Bayside Chapter Hosts Spring Fling on Eastern Shore

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Bayside Chapter’s “Spring Fling” in Easton, Md., included rider team Destiny and Pluto winning the costume class. To the right, wearing a white hat, is Kailey. Photo by Elf Creek Photography, Hillary Jenner.
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The PVDA Licensed Shows are May 19-20 (Spring Show), June 23-24 (Ride for Life), July 7-8 (Summer Showdown/Adult Team Competition) and September 1 (Fall Show).

* 2012 PVDA Schooling Show Schedule subject to change. See Omnibus for location of farms and additional contact information.
"Opt In" to Receive Your Printed Newsletter

The cost to produce and mail The PVDA Newsletter is expensive, so the PVDA Board is asking members who wish to continue receiving their printed newsletter to "opt in" by contacting Membership Chairperson Michele Wellman before the September 2012 issue at membership@pvda.org. Those who don’t "opt in" can view the newsletter online—current and past issues of the newsletter are available on our PVDA website. Contact Michele Wellman today if you want to "opt in."

Don’t Miss the Adult Team Competition

PVDA is hosting the 2012 Region 1 Adult Team Competition (ATC) during our NEW July 7-8 Summer Showdown Licensed Show at Prince George’s Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Md. The ATC is for all adults ages 22 or older as of January 1 of the competition year and open to any team. Opening date is May 7, 2012, and closing date is June 15. For information and access to entry forms visit http://www.pvda.org/Documents/PVDA%20Shows.aspx on the PVDA website. Mail your show entries to Liz Erwin, 16816 Norbrook Dr., Olney, MD 20832

Save the Date for Ride for Life—June 23-24

This year’s Ride for Life events, June 23-24 at the Prince George’s Equestrian Center, include the annual PVDA Licensed Benefit Show, Gala and Dancing Horse Challenge. Licensed show entries close May 25. Donations are appreciated from riders and non-riders to support breast cancer research. Proceeds benefit the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. For more information please visit http://www.pvdarideforlife.org/.

The Maryland Horse Industry Board will present one of its “Touch of Class” awards to a preeminent dressage sire at the Dancing Horse Challenge.

Also returning to the Dancing Horse Challenge this year is Olympian and Trainer Bent Jensen and FEI International Rider and Trainer Julio Mendoza. Bent is planning to outdo his Lady Gaga performance from last year, by riding to the tune of LMFAO’s “I’m Sexy and I Know It” on board his partner Orlando owned by Vanessa Swartz. Julio will perform a Pas de Deux with his wife Jessica using a Garrocha pole, in addition to an electric, high stepping Dancing Dressage act aboard his Friesian stallion Ivan.

The President’s Window

Well, I hope everyone has enjoyed the spectacular horse training weather so far this year. What an opportunity to make progress! Since this is May we need to all really get going with our Ride for Life plans (June 23-24). For all you competitors out there, the closing date for this year’s competition is May 25. Try not to wait until the last minute to enter, the show fills up fast. Have you noticed there are new FEI classes? It would be wonderful to be overflowing with upper level rides!

If you are not riding in the Ride for Life, then how about volunteering? As always, PVDA runs completely on volunteers. If you take a look at our 2012 Omnibus, you can see how many activities we do; we need

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Sugarloaf

The Sugarloaf Mountain Chapter had a meeting at Mountain View Farm to learn about acupuncture. Francie Dougherty, DVM, a veterinarian, dressage trainer and acupuncturist was guest speaker and talked about using acupuncture for dressage horses. Francie explained how she learned about the benefits of acupuncture and detailed her training at Colorado State University. This training was from an evidence-based approach as opposed to the traditional Chinese medicine approach. With this approach the emphasis is on the physical problem, such as a lameness, with the metabolic improvement a secondary benefit. It was fascinating to hear about the studies that have been done that show reactions in a horse’s body and brain from placing needles in specific acupuncture points. Francie also discussed the different types of acupuncture such as injecting vitamin B12 into the site.

After the talk, we moved into the barn and Francie gave a demonstration on two horses—Brenda Belt’s Goldie, a 27-year-old retired Quarter Horse mare, and Marla Stoner’s Limerick, a 17-year-old Connemara/TB mare. The examination on each horse utilized what Francie jokingly called her "high tech" testing tool, the cap from a needle. The horses showed different types of reactions, from “good pain,” where the horse leans into the testing tool vs. the horse trying to move away or stiffening. The first time that Francie worked on Goldie, she was “wooden” with no reaction to the testing. Now you could see reactions from the testing and later when the needles were applied to the treatment. Goldie yawned and stretched and was very pleased with her audience. Limerick became so relaxed that she began to fall asleep. As she was working on the horses, Francie explained more about acupuncture points including the Ting points that are just above the feet. We could also see what Francie had previously described, that the needles went from standing upright when put in, to lying flat when they were ready to come out. Some of us had a chance to feel the needle when it wasn’t ready to come out. Thank you Francie for a very informative meeting.

Bayside

Our 3rd Annual “Spring Fling,” Bayside Chapter Dressage Schooling Show on March 11 was held at Hundred Acre Wood, a wonderful training facility in Easton. A big thank you to Charish and Larry Campbell for allowing us to use their facility, and making it look so beautiful. It was a perfect spring day. We had 73 entries
total for dressage, eventing dressage, western dressage and costume. The place was buzzing with pony clubbers, adult amateurs, FEI riders, and up and coming young horses.

Our judge Celia Vornholt, “r,” and her two volunteer scribes worked hard all day. Her watchful eye did not miss anything and she set the bar high for the upcoming show season. Using the new “half point” scale also significantly impacted the new scores.

We could not have had such a successful show without the help of our volunteers, who assisted with running, scoring, selling food, registration and scribing.

A special thank you to our generous sponsors:
Kingstown Feed Store, Chestertown, Md.; Dover Saddlery, Crofton, Md.; Out Back Tack, Easton, Md.; Clabberhill Furniture Store, Church Hill, Md.; Masts, Del.

This year PVDA has more schooling shows than usual listed for 2012, with several on the Eastern Shore, so no more bridge tolls for us!

Here is a list of some of the Eastern Shore shows:
April 28: Prospect Bay Farm, Grasonville, Md., hosted by KMG Dressage
June 16: Renaissance Farm, Salisbury, Md.
September 8: Crawford’s Chance, Centreville, Md., hosted by LKM Dressage
October 5: Women Helping Women Show, Salisbury, Md., hosted by PVDA Peninsula Chapter

Special Awards for Spring Fling went to:
Best Eventer: Macy Beach, Lewes, Del.
Best Junior: Makenna Amiss, Cordova, Md.
High Score Champion: Dawn Beach, Lewes, Del.
Reserve Champion: Becky Langwost, Preston, Md.
Western Dressage High Score: Patti Magennis, Cordova, Md.

