The Show Issue

PVDA scholarship recipient Hannah Irons at Lendon Grey’s Winter Intensive Program.

Photo by Polly Irons
Calendar of Events

February
15 Janna Dyer Clinic at Gladden Farm, Street, Md (North of Jarrettsville). All levels welcome. Contact Amy Hartman 410-937-2435
21 Winter Schooling Show at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, Va. Overnight stabling available. Fix a test available 3pm to 7pm on the night before the show. Enter show at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/dressage-entry.htm
22 FADS Schooling Show at Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org
28 PVDA’s Annual Tea is for Training at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Free for PVDA members, $20 for non-members. Come and learn about the many show volunteer jobs available, plus a wonderful lunch. Good place to network. Contact Annmari Ingersoll at annmari.ingersoll@pvda.org

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15 USDF Region I Spring Meeting, Hassler’s at Chesapeake City, Md. See www.usdfregion1.org
21-22 PVDA New Test Clinic with Janet Foy. See www.pvda.org
21 "Ice Breaker" Schooling Show at Pleasant Ridge Farm, contact Janice at pleasantridgefarm1@comcast.net
22 VADA/Nova Schooling Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org
22 FADS Schooling Show at Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org

April
4-5 VADA/Nova Licensed Competition at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org
11-12 Jane Savoie Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Shari Glickman at 301-351-5530 or see www.goodnessridge.com
17-21 Erik Herbermann Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact ehchorse@aol.com for more information.

May
2-3 Shannon Dueck Clinic at GoodNess Ridge Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Shari Glickman at 301-351-5530 or see www.goodnessridge.com
16-17 PVDA Annual Spring Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.pvda.org

June
5 VADA/Nova Summer I Licensed Competition. See www.vadanova.org

PVDA’s Tea is for Training

Training for PVDA Dressage Show Volunteers

Learn how to perform the skilled show jobs that make our dressage shows possible. Meet new people and enjoy a delicious traditional afternoon high tea with soup, sandwiches, and refreshments.

Training includes:
• Ring set-up
• Scorer
• Scribe
• Ring steward
• Runner
• Bit/equipment check
• Show manager/secretary
• Show prep
• and more!

Saturday, February 28, 2015
9 am - 2 pm
Chesapeake Dressage Institute
2630 Mas Que Farm Road
Annapolis, MD 21403

Registration Required
FREE to PVDA members
$20 for nonmembers

This event is mandatory for ALL PVDA schooling and licensed show managers, but everyone is welcome!

To register contact Annmari Ingersoll - annmari.ingersoll@pvda.org or online at www.pvda.org
Tea is for Training
Join us on Saturday, February 28 at the Chesapeake Dressage Institute in Annapolis for our annual volunteer training event! Learn how to perform the skilled show jobs that make our dressage shows possible. Meet new people and enjoy a delicious traditional afternoon high tea with soup, sandwiches, and refreshments. The event is mandatory for all PVDA schooling and licensed show managers, but all are welcome! PVDA members attend for free, non-members $20. Contact Annmari Ingersoll at annmari.ingersoll@pvda.org to register.

Janet Foy New Test Clinic
Join us March 21-22 at the beautiful Wyndham Oaks facility in Boyds, Md for a comprehensive review of the NEW 2015 USDF dressage tests with dressage judge Janet Foy. Janet is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medalist and is currently an FEI “U” judge, a USEF “S” judge, and a USEF Sporthorse “R” breeding judge. Contact organizer Mary Sue McCarthy at 410-979-7744, register to audit with PVDA member Claire Lacey at (301) 854-1371, or see the ad on pg. 9 for more details. Links to all downloadable USEF, USDF, USEA, and FEI dressage tests can be found on the PVDA website at http://www.pvda.org/shows/dressage-tests/.

Congratulations USDF Medal Winner!
Congratulations to PVDA member Elizabeth O’Connor for earning her USDF silver medal with the help of her partner, 15 year old Bugsy!

Hi Everyone,

As we suffer through snow, sleet, wind, and dead of night it is time to start thinking of show season and we must be prepared. We are keeping the same system in place as last year so if you are signed up with Equestrian Entries you are all set. I know we had a bit of a rough start, but by the end of the season we were really clicking along. As a competitor, I totally understand and share the frustration many of you felt in trying to cope with all the changes the last few years. But as a show manager, I so totally appreciate your sticking with it and working things through online. It makes the entry process a breeze and accuracy is assured for both rider and high score reporting. As always, you only need to get your horse name, your contact info, emergency contact info, member number (if you are a member), and class info into the entry. Then, if you wish, you can upload your documents and pay online and you are done. If not, all you do is print the entry form and send in with your documents, volunteer certificates, and check. IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL, there is help available from four sources. 1) Equestrian entries help desk is wonderful, helpme@eqentries.com, 2) Christina Dale- please give her a call at 301-247-6042 or email christina.dale@pvda.org, 3) Carolyn Del Grosso, at 301-509-9566 or email me at carolyn.delgrosso@pvda.org, and 4) Valerie Mallder- at valerie.mallder@pvda.org. Know that we all want to help and can get you the help you need. We all do have full time jobs so try to give us options on contact methods and time to get back to you. Thanks and lets really go out

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Tri-County Dressage
Submitted by Hallie Arnsbrak

The Tri-County Dressage Chapter’s final event for 2014 was a holiday party held at Pam and Roger Link’s home. There was a wide range of yummy food, a gift exchange and a drawing for the door prize that was presented by Jo Ellen Hayden and Julie Gross. The winner was Linda Landis!

To recap our 2014 calendar of events: we have had seven meetings (this does not include the activities that we had). The meetings are either held at a member’s house or a restaurant. If it is at a house, then we post a sign-up sheet on perfectpotluck.com so everyone brings an appetizer to share; this makes the meetings more of a social event that promotes a positive atmosphere and camaraderie.

Our first educational seminar of the year was, “An Introduction to Balimo” with Barbara Strawson. Barbara gave a wonderful presentation with exercises that we all participated in.

Our next event was a tack swap that we held in conjunction with PVDA’s Bluebird Farm schooling show.

Next on the list was the headphone commentary with Linda Zang. It was held at PVDA’s Ride for Life. Linda commented on the PSG class. It was an excellent commentary. There were a wide range of horse and riders, and not only did Linda give us scores she would give, she gave a detailed description of why. This event was free for any of our members, as are most events.

Our next educational seminar was with Nicole Rombach, PhD. Nicole is an expert in her field and very passionate about biomechanics. The presentation was incredibly informative and detailed. She even had videos of a dissection to show the muscle groups.

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In August, we had a “Silent Auction and Summer Social”. This was a huge event for us that required all of our membership to be very active with, and everyone really put forth an amazing effort. This is and will be our one fundraising effort each year. The purpose of the event is to raise money to continue with educational seminars. We had the social at Dodon Winery. We had a wide array of donations for the silent auction: Oriole tickets, an outing on a yacht, a lesson on a FEI horse, etc. We raised $2300!

