

April 2015

Piaffe & Passage

Enter at A

The joys? of horse shopping

Looking for a new horse, at least for me, is not an enjoyable activity. It's one thing to go along as an observer for someone else. You get to see a lot of different horses, take photos and videos for a friend, and sort of window shop. But when you're the one who is in need of a new partner it's a whole different ball game.

About 2 years ago, Ziggy, my Shire cross, started having some medical issues which unfortunately are not correctable. I started half-heartedly looking at ads all the while just being able to play with him. It finally reached a point where I was really missing the riding aspect of horse ownership so I started searching in earnest.

My situation is probably similar to some of you. I've ridden for years but as time has gone on I've become rather timid and since this will be my last horse I don't want to make a wrong choice. I tend to keep my horses and there are just so many stalls in the barn! I've been lucky in that the majority of horses I've owned were the right temperament for me-laid back, easy-going, not super sensitive but yet not dead-heads.

Before the Internet made horse shopping easier, you had to read all the classifieds in both newspapers and magazines, visit the tack shops and feed stores to check bulletin boards, and then spend hours driving from one farm to another in the hopes of finding the right horse.

Now you not only can see a photo but quite often there will be videos as well which does make it easier to narrow down choices. But you still have to see the horse in person, so driving all over creation is not eliminated.

In my case, finding a replacement for Saint Ziggy (as a friend of mine calls him) is daunting. He's the horse who restored my confidence after losing faith in my riding ability when a previous horse launched me into the air. While not necessarily a dressage star, he's exactly what I need

both under saddle and on the ground-an in your pocket kind of guy and one who takes care of me. Add to that the fact that all the horses I've felt most at home on have been of the wide variety. While I know that this body type is not ideal for my shorter legs, it's what I've been comfortable with for years. And because of Zig I've become enamored of draft crosses.

I've run the gamut searching ads from 4yo to 15yo, 14.3h to 16h, gelding or mare, trail horses, pleasure horses, dressage, hunters, and everything else in between. I've lost count of how many "horse for sale" websites I've bookmarked. It's become almost an obsession, checking them multiple times a day, hoping some new ad will pop up. Getting to watch videos has been a big help in eliminating those who wouldn't suit.

For the most part, the sellers have been very forthcoming when I've called or emailed. I always say that I'm not a bold rider and that my first requirement is temperament. Generally, I think they've not tried to get me to look at a horse that would be a little too "sparky" for me. However, this whole process has gotten rather old and I'm ready for it to be over.

So where am I in my search? Well, I may have found one that's promising. While I'm not a superstitious person, I'm not going into any details at this point. If things turn out favorably, you will hear about it in an upcoming issue. ☺



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20168-0354

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P.O.Box 398
Hamilton, VA 20159

Barb



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All VADA/Nova Board of Directors' meetings are open to the general membership; the Board welcomes any visitors. The meetings are held the **second Monday** of each month at 7:15 PM at Morven Park International Equestrian Center (in the classroom next to the lounge). For directions, you may contact any of the Board members or go to our website at www.vadanova.org and click on "Shows" There you will find a link with directions to Morven Park.

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Deadline is the 20th of the month.

Send to: Barbara Pickering, PO Box 354, Haymarket, Va., 20168-0354

Phone: 703-754-8506 Email: goldenmorgan@verizon.net



**SUMMARY MINUTES
VADA/Nova Board Meeting
March 9, 2015-Morven Park**

The meeting started at 7:20 pm
There were eleven Board members present with three excused.
There was one guest.

Treasurer's Report: Alison said that there was \$71,240.12 in the regular account, and the Special account remains unchanged.

Licensed Shows: Dianne Boyd reported that all staff are in place for the April Licensed show. She is still trying to organize the food vendor. There are 10 entries to date- this should pick up as the weather improves. There will probably be 5 rings, as this is the first big show of the season.

Schooling Shows: Jessie reported that she has enough volunteers for the March 22 show. There are about 40 rides so far with entries still coming in.
Frying Pan Park June show- (see the announcement in the column to the right) The June 27 show will now be held at Looking Glass Farm (prize list on page 5) and we will look for a venue for Aug. 20.

Fix-a-Test: Alison reported that as of 3/9/15 there were 11 rides.

Membership: Barb reported that so far there are 214 members.

