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EXTENSIONS

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Summer is nearly over, and it has been one of the coolest summers on record, which is nice for our riding time. The plentiful rain means lots of hay for the winter and lots of grass for your horses to eat, so watch out if your horse is one of the ones sensitive to carbohydrates in the grass.

The fact that we have not had a recognized show this year has meant a respite for all of our volunteers, but I do hope everyone is getting good and rested for next year. We will be having our licensed show at Culpeper in 2010 and we will need all hands on deck! This is going to be a big undertaking for our club: two one day shows over Labor Day weekend. Please mark it in your calendars!

Our August pool & pizza party was a success and fun, and some of us even got in the pool this time! I'd like to express many thanks to Sherri Booye who so generously hosts the party for us yearly.

It's time to start thinking about the Board for next year. If you have plans, ideas or ambitions please step forward and run for a position as we need your energy and commitment.

October will bring us the GAIGS - remember you have two chances left to qualify for them: 1) the VADA-NOVA show at Morven Park on the 12/13th of September and the VADA-Fred shows at Rosemount the following weekend. We will be needing volunteers for the GAIGS. **If you have not heard from Holly Veloso asking you to volunteer, please email her at**

velosoh@yahoo.com if you are able to! Not only is it more fun to be at a show where you are involved but it helps us run these shows and do so at a profit for the State funds. Even if you are planning to ride, there will be jobs you can do. If you'd like to get to know more people in our dressage community, this is a great way to meet people. There's a lot of camaraderie built up amongst the folks who work at these shows.

Also please think about things you would like to hear about at an "evening with", or maybe as a seminar. We need ideas for winter-time activities and the board is open to your inputs!

We hope to see you at the next meeting on Sept 14th at Topeka's Steak House on Rte 250 in Charlottesville at 7 pm.

Yours truly,

Melyni Worth

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, Sept. 5th
VHT CT/Dressage Schooling Show
 Wavertree Hall
 Afton, VA
www.wavertreehall.com

SAT & SUN, Sept. 5th & 6th
NCDCTA Labor of Love
 Raleigh, NC
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SAT & SUN, Sept. 12th & 13th
VADA/NOVA Autumn I
 Morven Park
 Leesburg, VA
Licensed Dressage Show
www.vadanova.org

MONDAY, Sept. 14th
Monthly Board Meeting
 Topeka's Steakhouse
 Route 250, Pantops
OPEN TO EVERYONE

SAT & SUN, Sept. 19th & 20th
Dressage at Rosemount I & II
 Spotsylvania, VA
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SAT, Sept. 19th
VHT CT/Dressage Schooling Show
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August Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Mary Lou Goings

As reported by Sherri Booye our chapter has 118 members at this time with \$7,541.00 in our account.

A discussion and review of the Adult Team Competition and results was held by the board. Tina Longaker offered to request at the August VADA meeting funding for a Perpetual Trophy to be given to winners of Intro Level for the 2010 Adult Team Competition.

We need to begin thinking about chapter officers for VADA-CH, 2010.

A volunteer coordinator is needed for the 2010 Licensed Competition which our chapter will be hosting at Commonwealth Park in Culpeper. Beth Marsinko is a strong possibility to head up this team. Also, volunteers are needed for this large undertaking. The board voted yes to awarding a blue grooming towel with our logo on it along with a blue ribbon to first place winners.

A board discussion was held regarding the prizes to be offered at our 2010 Licensed Show. Gardy Bloemers has volunteered to be in charge of sponsorship and prizes for our licensed show.

Amy Gadsden has offered to store our chapter's "licensed box materials" in her home. Barbara Goshorn has offered to house our chapter's schooling show materials.



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- Classifieds -

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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

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

Incredibly steady and easy to train, currently showing Training/First level, scores 65-70%. Schooling 2nd/3rd at home. This mare is so talented! Easy soft gaits, very balanced and biddable. Great on trails and over jumps. Has just completed her first horse trials and won her division. Fully papered pure bred mare. A super horse for the smaller rider. You Tube. Search for Payana 1st 1 May 09

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RfTJALbbP0>

\$18,000 contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or Melyni@ntelos.net

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

Has the usual kind willing Knabstrupper mind, just started and showing great talent. Super gaits, nice looking, quiet and easy to ride. Good on trails. \$20,000 ono contact Melyni 540-294-3003 or Melyni@ntelos.net

You Tube: Aviator Tr I <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XTvUxueIUU>

Exceptional Mare for Sale -

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

TACK

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

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.

Saddle for Sale - Ideal International, Eventing Saddle, Dk Brwn, beautiful buffalo leather all purpose eventing saddle, size 18", wide tree, like new condition, padded seat, knee & thigh blocks, super comfortable saddle for long trail rides, foxhunting, eventing and flat work. Manufactured in Walsall, UK by master saddlers. Wool flocked, gusseted panels. Hate to sell but no longer have the wide-backed horse! New \$1,500. Asking \$900. Call Wendy Owens on 540-672-1294 or tomtebo@hughes.net.

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; 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

Bridle for Sale - Stubben Double Bridle, Brown with white on brow and nosebands, Full Size, Very good condition. \$200. Heather Merrill - himerrill@yahoo.com.

