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The 5th Annual VADA Chapter Challenge Schooling Show

The VADA Chapter Challenge Schooling Show will return to the western region of the state on August 26, 2017 hosted by Shen-VADA, VADA-CH, and SWVADA. This year's venue is really exciting –East Complex indoor arena at the Virginia Horse Center! Here is a chance to ride in a really nice show venue, while representing your VADA chapter. New this year is the MFS Stakes Class for VADA members only. The money pot is currently \$350 and growing. It will be split: 1st place 60%, 2nd place 30% and 3rd place 10%. It doesn't get much better than that. If you are a member of a local dressage chapter, then you are automatically a member of VADA. Non-members can enter but are not considered for the Chapter Challenge or MFS Stakes. If a second ring is needed it will be the Northern Ring.

Remember, this show does not require you to enter as a team, so there is no need to round up folks to enter with you. This schooling show is open to all VADA members, and all you need to do is decide what tests you want to ride, fill out the entry form and indicate what VADA chapter you are riding for. All USEF/DF dressage tests are offered and included in the Chapter Challenge. Other tests such as MFS Stake, western & gaited dressage will be available as well but scores will not count towards the Chapter Challenge. Each class will be individually pinned through 6th place. Then, individual scores will be used to determine which VADA chapter reigns supreme. Bragging rights go to the winner, along with special awards to the top six placing chapters. If your chapter does not have enough riders entered to compete in the Chapter Challenge part of the show, you can still enter and be part of a VADA mixed chapter team.

In addition, each chapter is sponsoring a "special award" including high score rider over 50 years old, "blind us with your bling", oldest horse and rider combined ages, high score pony, high score Jr/YR, best turned out rider and many others. This show is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to show in one of the state's premier facilities, the Virginia Horse Center but may not want to enter a licensed show there. And, since this show rotates throughout the state, it will be some time before this opportunity presents itself again.

Check out all the show details in the prize list and find the entry form at www.virginiadressage.org. Just scroll down and look on the right-hand side of the page and click on 5th Annual VADA Chapter Challenge.

**VADA/Nova members-you many count scores from this show as
VADA/Nova scores for our year end awards.**



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Publication Deadline in Piaffe & Passage is the 20th.

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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
June 12 2017-Morven Park classroom**

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

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

Licensed Show: Dianne Boyd reported that the June show was successful, with many good comments by both judges and competitors. 172 stalls were used, including Morven Park and temporary stalls. A lot of people stabled Friday & Saturday nights; less on Sunday. We totally filled 3 rings on Friday afternoon. Next year, we can consider expanding to a 4th ring, but if we add rings we'll need additional volunteers. The assistant secretary we hired worked out very well. We had a good number of people staying in RV's on the grounds. Next year if they return we will have to rent covers for the power cords that go to the generators. Having free ice cream was very popular with everyone.

VADA/Nova will not be allowed to store any equipment at Morven Park after our November show. The Board will look into getting a cargo trailer to use in place of our storage shed, which we donated to the Seneca Valley Pony Club (they paid the significant moving expense). The cargo trailer would be parked at the storage facility. We will also need to move the flat bed that we use to store our rings and are working to get that trailer road ready.

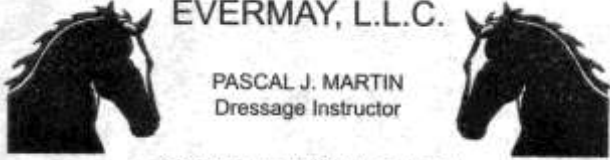
Schooling shows: Diann Carpenter reported. that we need to make sure that Partner shows have all the forms, etc. to advertise VADA/Nova. We will try to send monthly e-blasts to advertise these shows with highlights about Partner shows. We discussed giving brochures and forms to each Partner show at the start of the show season. Another suggestion was that we should have VADA/Nova banners made to be hung at the Partner shows in order to promote VADA/Nova and this program. In June there were 3 shows on the same weekend! A calendar needs to be established well in advance of the show season next year.

Membership: Barb reported that as of 6/12/2017 there were 236 members, 71 of whom paid through PayPal. She suggested dropping membership dues back to \$50, and having no early bird special. The Board agreed but noted that we will have to market this for next year.

There was no Treasurer's report due to the fact that the meeting was a day after the show.

