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Virginia Dressage Association,  
Inc. - Charlottesville Chapter

# EXTENSIONS

*congrats to you all and to those to shy to report their successes!*

## President's Message

*Hi Everyone,*

*The Region 1 Championships are over, which means that the competition year has almost wound down.*

*Congratulations to everyone who competed in the Championships and many, many thanks to the stalwart army of volunteers and management for running such a huge and successful show.*

*We had fun, elation and disappointment all in various measures over the weekend, but the show was well run and a huge success. Kudos to all!! The weather was as usual changeable and variable, you really do need to bring your entire closet of clothes both human and equine to these shows, from 80s in the day to 40s at night, with rain, wind and sun the old saying about Virginia weather, "If you don't like it, wait ten minutes" really does apply!*

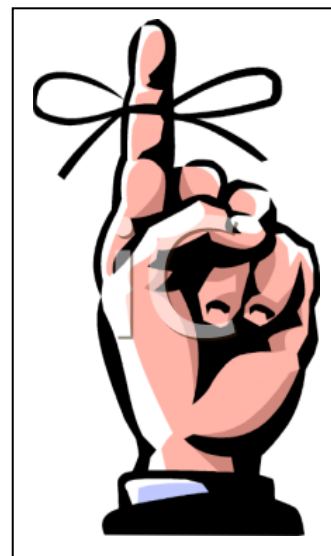
*I'd like to extend a special congratulation to Nancy Lowey for her successful Grand Prix ride – she is now one step closer to moving up in the world of dressage judging. In addition, our Chapter member Ame Hellman placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Prix St. George Championship class and was Reserve Champion at Intermediare I on her very own Ronaldo. One of Carter Bass's students, Bethany Wood, managed to get the High Score of the Show on her horse, Mosaik. Also, congratulations to Fredericksburg Chapter Member Patrick Tigchelaar and Marwick who were 5<sup>th</sup> in their PSG Open Championship class. And of course,*

*Now that our competition year is almost finished it's time to start making plans for the winter, we need ideas for our winter series "Evenings with", we also need Board members and Officers. We need energy and enthusiasm from our members to get things going again. Our next meeting is Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> at Topeka's steakhouse, Charlottesville. 7 pm. I hope I get to see you there.*

*It's time to think on the winter schooling and training plans, plus to time to relax and enjoy our horses, families and friends. I hope you had a good time riding this year.*

*Yours,*

*Melyni Worth*



**DON'T FORGET  
TO RENEW  
YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP**

## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> of November

VHT Schooling CT & Dressage  
Cedar Creek Farm  
Staunton, VA  
[www.vahorsetrails.com](http://www.vahorsetrails.com)

### Sat & Sun, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> November

VADA/NOVA Autumn II Licensed Show  
Morven Park  
Leesburg, VA  
[www.viriniadressage.org](http://www.viriniadressage.org)

### Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> of November

Dressage Schooling Show  
Chestnut Oaks Farm  
Doswell, VA  
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### Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> of November

Riverfield Dressage & CT  
Campbell Springs Farm  
Chesterfield, VA  
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## October Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Mary Lou Goings*

The meeting was held at Topeka's on 250 in Charlottesville, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Sherri Booye reported our membership for 2009 as 118 with three renewals for 2010 as of this date. The Chapter currently has \$7,120.39 in its bank account owing \$600.00 in scholarship funds.

Last month's minutes were verified and approved. A discussion regarding the 2010 officer nominations was held. Mary Lou Goings is resigning as secretary due to job commitments. Sherri will be offering ballots in the newsletter soon for the Chapter's new officers.

An in depth discussion was held in regards to the chapter's 2010 Show scheduled to be held in September at Commonwealth Park. Sherri informed the board that under the new rules the VADA-CH Show will be a Level III. Show advertising was reported by Gardy.

The chapter is committed to advertising the 2010 Show in the upcoming GAIG program. In addition Gardy proposed an ad be placed in the Purple Book, the Region I Prize List and perhaps The Virginia Horse Journal. This suggestion was accepted by the board. At this time Nancy Lowey has arranged for two S Judges, Elizabeth Lewis and Sarah Schmidt to judge. Carter Bass has agreed to work in conjunction with Nancy in the search for an additional judge. Carter suggested that perhaps in a 2011 show we could offer a class for "Future Event Horses." A third dressage arena is at the chapter's availability thanks to Amy Hellman.

