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The BUSY month of May...

- the 11th -VADA-CH sponsored Alexander Technique Clinic, 1:30 - 3:30 pm @ Sherri Booye's
- the 17th - VADA-CH Schooling Show @ Toad Hollow Farm, Crozet
- the 20th - VADA-CH Monthly Meeting & "Evening With" Drs Martha Melish & Melyni Worth. Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome. 6 PM @ the Blue Ridge Café, Ruckesville
- the 31st -VADA-CH Sponsored clinic with Brian Ross @ European Performance Horses, Barboursville

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

Presidents Message May 2008

Hi Everyone,

By the time this reaches you we will have gotten well into the spring and should have already had a number of events.

We finally got the Alexander Technique Clinic organized and it is scheduled for the 11th of May at Sherri Booye's house in Palmyra.

May 20th, We are planning an Evening with talk on GI tract disease most specifically on EGUS also known as Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome. This talk and slide show will be given by Dr Martha Mellish who has recently joined Keswick Equine Practice, aided by Dr Melyni Worth (yup that's me). This is a subject of interest to anyone who has horses and of great interest to those who ship and show horses. The talk will be at the Blue Ridge Café on Rte 29N, just north of Ruckersville. We will have a meeting first at 6:30pm and then the talk from Dr Mellish at 7:30. Equine ulcers are a problem that is only just getting recognized and can make such a difference to your horses performance. And Gastrogard is not the only solution.

The Spring has suddenly gotten very busy with clinics and shows and other activities, which is wonderful. I hope that you are all getting to enjoy your horses in the lovely weather.

Come on and listen to our evening with and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Yours truly, Melyni



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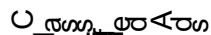
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Reproducible quality and LEGAL sketches of Dressage horses (jpeg)

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Any image may be published on www.VADACH.org

VADA-Charlottesville Schooling Show at Wolftrap Farm Results**April 27, 2008**

Judge: Kelly Farmer

Thank you Volunteers! Victoria O'Hara, Christine Colley, Jacob Pavlansky, Sara Kern, Catherine Kern,

Rider	Horse	Score	Percentage	Placing
<u>Intro A</u>				
Jennifer Sheltra	Oz	121	60.5%	1
Annie Nguyen	Hampton	120	60.0%	2
Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	119	59.5%	3
Robin Graves	Ranger	109	54.5%	4
<u>Intro B</u>				
Jennifer Sheltra	Oz	139	69.5%	1
Eliza Temeles	Aurelia	128	64.0%	2
<u>Training Level Test 1</u>				
Sarah Kern	Ranger	143	62.1%	1
Hollyn Mangione	Tax Dance	143	62.1%	2
Diane Laurie	Poppy	137	59.5%	3
Ellen Fuller	P	128	55.6%	4
Jane Dwyer	Belle	127	55.2%	5
<u>Training Level Test 2</u>				
Sarah Kern	Ranger	178	63.5%	1
Diane Laurie	Poppy	170	60.7%	2
Hollyn Mangione	Tax Dance	Excused		
<u>Training Level Test 3</u>				
Samantha Kinstle	Renaissance	171	68.4%	1
Tamara Showalter	Fiji	142	56.8%	2
<u>Training Level Test 4</u>				
Sherri Booye	AF Rebel Leader	156	62.4%	1
Tamara Showalter	Fiji	154	61.6%	2
<u>First Level Test 1</u>				
Sherri Booye	AF Rebel Leader	187	62.3%	1
Jennifer Sheltra	Oscar	185	61.6%	2
Arlene Page	Twiz	160	53.3%	3
<u>First Level Test 2</u>				
Jennifer Sheltra	Oscar	224	62.2%	1
Arlene Page	Twiz	196	54.4%	2
<u>Second Level Test 4</u>				
Diane Laurie	Leo	277	65.9%	1
<u>Third Level Test1</u>				
Hannah Darnell	Rhumba	233	59.7%	1
Jennifer Sheltra	Graphic Artist	230	58.9%	2

Alexander Technique Clinic

May 11th 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

At: Sherri Booye's house, Palmyra VA

Teacher: Jo Ann Widner RN, MS, Certified AMSAT Teacher

Inform Alexander Technique LLC

www.jowidner.com

Cost \$20.00 per person. Payable to VADA-CH

Maximum 20 students

Bring a chair and a blanket or yoga mat.

