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by Sherri Booye

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EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Despite the fact that my hands are freezing as I type this, I am determined to believe that spring is going to arrive soon. While I know that many of you are having little luck in finding the will in the cold to ride or a ring that is fit to ride in, it is not long until show season starts. In fact, it is only one month until the March Magic show. Hard to believe!

We finally got our date lined up for the Jim Kofford clinic at Grayson Farm. It will be May 31/June 1. Additional details and pricing will be coming soon. This will be our Chapter Grant clinic so there will be some subsidy, so that should help in keeping the cost down.

Our membership numbers are down so far this year, so please encourage people you know that are dressage riders to join us. We offer good shows, great clinics, and nice members, so what's not to like?

Be sure to come to our monthly meetings to give the board your ideas on what you would like to see the chapter do in the upcoming year.

Don't forget that we offer scholarships to our members and you only need 8 hours of volunteer time to qualify. Four hours at the summer show and 4 other hours of your choosing. So plan to help out at one of our schooling shows, clinics, or the licensed show to get your scholarship hours as well as your hours for the awards program.

See you all at the shows, clinics, and meetings.

Sherri

VADA-CH 2013 End of Year Awards

Schooling Shows

Training Level Champion		
Sarah Kern	Enkeur NPF	69.112%
Reserve Champion		
Judy Bonin	Jacob's Ladder	66.987%

Licensed Shows

Training Level Champion		
Kim Schmidt	Lydia II	67.214%
Reserve Champion		
Sarah Kern	Enkeur NPF	67.016%
3rd Level		
Judy Bonin	Jacob's Ladder	
First Level Champion		
April Schultz	Dux MF	71.007%
Reserve Champion		
April Schultz	Bellina SG	70.496%
3rd Level		
Sherri Booye	MC Endless Echo	
Second Level Champion		
April Schultz	Peony v. Falkenjurst	66.702%
Reserve Champion		
Annan Hepner	Gibson	65.022%
Third Level Champion		
April Schultz	Hallifax Middelsom	67.637%
Intermediare I Champion		
Kim Schmidt	Cash Advance	67.850%

CONGRATULATIONS!

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VIRGINIA HORSE CENTER PLEA FOR HELP

The Virginia Horse Center is having financial difficulties and I hope that all of our members that use this lovely facility will help to improve its financial position so that we don't lose it. When the horse center went from state owned to a private entity, part of the deal was that the horse center would take out a private mortgage. To help the horse center pay its expenses and mortgage costs, part of the lodging tax income is dedicated to the horse center. Since the financial slump in 2008, the number of travelers booking hotels in the Lexington area has decreased, thereby decreasing the revenue to the horse center. Despite cutting expenses to the bone, the horse center is running short of funds and will have difficulties paying all of its expenses this year including its mortgage. As part of the lodging tax deal, there was one additional percent that could be added to the lodging tax that would go to the horse center if approved by the Rockingham County supervisors. They seem to be somewhat reluctant to approve this lodging tax increase, thus we need to do a letter writing campaign to encourage them to do so. We have drafted a letter that you can download from our web site that you can then customize to explain your use of the horse center and send to the county supervisors. If you don't want to lose our horse center, please consider doing this right away. Time is of the essence since the vote will be soon. Please consider sending one letter or email to each supervisor. We have also drafted letters that you may want to

consider sending to your State Delegates and Senators to encourage them to help out the horse center. There is a suggestion in that letter for a small fee to be added to each bag of feed that would go to the horse center. If you have other ideas, please feel free to add or substitute them and share them with others. The web site has the draft letter and the names of various delegates and senators and the areas they represent. The supervisors contact information is:

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**Upcoming Monthly
 Board/Membership Meetings**

**Monday, March 3rd, 7:00 pm
 Shadwells, Route 250 Bypass**

**Wednesday, April 9th, 7:00 pm
 Timberwood Grill, Route 29 North**

VADA February 9, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: VADA Board - Alison Head, Bettina Longaker, Jessie Ginsburg, from Central Chapter - Nancy Shaeffer, Anne Draine; from NOVA Jesse Ginsburg, Alison Head, from ShenVada - Judith Harroun-Lord, Ellen Simonetti, from SVDA - Beth Rippel, Robyn Nunally, from Charlottesville Chapter - Bettina Longaker, Sherri Booye filling in for Nancy Lowey; from Northeast Chapter - Angela Stanaway; from Fredericksburg Chapter - Sharon Kipping; and from SWVADA Chapter - Meredith McGrath, Tracey Smith-Oliver.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m.

Treasurer's Report – Balance is approximately \$168,000. No deposits for the banquet are reflected in this balance. The ribbons and trophies were paid for but not the facility and VIP gifts.

