GoodNess Ridge Farm Hosts Monthly Clinics with Todd Flettrich

See more photos page 8

INSIDE
Calendar of Events 2
Flying Changes 3
President's Window 3
Chapter News 4-5
Feature Articles
  World Breeding 6-7
  Baronessa 9
  Youth Teams 10-11
Photo Gallery 8
Show Schedule 9
The Classifieds 12-13
Show Results 15-16
PVDA Board Election 18-19
Publication Deadlines 22
Member Application 22
By the Board 23

Rachel Surkin and Davida at the Todd Flettrich Clinic.
Photo by Jocelyn Pearson.
Calendar of Events

October 2011

1&2 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174.

3 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Tim Lewthwaite, 410-381-0433.

7-9 Cedar Rowe Lusitanos presents a three-day mounted clinic, “Your Classical Seat,” with Isabelle von Neumann-Cosel. For more information contact Linda Denistion, 301-447-6240, www.cedarrowe.com or email: CRQHF@aol.com.

8-9 PVDA sponsored Vitor Silva Clinic at By Chance Farm in Union Bridge, Md. Contact Michele Wellman at 301-873-3496.

8-9 Shannon Dueck Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm in Mt.Airy, MD. Contact Shari Glickman for more information, 301-351-5530

9 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com.

9 Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Open Date: September 1. Close date: September 29. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deri@pftime@aol.com.

10-23 USDF/Great American Regional Championships, Lexington, Va. Contact Diane Boyd at GreyHorse11@gmail.com.


15-16 CDECTA Fall Horse Trials in Culpeper, Va. USEA Recognized, Offering Training, Novice, Beginner Novice and Intro. Contact Helen Hayn at 540-878-1340, hrhayn@aol.com or www.cdccta.com.


22 Columbia Horse Center Schooling Show, Judge TBA. Open date: September 26. Close date: October 17. Contact Kate Miska, kmiska@mac.com or 301-257-8417.

23 Calvert Chapter Schooling Show at Oakridge Park in Hughesville, Md. Contact Christina Dale, 301-247-6043 or calvert-pvda@yahoo.com or http://calvert.pvda.smugmug.com.

23 Schooling Show series at Pleasant Ridge Farm. See www.pleasantridgefarm.com

28-Nov 1 Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. For more info contact: www.EquilibriumHorse.com/binets.html

29 Dressage Schooling Show Series at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors, evergreenfarm@juno.com.

29 Schooling Show at Breezy Run Farm in Churchill, Md. Prizes for best costumes! Contact Vicky, evenings at 410-849-5436

30 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Judge: Jocelyn Pearson. Contact Michele Alexander at BeginAgainFarm1@aol.com.

30 Annual USDF Region 1 Fall Meeting at the Best Western in Leesburg, Va. All are welcome to attend. See www.usdfregion1.org

November

5 VADA Nova Championship and Open Schooling Show at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org.

6 Annual PVDA Chapter Challenge at Prince Georges’ Equestrian Center. See www.pvda.org

7 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

12 Schooling Show series at Pleasant Ridge Farm. See www.pleasantridgefarm.com

13 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com.

18 PVDA Annual Dinner at The Inn at Brookville Farms, 16900 Georgia Ave., Olney, Md. Contact Shari Glickman@comcast.net. See registration form in this newsletter (page 14).

19 Mary Wanless “Ride With Your Mind” Clinic at Great Strides in Damascus, Md. For more info visit www.greatstrides.org or contact Emily Osborne at 703-304-5065

19-20 Training with Debbie McDonald hosted by Hassler Dressage. Contact melissa@hasslerdressage.com.

19-20 George Williams Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. See www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174.

20 Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show at Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact Deri Jeffers at 757-302-0224 or deri@pftime@aol.com.

20 Columbia Horse Center Schooling Show, Judge Trisha DeRosa (L). Open date: October 24. Close date: November 14. Contact Kate Miska, kmiska@mac.com or 301-257-8417.

December

3 Schooling Show series at Pleasant Ridge Farm. See www.pleasantridgefarm.com

4 Fix a Test hosted by the Clarksville Chapter with Evelyn Pfoutz, at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm. Contact Patty Blanchard at mellow.cello@gmail.com. All PVDA members welcome.

5 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

11 Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series, open to all PVDA members. Contact Patty Blanchard at mellow.cello@gmail.com

18 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com.

18 Holiday Open House at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com.

January 2012

8 Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series, open to all PVDA members. Contact Patty Blanchard at mellow.cello@gmail.com

Send 2011 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.

NOVEMBER Deadline: OCTOBER 10

Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson

www.pvda.org for complete calendar

PVDA Schooling Shows on separate calendar

Julio Mendoza Qualifies for Pan Am Games in Mexico

Julio Mendoza, Laytonsville, Md., has qualified for the Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, October 16-19, to represent his native Ecuador on his beloved Friesian stallion Ivan. He will fly on October 11 with the teams from the U.S. and Canada, and they will go from Newburgh, N.Y. to Guadalajara. For the first time Ecuador will have a full dressage team attending and Ivan will be the first Friesian to compete.

Julio and Ivan danced in the spotlight at the PVDA Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge in June 2011.
Vote for the 2012 PVDA Board of Directors
By Mail or Online at the PVDA Website

It is time to vote for the PVDA Board of Directors. See pages 18-19 for the biographies of the 16 nominees. Vote for a maximum of 15 candidates and return the ballot to Ingrid Gentry, PO Box 33, Dayton, MD 20136 by Tuesday, November 1, 2011. You can vote online at www.pvda.org.

October 31 Deadline for Year-End High Score Awards—Volunteer Day Required

We hope everyone is having an excellent and fun 2011 show season! We would like to take this opportunity to remind members that PVDA offers year-end high score awards to those competing at both schooling shows and recognized shows. Each USDF/USEF level in both Jr/YR and Senior divisions is recognized. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

PVDA no longer requires an application for the year-end high score awards, just a full day of volunteering by the PVDA member!

Please see the PVDA website for additional information, specific level requirements, volunteer requirements at http://www.pvda.org/Programs/Year%20End%20High%20Score%20Awards%20Program.aspx.

Please contact Shari Packard with any additional questions at Shari.Packard@pvda.org. Deadline is October 31.

It's Time to Make Your Reservations for the 2011 PVDA Annual Awards Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner is Friday, November 18, 2011, at The Inn at Brookeville Farms, 19501 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville, MD 20833. Deadline for reservations is November 11, 2011. Cost is $45. Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner and entertainment at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker is USDF President and renowned trainer and rider, George Williams. There will be an Awards Ceremony and a Silent Auction. The Silent Auction needs your help. Do you have items to donate? Or special skills or professional services? Let us know!

E-mail Shari Glickman at shari.glickman@comcast.net with any questions. See ad on page 14 for the reservation form.

The PVDA Newsletter is produced by the Potomac Valley Dressage Association, a USDF Group Member Organization. www.pvda.org • Copyright 2011

The President’s Window

It is time for the election for our next Board of Directors. Please take a moment to register your vote, either by snail mail or electronically. Each member on the Board serves a term of one year, and we have 16 running for the 15 slots. Thanks to Kate Burgoyne who prepared the slate of candidates and to each of the members who expressed an interest in running for the board and serving the organization.

PVDA member Beth Collier and I were both at Gladstone in September volunteering as scribes for the U.S. Pan American Selection Trials where Steffen Peters showed again how he rules the dressage world. He is a hero to many, and there are good riders and horses behind him in the competition.

Continued on page 14
Shore Dressage

August 21 Clinic with Kathy Rowe

We couldn’t have had a better day for the six riders who rode in Kathy’s August clinic at the Jeffers’ Sunset Bay Training Centre in Onancock, Va.

First to go was B.J. Martin on her darling young paint, Annie. They continue to make progress from clinic to clinic, which shows the importance and benefit of riding in each monthly clinic. Kathy concentrated on getting Annie to move her hind legs by having B.J. ask her to move away from the inside leg. Annie wants to brace her back and not use her hind legs. Kathy asked B.J. to ride with a more independent leg and hand to get Annie to carry herself more. With continued exercises Annie started getting rounder and more on the bit. In future clinics she will not be allowed to come above the bit.

