that she shouldn’t let the horse over bend at the base of the neck. Wind could be clever about slithering out of the aids, but eventually Wind listened and realized how much easier the circles were.

Maureen Lawrence and her big boy Massaro were next. Massaro is being shown at Fourth Level and PSG. He was a bit high, so Maureen started him on the lunge line until he decided to cooperate. Kathy then started Massaro under saddle on small circles asking him to yield to the leg. Massaro is good at going sideways, but sometimes he uses it as an evasion. He needs to keep the forwardness when he’s asked to go sideways. She had Maureen turn the horse with her shoulders and round them to loosen up the upper body and also pass on a kinder feeling to the horse through the arms to the hands and the bit. They worked on trot to canter transitions. The transitions improved tremendously by the end of the session.

Cheryl Carpenter rode her big, new, gray mare, Samba. She also started off on the lunge and when she relaxed Cheryl mounted and went to work. Samba was distracted so Kathy gave her a series of different small exercises to do to keep her mind occupied. She worked on 90 degree turns at the walk using the outside rein to move the shoulders. Kathy said green horses tend to be weak behind so it’s important to keep the hind legs active. When she fusses with her head keep the elbows quiet. On trot circles keep the hips forward and don’t drop the shoulders. Jigging is a way of avoiding the demand of the rider. The walk must have a purpose without any jigging. Soon Samba was more tuned in to her rider and quite elegant!

Next was Karen Clark’s daughter, Anne, riding Moose her 10 year old quarter horse. Anne is a hunt seat rider, so...
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Kathy made a few suggestions and alterations in her position, to help Moose perform more like a graceful deer! She dropped her stirrups and had her open her hips and lengthen her leg. They worked on rising and sitting trot transitions and then in the canter. In the canter you have to keep the horse self motivated and always ride the horse from back to front. Moose became much lighter in front!

Last was Karen Clark and her cute horse Dusti. Kathy had Karen roll her shoulders at the walk to loosen up the hands and elbows. She said it’s human nature that when you go to kick with your legs the shoulders will tighten. Kathy had Karen work on suppling and steering by keeping the outside rein steady on turns and circles. Kathy followed behind Dusti on the ground with a lunge whip to encourage Dusti to go more forward. She worked on canter departs and keeping the horse in the canter for longer periods of time as Dusti kept wanting to break to the trot. Kathy told Karen to decide where she wanted Dusti to trot and canter and not to let Dusti change her mind.

Mary’s delicious coffee bar (hot chocolate and tea also) and homemade muffins kept everyone warm and comfy. It was a successful clinic benefiting both riders and auditors.
Calendar of Events

May 2011

2  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108 for information.
7  Catocin Chapter sponsors Sport Horse In-Hand & Dressage Schooling Show, Plantation Valley Stables, Middletown, Md. Open date: April 8. Close date: April 29. Judge: Jaclyn Scoli. Contact Leslie Raulin at RAULINL@yahoo.com.
7-8  CDCTA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.cdcta.com
7-11  Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For info contact: www.EquilibriumHorse.com/clinics.html
8  Dressage Schooling Show at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Marija Trieschmann (L). Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. Visit our website at www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849
11-12  Uwe Steiner Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
14  Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
14  VADA Dressage School at Kingland Farm, Lovettsville, Va. See www.vadanova.org
14-15  Training with Charles deKunffy hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com or www.hasslerdressage.com
15  MAHA SH/Dressage Schooling Show at Oakridge Park, open to all breeds. Judge Aviva Nebesky. see marylandarabian.org
15  Spring Flowers Trail Ride at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Contact Shannon Pedlar at 703-777-2890 or www.morvenpark.org
20-22  Heike Kemmer Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. For more information visit www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
21-22  Henk Van Bergen Symposium hosted by NCDCTA, North Star Training Center, Chapel Hill, NC. www.ncdcta.org
21-22  PVDA Annual Spring Show at Morven Park. See www.pvda.org
22  Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deripiaffe@aol.com
22  Spring Fever Farm presents a complimentary Seminar and Demonstration on “Horse Friendly Dressage—A Return to the Principles of Ethical Riding.” From 1-4 p.m. in Mt. Airy