Light lunch provided at 12:30 ish, so you can socialize before hand.

What is Alexander Technique?

The Alexander Technique is a method of re-educating the body and mind to improve balance, coordination and freedom of movement. As people moving through this world, we acquire a unique “way of going” that often includes unconscious habits of tension and holding. The Alexander Technique (AT) gives riders a guide to discontinuing their habits and releasing the tension that interferes with free, fluid movement. As riders learn to move in accord with their body's design, the resulting poise allows for fluidity and ease in riding and in life. With interfering tension released, horses understand their rider's aid's more clearly, and respond with relaxation and cooperation. Horse and rider learn to move together in harmony with a heightened sense of peace and connection. Dressage riders learn to develop the supple, deep seat so important in their discipline.

What will I learn in this Clinic?

Riders will learn to use their bodies in a more fluid, efficient and effective way. They will discover improved suppleness, balance and body awareness. Riders will learn the basic movement principles of the human body, with emphasis on the head, neck and back relationship. The clinic will begin with instruction on the design of the human body as it relates to balance and movement. We will explore the body-mind connection and how to use the mind to release unconscious muscle tension. We will work as a group and in pairs. Movement work will include work done in the upright as well as on the floor. We will conclude with “mounted” demonstrations done on a wooden horse.

Contact for signing up for the AT clinic Melyni Worth: melyni@ntelos.net or call 540-294-3003.

Directions

From the east: take I-64 to exit 136, Route 15, (Palmyra, Orange, Zion's Crossroads) exit. Turn Left onto Route 15 and proceed 2 miles, crossing Route 250 in the process at the light. Turn Left onto Lake Road. Go 3/4 mile across the lake and up the hill. At the 3-way fork take the far right fork and then turn Left into the driveway at Afternoon Farm.

From the west: take I 64 to exit 136, Route 15, (Palmyra, Orange, Zion's Crossroads) exit. Turn Right onto Route 15 and proceed 2 miles, crossing Route 250 in the process at the light. Turn Left onto Lake Road. Go 3/4 mile across the lake and up the hill. At the 3-way fork take the far right fork and then turn Left into the driveway at Afternoon Farm.

From the north: take Route 15 south through Gordonsville and Zion's Crossroads. Cross over Route I-64 and Route 250 and go 1 1/5 miles past the light at Route 250 and turn Left onto Lake Road. Go 3/4 mile across the lake and up the hill. At the 3-way fork take the far right fork and then turn Left into the driveway at Afternoon Farm.

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-Half page - \$75.00

-Quarter page - \$50.00

-Business card - \$35.00



All ads should be camera ready and sent to Gardy Bloemers at the above addresses- either in print or in an e-mail. Please send your check to Gardy with the ad or on the day you e-mail it to her. No ads will be used in our Twin Shows multi-day program if no check is received by August 16.

We thank you for your support to the VADA-Ch chapter and the sport we love!

VADA-CH Chapter Meeting March 18th, 2008

Attendees:

Melyni Worth, Sandra Aldrich, Sherri Booye, Stephen Witmer, Cindy Aspden, Martha Mellish, Bettina Longaker, Lauren Forrestall, Kim Schmidt, Jan Templeton, Carter Bass, Amy Gadsden, Mary Lou Watt

