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My “McDonald” Clinic Adventure

by Kathy Curtis

I was lucky enough to be chosen as a rider for the VADA clinic “From Training to FEI: The Inside Perspective from FEI judge Jeanne McDonald” for judges, trainers, auditors and riders over the weekend of April 21 & 22, 2018. The clinic was originally planned to be held at the Morven Park Equestrian Center Swiss American Indoor arena but that facility was out of consideration when some needed repairs ran longer to complete than expected. So Alison Head and the entire Looking Glass Farm team welcomed us riders and the auditors/students to their farm, not too far from Morven Park. They let us move in with our horses for those who wanted to stable over and other riders hauled in. The weather was a bit cool but it was otherwise clear and nice.

The clinic was organized with riders at the lower levels beginning with training level at the start of the day up to Jenny Spain who was working on putting together the movements for a Grand Prix test. The indoor arena at Looking Glass has fantastic footing and lots of mirrors. I brought my 7 year- old Friesian gelding “Jimi” or Hynder fan Dijkmaniastate as one of the two second level horse and rider combinations. There was a typical assortment of horses you would see at a horse show including various warmbloods, Thoroughbreds and other crosses. For anyone who has ever ridden their horse in a clinic setting, it can be a bit intimidating. For this clinic, the riders were all the “demo’s” to ride for the judges in the audience and for Jeanne to ask them what score they would give and why for

what we as the riders just performed. This was a bit of a feeling under a microscope from all of those judges as we all heard the scoring and their commentary immediately right after riding a movement. No privacy of reading your test scores as at a show! But Jeanne was simply great at turning the running commentary of what was a score of 5 to what we could do to make it a 7 or better for example, and why it was a 5. Or conversely if something was ridden really well to the goal for that movement, then why that was the case. Jeanne worked really hard to make the experience of learning for the next group of competition judges challenging and supportive, as well as for us riders and what we could do to make a certain outcome of a ridden movement better.



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Volunteer Opportunities

June 8-10 VADA/NOVA

Licensed Show, Leesburg

July 13-15 VADA

Dressage at Lexington, Lexington

Aug 11 VADA

Chapter Challenge, Wakefield

Aug 25-26 VADA/NOVA

Licensed Show, Leesburg

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11th- VADA/NOVA Board Meeting, Morven Park

23rd- Compass Rose, Haymarket

28th- Looking Glass Farm, Hamilton

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VADA NOVA BOARD MEETING Monday May 14, 2018

Nine Board members were present, five were excused. There was one guest
Meeting started at 7:30.

Minutes: April Minutes were accepted by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Business account: \$55,312.77 Savings account: \$ 45,084.32

Membership: As of 5/14 we have 219 (up 11 people from last year at this time). 74 paid through Pay Pal, and 3 are Show Pass holders.

Licensed Shows: Dianne Boyd and others discussed how the April Licensed show ran since this was our first show with the new rings. She discussed how some changes will have to be made to the layout & alignment of the show rings and warm-up areas for the larger June show. The April show went well despite not having use of the indoor. We will assume the indoor will not be available for the June show as well. The entries for the June show are low right now but they should pick up after the PVDA and CDCTA shows are over. Exhibitors for the Breed show don't seem to be concerned that the indoor won't be available and the ring will be outside. We all agree that it will be safer and quieter for the babies being away from the driveway. Stabling will be closer to the ring as well.

We will not be doing the GMO Challenge on Friday because this is only a ½ day show but will be offered on Saturday/Sunday. High score awards will be given for both shows (Friday and Sat/Sun).

Dianne will be getting the large generators for the temporary stalls, and an extra golf cart to use because of the distance to the rings in the infield. Instead of the baskets and coolers for the judges' boxes, we will be using an all-in-one cooler that will be delivered to each box by the runners or scribes.

Ice cream will be served on Saturday, as has been done in the past. This is very popular with everyone who comes to the shows. Dianne needs to get new (additional) parking signs, as people still park their cars by the indoor, blocking access for trailers. We need to direct them to park on the right close to the Café. Overnight parking will be in the field at the 1st entry gate off Tutt Lane. Day parking will be near the indoor.

All volunteers for Thursday and Friday will get double hours and bucks. We need to add parking helpers to our volunteer needs for Thurs and Fri.

There will be a Licensed show meeting just prior to the show week- May 29th at Diann Carpenter's house.

Schooling Shows: Diann Carpenter introduced an idea about not continuing to hold shows at Morven Park due to the increased costs (except for our Championship show). It was suggested that the March show is also popular because it has indoor competition and warm-up. She suggested that VADA/NOVA consider managing a show at partner show facilities instead of the summer Morven show (something we used to do). This will be looked into further. The Schooling Show Committee is still working on more and better information for the partner shows. Shows will be given information to hand out about the Show Pass membership. In addition, cards with information about VADA/NOVA are being developed. More information will be discussed at the Schooling Show Committee meeting.

