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Junior Lauren Rapp and Wallstreets Will



Dilly Jackson and Barcelona SG "Bella"

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VADA/NOVA BOARD MEETINGS

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.

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**SUMMARY MINUTES
VADA/Nova Board Meeting
March 13, 2017**

(held via conference call due to inclement weather)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm
There were fourteen Board members present, one excused and one guest.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: unavailable at this time

Licensed Shows: Dianne Boyd and Alison had an encouraging meeting with Laura Doyle at Morven Park regarding forthcoming construction plans. The construction of the new rings should start around May or June, and will be where the current Hedge ring is now situated. It is not yet known how that will affect the June show. The new lunging area will be on the Quad in front of the show offices. The Davis & Bedford rings and warm-up areas have had the footing redone. The food vendor for the shows will be the same as last year; this vendor may also be providing food for the March schooling show. Michelle will look into this.

Morven Park has new grounds staff, and they are upgrading their tractors and ring dragging equipment. A state veterinarian will be coming in to assess Morven's current Biosecurity plan and see how to make improvements.

Entries for the April show are starting to come in. Volunteers have started signing on, and there will be 6 judges. The Board discussed offering the new 7 year old tests; this class may be offered at the June show. Dianne Boyd discussed the Friday classes for the June show- the number of judges and volunteers needed. There will also be a need for an assistant secretary for the June show.

Diann Carpenter will get in touch with last year's EMT's to sign them on for this year. Their fee will remain the same. Dianne Boyd discussed using the Ruritans again to help with parking for the June and September shows.

Volunteer Training session: Alison said it was not well attended, despite being well received by those who did show up. The volunteer horse (for the ring stewarding session) was very well behaved and patient- even when asked to wear a double bridle! .

Fix A Test: Only 6 signed up so far. An e-blast will go out.

Schooling Shows: As of tonight, there are 34 rides for our March show. There are enough volunteers. Diann Carpenter will send out the Survey results to Board members to look over before the next meeting. Leftover surveys will be put out at the clinic and March show. To identify qualified Championship riders at Partner shows, Diann C. and Debbie M. will come up with a format to be used by all Partner show managers; Barb can post the listings in the Newsletter for those who qualified at VADA/Nova shows.

Membership: As of tonight there were 190 members- 20 less than this time last year. Forty-seven paid through PayPal.

Other Business: The Board discussed the advertising policy for non-VADA/Nova calendar events. People can purchase a display ad in the newsletter but VADA/Nova doesn't publish outside

ads for free. Our Facebook page is for VADA/Nova or VADA activities. The P&P and web calendars are for VADA/Nova and VADA activities as well as for partner shows.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at Morven on April 10th

Respectfully submitted,
Diann Landau



Alice Quinn's Ambrosio CA clowns it up for the camera.

The horse is the best judge of a good rider, not the spectator. If the horse has a high opinion of the rider, he will let himself be guided. If not, he will resist.

-Nuno Oliveira



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Homestead Farm
2017 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES
8382 Burwell Road, Catlett, VA
www.homesteadhorses.com
A VADA/Nova Partner Show Series



SHOW DATES:	4/1	5/7	6/4
OPENING DATE:	2/13	3/13	4/10
CLOSING DATES:	3/20	4/24	5/22
Judges:	Dilly Jackson, L Graduate	Jessie Ginsburg, L Graduate	Mary Callan, L Graduate

Manager: Debbie Marriott, 703-785-3300, marriottdq@aol.com

Secretary: Debbie Marriott, PO Box 1155, Middleburg, VA 20118
 703-785-3300, marriottdq@aol.com

Fees: \$30/test \$20 post entry fee \$30 Non-competing horse (must bring Coggins)
 Checks: Make check payable to **Bender Brothers**

Classes: Intro through FEI, USDF and FEI freestyle, Pas de Deux, Western Dressage

Other info: NO DOGS ALLOWED. ASTM/SEI approved helmet required when mounted. Standard size arena for all classes including Introductory with sand/rubber footing. Large bluestone outdoor for warm-up. Complimentary water, sodas and snacks available. Telephone and email entries will NOT be accepted. Polo shirts are permitted. Times available one week before show at www.homesteadhorses.com or from show secretary. Horses name on Entry and Coggins must match EXACTLY. No refunds given after closing date.

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

New Schooling Show Partnership Shows
What you need to know

In an effort to improve the show experience for VADA/Nova members, a new system has been put in place for the 2017 season. VADA/Nova is partnering with several area facilities to expand the schooling show program. The partnerships will give competitors more flexibility in scheduling, and more opportunities for awards.

