Hilda Comes to Region 1

PVDA member Hallie Ahrnsbrak on Emmitt at the USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney

Photo by Christina Dale

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June
1 FADS at Ship’s Quarter Farm, Westminster, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org
3 Afternoon clinic with Felicitas Von Neumann Cosel at Equistudence Horse Center. Contact Ilkim Boyle at vetmail@vettaxi.com

Free to audit as always!

6-8 VADAnova Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org
8 Shore Dressage Chapter Clinic with Susie Cain at Sunset Bay Farm Onancock, Va. Contact deripaffe@aol.com or 757-302-0224
8 FADS at Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org
12-15 Festival of Champions, at USEF Headquarters, Gladstone, N.J.
14 VADAnova Schooling Show at Frying Pan Park, Herndon, Va. See www.vadanova.org
14-15 Virginia Summer Licensed Dressage Competition, See www.usdfregion1.org
15 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com
17 Susanne von Dietze Clinic at Wood’s Lane Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Esther Noiles at info@WoodsLaneFarm.com or 301-829-6354
18 Clinic with Wendy Murdoch at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.com
18-19 Uwe Steiner Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. See www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
21 Shore Dressage Chapter Schooling Show, Sunset Bay Farm, Onancock, Va. Contact deripaffe@aol.com or 757-302-0224
21-22 Schooling Show with Judge Debbie Rodriguez at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.com
22 FADS Schooling Show at Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, Va. See www.frederickdressage.org
22 Open House at Hall’s Choice Farm, New Market, Md, 10am to 4pm. Contact Betsy Smith at hallschoice@verizon.net
25 FADS Schooling Show at Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, Md. See www.frederickdressage.org
28 Dressage for Everyone Clinic with USDF Gold Medalist and Grand Prix rider/trainer Janna Dyer, at Mexico Farm, Cumberland, Md. Contact Alison at shastay@wilson.edu
29 Bayside Chapter Schooling Show. Includes USDF, USEF, Western Dressage, Leadline and Prix Caprilli, judged by Becky Langwost. Contact Anne Thiboe for location. baysidechapter@yahoo.com
29 Erin Sweeney Clinic at Hall’s Choice Farm, New Market, Md. Contact Betsy Smith at hallschoice@verizon.net

July
12 Hope Floats Equestrian Dressage Show Series, Show 1. See show info and registration at www.hopefloatsequestrian.com
12-13 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Visit our website at www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
15-20 NAJYRC in Lexington, Ky. www.usdf.org
19 WindCrest Farm Schooling Show, Clarksburg, Md. An evening schooling show in a friendly and fun setting. Avoid the July sun, join us for dressage with wine and cheese. Contact Dede Bierbrauer, 301-972-5102 or windcrestii@aol.com
20 Hope Floats Equestrian Dressage Show Series, Show 2. See show info and registration at www.hopefloatsequestrian.com
19 Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com
23-24 Uwe Steiner Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. See www.ChesapeakeDressage.com or call 410-267-7174
26 Hope Floats Equestrian Dressage Show Series, Show 3. See show info and registration at www.hopefloatsequestrian.com
26 Lisa Gruen Clinic sponsored by PVDA Southern Maryland Chapter at CDL, Annapolis, MD. Cost is $80. Entry form on website: http://pvdasouthernmaryland.com/. Contact Melissa Harlinski at mharlinski@yahoo.com
26 Jeremy Steinberg Clinic at Wood’s Lane Farm, Mt. Airy, Md. Dressage training for all levels. Contact Esther Noiles at info@WoodsLaneFarm.com or 301-829-6354
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PVDA Schooling Shows on separate calendar
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Lesson Lottery Winners

Congratulations to the PVDA Lesson Lottery winners and thank you to our 14 generous instructors! The lucky 2014 winners of the lesson lottery are: Marla Stoner, Beth Gillespie, Laura Groat, Shelley Caplan, Kristen Herzing, Joyce Pearl, Cynthia McNemar, Jacki Holland, Karen Siebert, Erica Giles, Jill Frumin, Jan Woronoff, Jacqueline Sink, and Camilla Cornwell. Please remember to send the newsletter your photos and let us know about your progress!

The Partners and Allies Committee needs you!

Help PVDA keep in touch with other dressage- and horse-based organizations in Maryland and beyond. Members of this committee will act as liaisons with organizations like the Maryland Horse Council and VADAnova. Contact Jocelyn Pearson at (703) 771-3231 or jpearson@rcn.com for more details.