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Member of the Month – Susan Skalak

When did you become a member of VADA Charlottesville?

Susan: I first joined 10 years ago when I started showing my thoroughbred in some small schooling shows. Then I got pregnant with my first child, then pregnant with a surprise second child, my first horse died, got a two year old horse just as my daughter turned 2, then after a few detours just started to show again this year and rejoined VADA-Ch.

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

Susan: I moved to Charlottesville back in 1993 to take a job at the university. I moved up from Atlanta after finishing grad school there at Georgia Tech. I taught for 6 years in the engineering school, and then after I got married and got pregnant with my first child I decided to leave and stay home. By then, my husband and I had bought a farm in Batesville, and had bought our first "tractor" for the farm, a Suffolk-Punch named Read's Regal Jill.

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

Susan: I started riding when I was nine years old. Then I started pony club at 11, and at the time hated the dressage portion of the 3 day events. I rode all through school and had to quit when I got to college. After college, I returned to riding and had a jumper who died of colic, then just to be able to ride I took up exercising polo horses and got into playing polo for a few years in Charlotte, NC. After coming to Charlottesville, I took up riding again and started taking lessons with Tad Coffin. He

basically had me start over and learn to ride all over again, spending two years at a walk and trot before finally progressing to canter and finally to jumping. However, in those years that I spent with Tad's exacting teaching I developed an understanding and love for dressage. After my husband and I bought our farm, I continued with dressage. After the death of my thoroughbred with EPM, I decided to find a dressage horse. I worked with Catherine Sutton who found me a lovely Hanoverian/TB gelding named Oliver who was out of a champion hunter mare named Olivia, and by Romantic Star. I bought Oliver when he was 2, so we have been working together for the last four years, but in serious work for the last year. I feel that dressage is the most intellectual of all the equestrian sports, and I love the mental side of it, and the continual opportunity for improvement.

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?

Susan: I was a manufacturing engineer for six years, then went back to graduate school to get a Ph.D. and then taught engineering design for 6 years. My husband is also an engineering professor. After having children, we felt someone should be home with the kids, and so I volunteered. We had a farm by then, and I love looking after our horses, donkey and chickens. Now, I am involved in starting a non-profit group in Virginia called Science is Elementary that goes into elementary schools with science and engineering experiments and projects for the kids.

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

Susan: In the last year, I was finally able to get back into competition after being away for 10 years. I took

my Hanoverian/TB Oliver to Dressage at Lexington in July and competed with him at training level. I was happy to take home a couple of ribbons with him, and happy to see that he settled into the swing of things and seemed to enjoy the show as much as I did.

What are your ambitions in the sport?

Susan: I would love to take my horse as far as he is capable of going - hopefully all the way to Grand Prix level, but we are taking each day one step at a time, one ride at a time.

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

Susan: I really enjoy the schooling shows and feel that they really help prepare me and my horse for the recognized shows. I also enjoy the clinics and hope that I will be able to attend one this year. I can contribute my time to the organization and help when and where I am able.



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

Schooling Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Kim Aust	Roxie	68.13%	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%	No	No
	Molly Armentrout	Commander in Chief	67.60%	No	No
	Heather Merrill	Glenhaven Timka	66.30%	No	Yes
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	64.08%	No	Yes
	Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	63.54%	No	Yes
First	Calla Bell	Esculira	67.63%	No	No
	Heather Merrill	Glenhaven Timka	66.67%	No	No
	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	64.65%	No	No
	Elizabeth Gaithright	Maki	61.66%	No	Yes
Second	Calla Bell	Esculira	65.26%	No	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
Recognized Division					
<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	71.63%	No	Yes
	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	70.00%	No	No
	Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	64.62%	No	Yes
	April Reedy	Payana	63.50%	Yes	No
First	Tamara Showalter	Fiji	69.17%	No	No
	Krister Swartz	Absalom	67.20%	Yes	Yes
	Catherine Sutton	Prima Gracie	65.13%	No	No
Second	Calla Bell	Esculira	66.77%	No	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	64.54%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	O'Susannah	60.70%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 1	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	64.56%	No	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Portobello	64.12%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 2	Carter Bass	Gossamer	60.79%	No	No
Grand Prix	Carter Bass	Gossamer	62.66%	No	Yes

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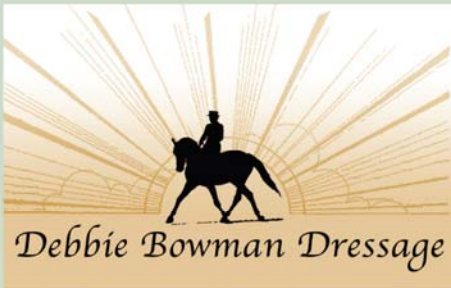
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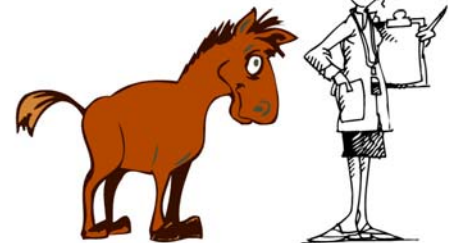
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7 pm on Monday, September 14th, 2009