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2015 Lesson Lottery Program

By Betty Thorpe

The PVDA Lesson Lottery program gives PVDA members who are Adult Amateurs and JR/YRs a chance to take one lesson and sample an instructor in our area. The cost to Adults is $50 and to JR/YR is $45. The list of instructors who have agreed to participate and donate a lesson is below with their biography. The proceeds from this program will go to support other PVDA educational opportunities.

If you are interested in entering the lottery, send in an application with your check for each instructor you are applying for. You can apply for up to three instructors. **Applications will be accepted until April 1.** Matches will be made then, or if there are numerous applications for the same instructor, a name will be drawn out of a hat. The lessons are to be taken between May and November of the current year. Once there is a winner of a lottery with one of the instructors, it is up to the winner to contact the instructor and set up a time. Remember these are busy professionals so give them plenty of leeway. It is up to the winner to travel to the instructor.

Send a separate check for each lesson you apply for, payable to PVDA. Send checks, application, and signed release to: Betty Thorpe, 2208 Washington Avenue #101A, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Checks for lessons that are not used will be sent back or shredded. Any instructors who are interested in donating a lesson for next year should contact Betty Thorpe.

**Brandi Benedict** is the resident trainer at SonRise Stables in Lovettsville, Virginia. She has her Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Brandi has extensive experience working with young horses as well as training horses to the FEI level. Brandi has worked with such notable trainers as Steffen Peters, Michael Klimke, Linda Zang, Ingo Pape, John Winnert and Anne Gribbons. Brandi regularly works with “S” judge Heidi Berry and US Young Horse coach Scott Hassler.

**Michael Bragdell** joined Hilltop Farm in 1995, where he now holds the position of trainer and professional handler. Seven of the youngsters that Michael has started at Hilltop have gone on to top finishes in the USEF/Markel Young Horse National Championships. Michael is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, as well as a USDF Certified Instructor through Second Level.

**Brendan Curtis** is an accomplished rider and trainer. He began training seriously when he was accepted as a working student for Felicitas Von Neumann-Cosel in Woodbine, Maryland. After five years building a solid foundation in classical dressage with Felicitas, Brendan was offered the opportunity to move to Raleigh, North Carolina to be an assistant trainer with Jim Koford. In 2010, Brendan opened his own training facility and is currently operating in the Mid-Atlantic region.

**Phoebe Devoe-Moore** is a USEF “r” Dressage Judge, USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, and Bronze Bar Medalist. In 1999, she built Thornridge Manor in Glen Arm, MD. Both Phoebe and her students have been awarded USDF HOY and USDF All Breeds National Rankings, as well as regional and local championship awards. Phoebe has coached her students to achieve their USDF Bronze and Silver Medals.

**Janna Dyer** is a USDF Gold Medalist who has studied with Georg Heyser, Jessica Ransehausen and Robert Dover. She received a USEF/Asmis grant to study at Dr. Reiner Klimke’s stable, having competed heavily and successfully on several different horses at CDI-W’s at all FEI levels.

**Jaralyn Finn** is a USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalist and a graduate with distinction of the USDF “L” judge program. In 2012, she also earned her USDF Gold Bar for musical freestyles. Jaralyn is a trainer at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds, MD. Jaralyn trains her own horses and a few select full training horses at her Shepherd’s Run Farm in Poolesville, MD.

**Mary Flood** has devoted 40+ years to learning and improving her riding technique and her knowledge of dressage. She has successfully trained and competed a number of horses at the FEI Level. Her European training has led to many awards and accomplishments including winning the prestigious Grand Prix at Devon and Festival of Champions. She has also earned all 3 USDF Medals. Mary is a USDF Certified National Level Instructor and Trainer. She constantly keeps updated by attending the USDF Symposiums, attends and has ridden in the USDF Trainer Conferences, and attends and has been demonstration rider for National and International Judges Forums.

**Alison Head** is a USDF bronze, silver, and gold medalist. She was long-listed with the USEF in 1993 and 1994 with Granus. A USEF “R” judge (and currently accepted into the S program), she operates Looking Glass Farm, where she teaches and

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trains riders and horses at all levels through FEI. Alison is currently President of both VADA/Nova and VADA and is on the USEF Dressage Committee.

Jackie Kinney was fortunate to begin working with a wonderful mentor, international judge and Olympian Major Rethy, as a teenager. She is a graduate A pony clubber, and has worked with many of the greats, including John Winnett, Hilda Gurney, Gunnar Ostergaard, Alexa Schulten-Baumer, and Linda Zang. She continues to ride in clinics that are hosted at her barn on Maryland’s eastern shore, Horses in Harmony. As a teacher for 35 years she has a love for showing amateur riders and young horses the ease of riding correctly and with a compassion for the horse. She continues to take riders to shows and competes herself with two FEI horses that she started as babies.

Becky Langwost-Barlow is a USDF certified instructor to fourth level and has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals. She was the first recipient of the Dressage Foundation scholarship and trained with Dr. Klimke in Germany. She has won many GAIG and BLM finals on numerous horses up to and including Grand Prix.

Silva Martin passed her Bereiters exam at the German Riding School in Warendorf with an “excellent” mark and worked for noted horsemens Paul Beck, Rudolf Zeilinger and Hubertus Schmidt. Since moving to the US Silva has enjoyed continuing competitive success at major shows In 2011 Silva and Faye Woolf’s young horse Aesthete were named to the Developing Horse/Rider list.

Julio Mendoza is an FEI International Trainer and Instructor, a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist. Pan American Competitor, and is proud to be based in Maryland. Julio has been training dressage horses for over 25 years. Julio specializes in classical competitive dressage and natural dressage-based horsemanship and he has trained and successfully competed several horses and students up to Grand Prix Level. He is an upbeat, positive and passionate teacher who gives 100% to his students. Come take a lesson on your horse or one of our schoolmasters. Julio teaches all levels of dressage, long lining, and in hand work specializing in the Piaffe and Passage.

Hilary Moore-Hebert is an FEI-level competitor and USDF “L” Education Program Graduate. She is the resident head trainer at Alsikkan Farm in Germantown, MD, as well as contributing editor at Dressage Today magazine. Hebert recently made headlines for taking a $1 horse to compete at Devon, multiple regional championships and the USDF Nationals.

Ulla Parker is a Danish native and resides on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She is a Master Bereiter and USDF silver medalist. She has trained with and worked for top trainers in both Europe and the States, among them Mikala Gundersen, Lars Petersen, and Scott Hassler. She has ridden in clinics with Michael Klimke, Debbie McDonald, Ingo Pape and Steffen Peters. Ulla has shown horses in the 4, 5 and 6 year old USEF National Young Horse Championship and has many championships at Dressage at Devon. She won the East Coast Selection Trial for 6 year olds in 2012 and was qualified to go to Verden. In 2014 her students earned Silver medals, Regional Championships, BLM championships and placed in the top 10 at the National Championship.

