



EXTENSIONS

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Virginia Dressage Association, Inc., Charlottesville Chapter

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Breaking News!!

**Treasurer Sherri
Booye has been given
the best News Years
gift ...
A Clean Bill of
Health!!!**

January Events - Come One, Come ALL

the 8th - VADA-CH Monthly Meeting @ Vinny's in the Target Shopping Center across from Forest Lakes. **7:00 pm.**

the 19th - VADA-CH Awards Banquet @ the Double Tree, C'ville. **6:00 pm.** There's still time to send your reservation!

the 27th - VADA Awards Banquet @ the Double Tree, C'ville - **Noon.** Send the reservation in this newsletter today! Items are still needed for the Silent Auction

January 2008 Presidents Message

HI Everyone,

By the time you get this, I should be in sunny Ocala hopefully getting in plenty of riding. But you are not at all forgotten, have a great time at the Chapter Banquet on Jan 19th and also at the State Banquet the following weekend. I hope you all attend these events, they are a great way to meet your fellow dressage enthusiasts in a relaxed non-competitive setting, (and boy it can be hard to recognize people when they are all dressed up in civvies)!

Your Board puts a lot of time and effort into the organizing of these events so please do attend them and enjoy them.

We start the new year with some great news for all of you. We are in the process of implementing Chapter scholarships, these are sums of money that we give to Chapter members to help offset the cost of a dressage clinic or lessons or other educational event. All paid up members in good standing who have completed their volunteer hours are eligible, two scholarships are offered to riders competing below 4th level and 1 to riders competing above 4th. Please read the specific requirements here in the newsletter.

It is the expectation of the Board that the scholarship recipients will report back with a written report on how they used their scholarship. I am looking forward to reading those reports.

To this end we will shortly have some By-Law amendments for all of you to vote on. Please, please do vote on these so that we can move ahead with our plans.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful 2008 and may you have many happy rides.

Yours truly, Melyni

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December 2007, Monthly Meeting Minutes

The monthly VADA-Ch. Board meeting was held at Vinny's on December 11, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Melyni Worth. Those in attendance were Erin Sweeney, Sherri Booye, Tina Longaker, Amy Gadsden, Carter Bass, Sandy Alrich, Lauren Forrestall, Mary Lou Watt.

Sherri Booye reported 36 chapter members on this date with \$9,105.42 in the treasury account.

The Shel Gafford award to be presented at the VADA Annual Banquet was discussed and voted on.

The suggestion to offer chapter member scholarships was presented to the board. The amount of \$300.00 was voted upon. Two separate scholarships (Lower Levels & FEI Levels) will be offered. Any chapter member who has provided a minimum of four volunteer hours to VADA-Ch. will be eligible.

A discussion was held regarding a "Brian Ross Fix a Test" Clinic to be offered to chapter members. Amy Gadsden and Carter Bass have offered to organize this event. A date has not been set but it was decided upon sometime in January/February/March dependent upon Mr. Ross's availability.

A discussion by the board was held regarding Virginia Horse Trial Scores as they apply to VADA and VADA-CH. VADA-CH. chapter members must be made aware that scores from USEA Judges will NOT Apply Toward the Annual VADA Awards (State Level). Our individual chapter (VADA-Ch) will however accept scores for "Our" Annual Awards from USEA judges, all USEF judges, and all "L" graduates.

A brief discussion was held concerning our chapter annual banquet which is scheduled to be held on the 19th of January at 6:00 at the Double Tree in Charlottesville on 29 North. The chapter will subsidize each member's dinner expense.

The donation of silent auction articles to be offered at the VADA annual banquet was discussed.

The need to retrieve the chapter trophies in order to be passed along at the annual banquet was the final topic to be discussed by the board.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Watt

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws to Be voted on at the February 12, 2008 meeting

If anyone desires to read the detailed changes to the bylaws they are available on the Charlottesville Chapter's web site, or a member does not have access to the web, they can contact Sherri Booye at 434-589-1851, and she will mail you a copy.