Banquet: Sheli has sent the contract to River Creek Country Club for the 2016 Banquet

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Diann Landau
Secretary

Attention Schooling Show Competitors

Once again we needed to make a change with our August 20 schooling show. Frying Pan Park is not exclusively for horse events and sometimes there is more than one event scheduled at the same time. These events are not always compatible with horse activities.

We felt it was in the best interest of competitors and horses to find another venue.

Check the newsletter and web site at a later date for the new details.

**Thank you to the following people who volunteered at the Kathy Rowse Fix-A-Test on March 21.
We appreciate your efforts.**

**Diann Carpenter, Alison Head,
Sheli King and Sonya Paxton.**



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set up, take down (these receive double hours and bucks), steward, runner,
scribe, scorer, and awards.

Golf cart drivers are needed for licensed shows.

1. Licensed Show on April 4-5 at Morven Park

Contact Volunteer Recruiter Kathy Bennett at 703-328-8102 or ricandkat@verizon.net

2. Licensed Show on June 5-7 at Morven Park

Contact Volunteer Recruiter Donna Gatchell at 703-303-3446 or sporthorseuk@patriot.net

3. Schooling Show on June 27 at Looking Glass Farm

Contact Show Manager Dilly Jackson 304-283-6959 or mandrakefarm@gmail.com



Homestead Farm 2015 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES 8382 Burwell Road Catlett, VA



	4/25	5/23	6/27
SHOW DATES:	4/25	5/23	6/27
OPENING DATE:	3/23	4/27	5/25
CLOSING DATES:	4/17	5/15	6/19
Judges:	Jessie Ginsburg, L Graduate	Linda Fragale, L Graduate	Aviva Nebesky, L Graduate

* *Please include current Coggins & payment(s). * *

Manager: Lisa Johnson, 571-214-2938 lisajohnson68@gmail.com
Secretary: Lisa Johnson, 11893 Bristow Village Blvd., Bristow, VA 20136
571-214-2938 lisajohnson68@gmail.com

Fees: \$30/test \$10 post entry fee \$25 Non-competing horse (must bring Coggins)

Checks: Make check payable to **Bender Brothers**

Classes: Intro through FEI, USEF and FEI freestyle, Pas de Deux

Other info: NO DOGS ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS. Hard hats required when mounted. Food will be available. Large bluestone/rubber outdoor for warm-up. Standard size arena with sand/rubber footing for competition. Times available on website www.homesteadhorses.com the Wednesday prior to the show

Awards: High Score and Reserve High Score award at each show (excluding Intro and MFS). Series high score awards and prizes (attend two or more shows, highest average score).

**Complete details, directions and entry form may be found on the Homestead web site:
www.homesteadhorses.com or on the VADA/Nova website
www.vadanova.org (see calendar page)**

2015 VADA/Nova Schooling Shows

Show Date: May 16, 2015
Opening Date: March 16, 2015

Entry Due: May 7, 2015

Place: Compass Rose Farm, Haymarket, VA
Manager: Ursula Moore
703-830-1965
jeffursula15@cox.net

Secretary: Judy Grass
2901 Fox Mill Rd
Herndon, VA 20171
703-620-4923
grass@ccr.org

Judges: Jan Garlitz (L)

Day of show phone #: 703-915-3060

Stalls: No stalls available at this show.

Grounds fee: None

Please- dogs should be kept on a leash or preferably left at home

**Tests offered: Intro through Grand Prix, Para-Equestrian, MFS Training through Grand Prix,
Pas de Deux, USEA Eventing, Rider Tests, USEF Western Dressage**

If an entry comes in before the opening date, it will be considered received 3 days after the opening date.

**See the calendar page on the VADA/Nova web site: www.vadanova.org
for a complete prize list with directions and additional information
as well as the entry form**

Show Date: June 27, 2015
Opening Date: April 27, 2015

Entry Due: June 18, 2015

Place: Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
Manager: Dilly Jackson
304-283-6959
mandrakefarm@gmail.com

Secretary: Alison Head
38595 Purple Martin Ln
Hamilton, VA 20158
540-729-4847
lookingglassfarm@mac.com

Judge: Angela Voss (L Graduate)

NO DOGS ALLOWED. NO EXEPTIONS

Day of show phone #: 540-729-4847

Stalls: No stalls available at this show.