Next in turn was Wanda Turner on her 27 year old Morgan, Journey. They’ve had a long career of pleasure riding, but they realize the value of basic dressage work even for a “mature” horse. They began with work in walk on 20 meter circles concentrating on keeping Journey’s head and neck straight without allowing him to over bend to the inside or outside. By keeping Journey more focused and supple he was able to start to work more over his back. They then proceeded to do the same exercises in the trot, which improved tremendously.

Maureen Lawrence and her 18 hand, 17 year old Dutch horse Massaro came gracefully bounding into the indoor as Kathy proceeded to have Maureen work on half passes to leg yields in walk to activate the hind legs. As we all know, without the engine turned on the sports car can’t move! They energized into trot work in shoulder in and shoulder out to really get the hind end in motion. This was followed by canter leg yields, then turns on the haunches. Massaro was then ready for a few half steps that progressed to a few piaffe steps, which turned out to be very well executed. They worked on canter to quarter pirouettes with an emphasis on keeping the collection and keeping the pirouettes more closed. After the workout Massaro was ready for his gallon of bottled water!

Mary Davis rode Cheryl Carpenter’s very large 5 year old combo mare, which means she’s a combination of five different breeds. Mary, who had never ridden Samba, was riding for Cheryl who was having back issues. Kathy began by having Mary work on keeping Samba’s head and neck straight without allowing him to over bend to the inside or outside. By keeping Journey more focused and supple he was able to start to work more over his back. They then proceeded to do the same exercises in the trot, which improved tremendously.

Maureen Lawrence and her 18 hand, 17 year old Dutch horse Massaro came gracefully bounding into the indoor as Kathy proceeded to have Maureen work on half passes to leg yields in walk to activate the hind legs. As we all know, without the engine turned on the sports car can’t move! They energized into trot work in shoulder in and shoulder out to really get the hind end in motion. This was followed by canter leg yields, then turns on the haunches. Massaro was then ready for a few half steps that progressed to a few piaffe steps, which turned out to be very well executed. They worked on canter to quarter pirouettes with an emphasis on keeping the collection and keeping the pirouettes more closed. After the workout Massaro was ready for his gallon of bottled water!

Mary Davis rode Cheryl Carpenter’s very large 5 year old combo mare, which means she’s a combination of five different breeds. Mary, who had never ridden Samba, was riding for Cheryl who was having back issues. Kathy began by having Mary work on keeping Samba’s head and neck straight without allowing him to over bend to the inside or outside. By keeping Journey more focused and supple he was able to start to work more over his back. They then proceeded to do the same exercises in the trot, which improved tremendously.
straight as she tends to hollow and raise her head when she gets tense. Samba needs to be taught to accept the contact. On trot circles she had Mary bend slightly to the inside and then give slightly with the inside rein to see if she would stay on the bit, which she did. When she tosses her head in the walk Kathy had Mary bend her to the inside and push her body out onto the curved line of the circle. The horse has to learn to carry the rider and soon Samba will, since her kind disposition will allow and accept it.

Karen Clark and her sweet Arabian mare were next, and they began working at the walk and with hands close together asking Dusti to move her neck left and right to encourage suppleness. On the trot circles Dusti wanted to hang and lean on the bit, so Kathy had her move the reins, which moved the bit and gave Dusti nothing to lean on. Eventually she stayed on the bit and became awesome as she got rounder! Karen and Dusti have continued to make progress during the clinics.

Mary Dahlke rode her handsome grey Arabian, Wind. He started by wanting to walk into the wall, which Kathy says is a hind end problem. Kathy had Mary carry the whip in the outside hand and tap on the shoulder to help correct the problem. In the trot Kathy had Mary give 3 “bumps” with the leg and a tap on the shoulder to maintain the rhythm in the trot. She then had Mary move the neck without separating the hands to help Mary start to work with more independent aids. Kathy had Mary trot down the long side and onto a 20 meter circle and Wind did exceptionally well staying forward and on the bit! They worked on a few canter transitions and several strides in both directions, which were excellent!

We are all anxiously awaiting the Fall clinic in October. Auditors are always welcome at no charge.

**Congratulations Elizabeth and Bugsy!**

Congratulations to Elizabeth Goodwin on her recent great achievement. Elizabeth and her horse Bugsy (a one-eyed TB that she bought for $500 and has done all his training with the exception of his first 30 days under saddle where he was taught walk trot and brakes) earned their final USDF Bronze Medal scores at the Rose Mount II Dressage show in Spotsylvania, Va. This was a goal that Elizabeth set as a lifetime achievement for 13 year old Bugsy. They also placed in several of the classes.
The PVDA Newsletter

Nine Fun-Filled Days of Horse Excursions in Germany

By Jaclyn Sicoli

One would never believe the number of horse excursions that can be squeezed into a 9-day stay in Germany. Warning: if the trip is planned by four horse-crazy women then you will find yourself sleeping while standing up and you won’t be counting sheep. Having traveled to three different continents and endured every variety of jet-lag previous to this trip, I had never before arrived home so tired and yet so inspired. My trip to Verden, Germany, to spectate at the FEI World Breeding Championship was an education and a dream come true.

Our first day in Verden we headed to the Hanoverian Verband headquarters for their Elite Mare Show. Sixty-six 3-year-old mares were presented in groups of jumping, dressage, and based on lineage. Every horse was in peak condition, braided, and professionally handled. There was a benefit to even an untrained eye in watching mare after mare presented in identical fashion, as it made the minor variations in confirmation and movement more obvious. This allowed us to understand the influence of the dam line on different stallions. The largest group of horses was fathered by Lauries Crusador xx, a half-Thoroughbred stallion whose pre-potency for uphill and elegant types was evident. In fact, the champion and reserve champion for dressage both showed Lauries Crusador xx in recent lineage. Delany (Desperados x Lauries Crusador xx), the champion mare was noted and scribbled into the show program by yours truly as OMG. So at least I know how to pick them. Other favorites included mares by the stallions Dancier, Don Frederico, and Contendro I with Weltmeyer on the dam’s side. Later in our trip we were able to compare these crosses to the current breeding trends. In the breeding sheds the foals by Christ were prized, whereas the 3- and 4-year-olds by Hotline seemed most appreciated.

The focus of our trip began the next day with the FEI Five- and Six-Year-Old Young Horse tests. As a trainer of young horses, I was particularly interested in learning how these tests were ridden and judged. I sponged up tidbits from Scott Hassler, U.S. Young Horse Coach, and the table of U.S. judges sitting next to us throughout the event. It was an educated crowd and many trainers and breeders were free with information and advice. I watched each test and warm-up session with bated breath for four days straight.

A class of 36 horses from all over the world began on

The World Championship continued on next page
Thursday in the Five-Year-Old Test First Qualifier. The setting offered every amenity to the spectators. Two tents lined the arena with raised floors, assigned tables and chairs, and full table service. Would you like a German beer at 9 a.m. to start your day? Well, it’s coming right up. I was astonished to find a Hawaiian vacation theme on the toilet seat. Perhaps that is why each bathroom visit cost 50 cents. Every route to the other two competition arenas was lined with vendors to satisfy every taste and fashion. My daily intake included a chicken taco and dessert crepe plus one or two German beers, just to fit in. The busy environment proved difficult for some of the young horses during their tests, however. Once inside the ring, people and tents surrounded them. It wasn’t until the final day of the Six-Year-Old Test that the distractions noticeably overwhelmed a few horses causing mistakes and submission issues. Whether it was the nervous energy of the show and awards ceremonies or the wind and reflecting sunlight that made the difference, I can only guess.

As these tests were created to display the horse’s gaits and potential, they were demanding enough without the crowds and wind. The winners navigated the movements with ease, lightness, and power, demonstrating an ability to collect. Each category of walk, trot, canter, submission, and general impression was given a score out of 10 points. Unlike the standard dressage tests, there are no individual scores for movements, rider, and impulsion. So there is less weight on accuracy and a little more room for the rider to make adjustments within the test. During the Small Final and Final Test the judges announced their remarks to the audience. In general, their feedback addressed the quality and expression of the gaits, the communication between horse and rider via connection, and the horse’s ability to balance and collect. Detracting comments highlighted a lack of jump in the canter or over-tracking in the walk. Several horses were said to be too short in the neck or heavy in the contact. Other horses were praised for big, elastic movement, uphill gaits, and willingness to submit.

