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Charlottesville Chapter

# EXTENSIONS

## President's Message

*Hi Everyone,*

*I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather and getting to ride lots! All this rain is doing wonders for our grass growth, so please watch out for those IR and sugar sensitive horses out there.*

*The saga of the licensed show continues! We lost our date in May of 2010 due to miscommunications, but we have now moved to a date in September of 2010. There are so many shows in Virginia in May, and we believe there are too many for our limited number of riders to support. So, September should be a better date for us.*

*The Culpeper HITS showground is super for summer shows with literally hundreds of shade trees, and endless warm up rings with super footing. We are going to need help from every member to pull this show off, so please look and see what you can do for your chapter.*

*Our schooling show series continue. The next one is at Cedar Creek Stables in Staunton on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget that the cross country course and the stadium courses will be open for schooling for all you Eventing enthusiasts.*

*There are lots of educational opportunities going on as well with regular clinics with visiting clinicians plus all of our resident trainers and teachers. We really are very fortunate to have such a large number of teachers and trainers available to us. We have just less than 20 FEI level trainers and riders within the immediate*

*area of Charlottesville. Now that's far more than one would see elsewhere in the country. So take advantage of all this accumulated knowledge and expertise and get yourself some lessons!*

*Have fun riding and competing. Hope to see you at the next meeting.*

*Yours truly,  
Melyni*



## Upcoming Events

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7pm, Topeka's Steakhouse  
Rt. 250 Pantops  
Charlottesville, VA  
**VADA-CH Monthly Meeting**  
All members are welcome!

**June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>**  
DVCTA - Fair Hill Dressage Show  
Fair Hill, MD  
**Licensed Dressage Show**  
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**June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Cedar Creek Stables  
VADA-CH Schooling Show  
Staunton, VA  
**Schooling Show**  
[www.vadach.org](http://www.vadach.org)

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Cedar Creek Stables  
VHT Schooling CT, HT & Dressage Show  
Staunton, VA  
**Schooling Show**  
[www.vahorsetrials.com](http://www.vahorsetrials.com)

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Touch Point Farm  
VADA-F Schooling Show  
Culpeper, VA  
**Schooling Show**  
[www.vadaf.org](http://www.vadaf.org)

## May Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Mary Lou Goings*

The May board Meeting was held at Topeka's on Route 250 in Charlottesville. Melyni Worth brought the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Sherri Booye reported we currently have 105 chapter members and \$6508 in our bank account. The chapter owes \$1200 to scholarship recipients.

Gardy informed the board that all is going well thus far with our newsletter on line and Tina reported she printed twenty four hard copies to be mailed per member requests resulting in quite a savings for the chapter. Gardy is looking for any articles which may be of interest to chapter members to include in the newsletter

The first of our chapter's schooling shows was held at Toad Hollow Farm with great success. Forty-five rides were completed with all apparently enjoying the day. The Nicky Vogel "Fix a Test/Clinic" also went well as reported by Gardy. Although there were thirteen slots to fill and only eleven scheduled rides, some individuals were happy to ride twice!

Tina Longaker gave a brief overview of the upcoming Adult Team Competition which is scheduled for August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sponsors are needed for those who may be interested.

Tina also gave a brief synopsis of the Anne Gribbons clinic which was held at Morven Park in April. She reported that it was a real treat to listen and learn from such a talented clinician who was so patient and knowledgeable with each horse and rider. Tina is already working on having Anne back next year for another clinic.

A lengthy discussion was held by the board in regards to the chapter's 2010 Recognized Dressage Show which

VADA-CH will sponsor. The board voted to pay Nancy Lowey a salary for managing our recognized show. Many volunteers will be needed by our chapter members for this to be a success.

A discussion was held in reference to potential dates the facility in Culpeper will be available to our chapter. Labor Day weekend was the board's first choice leaving June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as an alternate.

Lauren Forestell has resigned as the chapter's VADA representative. Gardy Bloemers will take her place as our chapter representative at the state level.

## Adult Team Competition – Get Your Team Together

Teams may represent the Region's GMOs (Group Member Organizations of USDF), private stables, or a group of dressage friends. Solitary riders can be grouped into "scramble" teams, so anyone can enter, whether with a group or not. This year, we have added teams with mixed levels (in addition to teams all at the same level) to make entering easier. Intro level may be mixed with any team.

