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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. –
Charlottesville Chapter

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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

April has flown by and we are already into May. Every weekend is filled with at least one show (if not more), clinics, mares foaling, clinics and a thousand other non-horsey activities. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the Linda Zang Clinic at the end of April together with Tina Longaker, Anne Aloï (rider participant), Erin Sweeney (also a rider participant), Melyni Worth, Nancy Lowey and Catherine Sutton. The drive to Morven and back was well worth the effort. I put together an article for the Virginia Horse Journal which we've taken the liberty of sharing with you all in this newsletter.

As all of you know we did have our licensed show at Commonwealth Park last weekend and despite our initial concerns it was well attended and in general we received lots of positive feedback from volunteers and competitors. We recognize that the footing in the main arena was not ideal on Saturday and that the sound system was faulty and prevented us from offering freestyles. Despite these few obstacles, the show went on and I think that all of you know that this would not have been the case without our amazing members, Nancy Lowey and Tina Longaker. A BIG SPECIAL THANKS goes out to both of them as well as Catherine Sutton for setting up the ring, Catherine Kern for taking care of all of the awards and the awards table and every single other volunteer that helped out! In our next newsletter we will be sharing financial results and I think that everyone will be positively surprised with the outcome.

Don't forget to support all of our show advertisers – Blue Ridge Trailers, Crawford Saddlery, Ilex Construction, Trish Poe and Back on Track, VTO Saddlery, Blue Ridge Equine Clinic – Valley (and Earlysville), Country Side Natural, Sarah and Tommy Doyle, Foxden Equine, Ashanti Farm, Earlysville Animal Hospital, VTO Saddlery, Platinum Performance, Debbie Rodriguez (Fitness Videos), Reynolds and 4 Carrots. The show would not have been the financial success it was without these advertisers as well as our sponsors – Sherri Booye, Gardy Bloemers, Ame Hellman, Kathy Campbell, Peta Jean Wylie as well as Scripts and Rides, LLC. Actual cash advertising and sponsorship revenues totaled \$1,975 for the show which is almost double what we've raised in the past!

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President's Message, con't ...

For those of you that don't already know, I'd like to share some sad news. My friend and fellow member, Gerry Iannelli passed away at the end of March. I got to know him through our chapter and soon developed a nice friendship with him. He felt he was too old to ride but still really wanted to be part of it all and from time to time he would come to Ashanti and watch some of us ride. His enthusiasm, can-do attitude, wit and intellect will be missed.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all out and about.

Best, Gardy

VADA-CH April Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Nancy Lowey

Attending: President Gardy Bloemers, Treasurer Jan Templeton, Membership Chairperson Carter Bass, State Rep and web master Tina Longaker, Ch- Awards Chairperson Amy Gadsden, State Reps Catherine Kern and Sherri Booye, member Melyni Worth, Vice President Nancy Lowey.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm on April 4th, 2011, at Topeka Steakhouse.

Treasurer's Report

Jan Templeton reported on the VADA-CH accounts and the costs of the New Dressage Test Clinic in March. To date there are 2 VADA-CH accounts – Bank of America has \$2,918.43. Wachovia has \$1,031.00.

The New Test Clinic was deemed a success as the board was very happy with attendance and the pleasing job Clinician Carter Bass did. Members of the Fredericksburg VADA Chapter were in attendance and it was nice to share the event with them. Costs for the clinic were \$1044.00 – lunch food, breakfast food, port a potties. Lunch was \$5.00 per person and attendance was no cost to attendees. Overall the clinic then cost us \$844.00 but we were happy to be able to serve the membership and the dressage community at large. Gardy Bloemers did an outstanding job in organizing the clinic and we appreciate her time and dedication. Ashanti Farm was very generous in donating their facility and we thank Bruno and Barbara for their help as well.

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VADA-CH March Meeting Minutes, con't ...

Membership Report

Carter Bass reported that we now have 85 members.

USEF/USDF Licensed Show

Discussion then centered on the upcoming USEF/USDF licensed Dressage show at Culpeper's Commonwealth Park on April 30 and May 1. Nancy Lowey – Manager for the show – is pleased by the response for volunteers for the show. She will begin putting together the Volunteer schedule mid April. If you signed up she will be contacting you soon.

