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PVDA Board member Deanna Williford and Ocean, recipient of the Thoroughbred Placement Resources High Score Schooling Show Award. Photo by Christina Dale.
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2 PVDA Annual Tea for Training  Volunteer training at its finest! Have fun and learn a new show job. See www.pvda.org

3 March PVDA Board Meeting. All members are invited to attend. Meetings are held at Linda Speer's beautiful Stonebrook Farm, in Clarksville, Md. See www.pvda.org or contact any Board member for information.

8-9 Jeanne McDonald Clinic/Fix a Test at Wood's Lane Farm, 301-829-6354 or info@Wood'sLaneFarm.com

9 Erin Sweeney clinic at Hall's Choice Farm, Ltd., in New Market Md. Each ride is $85 plus $10 amenities fee for horse and rider. Audit fee $25. Call Betsy 301-865-0643 or see Hallschoic.com

15-16 Peninsula Chapter Clinic with Kathy Rowe at Horse Bridge Farm in Salisbury, Md. Contact Kim Briete at 410-742-9131 orhorsebridgefarm@comcast.net

15 CDCTA St. Patrick's Day Schooling Show and Combined Test at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.cdcta.com

15-16 Instructor/Trainer Refresher Workshop hosted by Hilltop Farm in Colora, Md., with Sara Geikie. Contact Holly Fisher atholly@hilltopfarminc.com

16 Region I Spring Meeting at 10:30am, Hassler Dressage, Chesapeake City, Md. See www.usdfregion1.org

16 PVDA Clarksville Chapter Winter Schooling Show Series at Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Nancy Albrect at 301-854-2588 or albrecthn@hotmail.com

23 Erin Sweeney clinic at Hall’s Choice Farm, Ltd., in New Market Md. Each ride is $85 plus $10 amenities fee for horse and rider. Audit fee $25. Call Betsy 301-865-0643 or see Hallschoie.com

23 Schooling Show Series at Lucky Cricket Farm. Judge Hallie Ahmsbrak. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or contact Mary Russell at 410-610-4849

23 VADAnova Schooling Show at Morven Park. See www.vadanova.org

23 VADAnova presents Upgrade Your Judging Eye II, with “S” Judge Kathy Rowe at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Contact Alison Head at lookingglassfarm@mac.com

April

5-6 VADAnova Spring Licensed Show at Morven Park. See www.vadanova.org

11-13 Instructor/Trainer Final Exam hosted by Hilltop Farm in Colora, Md. Contact Holly Fisher at holly@hilltopfarminc.com

12 FADS Schooling Show at Loch Moy Farm, Adamstown, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org

12 Schooling Show at Breezy Run Farm, Church Hill, Md. 410-849-8436(eve). Register at www.breezyrunfarm.com

12-13 USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney hosted by PVDA. For information see www.usdfregion1.org - also lots of information can be found at www.usdf.org - click on Education and Adult clinics. The clinic will be held at Wyndham Oaks Farm, Boyds, Md., generously donated by Lori Larson. Contact Jocelyn Pearson with questions. Volunteers welcome! jpearson@erols.com 703-771-3231

20 PVDA Southern Maryland Chapter Fix-a-Test Clinic at Exalt Farm in Harwood, Md., with Judge Marija Triechman. Contact Melissa Harlinski at mharlinski@yahoo.com or to register go to http://pvdasouthernmaryland.org

26 PVDA Clarksville Clinic Fix a Test with Evelyn Pfohutz. “L” Graduate, Gold Medalist. $55/45 minute session. Call Deanna Willford at 301-785-1081 or deannawillford@yahoo.com

25-27 Isabell von Neumann-Cosel Clinic at Cedar Rowe Lusitano Farm, Rocky Ridge, Md. The clinic features an emphasis on the rider and their harmony with the back of the horse. Professional longe horses available. Contact Linda Denniston: crghf@aol.com www.cedarrowe.com 301-447-6240

26 FADS Schooling Show at Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, Md. Benefit for the Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program. See www.frederickdressage.org

27 Schooling Show Series at Lucky Cricket Farm. Judge Jessie Ginsburg. See www.luckycricketfarm.com or contact Mary Russell at 410-610-4849

27 Schooling Show Series at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com

May

2-3 CDCTA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.cdcta.com

Send your 2014 Calendar Items to calendar@pvda.org.

APRIL 2014 Deadline: March 10

Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson

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Thank you Horse World Expo Volunteers!
PVDA thanks all the dedicated volunteers manning the PVDA booth at the Horse Expo 2014: Nancy Albrecht, Deanna Beal, Patty Blanchard, Camilla Cornwell, Wendy Emblin, Ingrid Gentry, Julie Kingsbury, Mary Sue McCarthy, Jocelyn Pearson, Linda Speer, Will Speer, Deanna Williford, Nikki Witte, and Zoe Witte.

Clinic Save the Date for Hilda Gurney
PVDA is hosting the USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds, Md., April 12-13, 2014. This will be a special event! For more information see http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp.

2014, our 50th Anniversary year, brings with it new direction and creativity. To this end, we have completely updated our website, and our show entry process streamlining both for ease of access.

Another important area where we are making constructive changes is with our Ride for Life benefiting Johns Hopkins breast cancer research. The performance show will take place this year as usual at the PG Equestrian Center June 21 and 22. The Dancing Horse Challenge and the Gala have been redesigned into three unique new events including a spring cocktail party and fashion show with demonstration rides at Woodslane Farm, a super exciting online auction during the show at PG and two weekend “Equine and Wine Festival.”