An update for the chapter's 2010 Dressage Clinic was led by Gardy. She stated that Erin Sweeney has offered to research the possibility of hosting Chris Hickey as a clinician. For our "Fix-a-Test" Carter mentioned Kathy Connelly as well as offering herself. It was agreed upon that in March 2010 Carter Bass will be the clinician for a clinic entitled "Search for the Scores" to potentially be held at Grayson Farm in Scottsville. If Grayson is not at the chapter's disposal the other possibilities mentioned are Toad Hollow and Cedar Creek.

Suggestions for the 2010 "Evening's With" series were discussed. "Booye Theatre" (Sherri Booye's lovely home) will host an evening of Dressage Videos and potluck dinner. This was held last year and was enjoyed by all. More ideas are welcomed by all chapter members.

Catherine Kern has graciously offered her home for the chapter's 2009 year end banquet. The board agreed the banquet will be held on Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner with a sign up list for dishes to be generated in the newsletter.

Following an informative meeting and nice dinner the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m. by Melyni. The November meeting will be held on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Topeka's.

In attendance:  
Melyni Worth, Sherri Booye, Jan Templeton, Catherine Kern, Jennifer Sheltra, Gardy Bloemers, Carter Bass, Gerry Iannelli, Mary Lou Goings

# Membership Renewal

It's that time of year! Membership renewal for 2010!!! The membership year runs from December 1 through November 30 each year in line with the membership year of the USDF. You will find the new membership application in this newsletter.

The membership application has a space to mark whether you want paper or email of the newsletter. If you do not mark this box you will be emailed the newsletter, so please complete the form.

Also - please be sure to indicate what your USDF number is so that we can get the information filed correctly with USDF. If you have junior members as part of a family membership, please say so on the application so that they are reported correctly.

You must be a 2010 chapter member to be eligible for the 2010 scholarship drawing at the annual VADA-CH banquet.

Also, if you get your application in early, you won't have to worry about having your member number or your USDF GMO membership in time for the early spring shows.

Don't forget that for certain things, such as the year end GAIGS, you must also join the USDF as a participating member in addition to joining the chapter.

**GO TO PAGE 9 TO COMPLETE YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

## - Classifieds -

### HORSES

#### **Horse for Sale - 15.2hh QH/TB Grey/roan Mare (2004) - Impulsion's Pride**

Currently showing Training level dressage (scores 60 %+). Jumps well, bold & brave to the fences, schooling Nov/Tr level X-C. Easy to work with, forward bold ride, loves to jump. Well behaved on trails and at Hunter Paces. Has done hunter shows and dressage shows. Very balanced athletic mare. Ready to go eventing. You Tube search for Impy june 09 and Impy May09 or go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IkNOYIK9dw> & <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jragUW5-J14>  
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#### **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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 1 May 09  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RfTJALbbP0>  
\$18,000 contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or [Melyni@ntelos.net](mailto: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](mailto:Melyni@ntelos.net)  
You Tube: Aviator Tr 1  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XTvUxueIUU>

#### **Exceptional Mare for Sale -**

**Esculira**, Now winning at 3<sup>rd</sup> Level, having started showing only a year ago, this elegant 16.3h imported elite-eligible Hanoverian mare by Escudo I, "Echo" will be ready for 4<sup>th</sup> Level soon. Her scores from 1<sup>st</sup> Level to 3<sup>rd</sup> Level are mid 60's to 70%, and she had helped her rider earn her Bronze Medal in only four shows! She wins consistently, and is always in the top ribbons. 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 7 mos., doing 4 and 3 tempis, passage and piaffe in hand. Echo has the talent and training background to keep moving 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. She would be a good match for the ambitious rider. Watch the video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Px3he5TQY0I> or search You Tube for Esculira. \$32,000. Contact Amy Gadsden on 540 672-6390 (H), 434 974-2268 (W) or via email at [Amy.Gadsden@sperry.ngc.com](mailto:Amy.Gadsden@sperry.ngc.com)

#### **Horse for Sale - Reeve is a 4 year old Hanoverian gelding, 17 hands, bay.**

He is by Rienzi out of MS December (Donaumonarch x Grande). In 2009 he was shown at Training Level and USEF