New Librarian for the PVDA DVD & Video Library

After many years of serving as PVDA’s librarian, Jennifer Tingley is stepping down, but she has found a replacement in Jan Sherfy! Jennifer writes, “I have enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to volunteer for the librarian position over the last several years and I appreciate Jan Sherfy’s willingness to take on this position. The library will be ‘closed’ while it’s in transit, and will ‘re-open’ July 1. This is a wonderful resource that PVDA chapters and members can access.”

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Ride for Life will be open and almost all of the volunteers lined up. Watch for a special FEI freestyle class Saturday at 5:00 pm, and our always outstanding silent auction organized by Shari Glickman, which will be online this year for better access.

Our education committee chaired by Jackie Sicoli is working diligently to put together exciting programs including a New Test Clinic next March 21-22, 2015 at Wyndham Oaks, given by Janet Foy. Yes, the tests are changing in November 2014.

As always if you have any ideas or suggestions please contact anyone on the Board or better yet attend one of our meetings the first Monday evening of every month. All are welcome!

Happy Riding,

Mary Sue
In April, the Clarksville Chapter and Stonebrook Farm hosted a clinic with Evelyn Pfoutz, USDF L graduate and gold medalist. Evelyn was so flexible in customizing her instruction to every rider’s needs - from a “fix-a-test” format, to working on certain movements for moving up a level in the 2014 show season, to helping with musical freestyles! All the students reported their session with her was terrific and they’d like to work with her again in the near future! Nancy Albrecht shared, "My goal was to work on First level movements. Evelyn adjusted my stirrups to help my position and recommended elevating the back of the saddle a little. Lu is very forward moving and will pick up the transition to lengthen her canter, but it is difficult to transition to a working canter. We worked on sitting back, scooping my hips, staying deep in the saddle, and increasing my leg aids. Evelyn suggested at the end of the lengthening to ask for a circle and that would help her to transition to the working canter. We made a lot of progress and Evelyn was very nice to work with, perceptive and able to communicate in a concise manner.”

April Tennyson on Arthur with Evelyn Pfoutz.

Photo submitted by Deanna Williford.
few who can afford them. But our area has many more unsung heroes – excellent accomplished trainers who compete locally and sometimes nationally, are rarely seen in the press, and who charge reasonable training fees that are affordable for the rest of us. The Catoctin Chapter of PVDA has been honored to work with a number of these wonderful, talented and supportive trainers. Cathy Echternach is one of these unsung heroes. She is the manager of the Sugarloaf Equestrian Center and has obtained her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medals; her USDF Gold Freestyle Bar; and numerous Rider Performance Awards. She has achieved these accomplishments on a variety of horse breeds, particularly Morgans. Just as important to the Catoctin Chapter members, Cathy is an affordable supportive trainer of many average riders on average horses that enjoy the pursuit of dressage; many of these riders have been successful in the show ring.

Impressed with her many accomplishments, we invited Cathy to give us a clinic on April 19, 2014, at Leslie Raulin’s Blue Horse Farm in Jefferson, Maryland. We had six horse/rider pairs in the clinic.

Leslie Raulin and Rock Creek (Rocky)

Leslie rode Rock Creek (Rocky), her 16 year old Thoroughbred gelding. Rocky is transitioning from a stint as a hunter/jumper school horse to being a lower level dressage horse. Leslie has shown Rocky at Introductory Level and hopes to show him at Training Level this year. Leslie’s clinic goals were to improve Rocky’s gaits. Early in the ride, Cathy remarked that training non-warmbloods is a little different from training warmbloods. Whereas warmbloods benefit from a “long-and-low” warm up, this usually just puts other breeds more on the forehand. To obtain better gaits, the hind end must be worked more. This is accomplished with 15 meter circles, shoulder fore, shoulder in, and transitions within and between gaits. Better gaits are also encouraged by posting more slowly while keeping the horse forward with an even rhythm. Cathy felt Leslie’s reins were too long and she was leaning too far back. In the free walk, do not use wide reins; instead, use “jockey reins” working with the horse’s neck and encouraging the horse to stretch. At the leg yield, Leslie applied incorrect aids that caused Rocky to lead with the hind quarters. This was corrected by starting with haunches in to straight to the leg yield. These exercises and rider corrections dramatically improved Rocky’s gaits.

Dona Hoffman and Future Image (Frankie)

Dona rode Future Image (Frankie), her 11 year old Oldenburg/Arabian gelding. Dona is training and showing Frankie at Second Level. Her clinic goals were to have Frankie use his hind legs and keep his back up. Dona and Frankie had a very productive clinic. Cathy has a very positive attitude, is very encouraging, and has tons of exercises to help teach both horse and rider to be correct and responsive. She focused on shoulder-in/haunches-in and leg yield and using a couple of steps of each move, then straighten, then go again, to get Frankie to engage his hindquarters and lighten his front end. Because of the tough winter we’ve had, Dona and Frankie were a little out of shape, but Cathy was very understanding about taking breaks. Dona was very happy with the clinic results.