The Board is proposing a number of changes to the Bylaws to simplify the bylaws and to provide the Board with the authority to establish educational programs, grants, and scholarships.

First, there are several minor changes which: change "recognized" shows to "licensed" shows throughout the Bylaws to track the change in designation by the USEF; changes Article II Section 2(c) to delete "Patron" Members from the membership types since this category is not being used by the Chapter's members and there is no difference in this type of membership and the Junior and Senior memberships; changes Article V Section 2(a) to provide the Board with the power to establish ministerial positions for the running of the Chapter; and changes Article XII of the Bylaws to permit the Board of Directors to make ministerial changes to the bylaws without a General Membership vote.

There are also two more substantive proposed changes to the Bylaws. First, it is proposed to change Article X Section 2 to remove the rules for the awards program from the Bylaws and to change Article X Section 1 to allow for the Board to establish and publish the rules for the annual awards without requiring a change to the Bylaws whenever changes are desired or needed to the awards rules. Rather the Board will, if desired or needed, adopt rule changes to the awards before the end of the calendar year and publish those rules in the newsletter at least once per year and make the rules available on the Chapter's web site. There are **no** proposed changes to the current rules, they are simply being moved out of the bylaws.

Second, it is proposed to add to Article V a Section 2(m) to provide the Board with the authority to establish educational programs and scholarships or grants and for the Board, rather than the General Membership, to set forth guidelines for those programs, scholarships, or grants and provides that the rules for these programs, scholarships, or grants will be published at least once yearly in the Newsletter and will be available on the Chapter's web site.

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 Schooling and Licensed Divisions. 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.

All scores must be received no later than December 15 of the current year. Scores must be submitted to the Chapter Awards Coordinator within 45 days of the date of the show in which the score was earned (if mailed, postmarked within 45 days). 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). No score below 50% will be accepted. The Chapter reserves the right to ask for copies of the actual tests at year end.

d. Volunteer Requirement

In order to be eligible for year-end awards, the rider must fulfill the volunteer requirement 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 Division:

1. Levels for which Awards may be Earned Introductory through 2nd Level

2. Required Number of Scores

Four scores from any dressage schooling show sponsored or sanctioned by any VADA chapter are required. 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 highest four scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/level/division) will be averaged for the final score. (with the exception that a lower score will be retained as the fourth score, if that score is needed to fulfill the requirement of using scores from at least two different tests in that level. For the Introductory Level, since no awards are given in the licensed division at this level, any scores earned at the Introductory Level at a 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 can not be used for the licensed show division, may be used for the schooling level awards program.

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. 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 have restrictions on competitors, such as Arabian and part Arabian, Morgan or Quarter Horse 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 3 or 4, First 3 or 4, Second 3 or 4, 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.

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 highest five scores submitted (for the same rider/horse/division) will be averaged for the final score. If the top five scores for a rider at one level do not include the next-to-highest or highest test of that level (see paragraph f.2 above), then the lowest of the five top scores will be dropped and replaced by the highest score from among the highest or next-to-highest tests submitted at that level.

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

For all licensed levels, in order to meet the multiple judge requirement, the lowest of the 5 scores (USDF) or 3 scores (FEI) will be dropped to include the highest score from a different judge.

WANTED by this NEWSLETTER....

Reproducible quality photos of Chapter Members (jpeg)

Reproducible quality and LEGAL sketches of Dressage horses (jpeg)

Email to: vadvirag8@gmail.com

Any image may be published on www.VADACH.org

Advertising Rates for EXTENSIONS

Full-page ad	\$15.00/issue	\$150/year
½ page ad	10.00/issue	100/year
¼ page ad	7.50/Issue	75/year
Business Card	5.00/Issue	50/year
Classified ad	5.00/Issue	50/year

There is no charge to VADA-CH members for classified ads or business cards which run for two months and must be renewed. Advertising deadline is the 25th of each month.

Any advertisement that includes pictures must be camera-ready. Preferred medium is jpeg sent via email:
vadvirag8@gmail.com

I receive a LOT of mail and ads may get misplaced with show entries.

