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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. –
Charlottesville Chapter

EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to August and I commend all of you for making it this far in the sometimes unbearable heat we've been experiencing. The best way to deal with this is probably not to ride at all, and if you must, ride early or late! It was great to see so many of you out at Dressage at Lexington. Congratulations to all of our members for their achievements at the show. I'd like to especially extend a big well done to Melyni Worth and Xavoy for their Prix St. George results as well as Hannah Pierucci for achieving the scores needed to get her USDF Silver Medal.

This is the time for planning and I know that Nancy Lowey has been working hard to get everything in place for our 2012 Licensed Show on April 28th and 29th at Commonwealth Park. Make sure to put that date in your calendars now and make it a plan to either show or volunteer or both. We've scheduled an Evening With for November 15th on the subject of dentistry with Dr. Bullock. Details about this event will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. Of course we've also got our upcoming Dressage, CT and Jumper Schooling Show on Saturday October 8th at Grayson Farm which should be (as usual) a well attended show.

If you've got the desire to be a part of our board in 2012 and hold an officer position, please do contact me or any one of the other current officers to discuss any questions you might have. It is not too early to start thinking about this and we welcome any new member participation. I'd suggest that if you are interested and would like to sink your teeth into our organization do try and attend some of the monthly meetings.

Stay cool. I personally can't wait for September!

Best,

Gardy

VADA-CH July Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Ame Hellman

Attending: Amy Gadsden, Sherri Booye, Jan Templeton, Nancy Lowey, Carter Bass, Ame Hellman, Gardy Bloemers, Deb Bliesner, Melyni Worth, Thea Yancey, Lee Scott, Kaelin Waterman (guest of Lee's), Shannon LeVines, Martha Mellish.

The meeting was called to order and the June Board minutes were approved. A change was pointed out by Jan Templeton. Language from last month's minutes needs to be clarified relative to the Brooke Daws clinic: "we are waiting for the money from the ad for the Brooke Daws clinic."

Membership

Carter Bass. Members are up to 94—a few more are pending per conversations with Carter and Patti Pierucci. Last year our membership topped out at 112 so we are still short of our baseline target.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Templeton. Our balance as of last month was \$8375.91 and we made approximately \$975 at the chapter fundraising clinic last weekend—therefore the current balance is approximately \$9286.91. We don't have any major expenses to date and bills from the show have been paid. Gardy raised the issue of opening a savings account for our surplus funds.

Fundraising Clinic Update

The clinic was a success and we made approximately \$975.00. Our expenses at Ashanti were minimal and Gardy covered the lunch costs for us which helped the total amount raised. The clinic had 8 riders as well as many new folks that came to audit, including some local horse people that haven't been involved in the chapter previously.

Licensed Show 2012

Date and Venue—April, 28th and 29th at Culpepper The show has been booked. Tammy Nichols is our TD. Elizabeth Lewis has been booked as a judge. Jeanne McDonald is our second choice and Gardy is following up with Jeanne. Nancy will be our show manager again and Tina will be the secretary. It would be great to find a host or two for a party so that they can get all of their volunteer hours. Blue Ridge Trailer might be a financial sponsor. Melyni Worth is in charge of finding the volunteer coordinator and a party organizer. Ame Hellman will contact a potential sponsor that she is aware of as well. Also, we need to rent an appropriate sound system for the show if Culpepper does not replace the existing system.

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The sound system has been inadequate for the past two years and if we don't address this the recommendation is to NOT offer a MFS class at this show. Our preference is to deal with the system and include that class.

Toad Hollow Show

Renee has suggested that we do a two day "fix a test" theme. She has reached out to Will Coleman and he has agreed to help her with a combined training "fix a jump" component and the second day would be "fix and dressage test". Dates for this are possibly March 17th and 18th. Renee's "to do" is to ask Meg Holden, the DC of the Pony Club to do this with us. If this works out, the chapter would share the two day's event revenue with the Pony Club. All of this would need to be agreed prior to the show and put in writing (revenue sharing, responsibilities etc.)