June

3-5  VADA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org
5  Fun Show (Equitation, Jumping & Games) at Lucky Cricket Farm, LLC, Huntingtown, Md. (Calvert County). Judge: Ann Newton. Indoor & Outdoor sand arenas. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or call Mary Russell at 410-610-4849
6  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Shari Packard, 301-498-4972 for information.
9  CDCTA Evening Series, Dressage Schooling Shows, 4 p.m. onward, Warrenton Show Grounds. See www.cdcta.com
11  Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreendors@juno.com
11-12  “Equine Positional Release II—Fusion for Horse and Rider” with Zarna Carter, Moon Rising Farm, Boysds, Md. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com
11-12  Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
12  Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Aviva Nebesky. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com
18-19  “Equine Positional Release III—Fusion for Horse and Rider” with Zarna Carter, Clifton, Va. Contact info@eprortho.com or www.eprortho.com
25-26  PVDA Ride for Life at Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. Information on volunteering, contact volunteers@pvda.org. www.pvdarideforlife.org
25  VADA Schooling Show at Compass Rose, Haymarket, Va. See www.vadanova.org
26  Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deripiaffe@aol.com

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10  Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Hilary Moore. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com
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23-24  USDFA Jr/YR Region 1 Team Competition, Morven Park, Va. Contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, kwspeer@verizon.net or Hilary Moore at info@mooredressage.org
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13-14  Training with Steffen Peters hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com or www.hasslerdressage.com
14  Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Jocelyn Pearson. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com

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18  PVDA Licensed Show at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. www.pvda.org
18  Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact euchorse@aol.com
24-25  USDFA Region 1 Adult Team Competition hosted by ESCDCTA, Horse Park of New Jersey. Contact aingy@cheerful.com by 7/15.
28-30  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Call Shari Packard, 301-498-4972 for information.
28-Oct. 3  Dressage at Devon. See www.dressageatdevon.org

Send 2011 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.
June Deadline: MAY 10
Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar
What Does PVDA Offer the Adult Amateur Rider?

By Annmari Ingersoll

I hear about the Junior/Young Rider program and the Ride for Life, but what about the Adult Amateur (AA)? Is there anything in PVDA for us? We tromp to the barn and ride for fun and learning, maybe with a wild dream of a recognized show, but really mostly to enjoy riding. We do some clinics and show at the schooling shows. PVDA asks us to volunteer for this and support that, watch our juniors grow…. but what I really want is for PVDA to give ME something!

Well, there IS something! Every year PVDA participates in the Region 1 Adult Team Championship. Most years this show is like an oversized Chapter Challenge. Yes, most people wear coats and braid, but it is not recognized. Here are some most frequently asked questions about the show:

Can a professional ride? Yes, but most prefer not to.

Are kids allowed? Riders must be over 21, but many children come to support their moms, their dads, or their trainers, by grooming and cheering.

What if my horse is bad and I let my team down? This is a team event and scores are averaged, so anyone can have a bad day. There is a great sense of camaraderie throughout the show and you get to meet folks from all over the region.

What tests do I get to ride? Riders ride two tests each day. The lower number score counts for the team on Saturday and the higher number test counts on Sunday.

Are there prizes? Teams are placed based on averages and there is also an individual Champion and Reserve within each level. Also the top 6 individuals will be placed for the event. There are also individual classes for pas de deux, quadrille and musical freestyle. And there is a mounted or unmounted costume class!

How much does it cost? Entries fees are $425 per team and stabling is $100 per horse for the weekend. Last year PVDA paid the entry fees and the stabling. We only paid for the tack stalls. The Board will let us know what they will pay this year.

How do I qualify? We ask for three scores from PVDA shows at the level you wish to compete. We will match up teams and can make scramble teams if necessary.

Remember, the recognized shows generate the money to pay entry fees here for us. So get out and volunteer!

This year’s USDF Region 1 Adult Dressage Team Competition is hosted by ESDCTA and will be at The Horse Park of New Jersey at Stone Tavern in Allentown, NJ. The show is September 24-25, 2011, so I will need to know if you are interested by July 15, 2011. I will need all completed forms and coggins information by August 15, 2011. The best method for questions and information is my email: aingy@cheerful.com. To contact me by phone: 804-214-9800.
Jr/YR Clinic Prepares Riders for 2011 Competitions with the New Tests

It was a privilege to work with PVDA's Junior/Young riders during our two clinics at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville on February 27 and March 27. Linda Speer organized our schedule so that I had the opportunity to discuss and review the criteria for the level of competition with each rider before judging their practice ride and helping them navigate through the new USEF dressage tests. Adjustments to the previous test’s format include mandatory posting trot at Intro Level, optional rising trot at First Level and increased coefficients for the rider score in the general impressions. In addition, some changes increased the demands for accuracy and aptitude for various movements. Since preparation is the first step toward creating a positive competition experience for horse and rider, the participants of this clinic just got a leg up. I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Youth Team Championships at Morven Park in July. It was a pleasure working with you.

