PVDA’s Annual Awards Dinner Celebrates A Year of Great Riding

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Claudia Griffiths from the Southern Maryland Chapter rides Debut at Second Level at the 2011 PVDA Chapter Challenge. Photo by Vickie Kirkpatrick.
January 2012
7-8  Bruno Greber clinic at Halls Choice Farm in New Market, Md. Contact Betsy Smith at hallschoice@verizon.net
7-8  Clinic with USDF Silver Medalist Carlos Santos at Morgan Run Farm, Westminster, Md. Contact Adrienne Wisenberg, 202-577-7995 or awisenberg@btlaw.com for information. All levels riders/horses are welcome.
8  Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series, open to all PVDA members. Contact Patty Blanchard at mellow.cello@gmail.com
9  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Carolyn Del Grosso, 301-774-0794
10  Tuesday Talks at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, Va. “What Makes My Horse Stumble? Diagnosis for the Neurologic Horse,” with Dr. Martin Furr. 7 p.m., no charge but pre-registration required. Contact Amy Troppmann for reservations, 703-771-6843
14  Schooling Shows at Playland Equestrian Center. Indoor arena, informal attire. USDF and Eventing tests. Contact Margaret Rizzo, 301-502-8929 or see http://playlandequestriancenter.com/schooling_shows.html

February
6  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Tedi Lesniewski, 301-928-7279
11  Schooling Shows at Playland Equestrian Center. Indoor arena, informal attire. USDF and Eventing tests. Contact Margaret Rizzo at 301-502-8929 or see http://playlandequestriancenter.com/schooling_shows.html
19  Mountain Harmony Winter Show Series at Celebration Farm with Suzy Floyd. Entry forms at www.celebration-farm.com
21  Tuesday Talks at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, Va. “Equine Strangles: The Problem That Just Won’t Go Away,” with Dr. Harold McKenzie. 7 p.m., no charge but pre-registration required. Contact Amy Troppmann for reservations, 703-771-6843

March
4  Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series, open to all PVDA members. Contact Patty Blanchard at mellow.cello@gmail.com
5  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Kate Burgy, 301-580-9903
10  Schooling Shows at Playland Equestrian Center. Indoor arena, informal attire. USDF and Eventing tests. Contact Margaret Rizzo, 301-502-8929 or see http://playlandequestriancenter.com/schooling_shows.html
13  Tuesday Talks at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, Va. “Is Your Horse Off Behind? Diagnosing and Treating Hind Limb Lamenesses” with Dr. Nat White. 7 p.m., no charge but pre-registration required. Contact Amy Troppmann for reservations, 703-771-6843
24  VADA/NOVA Schooling Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org

April
2  PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Jaclyn Sicoli, 609-651-6526
7-8  VADA/NOVA Licensed Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.vadanova.org

Junior/Young Rider Clinic with Brendan Curtis
Stonebrook Farm, Clarksville, Maryland • February 26, 2012

Take this opportunity to ride in a clinic with Brendan Curtis at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md. Each 45 minute private session is subsidized by PVDA. The cost is $45 per lesson and is open to PVDA Junior/Young Riders only.

For information or questions, call Linda Speer at 410-531-6641 or e-mail wspeer@verizon.net. To register for a clinic, please make your check payable to PVDA and send proof of membership and negative Coggins with application to:

Linda Speer
6300 Guilford Rd.
Clarksville, MD 21029

APPLICATION—Jr/yr Clinic with Brendan Curtis

☐ Brendan Curtis Clinic: February 26, 2012 • Price $45

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Age of Rider:

Level of Rider:

Level of Horse:

Please make your check payable to PVDA and send proof of PVDA membership and negative Coggins to:

Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Rd., Clarksville, MD 21029
PVDA Elects 2012 Board of Directors

The new PVDA Board officers for 2012 are: Chairperson—Rebekah Lusk, President—Jocelyn Pearson, Vice President—Kathryn Tedford, Secretary—Betty Thorpe, and Treasurer—Carolyn Del Grosso. Other members of the 2012 Board of Directors are Kate Burgy, Camilla Cornwell, Tedi Lesniewski, Mary Sue McCarthy, Hilary Moore, Ninja Nissen, Shari Packard, Jaclyn Sicoli, Linda Speer and Michele Wellman. Please see the PVDA website, www.pvda.org, for contact info.

Renew Your Membership by January 31

Please renew your membership by January 31 to avoid a break in your newsletter and benefits. You can renew online at www.pvda.org in the membership section of the website. Go to www.pvda.org/membership. PVDA accepts online applications and payments. Memberships that are using volunteer slips as payment must still be submitted via regular mail. You can also find a 2012 membership form on page 18 of this newsletter. Mail your check, payable to PVDA, to Michele Wellman, PVDA Membership Coordinator, 9205 Bessie Clemson Rd., Union Bridge, MD 21791. For information contact Michele at membership@pvda.org.

1000 Videos at Dressage Training Online

Too cold to ride? Sign up for DressageTrainingOnline.com. You can spend the winter months watching videos, learning from almost every possible trainer, comparing techniques and deciding what might work for your horse. If you find a trainer you especially like, let us know, maybe we could ask them to come to us for a clinic. If you mention PVDA when applying to Dressage Training Online you will receive a discount!