The Board agreed that VADA/Nova should be a sponsor at DAL and the CBLM's.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Diann Landau, secretary



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Once again our volunteers came through for our June show.
 Friday started out with pleasant weather which slowly
 deteriorated to hot and muggy by Sunday.
 In spite of that our volunteers gave their usual 110%
 Thank you so much for your hard work and extra effort.
 We couldn't do it without you!!!

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I just wanted to send a big thank you to VADA/Nova for my ribbon from the GMO challenge at the June show. What a wonderful surprise to get a big, beautiful ribbon in the mail!

I think it's great that your organization sponsored such a fun- and free! - mini competition at the show. It's one more reason that I enjoy attending your shows. They are very well-run, and all of the staff and volunteers are so friendly and helpful.

I love all of the improvements to Morven Park, and look forward to showing with you again!

Thanks again!
Shannon Kozakiewicz



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CLOSING DATES:	5/26	6/26	7/24	8/7	8/21

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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)

2017 VADA/Nova Schooling Show

Show Date: August 6, 2017

Opening Date: June 5, 2017

Entry Due: July 27, 2017

Place: *Morven Park, Leesburg, VA-note grounds fee \$20 per horse, see entry form*

Manager: Carol Thomas

703-966-4349

CarolThomasVA@gmail.com

Secretary: Diann Carpenter

17256 Creekside Green Place

Round Hill, VA 20141

540-338-2504

diann.carpenter@icloud.com

Judge: Mary Callan (L Graduate)

Stalls: Day stalls available for \$40-no bedding provided. Contact secretary.

Grounds fee: There is a grounds fee of \$20 per horse. Not needed if using day stall.

Please bring your own boombox for MFS

Day of show phone #: 703-966-4349

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**

Member of the Month

For July we'd like to introduce Biddie Lowry. Biddie started riding when she was 6 years old. Her family went to visit a friend of her father's that had a pony and she just had to ride it! Biddie told her dad that she could ride him by herself! She started riding regularly at the local stable in Charleston, SC at age 9 and started with lessons in the hunter discipline around 11. She would ride anything she could and continued to ride through high school. Biddie's first horse was purchased when she was 45 and was a registered Pinto, but built very much like a dressage horse. She competed in the sport of Eventing at USEA recognized shows. She first got into dressage about 15 years ago when she first started competing in Horse Trials. She rode with Carol Bishop (R) for 6 years who taught her about dressage. She also took lessons from Andrea Leatherman Davidson as she was boarding at her father's farm in South Carolina. Even as a teenager, Andrea was a beautiful dressage rider. Watching her do tempi changes helped Biddie aspire to learn more about dressage. She has been in a life long pursuit of learning more about dressage ever since.

Biddie really enjoyed competing in eventing for 15 years. Galloping cross country was exhilarating! Her first horse won a USEA Novice competition in Aiken, SC. Her second horse won a USEA Novice competition at FENCE in Tryon, NC. She and Bidie went to the American Eventing Championships in Southern Pines, NC in 2005, and although they finished in the middle of the Novice division, she felt honored to have been able to go to a National Championship show. Her mare also won the SCDCTA Novice Horse of the Year in 2005. Later she was able to compete at the USEA Training level with that mare. Her third horse won a Beginner Novice competition in 2010 in Tryon, NC. She retired from eventing in 2013.

Biddie's current horse is Oliver, a 14.2h registered QH. He has a great mind and is a cute mover. She enjoys riding him on the trails and competing him in local schooling shows at Training level dressage. He has done well with judged pleasure rides and is scoring in the 60s in the schooling dressage shows here in Virginia. He is still pretty green, but it is a wonderful journey as he is a very special horse.

Biddie was a sixth grade math teacher in South Carolina for 32 years and the technology coordinator at her school for the last 10 years before retiring. She has been retired for 2 years, so she rides as often as she likes, usually 5 days a week. She has a 15 month old grandson living in Alexandria with her son and his wife and she loves helping them as often as she can, usually several times a month. She also enjoys reading, working Sudoku puzzles, and watching movies. Biddie had a wonderful spouse who lost his battle with cancer in 2003. She still misses him everyday. In fact, he bought her first horse for her! Her other son lives in Pennsylvania, teaching at Lehigh University.