Grayson Farm Schooling Show

We can't locate our box of supplies and ribbons. Celia Refalka may have them or know where they are—Gardy will follow up with Celia. She is also the manager of the show. Sherri and Amy are trying to track this down. We also need to track down the sign board.

Fall Evening Education Evening

Melyni knows an equine dentist that has agreed to come and do "an evening with" for us. November would be a good month to do this—possibly at our monthly meeting. Tuesday November 15th has been suggested. Melyni will check the date with the dentist.

Newsletter Editor Search

Tammy Nagle has been identified and Gardy will be meeting with her soon.

Next meeting agenda topics: 2012 Schooling Shows, Clinics, Awards dinner (Sherri has volunteered her home), Region 1 clinics and officers for next year. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 30 at Topeka's Steakhouse. The October meeting will be Monday October 3 at Timberwood Grill. Both are at 7pm.

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August 7

SVDA Licensed
Dressage Show
Williamsburg, VA
www.gosvda.org

August 11

CDCTA Dressage
Schooling Show
Warrenton Show
Grounds www.cdcta.com

August 20 - 21

Dressage at Foxcroft
Licensed Show
Middleburg, VA
www.cdcta.com

August 27

Dressage and CT
Schooling Show
Touch Point Farm,
Culpeper, VA
www.cdcta.com

September 1

ERAHC Classic Open
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Lexington, VA
www.erahc.org

September 2 - 5

VAHA Open Dressage
Lexington, VA
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September 3 - 4

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Bruno Greber Clinic Report

By April Rivers

On July 9th and 10th, Ashanti Farm hosted our Chapter Fundraising Clinic with Bruno Greber, a classical trainer with a deep knowledge for the use of traditional work. We are fortunate indeed to have a teacher and trainer of his caliber in our area. To top it off, the weather cooperated nicely with low humidity and a gentle breeze blowing through the beautiful outdoor covered arena.

Bruno worked with riders of all ages and abilities, from young riders to seasoned competitors; on horses ranging from just started 4 year olds to 17 year old schoolmasters. Throughout both days, the emphasis was on the absolute necessity of correct basics, inspiring the riders and transforming the horses with effective and interesting exercises. Whether prepping for the upcoming show (DAL), or simply progressing the everyday training, the work produced more suppleness, balance, and harmony in all the horses (not an easy feat for some of the 'greenies').

From many pages of notes, here is a condensed version of his teachings:

On General Horsemanship

- The horse is your mirror, he expresses your intention, ride with dynamic intention.
- Everything matters - forward, bend, position, frame - don't compromise.
- His ongoing mantra: Shape - Prepare - Perform.
- Flexion is at the poll, bend is in the ribcage.
- Tail to nose is frame, lateral bend is shape.
- Good riding requires effort and attention to detail, but gives huge rewards.

On the Seat and Aids

- Ride with your pelvis, seat to the withers, hips in front of chest
- Keep the ribs open in front and on both sides, don't collapse
- Bend happens around your inner thigh/knee
- Inner rein positions the nose and supple the poll with a soft wrist
- Outer rein is for frame and alignment
- Surround your horse with your aids - bending leg, driving leg, engaged pelvis
- Diagonal aids (inside leg to outside rein) give you access to the haunches
- Swing the bottom of your hips forward and up in the canter

Schooling Exercises;

- On a trot circle, leg yield out with inner knee, half pass in with outer calf, floating in and out
- Down quarter line in medium trot and drift out with bend to corner (leg yield tendency), riding up into outside rein
- Canter circle and leg yield out 3 strides, half pass in 3 strides, floating in and out
- Quarter line medium canter with leg yield out, collect with bend in the corner
- Inside track counter canter, push out to rail with new inside knee and change the lead
- Simple transitions with bend on a circle, smoothly swing into walk with your pelvis and go with it

Bruno Greber Clinic Report, con't ...