Bayside Spring Fling, Easton, Md.
March 11, 2012
Show Results

Intro A
1. Daniel Irons/Windfield Neda/59.06
3. Laura Hopkins/My Messenger/52.50

Intro B
1. Laura Hopkins/My Messenger/61.26
2. Daniel Irons/Windfield Neda/60.94
3. Laura Hopkins/My Messenger/56.25

Intro C
1. Makenna Amiss/Sandy/71.75
2. Susan Sughure/Dressed to Kill/57.75
3. Megan Byrne/Smitty/54.25

Novice A
Macy Beach/Tonka Pete/52.17
Macy Beach/Tonka Pete/57.39

Jennifer Seafoss/Pressed for Time/41.74

Beginner Novice A
Sarah Baynard/Straight Away/43.50
Alena Wheeler/Ritzy Jones/46.00
Sarah Baynard/Straight Away/47.50

Costume
Destiny Wallace/Pluto

Western Dressage
1. Patti Magennis/My Perfect Eclipse/66.09
2. Patti Magnennis/My Perfect Eclipse/64.05
3. Patty Dillworth/Klosing Statement/61.43

Training 1
1. Becky Langwost/Cartier/69.58
2. Anna Smolens/Kinsale's Concerto/61.88
3. Makenna Amiss/Sandy/57.08

Training 2
1. Dawn Beach/Buckle Up/75.18
2. Dawn Beach/Buckle Up/66.43
3. Anna Smolens/Kinsale's Concerto/63.57

Training 3
1. Kelly Morani/Enough Testing/64.00
2. Ursula Ferrer/Inverness/63.20
3. Stacey Moore/Fraizer Crane/60.00

First Level
1. Didi Callahan/Balimoral/65.00
2. Gale Shehan/Tonka Toyz/62.93
3. Larissa Barilal/Tonka Toyz/62.93

Second Level
1. Didi Callahan/Balimoral/59.25
2. Dawn Beacah/Sudden Eclipse/54.57
3. Pat Chandler/Unforseen/53.81

Left to right: Bayside’s Anne Thibo (photo by Klaus Schenberger), Becky Langwost and Cartier win Training 1 and Patti Magennis and My Perfect Eclipse, winner of both Western Dressage classes (photos by Elf Creek Photography, Hillary Jenner) at Bayside’s "Spring Fling."
The Potomac Valley Dressage Association invites you to

Unlock Your Potential With Heather Mason

A Two-Day Dressage Clinic

July 5 & 6, 2012

Indoors at the Show Place Arena
Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland
to be held in conjunction with PVDA’s Summer Showdown, July 7 & 8

• U.S. Team Member for the 2011 Pan American Games in Warsteiner and the winner of the $25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced Dressage Prize.
• Heather and her mounts populate the developing horse list and dominate Horse Of the Year Awards, year after year.
• Heather holds more BLM Championships than any other U.S. dressage competitor and has coached several Grand Prix dressage students to their USDF gold medals.

*Riders of all levels and auditors are welcome.*

**PVDA members:** $225 per ride  
**Non-PVDA members:** $275 per ride  
**Auditor PVDA members:** $25  
**Auditor Non-PVDA members:** $35  
* prices include lunch and Friday Q&A with Heather  
* Discounted rates for auditor groups of four or more  
  Showdown competitors

For more information contact Jaclyn Sicoli at (609) 651-6526  
or pmdressage@gmail.com

*Updated clinic details available at www.pvda.org and in The PVDA Newsletter.*
Riders from All Levels Represented at Two-Day Jan Brons Clinic at CDI

By Anne Thibo, Bayside Chapter Chair

Jan Brons is originally from the Netherlands, and has established his training business in Wellington, Fla., since 2001. Before moving to the U.S., he graduated from the Dutch Equestrian Center in Deurne. For over 10 years he has been competing and winning at the FEI levels in the U.S.—Gladstone, Devon and Wellington to name a few. He has brought young horses along to the top levels as well as showing successfully in the young horse classes. Jan Brons has his USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. Based out of Florida, Jan gives monthly clinics in Annapolis, as well as spending two months a year furthering his own education in Europe.

All levels of riders and horses were represented on March 31 and April 1 for his most recent two-day clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, with eight riders each day, from Training Level to Grand Prix.

We had three horse/rider combinations represent the Eastern Shore including Linda McDowell’s talented chestnut Warmblood mare "Ghone with the Wind," from LKM Dressage, Centreville; Kristin Ortt, from North East, riding the crowd-pleaser "Skogen," a 5-year-old Fjord gelding, and Lori Elburn riding the 7-year-old Oldenburg mare "Royal Martinique."

Here are some of Jan’s comments from the clinic that are useful and applicable to dressage riders of all levels:

• When working on canter and flying changes on an FEI horse, focus on the quality of the canter rather than the actual change. If the quality of the canter is good, with a good rhythm, the change is usually good too; if the canter is flat or runny, the change will be flat or late behind. If you feel that you lost the canter then don’t do the change—do a small circle instead, correct the canter and try it again. Don’t allow a mediocre change.

• The horse needs to listen to your leg immediately when you use it, not ignore it for two strides and then give you a vague answer. Jan’s favorite word was "too much legging going on" (meaning busy legs).

• If your horse is not round, he is not using his back. He will not build muscles. A weak back is a weak horse.

• To get a deeper, steadier seat get the feeling as if you were pushing your belly button towards your hands.

• Keep your hands low and wider to engage the neck muscles and keep the neck soft.

• Riding collected movements does not mean your hands need to come up high over the withers and stay up. They might have to come up momentarily to address an issue, but then need to go back down.

• When your horse is in front of your leg and has achieved the required tempo and rhythm with ease, then your legs need to quiet down, and come "off" the horse. That way the horse can learn to stay in that rhythm without you constantly pushing him on; he needs to learn to stay steady and carry himself. As a result, when you DO put the leg back on, it will have more meaning, and you will get a better response to it.

The horse needs to listen to your leg immediately when you use it, not ignore it for two strides and then give you a vague answer.

• Be careful with a horse who has a big walk/overtrack.... slow down and don’t rush it.

• If your leg is actively on the horse, it should either go forward or sideways.

• A horse can’t do lengthenings or transitions unless it is round and using its back.

• You cannot ride straight on a circle, you have to have flexion (eye and nose) and bending.

• If the trot or canter is too strong or powerful for you to sit well, focus and relax, then slow the gait down until you have time to get comfortable with it. Once you have that then increase it and settle into your new gait or tempo. If you don’t do that you will lose your balance and as a result the horse will lose his.

• If you are working on an exercise or a specific rhythm, and your horse gets quick (losing balance), then slow him immediately, don’t allow it, and then go right back to the same exercise and do it again. They have to wait for us to ask them to change something; don’t ask the horse to decide.