Teams may be made up of amateurs or professionals. Team competition starts at Introductory level and continues through the FEI levels. Tests may be read from Intro level through 4th level. There will also be open freestyle classes, including pas de deux and quadrille.

Team costs are \$400 a team for a 3 or 4 member team and \$95.00 per horse or tack stall for the week-end (Friday through Sunday) Stalls do not need to be cleaned at the end of the show. Ample hotel rooms, restaurants and shopping are nearby in Culpeper. There will be a party for competitors and friends on Saturday night as well as vendors on site.

To put forward your team for VADA-CH please contact Debra Bliesner at [oceangrl2@verizon.net](mailto:oceangrl2@verizon.net). The first three teams are eligible for a chapter grant monies of \$100 each. For complete details please visit: [www.blongaker.com](http://www.blongaker.com).

Sponsorship opportunities abound – which is a nice way to support the team effort. Contact Gardy Bloemers at [gardy@gardybloemers.com](mailto:gardy@gardybloemers.com) for more information. Please visit <http://sponsorusdfadultteamreg1.wordpress.com/>.

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All ads must be in .jpg format. Send to [gardy@gardybloemers.com](mailto:gardy@gardybloemers.com) by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please make checks payable to VADA-CH and send to Sherri Booye, 721 Lake Rd, Troy, VA 22974.

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# 2009 SCHOOLING SHOWS

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
 Cedar Creek Farm, Staunton, VA  
 Dressage Schooling Show  
 Judge: Bettina Longaker, “L” Graduate  
 Closing Date: June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Contact: Melyni Worth –  
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**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
 Grayson Farm, Scottsville, VA  
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 Judge: TBD  
 Closing Date: October 10<sup>th</sup>  
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# Improve your Dressage in a Murdoch Minute - Straight Talk on Leg Yields

By Wendy Murdoch

Do you have trouble keeping your leg yields straight? Does your horse lag with his hindquarters or lead with his shoulders? Do you feel like you have to work hard to get your horse to go? Or does your horse fly across the diagonal line without any control? Here are a few simple tips on how to improve your leg yields.

### Where is your weight?

Next time you ride do a few leg yields and ask yourself the following questions. Where is your weight when you leg yield? Do you intentionally put more weight on your inside or outside seat bone? Do you collapse through your inside ribs or expand your ribs on the outside? Do you use your inside leg more strongly or hold with your outside leg? Are you trying to force your horse over? Does he “fall to the wall” instead of remaining balanced through the movement?

### Let’s clarify a few points....

Leg yield is defined as a lateral forward/sideways movement with a slight flexion at the poll where the inside legs cross in front of the outside legs while keeping the body straight.

Most definitions include mention of a slight flexion at the poll so that the rider could see the horse’s inside eye yet say that the horse should be straight. As this is a 1<sup>st</sup> Level movement it is interesting to note that straightness, which is part of the definition, would not be expected of a horse following the training tree until just before collection. (Rhythm and Relaxation, Suppleness, Contact, Impulsion, **Straightness**, Collection).

Ridden correctly, the horse should be straight through the spine and upright through the withers. The degree of straightness necessary for a good leg yield is what makes the movement difficult and useful when successfully executed.

### Inside/ Outside

As an exercise leg yield can be performed while riding on a circle. The circle size increases as the horse leg yields outward with the inside crossing in front of the outside legs at the walk and trot. This implies that the horse is already bent on the circle and helps define inside and outside, the horse moving away from the bend by ‘yielding’ to the inside leg.

When Leg yield is ridden on a straight line the slight flexion at the poll determines the inside. If you are not sure which is the inside, imagine that you would ride a circle before or after the leg yield. The inside would be towards the center of the circle and the outside would be furthest away from the circle.

### Direction

The horse moves away from the inside leg. Therefore whether the Leg yield is ridden on a straight line, a diagonal line or a circle the horse always moves away from the inside leg. A turn on the forehand could be thought of as a leg yield on the spot where the horse moves away from the rider’s inside leg around the inside foreleg.