Congress Lifts Ban on Horse Slaughter

Horses may soon be slaughtered for their meat after Congress recently lifted a ban on funding for horse meat inspections. Horse slaughter plants in the U.S were shut down in 2007 after Congress dismantled the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s ability to inspect the facilities. The ban has ended and the USDA has recouped its power to inspect the plants and meat. Congress has not appropriated any funding for inspections though, so slaughterhouse construction can’t commence until the USDA has money to provide oversight. See http://www.kfbb.com/news/local/Horse-Slaughter-Ban-Lifted-134873633.html.

The President’s Window

I can’t believe it’s 2012! Where does the time go? The old dressage masters always said, “One lifetime is not enough.” This is so true. After 39 years as a member of PVDA, and a lifetime of horses, I still feel like I am just beginning to learn about them. It is all so fascinating and I guess that’s what we all have in common as PVDA members. Speaking of learning, the PVDA Education Committee has big plans for 2012. The annual Tea Is for Training will be held again this year, during a winter month when we all have more time. After that everyone should put in for your summer vacation and join us on Thursday and Friday, July 5 and 6, for a PVDA Clinic with FEI rider and trainer, Heather Mason.

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The Chapter Challenge
November 6, 2011
photos by Vickie Kirkpatrick

Top left, clockwise:
1. Dana Scanlon and Dover Glory
   riding Training Level, Test 2
2. Hilary Walker and Cruz Bay
   riding First Level, Test 2
3. Leslie Raulin and
   Cromwell riding
   Training Level, Test 3
4. Jaclyn Sink and
   Sil’Sations Spirit riding
   Second Level, Test 2
5. Jamie Suever and
   MLI Jasper riding
   Training Level, Test 2
Eight PVDA Members Travel to San Diego for USDF Annual Convention

By Betty Thorpe

PVDA delegates Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, and Hilary Moore, as well as Participating Member delegates Linda Speer and Leslie Raulin plus PVDA members Barbara Strawson, Jaclyn Sicoli and Dona Ruth attended the 2011 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in San Diego, California—a nice place to visit no matter what else is happening there!

First, it was nice to hear that the USDF finances are in the black despite lower membership numbers. They have been cutting costs where they can, and that appears to have been successful.

We knew that we would be voting on a National Head to Head Championship proposed for the Kentucky Horse Park for 2013 for Open and Amateur riders. Janine Malone pointed out that USDF wants to keep “control” of the running of these Championships rather than USEF, who has threatened to take over because Dressage is the only major division in USEF that has no National Championship.

When the time came to discuss it, there were several “But what about…” questions that came up. Each person raising a concern came to the microphone and had two minutes.

What about the budget? There was a 2008 budget that was put aside when the recession hit, which is now out of date, but at least it gave an idea that we were talking about a $450,000 endeavor. But what about including Juniors?

Juniors have other activities and would be included later, probably within three years (719 voted that juniors should wait, 694 said include them now, and 51 abstained). What about Freestyles for Amateurs? They can ride in the Open Freestyle classes. What about the timing? Fall of 2013. Couldn’t that be moved to Spring 2014 to accommodate the schedule for shows that are already in contracts with show grounds? The Kentucky Horse Park has no open dates in Spring 2014, and horses move up a level, and northern horses do not train well over winter. What about

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Top photo, left to right: PVDA delegates Betty Thorpe, Hilary Moore, Linda Speer and Shari Packard.
Bottom photo: Betty Thorpe wins the New England Dressage Association basket.
qualifying? The winner and reserve of each level at the Regional Championships would be invited to compete, and they should declare if they are planning to go. If they don’t go, the next placed horse will be invited and so on. There would be no penalty for declaring to go and then changing your mind. But are these horses really the best in the country since that is what a national championship should be?

USDF is a very democratic body and delegates in the room have varying number of votes depending on how many members they are representing. Whenever a disagreement needed a vote I could see officers looking toward the California delegation to calculate how they were leaning because they have SO many votes, but the computers did it accurately. Deby Reinhart from NEDA, a show manager, said please vote on this as a proposal and let the task force do their work to fill in the details. The proposal passed: 1,014 “YES,” 441 “NO,” with 9 abstaining.

A new position on the Executive Board, three AT LARGE delegates, had their first election. Those running came to the podium to introduce themselves and their platform. All said they were nervous. Gaye McCabe, the retired policewoman from Oregon, said she would rather arrest a drunk who was armed than stand up here!

Gerhard Politz did not attend, pleading a bad cold after a trip to Europe. Carolyn VandenBerg had friends from the four regions around the country where she had lived (in her 21 moves) wearing her campaign buttons. But they all did well, and elections ran smoothly. Lisa Gorretta, from Ohio, who is a TD and recently retired from running The Paddock Saddlery, won for the Activity Council; Kevin Bradbury, a show manager and software developer, won for Administrative; and Carolyn VandenBerg found magic in those buttons and won for the Technical Council. I hope these new members of the Executive Board are helpful.

Linda Speer organized the PVDA basket filled with PVDA materials and products from Maryland, that looked nice lined up with all the others from around the country. The lucky winner of our basket was a California Dressage Society member who lived 50 miles away in Temecula. I was lucky and won the basket from New England, which was full of goodies and made it necessary to check my luggage on the way home.