4 year old classes. He is a gentleman at all times at home, at shows, on trails and also jumps a course of small fences in an ideal "show hunter" style. Check out the youtube video link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvv6fAK1Naw>. For more information contact Erin Sweeney on (434) 960-6867 or via email [erin@dressage.cc](mailto:erin@dressage.cc)

### TACK & SUPPLIES

**Saddle for Sale - Albion Original Comfort saddle.** Medium tree, 17" seat. Medium to wide twist. Flaps 16-3/4" from stirrup bar to bottom of flap. Good condition, well maintained. Slight fading on seat and flaps. \$900. Lauren 540-672-7177

**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 Earlsyville, VA just north of Charlottesville. Kathi Gruss - [gruss4@aol.com](mailto:gruss4@aol.com); 434-973-7289

**Saddle for Sale – Stubben, 18" Tristan the Shulties, 31cm wide, very good condition, a bargain at \$1,200 (new \$3,000).** Heather Merrill – [himerrill@yahoo.com](mailto:himerrill@yahoo.com)

**Bridle for Sale – Stubben Double Bridle,** Brown with white on brow and nosebands, Full Size, Very good condition. \$200. Heather Merrill – [himerrill@yahoo.com](mailto:himerrill@yahoo.com).

**Bridle for Sale – Snaffle Bridle,** Brown, Full Size, Rubber Reins, never used. \$250. Heather Merrill – [himerrill@yahoo.com](mailto:himerrill@yahoo.com).

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

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# Member of the Month: Jan Templeton

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

**Jan:** 2004

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

**Jan:** I moved to Madison in the summer of 2004. I previously lived in Philomont, Virginia, near Middleburg and Leesburg, and had a house and barn on 10 acres. I wanted to relocate to an area which was less developed and also buy more property. I had been breeding, raising and training Hanoverian and Dutch horses and I wanted to concentrate more on just riding. I found 52 acres North of Charlottesville, which I purchased in late 2002. I designed a nine-stall barn with attached living quarters and an indoor arena, and the construction was mostly finished by the fall of 2004. I would have to say that this is still very much a work-in-progress. I am in the landscaping phase now and don't see an end in sight.

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

**Jan:** I started taking riding lessons when I was 8. I remember writing LEFT and RIGHT on the top of my hands so I would know the proper direction to turn when asked. I got my first horse when I was 12. Years later, in the late 70's when working in Washington, D.C., I commuted out to Potomac Horse Center (now Maryland Horse Center) to ride. The program there was dressage-based and I made the transition from a forward seat to a balanced seat.

**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?**

**Jan:** I previously worked for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior in the Human Resources area, as an Employee Development Specialist. I was working for the Geological Survey in Reston, Virginia in 1999 when I was able to take advantage of an early retirement opportunity which afforded me the chance to spend more time with my horses. I currently board a few horses along with mine and I offer schooling, exercising and lessons. I also am a certified Equine Massage Therapist.

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

**Jan:** It is perfect timing for this question. I just earned my Silver Medal. I have been showing a Hanoverian gelding, Waverley (Woody) for the past 4 years and have had the opportunity to move from 2nd level to PSG. This experience has been especially rewarding for me because I have always had to train my own horses. I was extremely fortunate to get Woody, who had been trained to 4th level. The FEI levels are new territory for both of us, but we are hanging in there.

**What are your ambitions in the sport?**

**Jan:** I want to keep learning. I would like to get as much experience as possible at the FEI levels. I have some younger horses that are showing a lot of talent and I hope to be able to move them up the levels.

*Based on your experiences, what do you feel is the most important advice you can offer to others?*

**Jan:** First of all, if you want to be a successful dressage rider, you have

to be healthy and fit. Do what it takes to keep your body flexible and strong. Eat healthy. Think of yourself, as well as your horse, in getting needed chiropractic and massage treatment. Secondly, if you really want to progress in your riding-- buy, lease, or borrow a horse to ride that has had previous dressage training. It's great to learn dressage along with your horse, but it is hard and takes a long time. Life is short!

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

**Jan:** I enjoy the social aspect of the organization, in meeting people and developing friendships. Attending meetings and functions also gets me out of the barn. This networking is also important for me from a business standpoint, in building my boarding and training clientele.

**What can you contribute to VADA-CH?**

**Jan:** I am happy to volunteer my time and energy where needed.

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# Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter 2009/2010 Election Ballot

Please place an X by your selection. Ballots must be returned by November 20, 2009.