Benefits:

- More chances for VADA/Nova Year End Award scores
- More Championship qualifying opportunities
- More dates and locations for more convenient showing
- VADA/Nova Bucks will be accepted for entry fees

Partner Show Facilities

- Blue Horse Farm
Jefferson, MD
- Compass Rose
Haymarket, VA
- Homestead Farm
Nokesville, VA
- Looking Glass Farm
Hamilton, VA

Kingland Farm

Holly Wilmoth

- FEI Dressage Trainer, FEI and National Competitor
- USDF Bronze and Silver medalist
- Instructor to Eventing Professionals, Adult Amateurs and USPC teens
- Students have become NAJYRC Team members and Adult

Amateur FEI and National competitors

- Check Centerline Scores (www.centerlinescores.com)
- Private, premier 16 stall facility, with attached large

indoor arena, premium footing and mirrors

- Standard dressage outdoor arena
- Private and semi-private paddocks with safe, vinyl fencing and run-in sheds in every paddock
- Deluxe tackroom with personal lockers, bathroom
- Hack out, Cross-country jump field
- Facility welcomes competition OR pleasure riders

BOARDING AND/OR TRAINING AVAILABLE 540-539-0181 hwilmoth@mindspring.com



Blue Horse Farm 2017 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES 2027 Gapland Road Jefferson, MD 21755

www.FrederickDressage.org

A VADA/Nova Partner Show Series

SHOW DATES:	4/23	6/4	8/27
OPENING DATE:	4/2	5/14	8/6
CLOSING DATES:	4/16	5/28	8/20
Judges:	Evelyn Pfoutz, L	Jessie Ginsburg, L	Andrea Joslyn, L

Entry forms available on the website at frederickdressage.org

Manager: Leslie Raulin, 301-788-0134, RAULINL@yahoo.com
 Secretary: Leslie Raulin, 2027 Gapland Road, Jefferson, MD 21755
 301-788-0134, RAULINL@yahoo.com

Fees: \$25/test

Checks: Riders pay at the show

Classes: USDF, USEF, and FEI dressage tests; USEF and FEI eventing tests

Other info: Indoor 20m x 60m sand/fiber/rubber; riders pay at the show and bring Coggins and release form to show. Times will be emailed to riders and posted on www.FrederickDressage.org, usually done the Monday or Tuesday before the show. All shows are benefits for a specific charity (**April** = Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program; **May** = Frederick Memorial Hospital Hurwitz Breast Cancer Fund; **August** = Frederick Pony Club)

Directions: See <http://www.frederickdressage.org/blue-horse-farm.html>

Links may be found on the VADA/Nova website www.vadanova.org (see calendar page)

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\$35/day ~ Early Auditor Registration, by 4.15.17

\$25/day ~ VADA/NoVA Members, by 4.15.17

\$50/day ~ At Door

As a member of the United States Equestrian Team, Gary Rockwell represented the U.S. in competition throughout Europe. Gary, and his Danish mare "Suna", won a Team Silver medal at CHIO Rotterdam in 1993 and a Team Bronze at the 1994 World Championships at The Hague, Netherlands.

As a USEF judge for more than 25 years, he has officiated at many regional finals and national championships. As an FEI judge, he officiated at North American Young Rider Championships, FEI Challenge Tours, European Championships, four World Cup Finals, the 2008 Olympic Games in Hong Kong, the 2012 Olympic Games in London and the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro.

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**These are the activities where you may earn your
volunteer time for year end awards.
Remember that you need 1.5 days.**



**Schooling Shows: August 6, October 7, November 4
Licensed Shows: April 8-9, June 9-11, September 9-10**

1. Licensed Show April 8-9 at Morven Park

We need scorers, scribes, ring stewards, golf cart drivers as well as people for set up and take down (these earn double time and bucks)

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

2. Licensed Shows June 9-11 at Morven Park

Same jobs as for April

Contact Donna Gatchell at donna@donnagatchelldressage.com or 703-303-3446



Compass Rose Farm Dressage Schooling Shows for 2017
Compass Rose Farm. 2714 Logmill Rd. Haymarket, VA 20169
A VADA/Nova Partner Show Series

Date	Judge
Saturday, May 20 Opens: March 20 Closes: May 11	Mary Callan (L)
Saturday, June 24 Opens: April 24 Closes: June 15	Sherry Meier (L)
Sunday, October 8 (Costumes!) Opens: August 8 Closes: Sept. 28	Aviva Nebesky (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 late 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.**