The March meeting was brought to order by our chapter president, Melyni Worth at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Vinny's Restaurant. The meeting began with a membership and treasurer report by Sherri Booye. Sherri reported that we currently have 65 members and \$7263.99 in our account. Previous business was briefly discussed with an update regarding the chapter's schooling shows planning. Amy Gadsden reported that she has ordered the ribbons. Sherri Booye has offered to print an announcement to be put in the Virginia Horse Journal. The officers voted yes to permitting results from other shows to be accepted toward the chapter's year end awards as long as the show judge is an L graduate. A discussion of D&O Insurance was held. The officers agreed to resend the previous vote until more information is obtained. Sherri Booye has offered to further investigate this matter and present her findings at the next chapter meeting. The upcoming clinics to be held by our chapter were discussed. Erin Sweeney will coordinate the Helen George Clinic to be held at Wavertree Farm on June 22nd. Carter Bass and Kim Schmidt will be coordinating the mid/upper level clinic to be held at Grayson Farm in October. Amy Gadsden and Carter Bass have offered to find a mid/upper level clinician. The suggestion of Jean MacDonald or Libby Anderson was made. Further discussion is pending. Melyni reported that she was unable to contact the personnel regarding the proposed Alexander Technique Clinic. Their website is also down. Melyni is awaiting a reply. The Brian Ross "Fix a Test" was voted to be changed to an open format for riders. Each rider will be given the choice of having a lesson by Brian or valuable insight to improve their dressage tests. It was voted upon that chapter members will receive subsidizing at VADA-CH chapter clinics. The chapter will offer an "Evening With" at Sherri Booye's home in August. Kim Schmidt will be the speaker presenting results from the Loxahatchee Trainers Clinic with Jan Brink, which she attended. Dr. Mellish from Keswick Equine Clinic has offered to speak on Laminitis and Founder at "An Evening With" this summer also. Tina Longaker reported that VADA will be host to the 2009 GAGS. She also reported that Anne Gribbons is scheduled to present a clinic at Morven Park April 4th and 5th, 2009. Holly Bergay sent her sincere appreciation via Tina Longaker for the funding our chapter donated toward her riding goal. Lauren Forrestall introduced the topic of horse neglect now that the "No Horse Slaughter" Law has been passed. She suggested that the chapter donate \$1.00 from each show entry toward a horse rescue mission. A vote of yes was agreed upon. The final chapter discussion revolved around the topic of VADA-CH holding a recognized show in 2009 at Commonwealth Park possibly the dates of September 4th & 5th. This is pending at this time with more discussion to follow. With no further business the meeting was adjourned by Melyni.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Lou Watt

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Rider _____ Show _____

Horse	Level	Test	Total Points	Percentage	Judge

Show Secretary/Manager's Signature _____

Note: Submit this form within 45 days of the show date to Amy Gadsden, Awards Coordinator, P.O. Box 111 Rochelle, VA, 22738

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VADA-CH Chapter Meeting April 8, 2008

Attendees:

Melyni Worth, Sherri Booye, Martha Mellish, Nancy Lowey, Bettina Longaker, Lauren Forrestall, Kim Schmidt, Jan Templeton, Carter Bass, Amy Gadsden.

The March meeting was brought to order by our chapter president, Melyni Worth at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Vinny's Restaurant. The meeting began with a membership and treasurer report by Sherri Booye. Sherri reported that we currently have 70 members and \$7501.70 in our account. Sherri reported that the Rose Mount deposit check has not been banked yet. Both the VADA and USDF checks are still outstanding.

Schooling Shows: No managers were present at the meeting, so the hand off of all the ribbons, tests, towels, and Coggins tests reporting will need to be handed off to the Kerns. Sherri will get all this to the Kerns. It was reported that the ribbons are in good shape. At this time, it is not known what else they need. We still need a judge for the Toad Hollow show. Sherri does have volunteers for that show.

Reminder: the VADA-CH Scholarship deadline is June 26th. Sherri has received a few.

Clinic Update: Erin is working on the Helen George Clinic flyer (June 22nd) and will get it to Tina for the newsletter and website.

Brian Ross will be on May 31st at the Reuters in Barboursville. Fees: \$25 – VADA-CH member riders; \$35 – Other VADA chapter member riders; \$50 – Non-member riders; Free – VADA auditors and riders' groom; \$10 – Non-member auditors.