Tina Longaker – Secretary – reported entries are low at this point but most entries, especially these days, come in very close to the closing date. Discussion on extending the closing date was initiated and a decision will be made closer to the original date.

Gardy Bloemers and Secretary Ame Hellman have been working together to secure Sponsorships for the show. To date they and other members of the board have collected \$1400.00. Catherine Kern – Awards Chairperson – reported that she is in the process of organizing the ribbons and purchasing more. She has visited VTO Saddlery to discuss and purchase prizes for the show.

Catherine Sutton – our Show Grounds Manager – will begin arena set up on Friday at 12 noon. Nancy will gather volunteers to assist. The new arena has arrived and is housed at Catherine's. Sherrie Booyie – State Rep – and Amy Gadsden – VADA-CH Awards Chairperson – will get together to verify volunteer hours for the 8 hour requirement for entry into the VADA-Ch Scholarship Lottery and the other 4 hour requirement for the VADA-CH Year end Awards. Forms should be on the VADA-Ch website. Gardy has Facebooked the show in an effort to market our show even more.

Schooling Show Report

Amy Gadsden has put together the prize lists for our two schooling shows this year. It is available on the VADA-CH website, VADA-CH newsletter and also at various store locations in and about Charlottesville. The first show will be at Toad Hollow Farm in Charlottesville on June 12. Renee Shifflett is the manager. Helen George will be our judge. Our second show will be at Grayson Farm in Scottsville. Celia Rafalko is the manager. The judge is Carter Bass.

Chapter Grant Clinic

The Chapter Grant Clinic was discussed. It has been difficult to secure a date for a clinician. It was decided to roll the clinic over for next year. We will not lose our State funded money. Carter Bass will contact Sue Madden Mandas and will ask for dates in late March and/or April 2012.

Evening With Clinics

Discussion concerning 'Evenings With' – short informational clinics during the week days – was brought up. Gardy offered the use of the Merrill Lynch Office Building off of Rt. 250 in Charlottesville as a location for such clinics. Board members and all members are encouraged to connect with the officers of the chapter and suggest topics. One topic suggested was the discussion of different bits – legal and otherwise- all bits – and their varying affects/influences on horses. Other tack may be included as well. If you have a suggestion, please, contact the officers of the chapter and mention it to them.

Soon, information will come out for applications and information concerning the Bruno Greber Clinic July 9 and 10 at Ashanti Farm in Gordonsville. The cost per session is \$132. \$66.00 from each session will be generously donated back to VADA-CH. We appreciate this opportunity and the generosity of Mr. Greber and Ashanti Farm.

The meeting concluded at 9:35 pm. Next meeting- May 9- 7pm. Timberwood Grill. 29 North, Charlottesville.

VADA April Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday April 21, 2011, via teleconference

Board Members Present: Alison Douglas (Central), Tina Longaker (Charlottesville), Sheli King (NOVA), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Alison Head (NOVA), Tracey Smith-Oliver (SWAVADA), Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA), Anne Draine (Central/NEVADA), Beth Rippel (SVDA)

Other Members: Nancy Lowey (Charlottesville)

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes from the last meeting were not read as this was an interim meeting to discuss the club logo and the 2012 USDF Region 1 Adult Clinic.

A non-member volunteered to redo the club logo. Tina will contact her and ask if she wants to join and do it for volunteer hours.

Nancy Lowey had graciously volunteered to organize the 2012 Region 1 clinic. Discussion was held regarding available dates and venues. USDF also wants a donated facility. It was mutually agreed that VADA would forgo the 2012 clinic and try to organize one for 2013, which Nancy has also agreed to organize. Nancy is checking on available dates for the Horse Center in Lexington for around the end of March or beginning of April (for the East Complex). Tina will contact Anne Gibbons to see if we can possibly have her as the clinician. The Board discussed subsidizing our members auditing fees.

The next teleconference will be held on May 11th at 8:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Cost is \$135 per 45 minute session. VADA-CH members can audit free of charge. All others, \$15 per day.

50% of the proceeds will generously be donated by Ashanti Farm to VADA-CH to fund the remaining purchase price of our chapter's new dressage ring.

