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PVDA Team Places Second at the 2008 Region 1 USDF Adult Team Competition

By Leslie Raulin

What a fun and enjoyable weekend! PVDA members Dawn Blanchard, Leslie Raulin, Candace Snell and Hilary Walker joined together to form the "PVDA Blondes and Bays" and competed at the 2008 Region 1 USDF Adult Team Competition on August 2-3, 2008, at Commonwealth Park, Culpeper, Va. Together with team Chef d'Equipe Extraordinaire Linda Speer and team supporter Deanna Beal, we had a fun and successful weekend. Our entry fee and team polo



photo by Linda Speer

Candace Snell and Ralpal are all smiles after winning a Reserve Champion ribbon. The pair were part of the Second place winning team, "PVDA Blondes and Bays," that competed at the Region 1 USDF Adult Team Competition.

shirts were kindly financed by PVDA.

We arrived at the venue on Friday

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by Marne Martin-Tucker
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The President's Window

We had a lovely reprieve in the hot weather in August, and now it is back to school time! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. I am supremely proud to announce that it looks like the PVDA Ride for Life has not only met, but exceeded, its \$70,000 target in contributions to the Avon Foundation Johns Hopkins Breast Center! This is an amazing result in this difficult economic year. We are

so thankful to all of you that supported the show with rider donations, sponsorships, competing, performing and/or volunteering. Our success is because of you! We are gearing up as we speak for the 2009 event, so e-mail me with your thoughts on how you can be involved!

In early August, I had the good fortune to

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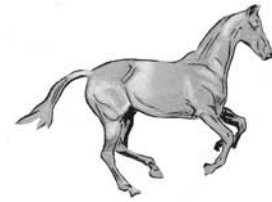
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Flying Changes

FYI



Send your Flying Changes (General News) to Jocelyn Pearson, jpearson@erols.com

Join PVDA's Board of Directors

Interested in making a difference? Nominations for the 2009 PVDA Board of Directors are now being accepted. No experience is necessary, and on the job training is provided. If you want to learn more about the inner workings of PVDA, make changes, have fun, then get up out of the saddle and run for a seat on the Board. Meetings are the first Monday of the month and are held at Stonebrook Farm in Clarksville, Md., at 7 p.m. For more information contact Karen Jacob, nominating chairperson, at Chapters@pvda.org. Deadline for nominating yourself or someone else is September 1, 2008.

Year End Volunteer Awards

PVDA will once again be offering our year-end volunteer awards for all of our tried and true volunteers who give us multiple days of service throughout the year. This year for those who give 32 hours of service we will be giving a \$50 gift certificate to Everything Equestrian. For those who give 64 or more hours we will be giving a \$100 gift certificate to Everything Equestrian. Hang on to all of those volunteer certificates—for this year's awards we will be accepting certificates from 10/1/2007 to 10/1/2008. Any questions contact Samantha Smith at samsmith8@hotmail.com.

It's Time to Make Your Reservations for the 2008 PVDA Annual Dinner

This year's Annual Dinner is Friday, November 14, at the Golden Bull Grande Cafe in Gaithersburg, Md. Deadline for reservations is November 7. Cost is \$45. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner and entertainment at 7:30 p.m. In addition to our awards ceremony where we recognize our PVDA member achievements, there will be a Silent Auction and PVDA Chapter baskets will be given away.

The guest speaker is Charles de Kunffy. He travels throughout the world to lecture, teach, coach and demonstrate the principles of Classical Horsemanship. De Kunffy is the author of six books and six videos. He is a world class clinician, an "S"

judge, and a graduate of The Hungarian National Riding Academy.

The Silent Auction needs your help. Do you have items to donate? Or special skills or professional services? Let us know!

E-mail Shari Glickman at shari.glickman@comcast.net with any questions. See ad on page 13 for the reservation form.

Corrections to Ride for Life Results

We inadvertently omitted one of the three Training Level Test 3 classes that took place at the Ride for Life competition. We apologize for the error. See page 17 for these results.