The purpose of this redesign is two fold: to refresh the excitement around the Dancing Horse Challenge and to spread our volunteer resources over three smaller events. Also we are working to maximize the areas that produce the most money for Hopkins and to test out new theories going forward into 2015. We will use what we learn this year to gain increased vision for 2015 and beyond as we continue PVDA’s signature philanthropic initiative. Thank you for you continued support and we look forward to you joining us on our journey to eradicate breast cancer.

Mary Sue
410-979-7744

The President’s Window

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Deanna Williford and Ingrid Gentry at the 2014 Horse World Expo
Bayside

By Anne Thibo

Dear PVDA Friends and Members,

It is a beautiful sunny day on the Eastern Shore. Believe it or not, the sights of a frozen Chesapeake Bay are rather beautiful and peaceful.....one positive element amongst many not so fun ones when doing barn chores!

“What do horses and weather have in common? Well, when dealing with them, we need to have both, a sense of humor and a lot of patience!”

The Bayside Chapter will be very active again in 2014. We have no changes to announce in leadership, Anne Thibo will remain the Chair along with Joy St Landau our wonderful Treasurer and volunteer queen!

We are planning two Dressage Schooling Shows (May and June) located in Queen Anne or Kent county. In the Summer we are hoping to host the wonderful Eiren Crawford (who is currently training at Andreas Helgstrand’s barn in Denmark). For the Fall we are working already on a 3 day Symposium with Natalie P. Lamping originally from Germany, currently based in Ocala, and world renowned as a USEF “I” judge at many prestigious international dressage events. If funds allow and all stars are aligned we may even do another "Hunter Derby" to finish off the year. The final hooray should be the “Chapter Challenge”!

Many members have positively commented on the new and improved PVDA website, and we are looking forward to attending the "Tea for Training" in March.

Warm regards!

Catoctin

By Leslie Raulin

The Catoctin Chapter of PVDA held its annual planning meeting on Sunday, January 12, at Leslie Raulin’s Blue Horse Farm in Jefferson, Maryland. Our annual schooling show will be Saturday, May 10, at Plantation Valley Stables in Middletown, Maryland. The show will offer in-hand classes, traditional dressage classes (USDF, USEF, FEI and eventing tests) and alternative dressage classes (western, gaited, etc. tests). We will have a clinic with Cathy Echternach of Sugarloaf Equestrian Center in Boyds, Maryland, on Saturday, April 19, at Blue Horse Farm in Jefferson, Maryland. We look forward to this clinic with

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Cathy as her students have been very successful. Most of our chapter members plan to attend the USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney Clinic April 12-13 at Wyndham Oaks Farm. Our educational meetings will include (1) a photo discussion led by Debbie Lomb using “The Clinic” articles from Dressage Today, (2) a lunging lecture from chapter member Debbie Lomb, and (3) viewing of Jane Savoie training videos. We voted to again donate to the PVDA Ride for Life and to provide pet food to the Frederick County Animal Shelter. Additional donations will depend upon chapter income during the year. The Chapter is very pleased that chapter member Debbie Lomb and her mare Mazurka MHF won the Frederick Area Dressage Shows (FADS) Cowboy Charisma Award sponsored by chapter member Stephanie Corum of SC Equine Enterprises. New chapter members are welcome at any time - contact Chapter Chair Debbie Lomb at debbielomb@hotmail.com.

Clarksville
By Deanna Williford

It’s the start of a new year and like the other chapters, we are enthusiastic about planning fun and educational opportunities for our thirty+ members.

Our February 9th, Caveletti Clinic participants had such a fun morning with instructor Cheryl Ann Loane that they almost forgot how frigid it was!! The horses enjoyed it too - even though they had to work a bit harder than usual!! Participants included members Nancy Albrecht, Camilla Cornwell, Marguerite Kearney, Ninja Nissen, Bonnie Sink, and Samantha Smith.

Four "Video Nights" have helped us get through the long winter!! Featuring fantastic culinary fare and instructional videos, these evenings have been very well attended -- nearly "standing room only" events!!

Our Chapter Show Series includes two more shows on February 23 and March 16. We’ve enjoyed hosting quite a few riders from Woodland Stables (and their adorable ponies too!!)

We are really excited about our April 26 clinic with "L" judge, Evelyn Pfoutz!! It will be a "Fix-A-Test" format - for either a dressage test or a freestyle!! Quite a few of our members have been working on their freestyles this year. Camilla Cornwell’s son, Steffan, has done a wonderful job mixing the music for a few of us!! Two Clarksville Chapter members, Nancy Albrecht and Annabel Winters-McCabe, won freestyle awards at the banquet in January. Evelyn, a creator of award winning freestyles for herself and others, is a bronze, silver, and gold medalist and freestyle bars rider. Her expertise will help us "bring up our game!"

This May we are planning a tour of a breeding farm. More about that excursion and group trips to Devon and Medieval Times in the future!! All year we have an open invitation to any PVDA members who’d like to join our chapter. Please contact our chapter chairs, Nancy Albrecht and Camilla Cornwell, for more info.

Shore Dressage
By Deri Jeffers

February 2nd Shore Dressage held their Annual Planning Luncheon and Awards celebration at Sunset Bay Farm in Onancock, Va. With 18 people present from Salisbury, Md to Cape Charles, Va. it was a pleasure to have such a friendly turnout supporting Dressage on the Shore! The gourmet delights everyone brought for this potluck was incredible and enough to feed 8 Quadrille Teams! After a brief introduction from everyone we proceeded with election of Officers for 2014 and the results are: Chairman: Deri Jeffers; Treasurer: B.J. Martin; Newsletter Editor: Heather Thornton Powers. Christy Berkeley volunteered to be our Public Relations person.