On-line Paypal entries at <http://www.compassrosefarm.com/ShowEntry/index.php>

Checks: Make check payable to Compass Rose Farm, LLC

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

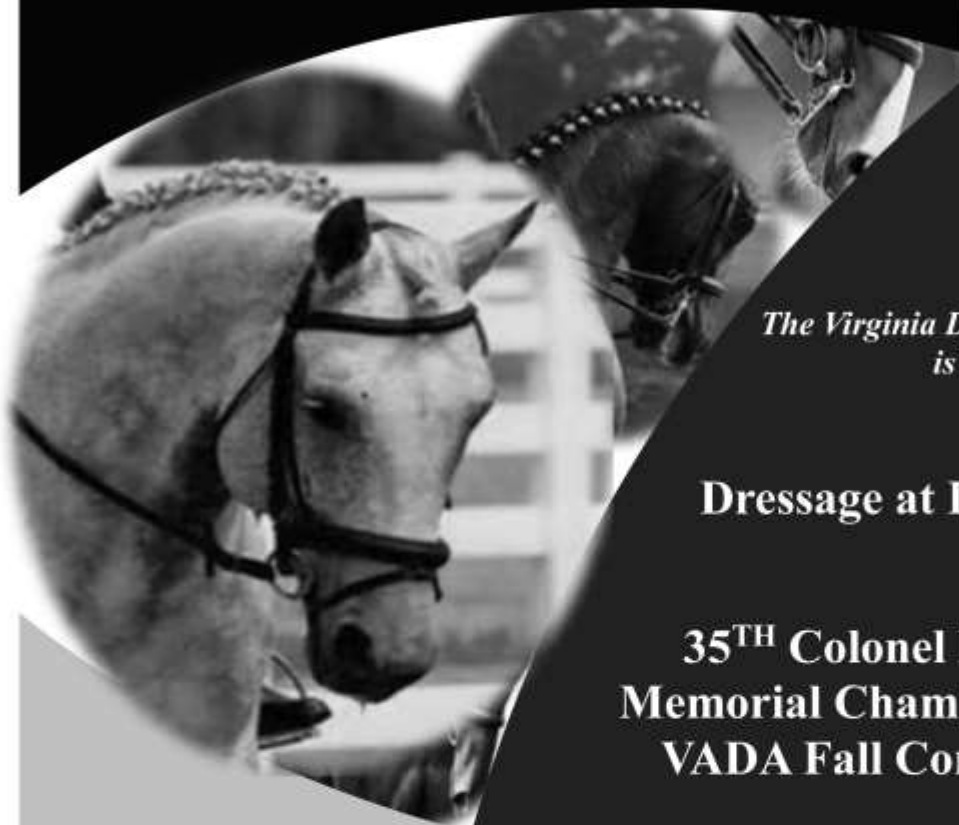
Other Info: Please leave yours at home. Protective Helmets required when mounted. Tests ridden in standard sized arena with sand/rubber footing. Sand rings available for warm-up. Times will be posted on the farm website the Wednesday before the show: www.compassrosefarm.com. See our website for specific show information. VADA/Nova members may use volunteer bucks to enter. These shows are VADA/Nova Partner Shows.

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).

see website: www.compassrosefarm.com for entry form and directions

Virginia Dressage Association (VADA)



*The Virginia Dressage Association
is hosting*

Dressage at Lexington (DAL)

35TH Colonel Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championships Finals and VADA Fall Competition (CBLM)

Dressage at Lexington
14-16 July 2017

35TH Colonel Bengt
Ljungquist Memorial
Championships Finals
and
VADA Fall Competition
12-15 October 2017

Virginia Horse Center
Lexington Virginia

Show Support for the DAL and CBLM by becoming a Sponsor/Vendor

The DAL is a premier dressage show - a favorite of many while the CBLM is a dressage championship and regular show. Individually each show captures over 350 competitors plus up to 700 spectators and shoppers over a 3/4 day show period. As a show sponsor, your company will have diverse opportunities to form brand familiarity with our equestrian enthusiasts as well as with our top riders and trainers in the Mid-Atlantic region.

For more information on 2017 Sponsorship Opportunities and Registration, visit VADA's website. <http://www.virginiadressage.org>.

Do not hesitate to contact Nancy Doody (ndoody15@gmail.com/540-395-4434) and/or Nancy Lowey (nlowey@rocketmail.com/540-672-3454) with questions or to discuss sponsorship options.