Congratulations on good rides by all!
Here is a video of Jan at Intermediaire I last year: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOOOn10IJo0
I hope some of this was inspirational as it certainly was an energy boost for me.
California Dreaming: A Dressage Retreat with Charlotte Bredahl

By Beth Gillespie

I first met Charlotte Bredahl at the 2010 USDF Symposium hosted by Hassler Dressage in Chesapeake City, Md. When I learned that she would be offering a dressage retreat at her home in the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley of California, November 2-4, 2011, I enthusiastically signed up. This was the first retreat conducted by Charlotte and she also had another retreat scheduled for January 2012. (For information about her retreats visit www.dressageretreats.com or www.bredahldressage.com.)

The 11 women who attended the clinic learned about classical dressage training at various levels, test-riding skills and strategies, and equine nutrition from a world-renowned dressage competitor, trainer and judge, who just happens to be an Olympic medalist, as well. We had a lot of fun, too!

A meet and greet reception, sponsored by Lisa Seger of Markel Insurance Company, kicked off the festivities the evening before the retreat started. We enjoyed delicious hors d’oeuvres, followed by dinner at the local Marriott.

It was an opportunity for us to get to know each other and share our dressage experiences and goals. Participants from as far away as Georgia and Florida were there; I had traveled from Maryland. My husband and I stayed in Santa Barbara and enjoyed a scenic 40 minute drive to the Santa Ynez Valley each morning. The majority of the participants stayed at the Marriott that was across the street from Charlotte’s ranch.

On the first day we were introduced to Charlotte’s Olympic horse, Monsieur, a Danish Warmblood who is now a retired 30-year-old, but maintains the dynamic personality of a champion. Charlotte demonstrated her method of training on a variety of horses, ranging from Training Level to Prix St. Georges. She also instructed one of her students who will be debuting at the Grand Prix Level in the upcoming show season. Charlotte emphasized the importance of a good warm-up with the horse’s head and neck low and deep, encouraging the horse to stretch over the back with suppleness and elasticity. She demonstrated how she works on transitions within the gaits to build strength, that ultimately creates a more dynamic cadence. During her rides she described each workout routine and encouraged questions and comments. Charlotte has a great passion for dressage instruc-

Charlotte Bredahl continued on next page
Attention Junior/Young Riders

PVDA Wants You for the Region 1 North Youth Competition,
JULY 28-29, 2012, at Morven Park in Leesburg, Virginia

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 for one day at any PVDA event.

Candidate Application
If you would like to be considered for the Youth Competition, fill out this application and send it with your three tests by June 25, 2012, to: Linda Speer, 6300 Guilford Road, Clarksville, MD 21029. This is NOT an entry!

Name_________________________ Age_________________________
Address________________________________________________________________
Phone_________________________
Level you intend to compete at this season_________________________
Horse’s name and age_________________________

For more info contact Linda Speer, 410-531-6641, wlspier@verizon.net OR Hilary Moore, 703-400-9108, info@mooredressage.com.
PVDA Scholarship Report

PVDA Helps Make a Dressage Dream Come True

By Jeannette Bair

For those of us who are bit by the passion of being with and working with horses, we have to work hard to manage everything in our lives to allow ourselves the luxury of spending time and money on these grand animals and to indulge in training time with them.

I balance my time and finances to enjoy my horses and gain access to quality training so that I can improve my riding (like so many of us) and try to achieve the maximum potential with my horses. My dream has been to spend a concentrated period of time in training with my current partner Woodstock (Woodie) as we move into the formative stages of FEI work. This dream included being removed from the demands of daily life and my farm responsibilities so that my focus could be on my horse and my riding with minimal diversion. That, for me, was to travel to Wellington (the Mecca!) and work for a month with trainer Bent Jensen.

Through the generosity of PVDA I received a scholarship commitment that helped seed the potential to make this dream happen. Once friends and family realized this was something I wanted to do, they joined the PVDA bandwagon and helped celebrate one of those “big birthdays” I had this year by throwing money into a bucket. With the scholarship and generosity of family and friends I had no excuses! Friends and family also jumped in to commit to taking care of the house, the farm, and the rest of the horses and other animals that we have as part of our lives. Friends in Florida opened their homes to us.

At 10:30 p.m. on January 8 I loaded Woodstock and another horse Rockette (she begged to go to Florida too!) on our trailer and my husband Dick and I started the trek to Florida. We had one stop near Jacksonville, Florida, at a friend’s farm, and then completed the trip the next day to Bent’s training facility. The horses traveled well, making the trip fairly easy, but we were all glad to finally get to Bent’s and rest. The horses had two days to settle in with a full day of nothing to do and a second day just to stretch a bit under saddle without any work requirements. After that, it was non-stop!

So what did I learn? Working on a daily basis with a trainer really helps to solidify information. The repetition and consistency makes things “stick” and become clearer.

Bent does not let you back off. He is demanding, but encouraging, which makes you expect more of yourself and the horse. The discipline of being there each day, on time, and ready to work with the horse warmed up properly sets the right pace to continue in the same way in the home environment. As an example, I have a tendency to let my legs get too far back which impacts the horse’s impulsion. Each day I was required to keep my legs in the correct position. I have now become quite aware of where my legs are and where they should be at any given time, resulting in a greater command of my seat. But having one’s seat is not good enough if the horse can “unseat” you with a cough or just yanking on you. A good and stable seat ensures the quality of the gaits which is key to any movement. If the quality is not there then the movement may happen but it will not be what you want. If the gait suffers, take the time to improve it before asking for a movement. Don’t be afraid to go back to the rising trot to relax the horse, improve the impulsion and refresh the gait. Top riders use a lot of rising trot. In the stretching rising trot you still engage the horse’s hind quarters and maintain them on the bit. Be quick in responding to your horse...
when they give you a response back to what you ask—don’t linger and don’t be slow to reward. Sometimes the reward is simply letting them go forward evenly and do their job. Drive the horse forward and then give him a chance to respond without holding him back. The whip is not to replace the leg but rather to enhance the leg—remind them with the whip and then ask for the response only from the leg. There is a balance between too much and too little leg. This is a feel and a timing that comes from repetition. If something does not work, re-group and try again. Develop a tool box that is deep and full. When one thing does not work, then pull another exercise out to use. Go back and forth between these exercises to refresh and gain good clear rhythm, collection with impulsion and evenness between each rein. Piaffe and passage are valuable tools to create engagement and then ask for an improved and well collected gait. They each are a tool as well as a specific movement.