The elegant chestnut mare from Great Britain, Woodlander’s Farouche and her rider Michael George Eilberg brought the crowd to tears with their walk on a long rein in the Five Year Final. They also made history when awarded a 10 for the walk gait. Over the course of four days of competition the final scores of less than five rides came to 9.0 or better. Both Germany and the Netherlands brought several horse and rider combinations to the young horse divisions and dominated the competition and winnings. Jennifer Hoffmans and Maryland’s, Marne Martin-Tucker represented the U.S. Marne rode her own powerful chestnut mare Royal Coeur 2 scoring 6.92 in the First Qualifier and 7.20 in the Small Final. Jennifer and the dark bay stallion, Ratzinger V scored 8.36 in the First Qualifier finishing in eighth place. The pair advanced to the Final Test and earned 6.94, suffering from some distractions during the walk piece. Jennifer rode both of her stallions with mastery, demonstrating collection and lightness in the Five-Year-Old Tests with the handsome dark bay stallion Florentinus I. The pair carried second place within their group in the First Qualifier with a score of 8.42. In the Final Test Jennifer and Florentinus made history by becoming the second U.S. horse and rider combination to place in the top 10 with a score of 8.32. The only other U.S. rider to earn this achievement since the introduction of the Young Horse Tests in 1997 was Suzanne Hassler riding Royal Prince.

Despite being tired and seeing dancing horses whether my eyes were open or closed, it was still difficult to load the plane and fly home away from it all. A trip to the Hannover and Oldenburg regions of Germany provides a complete immersion in horse activities and culture. From the tack stores to the breeding farms the quality of merchandise and horses is amazing. If I can be happy with just the 10 pairs of breeches I came home with and not send a money order for the adorable chestnut gelding by Kaiser Karl, I may be able to afford to go again.

Jaclyn Sicoli is a Maryland based trainer, USDF Silver Medalist, and PVDA Board Member. Visit her website at www.peaceofminddressage.com.
**Monthly Clinics with Todd Fletrich**

After a successful show season in Europe, including competing at the Aachen Horse Show, Todd Fletrich returned to Shari Glickman’s GoodNess Ridge Farm in Mt. Airy, Md., August 20 and 21. This was an excellent opportunity for both riders and auditors to gain up-to-the-minute experience with a current international competitor. The clinics are held mostly once a month at Shari Glickman’s farm. For more information on future clinics call 301-351-5530.

Top left, clockwise: Todd with Beth Barratt, Ilene Boorman riding at the clinic, Todd checking the schedule sitting with Estelle Beemer, Anne Hurwitz with Nando after their ride, Jaralyn Finn at the mounting block, and the arena cat enjoying the rides. Photos by Jocelyn Pearson.
In Memoriam

Baronessa: A Crowd Pleaser and Generous Teacher

Baronessa was my horse of a lifetime and I knew it the day I first laid eyes on her at the 2001 Dressage at Lexington breed show. She was the diminutive, almost 3-year-old, all black filly that was winning everything! She had gathered quite a crowd whenever she was in the ring and I eventually followed her owner back to the barn to see if by any chance she was for sale because I was in love with her. A few weeks later Carole Lawrence told me she would consider selling her and I didn't hesitate for a moment to go try her. She was a thrill ride and I couldn't write the check fast enough to buy her. I then invited everyone I knew over to Carole’s farm to meet my new horse. On our second ride, Baronessa surveyed the crowd taking pictures and video, and promptly bucked me off in front of everyone. During our early years together, “Ness” taught me to have a very good seat! Back then, she really only bucked for fun, always stopping short from dumping me in the dirt, but honestly earning her “Buckanessa” nickname.

The next year Ness developed a serious case of EPM when she was pregnant with her first foal. Over the years I had to be especially careful to monitor her immune system or she would have subtle neurological symptoms. She was a challenge to manage in a traditional boarding situation so I was inspired to buy a farm where she could be the Queen Bee. From 2007 to 2009, JJ Tate took over her training at my farm while I recuperated from a serious car accident, and Baronessa became a successful FEI horse. By the time I was well enough to ride again (with a left leg that was giving her bad signals or none at all), Ness worked very hard for me to become my Para Equestrian mount.

Ness was a generous teacher and many a PVDA member had the honor of riding her at one time or another during the past 10 years. She loved to have a new person sit atop her broad back and she seemed to know who she needed to take extra care of and who she could challenge a little bit. Baronessa had the best work ethic and judges never failed to comment on her big, floppy ears. She epitomized what a great mare should be and I am grateful that she has a daughter born in 2003, owned by Kate Burgy, and an embryo transfer colt born in March that I have kept, to carry on her spirit.

Baronessa died suddenly and tragically on August 24, 2011, during a brief hospitalization for a hock swelling that was later complicated by a cecal impaction. “If love could have saved her, she would still be with us today.”

—Shari Glickman, GoodNess Ridge Farm
www.goodnessridge.com

Shari Glickman and Baronessa

The 2011 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Show</th>
<th>Opening</th>
<th>Closing</th>
<th>Manager</th>
<th>Mgr Phone</th>
<th>Judge</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/2</td>
<td>King’s Landing Park</td>
<td>CANCELED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/8</td>
<td>Schooley Mill Park</td>
<td>9/12</td>
<td>9/23</td>
<td>Deborah Shuman</td>
<td>301-589-9366</td>
<td>Evelyn Pfoutz (L)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9</td>
<td>Schooley Mill, Jr/YR</td>
<td>9/12</td>
<td>9/23</td>
<td>Linda Speer</td>
<td>410-531-6641</td>
<td>Jaclyn Sicoli (L)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9</td>
<td>Celebration Farm</td>
<td>9/12</td>
<td>9/23</td>
<td>David Geyer</td>
<td>443-745-6766</td>
<td>Trisha DeRosa (L)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9</td>
<td>Chimney Hill Farm</td>
<td>CANCELED</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/6</td>
<td>Chapter Challenge</td>
<td>9/9</td>
<td>10/8</td>
<td>Linda Speer</td>
<td>410-531-6641</td>
<td>Ingrid Gentry (R)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jocelyn Pearson (L)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Aviva Nebesky (L)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* 2011 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule subject to change. See Omnibus for location of farms and more contact information. Prepared by Bonnie Vaden.
PVDA Sends Two Teams to the USDF Region 1 Youth Team Championships

*By Hilary Moore*

Going into the team championships at Morven Park in Leesburg, Va., things were not looking good for the PVDA teams. Linda Speer was taking a well-deserved vacation and leaving me in charge of the eight riders for the first time. After multiple calls about horse problems causing possible cancellations, the heat was on.

Unfortunately for us, this also included the actual temperature! With two days to go, the weather forecast called for 100-plus heat over the weekend of July 23 and 24. Memories of last year's sweltering weekend came to mind and all I could think about was how we would get these riders and their horses to the show, through the tests and home alive. However, I am happy to report that not only did every competitor from our team enter the ring, but everyone finished their final salute and got home afterwards, with lots to show for their efforts!

Thanks to the super crew of parents and volunteers the PVDA teams brought home team first and fifth place ribbons in their respective Training Level divisions, a division reserve high score, a prize for best team name, several ribbons in the individual classes and memories to last a lifetime.

PVDA teams Green Eggs at X and the Cat in the Top Hat stayed true to our GMO’s form and spent every opportunity to get decked out in their theme. This year’s Dr. Seuss concept had the competitors, as well as their horses and stalls, covered in everything from custom-made team shirts to massive cutouts of Seuss illustrations.

After hearing that Hannah Recknor would be unable to compete due to a lame horse, PVDA member Beth Schmidt volunteered her horse, Christopher. Beth has been a long-time student of mine and I was humbled by her offer, as she had never met Hannah before. The Recknor family watched Christopher like a hawk that weekend and seeing Hannah compete for the PVDA team after only one practice ride was memorable. In all of the years I have been a member of the PVDA and the Board, that moment showed me what it truly means to be part of a supportive, wonderful GMO.

At the end of the weekend, not only did the girls sign their team banner to give to the PVDA in thanks for providing this opportunity, but they also gave me thank you notes and gifts for coaching. I know that they were all truly appreciative of the support that the PVDA gave them and recognized how much of the cost of the event was covered by the GMO’s funding and all of the volunteers that helped make the weekend a success.