The photo at the right was taken recently when Biddie rode in a clinic with Major Jeremy Beale at Bae Prid Farm in Gainesville, VA. She has just started volunteering at dressage shows as she worked at horse trials for years and the jobs are different. So far, being a ring steward is her favorite as she enjoys watching the horses and riders.



Biddie and Oliver

**There are 4 opportunities left to earn the required
volunteer time for year end awards.**



For volunteering you will receive: VADA/Nova Volunteer hours,
Volunteer bucks, breakfast, lunch, a gift and above all-our thanks!



1. Schooling Show August 6 at Morven Park

Available jobs are scribe, scorers and stewards

Contact Manager Carol Thomas at CarolThomasVA@gmail.com 703-966-4349

2. Licensed Show Sept. 9-10 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 Debbie Marriott at marriottdq@aol.com or 703-785-3300

3. Schooling Show Oct 7 at Compass Rose

Available jobs are scribe, scorers and stewards

Contact Manager Michelle Lachner at mlachner1@gmail.com or 540-751-0046

4. Championship Schooling Show Nov 4 at Morven Park

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Nomination deadline for 2017 Awards: August 1, 2017

For anyone not fortunate enough to have known Shel, he was not only a gifted horseman and successful competitor, but also a truly good sport and dedicated advocate to VADA. Shel was a seasoned competitor, having won the Gold and Silver Individual Medals in his last two years as a Young Rider at the NAYRC. He always rode to win, but never at the expense of his horse or another rider. Rather than “psyching” his fellow competitors, Shel was more likely to offer a helping hand or wish them luck. Furthermore, Shel was a tireless supporter of VADA. He served as President during some of our Association’s most difficult and trying times. It is largely due to his diplomacy and tenacity that VADA exists as it does today.

It is this spirit of unselfish good sportsmanship and generous volunteerism, which were so much a part of Shel’s nature, that VADA wishes to encourage and reward. If you are aware of a VADA member who is: **1) Actively involved in any aspect of competition and/or VADA activities (eg. Rider, owner, trainer, coach, show mom/dad, spouse, offspring, VADA Board Member, VADA volunteer), 2) who consistently exhibits the characteristics of good sportsmanship and unselfish support of VADA, and 3) has not received the Shel Gafford award within the past 10 years**, please nominate that person for the Shel Gafford Award. Include in your nomination the person’s name, chapter affiliation, and a brief statement (200 words or less) explaining why you feel your nominee is deserving of this award.

Nominations must be received by Bettina Longaker at the address on the next page by August 1, 2017. The slate of nominations will be sent to the President of each Chapter, who shall, using the method they determine, poll the members of their Chapter and select their Chapter's choice for the award. In the event of a tie, the VADA Board of Directors shall select the winning nominee from the two candidates. **Chapters MUST report their selections to Bettina no later than October 31.** The recipient will be notified that he/she will receive an award at the VADA banquet in February and will be encouraged to attend. The recipient will receive a special award and a check for \$250.

Previous Recipients:

1995—Debbie Bowman & Tina Longaker (Char) - tie
1996—Ann Edwards (SE)
1997—Nancy Lowey (Char)
1998—Catherine Sutton (Char)
1999—Molly Layfield (Cent)
2000—Marilyn Leonard (SE)
2001—Alison Head (Nova)
2002 & 2003—No nominations
2004—Barbara Ellis (FR)
2005—Jessie Ginsburg (Nova)
2006—Peggy Minnich (FR)
2007—Janice Mumford (SVDA)
2008—Robin Dannels (Nova)
2009—No nominations
2010—Sharon Ackley (FR) and Gardy Bloemers (CH) - tie
2011—Candy Allen (Nova)
2012—Debbie Marriott (Nova)
2013—Nicky Vogel (FR)
2014—Alison Douglas (Cent)
2015—Barbara Wiefelstede (Cent)
2016- Robyn Nunnally (SVDA)

Summary of VADA Minutes May 17, 2017 Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm. Present were Tina Longaker (C'ville) - Pres, Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA) - Treas, Alison Douglas (Central) – Sec'y, Sherri Booye (C'ville), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Dianne Boyd (NOVA), Marie Taylor (Central), Sheli King (NOVA), Susan Ellis (NE), Alison Thompson (F'burg), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA)

The minutes from the April Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie reported that the combined balances are \$104,893. We've been spending some money but not really getting any in yet. DAL opens tomorrow so funds will start coming in from entries.