Some specific tools that Bent drilled me on and showed me how they could be effective in improvement of gait, creating collection, acceptance of the bit, and maintaining self carriage are: shoulder fore, bending the horse to the outside line of travel, bending the horse to the outside line of travel and then adding renvers, legs yields down the long side of the arena, leg yields on the circle, and also haunches in on the circle. Each of these exercises helped Woodie to achieve greater relaxation, suppleness and collection. Bent has a great eye for seeing which exercise might work best. He would suggest an approach, remind me when Woodie had responded appropriately and advise me to straighten him and go forward. The quiet repetition of these helped me feel it better so that I could choose more quickly which exercise might work and gain quicker response time. When I would feel the release and engagement I would change to the normal process of gait and feel him “fill out” the reins more evenly and completely without pulling or hanging. It creates a delicate but distinct feeling between you and the horse’s mouth. I have heard it said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different response—gaining insight and a greater set of tools helps me not go down the insanity road of riding!

A great value in being at Bent’s training facility, besides working on my own riding, was to watch Bent training his students. His message is clear and consistent from rider to rider and horse to horse. You can see how he chooses and advises what needs to be done, all grounded in the same basic structure while individualized to each horse/rider team. It was also great to watch Bent ride the horses. Bent is exceptional at riding the horse “he has that day.” They are living breathing animals and they have good days and not so good days both mentally and physically. Bent is a master at using his own tool box to decide what the horse needs at any given moment. Quiet repetition is his way, yet he never over schools a movement. He asks clearly and with vision and then leaves it and moves on giving the horse time to absorb the work in their brain and in their body. He will discipline ill behavior appropriately and without anger and then be quick with the reward of a pat or an encouraging word. He believes that the horse is generally trying.

It was wonderful to have the time to focus on me and Woodie and to immerse myself in the training process. I returned home with an increased set of skills and tools, a greater respect for what is required to achieve the higher level movements, and a better understanding of how to achieve the collection needed to accomplish all of this while maintaining a “through” horse. It was hard to leave because there is always more to learn and gain. The social aspect of the experience also was great and the friends I met and relationships solidified were exceptional. As we were pulling out with truck, trailer and horse, my Wellington friends lined up across the driveway leaving Bent’s farm chanting “You can’t go!” What a wonderful send off to finish off a phenomenal experience.

Thank you to PVDA for this incredible opportunity that resulted in great rewards and lasting memories. And thank you to Woodie for making me a better rider!
Horses for Sale
✦ 1) Reg. SWB dk. bay geld., 2 yrs by Pablo (Pilot) out of Zamira by Amiral. Very good mover, active hind leg and scope in gaits. Has been handled since birth. Stands quietly for farrier and vet. Will be backed early this summer, $16,000 2) Reg. SWB yearling dk. bay geld. by Pablo (Pilot) out of Ryzaah by Rambo. Fluid, suspended movement w/great activity and energy. Has been handled since birth. Stands well for farrier and vet, $15,000, Celia Vornholt, 443-253-6350 (cell) or email: cvornhlt@verizon.net
✦ ISH bay geld., by PL Diamond Hill (RID), 4 yrs, 16.1H. Calib is a star in the making! Well started u/s and has already started showing. Suited to any discipline, fun to work with and easy to handle. $16,000. Visit www.playlandequestriancenter.com for photos and videos, as well as for info on other sale horses. Glenda Player, 301-788-1188 or email: glenda@playlandequestriancenter.com
✦ Irish Draught cross ches. mare, 6 yrs, 15.2H, lovely mover. Just started u/s in the late fall W/T/C and starting over cavaletti, gymnastics and some sm. fences. Will make a super lower level eventer, dressage or PC mount. Would also do well in the hunter/eq ring. UTD on everything. No vices, lives in or out, super easy keeper. Currently barefoot. Pics avail., $3,500. Contact Jen for more info at 410-873-2596 or email: pinnej1971@hotmail.com with subject Peanuts
✦ Olden, (GOV), blk. mare by Rosenthal (by Rubinstein), 8 yrs, 15.2H. Green but coming along nicely. Could compete in either dressage or eventing. Forward thinking w/good movement. Ideal for a petite lady or a young adult looking to work with a horse that has the ability but not a ton of miles. $10,500. Kelly Rose, 240-682-2761 or email: kellyrose.kcr@gmail.com, or Dorothy Anderson, 301-934-7452 or email: godworn@iol.com
✦ Ches. Old/TB/Belgian DraftX 10 yrs, 17H, showing at home and at shows. Very straightforward ride, wond. temp. Uphill, 3 correct gaits, has his changes. Loves to hack out and spent all winter hunting first field in a snaffle. Hunter pace on Saturday and go show on Sunday! Gets along w/everyone (horses, dogs, people), puppy dog personality in an eye-catching package. Fun horse looking for a great home with lots of t/o. $22,500, Nancy Seybold, 202-841-5590 or email: nancyns@earthlink.net
✦ TW ches. geld., 11 yrs, 16H, competed successfully at 2nd level. Schooling all 3rd level movements. Great walk, easy lateral work and conf. canter. Loves to go on trails alone or w/company. Fantastic personality, super sweet, loves people and attention. Very safe and quiet. Will make great YR/AA horse. Trained and shown by prof. for last 7 yrs but has also been used to teach lessons on. Great for farrier, vet and dentist. Easy to load and trailer well. Good home a must, $35,000. For more info please contact Jenny Mlyniec, 443-359-8449
✦ Ches. geld., 12 yrs, 16.3H, lots of white, big, attractive, nice mover. 70% scores in training level, needs exp. rider $7,000, Ariane Cometa, 443-804-1970
✦ Horses for Lease
✦ Belgian/TB X, solid 1st level, shown recog., schooled thru 2nd level. Always in the ribbons, year-end awards. Sweet, kind mare, been there, done that attitude. Great for overall riding, lunging, grooming, trailering, clipping. Wond. on trails alone or in groups. Avail. for partial/full lease at Sunset Hill Farm in Woodbine, MD, or for full lease at an approved farm. Perfect for Jr/AA looking for a sane horse, Emily Long, 443-745-1907 or email: emily.long02@yahoo.com

Equipment for Sale
✦ '86 renov. x-wide/tall steel horse trailer, new lighting, wiring, breakaway and brake box. Flooring is composite rubber. Interior fan and vent. Loading lights. Well cared for and maintained. New wheel bearings w/ bearing buddies, $3,750/obo pics avail., Elizabeth Godwin, 301-848-6445, maligator2727@yahoo.com
✦ Ladies’ Sz. 9 Konig semi-custom dressage boots, gently used, front zippers. Dist. spo leg, narrow foot, outside height 21” inside height 19” circum. at widest part of calf 15.25” foot length 11.25” width at ball of foot, $100.