The educational sessions also were very well done. Hilary Clayton gave her always-informative talk on the biomechanics of the horse and also had a video that showed how the horse deals with the bits that we use. She had some amazing videos of horses moving their tongues around the bits. Susanne von Dietze talked about the mechanics of the rider to the general members, and also spent an afternoon with the instructors. Sports psychologist Jenny Susser led a spirited entertaining discussion on fear.

Dona Ruth saw the first day of the Symposium and reports that it was inspiring to see the American Program through the eyes and thoughts of the National coaches. “The fantastic horses, one right after another, was a treat and certainly allowed you the opportunity to see the standard to where we are to be striving competitively,” she said.

Shari Packard, Jackie Sicoli and I had a thrill visiting Steffen Peters’ barn. We thank JJ Tate for organizing this via text messaging so that Steffen was expecting us. He stepped aside from teaching a lesson and shook our hands, introducing himself, and then went back to work. The lesson was conducted with a head set system so it was quiet. Next a horse was delivered to his ring and he swung aboard and schooled it. Another trainer was in a connecting ring teaching a lesson also via headsets, and a third trainer was showing off a sale horse. There are 65 horses there and a staff of 12 or 13. It is a busy, working barn in a comfortable setting in a wonderful climate. Work was underway to put footing in a covered arena to add to the possible training areas.

Next year the meeting will be in New Orleans. There will not be a Symposium offered, but many of us know the charms of this city and we look forward to this annual meeting, too.
By Jane Seigler

On December 1, the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) confirmed to the Maryland Horse Council (MHC) that it had “delayed publication of the [new, proposed] nutrient management regulations in an effort to achieve consensus with concerned stakeholders.” On October 27, MDA had submitted proposed changes in those regulations to the State Legislature’s Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR). If the AELR Committee had approved the proposed regulatory changes, they would have been published in the Maryland Register for a 45-day public comment period. The planned date for that publication was December 2. Instead, MDA announced that it was going back to the drawing board, and promised to include MHC in the process. On November 15, at MHC’s Annual Meeting, MDA representatives fielded a number of questions from MHC members who raised concerns about how the proposal would affect horse operations.

MDA has been struggling for months to come up with regulatory changes to help the State meet goals imposed by the Federal EPA related to the Chesapeake Bay clean up effort. An initial draft of the proposed changes surfaced last Spring, and immediately drew outcry from the Maryland Horse Council, the Maryland Farm Bureau, and many farmers and individuals over the specifics of the proposed changes, some of which contained requirements that would have been difficult or impossible to implement in the context of the typical horse operation. As a result of these comments, the State’s Nutrient Management Advisory Committee (which includes representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, MDA, University of Maryland, Maryland Department of the Environment and Natural Resources, Maryland Farm Bureau, Delaware-Maryland Agribusiness Association, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, commercial lawn care companies, the biosolids industry, as well as local governments and the state legislature, and which has been considering the proposed changes for the past year) made changes to the proposal.

A summary of the MDA’s proposed changes submitted to AELR, with a link to the full text of the proposed regulations, is available online at: http://www.mda.state.md.us/pdf/NM_Regs_Fact_Sheet.pdf. The proposal contained the following requirements of particular interest to horse farmers.

**Setbacks**

Effective January 1, 2014, setbacks of vegetated areas, where no nutrients may be deposited or applied, will be required at the edge of surface water: Pastures and hayfields are subject to a 10-foot application setback; no nutrients shall be applied mechanically or deposited by livestock with the setback. Sacrifice lots (less than 75% grass or grass legume mix) shall maintain a 35-foot setback. Essentially, this means that streams and ponds must be fenced. One improvement in this provision over a previous version is that “ephemeral streams” are now excluded from the definition of surface water. Additionally, Operators are responsible for sediment and erosion control of stream crossing areas. Operators shall move livestock from one side of the stream to the other side only through stream crossings designed to prevent erosion and sediment loss. Operators shall gate crossing areas wider than 12 feet. Operators may allow livestock controlled access to streams for watering in accordance with the USDA-NRCRS Field Office Technical Guide standards and specifications. There is no effective date specified for this provision. An MDA official commented at the MHC meeting that it was “not clear” whether this provision would apply to stream crossings on trails.

**Timing of application of nutrients**

During Spring and Summer (March 1–September 9) manure may be spread or deposited directly on permanent pastures and land used for hay production. These applications will now be exempt from the requirement that nutrients be “injected or incorporated” within 72 hours, as was contained in a previous draft.

During the Fall (September 10–November 15) livestock manure may be applied only if the operation making the application is generating the dairy/livestock manure or waste and storage is insufficient to accommodate additional materials generated before March 1 of the following year. Again, there is no incorporation requirement for pastures or hayfields.

During the Winter (November 16–February 28) stackable manures (e.g., horse manure) is prohibited, which is also the case under the current regulations. Virtually all
winter applications will be prohibited effective July 1, 2016. Farmers will be expected to have adequate manure storage facilities in place to handle 120 days of manure production, and no manure may be applied to fields (except for what is directly applied by livestock). However, the proposal will allow temporary field storage (up to 120 days) if certain standards are met regarding location, setbacks from water sources and residences, slope and grade, and cleanup of the site in the Spring. If these standards cannot be met, then a manure storage facility must be built by 2016.