On Problem Solving / Troubleshooting

- Shape the horse before every transition, up or down
- Fill the reins with your legs, the leg creates more connection
- Keep base of neck to ears straight or the shoulder pops out = no chance for collection
- Swing through your back and pelvis with the trot(canter), vertical bouncing blocks throughness
- Use bend in ribcage to lighten the inner rein, not letting go of it (inner leg replaces inner rein)
- Take your time - flexion, bend, alignment - set him up for success
- Contact is light, not static - don't freeze the hands
- Don't react, give clear directions and see that he follows, moment by moment

Bruno treated all to a beautiful performance on Amidala on Saturday night, and at Sunday's end, we were all empowered with more knowledge, and setting new goals for our riding. Many thanks to all the riders, horses, and the Ashanti Team for a wonderful clinic experience!

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A Fitness Tip from Debbie Rodriguez: The Bridge

By Debbie Rodriguez, *Success in the Saddle*

This may seem like a familiar move from a past Pilates or Yoga class (or from physical therapy). No matter where you learn this position it is great for strengthening your hips and low back. If you use it as part of a dynamic series it will really strengthen your glutes and get them firing.

To start lay on your back with your arms out and put your feet under your knees then lift your hips until they come onto the line between your knees and shoulders. Don't cheat, get your hips all the way up and you will feel the benefits!



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Saddle Fit Tip: Tree Width

Did you know... saddle trees come in either: Narrow, Medium or Wide widths?

Ask yourself... but what do these terms actually mean? And what will a saddle with a tree that is an incorrect width for your horse actually do when your horse is in motion?

The tree width must be wide enough for the horse’s shoulders to rotate freely under the tree. But too often we see a saddle with a tree width that is too narrow for a particular horse. Not only can your horse’s shoulders not move freely under such a saddle, but the saddle can be driven forward on top of his shoulders as he is being ridden. This will result in all of the problems we’ve already discussed in previous saddle fit tips.

If the tree width is too wide, while the horse is being ridden, the entire saddle may rock from side to side, or the back half of the saddle may twist to one side or the other.

Why do saddle makers and saddle fitters consider both tree width and tree angle when fitting a saddle to a particular horse? Tree width and tree angle need to be adjusted together. If the width of your saddle’s tree is correct for your horse, but the angle is incorrect, the saddle will not fit your horse. Adding flocking to or removing flocking from the vertical panels of the saddle will not solve the problem. And at times both the width and angle of the saddle’s tree are incorrect for a particular horse. As we discussed in Saddle Fit Tip # 8 – Tree Angle, this can cause permanent, long-term damage to your horse.

A properly fitted saddle will have a tree that is wide enough and an angle that is correctly adjusted so as to avoid hitting the spinalis muscle. This is also a reflex point that inhibits or completely stops forward movement. When a stallion breeds a mare, he bites her on this reflex point so that she stands still, hollows her back, and rotates her pelvis open. In order to locate your horse’s spinalis muscle, draw a line 4” down from the base of your horse’s withers, and then draw a horizontal line back. The saddle must stay off of that triangle.