Vanessa Swartz is the president, owner, and manager of Windsor Manor Stables, Sandy Spring, MD. She started riding horses in the early 1970s and began her professional career in 1980. Daily life deals with the management and care of her own competition horses as well as 30 boarders and a small collection of lesson horses. An accomplished Grand Prix rider and trainer, Vanessa trains clients horses at all levels. She is also well known for her work with Freestyles.

Erin Sweeney began her dressage career at November Hill and Hilton Farms working for several years under German certified Reitlehrer Gerd Zuther. Over the years dressage horses Erin has shown have achieved scores as high as 80% in USEF tests, FEI/USEF young horse classes, and Materiale classes.

Barbara Strawson is a USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medalist and has trained and competed horses from USDF Training Level through FEI Grand Prix. From 2001 to the end of 2004, Barbara trained in Germany with Nicole Uphoff, four-time Olympic Gold Medalist. Barbara brings over 20 years of experience to her business, which she began in 2005.

JJ Tate has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. She was a member of the USDF Region 2 NAYRC Dressage Team in 1996, 1997, and 1999. JJ represented the United States in the

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World Breeding Championships for Young Dressage Horses in Verden, Germany in 2007, where she finished seventh in the Small Final, the highest of all U.S. riders.

Roy Topping has been riding and training horses for more than 20 years. He has started horses at training level and taken them up the ladder to be successful competitors at FEI. As both an active competitor and experienced trainer, Roy has the ability and the tools to find the balance between a rider’s desire and the needs of their horse, and truly take them both to the next level in their riding. Roy’s personal training experiences have included an apprenticeship with Klaus Balkenhol, German dressage Olympian and coach of the German Olympic team. Roy also worked with Felicitas von Neumann Cosel for more than eight years. Roy is also a 2013 USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist.

Marija Treischman is originally from Sweden. She has trained with Herbert Rehbein in Germany and with Jan Brink in Sweden. She also rode many years with Gunnar Ostegaard. Her training and boarding barn, Exhalt Farm, is in Harwood, MD. She has trained horses at all levels to Grand Prix and enjoys teaching. She has trained several students to their Gold Medal.

Felicitas Von Neumann-Cosel placed first in her native Germany when completing her “Reitlehrer” (federally certified instructor) certification. She also graduated with the highest score ever awarded up to that time. Felicitas has also served as a USDF examiner for the Instructor’s Certification Program here in the United States. Since 1984, Felicitas has managed First Choice Farm and trained many horses to Grand Prix level.

Lesson Lottery Program Release

I, ____________________________, do acknowledge that horseback riding poses potentially serious risks of injuries to participants and bystanders. I understand that persons or property may be injured as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I understand that horses may be unpredictable and difficult to control. With this knowledge, and as an inducement for the landowners and organizers to allow me to ride on the grounds, I agree to waive any and all rights that I or my family may have to make a claim against the Potomac Valley Dressage Association, landowners, farms, their agents, employees, organizers, members, or officers arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse that I am riding. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless all the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which may be made on my behalf by others, or which may be made against me and/or the Potomac Valley Dressage Association by others, arising from riding, or due to my presence, on the premises, on the meeting grounds, private lands, or public roads used by the PVDA function. THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY CLAIM HAS BEEN READ CAREFULLY AND CLEARLY REPRESNTS MY INTENT WHEN SIGNING IT.
PVDA Now Allowing Non-members to Ride in Schooling Shows

By Valerie Mallder

Tell all your friends! PVDA now welcomes non-PVDA members to ride in PVDA schooling shows. This change to our schooling show program provides the opportunity to any rider in the Potomac Valley area who has ever been curious about riding in a PVDA schooling show to participate in one (or more) shows without having to commit to a full year of membership. The non-member will pay a $10 fee (per show) to ride in a PVDA schooling show, and they can ride in as many schooling shows as they want. If, later in the show season, the rider wants to become a PVDA member, then all of the scores they earned while riding in a show as a non-member will count towards winning a Year End High Score Award.

Riders must be a PVDA member in order to receive a Year End High Score Award, and they must meet all of the other Year End Award eligibility requirements as well.

In addition, to being able to apply all scores earned as a non-member during the show season to Year End awards, all non-member fees the rider has paid to ride in PVDA schooling shows during the season will be deducted from the membership fee for the membership type they choose. For example, if a Junior or Young Rider rides in two schooling shows as a non-member and has paid $20 in non-member fees, and then the rider decides they want to become a member for 1 year, $20 will be deducted from the 1 year Junior/Young Rider membership fee of $45 and the rider will have to pay only the remaining $25 to become a member.

We are very excited about this new change to PVDA’s Schooling Show Program. PVDA has not allowed non-members to attend our schooling shows in the past and we hope this change will give a larger community of riders the opportunity to enjoy PVDA’s Schooling Show Program. If you have any questions about riding in a PVDA schooling show as a non-member, or would like to provide any feedback on this change, please send an email to schoolingshows@pvda.org. For more information about PVDA’s Awards Programs please visit the PVDA website www.pvda.org, or send your questions to awards@pvda.org, or call Valerie Mallder at 410-268-0820 and leave a message.
Dressage Winter Intensive Training Program - Part 2

By Hannah Irons

Photo by Polly Irons

Little Pea and I have arrived safely to Wellington, Florida and have had a great start to the Winter Intensive Training Program (WIT). We split up the 20 hour drive from Maryland to south Florida over two days. Little Pea traveled very well, and other then a flat trailer tire the first day, it was a great trip. Thanks to my mom and dad for getting us safely to Florida (my dad had the flat tire changed in 15 minutes).

We arrived at Hampton Green Farm on New Year’s Day. What a great way to start off 2015! Hampton Green Farm is absolutely amazing and Little Pea must think she is on vacation in a tropical paradise. Thank you Kim Boyer for offering your fabulous stable to all the WIT riders, and to Lendon for making it happen! Little Pea loves the lush green grass and warm sunny weather; it has been around 75-80 degrees most days. We arrived a few days early to let Little Pea settle in and adjust to all the changes...especially the temperature. She seems very happy and settled right in.

After a few days of rest from the long travel, I rode Little Pea in Florida for the first time. Little Pea was very tense and excited so I lunged her to get her bucks and frisky energy out. Little Pea is making lots of new friends in the barn and I have enjoyed meeting some great girls that also love horses and dressage.