—Jaclyn Sicoli, Clinician and “L” Judge, pomdressage@gmail.com

Victoria Ridgway

“My two lessons with Jaclyn Sicoli were great and I learned a lot. My biggest problem is that I can’t keep my hands still. She taught me a couple of things that should help improve my hands such as bending for five seconds and releasing for eight seconds. I was able to ride a test and then be critiqued from a judge’s perspective. I hope to have another lesson with Jaclyn soon. I’d like to thank Linda Speer and PVDA for sponsoring this clinic and for letting me ride in it. I had a good time and received great tips.”

Michaela Bass

“It was a fantastic clinic. It helped improve some of the problems my horse and I were facing with showing in the ring, including how to warm-up and prepare my horse for the show ring without getting tense or stressed out and to maintain that while showing inside the ring. Jaclyn Sicoli provided very...
insightful information that I plan on using throughout the showing season. She understood the problems I was having and helped me improve my riding. I would recommend this clinic for anyone who is uncertain about showing because it really helps you to know what the judges are looking for. Thank you PVDA and Linda Speer for providing us with this helpful and supportive clinic. I cannot wait for the next one!"

Hannah Weasenforth

“I was excited to meet Jaclyn Sicoli, but I also was nervous because it was my first dressage clinic. My coach, Annmari Ingersoll, helped me relax and took me early so that I could meet Jaclyn and watch the other riders during their ride times. Once I got into the ring I was okay. I trusted my horse, Bart, to help me get through it, which he did! Jaclyn showed me how to relax my back during the canter and to keep my left leg on Bart to keep him on the wall. My lesson was great and I would love to do another clinic. Thanks to my coach Annmari for taking me and to Bart for being such a wonderful horse!”

Megan May

“Thank you, PVDA, Mrs. Speer, and Jim and Theresa Rowan who own Tower. I learned a lot about riding my test well, which was my goal for the clinic. And it wasn’t stressful for me or Tower. I was able to listen to the helpful instructions and also appreciate the hands-on attention that I received. It was fun to ride in the large, clean indoor arena at Stonebrook Farm. I rode the Training Level 3 test and Ms. Jaclyn Sicoli reviewed the different parts of the test where I could make improvements. As I rode the test a few more times, we saw the improvements! It was helpful to have a judge’s point of view to help me with the details. I would like to do this clinic again so that Tower and I can continue to improve our tests.”

Hannah Loeb

“It was a cold crisp spring morning and I was concerned that my horse, Amazing Grace, might not be on her best behavior. ‘Gracie’ and I have been working together for about three years, through some feet and attitude problems. The clinic turned out to be a wonderful opportunity for both of us. Ms. Sicoli was very kind and gave helpful suggestions and critiques for my posture, seat and hands. It is amazing how even small changes in rider position can change your horse’s movements. I could feel the difference in my horse’s gait and suppleness immediately. I came away with many good tips and thankfully Grace kept her marish temper in check! Thank you Mrs. Linda Speer and Ms. Jaclyn Sicoli for the wonderful opportunity. Grace and I have been working very hard on the techniques Ms. Sicoli taught me. It was incredibly helpful to have input on the new dressage tests. I am looking forward to a fun and productive season!”
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Marne Martin-Tucker Wins Grand Prix!
“This was my first win at Grand Prix. I received the 69.36% score in an Open class (I am still an amateur). It was my second show this year of the season. The show was held at Merrist Wood Equestrian Center in England. I was really happy and will be doing a number of premier league shows in England coming up.”

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they can help solve, they speak up. I find it noteworthy that so few of our top riders are interested in governing our sport, with the notable exception of our USDF President George Williams. Many years ago I attended a U.S. Eventing Association meeting and was shocked to see many famous riders coming to attend as well as a surprising number of people hobbling in on crutches. Tough sport.