Next on the agenda was a review of 12013. We held 4 clinics with Deri Jeffers, Susie Cain, Kathy Rowse, and Aviva Nebesky, and they were all very successful and well

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received. We also held a Fix A Test Clinic which was also a Scoring and Scribing educational event on May 12th prior to our first Schooling Show. This was an excellent opportunity to ride a test and receive a critique from a judge as well as "pointers" as to how a rider could raise her scores. The rider then rode a second test and was able to make many improvements. It was also a wonderful opportunity to learn how to scribe and to score and realize you don’t have to be a mathematical wizard! We held 4 schooling shows; 2 in the spring and 2 in the fall. While the first-show in May did not have enough rides to hire a judge, Deri volunteered to judge which gave those who entered a head start on showing. It also gave our Western Dressage riders a chance to try their first dressage rides! While the second show had to be canceled, the third show was our most successful one with 23 rides. Unfortunately our Halloween Show in October didn’t have enough entries so Deri judged that also but had "guest judges" for the costume class! Shows are our main source of income, so there was a talk about how we could get more entries. The Western riders didn’t realize they could ride in their western saddles in classes other than Western Dressage, so now they plan to do Intro & Training in their Western saddles. The suggestion came up of riding 3 schooling shows and then having a sit down meeting where riders would bring their tests and have their comments and scores explained. Riders would have to ride in at least 2 shows prior to the sit down meeting. We also decided to offer a Pleasure Dressage class which would be a group class and judged on the quiet, relaxed, pleasure of the horse/rider combination. No buckers or tense horses in this one! In addition the group decided to offer a Dressage for Hunters class geared toward hunt seat riders new to dressage. This would be another group class which might include some poles to trot over or jump!

Next we set show dates and considered the possibility of hosting some shows at other locations besides Sunset Bay Farm. The possible dates are May 17th, June 21st, September 20th, and October 25th dependant on locations. Currently the last 2 shows are scheduled to be held at Sunset Bay Training Centre. October 11th was the scheduled date for the sit down meeting, which does not entail bringing a horse and trailer! Clinic dates were set for

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SAVE THE DATES!

4/12-4/13  USDF Region 1 Hilda Gurney Clinic at Wyndham Oaks, Boyds, Md.

2014 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule

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Needless to say this was a very productive meet enjoyed by all. Thank you all for your input and suggestions and for making 2014 an exciting year for Shore Dressage!

St. Mary’s

By Alice Allen and Melana Krivitsky

Dressage in St. Mary’s County is alive and well! The Chapter had its first meeting of the year on January 17 at the beautiful and welcoming home of Katherine Stormont with 18 members in attendance. Fifteen new members joined the club recently, bringing with them additional enthusiasm and interest in this incredible sport of dressage.

2014 promises to be an exciting, educational and fun year for the St. Mary’s Chapter. In January, in addition to welcoming new members Samantha Richards, Morgan and Jennifer Anderson, Kathy Glockner, Jodie Baker, Danielle Bullard, Karen and Lauren Siebert, and Karenan Bailey we reviewed and practiced the Balimo exercises that many members learned last year during a clinic with Barbara Strawson. In February, we have a video clinic planned where members videotape a short segment of their riding which we then watch and critique, giving each other constructive feedback. Bound to be interesting!

Three clinics are planned in 2014. On March 23, Kelly McGinn will be helping us get ready for the show season with a clinic at Michele Alexander-Spalding’s Begin Again Farm in Leonardtown. On May 31 & June 1, Barbara Strawson returns for another Balimo clinic. And on October 11, Aviva Nebesky helps us prepare for Chapter Challenge. In between clinics, other educational and social events are planned, we’ll keep you posted.

For information on auditing or participating in the clinics, contact Alice Allen by email at alice.beagles@gmail.com or Melana Krivitsky at mnkrivitsky@gmail.com. We welcome you to join us.
The Importance of the Small Donor

By Beth Baumert, President & CEO of The Dressage Foundation

The toughest part about the sport of dressage has nothing to do with riding skill—it’s the finances. That’s why The Dressage Foundation (TDF) exists—to help. TDF has been referred to as the sport’s bank. When TDF accepts donations, not only are the funds invested wisely in the traditional sense, but we consider our grant recipients as an investment in the betterment of dressage in this country at all levels—from the young rider to the adult amateurs, to the instructor-trainers, to the judges, the breeders and the high performance riders. TDF has grants to fit every category.

The mission of The Dressage Foundation is to fundamentally change the game on all levels of the playing field. (See “What’s In It for You?” for a list of some of the benefits you can derive from The Dressage Foundation.) But, like every good story, there’s a problem. If TDF is like a bank, money goes in and out. The “out” part is fun and gratifying, but gone are the days when Lowell Boomer, founder of both USDF and TDF, is covering the day-to-day expenses that are required to run a non-profit organization.

People think TDF is all about the big donor. That’s a misconception. It’s true that The Dressage Foundation gives away about $200,000 each year, but those funds are designated, and they don’t operate the non-profit organization that manages the funds. This misconception persists.

Someone recently said to me, “Oh, I got that appeal in the mail from TDF, and I put it aside because I thought, ‘I can’t give enough to make a difference.’” I understood her attitude because before I became involved with TDF, I also thought TDF was all about big donors. In the old days, it was, but giving is less attractive for big donors than it used to be. That said, TDF has had its share of them. The big donors are like the Generals and the Colonels of our little army. Anne Ramsay, Carol Lavell and her remarkable father, Gordon Cadwgan, Renee Isler, Ralph Dreitzler, Lowell, John and Lynn Boomer, Violet Hopkins, Maryal Barnett and there are others.