Our first ride with Lendon went very well and Little Pea was great! Being our first lesson with Lendon in Florida, she mostly just watched to see what we needed to work on and where we were at in our training. Lendon was happy with our progress since she saw us this summer at the Courtney King-Dye Horsemastership Clinic. Lendon said Little Pea was much more through and looked more like an upper level horse.

I have been learning so much in our lessons and we have lots to work on! I have been working mostly on sitting level in both seat bones in the lateral work and not getting too braced in my arms. I like that Lendon not only works to improve the horse but the rider as well, which is very important. Little Pea and I have also been working on our half passes, shoulder-in, simple changes, and collected canter. We have even started some flying changes.

Below are a few key notes I wanted to share from my lessons with Lendon:

1. Make sure to never let the hunches lead in half pass. Start with more shoulders, then add the hunches and sideways. I need to work on sitting in the direction of the half pass.

2. In the shoulder-in make sure that it is the shoulders that come in off the track instead of the hunches falling out. My inside leg must stay at the girth to control angle and bend and the outside is leg back but not on to keep the hunches from swinging out.

3. Do not bend too much to the outside in canter, it throws the horse out of balance and on to the inside shoulder.

4. When trotting around in the warm up, do lots of little "whoas", slow trot, and check in with the half halt and control so she does not run. We all know Little Pea does not have an issue with going forward!

We have been doing lots of interesting lectures on everything from sport horse shoeing to how to talk to the press. Last week we watched some of the Robert Dover Horsemastership clinic, another Dressage 4 kids clinic that was held at the Wellington show grounds a few minutes away. Last night the WIT group went to the show grounds and watched the Adequan Global Dressage Festival Grand Prix Freestyles. It was a lot of fun watching some of the best horses in the country perform at the highest level to music. Oh, and the fitness has started and boy am I sore!! It was a great first week of WIT and I am excited about next week!

15 Key Notes From Lessons and Lectures This Week

1. Fix the horses shoulders if he is crooked not the hunches.

2. Do not tell the horse what not to do...tell him what to do!
3. The horse needs a place where his energy can go, otherwise they feel too restrained and get tense.
4. In the shoulder-in, make sure it is the shoulders coming in, not the hunches swinging out.
5. When showing, make sure you halt for 3 seconds before going forward again.
6. Have high standards for yourself, your horse, and your students.
7. More expensive helmets are not safer. They all have the same testing.
8. It is most important that your horse understands forward.
9. Judge testing is getting harder.
10. The US and Canada are some of the only countries where judges get paid at the FEI level.
11. The horse will often be more forward and willing to let go after the canter work.
12. The strongest control point and most sensitive point on the horse is the palate.
13. Dressage is a sport and an art.
14. If we can bring a horse to a half halt and perfect state of balance anything is possible.
15. Shoes on a horse improves traction and protection of the hoof.

Thank you for reading and stay tuned for the next update!

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**2015 PVDA Show Schedule**

Work to complete the PVDA Show Schedule for 2015 is still in progress, but we want to share the dates for the shows we have confirmed as of the newsletter submission deadline. Please look for schooling show schedule updates in future newsletters and on the PVDA website.

**2015 PVDA USEF Licensed/USDF Recognized Shows**

5/16-17/2015 PVDA Spring Show at Morven Park
6/20-21/2015 PVDA Ride For Life at PG Equestrian Center
8/29/2015 PVDA at Loch Moy Farm #1
8/30/2015 PVDA at Loch Moy Farm #2

**2015 PVDA Schooling Shows (partial list)**

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✦ ‘11 Prem. Oldenburg blk. geld. by Stedinger (Sandro Hit/Landadel) out of Baronessa (Day Dream/Rubinstein I), named Foal of Distinction at his inspection as well as Res. Champ. colt of the entire North American tour. In Aug. 2014, was shown in hand and at liberty at the Spy Coast Young Horse Show and tied for 1st place (placing 2nd) with a score of 8.12. Has been lightly started u/s saddle at W/T/C and will be suitable for either a serious dressage or a hunter career. Pics/videos at http://www.goodnessridge.com/foals/shameless/ Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net on bea

Boarding
✦ Windy Oak Farm has stalls open for full care board on beautiful farm loc. on 21+ ac. in the rolling hills of Fred. Co. Loc. 5 min. outside Libertytown, and close to Frederick, Mt. Airy, Union Bridge, and Westminster. Facility has an ind. coverall arena w/full wall of mirrors, regulation size dressage outdoor, 12x12 matted stalls, ind. matted h/e wash stall, matted aisle, plenty of small group t/o in fields w/4-brd double fencing. Exercise track around property. Small facility, ideal for amateur pleasure dressage and eventing riders, quiet, laid back and friendly atmosph., with exc. care for your horses. Owners live and work on premises Rebekah Lusk, 410-635-6036 or see: www.windyoakfarm.com
✦ One stall coming avail. in March 2015 for your special dressage horse. Top quality amenities, incl. beautiful ind. arena, all-inclusive board, and highly personalized care. Pvt. or semi-private t/o and a really pleasant group of boarders. Bring your own trainer or ride with one of ours. Reg. clinics w/internationally renowned trainers. See www.goodnessridge.com for more info, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net
✦ Two stalls avail. near downtown Frederick. Sm. personal feel. A great place to train w/o pressure or to return to riding. Two well-schooled lesson horses avail. Full care, lg. new box stalls, lush pastures, exp. care & lessons on premises. New dressage arena. Huge tack/seminar room & bathroom. Debra Nissen, New World Stables, LLC, 301-717-4894. Visit Facebook or http://NewWorldStables.weebly.com

Equipment
✦ 17” Black Country Eloquence dressage saddle, med-wide tree, very comf., almost new, $1,800, Mary McEwan, 301-602-1043
✦ 1) 17” Custom Saddlery blk. Steffen Peters Advantage Signature Series mono flap, med. tree, super comf., in exc. cond., only 1.5 yrs old, $2,000/obo
2) 17” County blk. Drespri, med tree, versatile for dressage, jumping, and trail riding because of its movable flap, $600/obo, Lisa Holtz, 301-598-1271 or email: njholztfamily@hotmail.com. Pics avail. upon request.
✦ 17.5” Courbette Luxor brn. dressage/AP saddle, med-wide tree, wool flocking, short billets, brown. Almost new, would fit average/low withers. This saddle would be perfect for PC or lower-level eventing, $600/obo. Debra Nissen, 301-717-4894 or email: NewWorldStables@hotmail.com for pics.
18” like NEW (only 3 mos old) PDS blk. Showtime dressage saddle w/interchangeable med. and med/wide plates and Corto panel. Absolutely perfect cond. Retails at $2,500, for sale at $1,900, Mimi Mack, 301-748-6844

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**MARCH 2015 ISSUE CLASSIFIEDS DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

**RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

The Rider Achievement Awards Program recognizes riders for scores earned at PVDA schooling shows and USEF/USDF licensed shows.