Grounds fee: None

**Tests offered: Intro through Grand Prix, Para-Equestrian, MFS Training through Grand Prix,
Pas de Deux, USEA Eventing, Rider Tests, USEF Western Dressage**

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VADA/Nova Schooling Show at Morven Park
March 22, 2015
Judge: Nancy Lowey (R)

USEA TOC

1. Alexis Clymore	A Lil Hanky Panky(N-B)	68.000
2. Alexis Clymore	A Lil Hanky Panky (N-A)	66.957

Intro Level Test A

1. Ursula Moore	Cosmopolitan	66.250
2. Ursula Moore	Washingtonian	65.313
3. Megan Giusti	Jolie	63.125

Intro Level Test B

1. Ursula Moore	Cosmopolitan	70.000
2. Ursula Moore	Washingtonian	64.375
3. Jess Howard	Rhodesian Sky	63.750
4. Megan Giusti	Jolie	59.000
5. Julianne Brownson	Sonatina CHS	56.250

Intro Level Test C

1. Jess Howard	Rhodesian Sky	59.500
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Training Level Test 1

1. Allison Spivey	Back in the Day	68.913
2. Julianne Brownson	Lingfield Park	63.696
3. Katherine Coviello	CCS Silinde	61.957
4. Erin Peabody	Shannon	61.522
5. Barbara Gildea	Ravel	56.957

Training Level Test 2

1. Allison Spivey	Back in the Day	70.000
2. Stephanie Alvord	Rosie	65.000
3. Katherine Coviello	CCS Silinde	61.731
4. Barbara Gildea	Ravel	59.231
5. Erin Peabody	Shannon	55.577

Training Level Test 3

1. Stephanie Alvord	Rosie	68.410
2. Deborah Olson	Cooley Krafty	59.773
3. Emma Jacobs	Sassy Silhouette	57.727

First Level Test 1

1. Julie Henry	Espadin	62.778+
2. Deborah Olson	Cooley Krafty	62.778
3. Emma Jacobs	Sassy Silhouette	56.481

First Level Test 2

1. Tiffany Hattler	Barraco	62.500
2. Erin Viel	Benedick	60.625
3. Malena Brisbois	Amadeus	58.750

First Level Test 3

1. Tiffany Hattler	Barraco	58.676
2. Malena Brisbois	Amadeus	58.382
3. Erin Viel	Benedick	57.647
4. Julie Henry	Espadin	56.912

Second Level Test 3

1. Chelsea Spiegel	Fernando	58.293
2. Judith Knopp	Papageno	57.805

Third Level Test 3

1. Sally Buchheister	Whispers	63.462
2. Katherine Breiner	LC Galanton	58.333

FEI TOC

1. Hannah Bauer	Trustful (PSG)	63.553
2. Kristin Counterman	Three Times (Jr Team)	63.378
3. Thorsten Kramer	Altair's Luck (II)	61.579
4. Brandi Benedict	Hot Mama (PSG)	55.789

FEI Pony Team

1. Kristin Counterman	Esperanza	60.641
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FEI 6 year old test

1. Katherine Breiner	Pirata xxxIII	6.8
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**High Score for the show:
(excluding Intro and USEA)**

**Allison Spivey and Back in the Day
Training Level Test 2 70.000%**



**Just like last year, we find our show secretary,
Diann Carpenter, wrapped in a blanket to ward off the
cold. Only this time she brought an electric one!**



**Manager Jessie Ginsburg is still smiling at the end of a
long day-even as she takes out the trash!**

**Congratulations to the following VADA/Nova members who qualified for the
November 7th Championship Schooling Show.
Complete details and requirements may be found in your Greenbook on pages 39-41 and
on the prize list posted on the web site: www.vadanova.org**

Intro Level Test B

Ursula Moore/Cosmopolitan

Third Level Test 3

Katherine Breiner/LC Galanton

PSG

Hannah Bauer/Trustful

Manager's Recipe for a Successful Show

-by Jessie Ginsburg

Prepare in Advance:

- Get experienced secretary: **Diann Carpenter**
- Obtain professional, pleasant Judge: **Nancy Lowey**
- Recruit seven awesome volunteers:
 - Scribe: **Wendy Bebie**; Scorers: **Debbie Marriott and Teace Markwalter**;
 - Runners: **Cathy Scholten and Amy Hedden**; Ring Steward: **Muriel Nanninga**;
 - Awards/Hospitality/Set Up: **Katie King**
- Set aside

Day before:

- Pick up 10 boxes of equipment
- Buy plentiful refreshments
- Set aside

Day of show:

- Combine all of the above at Morven Park show grounds
- Add 31 horses competing
- Make three trips to Walmart/Target to replace broken equipment
- Pick up lunch for volunteers at Panera
- Admire high score ride of Allison Spivey and Back in the Day
- Thank volunteers for all of their help
- Serve chilled (high of 46 degrees)

**Thank you to Manager Jessie Ginsburg, Secretary Diann Carpenter
and all our volunteers for a job well done.**



**Our efficient scoring team of Debbie Marriott
and Teace Markwalter**

Member of the Month

VADA/Nova's member of the month for the month of April is Mark Foulon. Mark and his family moved to Potomac, MD 15 years ago. He has one son, Benjamin, who has graduated from college and now lives in New Jersey. He also has a daughter, Jennifer, who is

currently studying at Princeton, when she is not in Florida for the winter or somewhere else for a horse show.

Originally from Spokane, Washington, Mark went to school in Connecticut, and moved to the DC area in 1983 to join the State Department. He spent ten years as a Foreign Service Officer, mostly in the Middle East, living in such places as Beirut, Tunis, and Jerusalem. After a number of post-Foreign Service intermediate stops in private business and the government, Mark took a position at the National Defense University in Washington, DC, where he teaches economics to colonels and captains on their way to becoming generals and admirals.

Mark was first introduced to VADA/Nova in the early days of his daughter Jennifer's riding career. He remembers fondly the first few years when he would drop her off at Morven Park the day of a show, go have a cup of coffee and read the newspaper, then show up in time to watch her ride. These days, when Jennifer participates in a show, Mark is there for support throughout the whole day from early morning stall mucking to hand walking the horse afterward. As this will be Jennifer's last year in Young Riders, Mark is hoping for one more trip to the North American Championships and the Festival of Champions with his daughter.

Although Mark jokes that he doesn't need a horse as he has a daughter that comes equipped with them, the Foulon family currently has two horses. Ferrero, aka Furley, is a 15 year old Hanoverian gelding who thinks he is a dog. They have had him since he was 4. Their other horse, Mr. M, is an 8 year old of somewhat indeterminate breed. They think he may be an Estonian Sport Horse or Swedish Warmblood, although he is registered as an American Warmblood.

When not at a horse show with his daughter Mark finds he still cannot stay away, and when possible tries to volunteer for VADA/Nova. According to Mark, he has come to admire VADA/Nova for the remarkable services they provide to area riders, and tries to support the organization when he can. Through watching his daughter Jennifer ride and compete, Mark says that he has come to admire horse people by developing a true appreciation for the difficulty of the sport. He admires people that ride and compete and has developed a better understanding of the years of long days, hard work, and real pain it takes to make if all look effortless. A VADA/Nova member for several years, Mark has volunteered as a runner, golf cart driver and helped with set-up.



Mark and "the boys"

submitted by Donna Gatchell



Willow Way Riding Stables 2015 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES 1600 Loudoun Drive, Haymarket, VA www.willowwayridingstables.com



SHOW DATES:	5/24	10/25
OPENING DATES:	3/01	8/01
CLOSING DATES:	5/16	10/18
Judges:	Aviva Nebesky, L Graduate	Trish DeRosa, L Graduate

**Please include current Coggins & payment(s). **

Manager: Mike Moran, 703-999-8040

Secretary: Jen Moran, 1600 Loudoun Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169, 703-999-8040,
jennifermoran@willowwayridingstables.com

Co-Secretary: Judy Grass, grass@ccr.org 703-620-4923

Fees: \$30/test \$10 post entry fee

Checks: Make check payable to **Willow Way Riding Stables**

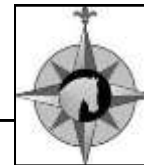
Classes: Intro through FEI, USEF and FEI freestyle

Other info: **NO DOGS ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Hard hats required. Refreshments available. Large grass warm-up area as well as grass round pen for lunging. Ring is bluestone base with river sand. Entries must be complete with show form, current Coggins and fees. Times available on website at www.willowwayridingstables.com on the Wed. prior to the show or call the secretary.

Awards: High score and reserve at each show (excluding Intro).