Nancy Isaacson and Almost a Saint (Allie)

Nancy rode Allie, her 18 Thoroughbred Cross mare. Allie is another horse making the transition from hunter/jumper school horse to dressage horse. Nancy is training Allie at Training Level and showing at Introductory Level. Her clinic goals were to improve communications. Allie is a bit anxious about her new dressage career and Nancy and Allie were having difficulty with circle geometry; therefore, Cathy concentrated on 20 meter circles, particularly the dimensions of the dressage arena and the “markers” for circles at A, C and B/E. During these exercises, Allie began to

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relax and understand bend in the circles. Nancy gained a better understand of circle geometry. The clinic gave both Nancy and Allie a positive dressage experience and prepared the pair for their next dressage show.

Debra Peebles and Wyndikayt (Vinnie)

Debra rode Vinnie, her 11 year old Arabian gelding. Debra and Vinnie have successfully shown at Arabian shows; they are training and showing first level. Debra’s clinic goals were smoother down transitions. Debra and Vinnie had a great clinic! Cathy is very positive, with lots of exercises in her bag of tricks. She was able to help Debra break a movement down, step by step, and help Vinnie learn how to correctly carry himself. Just having this one simple little exercise will make a big difference in their training. Debra hopes the Catoctin Chapter invites Cathy back!

Anne Buckman and AF Freestyle (Grace)

Anne was a guest rider at the clinic. She rode Grace, her 6 year old Oldenberg mare. They have been training at Training Level and showing at Introductory Level. Anne has had Grace for just over a year. They are working on the basics of balance, straightness and connection. Cathy helped Anne work on those with Grace, with particular attention to connection. Grace has a tendency to raise her head and invert her neck. Cathy helped to counteract this tendency. Cathy asked Anne to invite Grace to carry her head extra low and to have her reach down towards the bit. Grace was willing to reach down for the bit, but once Grace lowered her head, Anne had a tendency to not have enough contact. Cathy cautioned her to make sure she has good contact so Grace has something to reach for. Cathy also suggested that Anne needs to make it very clear to Grace that inverted is not acceptable and that Anne needs to more quickly ask her to lower her head to a good contact. To help with straightness, Cathy suggested that Anne ride slight haunches in when on the left rein and slight shoulder in to the right. This helped Grace be straighter and to use both her hind legs more equally. The canter, in particular, was improved with these exercises. Cathy is an excellent clinician. She gave exercises that Anne and Grace were able to achieve and she also gave excellent visualizations to show how a horse moves when it is not straight. Anne and Grace were able to take these exercises home to continue making progress.

Leslie Raulin and Aviani (Annie)

Leslie rode Annie, her 19 year old Hanovarian mare. They are training at Second Level and showing at First Level. Leslie’s clinic goals were to have Annie come more through with relaxation in the back. After watching their warm-up, Cathy put Leslie and Annie through a series of trot movements including leg yields, shoulder-in, and haunches-in. Canter exercises included a series of 20 meter, 15 meter, and 10 meter circles. These frequently changing movements encouraged Annie to relax and come through more with a more relaxed back.

The Catoctin Chapter members had a very rewarding clinic with Cathy. Everyone had a positive and valuable experience and remarked about her kindness and outstanding knowledge of dressage exercises to help improve horse and rider enjoyment and performance. Cathy is a perfect example of the many unsung heroes – superb affordable dressage trainers – with whom dressage riders in our area are privileged to train.
Scholarship Report

My Ride With an Olympian

By Julie Gross

Last year I watched a clinic with Lisa Wilcox. I have known her for several years and frequently watch her clinics. My regular instructor, Hallie Ahrnsbrak, has worked with Lisa for about six years and often I go and watch. Hallie has always pushed me to ride with her but I was always reluctant. I mean, we are talking about an Olympian that has dedicated her life to being the best rider possible!! However the clinic last Fall was a bit different, and I am not sure why, but somehow when I was sitting there I decided I was going to definitely ride in the next one. Fast forward, I am happy to say, I rode in an amazing three day clinic with Lisa.

Lisa is a stickler about throughness. The connection is the Holy Grail. You are pretty much married to a 20 meter circle until your horse is through and connected. The first day, I felt we were on to something and was able to get what Lisa wanted. The second day, there were snippets of throughness but it wasn’t consistent. It can be frustrating since one day it is so easy and the next it so difficult. Day three was amazing. Everything came together. Cayenne, was so soft yet connected. I could feel the circle of aids and everything going through. These are the moments I ride for.