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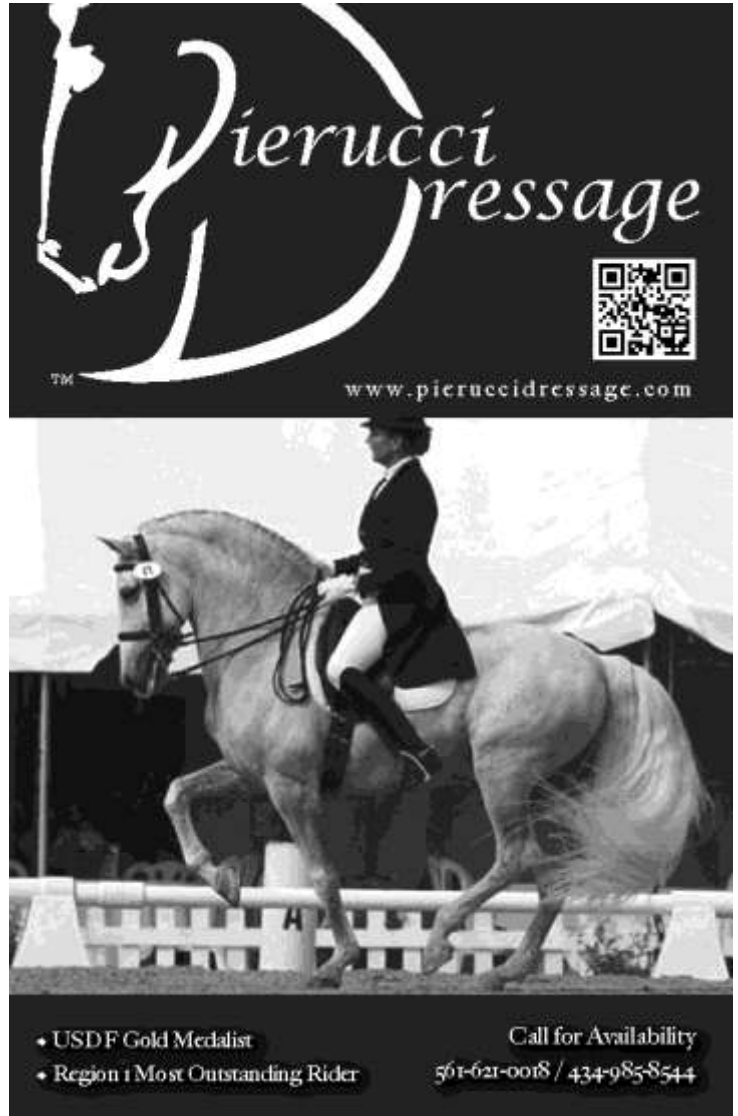
Last Look: Seen at the Bruno Greber Clinic



Photos (from top, left to right): Charlie, owned by Jeanie Burnett; Bruno Greber; Ann Sutherland and Veronica; Ame and Brighton; Cynthia Whitman and Peppermint; Ann and Rosie.

Chapter Awards Rules In Brief

1. Must perform 4 hours of volunteer work separate from the Scholarship volunteer hours or have hours donated from another member. List of volunteer options is in the full rules on line.
2. Must submit scores from a show within 45 days of the last day of the show to the Awards Coordinator, Amy Gadsden using the score report form available on the web site or from Amy or the cover sheet from the test with the necessary info as to rider, horse, raw score, and percentage. No score below 50% are used.
3. Schooling shows levels are Introductory through 4th level. Licensed shows are for Training level through Grand Prix and includes Freestyle.
4. For schooling level must submit 4 scores from at least two different judges and 2 different tests of the level (I.e., Tests 1 and 3 from Training level) from any VADA chapter schooling show or the schooling shows of CVACTA or VHT shows which are considered VADA sanctioned shows for award purposes.
5. For licensed shows must submit 5 scores from at least 3 different judges with at least one score from the highest test or next to highest test of the level. Championship shows with multiple judges, only the average of the score is used. For Freestyles 3 scores from at least 2 different judges are required.
6. The same horse and rider must be paired for all scores at a level and the same horse and rider can be submitted for more than one level, but the levels must be successive.



2011 VADA-CH Year End Award Standings

Awards standing as of July 7, 2011. Submit scores to Amy Gadsden, P.O. Box 111, Rochelle, VA 22738. For questions, call: 434 974-2268.

Schooling Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Jeannette Tuck	Beau Amigo	70.05%	No	Yes
	Hollyn Mangione	U R Not Dy'n	65.06%	No	Yes
Training	Gina Sybert	Navigator	68.25%	No	Yes
	Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	63.34%	Yes	No
	Nancy Sheaffer	My Rickashay	61.87%	No	No

Licensed Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Training	Erin Sweeney	Risque MFM	71.43%	No	No
	Kim Schmidt	Roxann	66.05%	No	No
	Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	61.00%	Yes	Yes
First	Calla Williamson	Limmerik	67.02%	Yes	No
Second	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	65.26%	No	Yes
Third	Martha Mellish	Wiseman	67.31%	Yes	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	65.26%	No	No

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Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter 2011 Dressage Schooling Shows

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Toad Hollow Farm, Crozet, VA
Dressage Schooling Show
Includes Musical Freestyle Classes
Judge: Helen George "r"
Closing Date: June 4th