The 2016 effective date is intended to give farmers enough time to plan for the installation of manure storage facilities, and to apply for cost-share and other government programs providing financial assistance. However, funds for these programs are limited and continue to be subject to budget cutting. Some farmers are not eligible for these programs due to the nature of their operations.

In order to understand where MDA is coming from in its efforts to amend these regulations, it’s useful to have some background. In 1972 Congress passed the Clean Water Act, which in essence mandated that polluted water bodies be restored to environmental health. In the late 1990s, several environmental groups brought suit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), complaining of the slow progress in improving the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River. These lawsuits resulted in two consent decrees that eventually produced what are known as the Bay TMDL (or “Total Maximum Daily Load”) and the WIP (Watershed Implementation Plan). The Bay TMDL (or “Total Maximum Daily Load”) is essentially a prescription for the maximum amount of a pollutant that will be allowed to enter a water body. TMDLs have been variously described as “pollution budgets” or “pollution diets” that must be adhered to if the Bay is to be restored to, and maintain, environmental health. For the Bay, the pollutants that are subject to the TMDL are nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. In 2010, the EPA established the TMDLs for the Bay watershed, an area of 64,000 square miles including New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, and required these jurisdictions to develop “Phase I Watershed Implementation Plans” (WIPs). These Phase I WIPs allocated the allowable pollutant load among different types of sources and identified statewide strategies for reducing these nutrient and sediment pollutants. See the Executive Summary of Maryland’s Phase 1 WIP at http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/Documents/www.mde.state.md.us/assets/document/MD_Phase_I_Plan_Exec_Sum_Submitted_Final.pdf; and the entire Maryland Phase I WIP at http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/TMDLHome/Pages/Final_Bay_WIP_2010.aspx. For general information, visit http://www.mde.state.md.us/programs/Water/TMDL/TMDLImplementation/Documents/Citizen%20Phase%20II%20WIP%20Guide_August2011_final.pdf.

Maryland is now engaged in developing its Phase II WIP. The Maryland Phase I WIP identified the following broad sources of pollutants: agriculture, urban, septic, wastewater and forest. The Phase II WIP will refine the Phase I plan to include more local details about where and how nutrient and sediment loads will be reduced to clean up the Bay. Although the Phase II WIP is a State document, required by EPA, the State is working with local teams, organized at the county level, to produce the plan. These teams include representation by entities with responsibility and authority to control nutrient and sediment loads, such as county and municipal governments, soil conservation districts, and federal and State agencies. Meetings are currently underway on a county by county basis to discuss specific targets and goals for pollutant reduction and receive input from stakeholders about their realistic achievability. To find out about the status in your county, see www.mde.state.md.us/TMDL/Pages/PhaseIIBayWIPDev.aspx, and click on your county.

So what does this all mean to you, the Maryland horse farm owner? TMDLs apply to both “point” (e.g., industrial facilities and sewage treatment plants) and “non-point” (e.g., runoff from the land following rain or snow melt) sources of pollutants. Although there are direct regulatory mechanisms under the Clean Water Act for enforcing TMDL requirements for “point” sources, e.g., through the permitting process, “non-point” sources are generally not regulated and so there is no direct enforcement mechanism. (Although, theoretically, there are certain measures...
that could be taken that could transform non-point sources into point sources (e.g., the EPA could rewrite state level CAFO (confined animal feeding operations) permits to “expand the universe of regulated operations” to include more livestock farmers.) At least for the present, achievement of TMDL goals for non-point sources generally must be achieved by promoting the use of best management practices (BMPs) through incentives such as cost-sharing and grants. So, in order to meet its TMDL goals for the agricultural sector, the state and county teams are looking at how the use of certain best management practices, e.g. cover crops, stream buffers and fencing, manure incorporation, etc., can be increased, with a resultant reduction in pollution reaching the Bay. Although at this point neither the State nor the federal government can force individual landowners to use certain BMPs, there is enormous pressure, both legal and political, on the State to meet its TMDL goals. According to MDA’s press release announcing the proposed changes to the nutrient management regulations, “a main purpose of the changes is to achieve consistency in how all sources of nutrients . . . are managed and applied to agricultural land throughout the state. That consistency will facilitate the State’s ability to demonstrate how it will meet its TMDL requirements.”

Horse farmers should not lose sight of the fact that they already play an important and positive role in protecting the health of the Bay. There is no more beneficial use of land in terms of protecting water quality than a well-managed horse pasture. Given the inevitability of the TMDL requirements, horse farmers may well want to consider how they can get out in front of this issue, to help improve the Bay without hurting their bottom lines. In the meantime, lots of free advice and help are available from local soil conservation districts who can provide horse farmers with individualized soil conservation plans that improve both farm operational efficiency and the health of the environment. Help in finding and applying for cost share programs and grants is also available, and participation in these programs is voluntary. Information on local Soil Conservation Districts can be found at http://www.mascd.net/scds/MDSCD05.htm. MHC has formed a new Farm Stewardship Committee which will be tracking regulatory and legislative developments and working to get the word out on the positive role that well-managed horse farms already play in protecting the natural environment.