Many of the Group Member Organizations in Region 1 noted that their membership numbers are down. North Carolina mentioned an idea that also came up when the PVDA Chapter chairmen met, why doesn’t PVDA reach out to our eventing cousins and encourage them to either join or at least take advantage of our dressage educational activities? And if they join PVDA maybe we could figure out a way to reward them for their dressage success. After all their USEA events have licensed judges. It’s just an idea.

Happily the membership of PVDA has stayed about the same at 1100. Our area has some inherent mobility in the population and we have a good number of new members so far this year. But we would like to keep our old members, too. A personal e-mail invitation will go out to members from the last couple of years that have not yet joined. It would be nice to keep everyone in the dressage community connected and involved.

Many PVDA members choose to join their local chapters and they enjoy the activities they organize. The Board of PVDA tries to keep in touch with the Chapters, and to make sure that they know of the benefits the “Mother” organization extends to them like insurance and subsidies. In order to maintain this communication, we are looking into a Yahoo group so there is free flow of information.

Our Schooling Shows are off and running and our May Spring Show at Morven Park, May 21 & 22, will be here soon. I hope to meet lots of members either showing or volunteering at Morven Park. Carolyn Del Grosso noted at the last meeting that a surprising number of the entries are coming in electronically. Isn’t that amazing!! Good luck to everyone!

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org
The Dancing Horse Challenge Ticket Sale Drive Is On Now!

By Michele Wellman and Karen Jacob

This year PVDA has created a challenge for you, our members. We need your help getting "seats in the seats" at this year's Dancing Horse Challenge. The DHC is Saturday evening from 6 to 8:30 p.m., followed by our fun, new event, "Dancing in the Dirt." A $20 donation in exchange for a ticket gets each ticket holder access to the WORLD CLASS DHC evening performance, Dancing in the Dirt, the fabulous Silent Auction and our wonderful vendors. Children under age 10 are free and we are offering group discounts this year.

The Challenge: if you sell the most tickets this year, you will win a goodie bag of our beautiful and meaningful Ride for Life merchandise! If you haven’t seen what we have to offer, you will soon be able to see it by visiting the Ride for Life Web site at www.pvdarideforlife.org.

All ticket sales (100%) directly benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

Tickets will be assigned in numbered blocks of 10, so take what you think you can sell! Talk to everyone you know and let them know how fantastic this evening really is for just a $20 donation to the hospital. You are responsible for the tickets you sign out and all unsold tickets and donations MUST be returned by June 10, 2011. Cash and checks are both welcome. Checks should be made payable to JHU.

The winner will be announced at the show as well as posted online and published in The PVDA Newsletter.

Here are some answers to questions people often ask:

What Is the Dancing Horse Challenge?

The DHC is a 2-1/2 hour World Class performance that features FEI level riders, former Olympians, National Champions and spectacular performers dancing to music. The DHC is from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on June 25, 2011.

What Is Dancing in the Dirt?

After the DHC, kick off your shoes (or not), come down into the arena and dance where the horses danced. From 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. groove to the music of “The Unruly Blues” and dance with your friends, family and meet some of the DHC participants.

What Is the Silent Auction?

Bid on spectacular items including lessons, horse apparel, rider apparel, books, art and just about anything else you could want. All of the proceeds (100%) benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center.

Who Are the Stars of the Show?

You will meet people like Former Olympians Debbie McDonald and Bent Jensen, National Champion Dutch Chapman, and Canadian Team member and survivor Shannon Dueck, among many others. More stars will be announced in the June issue of this newsletter!

If you are interested in selling tickets, please contact Michele Wellman at info@pvdarideforlife.org or 301-873-3496 or Karen Jacob at merchandise@pvdarideforlife.org or 410-489-0683 (from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

The Unruly Blues Band will again delight us with their music. This year they will play during “Dancing in the Dirt” from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. on June 25 after the Dancing Horse Challenge.
Dover Ride for Life Class Offers New Saddle and Bridle to Winner

By Michele Wellman

This year at the Ride for Life you’ll see something new! Dover Saddlery and PVDA have teamed up to offer a Special Class for which the proceeds will benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. The class, open to Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders competing at First Level, offers the winner a brand new Warendorf Dressage saddle and matching bridle. This is a great opportunity for Adult Amateurs and Junior/Young Riders to win a great set of tack while directly benefiting the hospital.