Without the Generals and the Colonels, TDF wouldn’t exist, but without the foot soldiers, nothing works. We can’t operate on a day-to-day basis without foot soldiers—without friends. Since the advent of Facebook, it’s become socially acceptable to say we want to have more friends, and we do. We want more friends.

As I learn more about nonprofit organizations, I’m learning about the importance of the small donor. If everyone in USDF gave $5, TDF could move mountains. But that doesn’t happen. The small donor is important. It’s much easier for 1000 people to give $25 than for one person to give $25,000. TDF appreciates small gifts. We’re a sport of passionate people who are givers. At the GMO level, there is always a strong core of people who give of their time, their energy and their money. Many of them move into action at the Annual USDF Convention, and it is clear that they are the foot soldiers who make the wheels turn in this sport of dressage that we love. Please ask what your GMO can do for The Dressage Foundation. And, to all those small donors out there who are already our friends, THANK YOU!

Beth Baumert

What’s In It for You?

The Carol Lavell Prize sends High Performance riders to train and show in Europe. In the name of Anne Ramsay, American-bred horses train in Europe. The International Dream program (formerly called Olympic Dream) has sent young riders to Europe annually since 2000. Anders Lindgren Instructor funds go to instructors throughout the country, as does the Continuing Education for Instructors Grant. Last year, the Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund helped several young riders and professionals. The Violet Hopkins Dressage Support Fund was awarded to 24 GMOs, and the Dancing Horse Fund awarded funds to 9 GMOs. The Heldenberg Fund sends amateurs or young riders to the Spanish Riding School. The Gifted Fund helps adult amateurs from all regions. Funding also goes directly to USDF in the form of grants for the Young Rider Graduate Program, Junior/Young Rider Clinics and Continuing Education for Judges.

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Meet a Board Member

Moea Goron Futcher (Liccione)

What is your name and hometown?

Moea Goron Futcher (Liccione). I was born in Brisbane, Australia, but have dual French and Australian nationalities.

What do you do for a living?

Mother of a gifted and talented, 12 year old, amazing, red-headed, beautiful daughter! Dressage Trainer, owner of Dressage Quest LLC, Secretary of Kalmia Farms HOA.

What are your favorite hobbies (besides horses)?

Going to my daughter’s concerts (she plays the trombone in the Folly Quarter Middle School Gold Jazz band), travel, cooking/restaurants, teaching French, and scuba diving.

What is one skill (anything!) that you still want to learn?

I’d love to learn to speak German and Italian!

What is your biggest pet-peeve?

Narrow-mindedness.

How did you get into horses and dressage?

After doing Pony Club at the age of 11, eventing and show jumping in Australia. I was passionate about dressage at 13 years of age when I acquired my Arab mare named Shan whom I considered to be my ‘Olympic’ dressage horse... my German coach at the time said, “When will you get a proper dressage horse?” I was most upset! Shan was my Olympic horse, I had much to learn... I trained my Arab mare to 4th level never- the- less. My next horse whom I trained to 4th level also was an OTTB called Lockcutter whom everyone said “couldn’t trot” because of his tense knee high action ...He and I worked very hard and one day he ‘got it’, he won many dressage tests, and scored highly for his medium trot! He’d show off in his paddock, he was so proud he learnt how to really trot

What is your favorite horse (that you’ve ridden) and why?

My Claudius was a very, very special horse. He’s the horse I brought to the USA from Oz. He was massive, 17.3hh Australian warmblood, compact and a ballerina to boot, the horse was 1m above ground when he trotted. He was so talented. I saw the jaw drop of many Olympic coaches and top level trainers when they saw my Claudie in action. Those horses come once in a blue moon. He has passed away now, my biggest tragedy. I have him 'on ice' with a company called Viagen, who have collected more than 3 million stem cells... there might still be another Claudie one day. He’s one in a handful of the greatest of the greats.

What was your greatest riding or dressage moment and why?

I’ve had so many. Not because of me, thanks to the horses I’ve ridden. They have given me the most amazing moments of my life by working so hard to please. I can never thank them enough.

What was your worst riding or dressage moment and why?

When I didn’t hear the ‘bell’ ring, I trotted into the ring...only to be disqualified because I came in too late!!! That was too bad. I went in and won the next test though!

What is the best piece of horse advice that you’ve ever received?

That’s a tough one, there are so many! I think horses have taught me the most quite frankly. I must say however that I never stop learning every single day, this is why I love horses!

What famous dressage (or other discipline) horse would you like to ride and why?

My Claudius again, because he was simply an amazing athlete. He was up there with the top 5 in the world, talent-wise. He and I never had the team/support we needed at the time.

What dressage (or other discipline) rider, clin-
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cian, or judge (dead or alive) would you most like
to meet and why?

Isabel Werth, my hero. She becomes one with the
horse.

Why did you join the PVDA Board of Directors?

Because my friend told me it was a good idea, and it
was!

What is your favorite thing about PVDA?