To get more involved with the Farm Stewardship Committee, contact Jane Thery at jthery@starpower.net.
Horses for Sale
✦ SWB ches. mare w/fixen mane and tail, 13 yrs, 15.3H (Prego-Elektorn) schooling 2nd Level dressage but has not been shown recently due to rider's studies and work travels. Cons. scored in the 60s at Training and First Level w/an amateur rider. Trailers well and has exc. manners off the property. Video avail. $15,000, Celia Vornholt, 443-253-6350

Horses for Lease
✦ TB geld., 16H+ available for partial lease for the remainder of my preg/maternity leave, now until May '12. Boarded at Crab Alley Farm (www.craballeyfarm.com) on the Eastern Shore (Kent Island). Has done lower level dressage and eventing. Loves people and attention. Great on trails. $275/mo, Brenda Baibak, 410-353-7945 or email: brevinc@gmail.com

Equipment for Sale
✦ Black frame/black seat Balimo chair, cost $299 new, asking $125, Beth Schmidt, 301-251-5690 or email: bschmidt67@hotmail.com
✦ Cob-size blk. “comfort” bridle w/padded contoured crown and cut-out for ears, well-padded 1.25”crank nose band w/flash, incl. 5/8” leather reins w/hand stops, used 6x, $85, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net
✦ 1) Cob-size blk. Albion dbl. bridle w/crank caveson, well-padded, soft leather on headstall and noseband. Orig. cost $675. Incl. horse-size blk. Albion double bridle headstall which orig. cost $125. Bridle and both headstalls in exc. cond., used only 2 mos. Reins and bits not incl., asking $400 for all. 2) People on Horses cob-size blk. brow band w/gold leaf filigree, $45, Deb Stewart, 301-802-6984 or email: deb_stewart1@verizon.net
✦ 17” Kieffer brn. dressage saddle, 16’ flap length, wide tree, used on an Appaloosa, in very good cond., incl. fittings/pad/girth, asking $350, Janet Breeding, 410-795-4262 or email: jgbabar@verizon.net
✦ 17.5” County Competitor blk. dressage saddle, size 4 tree (wide), in very good cond., $950/obo, Camilla Cornwell, 301-641-5133 or email: cckornwell@gmail.com
✦ 1) 17.5” County WB blk. dressage saddle, wide tree, long billets, textured seat and knee pads, in exc. cond., asking $1200 2) 18” Thornhill “Berlin” A/P 34cm tree, tobacco tan, hardly used, in like new cond. Recommended by Linda Parelli. Comfortable for trails and jumping. New $895, Asking $500. 3) Mattes sheepskin correction pad, full square dressage style w/shims, in exc. cond., new cost $238, asking $150. Pics of saddles avail.; Lisa Trevillion, 410-489-4730; or email: silverhorse.farm@verizon.net
✦ 17.5” WB4 med/wide tree blk. Hulsebos dressage saddle, in exc. cond., $2,500, Ashley Ockels, 302-245-4184 or email: a.ockels@hotmail.com
✦ 17.5” Albion SL MW dressage saddle, in very good condition, long billets and reg. flap, $1,900, Karen Anderson, 301-949-1981 or email: equitator@gmail.com
✦ 17.5” Albion STYLE blk dressage saddle, MM tree, reg. flap, point billets, and 3” gusset, in exc. shape, $1,400/obo, email for pics, Brenda Baibak, 410-353-7945 or email: brevinc@gmail.com
✦ 17.5” blk. Albion SLK Ultima, short flap, dressage saddle, wide/x-wide tree, in exc. cond., only ridden in 6 mos. Beautiful saddle, very comf., exc. leg positioning, your horse will thank you! $2,750, Jennifer Tingley, 410-875-2308 or email: jennifer.tingley@juno.com
✦ 18” Trilogy Verago Elite, x-wide tree, in great cond., $2,700. Would make a great gift! Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873
✦ 18” Schleese JES Elite, air panels, fully adj. tree currently at a wide/x-wide setting; in exc. cond., $2,500, Allison Turner, 410-726-8199 or email: twostars8688@yahoo.com

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✦ Stay Warm This Winter at Playland Farm! Premiere boarding in Frederick. 140+ ac. farm. Perfect for both competitive and recreational riders. Young horses and
retirees also welcome! Lg. ind. arena, 2 outdoors arenas, and heated barn! New fencing summer 2010. Seasonal boarders welcome. $500/stall or $350/field. See: www.playlandequestriancenter.com. Glenda Player, 301-788-1188 or email: glenda@playlandequestriancenter.com

✦ 4 stall barn avail. in Nov. and/or stalls in main barn, on historic farm 17 mi. from bridge. Full size ind. with sand and rubber footing/mirrors, matted stalls, individ. care, heated tack room and full kitchen. Dressage trainer on premises, horses avail. for lessons & lease. Linda McDowell, 410-758-8575 or email: lkmdressage@gmail.com

✦ Boarding at Cheshire Horse Hills, beautiful facility w/ind. arena, viewing lounge, bathroom, all under one roof, stay dry and ride in winter months. Outdoor and trails plus sm. group pastures. Very close to No. VA, DC and Beltway. Please check us out at www.cheshirehorsehills, Mike or Kathleen Avillion, 301-372-6302