**General Information**

There are 12 separate awards for qualifying scores earned at PVDA schooling shows and USEF/USDF licensed shows for Introductory thru Fourth Level.

An award may be earned once per level per rider for schooling shows, and once per level per rider for licensed shows.

The rider must be a PVDA member in good standing at the time the qualifying scores were earned.

Proof of PVDA membership at the time the scores were earned is required. No exceptions.

**Qualifying Scores**

Four qualifying scores must be submitted for each award:

- USDF Introductory Level – 65%
- USEF Training Level – 63%
- USEF First Level – 62%
- USEF Second Level and above – 60%

The scores must be earned at any PVDA-sponsored schooling, or any open USEF/USEF licensed dressage show (not breed-restricted shows).

Scores must be earned under at least three different judges and from at least two different shows.

All scores must be earned after January 1, 2005. Scores for Third and Fourth Level awards must be earned after January 1, 2012. Scores for Introductory Level at licensed shows awards must be earned after January 1, 2014.

**How to Apply**

Download the Rider Achievement Award Score Report Form from the PVDA website and follow the instructions on the form.

Submissions via email or US mail are accepted.
Are You Ready For The 2015 Schooling Show Season?

By Valerie Mallder

The 2015 show season will soon be upon us. Now is the time to begin your show season planning and preparations. The more prepared you are, the less likely you are to be faced with unexpected (and sometimes unpleasant) surprises at the last minute. We all know how stressful riding in a show can be. A little bit of advanced preparation will go a long way to help you have a successful show season rather than a stressful show season. So, here are some tips and lessons learned that may help make your show season the best it can be!

✦ Renew your PVDA membership early. Don't wait until the last minute before a show to renew.
✦ Don't lose your membership card! To avoid paying the non-member fee, a copy of your membership card must be submitted with each schooling show entry.
✦ Make sure your horse has an up-to-date negative Coggins test report. The date of the test must be within one year of the show date you are planning to ride in.
✦ Make sure you have a copy of a signed PVDA Release Form to submit with each schooling show entry.
✦ If you do not own the horse that you ride, make sure to get the owner’s signature on the PVDA Release form. Familiarize yourself with Year End Award requirements. If you are interested in the Year End High Score Award Program, make sure to read the requirements for the awards. The program requirements are located here: http://www.pvda.org/awards_pages/year-end-high-score-awards/.
✦ Have a backup plan. If you plan to ride in specific shows in order to meet the requirements for Year End Awards, make sure to add another show to your list that can be your “backup” in case something happens.

PVDA uses EquestrianEntries.com to accept schooling show entries. If you don’t have access to a computer, don’t worry. Please read the article on PVDA’s new Show Entry Services program, also in this newsletter on page 18. EquestrianEntries.com is a web-based horse show entry system that has been around for a few years. It was originally developed to help riders enter USEF Licensed/USDF Recognized shows, but now the system is also used for entering schooling shows. If you have never used EquestrianEntries.com before, please read the article on page 20 in this newsletter entitled, “Quick Start With EquestrianEntries.com” for instructions on how to get started using the system. It does take a little bit of time to setup an account profile, so don’t wait until the last minute.

If you are familiar with EquestrianEntries.com and already have a user account, here are some tips to spruce up your profile and help you avoid some of the more common mistakes we encountered during the 2014 schooling show season.

✦ Make sure your EquestrianEntries.com account is up-to-date. Login now and confirm all of your information is correct and nothing has changed.
✦ Make sure you enter your PVDA membership number and select PVDA as your GMO in the “Local/FEI Memberships” section of your profile. This will ensure you are not inadvertently charged the $10 non-member fee.
✦ Do not enter the same PVDA membership number for multiple people in your profile. Only the rider needs to be a PVDA member in order to avoid the non-member fee. Owners and trainers do not need to be PVDA members.
✦ When selecting the class you want to ride in, make sure you also select the “Division” you belong in. This helps us to identify your rider status (Adult Amateur, Jr/YR, or Professional) for Year End Awards.
✦ If you have uploaded your show entry documents, don’t forget to attach the documents to your show entry. No documents are selected or attached to your entry by default. Therefore, you must physically select each one you want to attach.
✦ Respond to entry confirmation emails from the show manager. When the show manager sends you a confirmation of your show entry via email, make sure you open it, read it, and go to the website link contained in the email. That link will show you the status of your entry and tell you whether your entry is complete. It will also contain a personal message to you from the show manager. After reviewing your entry, make sure you hit the “confirm” or “reject” button and/or leave your message for the show manager.
2014 PVDA Rider Achievement Award Recipients

For Outstanding Scores at Recognized Shows

Fourth Level: Jennifer Foulon
Third Level: Elizabeth Knight, Jennifer Foulon
Second Level: Ali Calkins
First Level: Stephani Bann, Caitlyn Fiolka, Mimi Mack
Training Level: Shera Solomon, Claire Hill, Danielle Fleegle, Mimi Mack

For Outstanding Scores at PVDA Schooling Shows

Third Level: Rebecca Douglass
Second Level: Judy Strohmaier, Hilary Walker, Jeanine Holtsberg, Deborah Athens, Kelli Williams
First Level: Traci Melvin, Annabel Winters-McCabe, Abby Krohn, Deborah Athens
Training Level: Morgan Whipp, Whitney Johnson, Deanna Williford, Nancy Albrecht, C. Jane Cox, Celia Henein
Introductory Level: Morgan Whipp, Emma Jacobs, Celia Henein, Allison Stork, Alison Laszewski, Tina Parks, Mary-Pat Hedges

Congratulations to all of our Rider Achievement Award Recipients. Wishing you a wonderful 2015 on your journey in Dressage!
Eligibility: PVDA schooling shows are open to current PVDA members and non-members. Non-members must pay a non-member fee of $10.

Classes Offered: All schooling shows offer classes in current USDF (Intro Level), USEF (Training through 4th Levels), FEI (PSG through Grand Prix), USEF Dressage Seat Equitation, USDF and FEI Musical Freestyles, USDF Pas de Deux, USDF Quadrille, USEF Eventing Tests (Beginner Novice through Advanced), USEF Rider Tests (Training through Second level). Riders are responsible for providing all necessary musical equipment. The Pas de Deux and Quadrille tests may be ridden with or without music. Special tests (i.e. Gaited Horse, Pony Club tests, Western Dressage) may be ridden hors concours (score does not count toward end-of-year awards and a ribbon is not provided). PVDA does not provide these special tests; the competitor must supply the test to the schooling show manager upon arrival at the show.

Repeat Tests: The same horse/rider combination may enter and ride the same test twice but only the first ride will count toward placing in the class and in the PVDA Year End Awards. The second ride must be ridden hors concours unless a scratch can be filled in another arena in front of a different judge.