### Purpose

The most common purpose of the Leg yield is to show the horse’s obedience to move away from the rider’s inside leg. It is also considered important in the rider’s education in learning how to use the aids independently and teach riders how to connect the inside leg to the outside aids. For the horse Leg yield strengthens the adductor (inside of the leg) and abductor (outside of the leg) muscles as well as the forward thrusting gluteal and hamstring muscles. When the leg yield is ridden correctly the horse develops more strength and equal push with both hind legs.

### Walking the Leg yield

Once I see how someone rides leg yield on the horse I have her get off and show me how she rides a leg yield on the ground. Generally the same faults are exhibited without the horse. Therefore, by changing the pattern on the ground, the rider has can improve her aids on the horse. It is helpful to walk the leg yield in front of a mirror or with someone watching you to determine what you are doing and what needs to improve.

On your own two feet walk a Leg yield. Stop after a step or two. Where’s your balance? Are you leaning? Is your bodyline straight? Are you level in the shoulders? Do you take equal size steps with both legs? Do you pull your inside hand back? Now Leg yield the other direction and see if you do it differently. How does this compare with which direction is easier for you on your horse?

To ride an accurate Leg yield your bodyline (nose to pubic bone) needs to point straight ahead. If your pelvis is aimed in the direction of travel you are not asking for a Leg yield but something else entirely. Watch in the mirror or have someone walk behind you keeping your pelvis straight. At first you might think your helper is making you crooked. Don’t be too hard on her for being the messenger that you aren’t staying straight!

Next, while facing straight forward take one step forward sideways with your right leg. When do you shift your weight to this leg? If you shift your weight as soon as the foot lands you are leaning. Take the step again (not too big) while keeping your weight on your left leg. Then slowly transfer your weight to your right leg (like a Tai Chi move). Notice that you need to coil your right leg by closing the joints in the hip, knee and ankle as your transfer the weight. Now step the left foot across. You may feel lower to the ground because you are keeping your knees softly bent. The amount of crossing is not important. The accurate transfer of weight is very important as you take these steps. Notice that you must keep

your pelvis level and if you were sitting on your horse your weight would be equal on both seat bones.

Finally see if you can go from sideways to forward out of the Leg yield. Slowly take a step across with your right foot followed by your left then right foot. As you are crossing decide to go forward straight, you could even begin to canter forward. Do you want to push off your right foot for the forward movement or your left foot? If it is your left foot you will be out of balance and not able to push. You need to find the timing to push forward with the outside leg, in this case your right. Repeat Leg yielding to the left. Find which leg you want to push with more often. How does this compare to your horse? It is very important to be able to push equally with both right and left legs, just like your horse.

**Back to the horse...**

Mount your horse and walk a straight line noting the changes in your body from having performed the Leg yield on your own. Begin to take a few Leg yield steps to the right. Stop and notice if your pelvis has turned. Walk forward again and focus on keeping your pelvis straight as you Leg yield. Don't worry if your horse's crossing steps are nonexistent or small at first. They will improve as you assimilate the changes in your position while on the horse.

Next on a straight line, keeping your bodyline straight, imagine your seat bones gliding forward/sideways. Do not try to push your seat bones over. If your horse tries to lean keep your seat bones as level as possible so that you don't fall into his pattern. They may not feel like the weight is equal so pay attention to the vertical length of your upright spine rather than the pressure on your seat bones. Use a tapping motion with your whip to ask your horse to step over so that you learn to stay upright and level in the seat as the horse leg yields. Don't worry about your legs at first as this often complicates matters too much and makes your pelvis unlevel. Get your pelvis level first, use your whip for the inside leg aid and as the horse begins to

leg yield start timing your inside leg into the movement.

**Improving the sideways movement**

If your horse is stiff and doesn't want to go sideways begin at halt with turn on the forehand. Once you are able to do a half turn on the forehand walk forward. Stop and ask for one step of turn on the forehand. Then bring the horse's shoulders across. Repeat the turn on the forehand step followed by the shoulders over. Walk forward and repeat until you can combine the turn on the forehand step and shoulders over step in sequence within the walk until horse moves forward/sideways while walking. This exercise is great for riders that want to 'lock up' when asking the horse for Leg yield because it helps break the movement down into its parts.