The Classifieds is available to PVDA members. Classified advertisements (unboxed ads) are accepted by post or e-mail. Items received by the 10th* of the month to be distributed the following month. E-mail classifieds that are submitted without a membership number.) Classifieds MUST be submitted by e-mail are confirmed via e-mail. Type or print your submission and send to Shari Glickman, GoodNess Ridge Farm, 13979 Unionville Rd., Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Classified ads are placed on PVDA’s Web site at www.pvda.org. If you do not want your e-mail address included on the Web site, please omit it from your printed ad submission for The PVDA Newsletter.

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Benefit. Classified advertisements (unboxed ads) are accepted by post or e-mail. Items classifieds@pvda.org received by the 10th* of the month to be distributed the following month. Email (The newsletter will not print any membership number.) Classifieds MUST be distributed by owner, a USDF bronze, silver and gold medalist. Patricia Milligan, 301-972-7498 assumed by the 10th* of the month to be distributed the following month. Email or send to Shari Glickman, Barnesville, MD, in upper Mont. Co. All stalls are mat-ted and have windows w/exc. ventilation; ample panels, fully adj. tree currently at a wide/x-wide setting; in exc. cond., $2,500/o/o. Allison Turner, 410-726-8199 or email: twostars8688@yahoo.com

✦ 18” Albion SLK dressage saddle M/W tree, reg. flap, new billets, in very good cond., $1,800, Joan Clark, 443-812-0026 or email: flicka4me@verizon.net

✦ 1) 19” Black Country Elocuence blk. dressage saddle, med. tree, barely used, in great shape, $2500 2) 17.5” Ainsley Pro x-c saddle, narrow tree, in good used cond., $750 3) 15.5-16” (equiv to 18” in a dressage saddle) Wengers Wade tree Western saddle. Full QH bars, will fit a wide horse. Balanced seat, Meleta brown stirrups (saves the knees!). Great for trail riding or starting youngsters, $1,500, Kyrie Garretson, 240-409-4461 or email: kyrieg@earthlink.net

For Rent ✦ Immed. openings at No. Calvert Co. MD farm, matted stalls, semi private t/o, lighted grass riding ring, access to trails, friendly and low-key. Rehab stall w/ small t/o avail. $325/mo., Julie Gross, 301-503-7709

✦ One opening avail. for a board/training pkg. at Wildfire Farm, a premier dressage training facility in No. VA. Trailer-in lessons also welcome and will be arranged around your sched. Go to www.wildfirefarm.com for more details or email Mary Flood at maryflood@wildfirefarm.com

Wanted ✦ Working student wanted for small dressage training center on VA’s Eastern Shore. Free board; apt.; and lessons w/USDF Certified Instructor in exchg. for care of 6-7 horses. Positive, friendly, prof. atmosphere, w/many wonderful opportunities! Deni Jeffers, 757-302-0224 or email: deripaffe@aol.com

PVDA Licensed Shows 2012

June 23-24: PVDA Ride for Life Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md.
July 7-8: PVDA Summer Showdown/Region 1 ATC Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md.
September 1: Fall Show Loch Moy Farm, Adamstown, Md.
your help. Contact volunteers@pvda.org; if you start now you can have the job of your choice. Wouldn’t it be fun to try something new?

Have you looked at the Ride for Life website lately? Please visit www.pvdarideforlife.org. When you click on "Get Involved" there are directions on how to donate money online. If every PVDA member could round up at least one friend to donate to the cause we would really have something. Last year PVDA raised $87,000 for the Johns Hopkins Avon Foundation Breast Center. ALL of the money raised goes directly to Johns Hopkins.

Speaking of money, the Board of Directors has decided to try to save a little money on our biggest expenditure, the newsletter. All members are being asked to contact membership@pvda.org if they want to continue receiving the monthly paper copy of the newsletter. The newsletter is one of your membership benefits, but if you don’t want the paper, then that’s great! To continue receiving the paper copy, starting with the SEPTEMBER 2012 issue, please email membership@pvda.org to let us know that you still want yours mailed to you. Current and past issues are always available on the PVDA website.

Finally, there is still time to volunteer for the PVDA Annual Spring Show at Morven Park, May 19-20. Contact Camilla.Cornell@pvda.org about volunteering.

Have a wonderful spring! Call me anytime, 703-771-3231.

Jocelyn Pearson • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

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Congratulations to Our PVDA 2011 USDF Award Winners!

**USDF Gold Medalists:** Christine Batz, Jaralyn Finn

**Silver Medalists:** Alexa Briscoe, Lucy Tidd

**Bronze Medalists:** Longina Akhtar, Samantha Regina Allan, Anne Fruge Buckman, Elizabeth Goodwin, Carol Herron, Jacqueline Hyde, Lauren Kimmel, Cheryl Ann Loane, Julio Cesar Mendoza, Christine Millhouse, Cheree Lynn Nichols, Linda Reinhardt, Joanne Silverman, Elizabeth Simmeth-Ensor, Angela Voss

**Silver Freestyle Bar:** Alison Head

**Rider Performance Awards**

**Training:** Trici Boland, Lauren Kimmel, Alexis Rossetti

**First Level; Second Level:** Jaclyn Sink

**Several riders/horses qualified for either Adequan Year-End Awards or Allbreed Awards, and some at more than one level or division.**

**Those who won places at Allbreeds are:**

- Hallie Ahnsbarak on Feintsje, 4th level, MFS, Friesian
- Abigail Bauer on Dragonheart, 3rd level, JrYR, 3rd place, Oldenburg
- Robin Bruceckmann on Radetsky, I 1, Vintage cup, 2nd place, PSG, Vintage cup, 1st place, Int MFS, 2nd, 11, open, 3rd, PSG open, 3rd, Trakehner
- Lord Baltimore, 1st level, vintage cup, 1st place, Oldenburg
- Lord Carthage, 3 yr collateral, Materiale, 1st, Warmblood
- Dorie Forte on Froelich, 3rd level, AA, 4th place, 3rd level, Vintage, 2nd place, 4th level AA, 2nd place, 4th level, Vintage, 1st place, 4th level, open, 5th place, Oldenburg
- Beth Gillese on Rorick, 1st level, MFS, 4th place
- Alison Head on Remarkable, 4th level, MFS, Oldenburg
- Karen Holweck-Mulreen on Diez, Tr, open, 3rd place, Oldenburg
- Elizabeth Lewis on Blue and White Freedom, Tr, AA, 1st place, Morgan
- Kathy Mathers on Efs, 2nd level, AA, 1st place, Friesian, 2nd level, open, 1st place
- Melissa Palmer on All About Me, 1st level, AA, 3rd place, KWPN
- Alexis Rossetti on Charlie Dare, Tr, JrYR, 2nd place, Danish WB
- Lucy Tidd on KGB Coal Magic, 11, AA, 2nd place, PSG, AA, 1st place, Int MFS, 1st place, Morgan
- Felicitas Von Neumann-Cosel on Tonico Do Top, 12, open, 1st place, Andalusian and Lusitano