Riding before an Instructor/Coach Judge: No rider may compete in classes before a judge from whom they have received instruction or coaching (with or without pay) within 30 days of the date of the show. Riding hors concours before that judge is permitted.

Submission of Show Entries: Schooling show entries are accepted using the EquestrianEntries.com online show entry system. Please visit the PVDA website (www.pvda.org) for detailed instructions on how to submit a schooling show entry through EquestrianEntries.com.

Show Entry Requirements: A completed schooling show entry form consists of five items: (1) a completed show entry form created through equestrian entries, (2) a copy of the PVDA membership card or a $10 non-member fee, (3) a copy of the horse’s negative coggins test results dated within one year of the show date, (4) a signed copy of the PVDA Release form (including the horse owner's signature if not the rider) and (5) payment of the show entry fees. For your convenience, some or all of these items can be transmitted to the show manager electronically through EquestrianEntries.com. Alternatively, some or all of these items may be mailed to the show manager via US Mail. Complete entries will take precedence over incomplete entries for scheduling and waiting list purposes. Entries with incorrect information, insufficient documentation, or are received after the closing date will be accepted at the show manager’s discretion.

Show Scheduling: As many entrants as possible will be accommodated at each show; therefore, entries may be limited to two (2) rides per horse/rider combination, if necessary. In the interest of time, lower level tests may be scheduled in a small arena.

Over-Subscribed Shows: First priority will be given to complete and timely entries from riders who have verified at least 8 hours of PVDA volunteer service performed by the rider within 12 months of the show date by either emailing or snail mailing a copy of their PVDA Volunteer Form(s) with their show entry. If the number of entries received with volunteer forms exceeds the show capacity, they will enter a lottery, but show entries without volunteer forms will not. Second priority will be given to complete and timely entries from riders who have NOT verified at least 8 hours of PVDA volunteer service performed by the rider within 12 months of the show date. For these riders, if the show is over-subscribed, a lottery will be conducted to randomly and anonymously select entries to fill the show. The manager will conduct this lottery after the closing date.

Ride Fees: Ride fees are $25 per ride. Payment of entry fees may be made through EquestrianEntries.com, or by personal check made out to PVDA and mailed to the show manager with a copy of the entry. Payment may be made using volunteer certificates in $10 increments only (e.g. if 3 certificates are used to pay for a $25 class, there is no refund of $5). For payments using volunteer certificates, please mail the certificates and any remaining payment to the show manager before the closing date.

Change Request Fee: If changes are requested after the closing date, a $5 handling fee per change may be charged.

Returned Checks or Electronic Payment Refusal: A fee of $25 will be assessed for any returned check or electronic payment refusal. This fee, along with the entry fees, must then be paid by cash, certified check, or money

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order. Failure may be subject to revocation of PVDA membership.

Refunds: Entry fees for scratches prior to the closing date will be refunded in full less any applicable electronic payment fees. There will be no refunds for scratches after the closing date even if the time slot is filled from the waiting list. Members may not create their own waiting lists and replace riders without consent of the show manager. It is the sole responsibility of the show manager to fill scratches.

Ride Times: Ride times will be posted on the PVDA web site usually on the Monday before the show.

Judges: The Schooling Show Committee may change or substitute judges as necessary.

Show Date/Location Changes: Changes in show dates or locations will be announced in the PVDA Newsletter (check the Calendar of Events in each issue) and at www.PVDA.org. In the case of unforeseen circumstances (i.e. thunder and lightning) a show date may be canceled/rescheduled on short notice at the sole discretion of the facility owner. If the competitor is unable to show on the rescheduled date, entry fees will be refunded in full less any applicable PayPal fees.

USEF Rules: One of the purposes of PVDA Schooling Shows is to prepare the horse and rider for recognized competitions. USEF rules are enforced as closely as possible.

Show Attire: Competitors are encouraged, but not required, to follow the USEF rules. However, as schooling shows are designed to be low-pressure competitions, show coats are encouraged but not required. A short- or long-sleeved white riding shirt with collar is permissible. Sleeveless shirts or T-shirts are not allowed. Riders may wear half-chaps, gaiters or leggings in solid black or brown, without fringe, matching the color of their boots, and made of smooth leather or leather-like material. Horses need not be braided. Use of an ASTM/SEI certified safety helmet at all times while mounted is required.

Score Ties: In the event of a tie (equality of total points), the collective marks will determine the placings. If the totals of the collective marks for both riders are equal, both riders will receive the same placing and the next placing will not be awarded. If the totals of the collective marks for both riders are not equal, the rider with the higher collective marks will receive the higher placing.

Non-Compete Horses: If you intend to bring a young horse to expose it to a show environment without competing, you must clear this with the show manager prior to the show date. The decision will rest with the show manager. If permitted, you must have your current PVDA membership card and a current negative Coggins test with you at the show grounds to present when you arrive at the show grounds.

Horse Safety: General safety practices are to be observed at all times. Do not leave your horse unattended at or in the trailer at any time.

Pets: Dogs and other pets are not permitted on schooling show grounds at any time. You will be held liable for their interference and asked to remove them.

Hold Harmless: Neither PVDA nor the landowner shall be held responsible for any injury, damage, nor loss to exhibitors, spectators, horses, or property of exhibitors or spectators.

Failure to Comply: Failure to comply with show rules may result in loss of privileges.
PVDA Now Offers Schooling Show Entry Services

By Valerie Mallder

In 2013, PVDA discontinued hand-written/paper show entries and moved to an entirely online system for schooling and licensed shows. In 2014 we heard from a segment of the PVDA community who are unable, or have great difficulty, entering schooling shows using the online format. PVDA has good news for you, we heard you loud and clear!

PVDA is offering a new program called Schooling Show Entry Services. This program is designed specifically to support those PVDA members who either live in an area where high-speed internet connections are not available, or do not have regular access to a computer and are therefore unable to use EquestrianEntries.com to enter a schooling show.

PVDA Schooling Show Entry Services provides a liaison between the PVDA member and EquestrianEntries.com. The liaison will enter the PVDA member’s contact information, horse information, and class selections into EquestrianEntries.com on the member’s behalf and create their entry for a given schooling show. After the online entry is created, the PVDA member will have to mail a check for the entry fees and copies of their entry documents (coggins, membership card, release form, etc.) to the show manager or show secretary in order to complete their entry into the show.

This program is also designed to support PVDA members who would like to have the convenience to attach their entry documents to their show entries, but do not have access to a scanner for their documents. If the PVDA member mails their show entry documents to the liaison, the liaison will scan the documents, attach them to an email, and email them back to the PVDA member. The liaison will also provide phone support if necessary to help the PVDA member upload their documents to their EquestrianEntries.com account.