The other thing that Lisa really stresses is position, position, position. It’s not only about proper alignment but actually getting out of the way of your horse. For example, taking the legs off so that the horse can be really through – if you are gripping anywhere then the horse will hold against that and consequently will not be completely through.

After the throughness work and the position work, it was amazing how easily Cayenne could glide through all the second level movements with so much ease. I also noticed how each of my limbs could work so independently of each other.

I would like to thank the board of PVDA for granting me the scholarship so I could ride in this clinic. What a great opportunity it was for me. Volunteering has really paid off, and I am so happy I took the plunge to ride in a clinic with such an accomplished rider. I wasted a lot of time being worried about being good enough to ride in a clinic like this. My advice to everybody is, don’t be afraid! Lisa has been around the block and knows her stuff …she gave me invaluable insight that only comes through someone with so much experience. I can’t wait until September when she returns!!

Outstanding volunteers who are members of PVDA are eligible for scholarships to pursue educational opportunities. Scholarships are to be used only for the education of the rider, not for the training or maintenance of the horse. Visit the “Programs” tab at www.pvda.org, for more details or see www.pvda.org/finance_pages/dressage-scholarships/.
Mindfulness for Development of a Happy Athlete

By Erin Sweeney

Mindfulness is a state of active, open attention to the present.

It’s about paying attention to the present moment as if one’s life depends on it. In dressage, mindfulness can be used to enhance a rider’s success in the saddle.

Horses are perfect medium for a rider to develop mindfulness because they are, by nature, actively and openly paying attention to their surroundings and completely “in the present moment” at all times. The more that we allow the horse to “be a horse” in its awareness, the better riders we can become. The more that we can join our horse in the present moment and perceive and empathize with its concerns and state of mind, the better riders and leaders we can become.

Be your horse’s leader and establish your horse’s trust.

Your horse, left to its own decision making, would be roaming freely in a group of other horses. By haltering your horse and removing it from its stall or field, you are taking your horse onto foreign soil so to speak, and you are therefore completely responsible for its comfort and safety until you return it to said stall or field. Whether you are riding or handling the horse, you must assume the role of leader and decider in all things.

An important aspect of this responsibility is deciding the horse’s precise path of travel in hand and under saddle. This involves constant decision making with regard to the horse and your location and assessment of such decision’s potential impact on you and your horse. A rider’s successful decision making will result the horse’s feeling safe under her guidance and ultimately in building the horse’s trust.

The rider/handler is responsible for deciding exactly how much challenge the horse will face.

Consider the overall impact of “mileage” on your horse. Choose its experiences with care taking into consideration their ultimate effect upon the horse. Cavalier application of desensitization exercises and excess field trips can backfire leading to traumatization of the horse rather than trust and confidence building.

The rider, for example, must consider her horse’s experience at all times. She must factor in her horse’s fitness level, state of mind, age/experience, and level of sensitivity to objects and other horses in its midst. Your horse’s perception and acceptance of you as leader will be tied to the appropriateness of challenge level that you regularly present to your horse. Do you push too hard and overwhelm your horse frequently? To the opposite extreme, do you avoid riding or giving your horse much the much needed challenge of exposure and experience. What about boundaries, are you consistent or do you tend to set boundaries inconsistently? All the while ask yourself, are you a balanced leader that makes smart decisions for you and your horse?

To be a balanced leader, you must also consider your own experience. This includes assessing your fitness level, your state of mind, comfort level with your current surroundings and riding in general and your perception of your ability to act as a successful guide to your horse. All of these things add up to your being your horse’s leader. You must strive to make good judgments and use your discretion to create the best possible outcome for yourself and your horse.

You should also know your own limits and call upon the services of an experienced horse person when appropriate.

Be mindful in all things.

We have felt at times and have heard people say: “He’s not really scared, he is just spooking as an evasion. He is using (the spook) as an excuse not to work.” This is an example of a rider denying her horse’s state of fear and replacing it with something more to a human’s understanding. As a biological predator, humans must learn to understand the position of our equine friends in order to truly succeed as riders. Horses are herd and prey animals and have survived over the millennia through their ability to quickly discern danger and flee from it. When they are in doubt, horses are much safer to run quickly away from a threat then to stick around and make sure that something is dangerous.

It is a rider’s job to correct mistakes a horse might make as a result of moving away from or reluctance or refusal to continued on next page
approach something which it finds frightening, but never punish a horse for spooking. In cases where a horse has been punished for spooking, a chain reaction can be conditioned, wherein any scary item, sound, or situation causes the horse to anticipate punishment by its rider or handler and therefore sends the horse into a state of heightened fear of not just its environment but also of its leader, its rider.