Saturday, October 8 2011

Grayson Farm, Scottsville, VA
Dressage, CT and Jumper Schooling
Show and CT jumping schooling rounds
Judges: Carter Bass "R" for dressage
Laine Ashker for jumping
Closing Date: October 1st

Directions:

TOAD HOLLOW FARM, CROZET (June 12th show) From Interstate 64: Crozet Exit 107. East on 250 toward C'ville go straight through traffic lights (do not turn left at light onto Rt240) and continue for approx 5 miles. Turn left on Rt 240 (just past the overhead railroad trestle). At yield sign, Browns Gap Turnpike (Rt 680) will be across the intersection. Follow Browns Gap for approx 2.3 miles, then make a right onto Cannon Brook Way. Toad Hollow is 2nd driveway on the right.

From Barracks/Garth Road: Garth Road to White Hall; Left on Rt 810 (White Hall Road) towards Crozet. Take 1st Left onto Brown's Gap Trpk. Go 1.7 miles to Cannon Brook Way. Left on Cannon Brook Way. Farm is 2nd driveway on the right.

GRAYSON FARM, SCOTTSVILLE (October 8th show) Take Interstate 64 to exit 121A, Route 20 South. From the first traffic light after the exit, travel 13.2 miles to Route 713 (Glendower Road). Left on Rt 713 for .6 mile. The farm entrance is on the Left. You will pass the main entrance to Grayson on Rt. 20 – do not use this entrance, please continue to the Route 713 entrance.

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Dressage Tests Available: At both Shows - USDF 2011 Introductory Tests A, B & C and USDF 2011 Training Level through 4th Level; USEA 2010 Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Training A & B, and Preliminary A, B, & C. Typically the Combined Training dressage tests (small arena) will be first followed by the USDF dressage tests (large arena except possibly the Introductory Tests). At Toad Hollow only - USDF Musical Freestyle & Pony Club Training Level Musical Freestyle.

The following CT Divisions are offered (Grayson only):

TadPole: Open to riders or horses too inexperienced to ride in other divisions. USDF 2011 Introductory Test A (walk-trot). Stadium jumps not to exceed 18" (crossrails). (Horses entered in this division are ineligible for any other division)

Baby Green: Open to riders or horses new to eventing or who have not completed a Novice Division USEA. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2'. USDF 2011 Introductory Test B.

Beginner Novice: 2010 USEA Beginner Novice Test B. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 7".

Novice: 2010 USEA Novice Test B Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 11"

Training: 2010 USEA Training Test B. Jumps not to exceed 3' 3"

Must have 3 riders entered for a division. Riders may enter other divisions on a different horse.

Jumper Classes: Heights offered: 2', 2'6", 3', and others upon request.

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The Fine Print

- Competitions will be run in accordance with USDF/USEF rules.
- Coats and braiding are not required. However, rider and the horse must be neat in appearance.
- If the show fills before the closing date, entries will be placed on a waiting list.
- Helmets must be worn when mounted.
- Six ribbons/awards in each division/class.
- NO DOGS ALLOWED on grounds.
- Ride times will be emailed by Thursday before the show. If you do not have email, you will be called on Thursday.
- **All entries must be accompanied by a signed release and Coggins. NO Coggins - NO showing. Parent/guardian must sign a release if the entrant is a minor.**

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<u>FEES:</u>	<u>Dressage Classes:</u>	Non-VADA Adult Members: \$30.00 per test VADA Adult Members: \$25.00 per test Junior Riders: \$20.00 per test
	<u>Combined Training Classes</u> (October 8 show only):	Non-VADA Adult Members: \$50.00 VADA Adult Members: \$35.00 Junior Riders: \$30.00 CT jumping schooling after each division \$10 per round
	<u>Jumper Classes</u> (October 8 show only):	Jumping at various heights: \$25 per class Height choices: 2', 2'6", 3' Other heights upon request
	<u>Late fee:</u>	\$5.00 per rider/horse combination (after closing date)

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Entries must be received by the closing date (or late fee applies). Full refunds up to the closing date. **NO** refunds after the closing date unless the time can be filled. **NO** refunds for late fees.