\_\_\_\_ **President/State Board Representative:** Gardy Bloemers  
\_\_\_\_ President/State Board Rep: Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Vice President/State Board Representative:** Nancy Lowey  
\_\_\_\_ Vice President/State Board Rep: Write-In \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer/Membership:** Celia Rafalko  
\_\_\_\_ Treasurer/Membership: Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ **Treasurer/Membership:** Sherri Booye

\_\_\_\_ **Secretary:** Ame Hellman  
\_\_\_\_ Secretary Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

Three additional individuals are needed to serve as State Board Representatives. Vote for no more than 3.

\_\_\_\_ State Board Representative: Tina Longaker  
\_\_\_\_ Board Write-In: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ State Board Representative: Melyni Worth

\_\_\_\_ State Board Representative: Catherine Kern

Either Mail to Sherri L. Booye  
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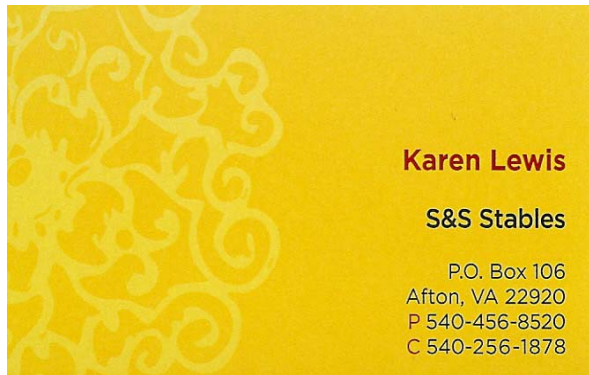
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# 2009 Year End Award Standings

Please find the award standings as of the **23rd of October** below. Please submit your scores to Amy Gadsden, P.O. Box 111, Rochelle, VA 22738. If you have any questions please call Amy on 434 974-2268.

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

<b>Schooling Division</b>					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Kim Aust	Roxie	73.25%	No	Yes
	Lauren Forestell	Kees	65.50%	No	Yes
	Jeannette Tuck	Peppy's Bootlegger	65.00%	No	Yes
Training	Deb Bleisner	O Jackie	72.79%	No	No
	Sarah Kern	Rubio	69.64%	Yes	No
	Molly Armentrout	Commander in Chief	67.60%	No	No
	Heather Merrill	Glenhaven Timka	66.60%	Yes	Yes
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	64.08%	No	Yes
	Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	63.54%	No	Yes
First	Calla Bell	Esculira	67.63%	Yes	No
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	65.25%	No	Yes
	Heather Merrill	Glenhaven Timka	66.67%	Yes	No
	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	64.65%	No	No
	Elizabeth Gaithright	Maki	61.66%	No	Yes
Second	Calla Bell	Esculira	65.26%	Yes	No
	Catherine Sutton	Prima Gracie	59.87%	No	No
Third	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	64.07%	No	No
	Hannah James Darnell	Rhumba	63.59%	No	No
Fourth	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	61.23%	No	No

<b>Licensed Division</b>					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Training	Robin Silke	Cash Advance	72.31%	No	No
	Sarah Kern	Rubio	72.03%	Yes	Yes
	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	70.80%	No	No
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	67.42%	No	Yes
	Sherri Booye	EMC Endless Echo	66.24%	Yes	No
	April Reedy	Payana	63.50%	Yes	No
	Susan Skalak	Oliver	60.65%	Yes	No
First	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	69.17%	No	No
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	65.00%	No	No
	Krister Swartz	Absalom	67.54%	Yes	Yes
	Catherine Sutton	Prima Gracie	64.15%	Yes	No
Second	Calla Bell	Esculira	66.77%	Yes	Yes
	Celia Rafalko	London Lady	61.59%	No	No
Third	Calla Bell	Esculira	64.53%	Yes	Yes
Fourth	Gardy Bloemers	Donizetti S	63.54%	Yes	Yes
	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	58.93%	No	Yes
	Melyni Worth	Xavoy	58.11%	Yes	No
Prix St Georges	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	67.37%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	O'Susannah	60.70%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 1	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	67.54%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Portobello	64.12%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 2	Carter Bass	Gossamer	60.79%	Yes	No
Grand Prix	Carter Bass	Gossamer	62.66%	Yes	Yes

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***BOARD MEETING***

***Topeka's Steakhouse  
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***7 pm on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009***