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Charlottesville Chapter

EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Ah July! Summer, watermelon, dust, flies and heat! And of course trail riding in the woods to stay out of the sun. June 13th we held a VADA-CH Schooling Show here at Cedar Creek, ably judged by our own Tina Longaker. It was a fun day, not too hot and with a slight breeze. I was gratified and pleased to see so many of our members here competing. Some were even brave enough to tackle the show jumping and cross-country courses (way to go Beth).

On June 27th we had our horse trails and dressage schooling show at Cedar Creek and it was a beautiful day with temperatures in the high 70's, breezy and not too much sun. Just gorgeous - the perfect day for a horse show. I know it can't last and that hotter weather is on its way, but in the meantime what lovely weather for riding and enjoying our horses.

July means Dressage at Lexington, which is one of the biggest and busiest shows in our calendar. I hope you all will get there. Friday is a really good day what with the breeding classes; it is such fun to see all the babies and the mares and stallions strutting their stuff.

This year there is the addition of a Sport Horse Auction run by PAS on the Saturday. This is a new concept for this event which will be interesting to see. There are some super horses entered; let's hope they find nice homes and decent price.

On August 1st and 2nd we have the Adult Team Challenge, a team competition at

Commonwealth Park in Culpeper Virginia. Some of you might remember Commonwealth Park from years back when it hosted events and jumper shows. New footing has been put in the rings and the stabling has been refurbished. The rings have shade trees around them and it is a lovely setting for a show. This year we at least one team competing for our Chapter, so if you are not riding come by the show, root for our teams and volunteer to help.

The August meeting is a combined board meeting and Pot Luck at Sherri Booye's house in Troy. Please RSVP to Sherri if you plan to come so we can buy enough pizzas! Sherri invites you to bring bathing suits so you can have a cooling dip in the pool.

Our website has a classified section so if you have horses or things to sell email it to Tina so it can go up on the website.

Hope to see you at one of our upcoming functions.

Yours truly,

Melyni Worth

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, July 15th
7pm, Topeka's Steakhouse
Rt. 250 Pantops
Charlottesville, VA
VADA-CH Monthly Meeting
All members are welcome!

July 10th-13th
Dressage at Lexington
Lexington, VA
Licensed Dressage Show
www.dressageatlexington.com

August 1st and 2nd
Region 1 Adult Team Competition
Commonwealth Park
Culpepper, VA
www.bglongaker.com/2009AT.htm

August 1st and 2nd
EEMI Summer Fling Dressage Show
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August 12th
Board Meeting and Pool Party
Sherri Booye's House
RSVP to Sherri by August 9th to
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June Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Gardy Bloemers

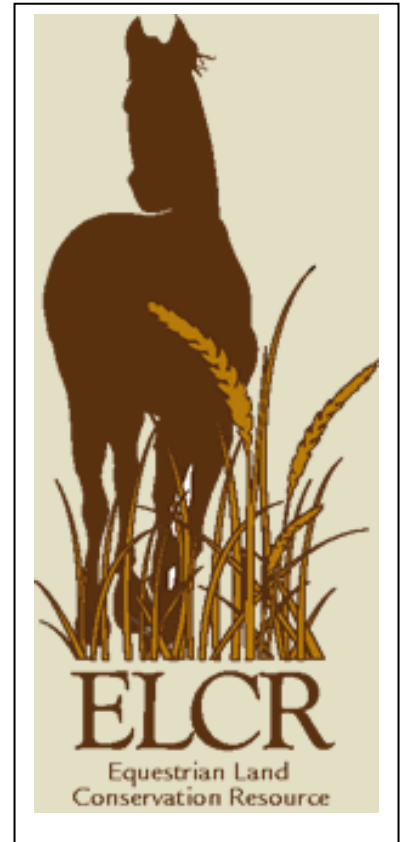
The May board Meeting was held at Topeka's on Route 250 in Charlottesville. Melyni Worth brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm after a presentation made by Georgianna McCabe, founder and member of the Board of Directors of the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. The mission of this organization is to conserve land for the purposes of equestrian activities and Georgianna shared with us more about her organization, its purpose and how we as individuals and as a group can contribute to its mission.