Joann Widner, May 11th, (Alexander Technique person) wants a shorter clinic, she has been sick. This will be at Sherri's for 2 1/2 hours only. 10 or 11 AM? **(NOTE: This has been changed to 1:30 - 3:30 pm)** Bring your own chair and carpet. Sherri's Rebel will be used.

Kim Schmidt will still present her report on the Succeed/USDF FEI Level Trainer's Conference with Jan Brink held in January at Walter & Mary Ann McPhail's facility in Loxachatchee, FL. (Jan Brink is a multiple Swedish National Dressage Champion and works with several different horse and rider teams for the video. In addition to his Swedish National Championships, Mr. Brink was the 2005 winner of the Dressage Championships in Aachen, was awarded the Individual and Team Bronze at the 2005 European Championships and was awarded the Individual Silver at the 2003 European Championships.) Kim will share with us at Linda Sommer's house and Melyni is trying to firm up a date - probably July or August.

The "Evening with Ulcers" will be on May 13th **(NOTE: this has been changed to May 20th)**. Dr. Martha Mellish will instruct us on the health of the gastro-intestinal tract and Melyni Worth will assist her. This meeting will be at the BLUE RIDGE CAFÉ in Ruckersville.

Licensed show: Our second judge is Elizabeth Lewis (S).

A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Darren Chiacchia fund. This was carried.

In a follow up to last months discussion about Equine Resque, Melyni discovered that an equine crematorium costs around \$25,000. The Equine resque was discussed and it was decided that Lauren will research the groups and report back in May.

VADA is considering putting the Purple book online only, the costs are increasing and the majority of the Chapter fee now supports just this one project. Is anyone interested in competing in the 2008 Adult Team Competition (8/2-3)? The 2009 FEI World Cup is returning to Las Vegas (April 15-19).

The meeting was adjourned by Melyni.

Respectfully submitted by Bettina Longaker.

**Virginia Dressage Association -
Charlottesville Chapter
Dressage Schooling Shows**

Sunday April 27

Wolftrap Farm, Esmont, VA
Dressage Training Show
Judge: Kelly Farmer
Closing Date: April 18th
Food will be catered

Saturday, May 17

Toad Hollow Farm, Crozet, VA
Dressage Training Show
Judge: Tristin Hardy
Closing Date: May 9th

Saturday, November 1

Dressage and Combined Training Show
Annual Halloween Costume Class after Lunch
Grayson Farm Scottsville, VA
Judges: TBD
Closing Date: October 24th

Directions:

WOLFTRAP FARM, ESMONT (April 27th show) From Charlottesville: Take Route 29 to Route 6. Take Route 6 east for approximately 9 miles. Turn right onto Route 715, Proceed 1 mile and turn right into Wolftrap Farm.

From Scottsville: Take Route 6 west towards Charlottesville for approximately 8 miles. Turn left onto Route 715. Proceed 1 mile and turn right into Wolftrap Farm

TOAD HOLLOW FARM, CROZET (May 17th 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 (Rt680) 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 Tnpk. Go 1.7 miles to Cannon Brook Way. Left on Cannon Brook Way. Farm is 2nd driveway on the right.

GRAYSON FARM, SCOTTSVILLE (November 1st show) Take Interstate 64 to exit 121A, Route 20 South. Form the first traffic light after the exit, travel 13.2 miles to Route 713 (Glendower Road). Left on Rte 713 for .6 mile. The farm entrance is on the Left. You will pass the main entrance to Grayson on Rt. 20 – do not use this entrance, please continue to the Route 713 entrance.

Dressage Tests Available: (for all Shows) 2006 Introductory Tests A & B, USDF 2007 Training Level Through 4th Level; USEA 2006: Beginner Novice A & B, Novice A & B, Training A & B, and Preliminary A & B; USDF Musical Freestyle (Musical Freestyle tests for Toad Hollow only)

Combined Tests: (for Grayson) Combined Training dressage will be in the morning, Dressage-Only will be in the afternoon. The following CT Divisions are offered:

TadPole: Open to riders or horses too inexperienced to ride in other divisions. USDF 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 USCTA. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2'. USDF Introductory Test B.