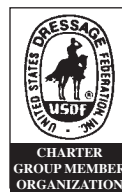
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Peninsula



The Peninsula Dressage Chapter has been having a busy, educational and fun-filled year. We have had regular meetings on the first Thursday of every month that usually include a business meeting as well as educational component. So far this year our topics have included two discussions with veterinarian Kristen Vance about horse emergencies and the equine herpes virus, a pot luck supper where we reviewed the DVD, "On The Levels," an informative demo/discussion on starting the young horse, a show set up night with open ride, an exciting jousting demonstration with competitive jouster Barchan Canter, and finally a mounted demo of transitions—the good and the bad. Our next meeting will be held on August 7, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at Renaissance Stables. The topic will be a mounted demonstration—trouble shooting through the levels. Members and guests are welcome to attend our meetings.

In addition to our well attended monthly meetings we have held three successful schooling shows with riders from Introductory to Second Level. Our May show was held at Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury Md., judged by Judy Strohmaier. Our June show was held at Renaissance Stables in Salisbury Md., with Hallie Ahrensbrak as judge and offering constructive criticism. Finally, our July show was held at WinAway Farm in Willards, Md., and judged by Genevieve Anderson on a really hot and steamy day. A big thank you to our wonderful judges as well as all the sites that have hosted our shows. And congratulations to all of our riders who are having a successful year of showing. Our final schooling show on September 6 at Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Md., will be judged by Betty Thorpe.

Many of our members attended a pot luck dinner with clinician Michael Kierkegaard where we got lots of preliminary insight to then ride the next day in his clinic held at Jo Ann Lewis' farm in Nanticoke, Md. It was a windy, stormy day, but the clinic was most insightful and all of the horses seemed to relax and learn something new. We held a Ride-a-Test Clinic in April that was judged by our own (L in training) Kim Briele who gave a lot of helpful advice on how to improve and ride an accurate test. One of our youngest members competed

successfully at the PVDA Ride for Life in June. In July several of our younger members attended the Dressage for Youth Festival in New York where they had a fabulous time and learned a great deal.

We are looking forward to friends, food and fun at our First Annual End of Summer Picnic to be held at Renaissance Stables on August 23 at 1 p.m. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers and guests are encouraged to bring a picnic dish to share.

In future meetings we will discuss plans for the Chapter Challenge as well as a possible clinic with Jim Armstrong in September.

Southern Maryland



Several members of Southern Maryland Chapter of PVDA got together for another Laurie Scott Natural Horsemanship clinic at Linda Smith's Winds Home Farm in Harwood, Md. We all had a chance to ride our horses bareback with Parelli halters which was a bit outside of the comfort level for some. It was amazing to see how relaxed and responsive the horses were. It is hard to imagine how much this process helps in all aspects of our riding to gain the trust of our equine friends without seeing it firsthand. If you are interested in participating or auditing our next clinic with Laurie, contact Elice Shelton at 410-266-7805 or e-mail pegasustd@verizon.net.

Shore Dressage



The Shore Chapter held an excellent Dressage Clinic with Jim Armstrong at Sunset Bay Farm on a rare cool weekend August 9 and 10. On Saturday there were five rides ranging from Introductory Level to almost Grand Prix. The theme was ride forward and correctly. Riders were Maureen Lawrence with two horses, Deri Jeffers, Courtney Wilson, and Cheryl Carpenter.

The first ride was an 18-year-old Quarter Horse who was just getting back into work with her nervous rider. Later the rider recognized that with Jim's positive and encouraging manners the nervousness had disappeared at the first trot. When asked to do a canter, Jim merely asked her to bring her outside leg back and bingo she had a beautiful transition!

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With a mare Jim emphasized that you have to ride them on their terms, but you have to be a patient dictator! This horse was a Thoroughbred show hunter who had not had any dressage training until she came to Deri Jeffer's Sunset Bay Farm two weeks prior to this clinic. By the second day she was going like a seasoned dressage horse. The rider, who returns to Virginia Intermont College, said she was now hooked on dressage!