As Mary Lou Watts, our esteemed Secretary, could not attend the meeting, I took the minutes. These have since found their own legs and I am therefore not able to report in more detail on our discussions. We did discuss on our ever growing membership – we are now in excess of 105 members- as well as our bank balances, the upcoming Cedar Creek Schooling Show, the USDF Adult Team Competition and the fact that VADA-CH has one team (Training Level) to send to the event so far.

I trust the membership of VADA-CH will be forgiving. We will continue to report on board meetings going forward publishing the minutes in this newsletter.

Thank you,

Gardy Bloemers



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Price \$7,500 ono. Contact April Reedy 540-280-4783

Horse for Sale - grey gelding, 15.3hh (2006) - CCS Chakotay

Nicely started under saddle, WTC, trail rides quietly. Super mover, very elegant. Ready to go on as a dressage horse or jumper. Shows great presence and easy to train. \$7,500 ono. Contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or melyni@ntelos.net

Horse for Sale -, Knabstrupper mare, 15.2hh (2005) - Payana Vom Rosenof

Incredibly steady and easy to train, currently showing Training/First level, scores 65-70%. Schooling 2nd/3rd at home. This mare is so talented! Easy soft gaits, very balanced and biddable. Great on trails and over jumps. Has just completed her first horse trials and won her division. Fully papered pure bred mare. A super horse for the smaller rider.

You Tube. Search for Payana 1st 1 May 09
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RfTJALbbPO>
\$18,000 contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or Melyni@ntelos.net

Horse for Sale - Knabstrupper gelding, 16.1hh, bay NO SPOTS (2005) - Aviator

Has the usual kind willing Knabstrupper mind, just started and showing great talent. Super gaits, nice looking, quiet and easy to ride. Good on trails. \$20,000 ono contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or Melyni@ntelos.net
You Tube: Aviator Tr 1
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XTvUxueIUU>

Exceptional Mare for Sale - Esculira, 16.3h imported elite-eligible Hanoverian mare by Escudo I, "Echo" is showing Second Level with average scores of 67% (up to 70%). She is schooling and ready to show Third Level. Her show career began late last summer, with one show at First Level, average score over 69%. Her gaits are expressive, consistently scoring 8's, and although her movement is big, she is lovely to sit. She was previously with an FEI trainer for seven months, doing 4 and 3 tempis, passage and piaffe in hand. Echo has the talent and training background to move up the levels readily. She has a super work ethic and tries really hard for the rider. She is sensitive to light aids, and is quite pleasantly forward. She is quiet and friendly around the barn, easy to handle. Always in the top two ribbons, she would be a good match for the ambitious rider. Priced at \$35K. Contact Amy Gadsden on 540 672-6390 (H), 434 974-2268 (W), Amy.Gadsden@sperry.ngc.com

TACK

Saddle for Sale - Theo Sommer, 18" extra wide dressage saddle in very good condition. This is a really wide saddle - suitable for a draft horse or a horse with no withers! For sale as it is too wide for any of my horses. Offers welcome to Melyni@ntelos.net.

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billets and wool flocked gusseted panels. \$2,300 new. Asking \$900. Call Wendy Owens on 540-672-1294 or tomtebo@hughes.net.

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Saddle for Sale - County Dressage Saddle, semi forward flap, Competitor 2000 with spring tree. 17 1/2 medium, black. Very good condition. \$900. Contact Sandy Aldrich on 804-755-1328 or email: davidsphoto@msn.com.

Saddle for Sale - Euroriding Diamant Dressage Saddle - New. MW, 18", wool-flocked with adjustable tree. It is a lovely, popular and well made saddle that does not fit my horse. Purchase price was \$2,088. Make me an offer. The saddle is in Earlysville, VA just north of Charlottesville. Kathi Gruss - gruss4@aol.com; 434-973-7289

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Member of the Month – Gardy Bloemers

When did you become a member of VADA Charlottesville?

Gardy: I think I first became a member in 2004. I can't recall how I was introduced to the group but I think I did the Google trick and found out more about what was happening.

When did you move to the area and why? From what location did you move?

Gardy: I moved to Charlottesville in November 2003 from the UK. I was living in London and the horses were near Aylesbury. I moved back to the US as I wanted to live in this country as an adult. I had previously moved to Charlottesville from the Netherlands with my mother and brothers back in 1976. This time around I was not planning on staying in Charlottesville, but needed a place to catch my breath. It has already been almost six years since my move!