L Program - Kathy Rowse sent in the dollar figures from the L program. She was able to keep expenses low and the program made a profit. There were a lot of participants and they would like to do a second testing in 2015. The 2015 second testing was motioned and approved. It was noted that Kathy did a fantastic job running the program as did all of her assistants.

Chapter Challenge - The Chapter Challenge schooling show will be held August 23, 2014 at the Virginia Horse Center. We have a contract with the horse center but there are some questions about the level of the fees for 2014. We have contacted the horse center and are awaiting answers.

George Williams Clinic - The clinic will be held September 6 and 7, 2014 at the Virginia Horse Center. The suggested pricing for riders - if they are VADA members and have 2013 VIP credentials or have 12 hours of volunteering time at the 2013 fall show or the USDF Region 1 Junior Team competition the cost will be \$50 per lesson and halved if the lesson is semi-private. VADA members who do not have VIP credentials or the 12 hours of volunteer time will pay \$100 per lesson which is halved if the lesson is semi-private. Non VADA member price will be \$200 per lesson which is halved if the lesson is semi-private. For auditors, VADA members are free. For non-VADA members the price is \$25 per day or \$35 for the weekend. Stabling prices are still being established.

The Purple Book - has been published and mailed. The additional copies for the Chapters are here at the banquet and can be picked up. A total of 585 were mailed and 800 were printed. This seems to be an awfully low number to have been mailed out and there was concern expressed that some members may have been missed. It was asked that, in the future, consideration be given to print additional copies so they can be handed out at events. Total expense of the Purple Book was \$3,440.10 and revenues from ads were \$457. This is the lowest revenue amount that VADA has seen. In the future it was suggested that we send e-mails to sponsors and donors to encourage additional ads. It was decided this would be discussed at the next board meeting.

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VA Horse Center Update - Joe Hagy from the Virginia Horse Center board will be speaking at the banquet about the financial issues related to the horse center. It was noted that the Lexington News Gazette has been doing articles about the horse center. They were given to Bettina Longaker who will scan them and put them up on the VADA website.

The horse center is taking a new approach to food service and they have hired the manager from Applebee's and are going to open their own restaurant in the horse center. They have been informed that they need to keep this restaurant open late to service the riders participating in horse shows and have coffee available in the early morning. They are going to do some kind of mobile service as part of the restaurant. We will still be permitted to provide our own food vendor for the volunteers.

The horse center is also working on bringing in a major sponsor like Coca-Cola Corporation, which if done, will provide access to all of the Coca-Cola products, not just the drinks.

The horse center is also working on maintenance. They have completed the lighting in the main arena and their next push will be the lighting in the barns and the East complex. They are also planning on painting the roofs. The horse center has obtained a sponsor to pay for the stall base renovations.

We are working on getting the 2015 contract with the horse center finalized. The rent for the whole facility has been approximately \$48,000 but will be over \$50,000 in the future.

We have an issue with Best Western and obtaining rooms for our fall show. We are conflicting with Parent's Weekend. We do have 11 rooms that will cover our judges at a cost of \$159 per night. The Howard Johnson has been able to provide the rooms for our volunteers.

Next Meeting - For the next conference call board meeting Alison Head will email a proposed date.



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Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter 2014 Dressage Schooling Shows

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Cedar Creek Farm, Staunton, VA
Dressage Schooling Show
Judge: Donna Gatchell

Closing Date: Received by May 6th

Saturday, September 20, 2014

Grayson Farm, Scottsville, VA
Dressage, CT and Jumper Schooling
Show and CT jumping schooling rounds
Judges: Helen George for dressage
TBD for jumping

Closing Date: Received by September 16th

Directions:

CEDAR CREEK FARM, STAUNTON (May 10th show) From Interstate 64: Go west to Interstate 81 and turn onto Interstate 81 going north. Go to the second exit, no. 225 and turn left at the intersection onto State Route 275 (Woodrow Wilson Parkway). Go 4.5 miles and turn right at the blinking light at Shutterlee Mill Road. Go 0.8 mile and turn right as you go up the hill at the sign for Cedar Creek Farm at 2435 Shutterlee Mill Road. You see the indoor arena building before making the turn.

GRAYSON FARM, SCOTTSVILLE (September 20th 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 Route 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.

Dressage Tests Available: At both Shows - USDF 2011 Introductory Tests A, B, & C and USDF 2011 Training Level through 4th Level; USEA 2014 Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Training A & B, and Preliminary A & B. 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 the September 20th show, all CT dressage tests except Preliminary will be in the small arena. Preliminary will be in a large arena.

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: 2014 USEA Beginner Novice Test B. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 7".

Novice: 2014 USEA Novice Test B Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 11"

Training: 2014 USEA Training Test B. Jumps not to exceed 3' 3"

Preliminary: 2014 USEA Preliminary Test B. Jumps not to exceed 3'7"

Riders may enter other divisions on a different horse.