**Confirm the forward movement**

After a few steps sideways, ask your horse to go forward. If he doesn't go forward immediately he is probably falling sideways in the Leg yield instead of stepping. At walk and trot ask the horse to take two steps Leg yield, two steps forward, two steps Leg yield down the long side to confirm the forward response. Then increase the number of sideways steps until you can ask the horse to go forward at any moment during the leg yield. Remember the feeling of forward when you did the leg yield on the ground. Look for that immediate feeling as a sign of good balance.

By first confirming your Leg yield position off the horse you have a greater opportunity for success on the horse. Use this strategy to improve all of your lateral movements and always remember to **Enjoy the Ride!**

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## - Classifieds -

**Horse for Sale - *Impulsion's Pride***, Dk grey mare, 15.2hh, DoB April 2004, sire TB. Nice mover, very sane and sensible, great on trails and easy to work around. Well started under saddle, jumps nicely. Done a few dressage tests at schooling shows with scores in the 60's. Great PC or amateur horse. Contact April Reedy at [ethlucy\\_ar@yahoo.com](mailto:ethlucy_ar@yahoo.com).

**Horse for Sale - *CCS Chakotay***, grey gelding DOB 08/06. Sire African Dreams (Hol) dam; Annie (grade mare). Big moving, quality youngster, just started under saddle and beginning training. Should mature to 16hh plus. Very athletic. Super willing mind. Looking for a good kid to be his partner! Offers to Melyni Worth at 540-294-3003 or [Melyni@ntelos.net](mailto:Melyni@ntelos.net).

**Horse for Sale - *Sheela von Nordstern***, Knabstrupper filly, DOB 04/05, 15.2h. VERY loudly marked filly, super mover. Needs smaller but ambitious rider. Has the great Knabstrupper mind and work ethic. Offers to good loving home. Possible lease to the right rider. Contact Melyni Worth at 540-294-3003 or [Melyni@ntelos.net](mailto:Melyni@ntelos.net).

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**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](mailto:Amy.Gadsden@sperry.ngc.com)

**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](mailto:Melyni@ntelos.net).

**Saddle for Sale – *Niedersuss Symphony***, Blk dressage saddle, size 17.5", wide tree, excellent condition, only normal light wear marks from leathers. Designed to give exceptional balance and comfort w/out feeling forced into an artificial position. Super soft, ultra-comfortable seat. Long billets and wool flocked gusseted panels. \$2,300 new. Asking \$900. Call Wendy Owens on 540-672-1294 or [tomtebo@hughes.net](mailto:tomtebo@hughes.net).

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# Member of the Month – Melyni Worth

*When did you become a member of VADA Charlottesville?*

**Melyni:** 2001 (I think), how ever I was a founder member of SWVADA in 1985 and am a life member of that Chapter, so I have been in VADA for 24 years in various chapters.

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

**Melyni:** I moved to Staunton in 2001 as I needed feed milling capacity and the mill I was using in Roanoke was closing. So I moved up here to take advantage of the excellent feed milling capabilities of the Shenandoah Valley. I moved from Boones Mill, VA and prior to that I was in Danville, VA at Averett College.

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

**Melyni:** I started riding at age 11 years when I was sent to boarding school in England. I hated the school, and the riding lessons were the only bright spot and were what kept me in school.

When I started out riding I did Eventing (Horse Trials) and thus rode low level dressage pretty much from the start. Later when I realized that falling off over jumps was no longer fun and hurt, I moved more seriously into dressage.

More recently, I realized that if I was going to get anywhere in this sport it would take some commitment of time, energy and effort so I buckled down and committed time each day,

plus got myself some decent education, the results are now beginning to show. I put a priority on lessons and practice time.

*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?*

**Melyni:** I make horse feed supplements for a living. I used to teach equine science and nutrition in College programs and was always dissatisfied with the feedstuffs that were available, so I decided that I could do better. The rest as they say is history!

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

**Melyni:** So far my greatest achievement has been moving up to 4th level, and earning scores in excess of 60% at 4th level! Yee Ha, PSG here we come.

to Grand Prix at some point in the future and my long-term goal is to get Knabstruppers established as serious, useful dressage horses in the eyes of American riders.