Homestead Farm
2017 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW
Benefiting Hoofbeats to Hope
8382 Burwell Road, Catlett, VA
www.homesteadhorses.com
A VADA/Nova Partner Show



SHOW DATE: May 13 OPENING DATE: April 1 CLOSING DATE: May 1

Judge: Aviva Nebesky (L)

Manager: Hillary Lantz Monastra Dcmvnez@yahoo.com 703-987-5639

**Secretary: Barbara Zulick 7713 Baird Ct, Lorton, VA 22079
703-339-0570 jbzulick@cox.net**

Checks: Make check payable to Hoofbeats to Hope

**Classes/Fees: Regular dressage: Intro thru FEI \$30
Western dressage: Intro thru Level 3 \$30
MFS: Intro, Training thru FEI, Western Dressage Basic Level 3 \$30
Pas de Deux: Training thru GP \$45
Quadrille: Basic thru GP \$60**

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

Member of the Month

Our Member of the Month for April is Melinda McKenzie Hall. She lives in Woodbridge, Va with her husband Gary and her Sheltie Miles. Melinda grew up in Fairfax County. She didn't have horses in her life then, but that was always #1 on her Christmas list. She did have some contact with them by helping out at barns in exchange for the occasional ride. Melinda attended the University of Illinois, majoring in Music Education with the hopes of becoming a band director. She got a High School Band Director position in Indiana, then went to the University of Iowa to get a Master's in Wind band and band conducting, followed by earning a Fellowship to study at Northwestern University. After being a band director for 32 years, she decided to give that up and now teaches 5th and 6th grade band in Fairfax County.

Melinda got her 1st horse when she was 30, after returning to Virginia. She'd been helping at a barn and wasn't planning on buying a horse, but when one she'd been riding went to the Marshall sales because when people would try him out he'd buck them off, she knew she had to get him. She'd had the opportunity to learn about dressage while in Iowa as there had been a dressage barn nearby, and in her spare time she'd go and watch. She was hooked! After she lost Danny Boy to EPM, she bought a 17.2hh warmblood named Guinness. He turned out to be a bad match for her after a series of injuries. Isn't this supposed to be fun?!

One day a friend called her to say she'd seen a 4 year old on-line that looked promising, so they went to Alabama to look at him. He was small but very sweet, so Melinda had to have him. Corigliano is an Oldenburg who grew to be 16.2hh- a perfect size for Melinda. She showed him for a few years before he was diagnosed with "kissing spine" and had to be retired. It was then that she heard about Carter Dressage LLC, and how it is traditional dressage but with the main purpose of rehabilitating the horse and teaching him to carry a rider in a way that keeps them sound. Melinda gave it a try; it was a slow start but he is now starting to move and carry her in a way that he was unable to do before. She's seen a lot of his anxieties disappear because he's no longer in pain.

Melinda is also involved in the Northern Virginia Sheltie Rescue and has fostered & rehomed 68 Shelties so far. She also started a fund raiser for the group called "Save-a-Sheltie" saddle covers and has donated over \$6000 in proceeds from the covers that she's made and sold.

Melinda's been a member of VADA/Nova since 1994 with her favorite volunteer job being scoring. She fell in love with dressage because of its similarity to music. The rhythm, expression and precision that are necessary to perform well are a thrill for Melinda.



Melinda and "Cory"

submitted by Diann Landau



Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center
2017 DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES
16589 Edwards Shop Road
Remington, VA 22734
www.kellysfordequestrian.com



SHOW DATES:	5/25	6/22	7/27	8/17
OPENING DATE:	4/1	4/24	6/1	6/26
CLOSING DATES:	5/10	6/5	7/10	7/31
Judges:	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

Entry forms available on the website at www.kellysfordequestrian.com or
a link on the VADA/Nova website at www.vadanova.org

Manager: Jennifer Cook, 910-330-8509, Jennifer11051126@gmail.com

Secretary: Janie Gausman, 16589 Edwards Shop Rd, Remington, VA 22734,
540-399-1800, kellysfordequestriancenter@aol.com

Fees: \$35/test HT \$85 CT \$65

Checks: Make check payable to **Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center**

Classes: Intro through PSG

Other info: Twilight evening/CT/CDCTA Dressage. Shows close the Thursday prior to the event. Dressage tests, HT and CT offered. Times available on website www.kellysfordequestrian.com

VADA Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2017
Boar's Head Inn
Charlottesville, VA

The meeting was called to order at 10:36 am.