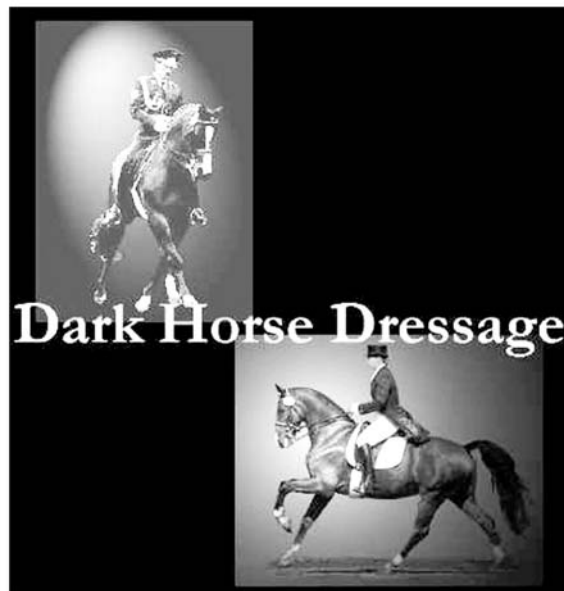
With a Second Level Dutch gelding, he had the rider get the horse really round to loosen up stiff muscles on either side of the poll. What a difference by the second day.

With an 18 hand Dutch horse, he asked the rider to really get the hind legs under, but without running him forward. On the tempi changes, with such a large horse, he said that the rider had to ask for the changes two strides out of the corner or she was going to run out of room. With the half pass he had the rider come down the center line, leg yield two strides, then half pass, which really improved everything!

The almost Grand Prix horse worked a lot of piaffe and passage transitions, but then went back to more basics, which really got the horse more through. By the second day the tempis were much improved.

It goes to show that riding two days is better than one. We are all eagerly awaiting Jim's return September 20 and 21. This clinic was followed by a fun "Happy Hour" on Saturday night.

On August 23 we're looking forward to a Chapter pool party and crab feast. As always, if you're in the area, come visit!



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afternoon and settled in our horses. Dawn brought her 12-year-old Thoroughbred mare Kinbally, Leslie her 10-year-old Holsteiner/Thoroughbred cross Cromwell (“Ollie”), Candace her 20-year-old Thoroughbred gelding Ralpal (“Buster”), and Hilary her 8-year-old home-bred and home-trained British Thoroughbred/Welsh Cob cross gelding, Cruz Bay (named after her honeymoon location!). It was hot and muggy, so thanks to my GPS (how does ANYONE drive ANYWHERE without a GPS!) we found the hotel and checked in, had a light dinner, and then returned to the barns to familiarize our horses with the show grounds. The barns appeared to be a bit old and run down, but they were sturdy and safe, and all of our horses were content in them, happily munching hay and draining their water buckets. Cruz Bay was stabled next to Ollie and they immediately became best buddies. Our familiarization ride around the grounds was very pleasant—the grounds are full of trees, giving a park-like atmosphere and shade from the sun, and the arena footing was very good.

Linda’s arrival was delayed due to traffic, making her two hour drive four hours long! In her place Deanna Beal attended the Friday 6 p.m. meeting for the Chef d’Equipes, providing our show packets with programs, ride times, and rules of the competition. Saturday we were each scheduled to ride Training 3 and Training 4; the average of the two tests for all four horse/rider pairs would give us our final team score and thus our placing amongst the six Training Level teams (23 horse and rider pairs). For each level, the horse/rider pair with the highest test score of the day would be awarded with a Champion ribbon and the second highest test

score would be awarded with a Reserve Champion ribbon. Each horse/rider pair also would receive a mean score for their two Saturday rides; the pairs with the six highest scores would qualify for the individual competition on Sunday.



Dawn Blanchard braids Kinbally.

Linda arrived with wonderful barn decorations, including ferns, chrysanthemums, and other flowering plants, as well as a PVDA banner, table and tablecloth. Leslie had made deco-



photo by Deanna Beal

Above: PVDA Blondes and Bays (L to R) Dawn Blanchard and Kinbally, Candace Snell and Ralpal, Chef d’Equipe Extraordinaire Linda Speer, Leslie Raulin and Cromwell, and Hilary Walker and Cruz Bay. Right: Cruz Bay receives emergency farrier work with Hilary Walker and Leslie Raulin looking on.



photo by Linda Speer

rative stall signs with photos of the horses and the PVDA logo. We had PVDA polo shirts to wear and PVDA patches for our saddle pads. We also brought plenty of food and beverages, and multiple ice coolers to keep everything cool. Our festive barn area definitely contributed to the enjoyment of the weekend. Ollie eyed one of Linda’s chrysanthemums, which he munched on for dessert.