Here are the results, by team:

**PVDA Green Eggs at X:**
- Molly Sherman/Bento Box (she won Division Reserve High Score with a 70%)
- Sarah Jones/Dancing Dots (she won a special award for most colorful horse)
- Hannah Loeb/Amazing Grace
- Alexis Rossetti/Charlie Dare

1st place overall in the Training Level C Division

*Youth Team Championships continued next page*
Youth Championships continued from page 10

with a team average of 65.3%  
• Best Team Name  
**PVDA Cat in the Top Hat:**  
• Hannah Recknor/Christopher  
• Hannah Weasenforth/Bart  
• Kathy Smith/Cute as a Button  
• Victoria Ridgway/Magic Illusion  
• 5th place overall in the 2Mix Division (age or level) with a team average of 60.220%

---

New Full Care Facility  
Located in Grasonville, Maryland  
Close to the Bay Bridge  
We are a full care facility. We offer everything that you and your horse could want! Brand new 284 x 84 indoor arena with mirrors, sand/Arkfoot/felt footing with dust control, lots of windows. Bright airy barn with matted stalls with automatic waterers, individual or group turnout, new Flex Fencing, automatic waterers in Paddocks, outdoor ring with lights, lots of room for trails and hacking. A friendly, positive and fun atmosphere!

Kelly McGinn Dressage  
Lesson and training packages available.  
Call 410-829-3684 or email: kmdressage@gmail.com

---

Top: PVDA Cat in the Top Hat won 5th place overall in the 2Mix Division.  
Left: Molly Sherman and Bento Box, Division C reserve high score.
Post It with PVDA

The Classifieds

Horses for Sale
✦ '05 ches. Han. mare (Loerke x Trapper), 16.1H, wonderful prosp. for sport, breeding or both. Scored up to 82% in hand. Three lovely gaits, forward thinking and fun to ride. Curr. working at First Level with the potential for much more. Well-traveled and loves trails. $25,000, Siobhan Byrne, 732-406-9606
✦ GOV mare, 15 yrs young, earned present owner her bronze medal. Looking for next partner to bring through the levels. Very sweet, sound, and pretty w/ smooth gaits and exc. ground manners, priced to sell at $15,000, Linda Reinhardt, 410-303-4734 or email: lswws@verizon.net
✦ 1) '04 Reg. Han. bay geld., 17.1H, Werther/Walt Disney in prof. dressage training with Stephanie Alvord ad also ridden by 16 yo. Works for sugar. $14,000 2) '03 Reg. Han. mares, 16.1H, Relevant/Walt Disney, Willing partner, in training with Erin Sweeney, $15,000. Home is important for both of these horses. Betsy Smith, 301-532-3176
✦ Westf/TB ches. roan mare by Grande Saber, 11 yrs, 16.1H, lovely mover, curr. in training and schooling 1st level dressage and all lateral movements. Also has previous training in eventing, has shown in the low hunter division, and foxhunted. Quiet and safe out of the ring away from home. Fun to ride, forward mover, light and sensitive to the aids. Loves people, well-mannered, w/ tan leather harness, never worn, cost >$200 new, $3,500, Karen Anderson email: equitator@gmail.com
✦ 1) Reg. QH bay mare, 6 yrs, 15.1H, perf. blend of Westf/TB ches. roan mare by Grande Saber, 11 yrs, 12.2H, very flashy looks and mover. Safe, sane and fun to ride, smooth gaits and exc. ground manners, priced to sell at $8,500, Pics avail., Janie Rentz, 540-326-2271 or email: equine77@prodigy.net

Horses for Lease
✦ 1) For Lease: 16.2H, dk. bay, 5 yo TB. Great temp., laid back and easy going, never raced. Three lovely gaits and good jump. Trails etc. Would like to lease him out of barn on Kent Island. Great place to be, pvt. and fun. He is well schooled. Good for any discipline
2) For lease w/option to buy, Paint mare, 5 yrs, 16H, blue eyes, great dressage prosp., really fancy and a nice mover. Easy to collect, jumps, trails. Needs confid. rider. Charli Plumbtree, 410-980-0931 or 410-643-1715

Free to Good Home
✦ TB bay geld., 20 yrs, 16.2H, W/T/C, sm. jumps, 100% sound, great feet, only needs to be trimmed. He would like to find his own person or family. Pics avail., Janie Rentz, 540-326-2271 or email: equine77@prodigy.net

Equipment for Sale
✦ 58 x-wide/x-high Custom Grand Prix 2H straight load tagalong trailer with room for tack trunk; 2 saddle racks, 4 bridle hooks, airy and well-ventilated, yearly maintenance. $3,500, Karen Anderson email: equitator@gmail.com
✦ Two blk. Soft Touch Straight dressage girths, one is Sz. 28" and new w/tags and the other is a Sz. 30" and used a few times, in exc. cond., $45/ea. Meredith Hurd, email: meredith.hurd@gmail.com
✦ O/S Woolen Wear blk. shipping boots, in like new cond., $75 (169 new!). Jayne Nessif, 443-604-7626
✦ 1) Sz. 5 3/8 blk. Ladies’ Roni dressage derby new in box, never worn, cost $95, asking $50 2) Sz. 6 3/4 Charles Owen Showjumper blk. Velvet Riding Helmet w/ tan leather harness, never worn, cost >$200 new, of both, Janie Rentz, 540-326-2271 or email: equine77@prodigy.net

The Classifieds is available to PVDA members only, at no charge, as a membership benefit. Classified advertisements (unboxed ads) are accepted by post or e-mail. Items submitted by e-mail are confirmed via e-mail. Type or print your submission and include your 2011 PVDA membership number. (The newsletter will not print any classifieds that are submitted without a membership number.) E-mail request, $1,000/firm, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530
✦ 1) Sz. 7, Devon Aire L/Cord blk. dress boots, reg. calf, in good cond. $40 2) Sz. 10, Mary Hall Ladies Faro brn. tall boots, reg. calf with elastic gussets, waterproof leather, fully lined, worn 2x, $50, Kate Burguy, 301-580-9903
✦ 17" blk. Kieffer Weih DL, med. tree, fits many horses and riders, while slim knee rolls provide closer contact w/horse. Saddle has been meticulously maintained w/only some minor stirrup leather wear on the flaps, in exc., like new, cond. Can email photos upon request, $1,000/firm, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530
✦ 1) 18" Stübben Siegfried Saddle, 30.5 cm tree, $300/o/o, 2) 17" Smith-Worthington A/P saddle. med-wide tree, VERY comp., in exc. cond., asking $600, Terri Minford, 410-984-7009 or email: ponymom@yahoocom
✦ 18” blk. Albion SLK dressage saddle, med. tree, short flaps, long billets, in exc. cond. $1,400, Donna Nizolek, 410-310-2588 or email: nizolek@goeaston.net
✦ 1) 1715 GoodNess Ridge Farm, 13979 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Classified advertisements (unboxed ads) are accepted by post or e-mail. Items received by the 10th* of the month to be distributed the following month. E-mail classifieds@pvda.org or shari.glickman@verizon.net

*NOVEMBER 2011 ISSUE CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10, 2011
Members only, at no charge, as a membership benefit. Ads are accepted by post or e-mail. Items must be typed or printed, and contain your membership number. (The newsletter will not print any member's number.) Classifieds must be distributed the following month. E-mail @comcast.net or send to Shari Glickman, Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771.