And lastly, even if a PVDA member has internet access and access to a computer, if the steps to set up an account and enter a schooling show with EquestrianEntries.com seems overwhelming to you in any way, PVDA’s Schooling Show Entry Services is here to help you too. We can setup an account for you, and teach you how to use it (and build your confidence) to successfully enter PVDA schooling shows. Don’t be embarrassed to ask for help. We would rather you ask us for help, than be unable to enter schooling shows.

If you would like more information on this service or you would like to participate in this program, please call Valerie Mallder at 410-268-0820 (please leave a message if there is no answer), or send email to valerie.mallder@pvda.org. Please be aware that all of the Schooling Show Program Rules regarding show entries still apply when using this service. So please plan ahead to allow the extra time to work with your liaison to ensure your completed show entry is submitted before the show closing date.

We hope this new service will fill a gap that we missed in 2014 and enable all PVDA members to take advantage of PVDA’s Schooling Show Program.
How to Enter a PVDA Schooling Show

By Valerie Mallder

A completed schooling show entry consists of five items: (1) a completed show entry form created through Equestrian Entries, (2) a copy of the PVDA membership card or a $10 non-member fee, (3) a copy of the horse’s negative coggins test results dated within one year of the show date, (4) a signed copy of the PVDA Release Form (including the horse owner’s signature if the rider does not own the horse), and (5) payment of the show entry fees.

For your convenience, some or all of these items can be transmitted to the show manager electronically through EquestrianEntries.com. Alternatively, some or all of these items may be mailed to the show manager via US Mail. The most important thing to remember when using EquestrianEntries.com to enter a PVDA schooling show is that it costs nothing to create an account or show entry. You can print your entry and mail it with your check to the show manager. If you want to pay the show entry fee through EquestrianEntries.com, then there is a small processing fee.

Please review the article entitled “PVDA Schooling Show Program Rules” and make sure you are aware of the rules regarding schooling show entries before entering a PVDA schooling show. PVDA schooling shows usually open for entries at least 6 weeks prior to the show date, and close for entries 2 weeks prior to the show date. Please try to be considerate of our show managers and send your entries in on time.

How to Enter:

1) Log in to EquestrianEntries.com using your username and password, and select “Calendar”
2) Filter the show list on shows in Maryland, find the show you want, and click on “Enter/Sign Up”
3) On the Step 2 “Entry Info” screen, select the rider, horse, owner, and trainer (coach is optional), then click on “Next Step”
4) On the Step 3 “Choose Classes” screen, select a class from the pull-down menu, and select your division from the pull-down menu. (Note: schooling shows do not usually have divisions, but selection of a division is required on this screen)
5) If you want to enter another class, click on “Enter Class” and repeat as above. When you are finished, click “Next Step”
6) On the Step 4 “Stabling” screen, skip this step and click on “Next Step”.
7) On the Step 5 “Fees and Donations” screen, if you have any special requests regarding ride time scheduling enter your request in the box entitled “Special Needs/Requests”. Then click on “Next Step”
8) On the Step 6 “Documents” screen, if you have uploaded your entry documents and want to attach them to your show entry, select each document you want to attach, and then click on “Next Step”
9) Review your show entry. You can use the tabs at the top to review each setting. When you are satisfied with your entry, you have a few options for your next step.

You must now choose how you want to pay your entry fees. Please read the paragraphs below carefully.

If you want to use one or more volunteer vouchers to pay your show entry fees, you cannot pay online. You must mail your entry with your volunteer certificates, a check for any remaining balance after subtracting $10 for each certificate, and any of the required entry documents that have not been attached to your show entry (in item h) to the show manager or show secretary. (Note that emailed documents are accepted).

If you do not want to pay your show entry fee online, you must mail your entry, a check for the entry fee, and a copy of any of the required entry documents that have not been attached to your show entry (in step 8) to the show manager or show secretary via US Mail. Note that emailed documents are accepted.

If you paid your entry fees online, and you attached all of the required entry documents to your show entry, you are finished with your show entry and you win a gold star! Otherwise, you must mail or email copies of any required entry documents that have not been attached to your show entry (in step 8) to the show manager or show secretary via US Mail.

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there and rock the dressage rings this year for high score awards

Carolyn
Quick Start With EquestrianEntries.com

By Valerie Malldar

This article will show you how to create an EquestrianEntries.com user account (Step 1), and fill out the account profile (Step 2). You will complete steps 1 and 2 just one time, and then you will be ready to enter a schooling show (see article entitled “How to Enter a PVDA Schooling Show” also in this newsletter). You may see a few new terms in this article such as coach, trainer responsible adult, USEF number, etc. Please refer to the Show Entries Definitions box to learn about each one.

Before getting started, gather up the following information about the rider, horse owner, and trainer, and make sure you have it available in Step 2 when you fill out your EquestrianEntries.com account profile.

• Rider contact information, emergency contact information, rider status (amateur, Jr/YR, or professional) and PVDA membership number.
• Horse owner contact information.
• Trainer contact information.

STEP 1: CREATE A FREE ACCOUNT

2. Enter a username, a password (enter the password twice to confirm it), and your email address.
3. Select the option to create an “Entrant” Account. Then, click on “Register”.
4. You will receive an email with the subject “[EquestrianEntries.com] Account activation info”. If you don’t see it in your inbox, check your spam or junk mail folder.
5. Open the email and follow the instructions in the email. It will ask you to visit a web page where you can activate your account.
6. To activate your account, you will be asked to enter your contact information and agree to the “Terms and Conditions”
7. Enter your contact information.
8. Agree to the Terms and Conditions by typing in “I Agree” (without quotation marks) and enter the date exactly as shown. And then press “Continue”.

STEP 2: ADD RIDER, HORSE, OWNER, AND TRAINER INFORMATION TO PROFILE.

1. Go to www.equestrianentries.com, log in with your username and password (if you haven’t already). The first screen is the home screen with 8 tabs across the top.
2. Click on the “Riders” tab, and then click “New Rider”
3. You’ll be asked if the new rider is already in their system. Let’s assume the answer is no and select “No, Lets Register a Brand New Person”.
4. You will be asked if the rider is also the trainer, coach or horse owner (see definitions box below), and what type of shows the rider will be entering. Let’s assume the rider is (click on each) the owner and the trainer, and competes in Dressage shows. Then, press “Next”.
5. You will be asked if the rider has a USEF Number they can use to look up the rider’s contact information. A USEF number is not required for PVDA schooling shows. Let’s assume the rider does not have a USEF number and click on “No thanks, I’ll Enter the Information Myself”.

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6. On this screen enter the rider’s contact information in the “User Info” section, and emergency contact information in the “Emergency Info” section. Both of these are required.