To practice mindfulness in the saddle, be “in the moment”.

Pay attention, do not daydream or let your mind wander away from yourself and your horse. Leave your complicated life at the stable door. Use your mind to process each moment spent with your horse. Act as the decision maker on behalf of your horse and yourself, always being mindful of what choice will be best for your horse at any given moment.

Stay focused at all times.

Pay attention to your horse: it’s tempo, balance, outline, contact and learn to decipher what variances in these things say about your horse’s state of mind. To quote horseman Buck Brannaman, “I like to live in the moment. You worry about yesterday or last week or twenty years ago, it’s not gonna work out too good for you. You can’t live in two places at once. You know, I mean, you never forget, but you don’t have to keep living in the past.” Horsemens and women should heed Buck’s advice and use time spent with their horses get into the unlimited possibilities of the present moment.

Erin is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and USDF Certified Instructor who specializes in young horse starting and development. As an instructor and clinician, she emphasizes classical dressage position and aid systems for all riders. She has extensive experience competing in USEF dressage competitions at national and FEI levels, FEI/USEF young horse classes, and Materiale classes with multiple high and HOY score awards to her credit. In 2005, Erin rode Marefield Meadows’ Reese to the FEI 5 Year old National Reserve Champion. Erin would like to thank Holly Newman for her help in editing this article.

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**The Classifieds**

**Horses for Sale**

- ’11 3/4 Han. bay geld. by Domiro, 16.1H and growing. Handled every day since birth. Handsome, correct, curious, great ground manners, and loves attention, asking $11,000, needs a job and is ready to go. Barbara (Susie) McNair, 410-860-1435
- ’02 ches. Han. geld. by D’Olympic (by Donnerhall), 16.1H dressage, event, or equitation prosp. Lovely, willing disp., 3 nice gait, $15,000, Betsy Smith, 301-865-0643 or email: hallschoice@verizon.net

**Horses for Lease**

- For sale or lease: DuWB bay geld., 14 yrs, 16.3H, beautiful, well-mannered, w/3 comp. gait and a lovely uphill canter. Has the exp. and training to school 3rd level dressage. In prof. training in Mt. Airy, MD. Motiv. owner, good home essential, $15,000, Mimi Mack, 301-748-6844
- In barn half-lease of nice 16H Canadian Sporthorse, bay geld. Perf. gentleman and lower level dressage schoolmaster. Eventing training thru Novice, sound, sane and good on outings. $400/mo., covers lease, board, shoes and shots. Trainer on premises. Lessons req. Serious inq., Molly Chaney, 410-294-1691 or email: wbchaney@comcast.net

**Equipment**

- Sz. 14 blk. all wool dressage show jacket, in exc. cond. gold buttons, lovely drape, $50/obo, Sarah Dunn, 240-285-5989 or email: sed196250@gmail.com
- Weighted surcingle by Eponaire (Astride Lite). Simulates rider weight -- great for conditioning or starting young horses. Includes eight, 8-lb weight bags, pad and leather girth. Only used a couple of times, $400/ firm, retails for $575. More info at eponaire.com Angi Voss, 908-752-7531 or email: vosdressage@mtn.com
- ’17.5” County Competitor dressage saddle, ’95 model and well used, but still some good life still left. Seat just replaced, in Mont. Co., $600/obo, Julie Rowner, 301-897-0977 (tv message) or email: Julierowner@gmail.com
- ’17.5” Bates Caprilli blk. dressage saddle, in exc. cond., wide tree, stirrups, leathers and 48” girth incl. Photos avail., $800/obo, Suzi Heik, 717-642-8295 or email: suzisun@ embarqmail.com
- ’17.5” Henning Dressage saddle incl. saddle cover, MDC comfort stirrups, and leathers, in exc. cond., $5,000 new, asking $3,500, Deri Jeffers, 757 302 0224 or email: deripiaffe@aol.com
- ’17.5” Albion SLK custom dressage saddle, MW tree, one owner and horse, in exc. cond. Thigh block covered by molded flap, long billets, wool flocked, extended panels, $1,950/obo, Jen Moran, 703-999-8040 or email: jmoranwillowway@yahoo.com
- 1) 17.75” Hennig Sofa blk. dressage saddle, new point billets, in exc. cond., tree is fully adj., curr. set wide. Great for the hard to fit horse, $3,500/obo 2) 17.5” Rembrandt blk. dressage saddle, in very good cond., new billets, $850/obo. Laura Serkes 703-608-8583 or email: laura@asmandl.com