Jumper Classes: Heights offered: 2', 2'6", 2'9", 3', and others upon request.

RIDERS AT GRAYSON SHOW PLEASE NOTE: Parking is a good distance from the warm-up and show ring, so please build time into your schedule to account for this.

Free Money from the Chapter to Enhance Your Dressage Education

Dear Chapter Members – We have a scholarship program that gives money for educational activities to members who meet the prescribed volunteer requirements. For 2014 it is \$300 for each scholarship.

Don't miss this opportunity to get some cash to enhance your dressage knowledge.

How does it work? The scholarships are awarded by lottery but you must enter the lottery and perform the required volunteer hours. There are 2 scholarships offered.

- 1 Scholarship for riders who have only shown at third level and below
- 1 Scholarship for riders who have ever shown at fourth level and above

The scholarship is for riders and non-riders. Non-riders apply for the scholarships based on their showing level if they ever showed. And if they have never shown, they would apply for the third level and below scholarship. Non-riders can use the scholarship for themselves or can give it to another member for on-horse activities.

What can you use it for? Any dressage educational activity – lessons, clinics, UDSF Convention, DVDS, etc. Your choice.

Requirements:

Perform 8 total hours of volunteer activity in a given year for the scholarship program.

4 hours at the licensed show in August

4 hours in any other volunteer activity accepted by the chapter including more hours at the licensed show.

Submit your volunteer hours form to the awards chair – currently Lee Scott.

File an application for the scholarship. Get the application on line and file it by August 25 for that years drawing and sent it to your president since she sets up the drawing and the awards certificates.

Within 60 days after using the scholarship you must write an article for the newsletter on what you did with the money.

VADA
CHARLOTTESVILLE CHAPTER
2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership runs from December 1 through November 30.

VADA is a USDF Group membership Organization and all members are automatically USDF Group Members

Name: _____

Address: _____

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I join VADA-CH in their activities and programs totally at my own risk. I understand that neither VADA, its chapters, nor individual Board members (of the chapter or VADA) accept responsibility for accidents, damage, injury, or illness to horses, riders, owners, spectators, or any persons or property.

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Family \$60 (2) Family \$70 (3) Family \$80 (4) (Family can include a farm's working student)

Additional Family Names (Please indicate if any family members are juniors and give birthdates): _____

Group (5 or more) \$50 1st group member, \$16 for each additional member (This is for Schools, 4-H, Pony Club, etc.)

Affiliate \$20 A person who belongs to another chapter and wishes to be affiliated with VADA-CH.

_____ Please indicate your Primary Chapter.

USDF No(s). (**REQUIRED BY USDF**): _____

PLEASE BE SURE TO PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION SO WE CAN GIVE ACCURATE DATA TO USDF

Volunteer Information

Please indicate your areas of interest:

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RULES FOR ANNUAL CHAPTER AWARDS

The following system shall be used by the Board to determine award recipients:

a. Levels.

The applicable levels are listed below in the description for the Schooling and Breed-Restricted Division and the Open Licensed Division. Riders may submit scores for more than one level and/or division, but they must fulfill all requirements for each level entered. If the rider submits for two levels with the same horse, the levels must be successive. There will not be separate brackets for juniors and seniors.

b. Award Period.

The award period runs from December 1 to the following November 30.

c. Submission of Scores.

Scores must be submitted to the Chapter Awards Coordinator within 30 days of the date of a show. A different reporting scheme may be used for a particular awards year if it is agreed to in advance by the Board and publicized early in the competition year in the newsletter.

For the submission of scores, the applicant must use the score submission form provided in the newsletter and on the web site, or provide equivalent information (such as a copy of the test cover sheet or a copy of the results from the USEF or USDF websites). No score below 50% will be accepted. The Chapter reserves the right to ask for copies of the actual tests.

d. Volunteer Requirement

In order to be eligible for year-end awards, the rider must fulfill the volunteer requirement established for the Chapter. The annual volunteer requirement will be established by the Board at the November, December, or January meeting and published in the first newsletter published/posted after the requirements are established.

e. Schooling and Licensed Breed-Restricted Division:

1. Levels for which Awards may be earned
Introductory through 4th Level

2. Required Number of Scores

Four scores from any dressage schooling shows sponsored or sanctioned by any VADA chapter or from any licensed breed-restricted show are required (such as a Morgan or Andalusian, or Arabian licensed show). The four scores must be **from at least two (2) different judges**. All scores must be from the same level (i.e., all from First Level), with the same rider and horse, but **must include scores from at least two different tests of that level**.

The four scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/level/division) will be averaged for the final

score. For the Introductory Level, since no awards are given in the licensed division at this level, any scores earned at the Introductory Level at an open or breed-restricted licensed show may be applied to the requisite scores needed for the schooling show Introductory level division awards. In addition, the scores from the Adult Amateur and Junior Team Championships, since they cannot be used for the licensed show division, may be used for the schooling/licensed breed-restricted division also.