After bedding down our horses for the night we returned to the hotel. Some of the group eyed the swimming pool—so inviting after a long hot day. None of us had brought bathing suits, so we settled for bras and panties and a bottle of wine for a relaxing end to the day!

After a rather sleepless night we arrived back at the barn and were greeted with the nickers of contented and relaxed horses happy to see us and demanding breakfast! After the horses were fed they were all exquisitely groomed and braided. Hilary’s horse Cruz Bay had lost a shoe overnight. This led to a mad search for the “on call” farrier. Fortunately, the farrier arrived in time to replace Cruz Bay’s custom shoe with a bit of epoxy.

As we were getting ready for our morning rides, the sky grew darker and darker and the clouds opened with a heavy deluge. It was quite a downpour and threatened to ruin the day. However, soon we could see clearing in the distance and after about 30 minutes it stopped and the sun returned. The show start was delayed one hour, giving us more time to get nervous!

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Candace and Buster were the first to ride Training 3. The practiced pair had a lovely clean test and it was a good start for the team. Candace was followed by Leslie and Ollie—the new pair was hampered a bit by Leslie's nerves so the test was marred by a few miscommunications. Dawn and Kinbally gave another good clean test, followed by Hilary and Cruz Bay. Hilary had been testing new bits for her horse and had not yet found the best one. Near the end of the test Cruz let her know this particular bit was not to his liking, however, overall, it was a very good test and Hilary was pleased. At the end of the Training 3 rides Hilary and Cruz Bay had the best score of the PVDA team. PVDA was in second place at this point, just slightly behind the first place team.

The team's first Training 4 ride was by Candace and Buster, and as usual this steady consistent pair provided a clean test. Hilary and Cruz Bay were up next, and except for one small spook over a nearby moving tractor they had a very nice test. Next to go were Dawn and Kinbally, who again provided an excellent clean ride. The final Training 4 ride was by Leslie and Ollie. This ride was much better than the first, perhaps because it was getting too hot to be nervous! At the end of the team competition, the PVDA Blondes and Bays achieved second place, just 0.800% behind the first place team, with a final mean score of 64.150%. Leslie and Ollie had the Training Level overall high score of the day (72.400%) and received the Champion ribbon, and Candace and Buster had the Training Level overall second high score of the day (70.400%) and received the Reserve Champion ribbon. Leslie and Candace also qualified for the individual competition the next day. It was a triumphant outcome and we were all very proud of our horses, the team's success, and very appreciative of the outstanding support provided by Linda and Deanna.

That evening we joined the other competitors, chefs, friends, show volunteers, and show staff for a scrumptious dinner. We enjoyed meeting others at the show in the casual and festive atmosphere. In addition to PVDA there were teams from the Delaware Combined Training Association, the Virginia Dressage Association, and the Lehigh Valley Dressage Association (PA and NJ). Nancy Lowery was a gracious show manager who ensured that we had everything that we needed at the dinner as well as throughout the show.

Sunday brought the individual competition rides. At this point in the competition the horses and riders were starting

to melt from the heat. Fortunately there was a cool breeze to help make the conditions tolerable. The horses happily greeted us in anticipation of a good breakfast. Throughout the competition they continued to eat and drink well. Candace and Leslie had to wait until early afternoon for their rides, contributing to an escalating level of anxiety, as well as hotter and hotter temperatures. As the ride times arrived, horses and riders were coiffed and groomed to perfection and ready. Candace and Buster rode first and had another clean steady test. They were followed by Leslie and Ollie. Ollie volunteered some early canter departs, but otherwise they had a very nice test. At the end of the day Candace and Buster brought home the individual fourth place ribbon with 66.600% and Leslie and Ollie received the individual third place ribbon with 68.200%.