**Wanted**

- Dressage facility in Frederick Co., MD ISO working student to assist with riding, sales prep, and marketing of quality WBs. Prof. demeanor, org. skills, and upbeat attitude essential. Dressage background not required but applicant should have basic horsemanship, consistency, fairness and kindness when working w/horses. Duties incl. riding, grooming, and light barn chores. Variable hours, housing, horse board poss. Riding w/ USDF, Swiss cert. instr. poss. Betsy Smith, 301-865-0643 or email: hallschoice@verizon.net

**Boarding**

- Adult camp: bring your horse or use ours. Stay on your riding issues in a quiet, confidential setting. Affordable progress, get on track! Janna Dyer, 301-271-1961

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**Chesapeake Dressage Institute 2014 Clinic Schedule**

- **Jan Brons**
  - June 16 & 17
  - July 12 & 13
  - Aug 9 & 10
  - Sept 13 & 14
  - Oct 25 & 26
  - Nov 15 & 16

- **Uwe Steiner**
  - May 21 & 22
  - June 18 & 19
  - July 23 & 24
  - Aug 20 & 21
  - Sept 24 & 25
  - Oct 22 & 23

**PVDA Schooling Show** July 20

- Ilse Schwarz Summer 2014
- George Williams November 1 & 2

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Hilda Gurney Comes To Region 1

By Betty Thorpe, Photos by Christina Dale

PVDA was the lucky host for the 2014 USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney at Wyndham Oaks, Boyds, MD. April 12, 13 turned out to be the peak of the cherry blossoms and was a beautiful warm weekend which so many of us appreciated.

Hilda was inspiring and told us that at 70 years old, she feels she is riding the best she ever has. She rides 20 horses a day and mentioned it a couple of times so I know I got this right. She may not be on them all for long, but 20. She has her own Snowy, an 18 hand stallion at Grand Prix as well as the 14.2 hand Arabian stallion, also at Grand Prix. She says the feeling on both horses once she is in the test is the same, the same power and sensitivity. It’s getting off where she remembers how different these stallions are.

Hilda said she is happiest training horses, and many that she owns are horses she has bred. In fact she was on hand to deliver a healthy foal the night before she came to Maryland. She said riding is her passion. She never gets bored teaching, angry sometimes, but never bored. But judging, sometimes she has to drink coffee or eat coffee candy, she admitted. She said she is frustrated that she can’t teach while she judges, this from someone who taught Special Education for 14 years.

As the eight rider sessions unfolded, several themes became evident. Hilda has a very good perception of time and how valuable it is when training horses. It takes five years to get to Grand Prix, and horses are old before you know it. So in all fairness to the horse, she gets on with the process. Her correction to at least three of the riders was that their horses were too much on the forehand, that the stretch-into-the-bit program was done, and what was needed now was to pick them up. Horses don’t develop their gaits on the forehand. To help learn this, she showed how she “fluffs” the reins and lifts the neck up. “Use your hand in a user friendly way, he can’t lean on you and run.” Horses should travel so their front legs work in front of their body, not under, she explained. If you are looking to buy a horse, buy the one that does this easily. If you are a breeder, try to produce ones that travel like this. One rider was surprised to be asked to start departs from the walk, but that builds up strength. Another rider was surprised at how often her Prix St Georges horse could be asked to practice the half steps working toward piaffe, which is difficult and needs strength. Hilda replied that piaffe work for horses is like deep knee bends for people, something one wants to practice in their youth! So work productively.

One horse had a dip in front of the saddle and underdeveloped back muscles so he needed to learn to stretch to build up these muscles. It was hard for him to relax, especially if the trot was too fast, but Hilda promised that the rider would see a difference in his muscle development in two weeks. So the second theme was that after a moment of hard work, go to free walk and totally give the reins. This gives the horse a chance to really stretch tired neck muscles and maybe get circulation back into their mouth if they have been leaning on the bit. She was completely fair to the horses and sympathetic to their conditioning in the sudden warm

Over 100 auditors packed the arena for both days of the clinic.

Alison Thompson rides in the clinic.

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A third theme had to do with corners. Some riders ignored them completely, which didn’t work for Hilda. One rider went too deeply into the corners and interfered with her horse’s rhythm (first step on the Training Scale). Putting on her Judge’s Hat, Hilda pointed out that in a test a good corner is a modifier for the next movement. If the movement is done well, a bad corner may not lower the score, but certainly will not lift the score to higher.

One rider had fallen into a familiar trap. Hilda pointed out to her that she had taught her horse that when she picked up the reins in the walk, it was a signal to trot. “Where’s your medium walk?” Then in posting trot, the horse had learned that sitting trot meant to canter. The cure was to alternate sitting and posting without departs. If a rider has trouble sitting the trot, it is ok for a time to slow down the trot and make it easier. “Eventually we want to build the trot but not now.”