Beginner Novice: 2006 USEA Novice Test B. Stadium Jumps not to exceed 2' 7".

Novice: 2006 USEA Novice Test B Stadium Jumps not to exceed- 2' 11"

Training: 2006 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.

*****Special Costume Class after the lunch Break \$5.00 Entry Fee**Grand Prize for Overall Best Costume*****

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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.
- ☐ NO DOGS ALLOWED on grounds.
- ☐ Ride times will be emailed by Thursday morning 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. 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: \$25.00 per test VADA Adult Members: \$20.00 per test Junior Riders: \$18.00 per test
	<u>Combined Training Classes:</u>	Non-VADA Adult Members: \$40.00 VADA Adult Members: \$30.00 Junior Riders: \$27.50
	<u>Costume Class:</u>	November 1 st show only \$5.00
	<u>Late fee:</u>	\$5.00 per rider/horse combination (after closing date)

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:

May 17th show: VADA-CH c/o Renee Shifflett, 4333 Cannon Brook Way, Charlottesville, VA 22901 434-823-4330 toadhollow01@aol.com

Nov 1st show: VADA-CH c/o Molly Armentrout, PO Box 115 Doswell, VA 23047 804-363-0969 mollyarmentrout@yahoo.com

ENTRY FORM (Please print) Copy for each show

Show Date: (please circle):

May 17
(closing date 05/09)

Nov 1
(closing date 10/24)

Name: _____ Phone (____) _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Circle one: VADA Member? No Yes, Chapter _____ Senior Junior (Age if Junior) _____

Email _____

Name of Horse _____

Tests to be ridden:

Fee:

FEE:\$ _____

FEE:\$ _____

FEE:\$ _____

TOTAL FEES:

\$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____



To complete registration for the show the accompanying release of liability waiver must be signed by the participant or guardian. Failure to sign a waiver will result in being barred from showing at this event as will failure to provide a copy of the Coggins test.

VADA-CH Charlottesville Schooling Show

Circle Date: May 17 November 1, 2008

RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER, AND INDEMNIFICATION

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 risks inherent in 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 risks inherent in 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:

§ 3.1-796.132 Liability Limited, Liability Actions Prohibited

A. Except as provided in § 3.1-796.133, 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 inherent risks of equine activities and, except as provided in § 3.1-796.133, 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 inherent risks of equine activities.

B. Except as provided in § 3.1-796.133, 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 inherent risks 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 if Participant, etc. _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

**A TRIBUTE TO LILLIAN OLIVER – VADA FOUNDED MEMBER
1922-2008**

by Mary Callan



Every one of us who has ever attended or ridden in a local dressage show knew her. Whether it was to offer up a word of encouragement, give a spot on critique of a ride, fix a drooping hairstyle, take a picture, shoot a video, or simply watch and enjoy, Lillian Oliver could be found at almost every show. With her program and pen in hand, she'd be chatting away with judges, competitors and spectators alike. She obviously loved every minute, and in turn, everyone adored her. But how does one attempt to give an account of the texture and significance of the life of someone who touched so many of our lives? We must start with a little known fact: what many of us probably don't realize is that Lillian was hugely instrumental in the founding of the original Virginia Dressage Association back in 1971. Lillian herself puts it best in an essay she wrote in 1986 describing this period of time:

“Twenty five years ago, with zero dollars and only a dream, the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA) was born. The State of Virginia, known for its excellence in equestrians and fine horses, could not lay claim to one organization devoted exclusively to dressage, and had to rely on the prestigious Potomac Valley Dressage Association (PVDA)...It is difficult, now, to recall that the very word “dressage” was foreign to almost all of us;

many did not know what it really meant..., nor was it able to be spelled and pronounced correctly. The educating of the horse community with respect to the importance of knowing how to properly train and communicate with the horse, was going to be a top priority if we were to be able to ‘entice’ the many we needed to join with us to be successful in our endeavor...Oh, how quickly the decision was made (to form VADA) and we sent the ball rolling down the slope that had no visible end.”