**Directions and entry form are on the web site: www.willowwayridingstables.com
or on the VADA/Nova web site: www.vadanova.org (see calendar page)**

Compass Rose Farm Dressage Schooling Shows for 2015
Compass Rose Farm. 2714 Logmill Rd. Haymarket, VA 20169



Date	Judge
Sunday, May 17 Opens: March 16 Closes: May 6	Aviva Nebesky (L)
Sunday, June 24 Opens: April 13 Closes: June 3	Sherry Meier (L)
Sunday, October 11 (Costumes!) Opens: August 10 Closes: Sept. 30	Jan Garlitz (L)

Secretary:
Judy Grass 2901 Fox Mill Rd, Herndon, VA 20171
H: 703-620-4923 C: 703-915-3060 grass@ccr.org
Mail entries to the above address only.
Do NOT mail entries to the FARM!

Manager:
Jen Moran, 703-999-8040
jmoranwillowway@yahoo.com

Fees: \$30 per test, \$10 post entry fee, \$25 non-competing horse.
Mail all entries to Judy Grass, 2901 Fox Mill Rd, Herndon, VA 20171
Please include a copy of a current Coggins Test with your entry. There are no refunds after closing date.

Checks: Make check payable to Compass Rose Farm, LLC

Classes: USDF/USEF Intro-Fourth, FEI, Freestyles, Rider Tests, Para-Equestrian, USEA Eventing

Other Info: Our dogs will not be here show day, so please leave yours at home. Protective Helmets required when mounted. Tests ridden in standard sized arena with sand/rubber footing. Sand rings available for warm-up. Times will be posted on the farm website the Wednesday before the show: www.compassrosefarm.com. See our website for specific show information.

Each rider must sign a liability waiver from Compass Rose Farm. Riders under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian. We will have these for you on show day. For young riders who will be accompanied by only a trainer, we can email you a form to have signed by a parent or other legal guardian

Awards: High score and Reserve High Score (excludes Intro, Rider's Tests and MFS). Series High Average Score Awards – attend last show and at least one other.

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for any changes or corrections

Key: LS= licensed show SS=schooling show

April 4,5 LS VN Spring Dressage, Morven Park
Tina Longaker 540-832-7611 vadvirag8@gmail.com

April 25 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
Lisa Johnson, 571-214-2938 lisajohnson68@gmail.com

May 16 SS VADA/Nova, Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

May 17 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

May 23 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
Lisa Johnson, 571-214-2938 lisajohnson68@gmail.com

May 24 SS Willow Way Riding Stables, Haymarket, VA
Jen Moran 703-999-8040 jmoran@willowwayridingstables.com

June 5 LS VN Summer I Dressage, Morven Park
Tina Longaker 540-832-7611 vadvirag8@gmail.com

June 6,7 LS VN Summer II Dressage, Morven Park
Tina Longaker 540-832-7611 vadvirag8@gmail.com

June 14 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

June 27 SS VN Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
Alison Head 540-729-4847 lookingglassfarm@mac.com

July 25-26 USDF/Youth Team Competition, Morven Park
Tina Longaker 540-832-7611 vadvirag8@gmail.com

June 27 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
Lisa Johnson, 571-214-2938 lisajohnson68@gmail.com

Aug 9 SS VADA/Nova, Morven Park
Laura Celia 1-802-233-7404 laura.celia@gmail.com

Aug 15 SS VADA Chapter Challenge, Doswell, VA
details to follow

Aug 20 TBD

Sept 12,13 LS VADA/Nova Autumn Dressage, Morven Park
Dianne Boyd 703-850-9704 greyhorse11@gmail.com

Oct. 10 SS VADA/Nova, Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Stephanie Corum 301-223-5415 sjruffian@aol.com

Oct 11 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

Oct 25 SS Willow Way Riding Stables, Haymarket, VA
Jen Moran 703-999-8040 jmoran@willowwayridingstables.com

Nov. 7 SS VADA/Nova Championship Schooling Show, Morven Park
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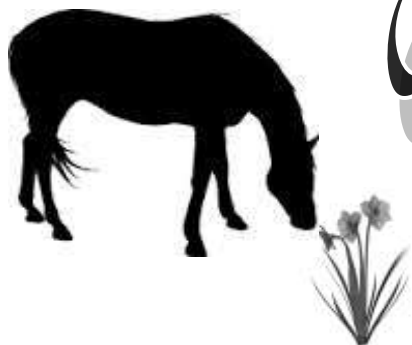
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