When did you start riding? What made you interested in dressage?

Gardy: I think I probably started "sitting" on a horse and/or pony when I was very young. Maybe I did that prior to being able to walk. When we lived in Rotterdam my mother had a horse and I had a Shetland pony. I used to go out with her when she would ride her horse Bingo Boy and then get the chance to "sit" on the pony. I don't think it could be considered riding of any great substance however.

When we moved to Charlottesville in 1976 I rode at Elliewood's on various ponies and then later at The

Barracks. Once we moved out to the country and had our own farm I was able to have my own pony, Nuisance Value. Nuisance was lots of fun and I spent many hours riding her around with or without a saddle on our farm and to the neighboring farms. I did a little foxhunting and a little pony hunters as well.

Once I went off to college outside of Boston, it was clear I would not be able to have my own horse. However, I did join the Equestrian Team, which was a club sport and competed with them against schools like Dartmouth. After graduation I moved to Munich, Germany to work for the Munich Re. The Englischer Garten was right across the street from our office as was the Reitschule (Riding School) and so it made sense for me to take a lesson or two there from a strict German woman who would bark out orders which I initially had a hard time understanding. I also had a friend whose mother bred ponies in the countryside of Bavaria and we would go out to her farm and rent horses from a local farmer and go out on crazy trail rides with her cousin. This includes stops at various pubs but still not much dressage.

Next I moved back to Rotterdam to get my MBA. There was not much time for riding but I still managed to take a lesson or two at the place where they hold the CHIO in Rotterdam. I was more interested in jumping and still did not put much thought into pursuing dressage. During the summer after my first year of MBA, we participated in a European MBA Sports Weekend at Fontainebleau. I rode a cross country course on an unfamiliar horse and managed not to fall off. I remembered the ride and the weekend being lots of fun.

I moved back to Germany (Dusseldorf) after graduating from Erasmus University and was able to take over riding the horse of a friend from Munich who had just had a

baby and a full time job and very little time. This worked well but I usually went out on hacks across the fields and next to the river all while trying to avoid cyclists and baby carriages and you name it.

After two years in Drizzledorf, I moved with Citibank to London and started riding there. Initially I had organized to ride the Queen's Guard horses in Hyde Park and that was quite an experience. They were very strict about attire and insisted there was little dialogue among the various non-military riders like myself. We were always escorted by an officer, which meant we did quite a lot of cantering around the park's riding tracks. I once did run into Prince Phillip on one of these rounds.

A year or two after moving to London I was introduced to a nice German woman who had a young son and not much time and wanted me to ride her lovely Trakhener mare. This was the start of an interest in and the eventual mad pursuit of dressage.

What do you do for a living? If this involves horses now, did it always involve them? If not, what did you do in your previous life, and how did the switch evolve?

Gardy: I am a finance person with functional expertise in Marketing and Business Development. I have worked in reinsurance, insurance, wealth management, venture capital and asset-based lending. At the moment I am looking to redeploy my background in the field of renewable energy or clean technology.

It has been great having a profession which enables me to pursue this amazing sport in such a great way. At the moment I have to thank my husband and sponsor for enabling this to continue despite this horrible economy!

What do you consider your greatest achievement in the sport during the last year?

Gardy: So far this year my greatest achievement was a 66% at 4th Level - 1. I am hoping to master Tests 2 & 3 which will be very exciting when it happens!

What are your ambitions in the sport?

Gardy: Every so often I look back at where I was six months or a year ago and I think to myself, how could I even think I could do a certain movement? I know that I was completely clueless then and recognize how much I have improved. My ambition is to always

improve and to set goals for myself and my horse each year. My objective is to achieve them. My current ambitions are to master 4th Level and be able to ride PSG before the end of 2010.

What do you want to get out of VADA-CH? What can you contribute to VADA-CH?

Gardy: It has become abundantly clear to me that without volunteers we would not have such a great dressage community and opportunities to compete. I benefit from all of their inputs and it is important for me to try and give as much back to others as I can.