Lillian, in fact, retired from her career as a nurse with the Public Health Department at this time in order to better serve the newly formed VADA, with all its trials and tribulations, serving in various capacities, including President. Over the next twenty five years, VADA accomplished a great deal, rising in 1986 to become the second largest dressage association in the United States. Lillian herself speculated as to what the next twenty five years would hold for VADA:

“I believe I speak for all when I say ‘much heartfelt thanks’ to all who, over the years, have served, so unselfishly in giving of their time, energy and expertise in making, and keeping, the Virginia Dressage Association intact, and on course; hopefully, to someday celebrate a fiftieth anniversary.”

And a heartfelt thank you to Lillian, who dedicated herself, and gave of her time and energy to help build VADA into one of the largest and most respected organizations within the United States Dressage Federation. We will all miss her smiling face and undying love of the sport of dressage.

**IN MEMORIAM
LILLIAN OLIVER
1922 - 2008**

-Linda Konigsberg

Many people thought of Lillian Oliver as “a piece of work!” In fact, I also thought she was a piece of work – an extraordinary piece of work. Lillian was endowed with boundless energy, unwavering conviction, a sense of purpose, and unbridled motivation. She had an overwhelming personality and a phenomenal sense of humor and, if Lillian had a goal, WATCH OUT. Of all her assets, however, and probably most important, she also possessed a heart of gold and a warmth that most can only imagine.

When I first met Lillian, I was in my mid-twenties. Since I’m sixty-two now, you can do the math. Suffice it to say, I knew her a long time. Anyone meeting her for the first time immediately felt the openness and warmth with which she greeted any stranger. She had an uncanny ability to accept the faults of others because she always recognized their frailties and sympathized with their weaknesses. At the time of our meeting, I was a beginner in dressage working under the tutelage of her daughter, Linda. It wasn’t long before I understood Lillian’s love of the sport. How often do I remember her leaning out of her kitchen window to bellowing across the field to correct something or add a bit of advice! “Too quick, not enough angle, he’s not on the bit, sit up, sit back, sit down!!” Whatever it was, she was more often than not, correct. We often joked that sometime around midnight Lillian would don a miner’s hat, turn on the light and practice her dressage when no one was watching!

Lillian’s support of the sport is something with which most people are not familiar. VADA was the sole idea of Lillian’s because she felt that the state of Virginia was important and big enough to support its own association. VADA was started one day in Lillian’s living room upon her idea with Lillian, myself, and Anne Layton in attendance. From that point until I saw her a few years ago at a show at Morven Park at the age of 83, she continued to work on and support dressage in one way or another. Lillian was also somewhat responsible for a number of other advances in the sport. For instance, at the inception of the United States Dressage Federation, she was often on the phone with its founder, Lowell Boomer, offering assistance as best she could. It was also her idea and is evidenced by letters to the American Horse Shows Association that judges scores at competitions should be presented electronically immediately after each movement. This has been adopted at major competitions today.

From its inception, Lillian worked tirelessly for the VADA, whether it be competitions, clinics, education, constitutions, emblems, advertising. The list goes on and on. Anyone who takes advantage of the many benefits that VADA now offers, whether it be scholarships, competitions, clinics, etc., has Lillian Oliver to thank; and we should all be grateful for her inexhaustible efforts on our behalf.

Lillian’s energy went even beyond her efforts for VADA. I once arrived at her home only to find her on a ladder scraping and painting the entire exterior of her house. Another time in the mid-summer’s heat, she was decorating and installing beds in the tack room of a VERY HOT horse trailer or she was adding siding and flooring to the interior of the barn tack room! Many nights I would find her knitting or making quilts for her family or others. With all this, she always had time to make YOU feel special, welcomed, cared for, and even loved. If you were there early in the morning, she made breakfast. In the evening, you were always invited for dinner. If you were sad, she was sympathetic; if you were happy, she would celebrate your joy; if you were sick, she offered healing advice. Her love, joy, pride and support of her family was supreme. It was always evident that nothing was more important to her than Linda and Barbara and, later, her beloved grandchildren. I often found myself somewhat jealous of being outside of that tight, loving, albeit eccentric, quirky circle that was their family. If it were possible for a young adult to adopt a parent, I would have adopted Lillian.