The entry fee is $50 and the class is not USDF or USEF recognized. The winner is determined by the highest percentage earned and “donated” at First Level using any test. Entrants may increase their highest score by one percentage point per extra $50 donated to the breast center. Scores from both Saturday and Sunday at the licensed competition may be used as the starting point and extra donations will be taken up until 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. The winning percentage will be awarded the saddle and bridle at 3:30 p.m. by Janet Nittmann of Dover Saddlery.

The 2011 Dover Ride for Life Class will be a trial run for a possible National level class similar to the Dover Medal offered at licensed competitions throughout the country. The success of our trial at this year’s Ride for Life will determine if Dover will try to promote this class nationally. The more people that participate, the better; a national class in the future will also benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center! This fantastic special class will be a great way for PVDA, our members, and people nationwide to help our worthy cause.

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“I believe if the horse and rider establish the correct foundation and understand the basics of dressage, then the movements are attainable.”
The most successful riders and trainers realize that their best teacher is with them for every ride. They are able to achieve their riding goals by adhering to a training philosophy and listening to their horse. Striking a balance between philosophy and the reality felt during the ride allows us to consider the individual characteristics and needs of each horse. Every horse teaches us something new. Remaining open to and aware of your horses’ mental state, physical conditioning and level of performance, is the key to creating a harmonious ride.

In Jill Hassler-Scoop’s book “Beyond the Mirrors,” she explains the importance of riding consciously. The mindful rider understands that the clarity of your aids, your preparation, prior training experiences, and your horses’ current mood/environment influence the outcome of each ride. By listening to the feedback from our horses, we can learn how to achieve the desired response, correct a miscommunication, and become aware of our horses’ strengths and weaknesses.

This epiphany may change your daily riding experience and your relationship with your horse. I call it Zen riding. The goal of Zen riding is to listen to your horse and learn from his responses to your aids.

**How do I put Zen into my next ride?**

No matter the level of your horses’ experience, you can practice listening for feedback while riding transitions between the gaits. First, practice a few transitions between walk and trot. You want clear transitions from one gait to the next with consistent and appropriate tempo. Depending on his response, you can learn how to improve the transitions by examining the clarity of your aids, your preparation, prior training experiences, and his current mood/environment. Trust that his response is a direct result of these factors, and now it is up to you to make any adjustments.

This Zen riding exercise was particularly helpful when one of my students purchased an overly sensitive young horse named Nicolai. “Nic” was recently started under saddle and over reacted to his riders’ balance and movement. His owner, Mary, had little experience with green horses and was eager to learn how riding Nic would be different. When I began to train Nic, I found that he would react too sensitively during the upward transition but was unresponsive in the downward transitions. I focused on making him more accustomed to carrying a rider and making him better at listening to leg and rein aids. We drilled the transitions repeatedly until I felt that he was relaxed and responsive. After a few weeks, I thought he was ready for Mary.

But his reaction to her riding surprised both Mary and I. Instead of speeding off like he had in the past, Nic was now too slow. The problem arose because Mary did not listen to Nic during the present ride, but instead reacted to his previous behavior; in anticipation of Nic’s exuberance she had tightened her seat. But because Nic was now sensitive to the feel of the rider, the extra pressure in the saddle made him want to stop. As the trainer, I trusted Nic’s instinct, so I instructed Mary to relax her seat, listen to her horse as he communicated with her in the moment, and forget about the past. Nic responded immediately and the transitions came smoothly.

We all need reminders to relax and listen to our horses. In this case, a green horse taught Mary a very important lesson. During your next ride, listen to what your horse is trying to tell you. Try to feel your horses’ responses as you make your adjustments. Be conscience of your horses’ responses to the aids. But above all, have confidence to trust what works for your horse, not what you think will work for your horse.

That is the art of Zen riding.
Westminster, MD - Danielle Fleegle knew something was wrong. She just had to figure out what that “something” was.

Eventually, she did. And a horse named Waterloo went from nearly put down – twice – to a star. In 2010, the horse once known primarily for his bucking, won a PHR Silver Stirrup Award and became the CBLM Training Level Champion and GAIG Reserve Training Level Champion.