*Some of the owners and breeders also are PVDA members, so congratulations to everyone!*
May 2012

5-6 Shannon Peters Clinic at Morningside Farm, The Plains, Va. Contact Kelly Gage at tempichange@hotmail.com or call 859-699-7383

6 Charles County Chapter Spring Tune Up with Judy Whyte at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Bring your tunes! Contact Kelly Rose at kellyrose.kcr@gmail.com

6 Maryland Dressage Association Schooling Show at Petticoats Advance, Upperco, Md. See www.marylanddss.org

7 PVDA Board Meeting, 7 p.m. For information contact Rebekah Lusk, 301-318-1797

12 MAHA Dressage Show, open to all breeds. Oakridge Park, Hughesville, Md. See www.marylandarabians.org or contact Stacy Wilson at custis711@yahoo.com (New western dressage)

12 Catotin Chapter sponsors schooling show with in-hand and ridden dressage classes. Plantation Valley Stables, 1801 Mountain Church Rd., Midddletown, Md. Open date: April 8, Close date: May 2. Judge: Aviva Nebesky. Contact Debra Peebles, windwood3@aol.com for info.

13 Pilates Clinic with Laurie Higgins, see www.chesapeakedressage.com or 410-267-7174

19 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

19 VADA/Nova Schooling Show at Compass Rose Farm in Haymarket, Va. Open to all. See www.vadanova.org

19-20 PVDA Annual Spring Show at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. See www.pvda.org

25-26 Carlos Santos Clinic at Morgan Run Stables, Westminster, Md. Visit the website http://morgunnustables.com or contact Adrienne Wiesenber at 202-577-7995

25-27 Allentown CDI at the Horse Park of New Jersey, Contact Terry Masters at terrymasters@verizon.net

27 Linda Zang Fix a Test Clinic at Hidden Tides Farm in Upper Marlboro, Md. Ride your eventing or dressage test in the indoor arena. Each ride will last 30 minutes with a running commentary for auditors. Riders will be selected from all levels. Contact Cheryl Swing at cheryls301@aol.com

June

10 Dressage Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com or 240-298-0283

23 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

29-30 Julio Mendoza Clinic at Reality Inn Farm, Harwood, Md. Hosted by the Southern Maryland Chapter. For more information see http://pvdasouthernmaryland.com or contact Melissa Harlinski at mharlinski@yahoo.com

July

5-6 PVDA Heather Mason clinic at Prince George's Equestrian Center. See www.pvda.org for rider and auditor information

7-8 PVDA Licensed Show at Prince George's Equestrian Center. See www.pvda.org

21 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

22 Dressage Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com or 240-298-0283

28-29 Region 1 North Youth Team Competition at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. Contact Alison Head, lookingglassfarm@mac.com

August

18 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

19 Dressage Schooling Show at Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander at beginagainfarm1@aol.com or 240-298-0283

September

29 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

October

27 Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm in Berryville, Va. See www.evergreenfarm.info for more information.

28 Dressage Schooling Show, Begin Again Farm, Leonardtown, Md. Contact Michele Alexander, beginagainfarm1@aol.com or 240-298-0283

November

4 PVDA Chapter Challenge at Prince George's Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md. See www.pvda.org
The USDF Region 1 Spring Meeting on March 18 was hosted by Scott and Susanne Hassler, Hassler Dressage at Riveredge, just south of Chesapeake City on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. This year a lively group of about 30 dedicated dressage enthusiasts eagerly shared their many years of expertise. The meeting is chaired by USDF Region 1 Director Lisa Schmidt. USDF Region 1 (MD, PA, VA, DE, Washington, DC, Eastern WV, NC, NJ) has been quite a hub of dressage activity for many years (www.USDFRegion1.org). The agenda included selecting locations for the two USDF Region 1 championship shows.

The meeting began with a warm welcome from Scott Hassler. Presentations were made for three locations that were interested in hosting either the Great American Insurance Group USDF Region 1 Show (GAIG) or the Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championship Show (BLM). Those representing a USDF Group Member Organization (such as PVDA) were allowed to vote on the show locations. In recent years the two championship shows have rotated between the Horse Park of New Jersey, Allentown, N.J., and the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Va. It should be noted that both of these facilities continue to undergo improvements such as footing. The Williamston, N.C., facility also has hosted championship shows. This is a newer facility and those involved discussed the excellent support they receive from dedicated facility staff.

The GAIG Championship recommendation to the USDF Executive Board is to award the show to the Virginia Dressage Association, October 17–20, 2013, at the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Va. In addition to the show, a “doggie costume” class will be offered, and in previous years attracted 40+ entries.

After voting, the BLM Championship was awarded to the North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association (NCDCTA), October 31–November 3, 2013. The show location will be the Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, N.C. The show includes a free “Taste of Martin County” sponsored by Martin County Travel and Tourism. The members also discussed the new USDF National Dressage Championships, scheduled to be hosted at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, Ky., November 7-10, 2013. Qualifying classes/scores and other details for the new amateur and open championship are still in the planning stage.

PVDA will be hosting the USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition, July 7-8, 2012, Prince George’s Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, Md.


The USDF Region 1 Youth Team Championship will be hosted by VADA/NOVA, July 28-29, 2012, at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. In order to make this show as affordable as possible, it is not a licensed show, so no rider/owner membership or horse registration is required. Classes include USDF Walk-Trot and up.

Representatives from the NCDCTA discussed a youth team competition that will be added to one of their local licensed shows June 1-3, 2012, Raleigh, N.C. Classes include a youth stick pony dressage class. NCDCTA is

Region 1 Meeting continued on next page
hosting the Nutrena/USDF Lilo Fore Adult Amateur Clinic, October 6-7, 2012, Averett University, Providence, N.C. The theme is “The Classical System Simplified.”

During the weekend of the meeting, the Platinum Performance/USDF Region 1 Junior/Young Rider Clinic was taught by Jeremy Steinberg, USEF National Youth Coach. The clinic was sponsored by ESDCTA. Riders ages 14 to 21 wishing to participate had to apply and submit a video. This national series of clinics is made possible by funding support from the Dressage Foundation. There was an extended discussion about possibly holding a youth dressage camp at Hassler Dressage, since only a few higher level riders were chosen to participate in the clinic. In previous years, the Hasslers have generously donated their facility and guesthouse, either for USDF or non-USDF events.

USDF sponsors national youth clinics, but only five this year, so these clinics rotate between the regions. In 2012, USDF Region 1 will not be eligible to host a USDF youth clinic, so it is up to USDF Region 1 members to organize their own clinic.

Former Young Rider Nicole DelGiorno stated that she and former Young Rider Chase Hickock would both like to be listed as junior/young rider mentors, and they both are enthusiastic about encouraging juniors/young riders. Nicole even suggested a field trip to the NAJYRC show in Kentucky for those riders who are interested, but may not be quite at that level of competition.