**DS DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10, 2011**

**Boarding**
- One stall avail. at premier dressage facility close in to DC and No. VA. We have everything you and your horse could possibly want or need, including very nice trails. See www.cheshirehorsehills.com to view all of our amenities. Kathleen Avillion, 301-372-6302
- Board opening at Moon Rising Farm in Boyds, MD (Mont. Co), offering 24/7 free choice turnout w/stall options, premium feeds, on-site skilled staff, lovely trails, lg. ind. and outdoor arenas, lesson prog. avail. in varied disciplines. Now taking horses for training. Great horse care, rider inst. and show coaching. Rebecca Roach, 301-540-5186
- Fair Play Farm has two stall openings. We specialize in sport horses recovering from injury. Top quality care from exp. staff. Dressage ring, lg. jump field, hills, whirlpool, triple crown hay. Training-GP dressage & jumpers, in No. Balto. Co., Virginia Class, 443-299-7623 or email:christinaclass83@gmail.com
- One opening avail. for training/board with Mary Flood at Wildfire Farm, Lovettsville, VA, also conv. to MD and DC. Mary is a USDF National Certified Instructor. Whether you are an AA/AYR or competitor, Mary will be the right solution to your riding and training needs. And your horse will love the accommodations. Go to her website at www.wildfirefarm.com for more details.
- Stall board at quiet, pvt. farm, nice, clean 12x12 stall w/full care: feeding, blanketimg, worming, and TLC. Amenities include run-in, outdoor ring, access to trails, and wash rack in barn. $400/mo. Owner lives on premises. Laytonsville, MD. Lisa Feit, 301-908-0569 or email: lisafeit@aol.com

**For Rent**
- Eight stall barn avail for lease on pvt. quiet farm in Woodbine, MD. Perfect for prof. w/horses and students in training. Rent on a dry stall basis per stall w/a minimum of 5 stalls. Tack room, full size fenced-in outdoor dressage arena and indoor dressage arena. Open fields for hacking and doing hill work, sm. field jumps and lg. turnout fields. Jeannette Bair, 443-691-0390 or email: jeannettebair@hotmail.com

**WANTED**
- PVDA 2nd level rider who has ridden for >20 yrs but has been out of riding for the last 4 yrs is seeking to start back again w/a partial lease of a sane, fun horse that can reliably be taken on trail rides. Can travel to Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince Georges or Howard counties. Prefer a farm w/access to nice trails.

Would be great to have access to good dressage trainer, too. Penny Mohr, 410-721-0322 or email: penny.mohr@verizon.net
- Working student position avail. at Cheshire Horse Hills, see www.cheshirehorsehills.com, Kathleen Avillion, 301-372-6302

**Classified ads are placed on PVDA’s Web site at www.pvda.org. If you do not want your e-mail address included on the Web site, please omit it from your printed ad submission for The PVDA Newsletter.**

---

**WANTED**

**Ride for Life 2012 Marketing Manager**

PVDA is looking for a talented volunteer to manage the marketing, advertising and promotion of the 2012 Ride for Life. The position involves a serious commitment of time (at least 30 hours a month) as this is becoming a nationally recognized event. Please send curriculum vitae with relevant marketing experience and email expressing your interest to Michele Wellman at kyebay@yahoo.com; Jeannette Bair, jeannettebair@hotmail.com, Carolyn Del Grosso, mandcdelg@aol.com and Pat Artimovich, partimovich@verizon.net.

---

**George Williams Clinic**

**November 19 & 20 Auditing available**

see website for registration info
But it was notable that the first afternoon Prix St. Georges class was canceled due to rain. The footing at Gladstone is wonderful, but it was splashy and it was no surprise that the riders lobbied to wait a day for it to dry. It was rumored that the California riders, and there was a good number of them that flew in for the competition, were especially leery of riding in rain. They don’t see rain that often.

During the free afternoon, the indoor arena was open for schooling, so I went to watch. The first glimpse I had of the horses was a flash of chestnut legs and hooves floating by the door about eye high, which of course was Heather Blitz on Paragon. Now there’s a horse that hardly touches the ground.

Our schooling show schedule has suffered the same problems with weather this summer, rain and heat, where several shows were canceled. We all know that horse shows are an outdoor sport, but safety is a concern. Our shows are a great opportunity for our members to compete at minimal expense and by the way they also are a decent source of income for our treasury. So no one likes to see these cancellations. Even though the schooling show year isn’t quite finished, the schedule for 2012 is already in the planning stages.

Another popular item that PVDA has had in the past is the stallion calendar. Linda Speer and Camilla Cornwell are working on putting a 2012 calendar out in time for our annual dinner. It is a good chance to promote our area stallions and enjoy a beautiful photo each month.

Now we are getting ready to focus on the Ljungquist Finals and the Regional Finals as well as the PVDA Chapter Challenge. Good luck to all who have qualified and are planning to compete. And let’s hope that the weather cooperates!

Betty Thorpe • PVDA president • president@pvda.org
PVDA Schooling Show
Lawton Hall Farm, Bushwood, Md. • July 17, 2011

The riders were grateful for the good weather for the Lawton Hall Farm show on July 17, 2011. Once again, Steve and Debbie Purvins provided beautiful grounds for the show and a very comfortable atmosphere. Volunteers for the show included Steve and Debbie Purvins, Michele Alexander, and Tim White. Betty Thorpe judged the half day show. Jackie White, Show Manager

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion: Kelly Rose
Introductory Level Reserve Champion: Kathleen Mahaney
Training Level Champion: Hannah Balderson
Training Level Reserve Champion: Heather Stiffel
First Level and Above Champion: Ashley Bonner
First Level and Above Reserve Champion: Elizabeth Goodwin

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Charm/Kelly Rose/56.875%
2. All the Goods/Kathleen Mahaney/56.250%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. All the Goods/Kathleen Mahaney/56.250%
2. Charm/Kelly Rose/54.375%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Impressive by Sonny/Hannah Balderson/67.083%
2. Socora or It's All Love/Heather Stiffel/66.667%
3. Donovan/Alice Allen/57.083%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Impressive by Sonny/Hannah Balderson/66.429%
2. Socora or It's All Love/Heather Stiffel/63.571%
3. Bally Duff/Gina Guffey/62.143%
4. Rayna/Judy Whyte/60.000%
5. Donovan/Alice Allen/50.357%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Rayna/Judy Whyte/59.600%
2. Bally Duff/Gina Guffey/59.200%

USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Rock Along/Ashley Bonner/64.483%
2. Jameson/Annmari Ingersoll/53.793%

USEF First Level, Test 2
1. Rock Along/Ashley Bonner/65.405%
2. Dancing Surb/Darryl Cherry/56.486%
3. Jameson/Annmari Ingersoll/54.865%

USEF Third Level, Test 2
1. Bugsy/Elizabeth Goodwin/57.561%

USDF Musical Freestyle, First Level
1. Dancing Surb/Darryl Cherry/60.833%

Top left, clockwise: Gina Guffey riding Bally Duff in Training Level, Test 2; Kelly Rose riding Charm at Intro Level; Judy Whyte riding Rayna in Training Level, Test 2; Ashley Bonner riding Rock Along in First Level, Test 2; Katherine Mahaney riding All the Goods at Intro Level; Hannah Balderson riding Impressive by Sonny in Training Level, Test 1.

The 2011 Show Results
Send your Show Results for the newsletter to showresults@pvda.org.
PVDA Schooling Show
Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. • August 7, 2011

The show was held on a very humid August day. Entries were high at 43 and there were few scratches. The judge, Judy Strohmaier, worked hard to be fair in her scoring as well as staying on time. She was assisted by Mary Ellen Ley as her dedicated scribe. We were short on help since two volunteers didn’t show so everyone worked extra hard. Elizabeth Farina and Ann Hosmer were there a day early to help set up the arena and then worked all day on Sunday out in the heat as ring stewards. They did an excellent job of getting the riders to the proper places on time and Ann made sure every rider had a cold bottle of water when exiting the show ring. Laura Ryan worked in the office handing out packets, ribbons and helping me with scoring. Thanks so much to our judge and all four of our volunteers! It wouldn’t have happened without you! Lydia Wainwright, Show Manager

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion: Kimberly Clark
Introductory Level Reserve Champion:
Kimberly Clark
Training Level Champion: Judy Whyte
Training Level Reserve Champion: Kelly Rose
First Level and Above Champion: Hillary Walker
First Level and Above Reserve Champion:
Judy Whyte

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Bobby Too/Grace Blakeney/65.00%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Clouds Honor/Kimberly Clark/71.250%
2. Bobby Too/Grace Blakeney/61.250%

USDF Introductory Level, Test C
1. Clouds Honor/Kimberly Clark/71.000%
2. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/65.500%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Zeloquent/Danielle Baird/65.833%
2. All Jacked Up/Christina Marchetti/65.000%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/64.167%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Arabella/Kelly Rose/67.143%
2. Baggio/Karrie Dash/66.429%
3. Edison/Lynn Punturiere/65.357%
4. All Jacked Up/Christina Marchetti/64.571%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Rayna/Judy Whyte/74.00%
2. Edison/Lynn Punturiere/66.000%
3. Montego/Lisa Freund/64.400%
4. Fabeltier/Cindy Buckland/63.600%
5. Little Rock/Dotty Chaney/63.600%
6. Baggio/Karrie Dash/61.600%