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PVDA Schooling Show
Schooley Mill Park, Highland, MD • October 5, 2013

**USDF Introductory Level Test C**
1. Jodi Goldman / Ranger / 66.75
2. Christina Doring / Trooper / 62.75

**Training Level Test 1**
1. Laurie Bunn / Perfect Gift / 72.083
2. Jodi Goldman / Ranger / 66.875
3. Christian Doring / Trooper / 63.75

**Training Level Test 2**
1. Laurie Bunn / Perfect Gift / 75
2. Kaarne Staveteig / Pioneer Lass / 71.785
3. Constance Yuan / Zip’s Dancing Queen / 65.178
4. Renee Roberts / Athena / 58.8

**Freestyle Training Level**
1. Nancy Albrecht / Monica Lu / 70.5

**Training Level Test 3**
1. Kaaren Staveteig / Pioneer Lass / 69.4
2. Constance Yuan / Zip’s Dancing Queen / 62.8
3. Ashley Christian / Ashton / 61
4. Renee Roberts / Athena / 58.8

**First Level Test 1**
1. Marcia Mia / Bella Palooza / 69.482
2. Jaclyn Sink / Orchestrated By Prelude / 68.793
3. Samatha Smith / Grover’s Slapshot / 67.413

**First Level Test 2**
1. Samatha Smith / Grover’s Slapshot / 67.162
2. Jaclyn Sink / Orchestrated By Prelude / 65.483

**Second Level Test 1**
1. Zoe Witte / Casac / 73.428
2. Sharon Lojgren / Rial Verde / 65.142
3. Samatha Smith / Aurion / 64.142

**Second Level Test 2 and 3**
1. Zoe Witte / Casac / 67.894
2. Kristen Hoffman / Casac / 65.833
3. Sharon Lojgren / Rial Verde / 60.263

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Schooley Mill Park, Highland, MD • October 6, 2013

**Intro Level Test A**
1. Monique Gill / Elvis / 70.000
2. Samantha Brown / Circe / 69.688
3. Molly Liberman / Cinnamon / 69.375

**Intro Level Test B**
1. Monique Gill / Elvis / 71.250
2. Samantha Brown / Circe / 70.938
3. Zachary Roberts / Dexter / 70.313
4. Celia Henein / Peanut / 69.688
5. Molly Liberman / Cinnamon / 68.125
6. Lucie Henein / Angel’s Gift / 66.250

**Intro Level Test C**
1. Celia Henein / Peanut / 70.750
2. Zachary Roberts / Dexter / 67.500
3. Grace Blakeney / Zippo Passed the Bar / 66.000

**Training Level Test 1**
1. April Tennyson / Arthur / 69.167
2. Lucie Henein / Angel’s Gift / 66.667

**Training Level Test 2**
1. Annabel Winters-McCabe / Gorbachev / 70.357
2. Claire Kuhlkin / Lilly / 68.214
3. April Tennyson / Arthur / 64.821

**Training Level Test 3**
1. Maria Rojas / Daisy / 69.000
2. Claire Kuhlkin / Lilly / 69.000
3. Victoria Ridgway / Magic Illusion / 69.422
4. Jaclyn Sink / Spirit / 61.000 (3-1)
5. Jaclyn Sink / Spirit / 61.286 (4-1)

**First Level Test 1 and 3**
1. Samatha Smith / Grover’s Slapshot / 67.162
2. Jaclyn Sink / Orchestrated By Prelude / 65.483

**Second Level Test 1**
1. Zoe Witte / Casac / 73.428
2. Sharon Lojgren / Rial Verde / 65.142
3. Samatha Smith / Aurion / 64.142

**Second Level Test 2 and 3**
1. Zoe Witte / Casac / 67.894
2. Kristen Hoffman / Casac / 65.833
3. Sharon Lojgren / Rial Verde / 60.263

PVDA Schooling Show
Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, MD • October 6, 2013

**Introductory Level Test B & C**
1. Wendy Harrison / Jaegermeister / 79.063 (B)
2. Joanna Kuehne / Cloud Nine / 75.000 (B)
3. Joanna Kuehne / Cloud Nine / 73.000 (C)
4. Wendy Harrison / Jaegermeister / 68.750 (C)

**Training Level Test 1**
1. Nancy Twenhafel / Colorado / 70.208
2. Alice Slater / Denali / 68.958
3. Sylvia Taylor / DLT’s Flashy Devil / 66.042
4. Abby Adelberg / Copasetic / 62.917
5. Jennifer Neemann / Safira / 62.083

**Training Level Test 2, 3 and Rider Test**
1. Emily Long / Amanda Rac / 74.600 (R-T-2)
2. Emily Long / Amanda Rac / 71.8 (T-3)
3. Alice Slater / Denali / 70.197 (T-2)
4. Tara Washington / Brady Quinn / 68.929 (T-2)
5. Tara Washington / Brady Quinn / 65.00 (T-3)
6. Jennifer Neemann / Safira / 61.429 (T-2)

**First Level Test 1-3 and Second Level Test 1**
1. Michele Wellman / Saint Sandro / 69.194 (1-3)
2. Beth Stambaugh / Wellington / 68.065 (1-3)
3. Beth Stambaugh / Wellington / 68.000 (2-1)
5. Karen Metcalfe / Cayenne / 62.903 (1-3)
6. Rachel Barbrook / DeLily / 62.586 (1-1)

Show Results continued on next page
**PVDA Schooling Show**

**Suarloaf Equestrian Center, Boyds, MD • October 6, 2013**

### USEA Novice Test A
1. Ema Klugman / Bendigo / 34.783

### Intro Level Test A
1. Caroline Cochran / CurleySue / 66.563
2. Cecile Le Saout / Principito / 64.063
3. Janice Bric / Marshal / 63.75
4. Alexis Berthold / Zee / 56.563
5. Gail Palestine / Dulce / 55.313

### Intro Level Test B
1. Caroline Cochran / CurleySue / 69.063
2. Gail Palestine / Dulce / 64.375
3. Cecile Le Saout / Principito / 62.188
4. Emma Jacobs / Brumby / 60.313
5. Alexis Berthold / Zee / 51.875