I am devastated that I did not have a chance to say goodbye to Lillian and to tell her how much she meant to me. And I hope her family knows that Lillian will live on in my memory and the memories of all those left behind who are the benefactors of her life with us.

**APPLICATION FOR 2008 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING
VADA – CHARLOTTESVILLE CHAPTER**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Member No. _____

Level for which Applying (Circle One):

Third Level or Below

Fourth Level and Above

Must be submitted by June 20, 2008 to:

Sherri Booye, Treasurer, VADA
721 Lake Road
Troy, VA 22974



CLINIC or FIX-A-TEST

with

BRIAN ROSS

S Dressage Judge

Also Eventing Dressage Judge and TD

Saturday, May 31, 2008

at European Performance Horses in Barboursville, VA

45 minute sessions for either fix-a-test or clinic

Fix-a-tests will run first, then the clinic sessions

Fees: \$25 – VADA-CH member riders

\$35 – Other VADA chapter member riders

\$50 – Non-member riders

Free – VADA auditors and riders' groom

\$10 – Non-member auditors

Directions: Farm is at 5317 Stony Point Road (Route 20), Barboursville, VA. From Pantops area, get on Route 20 north at the base of Pantops, go 12.1 miles to farm entrance on right. From Route 29, go north to Route 33 in Ruckersville and take a right on 33. Go to Barboursville and take a right on Route 20 south, go 2.6 miles to farm entrance on left.

Name _____ Horse _____

Fix-Test → list level and test _____

Clinic → list horse's level _____

Rider fee (see above) \$ _____ VADA No. _____

Auditor fee (see above) \$ _____ VADA No. _____

Comments/special requests _____

Mail entry, coggins, waiver and check to:

Amy Gadsden, P.O Box 111, Rochelle, VA 22738

Questions: 434-974-2268 (days) 540-672-6390 (evenings)

2008 USDF ADULT TEAM COMPETITION

The Virginia Dressage Association is seeking competitors for the USDF/State Line Tack Region 1 Adult Team Competition, which is being hosted by the Virginia Dressage Association in Culpeper, VA on August 2-3, 2008. VADA would like to field teams at Intro through Fourth Level, and FEI Test of Choice. Both professionals and amateurs are eligible to compete.

To encourage participation and help defray costs, VADA will pay the team entry fee (one team at each level). Team members are responsible for transportation, lodging, and stabling costs, though teams are encouraged to trailer together and find sponsors to defray competition expenses. There is a competitors' party on Saturday night, and which all team riders are encouraged to attend. If riders choose to ride a MFS, they are responsible for covering the entry fee for that class.

Applicants should provide 4 scores from the level at which the competitor wishes to ride or the next higher level using the attached form. While we would like to have competitive teams at each level, we would also like representation from all of VADA's chapters, so we have not required a minimum average score in order to submit a team application. In addition, to encourage broad participation in this fun team (schooling) show, we invite riders who have not recently competed to apply. If you do not have scores to submit, please send any information you have (i.e., videotapes, score sheets from Fix-A-Test clinics) to show that you are able to ride at the level for which you are applying.

The competition will include musical freestyles, so please indicate whether you would like to compete in the freestyle class. Note that a freestyle may be entered at the same level as the team ride or one level below. Riders are responsible for paying the entry fee for the MFS class.

Please submit applications, and negative Coggins, by **June 15, 2008** to Team Coordinator Wendy Murray, 124 Rockland Terrace, Suffolk, VA 23434.

Competitors will be notified by July 1 if they have been selected to represent VADA at the team competition.

For more information about the competition, please refer to the VADA website (www.virginiadressage.org). If you have any questions regarding the VADA teams, please contact Team Coordinator, Wendy Murray at 757-328-3700, vablond25@aol.com.