Chapter Updates-Fredericksburg had Michael Bragdoll do a riding clinic that was well received. Charlottesville is doing a clinic in Sept 16-17th with Bill Warren. Central has expanded their year-end awards for western and gaited dressage.

By-Law Subcommittee Report- Sherri Booye reported that she has gone thru all the by-laws that were submitted. Her first recommendation is that all the by-laws should mandate that the club have liability insurance. She still needs Fredericksburg, SWDADA and ShenVADA. Sheli suggested that a check list be developed with what should be mandatory and what would be nice but not really necessary. Jessie suggested that the VADA by-laws be done first and then the chapters can follow. Final recommendations will be after the sub-committee meets.

DAL Update- Dianne Boyd reported that Penny Hawes will be the volunteer coordinator. Sponsorships are going great thanks to Nancy Lowey and Nancy Doody. Dianne has asked the chapters to step up and sponsor and also distribute to their respective memberships. There will be a dog show with multiple classes that Nancy Doody is going to coordinate. The Horse Center has redone the upper rings with new footing as well.

Fall Show Update- Nancy Doody is doing a great job leveraging sponsorships on both this show and DAL. Sweatshirts for volunteers will be royal blue. VADA was awarded the 2018 Region 1 GAIG Show. Tina reported that the Horse Center is working on the sound system in the barns to be finished in time for this show.

Chapter Challenge Show Update- Susan Ellis reported everything is on track. Marie Taylor will be the secretary. The prize list is on the website. We still need to post all the HS awards.

2018 Statewide Clinic- Tina is going to contact the names that were thrown out at the meeting that would be affordable. We are looking an April date. We want maximum auditor participation, so it looks like we will use Morven Park, if a date can be found.

Online Silent Auction for Awards Banquet- Jessie is looking into a website that would handle participation from not only our members but also the general public for items that are larger and would garner more interest, ie judges, td's, facilities, breeders, etc. She is contacting Biddingforgood and getting prices.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.

Respectfully, Alison Douglas

June 14, 2017 Teleconference

The meeting was called to order at 8:01pm. Present were Tina Longaker (C'ville) - Pres, Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA) - Treas, Alison Head (NOVA)- V-Pres, Alison Douglas (Central) – Sec'y, Sherri Booye (C'ville), Robyn Nunnally (SVDA), Beth Rippel (SVDA), Dianne Boyd (NOVA), Jane Walker (Central), Sheli King (NOVA), Susan Ellis (NE), Alison Thompson (F'burg), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA), Anne Draine (NE), Angela Stanaway (NE), Katherine Abrams (SWAVDA), Meredith McGrath (SWAVDA), Nancy Moody

The minutes from the May Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report- Jessie via email reported that the combined balances are \$107,032. Bills for DAL are coming in. Jessie requests that anyone who sends a check to her to deposit or makes an online deposit, specifies what it's for. If for sponsorships, please indicate which show it's for.

Chapter Updates- Central Chapter is working on a new website as is SWADA. C'ville had info on the Bill Warren clinic on their website.

DAL Update- Tina reported that entries are open. Diane reported that prize list is out. Nancy Doody reported on sponsorship- all chapter sponsorships are in. She's finalizing other sponsors. We do have some new one. She does have some holes in logos and is working on them. Other than that, she's pretty much wrapping everything up. It's looking good compared to prior years. Diane reported that Alison Campbell will do the food.

Chapter Challenge Show Update- Susan reported that they will be having a management meeting next week and then after that a meeting with chapter reps. She's working with VTO regarding prizes. Susan is also working with the Howard Johnsons for a block of 30 rooms for competitors and volunteers with a \$79 rate.

2018 Statewide Clinic- Alison reported that Morven should be in good shape. They are redoing rings. She will look into dates for the spring. Once we get a date, Tina will start contacting clinicians. On the list are Jeremy Steinberg, George Williams, Lilo Fore, Lendon Gray and Janet Foy.