Wanted
✦ PT feeding help wanted in Upper Marlboro eves/wknds, flex. hours, no stalls. Exch. for riding or lessons. Judy Strohmaier, 301-627-3918 or email: flyingchange@netzero.net

✦ Need someone to muck at my sm. pvt. 6-stall barn up to 5 days/wk in exch. for trail riding one of my lovely horses. Potentially 6 days per week of riding. Also have full size outdoor arena. Must be an exp. rider, Lucraria Pizzano, 301-368-3512 or email: Calinino@aol.com

2011 PVDA RIDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Meghan Roche
Grace Blakeley
Lisa Freund
Nikki Witte
Molly Sherman
Katie King
Alexis Rossetti
Cheryl Wolff
Sherman
Logan Elliott

Schooling Show Scores
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Annual Clarksville Chapter Winter Show Series
Clarksville Chapter membership is not required to participate. All shows held at Stonebrook Farm, 6300 Guilford Rd. Clarksville, Md.

Sunday, January 8, 2012, Judge TBD
Sunday, March 4, 2012 with Evelyn Pfoutz (L)
Make up date. March 25, 2012 (if a show is canceled)
organized by the PVDA Education Committee. The clinic will be held in the indoor arena at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center. Then plan on staying over for the weekend of July 7 and 8, for a brand new two-day licensed dressage show, combined with the USDF Region 1 Adult Team Championships. This competition will give us practice for the PVDA Ride for Life, which will be held two weekends later, again at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center.

As you already know, these activities will take a lot of volunteers. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Camilla Cornwell at volunteers@pvda.org. Don’t forget about our two other licensed shows, the Spring Show at Morven Park in Leesburg and the Loch Moy Show in September, as well as all of our schooling shows. Start practicing your tests, but please keep in mind that we need your help, too.

We are starting a new Board of Directors this month. Thank you so much to our outgoing Board members, David Geyer, Tim Lewthwaite and Jen Funk. And thank you to Betty Thorpe, who did a fabulous job as President for the last two years.

Please know that every PVDA member is ALWAYS welcome to attend any Board meeting. We would love to have you. Also, if there are any members out there who ride alone and might need a ground person or even a few words of encouragement from a fellow dressage enthusiast, please let me know. We will find someone for you; you are not alone. Contact me any time, 703-771-3231.

Jocelyn Pearson • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

The Maryland Horse Council Needs You!

The Maryland Horse Council (MHC) is a grassroots membership organization with one part-time administrator and annual dues and sponsorship revenue of about $30,000. MHC has 40 association members that represent more than 30,000 people including farm members, business members, and individual members. The Board of Directors includes a representative from each of the associations, plus elected representatives from each of the other three membership categories. The executive committee and officers are elected by the Board.

What We Do
The primary mission of MHC is to represent the interests of Maryland’s horse community to state government. But MHC does more than that. The Save The Horse Farms campaign operates in many counties to overcome unfair zoning and permitting laws. The new Farm Stewardship committee works to promote and expand the role that horse farms play in protecting the environment. The Unwanted Horse Project has created a new Maryland Fund For Horses. We have a Political Action Committee to fund horse-friendly candidates for public office, a Committee to Support Racing and an MHC Business Network. And of course we have a Legislative Committee that coordinates our grass roots lobbying of our elected representatives and creates programs in state government such as the Maryland Horse Industry Board. MHC also participates in the Maryland Farm Bureau and the American Horse Council’s Coalition of State Horse Councils.

How To Get Involved
Like all primarily volunteer membership organizations we constantly work to grow. Without dues paying members we would not exist. Without people willing to take on leadership roles we would be silent. When we ask people to join we do not focus on our membership discount programs, our newsletters, or even the business benefits that come from networking. Instead we simply remind people how good it feels to be a part of something that you believe in. Go to our web site at www.mdhorsecouncil.org and look over what we do. Join as a member and then you can tell us what to do! —Stewart Pittman, MHC President
**Dressage Seat Equitation**
1. Alexis Rossetti on “Charlie Dare” 18 points
2. Devon Bragg on “Full of Beans” 8 points
3. Hannah Recknor on “Allyana” 5 points
4. Molly Sherman on “Bento Box” 3 points
5. Victoria Ridgway on “Magic Illusion” 2 points

**Introductory Level Senior Rider**
1. Katie King on “Shine” 62.61%

**Introductory Level Junior/Young Rider**
1. Meghan Roche on “Canadream Jospatriot Seduxion” 69.00%
2. Grace Blakeney on “Bobby Too” 64.13%

**Training Level Senior Rider**
1. Samantha Smith on “Grover’s Slapshot” 67.99%
2. Judy Whyte on “Rayna” 67.52%
3. Charlie Plumbtree on “Aren’t I Regal” 65.65%
4. Katie King on “Shine” 62.61%
5. Terry Gyi on “Marzipann” 59.04%