Please make checks payable to VADA-CH and mail to the Treasurer, ads will not be run until payment is received.

Sherri Booye
721 Lake Rd
Troy VA 22974

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Synopsis: VADA-CH proposed ByLaw change

Go to www.vadach.org to review the document

Changes Article XII of the Bylaws to permit the Board of Directors to make ministerial changes to the bylaws without a General Membership vote;

Changes Article V Section 2(a) to provide the Board with the power to establish ministerial positions for the running of the Chapter; Adds to Article V a Section 2(m) to provide the Board with the authority to establish educational programs and scholarships or grants and for the Board, rather than the General Membership, to set forth guidelines for those programs, scholarships, or grants and provides that the rules for these programs, scholarships, or grants will be published at least once yearly in the Newsletter and will be available on the Chapter's web site;

Changes Article X Section 1 to allow for the Board to establish and publish the rules for the annual awards without requiring a change to the Bylaws whenever changes are desired or needed to the awards rules. Rather the Board will, if desired or needed, adopt rule changes to the awards before the end of the calendar year and publish those rules in the newsletter at least once per year and make the rules available on the Chapter's web site;

Changes Article X Section 2 to remove the rules for the awards program from the Bylaws;

Changes Article II Section 2(c) to delete "Patron" Members from the membership types since this category is not being used by the Chapter's members and there is no difference in this type of membership and the Junior and Senior memberships, and makes ministerial changes throughout the Bylaws to reflect the change in the USEF designation of shows from "Recognized" to "Licensed."

Synopsis: USEF Performance Standard Proposal

Go to www.vadach.org to review the document

USEF Dressage Committee presents their Performance Standard Proposal **Qualifying to Move up the Levels**. This proposed Rule Change will be voted on at the USEF Annual Meeting in January. If you wish to give them input, please email any or all of the USEF Dressage Committee and give them your ideas.

The Rule Change Proposal Reads: RIDERS COMPETING IN DRESSAGE COMPETITIONS AT THIRD LEVEL AND ABOVE MUST BE ELIGIBLE ACCORDING TO THE QUALIFICATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERATION DRESSAGE COMMITTEE. EFFECTIVE DEC. 1, 2009.

Suggested criteria: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS PROPOSAL

Revised 8/3/07

After gathering comments and feedback for several years from officials and exhibitors, the USEF Dressage Committee would like to implement a system of rider qualification through the dressage levels called "Performance Standards". This system, inspired by existing European models, would only apply for riders competing at Third Level and above beginning with the 2010 competition year. The mission of Performance Standards is to fully prepare riders with positive competitive experiences in order to be able to successfully move up the levels, while supporting the welfare of the horse.

The Levels will be named:

Training - Second: **BASIC**

Third/Fourth: **MEDIUM**

Prix St. Georges/Intermediare I: **ADVANCED**

Intermediare II/Grand Prix: **INTERNATIONAL**

An Asterisk (*) will be added to denote a foreign rider...

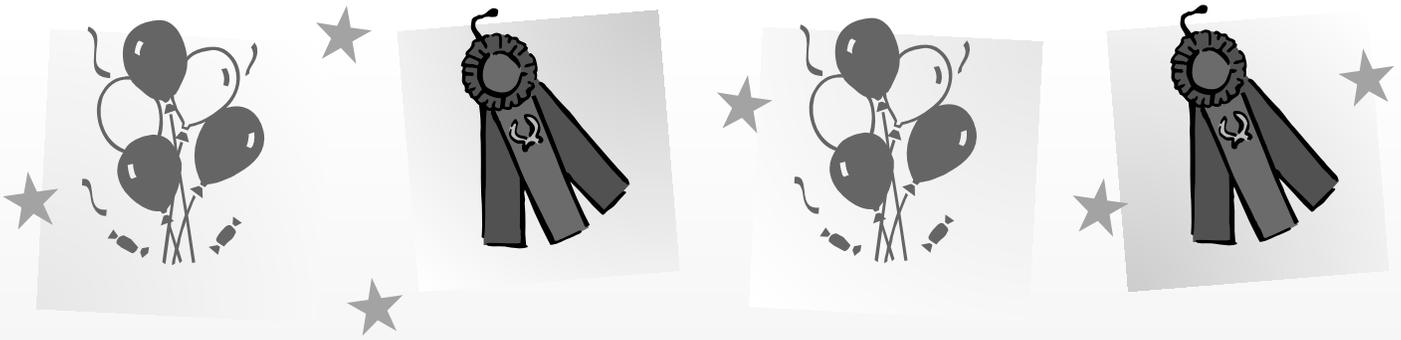
Go to www.vadach.org to review these documents in their entirety