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

**Melyni:** A community of persons with a common interest, as a team, we can work together to bring about achievements that none of us could do alone! Such as a licensed show in Culpeper, top end clinicians coming to the area to help us learn!



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*What are your ambitions in the sport?*

**Melyni:** I have short term, medium term and long term goals. My short-term goal is to get Xavoy (with me) up to FEI specifically PSG by Fall 09. My medium-term goal is to get



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# ***CALLING ALL TEAMS & VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS***



## ***USDF Adult Team Competition August 1 & 2, 2009***

***Commonwealth Park  
Culpepper, VA***

The Adult Team Competition provides an opportunity for adults to compete in a team-like atmosphere with awards for division-specific team champions as well as individual champions and reserve champions. The event encourages camaraderie and provides support for adults competing at any level. For more information go to [www.blongaker.com](http://www.blongaker.com).

*Please contact Debra Bliesner at [oceangrl2@verizon.net](mailto:oceangrl2@verizon.net) to put forward your team. The first three teams from VADA-CH are eligible for \$100 in chapter grant money.*

# VADA-CH Schooling Show Results – Toad Hollow Farm

Thanks Anne Sutherland and Renee Shifflett and to all of the volunteers who made this show possible!  
 Congratulations to our riders on their results.

| TEST/RIDER                 |    | HORSE NAME           | POINTS  | %    | PLACE |
|----------------------------|----|----------------------|---------|------|-------|
| <b>Intro test A</b>        |    |                      |         |      |       |
| Karen Lewis                |    | Indiana              | 121     | 60.5 | 3     |
| Jody Schwartz              |    | Reina de las Nieves  | 130     | 65   | 1     |
| Shannon Levines            |    | Flammeche D'Azur     | 129     | 64.5 | 2     |
| <b>Intro Test B</b>        |    |                      |         |      |       |
| Amanda Lane                |    | Infinity LGF         | No Show |      |       |
| Shannon Levines            |    | Flammeche D'Azur     | 139     | 69.5 | 1     |
| Jessica Meeks              | Jr | Miss Sophistication  | 136     | 68   | 2     |
| Tammi Nagel                |    | Gentillesse (Elsa)   | 134     | 67   | 3     |
| Madaline Harrison          |    | Lacey                | 133     | 66.5 | 4     |
| <b>Training Level 1</b>    |    |                      |         |      |       |
| April Reedy                |    | Sheela von Nordstern | 146     | 63.5 | 4     |
| Rayford Scott Jones        |    | Duncan               | 127     | 55.2 | E     |
| Kimberly Aust              |    | Mathias              | 150     | 65.2 | 2     |
| Karen Lewis                |    | Cordobes             | 140     | 60.9 | 5     |
| Madaiine Harrison          |    | Lacey                | 154     | 67   | 1     |
| Jessica Meeks              |    | Miss Sophistication  | 148     | 64.3 | 3     |
| <b>Training Level 2</b>    |    |                      |         |      |       |
| April Reedy                |    | Sheela von Nordstern | 185     | 66.1 | 2     |
| Rayford Scott Jones        |    | Duncan               | 152     | 54.3 | 4     |
| Kimberly Aust              |    | Mathias              | 183     | 65.4 | 3     |
| Alyse Marotta              | Jr | Romeo                | 186     | 66.4 | 1     |
| <b>Training Level 3</b>    |    |                      |         |      |       |
| Hannah Lucas               | Jr | Murphy's Law         | 155     | 62   | 2     |
| Eliza Temeles              |    | Aurelia              | 168     | 67.2 | 1     |
| April Reedy                |    | Xafaire              | 145     | 58   | 3     |
| <b>Training Level 4 Jr</b> |    |                      |         |      |       |
| Jordan Meeks               | Jr | Zeke                 | 169     | 67.6 | 1     |
| Alyse Marotta              | Jr | Romeo                | 157     | 62.8 | 2     |
| Hannah Lucas               | Jr | Murphy's Law         | 150     | 60   | 3     |