**Training Level Junior/Young Rider**
1. Logan Elliott on “Cady O’Daly Michael” 74.03%
2. Molly Sherman on “Bento Box” 67.58%
3. Meghan Roche on “Canadream Jospatriot Seduxion” 64.96%
4. Hannah Recknor on “Allyana” 64.62%
5. Sarah Jones on “Dancing Dots” 64.28%
6. Alexis Rossetti on “Charlie Dare” 63.83%
7. Shannen Sullivan on “Wicked Willoughbie” 63.22%
8. Jamie Suever on “MLF Jasper” 63.10%
9. Victoria Ridgway on “Magic Illusion” 58.48%

**First Level Senior Rider**
1. Kristin Hoffman on “Watteau” 64.89%
2. Rita Boehm on “Kosmisch” 64.48%
3. Candace Snell on “Ralpal” 64.11%
4. Charlie Plumbtree on “Aren’t I Regal” 63.79%
5. Nikki Witte on “Barney” 63.63%
6. Nancy Moseley on “Wydnsong” 62.94%
7. Lisa Freund on “Montego” 62.22%
8. Samantha Smith on “Aurion” 60.48%
9. Annmarie Ingersoll on “Jamesoni” 55.98%

**Second Level Junior/Young Rider**
1. Jaclyn Sink on “Sil Sations Spirit” 62.93%

**Second Level Senior Rider**
1. Cheryl Sherman on “Rio” 68.17%
2. Carolyn Del Grosso on “Django” 64.05%
3. Jessica Schaberg on “Deltu Tango” 62.04%
4. Jessica Katz on “Doha” 60.01%
5. Julie Kingsbury on “Irish Décor” 56.62%

**Third Level Junior/Young Rider**
1. Logan Elliott on “Eternaluma” 64.52%

Logan Elliott receives the June Robinson Memorial Perpetual Trophy from Linda Speer for highest scoring Jr/YR at Second Level in the Spring Show.

**Third Level Senior Rider**
1. Jennifer Seidel on “Apollo” 60.35%

**Musical Freestyle Junior/Young Rider**
1. Molly Sherman on “Bento Box” 74.55% Training Level
2. Hannah Recknor on “Allyana” 70.23% Training Level
3. Emily Long on “Amanda Rae” 66.33% First Level

**Trespasser’s William Perpetual Trophy**
To the highest Musical Freestyle Score Junior/Young Rider or Senior Rider:
2011 to Molly Sherman on “Bento Box”

**Eastern Shore Chapter Perpetual Trophy**
To the highest Training Level Score Junior/Young Rider or Senior Rider that has not shown at First Level or above in a licensed show:
2011 to Molly Sherman on “Bento Box”

**Doris Schadt Memorial Perpetual Trophy**
To the highest scoring PVDA Junior/Young Rider at First Level in the Spring Show:
2011 to Emily Long on “Amanda Rae”

**June Robinson Memorial Perpetual Trophy**
To the highest scoring Junior/Young Rider at Second Level in the Spring Show:
2011 to Logan Elliott on “Eternaluma”
Annual Awards Dinner Highlights Our Brightest Moments

By Jaclyn Sicoli

Our Annual Awards Dinner was held in conjunction with the November board meeting on November 18 at the Inn at Brookeville Farms in Brookeville, Md. The newly elected board members were announced and called together for a group photo to ring in the meeting and new year. Each of the committees submitted a yearly summary and mission statement that was printed in the dinner program along with the award winners from the previous year, 2010.

Outgoing Board Chairperson, Michele Welman, conducted the brief meeting and welcomed our speaker for the evening, current USDF President, George Williams. Mr. Williams spoke eloquently about PVDA’s long history of involvement within the dressage community. He named some of our sport’s influential leaders and reminded us that many of them lived in this region and also were PVDA members. During the hay days when Colonel Bengt Ljundquist, Edgar Hotz, and Linda Zang competed in dressage, Maryland and PVDA held some of the nation’s most important clinics and competitions. In fact, many of our current members have been involved in dressage and PVDA for over 28 years, bringing a breadth of knowledge and experience to our organization.

The evening was cheerful and full of surprises with the announcement of the 2011 award winners, raffle prizes, and a phenomenal silent auction. Members David and Mimi Mack won the 50/50 raffle prize and donated their winnings of more than $200 directly back to PVDA. This year’s auction items included gorgeous pieces of art work, riding equipment, and barn supplies generously donated by our members and sponsors. Thank you to our major contributors: Ann Brown, Eileen Johnson, The Mill of Bel Air, Riding Right, Shari Glickman, The Equiery, Jennifer Tingley, Dressage Today and Nutrena.

Thank you to all of our members, sponsors, volunteers, and competitors for another successful year!
PVDA Annual Dinner 2011

photos by Rita Boehm
Obituary

Lowell Boomer, 1911-2011,
Founder of USDF and The Dressage Foundation

Obituary and photo courtesy The Dressage Foundation

G. Lowell Boomer of Lincoln, Nebraska, died Sunday, November 20, 2011. Lowell was born on October 12, 1911, in Burwell, Nebraska, to George R., and Grace Y. Boomer. Lowell graduated from Lincoln High School, and attended the University of Nebraska School of Music, Lincoln. While in high school, he won first place on the clarinet in a Lincoln Music contest playing “Concertino” by Weber. He then went on to win the contests at the state, regional and national levels. He played clarinet for many years in the Lincoln Municipal Band summer concert series in Lincoln, alongside his wife, Gladys, who played trumpet.