“I’m so glad that we listened to our instincts, and so is he,” Fleegle said. “As an amateur rider and equestrian, never make hasty decisions until the horse is thoroughly checked out by a professional, because many horses act out due to pain, fear or fear of pain. Help them help you become a better equestrian, they will surprise you and you won’t have any regrets.”

Waterloo, a nine-year-old Hanoverian gelding, was imported from Germany in 2007. He was known mostly for his violent bucking – and injuring riders – and needless to say, had several owners.

Fleegle met Waterloo in 2008 when he first arrived at her Morgan Run Stables in Westminster, MD, with his trainer and clients. Yet again, Waterloo proved his behavior to be unpredictable. And after violently bucking off his trainer, the trainer decided to “donate him to science,” Fleegle said. Fleegle was devastated.

“I could see in his eyes that he was so unhappy and seemed to be crying out for help,” she said. “I begged the trainer not to put him down.” And she made an offer. She bought Waterloo for $1 – and accepted full responsibility for him. “I knew my work was cut out for me,” Fleegle said.

Weeks went by – along with many veterinarian checks – and still, no answers. “I could not find any cause for his violent behavior,” Fleegle said. “But, in my heart I still knew something was wrong. I promised Waterloo we would find out what it was.” Fleegle took Waterloo to Marion DuPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, VA. There, veterinarians conducted x-rays, flexion tests and a nuclear scan. Thousands of dollars later and still, nothing.

That’s when Fleegle decided to hire trainer Adrian Griner, who specializes in horses with discipline problems. Waterloo continued his belligerency and tested his new rider. “His ground manners were beautiful, but once he was mounted, hold on!” Fleegle said.

In March of 2009, Griner climbed atop Waterloo. The horse started bucking. Griner came off at about 20 miles per hour into the side of the arena, cracked his helmet and some ribs, and was flown to University of Maryland Shock Trauma. When Griner fully recovered, they contacted Jim Yanchunis DVM, an equine acupuncturist from Virginia. And finally – some answers. Dr. Yanchunis discovered that Waterloo had been suffering from two misaligned ribs – causing extreme pain when mounted.

Once Waterloo was adjusted, he stopped bucking and Griner began to work on building his trust with Waterloo. “After a year of training with Waterloo we were confident and ready to show,” Fleegle said. “Waterloo is an athlete and he wants to please.” Waterloo gets monthly checks by his chiropractor. “He’s extremely athletic and built uphill,” Griner said. “The judges really like him. He just floats!”

Fleegle said, “Waterloo has been a kind and loving horse and has taught us so much from the ground. We have enjoyed every day that we have with Waterloo and are so very privileged to have such a wonderful, talented, kind horse in our life that we will never take for granted. He has taught us many valuable lessons day in and out that will always remain priceless.”

**Waterloo’s scores after his rehabilitation and his first show season in 2010:**

- **2010 Winner of the USEF Silver Stirrup Award**
- **2010 Winner USEF Grand Champion Award**
- **2010 CBLM Training Level Champion**
- **2010 GAIG Reserve Training Level Champion**
- **2010 Overall High Scores & High Scores**
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  - NCDCTA Summertime Blues:
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- **EEMI Summer Fling:**
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  - Senior + Training High Score T-3 73.2%
- **Dressage at Foxcroft:**
  - Training High Score T-3 68.8%
- **PVDA Lochmoy:**
  - Overall & Training High Score T-3 72.8%
- **VADA/NOVA:**
  - Overall & Training High Score T-4 76.4%
The Local Dressage Scene

Two Great Educational Nights in One Week

By Jocelyn Pearson

We are so lucky in the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Metropolitan areas to have access to great educational opportunities. Most of the time we can take our pick of fancy seminars with famous international dressage trainers, there are so many around. Then once in a while a local event will appear that might go unnoticed by many. Here are a couple of good ones that I attended.

The New Tests with Alison Head: A VADA/Nova Seminar

On March 16 VADA/Nova offered a wonderful talk about the New Tests. It was held at the Best Western in Leesburg, Va., a hotel that has greatly supported our dressage community. They gave VADA the meeting room free for the evening. Recently retired Region 1 Director and “R” Judge Alison Head led the discussion with a video review and commentary of the national levels through Fourth Level. The video rides were from a judges’ conference in Florida. Alison used her years of experience to help us view the new movements and she clarified the old ones, too. They had complimentary snacks and gave each participant copies of all the new tests. The informative talk was completely sold out.