USEF First Level, Test 1
1. Cruz Bay/Hillary Walker/70.345%
2. Rayna/Judy Whyte/68.966%
3. Tiptoe With Me/Kathleen Coyle/66.552%
4. King Leo/Jackie Kinney/65.862%
5. Arabella/Kelly Rose/65.862%
6. Wild Lies/Kimberly Clark/64.138%

USEF First Level, Test 2
1. Debut/Claudia Griffiths/66.757%
2. King Leo/Jackie Kinney/64.054%
3. Tiptoe With Me/Kathleen Coyle/62.432%
4. Cruz Bay/Hillary Walker/61.622%
5. Wild Lies/Kimberly Clark/61.351%
6. Arabian Shenanigans/June Dickinson/57.568%

USEF First Level, Test 3
1. Debut/Claudia Griffiths/68.387%
2. Dylan/Allyson Hlasney/66.452%

USEF Second Level, Test of Choice
1. Flirt (2-3)/Nikki Wingire/61.191%
2. Dylan (2-1)/Allyson Hlasney/61.143%
3. Flirt (2-2)/Nikki Wingire/61.053%

USEF Third Level, Test 1
1. Waterford S.E./Aviva Nesby/63.684%
2. Apollo/Jennifer Seidel/59.211%

USEF Fourth Level and FEI, Test of Choice
1. Casac (GP)/Marcia Mia/68.090%
2. Mt Athos (4-1)/Barbara Denton/64.570%

PVDA Jr/YR Schooling Show
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, Md. • August 20, 2011

High Score Awards
Introductory Level Champion: Monique Gill
Introductory Level Reserve Champion:
Grace Blakeney
Training Level Champion: Logan Elliott
Training Level Reserve Champion:
Shannon Sullivan
First Level and Above Champion: Logan Elliott
First Level and Above Reserve Champion:
Logan Elliott

USDF Introductory Level, Test A
1. Reddemeade Shasta/Monique Gill/62.50%
2. Bobby Too/Grace Blakeney/60.63%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B
1. Reddemeade Shasta/Monique Gill/69.38%
2. Bobby Too/Grace Blakeney/65.00%
3. Eternaluma/Logan Elliott/60.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 1
1. Equishare Sonny Delight/Maria Rojas/65.42%
2. Blazing Downtown / Sara Druffer/62.92%
3. Alliyana/Hannah Recknor/61.25%
4. Wicked Willoughbie/Shannon Sullivan/60.83%
5. Rosmel’s Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/58.75%

USEF Training Level, Test 2
1. Wicked Willoughbie/Shannon Sullivan/69.64%
2. Charlie Dare/Alexis Rossetti/64.64%
3. Equishare Sonny Delight/Maria Rojas/63.57%
4. Alliyana/Hannah Recknor/60.36%
5. Rosmel’s Pink Champagne/Christina Sahadi/58.21%

USEF Training Level, Test 3
1. Cady O’Daly’s Michael/Logan Elliott/76.00%
2. Amazing Grace/Hannah Loeb/66.00%
3. Full of Beans/Devon Bragg/63.21%
4. Magic Illusion/Victoria Ridgway/60.00%

USEF Training Level, Test 4
1. Cady O’Daly’s Michael/Logan Elliott/76.00%
2. Amazing Grace/Hannah Loeb/66.00%
3. Magic Illusion/Victoria Ridgway/62.80%
4. Full of Beans/Devon Bragg/62.80%

USEF Third Level, Tests 1 & 2
1. Eternaluma/Logan Elliott/60.79%
2. Eternaluma/Logan Elliott/64.88%

Dressage Seat Equitation
1. Charlie Dare/Alexis Rossetti
2. Full of Beans/Devon Bragg
3. Blazing Downtown/Sara Druffer
Thanks to All the Volunteers for the Annual Spring PVDA Show (2011)

Kelly Andrews  
Rita Boehm  
Beth Brown  
Erica Carroll  
Mary Cobbett  
Caroline Cochran  
Camilla Cornwell  
Teresa Cox  
Kathy Curtis  
Carolyn Del Grosso  
Sue Doll  
Jim Doll  
Wendy Emblin  
Kristine Finney  
Lisa Freund  
Susan Hek  
Sue Hildebrand  
Brandon Hildebrand  
Randi Jodlyn  
Michelle King  
Julie Kingsbury  
Tedi Lesniewski  
Jenny Lupkin  
Mimi Mack  
Kathleen Mahaney  
Karen McGady  
Nancy Moseley  
Ninja Nissen  
Rowena O’Meara  
Jocelyn Pearson  
Jessica Richmond  
Laura Ryan  
Leslie Sheppe  
Arran Siebert  
Amanda Silver  
Liz Smith  
Linda Speer  
Susan Stone  
Liz Stoneham  
Mary Sue McCarthy  
Darlene Summers  
Camilla Sweeney  
Lauren Thomas  
Sarah Webb

PVDA Sponsored Clinic with

Vitor Silva
October 8 & 9, 2011

By Chance Farm, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791

Vitor’s training and teaching is grounded in his philosophy that the best teachers are the horses. Whether from in-hand work, undersaddle or on long lines, Vitor teaches his students that while masters or trainers can share their knowledge and explain the technical aspects of riding, each rider must open themselves to feel the horse’s movements, responses and needs. Ultimately, Vitor strives to develop this intuitive feeling in his students so that harmony between horse and rider can be achieved. (courtesy Sons of the Wind.)

Lesson Cost: PVDA is subsidizing the cost of clinic to the membership to promote education with top clinicians. Maximum 8 lessons per day. Per lesson: PVDA: $70; Non-PVDA: $140; Auditing: PVDA: $10 Sat. or Sun.; $15 both days; Non-PVDA: $20 Sat or Sun./$30 both days.

Stabling: Limited stabling available on site and within 5 minutes drive. Please inquire about availability and rates.

Registration: Pre-registration is advised. Riding spaces will be filled first come, first served and a wait list will be developed based on post mark date. No refunds unless your space can be filled from the wait list.

Breakfast and light lunch are included for both riders and auditors. Please bring your own chair.

Contact Michele Wellman, 301-873-3496 or michele.wellman@pvda.org for registration forms and information.

PVDA Sponsored Clinic with

Vitor Silva
October 8 & 9, 2011

By Chance Farm, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791

Vitor’s training and teaching is grounded in his philosophy that the best teachers are the horses. Whether from in-hand work, undersaddle or on long lines, Vitor teaches his students that while masters or trainers can share their knowledge and explain the technical aspects of riding, each rider must open themselves to feel the horse’s movements, responses and needs. Ultimately, Vitor strives to develop this intuitive feeling in his students so that harmony between horse and rider can be achieved. (courtesy Sons of the Wind.)

Lesson Cost: PVDA is subsidizing the cost of clinic to the membership to promote education with top clinicians. Maximum 8 lessons per day. Per lesson: PVDA: $70; Non-PVDA: $140; Auditing: PVDA: $10 Sat. or Sun.; $15 both days; Non-PVDA: $20 Sat or Sun./$30 both days.

Stabling: Limited stabling available on site and within 5 minutes drive. Please inquire about availability and rates.

Registration: Pre-registration is advised. Riding spaces will be filled first come, first served and a wait list will be developed based on post mark date. No refunds unless your space can be filled from the wait list.

Breakfast and light lunch are included for both riders and auditors. Please bring your own chair.

Contact Michele Wellman, 301-873-3496 or michele.wellman@pvda.org for registration forms and information.

PVDA Sponsored Clinic with

Vitor Silva
October 8 & 9, 2011

By Chance Farm, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791

Vitor’s training and teaching is grounded in his philosophy that the best teachers are the horses. Whether from in-hand work, undersaddle or on long lines, Vitor teaches his students that while masters or trainers can share their knowledge and explain the technical aspects of riding, each rider must open themselves to feel the horse’s movements, responses and needs. Ultimately, Vitor strives to develop this intuitive feeling in his students so that harmony between horse and rider can be achieved. (courtesy Sons of the Wind.)

Lesson Cost: PVDA is subsidizing the cost of clinic to the membership to promote education with top clinicians. Maximum 8 lessons per day. Per lesson: PVDA: $70; Non-PVDA: $140; Auditing: PVDA: $10 Sat. or Sun.; $15 both days; Non-PVDA: $20 Sat or Sun./$30 both days.