## Schooling Show Results – Toad Hollow Farm continued...

| TEST/RIDER              |  | HORSE NAME          | POINTS     | %           | PLACE    |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------|
| <b>Training Level 4</b> |  |                     |            |             |          |
| Eliza Temeles           |  | Aurelia             | 174        | 69.6        | 2        |
| <i>April Reedy</i>      |  | <i>Xafaire</i>      | <i>175</i> | <i>70</i>   | <i>1</i> |
| Shannon Levines         |  | Weltschon           | 132        | 52.8        | 3        |
| <b>First Level 1</b>    |  |                     |            |             |          |
| Ellen Hudgins           |  | Kimbelie            | 185        | 61.7        | 3        |
| <i>Sharon Akley</i>     |  | <i>Domino</i>       | <i>198</i> | <i>66</i>   | <i>1</i> |
| Tamara Showalter        |  | Fiji                | 193        | 64.3        | 2        |
| <b>First Level 2</b>    |  |                     |            |             |          |
| Susie Marotta           |  | Romeo               | 230        | 63.9        | 3        |
| Elizabeth Gathright     |  | Maki                | 202        | 56.1        | 5        |
| Ellen Hudgins           |  | Kimbelie            | 226        | 62.8        | 4        |
| <i>Sharon Akley</i>     |  | <i>Domino</i>       | <i>238</i> | <i>66.1</i> | <i>1</i> |
| Tamara Showalter        |  | Fiji                | 234        | 65          | 2        |
| <b>Second Level 2</b>   |  |                     |            |             |          |
| <i>Catherine Sutton</i> |  | <i>Prima Gracia</i> | <i>222</i> | <i>60</i>   | <i>1</i> |
| <b>Third Level 3</b>    |  |                     |            |             |          |
| <i>Hannah Darnell</i>   |  | <i>Rhumba</i>       | <i>263</i> | <i>61.2</i> | <i>1</i> |
| <b>Fourth Level 1</b>   |  |                     |            |             |          |
| <i>Barbara Goshorn</i>  |  | <i>Belvedere</i>    | <i>258</i> | <i>60</i>   | <i>1</i> |
| <b>Training Level 3</b> |  |                     |            |             |          |
|                         |  | (late entry)        |            |             |          |
| <i>Shannon Levines</i>  |  | <i>Weltschon</i>    | <i>157</i> | <i>62.8</i> | <i>1</i> |



# ASHANTI FARM INC.

IS  
PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
A  
CLASSICAL DRESSAGE RIDING CLINIC  
WITH  
**BRUNO GREBER**

Sponsored by Southern States Co-Op

- \* Graduated from the SWISS MASTER INSTRUCTOR School Program
- \* Was Co-Trainer of Arthur Kottas Heldenberg for 5 Years in AKH's private Barn near Vienna
- \* Trained with several European Dressage Masters and held clinics in
- \* Japan , Italy, Switzerland, Trinidad/Tobago and in Barbados for the FEI's Olympic Solidarity Program.
- \* He continues his clinic instructions in the US, works as Instructor/Trainer for Ashanti Farm since 6 Years and competes in National and International dressage competitions
- \* 3-Day Clinic for a limited number of Participants & Auditors from
  - \* JULY 17 to JULY 19, 2009 .

- \* The clinic is scheduled to start each day at **8:00 AM** to **12:00 PM** and from **1:00 PM** to **4:00 PM**.
- \* Riding in the clinic is **\$130** for **one Day**, **\$260** for **two Days** and **\$360** for **three Days**
- \* Auditing is **\$45/day** (Groups of three or more receive 5% off)
- \* Limited number of stalls for boarding at **\$39/day** excluding hay, grain & mucking.
- \* Release Forms for Horse, Rider and Auditor mandatory!
- \* Payment must be received in full by July 1st , 2009!
- \* Copy of current Negative Coggins required!

Payments are non refundable in the event of a participants cancellation, unless someone from a waiting list is willing to fill the slot on short notice.!

Interested in participating in the July 2009 Clinic, please contact



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*Virginia Dressage Association – Charlottesville Chapter*

*Monthly Meeting Location*

**TOPEKA'S STEAKHOUSE**

*Located on Rt.250, Pantops in front of the new Martha  
Jefferson Hospital - 1791 Richmond Road*

***7 pm on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009***