### Intro Level Test C
1. Emma Jacobs / Brumby / 56.5

### Training Level Test 1
1. Francois Van Laethem / Piconero III / 65.833
2. Kelsey Siegel / Southern Comfort / 64.792
3. Amy Nicholson / Sox / 60.625
4. Liz Stoneham / Onyx / 57.917
5. Holly Kowgios / Zoey / 56.042
6. Stacy Charland / Royal Walk / 50.833

### Training Level Test 2
1. Kelsey Siegel / Southern Comfort / 70.179
2. Amy Nicholson / Sox / 67.5
3. Sophia Fishman / Face the Music / 63.929
4. Francois Van Laethem / Piconero III / 62.143
5. Stacy Charland / Royal Walk / 60.893
6. Danielle Fleegle / Sandros Touch / 60.714

### Training Level Test 3
1. Sophia Fishman / Face the Music / 65.8
2. Danielle Fleegle / Sandros Touch / 63.8
3. Mieke Meurs / Lucio / 63.4
4. Julie Yagodich / Some Like It Hot / 53.8

### First Level Test 1, 2 and 3
1. Mieke Meurs / Eddie / 65.484 (1-3)
2. Susan Gadomski / Lino / 62.903 (13)
3. Susan Gadomski / Lino / 62.027 (1-2)
4. Carol Nair / GOP Tribute / 61.034 (1-1)
5. Mieke Meurs / Lucio / 58.793 (1-1)
6. Mieke Meurs / Eddie / 54.324 (1-2)

### Second Level Test 1 and 2
1. Alison Ehrlich / Ali BABA Q / 56.447 (2-2)
2. Judy Strohmaier / Peaches in Regalia / 56.447 (2-2)
3. Alison Ehrlich / Ali BABA Q / 52.714 (2-1)

### Fourth Level Test 1
1. Laura Osburnsen / Black Tie / 48.571

### USEA Intermediate Test B
1. Julia Wendell / Cavendish / 36

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**My Experience at the BLM's**

*By Kitty Martin*

This past year I competed at the CBLMs in North Carolina and it was an experience I will never forget, since I competed as a Junior/Young Rider for the last time. My pony (Moby Dixon) and I qualified for First Level and for First Level Musical Freestyle (MFS). We did two individual tests judged as a normal Level Four recognized test, during which we got third for First 2 and first for the freestyle. During our championship classes we got seventh for First Level and second for the musical freestyle (by less than 1% under first place and with a spook at the judge!).

I am so incredibly proud of how we did and I could not have asked for a more wonderful experience, more friendly horse show competitors and staff, or a more beautiful facility to compete at. I want to let everyone reading this know that you don’t need a $50,000, 17hh warmblood or be a tall leggy rider to compete at this show. Dixon was a naughty school pony rented from a summer camp rental company (he was actually tied for the smallest pony at the competition) and I am a smaller rider from a lesson barn. Truth be told it takes time to figure out what you need to do to qualify and dedication to get the scores, but don’t let that stop you. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to bid adieu to my JR/yr status in such a memorable way. I’m so lucky that I had such a willing partner and (of course) such a supportive mother. Thank you to PVDA for teaching me how to compete and for allowing me to go to this competition, after all I did qualify for both divisions at PVDA at Loch Moy!

![Photo provided by Kitty Martin.](image)

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**Note from a PVDA Clinician**

**Follow up on the Clarksville Chapter Trot Pole Clinic**

*By Cheryl Ann Loane*

I was very happy to see how much the horses and riders have developed since the last time I saw them. I was very impressed that despite polar vortex, snow and ice storms there were 6 horse and riders ready for a clinic. And I mean ready. Everyone was fit enough to work hard.

We focused on range of motion exercises that everyone should be able to set up at home. We had 5 trot poles set up on straight line that started at 4’, 4.5’, 4.5’, 4.5’, 4’. We worked at both walk and trot and lengthened the distance and raised the poles as the horses mastered the exercise. The idea of irregular poles- height and distance- is that the horses have to pay attention and be able to vary their stride. We also set up 3 poles in a fan on a circle and the riders worked on lengthening stride on a large circle and shortening stride on a small circle.

I saw some incredible lengthenings from horses that have been too lazy or too excitable in the past. So kudos to all the good work the riders have put into their horses. I look forward to seeing you all again in warmer weather!

![Clarksville Chapter members benefitted from Cheryl Ann Loane’s instruction over cavaletti at Stonebrook Farm this past February. (L to R are Ninja Nissen on Dante, Cheryl Ann Loane, Bonnie Sink with Punch, and Samantha Smith on Aurion). Photo submitted by Deanna Williford.](image)
PVDA Lesson Lottery Program

The PVDA Lesson Lottery program is a new pilot program fashioned after the popular New England Dressage Association Flextime Program. It 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 15 instructors who have agreed to participate and donate a lesson for this first program 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. You can apply for up to three instructors and indicate your order of preference.

Applications will be accepted until April 15. 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.

Instructor Biographies

Michael Bragdell: Michael 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.

Janna Dyer: Janna is a USDF Gold Medalist who has studied with Georg Heyser, Jessica Ransehausen and Robert Dover. She received a USET/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.

Jeralyn Finn: Jeralyn 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. Jeralyn is a trainer at Wyndham Oaks dressage facility in Boyds, Maryland. Jeralyn trains her own horses and a few select full training horses at her Shepherd's Run Farm in Poolesville, MD.