Stabling: Limited stabling available on site and within 5 minutes drive. Please inquire about availability and rates.

Registration: Pre-registration is advised. Riding spaces will be filled first come, first served and a wait list will be developed based on post mark date. No refunds unless your space can be filled from the wait list.

Breakfast and light lunch are included for both riders and auditors. Please bring your own chair.

Contact Michele Wellman, 301-873-3496 or michele.wellman@pvda.org for registration forms and information.
This year there are 16 candidates for the 2012 PVDA Board of Directors. Candidate biographies are listed below. Please see the election ballot on the next page and vote for a maximum of 15 candidates and send the ballot to Ingrid Gentry, P.O. Box 33, Dayton, MD 21036, by Tuesday, November 1, 2011. The 2012 Board will take office at the December 2011 PVDA Board meeting. Please vote!

**Kate Burgy** has been a PVDA member since 1997 and a PVDA Board member since 2010. She recently graduated from the University of Maryland with a Masters in Geology. After a several year hiatus from showing as a Jr/YR, Kate is now turning her attention to moving her two Hanoverian mares up the levels as an Adult Amateur. A former “4-H”er and UMD equestrian club instructor, she also has been a working student for several area dressage trainers, breeding farms, and vets. Kate currently manages her family’s reining horse breeding program and farm.

**Camilla Keis Cornwall** has been riding dressage since she was 8 years old. A PVDA member since 2002, Camilla has served on the PVDA Board for the past year. She lives with her family and horses on a small farm in Howard County, and balances her time between her family, her riding and her job as an environmental scientist. Camilla has served on several BOD committees, but has particularly enjoyed being involved in organizing the PVDA volunteers for the schooling and recognized shows.

**Carolyn Del Grosso** has been a PVDA member for more than 20 years. As a Board member, she has served on the Recognized Show Advisory, Schooling Show and Chapter committees. She has chaired the Education committee and has also been the Secretary and Treasurer of PVDA. Carolyn, a Silver and Bronze and USDF gold medalist, has been the Co-Chair of PVDA’s Ride for Life for several years and she looks forward to continuing her service on the Board.

**David Geyer** is presently the chair of the PVDA Finance Committee and has been involved with PVDA activities including organizing and volunteering at various schooling, recognized shows and the annual Ride for Life show. With his wife Janet, David owns Celebration Farm, a licensed stable in Frederick County. David and Janet have bred and raised award-winning Trakehners and Hanoverians and enjoy working with the Mountain Harmony chapter. David also is CEO of Pedestal Events, a company that produces corporate events. As a PVDA board member, David plans to guide the association through budget development so that members can fully benefit from the funds available. Most of all he wishes to continue on the board to bring his organizational skills and outspoken attitude to ensure that the membership is represented by the board decisions.

**Tedi Lesniewski** has been an active member of PVDA for over 10 years. She is very passionate about the sport of dressage and would like to take on a more proactive role in the dressage community. Tedi’s professional background consists of over 12 years of management in compliance and operations of both the financial and direct sales industry. Her family life is active with a wonderful husband and 3-year-old son who are very understanding of her commitment to dressage and who also are looking forward to moving to a farm of their own in Manchester, Maryland, in early October.

**Rebekah Lusk** is an attorney with Thienel Law Firm, LLC. Her practice focuses on business law, civil litigation, landlord/tenant law, real estate, family law, and equine and animal law. She also owns and operates a property management company and a horse boarding and training facility, Windy Oak Farm, L.L.C. Rebekah received her B.A. from the University of Chicago and her J.D. from The Catholic University of America. She previously worked as an organizer for local and national policy and advocacy organizations in Chicago and D.C. and served as an Executive Board Member, including two years as President, for a community development corporation in Prince George’s County. Rebekah grew up in Montgomery County and started riding at age 7. She has evented through Training Level and started competing at First Level this year. Rebekah lives on the farm with her husband, two dogs, five cats, and the horses.

**Mary Sue McCarthy** is a long time member who has contributed to PVDA as Show Manager for Lox Moy, PVDA rep on the Maryland Horse Council, marketing and media relations support for Ride for Life, and show scribe, scorer, ring steward and competitor. She is a NARHA certified riding instructor with Maryland Therapeutic Riding, and past Board Member of the Baltimore Project to Save the Arabber Ponies. As Director of Partnerships for Baltimore Recreation and Parks she was instrumental in starting a dialogue with the City about an urban riding program. Mary Sue manages her own mediation and group facilitation business and is a Masters Degree Candidate in Counseling at McDaniel College.

**Hilary Moore** balances her dressage training business and farm in Germantown with a job as the Senior Editor at Dressage Today. She has served the PVDA as a Board member since 2010, chaperoning the USDF Region 1 Youth Team Championships, volunteering extensively for the Ride for Life and judging the Jr/YR show as an “L” graduate. She also is a USDF Associate Instructor and FEI competitor, and volunteers for The Dressage Foundation.

**Ninja Nissen** is currently a PVDA board member. She lives with her family in Ellicott City. Originally from Denmark, she started riding as a kid and from around the age of 12 became devoted to dressage. That devotion to dressage continued even during a long break during her university years. Ninja has a Master’s degree in the Danish language and Film and Media Science, and she has three kids! After moving to Maryland in 2008 she started riding again and with the help of local dressage friends she bought a nice warmblood in 2010.

**Shari Packard** has been a PVDA member for more than 25 years. She is currently a Board member, previously chairing the Membership Committee for six years, the USDF award winning Website for four years, and Board Secretary for three years. She also assists with various PVDA shows and educational projects as well as being a delegate at the USDF Convention in 2007. She was first introduced to dressage during her short tenure in Pony club where she graduated as a “B.” Since then she has been a devoted dressage fan and is currently working toward her USDF Bronze medal.

**Jocelyn Pearson** has been a member of PVDA since 1973. She attended the Horsemasters course that year and learned about PVDA at the Potomac Horse Center. During her time on the PVDA Board she has been the Volunteer Coordinator, on the Education committee and is currently the News Editor for The PVDA Newsletter. She enjoys riding, training her five horses at her farm in Leesburg, attending educational events and helping people new to dressage and riding. Jocelyn is retired from the U.S. Secret Service where she was an award-winning K-9 dog handler trained in explosive detection and attack work. Jocelyn is a USDF “L” Graduate with an active schooling show schedule.
Jaclyn Sicoli is a Maryland based dressage trainer, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, and “L” graduate. She spent many years as an active member of the dressage community in New Jersey before relocating to Maryland in November 2009. As a PVDA board member, Jaclyn has contributed training articles and photos to the newsletter and website on a regular basis, as well as organized educational events. As a trainer, Jaclyn has a diverse portfolio and business. Each day includes training young prospects and upper level horses as well as teaching students at many levels. Jaclyn's background includes a lifetime of horse experience, seven years as an apprentice trainer, and a B.S. in Biochemistry. Her family has always included animals of many kinds. Jaclyn currently shares her life with two horses and a dog.

Linda Speer has been an active PVDA member since 1980 and currently is serving her 23rd term on the PVDA Board chairing the Junior/Young Rider committee. She has organized many activities including the very successful USDF Region I Junior/Young Rider Team Championships as well as numerous clinics. Linda also has managed several licensed competitions, the PVDA Chapter Challenge Competition and organizes the PVDA booth at the annual Horse Expo at the Timonium Fairgrounds every January.

Kathryn Tedford has been on the board since 2011. She recently returned to Southern Maryland after three years in Ventura County, California. During this time, Kathryn was an active member of the California Dressage Society and Dressage Association of Southern California. She is currently an active member of both the St. Mary’s and Charles County chapters of PVDA and recently joined De La Brooke Foxhounds W Hunt Club. During the last year on the board, Kathryn acted as the In-House Volunteer Coordinator for the 2011 PVDA Ride for Life, as well as organized and chaired the event’s inaugural children’s activities project. Having two young daughters who share their mother’s love of dressage, the promotion of opportunities for children in dressage is extremely important to her. Kathryn lives with her wonderful husband and her very precocious daughters on their farm in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Betty Thorpe served on the PVDA board from 1994 to 1996 as the Volunteer Coordinator, and from 2002 to 2005 as Editor of The PVDA Newsletter. She continues to contribute articles to the newsletter. She was a delegate to the USDF annual meeting in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2008, and 2011 and serves on the Licensed Show committee. She was Vice President in 2008 and 2009, but the biggest challenge of all was serving as PVDA president in 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2011.