Everyone had a wonderful time and arrived home safely. Next year we hope to participate in the USDF Adult Team Competition with more PVDA teams. Teams can ride Intro A & B, Training 3 & 4, First 3 & 4, Second 3 & 4, Third 1 & 2, Fourth 1 & 2, FEI TOC, or MIX (any competition level, excluding Intro and FEI). On Sunday individuals may also ride musical freestyles, pas de deux, or quadrilles. We hope to see you next year!

Our individual experiences of the competition:

Dawn Blanchard: "This is a team competition that I would encourage all my fellow PVDA members to attend. It is a fun and rewarding experience that should not be missed in your showing career. The show allows you to experience a larger show and have support of a team. I want to thank PVDA for paying for our entry fees and polo shirts. Thank you to all of our team members, our Chef d'Equipe, Linda Speer, and Deanna Beal for all of their support during the competition. It was a wonderful experience and I hope you will join us next year."

Leslie Raulin: "The team competition was an enjoyable and rewarding experience. I usually go to schooling shows with just my horse and myself, so being part of a team and providing, as well as receiving, support to/from other riders, our Chef d'Equipe, Linda, and team supporter Deanna, was new and fun for me. Getting to know other PVDA members and their horses and to share our equine and other experiences was very gratifying. I think the experience has broadened my understanding of, and partnership with, my horse. I sincerely thank the PVDA for providing the opportunity to

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participate in this competition. I particularly want to thank Linda Speer, who dedicated an entire weekend from her busy schedule to be our Chef d'Equipe, as well as Deanna Beal, who not only assisted the team, but also was a show volunteer on Sunday when they needed some assistance. I encourage other PVDA members to participate in this team competition next year, it's lots of fun!"

Hilary Walker: "The Championship weekend was tremendous fun, and I hope other members of PVDA will be

motivated to participate next year. Although I'd only met the others in the group a couple of times in meetings before the weekend, they were welcoming and we 'gelled' really well. Our four horses liked each other, too, and we rode together around the venue the evening before the Big Day. The nighttime swimming at the pool in my underwear was an experience I haven't enjoyed for several decades, and the addition of a wine cooler with actual wine in it was most appreciated! It helped settle the nerves. I recommend the whole adventure and hope to see several teams at different levels join us next year."

PVDA "Firecrackers" and "Freedom Riders" Place First and Fourth In Respective Divisions at USDF Region 1 Youth Team Championships Morven Park, Leesburg, Va. • July 19-20, 2008

By Linda Speer, PVDA Youth Coordinator



Every year I look forward to the USDF Youth Team Championships. The hustle and excitement setting up the stalls and putting up the decorations and looking into the happy faces of our juniors working hard to make everything look perfect, is very rewarding.

The juniors decided on a patriotic theme and started working on it weeks before the competition. Lots of red white and blue spray paint, glitter and sparkly garland was used. The hard work paid off, we won the most organized decorating award.

Since most of our juniors also are Pony Club members they have learned to keep a clean and tidy stable area and this also paid off—out of 41 teams they won second place in stable management and more ribbons and awards to the delight of all participants.

PVDA sent two teams this year. The Pony Team, the "PVDA Firecrackers" with Emily Clinch and Bobby, Jill Greenwald and Star Spangled Knight, Ella Groner and Princeton and Christina Sahadi and Rosemel's Pink Champagne. They won their division and Emily Clinch was Individual Champion with Christina Sahadi taking the Individual Reserve ribbon. Chef d'Equipe for the Pony Team was Judy Greenwald.

The "PVDA Freedom Riders," was our Training Level 3 and 4 team with Laura Barnsley and Beau, Erica Greenwald and Summer Finale, Casey Minar and Love Bug and Zoe Witte and Barney. This team took fourth in their division, and Nikki Witte was the Chef d'Equipe.

Both teams won lots of individual ribbons in Dressage Seat Equitation and Freestyle. Our teams showed great team spirit and we all had a good time. Thanks to VADA/NOVA for hosting the event, to Alison Head for managing it, and to Bettina Longaker, event secretary. As I walked to my car I heard some of our juniors making plans for next year. Great show! I will be back in 2009.





photo by Karen Jacob

Cheri Vincent and her mare Thirty-eight Koko at her farm in West Friendship, Maryland.