Scott Hassler: Scott has actively campaigned several horses through Grand Prix, earning many year-end USDF Championship titles. In 1996, Scott was short listed with two horses for the Pan American Games. Scott was instrumental in creating our pipeline of national programs that ensure talented horses and riders are properly recognized and developed. He also recently co-conducted the 2013 USDF National Trainers Conference with Steffen Peters.

Suzanne Hassler: Suzanne twice won the USEF Markel East Coast Young Horse Selection Trials and represented the US twice at the FEI World Championships for Young Horses in Verden, Germany. Suzanne has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medals. She participated three times in the NAJYRC, winning the individual Gold Medal her final year in 1986.

Chris Hickey: Chris qualified for the 1994 Olympic Festival and the selection trials for the 1995 Pan American Games. During the 2007 season he won the U.S. Intermediaire I Championship and the Pan American Games Dressage team and individual gold medals. Chris is on the Faculty for the USDF Instructor Certification Program, is Co-Chair of the USDF Trainers Council.

Silva Martin: Silva passed her Bereiter's exam at the German Riding School in Warendorf with an “excellent” mark and worked for noted horsemen 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.

Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel: Felicitas 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.

Lauren Spreiser: Lauren is a USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalist. She is also a NAJYRC Gold Medalist and USEF Developing Listed rider. Based in northern Virginia,
Lauren runs Sprieser Sporthorse at Clearwater Farm. Lauren is a blogger for The Chronicle Of The Horse, and writes regularly for magazines like Dressage Today and Practical Horseman.

Pierre St Jacques: Pierre and his longtime partner, Lucky Tiger, were members of the Gold Medal Winning US Dressage Team at the 2003 Pan American Games. Pierre and Lucky Tiger have had great success at the Grand Prix level over the past few years, including 2009 National Grand Prix Reserve Champions at the Festival of Champions in Gladstone, NJ.

Barbara Strawson: 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, 4-time Olympic Gold Medalist. Barbara brings over 20 years of experience to her business, which she began in 2005.

Erin Sweeney: Erin 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.

J J Tate: Jessica Jo (JJ) 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 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.

Fred Weber: Fred completed his Bereiter studies at the Westf. Reit. und Fahrschule with Mr. Paul Stecken in Germany. He has earned Bronze, Silver and Gold medals here in the US. Fred has trained eight horses to FEI, including the stallions Wertherson and Weltbekannt. He has earned numerous USDF year-end awards including reserve champion in 2004 at the FEI Intermediare II Horse of the Year with Weltbekannt.

Linda Zang: Linda is an FEI "O" Judge, FEI Technical Delegate, and clinician. Linda was a member of the U.S. team at the 1980 alternate Olympics in Goodwood, England, and the 1979 Pan American Games in Puerto Rico, and competed at the 1978 World Championships in Goodwood. She is also a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist.

Lesson Lottery Program Release

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Print Rider’s Name:__________________________ Date:__________________________

Rider’s Signature:______________________________________________
Maintain Your Horse’s Well-being with a Healthy Mouth

By Christina Dayton DVM, All Creatures Veterinary Services

Equine dentistry is much more than just floating teeth. We can learn so much about an animal’s health by examining its teeth. Floating, also known as rasping or filing the horse’s teeth, ensures that the horse maintains an even, properly aligned bite plane. Floating is a physical or mechanical process, and equine dentistry is much broader and examines the horse’s health more systemically. Floating or balancing the teeth must be addressed at the temporomandibular joint (TMJ), the molars and premolars, and the incisors. If the horse has its molars floated without addressing the incisors, the incisors may contact, but the molars will not be able to grind food. If the incisors are reduced too much, this can cause strain and soreness in the TMJ ligaments. The general goals of equine dentistry include: improving the chewing of food to increase feed efficiency, relieve pain and treating or curing infection and disease, and promotes general health, productivity, and longevity.

Most people think that dentistry is primarily concerned with the teeth and mouth, it also includes the associated structures of the head, such as the sinuses, and the effect of dental diseases on the health of rest of the body. Dental issues can lead to stress, irregular biting surfaces, lacerations on the cheek or tongue, issues with the temporomandibular joint or TMJ, and poor performance. Beyond the comfort and the good health of your horse, there are other benefits to proper dental care. Your horse will consume feed more efficiently with less spillage or waste and therefore will perform better and live longer.

Dental disease is a source of pain and infection and can affect the systemic health of your horse, especially if undetected or left untreated.

Hooks and ramps such as the one pictured to the right can cause severe abrasions or lacerations in the mouth and can affect how the horse chews and eats. Hooks and ramps are excessive amounts of tooth due to the wear pattern of the opposing dental arcade. Hooks and ramps should be reduced to aid the horse in proper chewing and excursion or motion of their jaw. Signs that your horse may have a dental or physical issue include dropping grain, weight loss, slow chewing, head tossing or tilting, large pieces of undigested food in feces, refusing to turn, foul breath, and facial swelling.

Routine examination by an experienced licensed veterinarian will help detect dental disease and other health problems early—before they threaten the well-being of your horse. These exams make it much easier to diagnose and treat oral disease early, preventing more severe and costly problems later. A juvenile horse should have a dental examination when it is foaled, at three months and then every six months until the age of five. Healthy adult horses need a yearly dental exam. Horses older than 20 or with a history of dental problems should be examined twice a year. When examining the horse’s mouth, a dental speculum (a tool that holds the horse’s mouth open) is recommended to catch problems.