No Show Policy: Folks who enter after the closing date and fail to show up are responsible for all fees including the late fee.

Phone: Riders may register by phone by the closing date. However, entry, payment, and coggins must be received prior to the show by mail or drop off.

Mail entries and checks (payable to VADA-CH) to the following:

June 12th show: VADA-CH c/o Renee Shifflett, 4333 Cannon Brook Way, Charlottesville, VA 22901
434-823-4330 toadhollow01@aol.com

Oct 8th show: VADA-CH c/o Celia Rafalko 1137 Manakin Road, Manakin, VA 23103 804-784-0081, cell 804-397-0476 crafalko@gmail.com

**2011 VADA-CH SCHOOLING SHOW
RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION**

Circle Date: June 12 October 8

This document waives important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily with my horse(s) as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, or as parent or guardian of junior exhibitor in any equine activities in this Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter ("VADA-CH") sponsored show at _____ Farm (hereinafter "Farm"). In consideration of my/my daughter's/son's participation in any equine activities sponsored by VADA-CH at Farm, I hereby release and waive my rights and the rights of any of my insurers by subrogation to sue VADA-CH, its board members and officers and volunteers, and the Farm and Farm's owners, employees, agents, and/or representatives for any loss, damage, injury, or death to person or property sustained by me/my daughter/son in equine activities by any cause whatsoever, including the intrinsic dangers of equine activity, such as, but not limited to: (1) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways that may result in injury or death to a participant or bystander or damage to property; (2) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons, or animals; (3) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions, whether known or unknown; (4) the experience level of any participant in equine activities at Farm; (5) a known or unknown health condition of any participant in such equine activities; and (6) the condition and age of the equipment or tack. I assume all the foregoing risks and any other dangers intrinsic to equine activities and accept complete responsibility for making any and all examinations or inspections relating to those risks and any other potential risks of recreational activities, and I agree and understand that VADA-CH and Farm shall have no responsibility whatsoever to make any such examinations or inspections. I further assume all risk of, and agree to hold harmless Farm and its owners, employees, representatives, or agents, or on the part of any other person with regard to such equine activities. If I am a parent or guardian of a participant in equine activities sponsored by VADA-CH at Farm, I consent to the child's participation and **AGREE** to all of the above provisions and **AGREE** to assume all of the obligations of this Release on the child's behalf.

I acknowledge that I have read the following language from the Code of Virginia relating to limited liability on equine activities which reads:

' 3.2-6202 Liability Limited, Liability Actions Prohibited

A. Except as provided in ' 3.2-6203, an equine activity sponsor, an equine professional, or any other person, which shall include a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company, shall not be liable for an injury to or death of a participant resulting from the intrinsic dangers of equine activities and, except as provided in ' 3.2-6203, no participant nor any participant's parent, guardian, or representative shall have or make any claim against or recover from any equine activity sponsor, equine professional, or any other person for injury, loss, damage, or death of the participant resulting from any of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities.

B. Except as provided in § 3.2-6203, no participant or parent or guardian of a participant who has knowingly executed a waiver of his rights to sue or agrees to assume all risks specifically enumerated under this subsection may maintain an action against or recover from an equine activity sponsor or an equine professional for an injury to or the death of a participant engaged in an equine activity. The waiver shall give notice to the participant of the intrinsic dangers of equine activities. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked in writing by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements and representations are being made by me knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, and I understand that VADA-CH and Farm is expressly relying upon the foregoing statements and representations in permitting my/my child=s participation in any equine activities.

X _____ Date: _____
Participant, Riders, Owner=s, Agent=s Signature (Parent/Guardian signature required if participant is under age 18)

PRINT:
Name of Participant, etc. _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone (____) _____

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Crozet, VA 22932



Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter

Upcoming Monthly Board Meetings

August

Tuesday, August 30, 7:00 pm
Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops

October

Monday, October 3, 7:00 pm
Timberwood Grill, Rt. 29 North