Foot Lameness with Dr. Nathaniel White

On March 22 another opportunity presented itself at the Equine Medical Center, also in Leesburg. It was the last night in their regular series, “Tuesday Night Talks.” Dr. Nathaniel White, the director of the hospital, led a discussion about Foot Lameness. Did you know that 95% of lamenesses are in the foot? I thought that was really interesting. Dr. White, who has a resume a mile long, is an absolutely brilliant man. With a slideshow he guided us through the different parts of the foot, teaching us first the anatomy, and then explaining the various lameness problems. He also showed us photos of the latest MRI techniques. The horse is tranquilized and put on a table, then his foot is placed into the MRI machine. It gives the veterinary community entirely new information about lamenesses that they did not have before. It is truly cutting edge research. And just like the VADA they had wonderful snacks! This talk, also, was completely full.

Misty Meadow Stables

Dressage Schooling Show
Sunday, June 5, 2011

Introductory through First Level
Judge: Grace Pariso

See our website: http://misty-meadow-stables.webs.com for more information and entry form.

2 stalls available for full-care board.
How does showing help me meet my goals with my horse?
At all levels of riding, showing is educational and fun. It helps us set specific goals by defining them and providing figures, movements, and various levels to test our progress. The show environment exposes us to new and exciting surroundings, people, and events. Showing provides a sense of achievement and helpful comments from the judge. Every test sheet is a reminder of your performance with your horse. You did it!

How do I know which level to compete at?
• Aim to compete a level below the level that you are schooling.
• The figures and movements of the tests at the level should be easy to perform at home.
• Consult a trainer or judge or the rule book for the purpose of each level and be sure that it describes the quality of work you are practicing with your horse.

How do I plan my show schedule?
• Decide the purpose for your competitions each season. Am I doing this to have fun or to qualify for regional championships?
• Consider the distance to the show grounds, weather, costs, show facility, and choose the best shows for your needs.
• Select a show or two that are at least a month away and start to prepare.

One month (or more) before the show date:
• Learn your tests.
• Purchase any necessary clothing or equipment items.
• Have your vet take a Coggins test and double check that your horse has the proper vaccinations.
• Send in your entry forms.

One week (or more) before the show date:
• Tidy up your horse’s mane/whiskers/tail.
• Clean and set aside all of your show laundry.
• Print out the directions to the show as well as all related phone numbers for the show and emergencies.
• Check that your trailer lights/brakes are in working order.
• Perform a timeline of the day of the show so that you know in advance when you need to wake up and leave the farm with the trailer.

The night before show date:
• Pack!!! Don’t wait until the morning of the show.
• Pack your trailer!!!
• Braid, bathe, and clean tack.
• Double check that your show times haven’t changed.

• Review your tests.
• Go to bed early.

Keep in mind these helpful hints:
• Try not to change your tack, your boots, or anything else about your normal routine for the show.
• Bring an extra bridle, halter, and girth to the show, especially if you are trailering alone.
• Bring your test booklet.
• Decide ahead of time if you want someone to read your test for you and assign someone this task.
• Don’t have your husband read for you! ;0)
• Leave plenty of extra time for the morning of the show in case you get lost or need to lunge, etc.
• Practice trailering, loading, and riding in groups of horses before going to your first show.
• Prepare, Take a Deep Breath, Relax, and Have Fun!
Dover Saddlery 2011
Ride for Life Class

WIN a Brand New Warendorf
Dressage Saddle and Bridle
from Dover Saddlery

Open to all Amateurs and Junior/Young
Riders riding in First Level classes.

The highest percentage wins the class.
Riders may submit additional donations in
$50 increments to increase their score. One
percentage point will be added per $50.
This may be done in advance or up to 3pm
before the awards ceremony on Sunday.

Entry Fee: $50
All proceeds benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center

Awards: Sunday June 26th at 3:30pm, presented by Dover Saddlery
Representative Janet Nittman. Rider must be present to win.

Visit www.PVDARideForLife.org for
more information, entry forms and
additional Ride for Life Programs

A Benefit for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center
**Publication Deadlines**

The PVDA Newsletter is published monthly by the Potomac Valley Dressage Association. The deadline for submissions is (usually) the 10th of the month for distribution the following month. **NEXT ISSUE: JUNE 2011; DEADLINE: MAY 10; DISTRIBUTION: early June 2011**

Send materials to the appropriate editor below. Late materials may be published in a subsequent newsletter as deemed appropriate. Editors reserve the right to edit all material. All submissions are subject to editorial approval.