Next meeting will be held via teleconference at 8 pm on Wednesday the 9th of August.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully, Alison Douglas



Remembering Ziggy 2004-2017
-Barb Pickering

Those of you who have been regular readers of this newsletter know how I used to love writing editorials about my horses, especially Ziggy. Unfortunately, he had several medical issues that we couldn't overcome, and sadly I had to say goodbye to him on June 16. So if you will indulge me one more time, I'd like to pay tribute to him.

I found Ziggy on the internet in November of 2008. The seller was Sarah Shepard who purchased him as a project horse in January of that year-a barely trained, almost 4 year old stallion. His breeding was unknown but appeared to be a mostly Shire with some Connemara. (think big feet and small, cute ears), blue roan in color with 4 white stockings, blaze, and an adorable face. Something about his calm manner-old soul in a young body-made her take a chance. She had him gelded immediately and started his education. By the time I saw the ad he had been trail riding, hill - topping, starting dressage and competing in a combined test. Trailering to new places was no big deal and anything Sarah asked of him he complied with willingly.



Sarah and Zig-Aug. 2008
Now looking quite handsome.

My confidence had been shaken by my previous horse, so the idea of getting a 4yo whose canter still needed some balancing did not seem like a smart move. However, Sarah knew that he and I would be a great fit and I'm so glad I trusted her judgement. It was the best decision I ever made. Ziggy made riding fun again and I looked forward to it every day. Never in all our years together was there ever a buck, bolt or disobedience of any kind.

Ziggy was like a St. Bernard puppy in a horse suit-always ready to say hi to people, playful, loving attention. Having my horses at home meant I got to see him multiple times a day and his face always made me smile. He certainly wasn't built for dressage but we did a respectable job at Training Level and even did a MFS which was an absolute blast to put together. When we went trail riding he would go wherever I pointed him, acting as lead horse for others who were not as brave. We even tried our hand at ground driving and he took to it as if he'd been doing it his whole life.

In the field he was the boss and leader. If I needed to bring the horses in at times outside of their usual routine, all I had to do was call Zig and he'd lead everyone to the barn. When he could no longer be ridden, he and I would play in the arena. He free lunged easily with voice commands and each time I brought him back to a walk he'd come to me in the center of the ring looking for a treat as if to say "I'm good aren't I?". We'd even just walk around the

arena, no halter, with him marching alongside me like a dog who knows how to heel. (I did say he was a puppy in a horse suit).

I've had several special horses throughout the years but Ziggy was by far the one with whom I've felt the deepest connection and he'll stand head and shoulders above the rest. Some people search in vain for that "one and only" and I was fortunate to not only find mine but enjoy him for almost nine years. As the pain of losing him eases over time, the memories will be oh so sweet.



Homestead show-September 2009



Sarah and Ziggy -January 2008
He started out rather scruffy!



Our first show-Compass Rose -May 2009



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Key: LS= licensed show SS=schooling show

*June 29 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
Alison Head 540-729-4847 lookingglassfarm@mac.com

*July 27 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
Alison Head 540-729-4847 lookingglassfarm@mac.com

July 27 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
Jennifer Cook 910-330-8509 jennifer11051126@gmail.com

Aug 6 SS VADA/Nova, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA
Diann Carpenter 540-554-2674 diann.carpenter@icloud.com

*Aug 10 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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Aug 17 SS Kelly's Ford Equestrian Center, Remington, VA
Jennifer Cook 910-330-8509 jennifer11051126@gmail.com

*Aug 24 evening SS Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton, VA
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Aug 26 SS VADA Chapter Challenge, Lexington, VA
see page 8

*Aug 27 SS Blue Horse Farm, Jefferson, MD
Leslie Raulin 301-788-0134 raulinl@yahoo.com

Sept 9,10 LS VADA/Nova Autumn Dressage, Morven Park
Dianne Boyd 703-850-9704 greyhorse11@gmail.com

*Sept 24 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA **NEW SHOW**
Debbie Marriott 703-785-3300 marriottdq@aol.com

Oct. 7 SS VADA/Nova, Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
Judy Grass 703-620-4923 grass@ccr.org

*Oct 8 SS Compass Rose, Haymarket, VA
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*Oct 22 SS Homestead Farm, Catlett, VA **NEW SHOW**
Debbie Marriott 703-785-3300 marriottdq@aol.com

Nov. 4 SS VADA/Nova Championship Schooling Show, Morven Park
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