Michele Wellman has been a PVDA board member for two years, serving as Chairperson in 2011. Michele has also volunteered at numerous dressage shows and horse trials over the years and has managed PVDA schooling and licensed shows. In 2010, she volunteered to manage and coordinate the Ride for Life Committee leading up to the 2011 Ride for Life licensed show while also chairing the 2011 Dancing Horse Challenge evening performance. She hosts two PVDA schooling shows per year at her family farm, By Chance. Michele and her mom have owned and operated By Chance Farm in Union Bridge since 2002. Like many PVDA members, Michele has a full-time job that facilitates her horse habit and “on the side” she helps run the business.

Election Ballot

2012 PVDA Board of Directors

Please vote for 15 of the following 16 candidates by placing a check mark in the star to the left of the name. You may select a maximum of 15 candidates. Mail the ballot by November 1, 2011, to —Ingrid Gentry, P.O. Box 33, Dayton, MD 21036.

Kate Burg
Camilla Cornwell
Carolyn Del Grosso
David Geyer
Tedi Lesniewski
Rebekah Lusk
Mary Sue McCarthy
Hilary Moore
Ninja Nissen
Shari Packard
Jocelyn Pearson
Jaclyn Sicoli
Linda Speer
Kathryn Tedford
Betty Thorpe
Michele Wellman

Thanks for participating in the 2012 Board of Directors Election!
Make every dollar count...
twice.

Superior nutrition for your horse, double rewards to support The Ride For Life.

In support of the PVDA Ride for Life, Nutrena® will double all Club Support Rewards to PVDA Chapters that are submitted between June 24 and Dec. 31, 2011, up to an overall total of $3,000. Purchase any of the eligible Nutrena® products listed below, and submit the tags to your PVDA chapter to participate in this special Ribbon Rewards Program.


www.NutrenaWorld.com
27th Annual Waverly-on-Chester Chapter Challenge
Sunday, November 6, 2011
Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
Closing Date: October 8

It is time to get your teams together! Cooler weather and Chapter Challenge are right around the corner. If you can’t ride, come support your chapter while they compete in the 27th Annual Chapter Challenge. In addition to “bragging rights,” win lovely neck sashes and saddle pads. Help decorate your chapter’s barn area and win a prize. PVDA provides one complimentary hospitality stall per chapter.

Additional Awards:
Training Level High Score in Challenge Class: Elizabeth Pritchard Memorial Trophy
Second Level High Score: Fly Alex Fly Memorial Trophy

NEW!!! Dressage Seat Equitation Class Open to all Riders—Win $25

Note: Please use the new Individual Entry form for each rider/horse combination. Include a copy of current PVDA card, negative coggins and payment to PVDA. Use one Team Entry Form per division. Forms are available on PVDA website, fill-in format. Chapters must provide one volunteer per team. There will be plenty of warm-up with two arenas available. We hope the new covered arena will be available to use.

Contact Linda Speer, Show Manager, wlspeer@verizon.net OR Wendy Emblin, Show Secretary for volunteer positions, emblin@aol.com. Send entries to Liz Erwin, 1221 Taft St., Rockville, MD 20850, LERwin9858@aol.com.
Get your entries in early!

---

Annual Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series

Clarksville Chapter membership is not required to participate. All shows held at Stonebrook Farm 6300 Guilford Rd. Clarksville, Md.
$25 per test

Sunday, December 11, 2011, with Hallie Ahrnsbrak (L)
Sunday, January 8, 2012, Judge TBD
Sunday, March 4, 2012 with Evelyn Pfoutz (L)
Make up date: March 25, 2012 (if a show is canceled)

For more information contact
Patty Blanchard, mellow.cello@gmail.com

---

MARY FLOOD
USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR/TRAINER
At Wildfire Farm
Lovettsville, Virginia
In northern VA, convenient to DC and MD

540-682-4741
www.wildfirefarm.com
maryflood@aol.com

CORRECT CLASSICAL TRAINING FOR
THE ADULT AMATEUR, YOUNG RIDER,
AND COMPETITOR
YOU WILL WORK WITH AN EXPERIENCED EXPERT
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: NOVEMBER 2011; DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10; DISTRIBUTION: early NOVEMBER 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 (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

The Potomac Valley Dressage Association and the PVDA Newsletter are not responsible for the content of paid advertisements or the opinions and statements expressed in articles with a byline. These opinions are those of the author and not necessarily of the Potomac Valley Dressage Association or its Board of Directors. Reproduction of articles, in whole or in part, by permission only. newsletter@pvda.org.

Advertise in the PVDA Newsletter! newsletter@pvda.org for information

---

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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>1 year</th>
<th>2 year</th>
<th>Life</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Junior Affiliate (under 18)*</td>
<td>$35</td>
<td>$55</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Young Adult (18-21)*</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adult*</td>
<td>$45</td>
<td>$75</td>
<td>$599</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family (priced for two)* **</td>
<td>$65</td>
<td>$115</td>
<td>N/A</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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

- Senior (65 and over) | $35 | $55 | N/A |
- Patron | $65 | $115 | N/A |
- Business Affiliate | $90 | $165 | N/A |

I have previously been a member ☐ yes ☐ no

Name _____________________________________________

Family PVDA Members ____________________________

Street ___________________________________________

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
☐ USEF technical delegate
☐ dressage instructor
☐ breeder

☐ dressage trainer
☐ USEF technical delegate
☐ dressage instructor

☐ breeder

☐ Do not send me a printed newsletter. (Newsletters are available online at www.pvda.org).

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

Send to: Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791

For more information about becoming a PVDA member, contact Michele Wellman at membership@pvda.org or call 301-873-3496.
SEPTEMBER PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: September 12, 2011; Meeting #507
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.
Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:11 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, Carolyn Del Grosso, Linda Speer, David Geyer, Tim Lewthwaite, Camilla Cornwell, Michele Wellman, Hilary Moore, Jen Funk, Jocelyn Pearson, Jackie Sicoli, Kathryn Tedford, Kate Burgy
Members Absent: Ninja Nissen
Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry, Wendy Emblin, Pat Artimovich, Layn Lesniewski

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $98.09
General Fund: $13,371.92
Schooling Shows: $3,448.87
Money Market: $16,812.52
CDs: $18,288.79
Total: $52,020.19

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Education: The Vitor Silva clinic, October 8 & 9, 2011 has all rider slots filled. There is room for auditors.
National Liaison: Christopher Hess will be the featured trainer at the USDF Trainer’s conference in Loxahatchee, Florida, in February 2012.
Nominating: There are 16 nominees for the 2012 year. Voting will be via snail mail and online.
Scholarships: Jeannette Bair was awarded a $500 scholarship. She will be training with Bent Jensen.
Shows Recognized: It was suggested the licensed Loch Moy show move to Labor day weekend in order to offer competitors another chance at qualifying for the BLM championships.
Shows Schooling: Carolyn Del Grosso moved that only facility owners have the authority to cancel schooling shows. This was passed by the board.
Sponsorships: Pat Artimovich presented the Nutrena & DTC sponsorship agreements for review for next year. More members are needed to find sponsorships. Pat suggested a committee be formed to define what PVDA wants as sponsorships (goods, cash, educational items) and then solicit sponsors. Kate Burgy, Kathryn Tedford and David Geyer volunteered to start a wish list for PVDA as well as a no-go list.
New Business: Layn Lesniewski presented the board with the idea that MD PVDA members have a specialized PVDA license plate from the MVA. MVA requires a minimum 25 plates/$25 each to initiate a specialized plate for an organization with logo. The next step is to see if horse trailer license plates can be included and to research if there is enough member interest to have PVDA specialized plates. Shari Packard will coordinate with Layn in moving forward.

NEXT MEETING: October 3, 2011, at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. 7 p.m. For info: Tim Lewthwaite, 410-381-0433.
Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.
• Please take a moment to help us improve our schooling show program. Take our online survey at http: www.surveymonkey.com/s/M5C5SCX. Final date to take the survey is 11/30/11. Thank you!