And riders must follow the walk motion with their reins. “You’ll see all the big riders do that,” Hilda said and showed us exactly that with the videos of the World Cup she brought. The motion is from neutral to forward, NOT back. One rider who practiced this started by following with a big motion that wasn’t exactly in time to the walk. This was ok, Hilda pointed out, “any time you learn something new you have to over do the motion because you don’t have the motor control. You can’t start out fine tuned.”

Hilda’s advice on piaffe—it’s important to start with the piaffe, then go to passage. You can start the half steps when the horse is at First Level. Sometimes she teaches piaffe when riding toward home and the horse gets excited or by riding next to a horse that is already doing piaffe. “We have a lot of horses at the farm who know how to piaffe and passage.” Sometimes a student will ask exactly what the aids are for piaffe, and Hilda has to think. She said she and Keen worked so long together that by the end she only had to think and he would do what she wanted. She mentioned often that she uses the aid where both legs go slightly back, then alternates pressure. The aid of both legs going back is the “half halt” leg (versus the driving leg, the bending leg, and the sideways leg) and it means to the horse to tuck his pelvis under, which works on all down transitions.

Since Hilda is on the New Test Committee, she gave some news about the new tests. For 2015 the renvers have moved to Third Level, since few were successful at it in Second Level. Going from shoulder in to renvers is good preparation for the rider to learn to shift her weight for the future zig zag and flying changes. Also Hilda pushed for a new rule that now says riders need to be on the correct posting diagonal because she didn’t like to see riders in a whole test on the same diagonal.

How low does the horse need to stretch in the stretchy circle? The poll should go lower than the withers. If a horse has a lot of flexion in the poll and still stretches, the face will go behind the vertical. Hilda is fine with that. If a horse “becomes a bloodhound with nose to the ground following a scent,” Hilda says she still gives a 7-7.5 and comments, “you don’t need to go that low.”

PVDA had five members who were demo riders: Hallie Ahrnsbrak, Abe Pugh, Stephani Bann, Amanda Silver, and Alexa Briscoe. The other riders were Dawn Weniger, Lauren Annett, and Alison Thompson. This region had a record 37 riders apply for the spots, and there were 160 auditors on Saturday and 100 on Sunday.

Many thanks to all of the riders and to Hilda for an inspiring weekend. Thanks to Lori Larson, our host from Wyndham Oaks, and to Jocelyn Pearson who organized it all.
Misty Gleann Farm

Calendar of Events for Spring and Summer of 2014

CLINICS [WindCrest & Misty Gleann]
George Williams-June 28/29 & August 16/17 at Misty Gleann
Dottie Morkis-July 26/27 & October 11/12 at WindCrest
Betsy Steiner-Sept. 6/7 at WindCrest
   We will be scheduling more throughout the year
   There is stabling available and auditors are very
   Welcome!! Please contact us for details. ALL LEVELS ENCOURAGED!

SHOWS [WindCrest]
July 19—evening show with wine/cheese
September 21—day show
October 26—HALLOWEEN SHOW—COSTUMES!
November 16—Fall show

All shows will have recognized judges with oral critique after each ride. FOCUS
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Contact: Dede Bierbrauer or Barbara Strawson
301-528-6837       240-818-1350
windcrestii@aol.com
### PVDA Schooling Show

#### Celebration Farm, Union Bridge, Md • April 27, 2014

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2) Deborah Athens(2-1) / Sa Pentacle / 69.000%
3. Abby Krohn(1-2) / Solsticio / 67.297%
4. Mary Russell(3-2) / Feinesse / 66.098%
5. Abby Krohn(1-1) / Solsticio / 63.276%
6. Bridget Dellar(1-2) / Cats Black Orchid / 58.378%

PVDA Schooling Show
By Chance Farm, Union Bridge, Md • May 11, 2014

Intro Level C
1. Celia Henein / Finders Keepers / 64.500%
2. Morgan Whipp / Tumblin Dice / 64.000%
3. Kristin Austin / Hunter / 63.250%
4. Rebecca Boardman / Contilli / 56.750%

Training Level Test 1
1. Trisha Derosa / Fallston / 66.458%
2. Shelley Caplan / Doc / 64.375%
3. Ali Calkins / Amazing Max / 63.958%
4. Kristin Austin / Hunter / 61.042%
5. Jennifer Martin / Cma Drama Queen / 55.000%