Present were Alison Head (NOVA), Alison Douglas (Central), Angela Stanaway (NE), Susan Ellis (NEVADA), Anne Draine (NE), Meredith McGrath (SWAVDA), Tina Longaker (C'ville), Judith Harroun-Lord (ShenVADA), Nancy Lowey (C'ville), Sherri Booye (C'ville), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Ellen Simonetti (ShenVADA), John Weir (ShenVADA), Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA), Penny Hawes (C'ville), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Cody Armstrong (SWVADA), Marie Taylor (Central), Diann Carpenter (NOVA), Alison Thompson (VADAF), Sharnette Atkinson (VADAF)

Anne Draine made a motion that we approve the minutes from the December board meeting. The motion was seconded by Alison Thompson, and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie reported our combined balances are about 121K. This is the time of year when our balances are the highest because expenses for the banquet and show haven't come out yet.

Chapter Challenge- Will be held in the East Complex on August 26th. The committee is finalizing judge. First choice is Sue Smithson. There was discussion regarding promoting the musical freestyle and possibly a stakes class.

DAL- Nancy Lowey passed out sponsorship packets. We are integrating the sponsor opportunities for this show with CBLM. We still need a volunteer coordinator.

Election of the Board- Because of the by-laws, Alison cannot be President for 2017 but would like to remain on the Board because of the DAL. Sherri Booye made the motion that was seconded by Penny Hawes that Tina Longaker be President, Alison Head be Vice President and Jessie Ginsburg and Alison Douglas remain in their current positions for the 2017 board. Tina, Alison, Alison and Jessie abstained from the vote and everyone else voted in favor.

Next meeting will be held via teleconference at 8 pm on March 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Respectfully, Alison Douglas





VADA Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017 Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 8:02pm.

Present were Tina Longaker (C'ville) - Pres, Alison Head - VP (NOVA),

Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA) - Treas, Alison Douglas (Central) – Sec'y,

Angela Stanaway (NE), Anne Draine (NE), Meredith McGrath (SWAVDA), Judith Harroun-Lord (ShenVADA), Nancy Lowey (C'ville), Sherri Booye (C'ville), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA), Sandy Toby (SVDA), Dianne Boyd (NOVA)

Nancy Lowey made a motion that we approve the minutes from the February board meeting. The motion was seconded by Beth Rippel, and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie Ginsburg reported lots of activity, including paying in advance for ribbons for upcoming events- combined balances are \$106K.

Purple Book- Jessie provided financials prepared by Robin Dannels showing the cost per book is \$4.60 and the total cost was \$3151.75. Because of the significant effort involved in the bulk mailing process, we will look into using shipping company next year, will increase the cost. Also, there was minimal advertising revenue – we need to look into ways to increase advertising next year.

Banquet Wrap Up- Jessie provided financials showing the cost of the banquet itself was \$5666, with the overall banquet (including awards and recognitions) at almost \$11,000. We had more ribbons and awards than in the past. But of concern was that silent auction revenue was at an all time low, between silent auction proceeds and income from reservations, we were about \$500 short in covering the facility cost, which is what we aim for. We need someone to spearhead the silent auction both to increase donations overall and to looking to putting services (lessons, clinics, judging, professional services) into an- online auction, which enables many more people to bid on items (including members who cannot attend the auction as well as people in general). Website is www.biddingforgood.com. VADA Board Members should go back to their chapters to find a volunteer to lead this effort. Volunteer credit is available.

Chapter Updates- Tax status of chapters- each chapter should know if they are incorporated and a 501c(3). We know the status of all chapters except ShenVADA and NE.

By-Laws Subcommittee report- Committee will review and propose updates for VADA. Sherri Booye will be chair- anyone interested in being on the committee please contact her.

Chapter Challenge- Meredith McGrath reported that the VHC contract has been received. Meredith and Susan Ellis will be co-managers. She brought up the fee for classes has been \$30, which is standard and we will keep. Freestyle classes will be \$35 with \$5 going into the cash prize. Non-members will be allowed to ride with a class fee of \$40 and are not eligible for chapter/cash prizes. Chapters need to tell us their chapter prizes- please email them to Meredith. Stalls are \$30 per night.

DAL- Dianne Boyd reports we are making progress on major sponsors. Still need PSG and dog show sponsors. Big need is a volunteer coordinator. It can be split into two positions- coordination and on-site.

VHC Update- Dianne has a meeting with VHC this week to go over changes and requirements for DAL and CBLM. Work is underway on footing- releveling outside rings.