7. In the “Membership Info” section, select your rider status for Amateur, Jr/YR, or Professional.

8. In the “Local/FEI Dressage Memberships section, if you are not a PVDA member, leave this section blank. If you are a PVDA member, select the “Select FEI or GMO” menu, scroll down until you see the GMOs in Maryland, and select “Potomac Valley Dressage Association (106)”. Then, enter your PVDA membership number in the box next to it. You must select PVDA as your GMO and enter your PVDA membership number, otherwise you will be charged a $10 non-member fee when you enter a schooling show.

9. Then, click on “Ok”.

**Enter owner information**

10. Repeat #2 through #6 to enter the horse owner information. If the rider is also the owner, you will not have to re-enter the rider’s information.

**Enter trainer information**

11. Repeat #2 through #6 to enter trainer information. If the rider is also the trainer, you will not have to re-enter the rider’s information.

**Enter horse information**

12. Click on the “Horses” tab, and then click “New Horse”.

13. You will be asked to first assign an owner for this horse. Select the horse owner from the pull down menu and then click on “Yes, Let’s Use This Owner”.

14. Then, on the “New Horses” screen, enter the horse information and click on “Ok”.

CONGRATULATIONS! You are now ready to enter PVDA schooling shows.
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: MARCH 2015; DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10; DISTRIBUTION: early MARCH 2015**

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, Chapter News & Photos:** newsletter@pvda.org
- **News/Articles/Flying Changes:** newsletter@pvda.org
- **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)
- **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)
- **General Information:** info@pvda.org
- **PVDA Web Site:** www.pvda.org

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**Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2015**

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.**

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- **Life Adult Member** □ $799

**I would like to Volunteer:**

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- Education
- Computer
- Marketing
- Write Articles
- Ride for Life
- Anything

**I offer the following services:**

- Judge at Grade: ________
- Trainer at Level: ________
- USEF TD at Level: ________
- Breeder of: ________

**PVDA Membership Directory Options**

- List my Phone #: □ Yes □ No
- List my Email: □ Yes □ No

**I would like to Donate toward:**

- Year End Trophy Fund: $ ________
- PVDA Ride for Life: $ ________

Mail Completed Applications with check made Payable to PVDA to:

Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership
9205 Bessie Clemson Rd
Union Bridge, MD 21791

membership@pvda.org or 301-873-3496

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*Birthdates are REQUIRED for Junior, Young Adult and Senior Memberships*
JANUARY PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: January 5, 2015; Meeting #546
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Carolyn Del Grosso, Linda Speer, Deanna Williford, Christina Dale, Jaclyn Sicoli, Moea Goron-Liccione, Camilla Cornwell, Rebekah Lusk, Claire Lacey, Debra Nissen, Annnmarie Ingersoll, Mimi Mack, Meghan Truppper.

Members Absent: Moea Goron-Liccione, Camilla Cornwell, Claire Lacey, Mimi Mack, Debra Nissen, Annnmarie Ingersoll, Rebekah Lusk.

New Business: The Region 1 Youth Team Competition at Morven Park, hosted for 10 years by PVDA and 15 years by VADA/NOVA, is now 25 years old, and we talked about ideas to make this an even more special event. Alison and Michele talked about the running of the show, that it is fashioned after a licensed show but in reality there are many kids who don’t show much so there are many Intro rides. Entries are never turned away and all riders are on teams. The stands are decorated as are horses and riders for award ceremonies. There are plenty of awards in many categories, pizza on Friday night and a demonstration ride. The show receives no financial support from VADA and is a break even for VADA/NOVA.

Linda pointed out that some of the early riders in this show and others around the country are now parents, so one suggestion is to offer these parents a chance to ride in an Alumni Class. Linda will also find photos and memories of the early shows to give the historical perspective.

PVDA might also fund a commemorative hand out of some type, baseball cap/water bottle/visor.

A second project discussed in conjunction with VADA/NOVA might be a major symposium in late 2016 or 2017. The VADA board was receptive to the idea. It would be held at Prince Georges Equestrian Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Education: Lesson Lottery instructors are up to at least 21 for 2015. The next program will be announced in the newsletter and website. Tea for Training will be Saturday February 28 at the Chesapeake Dressage Institute in Annapolis. Mary Sue will work on advertising through the newsletter and social media. New Test Clinic with Janet Foy, March 21, 22 at Wyndham Oaks will be organized by Mary Sue.

Membership: Mary Sue is writing a personal letter to be included with the next newsletter to members who are renewing and to expired members to encourage joining.

Shows: Schooling– There was more discussion about submitting entries to our schooling shows. Several volunteer managers love the Equestrian Entries system for accuracy but there is no data on how many riders are NOT entering our shows because they have computer problems or are intimidated. There is no requirement to enter licensed shows online, although many do, and we should not make our schooling shows different. Val and the managers are available to help anyone with entry issues. One solution might be to offer a Help Desk telephone number and email which would go to Val and Christina who would be available to walk anyone with problems through the entry process. When there is a non member entering our show, the show manager should have a supply of membership brochures to hand out so the process of joining and benefits are spelled out.

• Awards (High Scores, Trophies and Ribbons, Trophy Fund, Recognized Rider Awards)
Linda Speer (chair), Valerie Mallder, Christina Dale

• Chapters
Deanna Williford (chair), Linda Speer

• Education
Jaclyn Sicoli (chair), Moea Goron Liccione, Christina Dale, Rebekah Lusk, Meghan Truppper

• Finance/Budget (Scholarships)
Carolyn Del Grosso (chair), Moea Goron Liccione, Rebekah Lusk

• Fundraising/Marketing (Sponsorships)
Rebekah Lusk (chair), Christina Dale, Michele Wellman, Pat Artimovich, Jannette Bait, Jeff Dwyer

• Membership (Chair), Linda Speer

• Newsletter (Calendar, Classifieds, Mailing)
Linda Speer, Ninja Nissen, Camilla Cornwell

• PVDA Library/Documents (Archives, Books, Videos)
Betty Thorpe (chair), Marla Stoner (books), Jennifer Tingley (video)

• Publications (Service Directory, Omnibus, Mailing)
Betty Thorpe (chair)

• Partners and Allies (Maryland Horse Council, National Liason, GMOs)
Jocelyn Pearson (chair), Linda Speer, Ninja Nissen, Camilla Cornwell

• Ride for Life/Dancing Horse Challenge www.pvdarideforlife.org
Michele Wellman (chair)

• Shows (Equipment, Judge’s Liaison, Recognized, Schooling)
Carolyn Del Grosso (chair), Betty Thorpe, Moea Goron Liccione, Julie Kingsbury, Michele Wellman, Pat Artimovich

• Special Events (Awards Dinner, Expo, Special Events)
Linda Speer (chair), Shari Glickman, Deanna Williford, Christina Dale

• Volunteers
Mary Sue McCarthy (chair), Christina Dale, Camilla Cornwell, Ninja Nissen

• Website
Valerie Mallder (chair), Christina Dale
Deadline for ads and articles is
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