The Dressage at Devon show (west of Philadelphia) is organizing a capital campaign to raise money to improve drainage and footing in the warm-up area. The cost is estimated to be $300,000. Those interested may donate online: www.dressageatdevon.org/cms.

In recent years, PVDA has hosted a “Tea Is for Training” educational clinic to train dressage show volunteers. PVDA has updated a printed booklet and it was requested that PVDA print additional copies for purchase by non-PVDA members in other areas.

The USDF Region 1 printed Omnibus is organized by past USDF Region 1 Director Alison Head. There was some discussion about making this an online document. Someone even suggested a smartphone app. The group also discussed how to post ads from the Omnibus online and ads for the various websites maintained by dressage associations.

Scott and Susanne Hassler earned the USDF Region 1 award for Outstanding Contribution to the Dressage Community in Region One–Adult. Before lunch, a plaque was presented to them. Scott thanked everyone, but also stated that USDF Region 1 benefits from countless volunteer hours from many people, and he said this award reflects everyone’s continuing dedication. A plaque was also presented to Nicole DelGiorno (NJ) for earning the USDF Region 1 Youth Contribution to the Dressage.
Community award.

The other USDF Region 1 awards included: Achievement at the FEI Levels: Kim Herslow (NJ) and Achievement at the National Levels: Lauren Chumley (NJ). Their awards will be presented at an ESDCTA show Memorial Day weekend in New Jersey.

Congratulations to Maryland Dressage Association member Jacqueline Caldwell of the Maryland Dressage Association and her horse, JC’s Keely of Texel, who earned a Carol Lavell Gifted Training Scholarship (for Adult Amateur riders) from the Dressage Foundation. Jacqueline plans to train with Phoebe Devoe-Moore. The Gifted Fund was founded with a donation from Carol Lavell in remembrance of her Olympic dressage horse, Gifted.

A number of members who participate on various committees gave reports. The USDF GMO’s attending also presented reports on activities: licensed and schooling shows, clinics, and educational opportunities. French Creek Dressage reported that some of their members participated in an international lower-level team event on borrowed horses in Scotland, Great Britain. This year some of the Polnoon Castle Riders Association (Glasgow) will travel to the U.S. to compete on borrowed horses.

In equestrian facility news, SFVA Inc., the not-for-profit organization that produces the State Fair of Virginia, has been forced into bankruptcy. As a result of this action, there will be no further events produced by SFVA Inc., including the Strawberry Hill Races (moved to Colonial Downs), the State Fair of Virginia and the Meadow Highland Games & Celtic Festival. This includes dressage shows.

In light of the loss of Meadow Event Park, the group discussed how important it is to support other large equestrian facilities such as Morven Park, Leesburg, Va., and the Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, Va. Neither of these facilities receives any State funding. It was made clear the importance of monitoring long-range planning and goals and assisting with fundraising for continued capital improvements. Many facilities are being promoted as “multi-use,” and it is important that the equestrian part is not lost. (I recall one year volunteering at the USDF Region 1 Youth Show at the Prince George’s County Equestrian Center, there was a simultaneous rap concert going on outdoors also).

The Foxcroft School, north of Middleburg, Va., will no longer be a venue for licensed dressage shows. Instead, Glenwood Park, south of Foxcroft, will be the new venue. The park can accommodate additional rings and stabling. This park has a long history as an equestrian venue.

The USDF Region 1 Fall Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 10, 2012, 12-3 p.m. at Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. All USDF members are welcome to attend.

The 2013 USDF Region 1 Spring meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 16-17 (St. Patrick’s Day weekend) at Hassler Dressage, Chesapeake City. Everyone is invited to attend. It is anticipated that some sort of educational clinic will be held on Saturday.

Special thanks to the Inn at the Canal, Chesapeake City, for providing luxury accommodation.

www.USDFRegion1.org
www.HasslerDressage.com
PVDA Year-End Awards Now Include Eventing Tests

By Michele Wellman

PVDA Year-End Awards are a great goal to set for you and your horse. Whether you are showing at Introductory Level, Grand Prix or an Eventing test, you are eligible as a member of PVDA. Depending on the level you are showing at, you must compete in a minimum number of PVDA-sponsored schooling or licensed shows to gather enough scores.

In 2012, PVDA will include the eventing tests in our Year-End Awards program. Eventers, come on out between horse trials and practice your tests while earning scores toward a year-end award. By coming to a minimum of four schooling shows, you can complete one qualification toward being eligible. Also new for 2012, we will include all levels of tests up through Grand Prix! Riders Fourth Level and up must ride in a minimum of three PVDA-sponsored licensed shows and you can submit scores from other area licensed shows if you would like.

Year-End Awards are open to Juniors, Young Riders, Adult Amateurs and Professionals provided you meet all eligibility requirements.

In addition to participating in a minimum number of shows and tests, we need you to volunteer. Don’t forget, PVDA is run by volunteers and we need you! Eight hours of volunteering are required as part of your eligibility requirements for year-end awards. Get scheduled early and you’ll get to pick your job. We have four licensed shows, 29 schooling shows and educational opportunities to choose from for your volunteer hours.

Our 2012 Annual Awards dinner will be held after the holidays on January 5, 2013. Don’t miss this dinner held just for you! We’ll be at the beautiful Turf Valley Resort in Marriottsville, Maryland. Make sure you put it on your calendar.

For more details and information on the PVDA Year-End Awards program visit our website at www.pvda.org or you can read the details in the front of your schooling show omnibus. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Raulin at highscores@pvda.org or Michele Wellman at Michele.wellman@pvda.org.

Next month…. Breed Awards!
Chrissa Hoffman, another bronze, silver, and gold medalist rode Scrabble, a 5-year-old Hanoverian gelding. He asked Chrissa to establish a walk with long steps. The rider must feel the swinging motion in the walk. Dressage is a gymnastic process. On the circle Christoph had Chrissa ride with a slight leg yielding tendency to get the horse to accept the leg. He then asked her to leg yield in the walk, then a quarter pirouette in walk, the shoulder in to another quarter pirouette all as a preparation for lateral work. He emphasized the importance of giving advice to your horse with your body and to always look where you are going. The horse must learn to trot with big legs. He then asked for a small circle in the corner, then a shoulder in followed by a half pass using the entire arena. He had Chrissa think of travers on the diagonal with the horse accepting the leg every stride.