2007 VADA-Charlottesville Year End Award Standings as of 12/21/07

Schooling Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Introductory	Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	64.13%	Yes	Yes
	Lori Allshouse	Don Diego	60.50%	No	No
Training	Hollyn Mangione	Tax Dance	67.74%	Yes	Yes
	Diane Laurie	Leo	66.98%	Yes	Yes
	Ruth Hewitt	Maki	66.39%	Yes	Yes
	Emily Cochran	Mia	65.20%	No	No
	Beth Marcinko	Stirling Castle	62.59%	Yes	Yes
	Arlene Page	Twiz	58.00%	Yes	No
First	Emily Cochran	Mia	65.60%	No	No
	Heather Shutt Warner	Lorelei	65.56%	Yes	No
	Miranda Ottewell-Swartz	Steelmarket	64.67%	No	No
Second	Diane Laurie	Psammead	60.16%	Yes	Yes
	Diane Laurie	Indio	59.06%	Yes	No
	Elizabeth Gathright	Little Sure Shot	57.45%	Yes	Yes

Recognized Division					
<i>Level</i>	<i>Rider</i>	<i>Horse</i>	<i>Avg Score</i>	<i>Vol Rqmt?</i>	<i>All Scores?</i>
Training	Erin Sweeney	Royce	70.63%	Yes	Yes
	Melyni Worth	Cita Normark	65.92%	Yes	Yes
	Ruth Hewitt	Maki	64.48%	Yes	Yes
	Kim Schmidt	Andromeda	63.76%	Yes	Yes
First	Erin Sweeney	Solstice	69.19%	Yes	Yes
	Barbara Goshorn	Belvedere	67.17%	No	Yes
	Heather Shutt Warner	Lorelei	64.82%	Yes	No
	Melyni Worth	Cita Normark	63.54%	Yes	Yes
Second	Lynn Childers	Poetic Justis	67.59%	Yes	Yes
	Celia Rafalko	London Lady	60.87%	Yes	No
Third	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	68.14%	Yes	Yes
	Erin Sweeney	Reese	64.34%	Yes	No
	Celia Rafalko	Leviticus	60.26%	Yes	Yes
	Melyni Worth	Xavoy Middelsom	56.36%	Yes	Yes
Fourth	Ame Hellman	Schuberts Ronaldo	65.99%	Yes	No
	Helen George	Somethingtoharbor	57.54%	Yes	No
Prix St Georges	Kim Schmidt	Portobello	65.25%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 1	Carter Bass	Gossamer	64.03%	Yes	Yes
Intermediaire 2					
Grand Prix					
Freestyle, USDF					
Freestyle, FEI					



VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

Annual Awards Banquet

January 27, 2008

Doubletree Hotel—Charlottesville, VA
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA, 800-494-9467

Reception starts at 11am with lunch buffet beginning at noon

\$25 per person

Banquet reservations must be received by **January 19, 2008**

Remember to bring items for the Chapter Grant Silent Auction!