Send your submissions to the appropriate editor:

- **Display Ads (checks payable to PVDA), Chapter News and Photos:** newsletter@pvda.org or michelestinson@earthlink.net (Michele Stinson, PVDA Newsletter Editor, 3409 Farragut Ave., Kensington, MD 20895)
- **News/Articles/Flying Changes:** news@pvda.org (Jocelyn Pearson, News Editor)
- **The Classifieds:** classifieds@pvda.org or shari.glickman@comcast.net (Shari Glickman, GoodNess Ridge Farm, 13979 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771; 301-351-5530)
- **Show Results:** showresults@pvda.org (Lindsay Jensen, Show Results Coordinator)
- **Calendar of Events:** calendar@pvda.org (Jocelyn Pearson, Calendar Editor)
- **Change of Address/Membership Renewal & Information:** membership@pvda.org (Michele Wellman, Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791; 301-873-3496)
- **PVDA Web Site:** webmaster@pvda.org

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**Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2011**

PVDA is a USDF Group Member Organization and PVDA members are automatically USDF Group Members. **THE PVDA MEMBERSHIP YEAR RUNS FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31.**

I wish to apply for the following:

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

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

Name ________________________________

Family PVDA Members [ ] yes [ ] no

City/State/Zip ________________________________

Telephone ________________________________

E-mail ________________________________

USDF Membership No. ________________________________

Primary GMO ________________________________

* If under 21, give birth date (for special USDF awards) ________________________________

[ ] Do not list my phone no. in the PVDA Membership Directory.

[ ] I would like to donate an additional amount for a trophy $ ________________

I would like to volunteer:

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

Please check the following that apply:

- [ ] dressage judge (grade) ______
- [ ] dressage trainer ______
- [ ] USEF technical delegate ______
- [ ] dressage instructor (level) ______
- [ ] breeder (breed) ______

[ ] Do not send me a printed newsletter.

(Newsletters are available online at www.pvda.org).
APRIL PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: April 4, 2011; Meeting #502
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:14 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Kathryn Tedford
Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry, Jennifer Tingley

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $349.09
General Fund: $4676.50
Money Market: $1,860.01
CDs: $18,288.79
Total: $26,641.16

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chapters: A Chapter meeting was held on March 27, 2011. The chapters discussed concerns—Breed awards scores, increased AA competition classes, Eastern Shore schooling shows and AA clinics. Hilary Moore suggested a “Yahoo” group in order for chapters to communicate among themselves and the PVDA Board.

Education: At the March 20 USDF Region 1 meeting at Hassler Dressage, Lisa Schmidt, Region 1 Director, at Hassler Dressage, Lisa Schmidt, Region 1 Director, proposed hosting a 2012 symposium. Board member Jaclyn Sicoli volunteered PVDA to host the clinic. They are looking into finding a major European rider/trainer among themselves and the PVDA Board.

High Score Awards: As Lindsey Jensen is stepping down from the board, Shari Packard will be taking over the duties of the high score awards record keeping.

Library Videos: Jennifer Tingley presented a report for this committee. PVDA will create a standardized charitable donation form for members wanting to donate items to the libraries. Jennifer is also deciding on new DVDs to add to the library.


National Liaison: The annual USDF symposium, to be held in San Diego, CA in 2011 will feature Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Scott Hassler and Jeremy Steinberg. The new USDF adult clinic series starts this fall featuring Lilo Fore.

Shows Recognized: Entries are coming in for the Spring Show with online entries for the first time. The R4L show hopes to have Dover Saddlery host a 1st level class open to AAs and Jr/YRs that will give away a Warendorf Dressage Saddle and Bridle. R4L is NCDCTA and AQHA recognized.

Shows Schooling: Michele Wellman motioned that beginning with the 2012 show season, PVDA schooling shows offer USEA tests to PVDA members, along with year-end awards. This was unanimously passed by the Board. Betty Thorpe motioned that the Sept. 25, 2011 year-end awards. This was unanimously passed by the Board. Betty Thorpe motioned that the Sept. 25, 2011 show results@pvda.org

NEXT MEETING: May 2, 2011, at Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md. For info: Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108. Meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.