He then had her do a similar exercise on the long diagonal going from Shoulder in to travers, back to shoulder in travers, etc. until she got to the opposite corner. In this exercise the rider has to use the inside aids (seat bone and leg). One needs a trot with good impulsion to start lateral work. The horse tends to get behind the vertical because he’s a bit downhill. Behind the vertical is a symptom not a problem. Positioning of the whip and hands with flexible fingers and thumbs down is important. Christoph then made comments about the walk in general. The three walks he sees are marching, lazy and running. In the marching walk the rider is able to ride each step with left leg, right leg, etc. In the running, hurried walk the legs should come off the side, and in the lazy walk the horse walks with a big effort! When the horse is naughty at the walk such as kicking out, do leg yields in walk. Before doing lateral work one has to have the forward tendency under control.

Sharon McCusker, Bronze, Silver, and Gold medalist who is currently on the USEF Developing Dressage list and was long listed for the 2010 Games rode Wrigley, an 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding. Christoph said Lusitanos are bred for the bull ring, not the Dressage ring, but it’s educational to have different breeds represented. In the canter work he asked Heather to swing more from the middle of her body to make longer strides. Getting a big canter can be a lifetime of work. Allowing the neck to open more is helpful. When stretching in the canter ride in half seat to open the body. Canter in shoulder in then straighten. If not paying attention stay in counter canter. When cantering half pass think travers on diagonal. Give longer rein in canter half passes. The horse must listen to the aids and not anticipate. One must be results oriented. Christoph asked Heather to keep the body open and ride frequently with long rein. He asked her to shoulder in with long rein in rising trot to half pass. On the stretchy circle he had Heather ride with long rein while Zairo sought the contact. Heather mentioned that restricting her horse’s mouth with a flash made him more nervous.

To be continued in the June issue.
Mark your calendars.
VADA/Nova presents an auditor-oriented clinic with

Herbert Seiberl

a Bereiter with the Spanish Riding School of Vienna

July 6*, 7, 8, 2012
Morven Park, Leesburg, VA
*July 6 for riders only

Bereiter Seiberl has been with the Spanish Riding School for 18 years and is one of only two Bereiters who perform the Long Rein solo in SRS performances - his in-hand and groundwork skills are wonderful. He has private students and horses in training in Austria who compete successfully in the show ring.

Bereiter Seiberl is a fabulous instructor - excellent English, effective and clear communicator, very kind and patient, and a beautiful rider. He demands correct work but is very encouraging throughout the lesson, and is wonderful with riders of all levels, as well as both amateurs & professionals. He is just as good at starting changes and piaffe/passage and tweaking canter pirouettes as he is helping a lower level rider develop thoroughness and begin lateral work. He is familiar with and enjoys working with many different breeds.

Reviews and pictures by Jorie Sligh of DressageClinics.org can be found below:

July 08 Clinic: http://dressageclinics.org/seiberljuly08web10.pdf
January 08 Clinic: http://dressageclinics.org/jan08article.pdf
July 07 Clinic: http://dressageclinics.org/seiberlarticlecoljuly07.pdf
Jan 07 Clinic: http://dressageclinics.org/seiberlarticlewebsite.pdf

Information on application forms, auditor forms and clinic details will be coming soon.

Visit: www.vadanova.org
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I wish to apply for the following:

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*Each additional 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

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☐ show scorer  ☐ show ring steward  ☐ dressage trainer
☐ show runner  ☐ set up/breakdown  ☐ USEF technical delegate
☐ education projects  ☐ show (other)  ☐ dressage instructor (level) ______
☐ computer skills  ☐ advertising/marketing  ☐ breeder (breed)_______
☐ write articles  ☐ anything
☐ 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
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APRIL PVDA BOARD MEETING
Date: April 2, 2012; Meeting #514
Location: Linda Speer’s Farm in Clarksville, Md. Meeting called to order by Michele Wellman at 7:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
Board Members Present: Betty Thorpe, Carolyn Del Grosso, Michele Wellman, Jackie Socoli, Linda Speer, Tedi Lesniewski, Shari Packard, Kate Burgy, Jocelyn Pearson
Members Absent: Camilla Cornwell, Hilary Moore, Kathryn Tedford, Rebekah Lusk, Mary Sue McCarthy, Ninia Nissen
Assoc. Members Present: Wendy Emblin, Ingrid Gentry

TREASURER’S REPORT
Paypal Account: $128.09
General Fund: $858.06
Schooling Shows: $2,510.23
CDs: $15,085.12
Total: $18,581.50
Carolyn cashed in a CD; will cash in another to pay bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Awards Dinner: The Awards Dinner contract/deposit have been sent in. Dinner is at the Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City on January 5, 2013.

Chapters: Michele is including chapter news in eblasts; Shari has made Chapter section of website more newsworthy. Bayside and Catotch chapters have requested ribbons.

Education: Jackie said there was great interest in the Tea Is for Training at the Region 1 meeting and we may be able to sell our Tea Manual to other GMOs. Jackie is compiling a budget for the Heather Mason Clinic. The Flextime Program is developing, and the October Farrier/Vet Symposium is confirmed.

Membership: Adult-535, Family (Primary)-61, Family (Secondary)-61, Junior Aff.-60, Young Adult-21, Senior-60, Life-17, Patron-4, Business Aff.-6. Total: 834
There are 603 renewals and 110 new members. Volunteer certificates used for membership valued at $2,000.

Newsletter: To cut costs the December and January issue will be combined; the February issue will report on the awards dinner. Carolyn made a motion to ask the members to opt IN to continue receiving a print edition by the September issue of the newsletter. It was passed 5 to 4. Announcements will be in newsletter, website, and eblasts. Members can respond by internet or snail mail.

Shows Recognized: There have been some policy and personnel changes at Morven Park, but we are welcome in the future, Jocelyn reported. The Prince George’s Equestrian Center is working on the footing and the covered arena is finished and in use. We still need a show manager for the Summer Showdown on July 7, 8.

Special Events: Region 1 meeting was in the new conference area at Hasslers. Dressage At Devon is looking for GMO involvement for volunteers, and for donations for replacing the warm up footing (cost: $300,000). Jeremy Steinberg clinic was successful, but was filled with upper level junior riders only.

Website: Upgrade to new server completed. Shari has new info on home page, show page and chapter page.

NEXT MEETING: May 7, 2012, 7 p.m. at Linda Speer’s farm in Clarksville, Md. For more information contact Rebekah Lusk, 301-318-1797.
Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.
CDCTA Announces Our
2012 USEF Recognized Dressage Competitions

May 5 & 6
CDCTA Dressage at Morven Park
Open March 1 • Close April 10

USEF and FEI tests Intro to Grand Prix, Pas de Deux, Quadrille, Para-equestrian
Qualifying classes for BLM & GAIG Championships
Contact: Sharon Pedlar, sgp588@hotmail.com

August 18 & 19
CDCTA Dressage at Glenwood Park
Open June 11 • Close July 20

NEW Venue!

USEF tests Intro to 4th Level, Eventing TOC
Qualifying classes for BLM & GAIG Championships
Contact: Emmett Turner, tumermaew@aol.com

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