During the last few years I have tried to get sponsors and advertisers for our recognized show with some degree of success. This year I have taken on the editing of Extensions, which might have been biting off slightly more than I could chew initially.

I'd like to share my time, energy and enthusiasm for the sport with my fellow members.

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Please consult the Chapter Award Rules for 2009 on our website for eligibility requirements.

Schooling Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Lauren Forestell	Kees	65.50%	No	Yes
Training	Deb Bleisner	O Jackie	72.79%	No	No
	Sarah Kern	Rubio	69.64%	No	No
	Molly Armentrout	Commander in Chief	67.60%	No	No
	Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	65.60%	No	No
	Heather Merrill	Glenhaven Timka	64.90%	No	Yes
First	Calla Bell	Esculira	67.63%	No	No
	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	64.65%	No	No
	Elizabeth Gaithright	Maki	61.66%	No	Yes
	Calla Bell	Esculira	65.26%	No	No
Second	Catherine Sutton	Prima Gracie	59.87%	No	No
	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	64.07%	No	No
Third	Hannah James	Rhumba	63.59%	No	No
	Darnell				

Recognized Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Training	Sarah Kern	Rubio	69.29%	No	Yes
	April Reedy	Payana	63.50%	No	No
First	Krister Swartz	Absalom	66.09%	No	No
Second	Calla Bell	Esculira	66.77%	No	Yes
Third					
Fourth	Gardy Bloemers	Donizetti S	66.28%	Yes	No
	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	58.22%	No	No
	Melyni Worth	Xavoy	58.11%	Yes	No
Prix St Georges	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	64.54%	No	No
	Kim Schmidt	O'Susannah	60.70%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 1	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	64.39%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Portobello	64.12%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 2	Carter Bass	Gossamer	60.79%	No	No
Grand Prix	Carter Bass	Gossamer	60.91%	No	No

VADA-CH Schooling Show Results – Cedar Creek Farm

Thanks to Melyni Worth for hosting this show and all of the volunteers who made this event a success!

Name	Horse	Score	Place
Beginner Novice A			
Sabine Desper	Chirocco	63.7	1
Beginner novice B			
Anita Hasbury-Snogles	Nugget	49.0	2
Cinde Dodson	Diggin for a Halo	58.5	1
Intro A			
Jody Swartz	Bandelero	55.0	4
April Reedy	Aviator	70.5	1
Lauren Forestell	Kees	65.0	2
Karen Lewis	Indiana	49.5	5
Karen Lewis	Reina	60.0	3
Intro B			
Melissa Miller	One Eyed Jack	65.5	2
Mike Pendlton	Bolder	60.0	3
Lauren Forestell	Kees	66.0	1
Amanda Lane	Infinity LGF	54.5	4
Training 1			
Susan Skalak	Oliver	58.5	5
Cindy Faulconer	Loerke's Promise	70.9	1
Jody Swartz	Reina	50.9	8
Karen Lewis	Bandelero	55.2	7
April Reedy	Impy	65.2	2
Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	64.8	3
Jody Swartz	Indiana	47.8	9
Amanda Lane	Infinity LGF	57.0	6
Karen Lewis	Cordobes	62.6	4
Training 2			
Cindy Faulconer	Loerke's Promise	73.9	1
Susan Skalak	TBN	60.0	3
Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	60.7	2
Training 3			
Cindy Faulconer	Loerke's Promise	74.0	1
Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	52.0	2

Schooling Show Results – Cedar Creek Farm continued...

Name	Horse	Score	Place
Training 4			
Hillery Williams	Afton	63.6	5
Ethan Wandless	Scrap	61.2	6
April Reedy	Sheela	64.4	4
Cindy Faulconer	Loerke's Promise	71.2	1
Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	67.2	3
Christina Morris	Moritz	68.4	2
1st Level Test 2			
Tamara Showalter	Fiji	59.7	1
1st Level Test 1			
Hillery Williams	Afton	61.3	3
Ethan Wandless	Scrap	64.0	2
Christina Morris	Moritz	67.0	1
1st Level Test 3			
Tamara Showalter	Fiji	58.3	1
3rd Level Test 3			
Sabine Desper	Midnite at the Oasis	59.1	1
4th Level Test 1			
Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	63.0	1
Erin Sweeney	Lobel	60.2	2

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Monthly Meeting Location

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