The Board, at its discretion, may determine that due to unusual weather events or other unusual circumstances which resulted in multiple schooling show cancellations or postponements, a waiver of part of the requirements for an award in the schooling show program may be merited for a given awards year. Such determination shall be made by a majority vote of the Board.

f. Open Licensed Division:

1. Levels for which Awards may be earned
Training Level through Grand Prix, USDF Freestyle, FEI Freestyle

2. Required Number of Scores

Scores can be from any licensed dressage show authorized by the USEF or USDF (excluding any shows that are breed-restricted, such as Arabian and part Arabian, Morgan, Andalusian, or Quarter Horse breed only.) All scores must be from the same level, with the same rider and horse. Scores from Championship classes will be accepted, with the scores of the multiple judges averaged and the average counting as one score.

For USDF levels (Training through Fourth), five (5) scores are required from at least **three different judges**, and at **least one of the scores must be from either the second-to-highest or the highest test of the level**. (Training 2 or 3, First 2 or 3, Second 2 or 3, Third 2 or 3, or Fourth 2 or 3.) If the rider and horse have not earned at least one of their scores at the highest or next-to-highest test of the level, they will not qualify for a year end award at that level.

For FEI levels, FEI freestyles, and USDF freestyles, three (3) scores **from at least two different judges** are required

3. How Score are Tabulated

For USDF levels (Training through Fourth Level), the five (5) scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/division) will be averaged for the final score.

For USDF freestyles, FEI levels and FEI freestyles, the three (3) scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/division) will be averaged for the final score.

VADA CHARLOTTESVILLE CHAPTER VOLUNTEER HOURS PROGRAM WORK TYPES

Each chapter member must complete 4 hours of volunteer service (or equivalent) for the Chapter in order to be eligible for the Chapter's year end awards. The hours used for the awards program cannot be used for the scholarship program. The hours for each program are separately tabulated.

3 Ways to Volunteer:

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|----|---|--|
| 1. | Provide actual work
(at shows, clinics, events, etc.) | 1 vol. hour for
each hour worked |
| 2. | Provide a sponsorship of at least \$100 to the Chapter | equals 4 vol. hours |
| 3. | Provide a perpetual trophy to the Chapter | equals 4 vol. hours
in the year donated |
| 4. | Provide facility for a Chapter function.
(for a show, clinic, event) | equals 4 vol. hours |
| 5. | Provide judging/instruction for Chapter function | equals 4 vol. hours |
| 6. | Organize educational program/clinic for Chapter | equals 4 vol. hours |
| 7. | Attend 4 Chapter board meetings in the current year | equals 4 vol. hours |
| 8. | Write and submit 2 articles accepted for publication
in the newsletter | equals 4 vol. hours |

Note that the same volunteer hours used to meet the Charlottesville Chapter Awards or Scholarship requirements cannot be used to meet the VADA-State volunteer requirements but you must volunteer for your local chapter to be eligible for VADA-state awards.

The volunteer form is available on the chapter web site and will be published periodically in the newsletter.

If you feel you can provide a service of volunteer value to the Chapter that is not covered above, please submit a written request to the Chapter's Board for consideration.

It is your responsibility to fill out the Volunteer Hours Form and return it to Lee Scott. All forms must be submitted and received no later than December 15 of each year.

2004 EVENT CALENDAR

Month	Date	Day / Time	Event
March	3	Monday 7pm	VADA-CH Board/Membership Meeting Shadwells, Route 250 Bypass
April	12 – 13	Sat – Sun	Region 1 Adult Clinic - Hilda Gurney Wyndham Oaks, Boyds, MD
May	10	Sat	VADA-CH Schooling Show Cedar Creek Farm – Judge Donna Gatchell
May	May 31 – June 1	Sat - Sun	James Koford Clinic Grayson Farm
July	26 – 27	Sat – Sun	Sport Horse Clinic Iron Springs Farm – Coatesville, PA
August	9 - 10	Sat - Sun	VADA-CH Summer Dressage at Commonwealth Park
August	23	Sat	Chapter Challenge Schooling Show VA Horse Center - Lexington, VA
Sept	6 – 7	Sat – Sun	George Williams VADA Clinic VA Horse Center - Lexington, VA
Sept	20	Sat	VADA-CH Schooling Show Grayson Farm – Helen George
Oct	2 – 5	Thurs - Sun	USDF Regional Championships Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center Williamston, NC
Nov	1 – 2	Sat - Sun	Jeremy Steinburger Clinic Grayson Farm
Nov	6 – 9	Thurs - Sun	US Dressage Finals Kentucky Horse Park - Lexington, KY

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