**The VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
is seeking team competitors for the
USDF ADULT TEAM COMPETITION
Hosted by the Virginia Dressage Association
August 2-3, 2008
Commonwealth Park
Culpeper, Virginia**

Teams include Introductory Level through FEI, plus Musical Freestyle. VADA will pay entry fees for all team members (excluding MFS class). Riders are responsible for transportation to the show and stabling costs. Amateurs and professionals welcome. *Successful applicants will be notified by July 1, 2008.*

Please complete the form below (include 4 scores from the level at which you seek to compete or the next higher level). If you have not competed your horse, please send whatever information you have that shows your ability to compete at the level for which you are applying. **Please send application, with negative Coggins, by June 15, 2008** to:

Wendy Murray
124 Rockland Terrace
Suffolk, VA 23434
757-328-3700
vablond25@aol.com

For more information about the competition, please see the VADA website, www.virgriadressage.org.

Name of rider: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name of horse: _____
Team Level: _____ Freestyle ____ no ____ yes _____ level

<i>SHOW</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TEST</i>	<i>SCORE</i>

VADA Charlottesville

presents an outstanding clinic with

Helen George

June 21, 2008 at Wavertree Hall Stables, Afton, VA.

VADA Charlottesville proudly presents a clinic with its own chapter member Helen George.

Helen is a USEF "r" judge who has trained through Grand Prix and shown through Intermediare I. She holds numerous local, state, and national awards including VADA State FEI Freestyle Champion.

A graduate of Averett College with a BS in Equine Science and BHSAI, her exposure to eventing in college sparked an interest in and love for dressage.

Helen teaches upper and lower level riders and is pleased to work with different breeds of horses. She believes one of the great attractions of dressage is the perpetual opportunity to learn and improve.

In 2008 She is working toward the Prix St. Georges debut of TB gelding "Somethingtoharbor" and the Training Level debut of her homebred youngster "Shrek".

Cost: \$40 per 45 minute session VADA Ch Members
\$60 per 45 minute session non-VADA CH Members

Clinic Information and Registration contact:
Erin Sweeney (434) 960-6867 erin@dressage.cc

Host Facility: Wavertree Hall website www.wavertreehall.com



Helen and Shrek

**VADA Charlottesville Clinic with Helen George June 21, 2008
At Wavertree Hall Stables, Afton, VA**

Rider Application

RIDER INFORMATION

Rider Name _____

VADA Charlottesville Member ____yes ____no

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Current regular instructor _____

Other instructors you have previously worked with

HORSE INFORMATION

Horse's Name _____

Breed _____

Age _____ Height _____ Color _____

Sex (Mare, Gelding, Stallion) _____

Sire _____

Dam _____

Owner's Name (if different than rider)

**ALL FEES AND COPY OF CURRENT COGGINS TEST WILL BE DUE UPON
SUBMISSION OF RIDER APPLICATION**

LIABILITY RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL

I understand that the Virginia Dressage Association, Charlottesville Staff, clinic organizers, volunteers, clinician, facility, facility staff, hosting organization, sponsors or anyone acting on their behalf are not responsible for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, riders, spectators, or any other person in connection with this clinic. By signing this form, I agree to abide by all USEF/USDF/VADA rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this clinic. **Regardless of any agreements between the rider and the horse's owner, the rider, as the clinic participant, is ultimately responsible for paying all applicable fees to VADA-CH.**

Rider's Signature - Date

Please send completed application and check payable to VADA CH to:
Erin Sweeney
15235 Madison Run Rd
Gordonsville, VA 22942

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

_____ 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:

___ Show Secretary___ Show Scoring___ Newsletter
___ Show Manager___ Show Program___ Awards
___ Show Scribe___ Show Runner___ Clinics
___ 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



May Events

Alexander Technique Clinic
May 11@ Sherri Booye's house

VADA-CH Schooling Show
May 17@ Toad Hollow Farm, Crozet

VADA-CH Monthly Meeting
May 20th, 6 PM @ the Blue Ridge Cafe,
Ruckersville, followed immediately by the "Evening With" the Drs...

VADA-CH Clinic with Brian Ross
May 31@ European Performance Horses, Barboursville