- * Schooling and licensed show awards
- * VADA volunteer of the year
- * Chapter volunteer of the year
- * Chapter President and Newsletter editor recognition awards
- * Shel Gafford Memorial Award for Excellence in Sportsmanship
- * VADA VIP award presentations
- * Silent auction
- * Annual meeting and discussion of 2008 plans, including the Adult Team Challenge

Name : _____

Address: _____

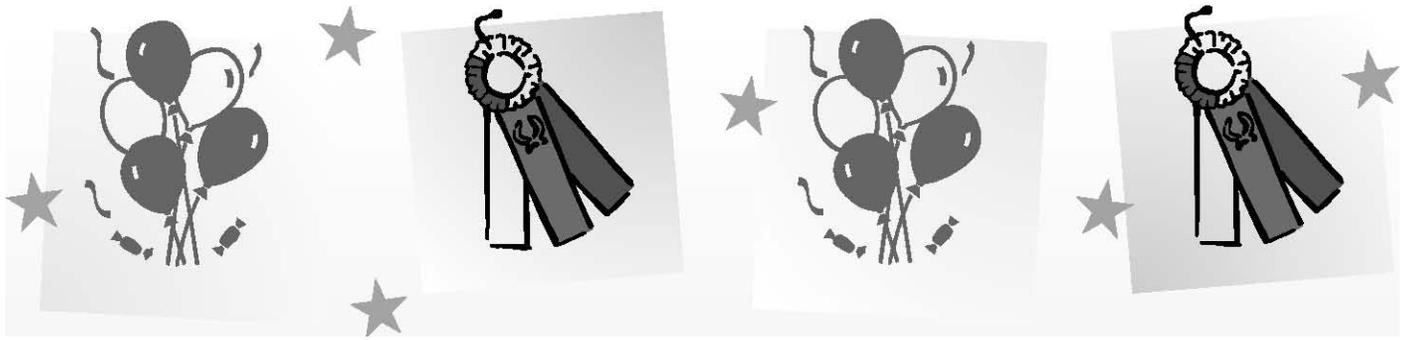
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total number of people: _____

Total amount @ \$25/person (make check payable to VADA, Inc.): _____

Are you interested in volunteering at the banquet? YES _____ NO _____

Send your check and banquet reservation to: Alison Douglas, 11909 Halcyon Way, Prince George, VA 23875, 804-730-1568, adouglas@fasmart.com



VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

Charlottesville Chapter

Annual Awards Banquet

January 19, 2008

Doubletree Hotel—Charlottesville, VA
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA, 800-494-9467

Reception starts at 6 pm with dinner beginning at 6:30 pm

\$15 per VADA-Ch member; \$25 non-member.

Banquet reservations must be received by **January 12, 2008**

- . Schooling and recognized show awards
- . Discussion of the 2008 plans
- . Announcement of the New Chapter Scholarship

Name : _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Total number of people: _____

Total amount (make check payable to VADA-CH, Inc.): _____

Send your check and banquet reservation to: Sherri Booye, 721 Lake Rd, Troy, VA 22974, 434-589-1851, nizra@earthlink.net



Virginia Dressage Association, Charlottesville Chapter

2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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.

Signature(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Facsimile No.: _____

Work Phone: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Membership Type (check one): Renewal _____ New _____

_____ Senior	\$ 45 (Over 18)	_____ Family (2)	\$ 55
_____ Junior	\$ 40 (18 years and younger)	_____ Family (3)	\$ 65
_____ Patron	\$ 60	_____ Family (4)	\$ 75
_____ Affiliate	\$ 20 (A person who belongs to another chapter and wishes to be affiliated with VADA-CH. Please indicate your Primary Chapter - _____)		

Additional Family Names: _____

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Show Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Scoring	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Manager	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Awards
<input type="checkbox"/> Show Scribe	<input type="checkbox"/> Show Runner	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinics
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Please describe		

Membership runs from December 1 through November 30
Please complete this form and mail it with a check payable to VADA-CH to:
Sherri L. Booye 721 Lake Road Troy, VA 22974



VADA-CH Extensions
8246 Open Gate Rd
Gordonsville VA 22942



Virginia Dressage Association, Inc - Charlottesville Chapter

Current Events

VADA-CH Monthly Meeting
Jan 8, 7 PM @ Vinny's
(Across from Forest Lakes)

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