BRUNO's BIO

Bruno Greber is an Eid. dipl. Reitlehrer with the SVBR (Swiss Professional Riders' Association). After graduating from the Swiss Master Instructor Program, he moved to Vienna, Austria to study with Arthur Kottas-Heldenberg, former first Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School. From 1992 to 1997 Bruno worked as assistant Trainer at Kottas's private Barn, Dressurstall Groissauhof. Over the years, he has had the opportunity to deepen his knowledge with Georg Wahl, Egon von Neindorff, George Theodorescu, Klaus Krzisch, Philippe Karl and Linda Tellington-Jones.

Bruno has conducted clinics in Switzerland, Italy, Japan, Trinidad/Tobago and for the FEI's Olympic Solidarity Program in Barbados. He holds clinics in the USA on a regular basis.

Please contact Clinic Manager, Gardy Bloemers, to reserve your spot.

gardy@gardybloemers.com/ 434 981 1017.

Upcoming Events

May 14 - 15
 Dressage at the Meadows; VADA-CC Licensed Show
 Doswell, VA

May 21 - 22
 Potomac Valley Licensed Dressage Show
 Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

May 22
 Chestnut Oak Schooling Show
 Doswell, VA

May 28
 No Worries Farm CT and Dressage Schooling Show

May 28 - 29
 Heavenly Waters Dressage
 Belair, MD

June 2 - 5
 Raleigh Capital Classic Licensed Dressage
 Raleigh, NC

June 3 - 5
 VAHA Arab/Half Arab Sport Horse Show with Dressage
 Doswell, VA

June 3 - 5
 VADA/NOVA Licensed Dressage Show
 Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

June 4
 VHT CT and Dressage Schooling Show at Millington

VADA Linda Zang Clinic: A Focus on the Rider Will Improve the Horse

Submitted by Gardy Bloemers

On the 23rd of April, VADA, Inc. hosted a New USEF Tests Clinic with FEI “O” Judge Linda Zang at the Morven Park International Equestrian Institute in Leesburg, Virginia (Intro is the only USDF test). VADA was able to offer this wonderful learning opportunity at minimal cost to all of its hard working members as well as non-members and was pleased with the excellent turnout of 76 members and 51 non-members. Prior to the clinic kick-off at 9.30, the day commenced with an hour-long educational lecture given by Linda to current Judges as well as “L Graduates.

Before getting into the detail of the clinic, it is important to convey the consistently positive and encouraging attitude exhibited by Linda throughout the day. She has an incredible eye and ability to translate what she sees into meaningful and immediately usable feedback. During each rider session, Linda focused on one or maximum two key rider weaknesses and provided constructive comments to enable the rider to improve and increase their overall effectiveness. No matter what level the rider or horse and no matter what the breed, Linda delivered immediate results to improve the rider’s effectiveness, and as a result, she was able to improve the overall performance of each and every horse/rider combination at the clinic.

The clinic was organized by level and for each level, there was one rider demonstrating movements from the tests which was then followed by another rider performing the highest test of that level. From an auditor’s perspective it was particularly useful to follow this format as it emphasized the requirements of each stage of training as exhibited up through the levels. Linda made it incredibly clear what was needed at each level and how it related to the new movements required of the next level up.

The first rider of the day was Jennifer Torres, who rode USDF Intro C. Linda commented that at this level it was really important to ride the horse forward and every effort should be made by the rider to encourage this forward movement. Linda identified that Jennifer could benefit from keeping her hands more out in front of her and making an effort to “separate” them from her body. She suggested to Jennifer to think of riding as dancing and to push your hands away from your partner to improve the overall forward motion.

Next Nancy Petit rode movements from Training Level, and Torrey Wilkinson rode USEF Training 3. Linda observed that at this level the horse needs to be taught to follow the rein and move away from the leg and accept the bit with the energy going to the outside rein. She also expresses a preference to have riders rise the trot, not sit, at this level to further encourage forwardness. Linda pointed out that the stretchy circle was a confirmation of the horse’s willingness to do so and that it was very important to “get this right at this stage as it will keep showing up as you go up through the levels.” Linda worked with Nancy to get her inside hip to be more forward than the outside hip by turning her back towards the inside of the ring (or the circle), and significantly improved both the trot and canter as a result of her new position. Linda highlighted the fact that in the new USDF tests the rider’s score is broken down into three with the sole purpose of enabling riders to get better.