Lowell studied printing while in junior high school, and started a letter shop with a mimeograph and multigraph machine in his mother’s teachers employment agency. It grew to become Boomer’s Printing Company, which Lowell would head as president for the next 80 years, at which time he sold the company to its employees.

His avocation has been a lifetime love of horses, and he became internationally renowned in the equestrian world. He was the founder of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) in Lincoln in 1973, and served for 16 years as its chief executive officer. Today, USDF is headquartered in the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, with over 30,000 members nationally. In 1989, he established The Dressage Foundation in Lincoln, Nebraska, “to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage.” The Dressage Foundation’s national headquarters is permanently anchored in Lincoln. He has won an extensive array of equestrian honors throughout his lifetime. He was the first inductee into the USDF Hall of Fame, and has received the USEF (United States Equestrian Federation) Lifetime Achievement award. The Chronicle of the Horse named Lowell “one of the 50 most influential horsemen of the 20th century worldwide.”

Lowell Boomer was an active, lifetime member of the Lincoln Downtown Sertoma Club, and was involved with Sertoma’s sponsorship of Cedars Home for Children when it was founded in 1947.

Lowell is survived by son John and wife Lynn, Lincoln, Nebraska; son Jim, Ft. Wayne, Indiana; three grandsons John Boomer, Jr., David Boomer, Mark Boomer; two granddaughters Beth Bivins and husband Mike, and Melissa Kleber and husband Robert; three great-grandsons Adam and Benjamin Boomer, Adam Kleber. Lowell was preceded in death by his wife Gladys, his parents, three brothers and one sister, and daughter-in-law, Lois. He leaves many nieces and nephews, friends and former horsemanship students.

The family suggests memorials to The Dressage Foundation, 1314 ‘O’ Street, Suite 305, Lincoln, NE 68508 and/or Cedars Home for Children, 6601 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Condolences or personal reflections may be left at www.roperandsons.com.
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Potomac Valley Dressage Association Membership Application 2012

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

I wish to apply for the following:  

**1 year** | **2 year** | **Life**
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- **Junior Affiliate (under 18)** | $35 | $55 | N/A
- **Young Adult (18-21)** | $45 | $75 | N/A
- **Adult** | $45 | $75 | $599
- **Family** (priced for two) | $65 $115 | $115 | N/A

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

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

I have previously been a member | yes | no

**Name** ___________________________________________
**Family PVDA Members** _____________________________
**Street** ___________________________________________
**City/State/Zip** __________________________________
**Telephone** _______________________________________
**E-mail** __________________________________________
**USDF Membership No.** _____________________________
**Primary GMO** _____________________________________

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

- Do not list my phone no. in the PVDA Membership Directory.
- Do not list my email address in the PVDA Membership Directory.
- I would like to donate an additional amount for a trophy $ __________
- I would like to donate an additional amount for Ride for Life $ __________

I would like to volunteer:

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

Please check the following that apply:

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

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

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

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

For more information about PVDA, contact Michele Wellman, membership@pvda.org or 301-873-3496.
DECEMBER PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: December 12, 2011; Meeting #510
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksdale, Md. Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:17 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Shari Packard, Carolyn Del Grosso, Jackie Sicoli, Linda Speer, Kate Burgy, Camilla Cornwell, Ninja Nissen, Michele Wellman, Hilary Moore, Jocelyn Pearson, Kathryn Tedford, Tedi Lesniewski, Rebekah Lusk, Mary Sue McCarthy
Members Absent: none
Association Members Present: Wendy Emblin

TREASURER’S REPORT
Membership Account: $348.09
General Fund: $703.36
Schooling Shows: $3,253.55
Money Market: $1,815.28
CDs: $18,255.74
Total: $24,376.02
Carolyn Del Grosso reported the low fund balance, and will cash in one of the CDs coming due end of 2011 and transfer to the general account. Low funds mainly due to fewer schooling shows in 2011 and increased USDF dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Education: For 2012, there will be a 2-day clinic with Heather Mason on July 5 & 6 at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center’s indoor arena. Several options were discussed to grow the current educational opportunities for PVDA members including a flex trainer program, veterinary seminars, a larger dressage symposium and of course, Tea Is For Training.


Junior/Young Riders: This year’s winter Jr/YR clinic will be with Brendan Curtis on February 26 at Linda Speer’s Stonebrook Farm in Clarksdale, Md.

Newsletter: As the cost of the newsletter is one of PVDA’s major expenses, Hilary Moore suggested finding ways to promote more advertising which could help defray costs.

Omnibus: The 2012 Omnibus has been started. For 2012, there will be two schooling shows on the Eastern Shore.

New Business: Betty Thorpe suggested PVDA be part of the Southern States coupon tag program, whereby a small portion of the purchase price is donated to PVDA.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2012, 7 p.m. at Linda Speer’s farm in Clarksdale, Md. For more information contact Carolyn Del Grosso, 301-774-0794. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.
* It is time to renew your membership for 2012! See page 18 for the membership renewal form or go online to the PVDA website at www.pvda.org. Deadline for 2012 memberships is January 31.