Training Level Test 2
1. Trisha Derosa / Fallston / 66.607%
2. Whitney Johnson / Lions Share / 65.833%
3. Samantha Bray / Sacre Coeur / 63.958%
4. Morgan Whipp / Tumblin Dice / 63.333%
5. Laurinda Berger / My Major / 61.250%
6. Celia Henein / Finders Keepers / 59.375%

Training Level Test 3
1. Sophia Fishman / Face The Music / 67.800%
2. Samantha Bray / Sacre Coeur / 63.000%
3. Sarah Hume / Blaze / 60.800%
4. Lisa Cliser / Pistol Annie / 60.400%
5. Carol Schechter / James Bond / 52.800%

First Level Test 1
1. Elizabeth Montcalm-smith / Playboy / 67.931%
2. Mary Follin / Consula / 65.345%
3. Tracey Trainum / Dascha / 62.759%
4. Sophia Fishman / Face The Music / 62.414%
5. Lisa Cliser / Pistol Annie / 58.448%
6. Carol Schechter / James Bond / 58.103%

First Level Test 2
1. Deborah Higgins / Crescent / 66.757%

First Level Test 3 and Above
1. Deborah Higgins(1-3) / Crescent / 72.581%
2. April Johns(1-3) / Mariah / 66.562%
3. Jaelyn Sicoli(2-3) / Fabuloso Re / 59.405%
4. Jaelyn Sicoli(2-2) / Fabuloso Re / 58.684%
5. Kevin Emblin(2-2) / Goldwahrung / 56.579%
6. Domenique Carson(4-2) / Deliza / 55.541%

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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.

MAY PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: May 5, 2014; Meeting #538

Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Carolyn Del Grosso, Rebekah Lusk, Linda Speer, Jaclyn Sicoli, Valerie Mallder, Mary Sue McCarthy, Moea Goron-Liccione, Deanna Williford

Members Absent: Mimi Mack, Claire Lacey, Christina Dale

Assoc. Members Present: Wendy Emblin, Ingrid Gentry, Julie Kingsbury, Pat Artimovich

New Business: Linda moved that we donate $200 to the Region 1 Young Riders Team fund. Seconded and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chapters: St. Mary’s Chapter requested a stipend for their Balimo Clinic.

Education: The New Test Clinic with Janet Foy will be March 21, 22, 2015 at Wyndham Oaks.

Fundraising/Marketing/Sponsorships: The sponsorships levels are finalized and will be announced on the website and in a brochure. A $100 sponsorship will cover a member’s volunteer requirement for year end awards. Jackie said her Peace of Mind business will be the sponsor for the Ride for Life volunteer t-shirts.

Governance: Katie Straton has finished her scholarship. Julie Gross has sent her scholarship report.

Membership: Total membership is 841. Adult-511; Business-5; Family Primary-69; Family Supporting-76; Junior-68; Life-18; Patron-4; Senior-67; Young Adult-23.

Newsletter: The first show results were published, and Valerie has made the scores web- and newsletter –friendly. Please submit photos for the newsletter with at least 300 dpi which means no camera-phone shots.

Partners and Allies: We need someone to represent PVDA at the Maryland Horse Council meetings. Jocelyn reports that the Hilda Gurney Clinic that PVDA hosted was great fun, Lori Larson was incredibly helpful and her brother in law was the caterer.

Publications: The membership directory will be published soon and it includes the Service Directory. Val will start to contact those listed from last year.

Ride for Life: Marne Martin-Tucker suggested having an FEI musical freestyle test of choice on late Saturday afternoon where we offer some prize money. Therefore we need a sponsor for $1,500.

Shows: Schooling—Lucky Cicket had 25 rides, By Chance and Celebration shows are filled, and Bluebird and Potomac Riversides shows have opened. Moea displayed a Show Manager’s Manual that Valerie put together to explain all she has learned from working with Equestrian Entries and Fox Village. It’s quite a masterpiece.

Volunteers: Camilla Cornwall and Ninja Nissan have all of the volunteers lined up for the Spring Show and Mary Sue has a good start on the Ride for Life volunteers. All thanked the website sign-up and the Tea for Training.

Website: There are some issues with the website but Valerie has been in touch with the website support team.

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Attention Junior and Young Riders!

PVDA wants you for the Region 1 Youth Competition July 26 - 27, 2014 at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA

PVDA will send a team in every division, starting with USDF Introductory Level
PVDA will pay for team tests and stabling

Requirements
1. Must be a PVDA member.
2. Send three tests judged by two different judges from any licensed show or any PVDA schooling show at the level you would like to show.
3. Volunteer one day at any PVDA event.

Deadline for application is June 23, 2014

For more information contact:
Linda Speer, 410-531-6641
wspeer@verizon.net
Hilary Moore Hebert, 703-400-9108,
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Candidate Application
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