VADA Linda Zang Clinic, con't ...

At First Level it continues to be important to maintain the horse's suppleness with the inside rein and the inside leg with contact in the outside rein. The purpose of switching direction through two trot half circles is to determine if the horse is truly following the aids correctly from one side to the other and maintaining the frame through the outside rein. At this level Linda would like to see straightness in the horse with a little flexion. She focused on having Erin Sweeney demonstrate straightness in the counter canter and commented that it was essential not to use the inside rein to ride the movement but to ride this with the outside rein. After Karen Conk rode her test, Linda pointed out that it was crucial to ride the walk "with a purpose" and keeping the horse on the outside rein would facilitate this.

Danielle Rouland then rode movements from Second Level and Anne Harrington rode USEF Second Level 3. Linda identified that this level requires the horse to perform the first stages of collection as well as lateral work. She also pointed out that shoulder in is the only lateral movement performed on four tracks; all others are performed on three. In addition, she mentioned that the rider should NEVER use the inside rein to perform the shoulder in or any other lateral movements for that matter. Her words of wisdom were to practice lateral work frequently at this level. After Anne rode her test, Linda worked with her to improve her seat by trotting without stirrups and then working to pivot Anne's pelvis towards the front of the saddle. By suggesting that Anne imagines she is lying on the edge of a bed while keeping her feet on the ground, Linda was really able to get Anne to make a drastic improvement to her trot work. Linda then suggested to Anne to do the same but also imagine she was swinging on a swing to improve the canter. These improvements made a very visible difference to the harmony between horse and rider!!

During the Third Level movements demonstration with Candy Allen, Linda really directed our attention to getting the half pass right. She shared that the half pass is nothing more than a haunches in on the diagonal and that there was NO NEED for the rider to use the inside rein to perform that movement. When Linda judges riders who are using their inside rein, she really penalizes them for doing so. She reminded the audience the half pass movement is a forward one, not a sideways one. After Sandy Johnson rode her test, Linda spent time with her to get her upper body straighter and "sit back and sit up" and as a result her horse really started to engage from behind and swing through his back.

The day ended with Anne Aloï demonstrating Fourth Level movements followed by Stacy Pattinson riding USEF Fourth Level Test 2. Linda pointed out that Anne and her horse presented a very harmonious picture but that Anne would really be able to improve the horse's gaits by ensuring her upper body was back further. Linda also suggested that continued work on transitions should be part of the training program for horses at this level. Once Stacy completed her test Linda pointed out that she could free up the horse's shoulder by lowering her hands, and Stacy was able to do so by incorporating this suggestion into her riding.

Linda ended the clinic by commenting that "the key to successful test riding and riding in general is riding precisely. You don't need to have the "nicest" horse to be successful as it is within the rider's abilities to ensure success! A BIG THANKS GOES OUT TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THIS WONDERFUL EDUCATIONAL EVENT POSSIBLE – OUR CLINICIAN, RIDERS, VOLUNTEERS and AUDITORS.

About the Clinician:

Linda Zang of Idlewilde Farm in Davidson, MD represented the United States as a dressage competitor at the 1978 World Championships, the 1979 Pan-American Games and the 1980 Alternate Olympics at Goodwood, England. She became an FEI Judge in 1985 and judged dressage at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, and subsequently numerous FEI World Cup Dressage Finals and most recently the 2010 Alltech World Equestrian Games.

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Just in time for fly season, Karleen Hubley has been blogging about flies, and how to manage them around your barn. Check it out at www.horseflynet.com.

2011 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.
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2011 Scholarship Rules In Brief

1. Be a paid up member of the VADA Charlottesville chapter by June 15, 2011.
2. Perform 8 hours of volunteer service at the April 1/May 1 licensed show. ***These 8 hours are in addition to the 4 hours needed to qualify for the end-of-year awards. Thus, if a member wants to apply for the 2011 scholarship, and the end of year awards, they would need a total of 8 volunteer hours at the April 30/May 1 licensed show and an additional 4 hours at any other VADA Charlottesville chapter events.***
3. Submit a report of the volunteer hours to Amy Gadsden by June 15, 2011.
4. Submit an application by June 15, 2011 for the scholarship to the Treasurer indicating the scholarship level being applied for - i.e., Third Level and below, Fourth Level and above, or Junior.
5. Be present at the July 2011 chapter meeting for the live drawings.
6. Use the scholarship within 1 year of the date of the drawing.
7. Write an article for the Chapter newsletter within 60 days of finishing the activity paid for by the scholarship.