Certain observations in your horse may be clues to you or your veterinarian that a complete physical examination and a thorough dental exam may be in order. Has your horse’s general attitude changed? Is their appetite normal? What about the ability to chew and the length of time it takes to eat? What about the stool consistency—are there long pieces of hay or pieces of grain in the stool? Are there well formed fecal balls? The veterinarian may perform a complete examination and other tests if needed, in order to evaluate the horse for possible risks prior to carrying out a dental exam.

Veterinarians are best qualified to perform dental care on your animal because they are: trained in equine dentistry, medicine, and surgery, licensed to practice dentistry,
equipped with the proper resources to examine, diagnose, and treat dental disease, and are prepared to refer severe or complicated cases to specialists with extensive experience. To safely and more comfortably for the horse do a thorough oral examination, sedation and adequate restraint is recommended. Sedation allows us to evaluate correctly with the horse comfortable and relaxed which allows for accurate dentistry and is safer for the horse, the handler, and the vet. Motorized equipment or “power” floating is cleaner, less irritating to the horse, more efficient, and faster which allows the horse to be more comfortable. Think of this, the longer you sit in the dentist’s chair, the more uncomfortable that you become. Treatment of dental disease may include antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. Your veterinarian will know which is the most helpful and appropriate and will be able to prescribe these for you.

If you should have any questions after reading this article, please feel free to call 302-258-8160 or email allcreaturesvetdc@gmail.com.

The Thoughtful Rider

Over Anxious and Nervous Horses Develop Confidence through Compassionate Riding

By Hector Carmona Jr.

The nervous or anxious horse is lacking from confidence from a myriad of reasons and comes in all forms. It is the rider’s responsibility to give this horse confidence. This confidence comes from the rider in a compassionate manner. The rider needs to be able to dissect and understand the origins of such behavior. With some horses it may be innate within their character and something that needs to be dealt with on a daily basis. I do not believe the Natural Horsemanship’s answer is the final answer for these types of horses although some of the techniques may be helpful.

First and foremost, punishment is not the answer, and will only make the horse more nervous to the point of being fearful. One must remain calm and not be in a hurry. This will create trust, understanding of your care for him, and that you would not force your horse into questionable situations. These types of horses will and can walk through fire for you, because they know of your love for them, and that becomes more important than their own life. Think about the horse and its history, and what we have put them through, and you will get the proper perspective.

The rider’s aids are the way of communication as we all know. With the nervous horse, the beauty is that, ultimately the dialogue needs only to be at a whisper. But to get to that point first there needs to be thorough understanding that your aids are never for punishment.

With this horse I do what I call a period of Indian riding, when they are ready for it. That means my legs, arms and body encompass all of the horses body in all dressage exercises, and they realize there is nothing to fear. With each of horse, the sluggish horse and the nervous horse, we need to develop the positive characteristics of both into each type of horse. The beauty then lies in the middle ground.

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The PVDA Newsletter
By The Board

The Minutes

Board Meetings are usually held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and are open to all PVDA members.

FEBRUARY PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: February 10, 2014; Meeting #535
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Carolyn Del Grosso, Rebekah Lusk, Linda Speer, Deanna Williford, Christina Dale, Jaclyn Scoli, Valerie Mallder, Mary Sue McCarthy, Moea Goron-Liccione, Deanna Beal
Members Absent: none
Assoc. Members Present: Julie Kingsbury, Tim Beal, Jeff Dwyer, Claire Lacey, Kerry Burger

Old Business: Linda Speer thanked the board for her lifetime membership given at our Awards Dinner. She said she was so surprised she was speechless.

Redland Hunt Pony Club sent a note of thanks for the $100 donation for their new judge’s stand. Tim and Deanna Beal presented a summary of the online membership survey. The response was less than the paper survey in 1998, which was shorter and offered a “special gift.” This survey was sent to 965 members, 423 opened it, 367 began the survey with 262 fully completing it, for 27% of the members. Generally, the members were satisfied with the activities with themes being good communication from the newsletter, website, and e-blasts, but needed is a better spread of activities (shows and clinics) around the membership area, and lower costs for educational activities. Chapter membership could answer this need, so we should make it easier for members to contact chapters. Committee heads are urged to read the responses and come to the next meeting with ideas to answer the needs.

In order to keep tabs on membership wishes, it was suggested that we add up to five questions for the members to answer when they apply for membership each year.

New Business: Mary Sue will look into the ability to attend our meetings remotely, which will include a speaker phone and arrangements for conference calls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: The Tea for Training will be on March 2 at Karmic Run Farm, Mt. Airy. Jackie has several people signed up already from the website and attendance will be mandatory for the Schooling and Licensed Show managers. She would like to be able to forward the schedule and parking details and information to anyone who signs up and Christina said she would be able to manage this.

Fundraising/Marketing/Sponsorship: Katie Stratton has been approved for a scholarship.

Membership: Current members are up to 614 members. Adult-382; Business-3; Family Primary-50; Family-38; Supporting-52; Junior-36; Life-18; Patron-3; Senior-54; Young Adult-16.

Ride for Life: The Core Team sent a report outlining their plans for 2014 which include three events: an invitation-only cocktail evening at Woodslane Farm at the end of May which will highlight past Dancing Horse Challenge rides and showmanship with possibly demo rider entertainment; the traditional Ride for Life show weekend in June with increased emphasis on rider donations for the Johns Hopkins donation, including vendor participation, and the on line silent auction; then a Fall event “Equine and Wine” which earned close to $1000 in 2013.

Shows: Recognized-Julie Gross has volunteered to be the equipment manager for the Southern Maryland area.

Schooling: All shows are entered in Fox Village and the new computers will be loaded and ready if needed for loan to managers.
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