2018 Statewide Clinic- Everyone needs to start thinking about clinician, location and date. Committee to be formed next month- looking for ideas and volunteers.

USDF Spring Region 1 Meeting- Tina reported that the region voted to give us 2018 GAIG. This has to be approved by USDF. CBLM will in NC Oct 4-7 in Williamston, NC for 2018. There will be a youth team competition at Janine's show in Culpeper in June 2017. There will be a L grad continuing education in Leesburg on March 27, 2017, at the Best Western (judges of all levels are invited to attend). The 2017 USDF convention is Nov 29-Dec 2 in Lexington KY. It will be in Salt Lake City in 2018. We still need 3 delegates for 2017 - must be PM. Contact Lori Kaminski if you're interested (for 2017)- you must declare by April 15th.

Next meeting will be held via teleconference at 8 pm on April 12th .

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully, Alison Douglas

Dressage Humor: Barn Hazards

Stand-up comedian and USDF bronze and silver medalist Pam Stone shares her unusual talent.
(from Dressage Today)

When I was still broadcasting my daily radio talk show, the topic one particular morning was the odd talents that listeners might have and be willing to share, on-air.

“I’m able to shake out exactly two aspirins every time I open the bottle,” our first caller informed us.

“I’m a whiz at spotting four-leaf clovers,” said another.

“What about you?” my producer asked me through my headphones. “Isn’t that horse thingy you do, that dressage thing, an odd talent?”

“Not really,” I replied. “The only weird natural ability I have is to injure myself with nondescript objects in a way that no one else can.”

Seriously, am I the only one who, when snatching a lead rope from its hanger in the barn aisle, somehow hits herself in the face with the heavy chrome clip? I mean, smack in the forehead so hard it leaves a raised knot? Or riding into a cloud of gnats and rubbing my eyes so hard that I miss the approaching tree limb? And let’s not forget leaping backward in the tack room in terror after coming eye-level with a young copperhead just as I’m about to lift my Albion back up there, then falling over the bootjack and twisting my ankle?

With all these horse-related accidents, it’s really no wonder my man had no intention of sharing my elation upon my finding the deal of a lifetime: a pair of brand-new, Petrie Anky Elegance boots being sold by, evidently, the only other dressage ectomorph on the planet with the same big foot and skinny calf size. “I just put in the winning bid of \$265!” I yelped. “These boots sell for over a thousand dollars! Brand-new, super-tall and ridiculously cheap. I just won the dressage trifecta!” “Good for you,” Paul replied flatly, “but I’m not going to be seen anywhere with you in public until you are completely healed up after breaking them in. I’m tired of being looked at like I beat you up every time we go to the store.”

He has a valid point. During the summer, when I’m prone to wearing tank tops, Paul has had to avert his eyes from more than one questioning gaze as we stand in the checkout line and I’m sporting the giant forehead knot or a massive bruise or two on my shoulder (Dutch door slamming shut on me in the wind). But I really wanted to go out for ice cream during this lingering Indian summer. “Wait!” I called after him. “Let me just throw on a pair of jeans!” And hopping around the mudroom floor, trying to pull off a muck boot, I smashed into the dryer with my elbow. Yep, that takes some kind of odd talent.





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Key: LS= licensed show SS=schooling show

*April 1 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
Debbie Marriott 703-785-3300 marriottdq@aol.com

**April 8,9 LS VN Spring Dressage, Morven Park
Tina Longaker 540-832-7611 vadvirag8@gmail.com**

*April 23 SS Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, MD
Leslie Raulin 301-788-0134 raulinl@yahoo.com

*May 7 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
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*May 13 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA
Barbara Zulick 703-339-0570 jbzulick@cox.net

*May 20 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

May 25 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
Jennifer Cook 910-330-8509 jennifer11051126@gmail.com

*June 3 SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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*June 4 SS Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, MD
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**June 9 LS VN Summer I Dressage, Morven Park
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**June 10,11 LS VN Summer II Dressage, Morven Park
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June 22 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
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*June 24 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
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*June 29 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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*July 27 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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July 27 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
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**Aug 6 SS VADA/Nova, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA
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*Aug 10 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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Aug 17 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
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*Aug 24 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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Aug 26 SS VADA Chapter Challenge, Lexington, VA
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*Aug 27 SS Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, MD
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**Sept 9,10 LS VADA/Nova Autumn Dressage, Morven Park
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**Oct. 7 SS VADA/Nova, Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
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*Oct 8 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
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**Nov. 4 SS VADA/Nova Championship Schooling Show, Morven Park
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