Application for 2011 Scholarship Drawing VADA – Charlottesville Chapter

Complete the following form and return to Sherri Booye by June 15 to apply for a VADA-CH Scholarship.

Name:
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2011 Member No.:

Level for which Applying (Circle One):

Third Level or Below

Fourth Level and Above

Junior or Young Rider

8 hours of Volunteer time at the licensed show at Culpeper on April 30 - May 1, 2011 are required. Please submit volunteer hours if you have not submitted them already to Amy Gadsden for the 2011 year end awards. The volunteer form for year end awards is on the VADA-CH web site.

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CBLM Champion Cita Normark, and has the same relaxed, willing way of going. She is going to be a superb competition horse.

A Very Special Opportunity We have too many horses to show right now, so we are offering a special opportunity. 2nd level CBLM Champion Cita Nørmark, 15.3hh leopard spotted mare. Currently showing 3rd, won her 3rd 2 class at March Magic. Wins too numerous to list, but she has won about everything. Quiet and easy to ride. Good on the trails, a super horse for a young rider needing a really nice show horse or equally for an older rider wanting something calm sensible and comfortable yet competitive. A really nice mare to ride and work around. Easy at shows and at home. Much though we love her, we just have too many, and we only have limited trailer space and time. Open to offers.

Both horses can be seen on YouTube. Email Melyni, or search under Melyni2.

CCS Rohan, dob 2008 half Arabian filly by Ecuador Skrødstrup, (DK Knab) coloring up nicely. Currently stands 15.1. Super mover, very pretty, easy sensible horse with lots of potential. Started under saddle this winter, quiet easy to ride, will be ready to show in dressage or the Arab shows this year.

Other young horses

We have a selection of other 3 yr olds, warmbloods as well as Knabstrupper, some started and some being started, all are nice horses with good gaits and good minds. Very reasonable prices.

Contact Melyni on 540-294-3003 or www.knabstrupper4usa.com or www.cedarcreekstables.us

SADDLES

Black Dressage Saddle, Windsor Red Line (made in UK), 17 ½ size 3 tree (M to MW), good condition, light and comfortable, \$600 OBO. Amy Gadsden 540 672-6390 (H), 434 974-2268 (W).

Black Wintec Pro Dressage Saddle with fittings, 18" with adj. tree with 2 of 6 possible gullet sizes (wide and widest), comfortable, good dressage starter saddle or for breaking young horses, \$150 OBO. Amy Gadsden 540 672-6390 (H), 434 974-2268 (W).

FREE LEASE

Free lease, retired from showing, TB-Clydesdale cross 20 y.o., extremely quiet and reliable, good on trails, sound/forward at walk under saddle, will trot/canter but quite arthritic in hocks/stifles. Did 2nd Level dressage and Training Level eventing. Possible therapy horse or husband horse. Owner will pay for shoeing, meds, worming, vaccinations, lessee pays for care/feed. Amy Gadsden 540 672-6390 (H), 434 974-2268 (W).

ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page	\$15/ issue \$150/ year
½ Page	\$10/ issue \$100/ year
¼ Page	\$7.50/ issue \$75/ year
Business Card	\$5/ issue \$50/ year
Classified	\$5/ issue \$50/ year

VADA-CH Members can run classifieds and business card ads free of charge. Ads will run for 2 months and must be renewed.

All ads must be in .jpg format. Send to edtemeles@gmail.com by the 25th of each month. Please make checks payable to VADA-CH and send to Sherri Booye, 721 Lake Rd, Troy, VA 22974.

Ads will not be run until payment is received.

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 (____) _____

VADA CH Extensions
c/o Gardy Bloemers
6486 Hillsboro Lane
Crozet, VA 22932



Virginia Dressage Association ~ Charlottesville Chapter

Upcoming Monthly Board Meetings

June

Monday, June 6, 7:00 pm

Red Lobster, Beside Fashion Square Mall

July

Monday, July 11, 7:00 pm

Topeka's Steakhouse, Pantops