Communications: The Board discussed possible sponsorship/fundraising paths to take to raise money for upcoming events. There should be a committee to look into this. This would include the Silent Auction at the Banquet. There needs to be more publicity to let people know about our shows. Print media doesn't work as well as it used to, and our Facebook page sometimes gets "clogged". This will be looked into further.

Other: The Board discussed the jobs that still need to be filled by Board members in different areas. Alison asked that the Committees review their sections in the Policies and Procedures manual to make sure things are up to date. The Manual has not been updated in a few years so we need to take a look at all sections of it.

Meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Diann Landau, Secretary

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) unless otherwise stated on the website. For directions, you may contact any of the Board members or go to our website at www.vadanova.org and click on "Shows" where you will find a link with directions to Morven Park.

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I thought Jimi might be a bit spooky as he can sometimes be but he settled right down and was simply great. This was the first place I'd taken him off his home farm in almost a full year and he went right to work for me trying his best. He has recently decided that challenging me at every turn to "just say no" when I ask for a trot or canter much less a halfway decent leg yield or shoulder in was the behavior of a juvenile and he did really well to be obedient despite my rusty pilot errors!



A few of the takeaway notes I made from Jeanne's advice of training for both the judges and riders includes the following. I know there were a lot more little pearls I missed while caring for Jimi, but here are a few comments that I'm sure as judge wishes she could impart to riders who ride tests for her.

Value harmony over brilliance; do not expense harmony for brilliance.

In training, never go more than 20 meters without changing something, a circle, a bend, shoulder in, haunches in, don't bore your poor horse to death! Doing something different keeps your horse interested and helps to keep him supple.

Pretend to "hiccup" to ride a half halt, don't mostly use your hands.

When training for flying lead changes, don't let the horse learn it is ok to trot between leads, this is very difficult to unlearn later. Better to canter to walk then pick up the new lead. Bend to the new lead, walk, then pick up the new lead. The transition to walk will turn into the "half halt" for the change.

In the rein back, never ever pull the horse with your hands. The halt before the rein back does not need to last 3 seconds. Line up the rider's stirrup or horse's front leg at the letter then rein back.

If the horse stops the rein back after too few steps, it is often better to go forward than to try for a few more steps and get resistance.

Read your test comments! If you show in front of the same judge on the second day s/he remembers what was said the day before. You should learn from the comments the judge made for the first test and apply the needed changes for the next ride.

When training piaffe go out in trot, never walk. The horse needs to think in a two beat rhythm, then let the horse rest.



The weekend sped by and all of a sudden, we finished our ride and it was time to take Jimi back home. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and I knew everyone would be out on the roads soon. Sure enough, I heard on the radio when I was back safe at the farm that the 2 lane road I had to go through had an accident so while I know I missed more valuable instruction, at least I wasn't stuck on the road with my horse waiting for traffic to clear. I highly recommend riders and auditors attend an instructional clinic like this that is focused on helping new judges develop their ability to score tests. With a sense of humor and an open mind, you can learn a lot and have a positive experience for you and your horse.

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Training-Fourth	6	55%	3	1
FEI, Freestyle, Para-Equestrian	4	55%	2	N/A
Rider Tests	3	55%	1	N/A

Schooling Awards

Level	Number of Scores Needed	Minimum Score Needed	Number of Scores which must be earned at VADA/NOVA Shows (or Partner)	Number of rides at highest test
Intro-Fourth	4	55%	2	1
FEI, Freestyle, Para-Equestrian	3	55%	1	N/A
Rider Tests	2	55%	1	N/A

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Fees: \$30/test, \$20 late fee, \$25 non-compete horse

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Arena: Standard, sand/rubber, warm-up is sand.

Ride Times: Available Wednesday before the show, emailed to competitors and posted on website

Other Info: No dogs please. Approved safety helmets required. Waivers must be signed by riders or legal guardians at check in, or brought in by minors not accompanied by parents.

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Judge:	Dilly Jackson "L"		Linda Fragale "L"		Deborah Hellen "L"

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Closing Date:	6/25	7/23	8/6
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Opening Date: 6/4
Closing Date: 7/26
Judge: Dilly Jackson "L"

Manager: Carol Thomas, 703-966-4349, carolthomasva@gmail.com
Secretary: Tiffany Turley, 14620 Fleetwood Dr. Nokesville, VA 20181
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Arena: Standard or Small

Ride Times: Available Wednesday prior to the show on www.vadanova.org or from the secretary.

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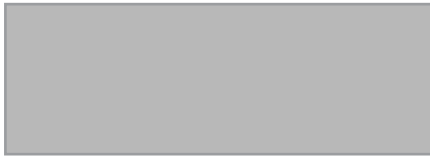
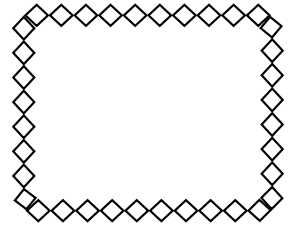
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