Local Equestrian and Breast Cancer Survivor Wins \$500 Shopping Spree Giveaway at PVDA's 2008 Ride for Life

By Pat Artimovich

It is particularly gratifying to PVDA and Dover Saddlery that Cheri Vincent was named the winner of the Dover Saddlery \$500 Shopping Spree Giveaway at the 2008 PVDA Ride for Life. An equestrian from West Friendship, Md., who made the winning entry at the show's Dancing Horse Challenge, she is a breast cancer survivor and has recently joined the PVDA.

"I was ecstatic to hear I had won," Vincent said, "and was so sorry I did not hear it the night of the event, but I had stepped out to the vendors' booths and did not hear my name announced." She had heard about last year's event from a PVDA member and decided to attend the Dancing Horse Challenge. "As a cancer survivor myself, I wanted to support the benefit, and as an equestrian it was doubly attractive to me to see the top riders."

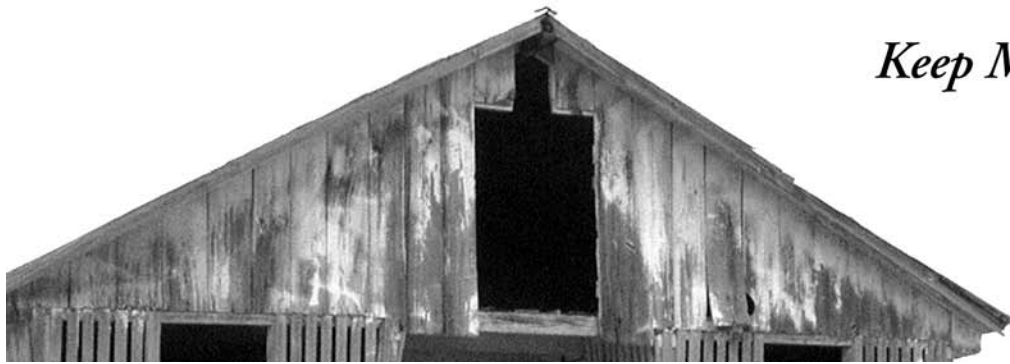
Vincent was thrilled that the PVDA is sponsoring the Ride for Life. "I usually don't react to the breast cancer issue, but I was there that night and as I listened to Lillie Shockney speak about the [honorees] who had been lost to breast cancer I found myself getting emotionally involved. I think what triggered my reaction was hearing her say she wanted to ride this disease into the ground, so that in future

years we would have to find another reason to hold the Dancing Horse Challenge, because breast cancer would be conquered."

She also said that it was "tremendous" that Dover had become a Platinum Sponsor of the event. "I do shop at Dover—it is my primary source for equestrian equipment. I really like their new store in Gambrills."

Vincent plans to put the \$500 gift certificate from Dover Saddlery to good use with the purchase of a good bridle and other items of tack for her Thoroughbred mare, Thirty-eight Koko. She has returned the 19-year-old former race horse and eventer to training, after Koko had been retired to turnout for a number of years. She plans to use her for dressage and perhaps some jumping. Vincent may show Koko in some PVDA schooling shows; she joined the PVDA right after attending this year's Dancing Horse Challenge. "I decided not to procrastinate any longer," she laughed.

Vincent and Koko represent what the Ride for Life is all about—dressage is for everyone and every horse, the love of horses for their own sake, and survivorship....reaching for a dream.



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Horses for Sale

- ◆ '06 Prem. Old. bay filly by Ruffian o/o Axiom (Argentinus/Freiherr) jumper mare. Very sweet w/the prettiest face, 3 very good gaits, should mature a substantial 16.2H+. Will excel in any discipline! Ready to start u/s by end of the year. See many pics & video at www.goodnessridge.com/allelujah.html \$14,000, Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530 or email: shari.glickman@comcast.net
- ◆ '96 Trak/Perch blk. mare, 16.1H, very striking, 3 good solid gaits, smart, learns quickly, easy to ride, schooling 2nd level movements, \$18,000, Dona Haske 410-741-5351
- ◆ Lovely Fresian/TB bay mare, 6 yrs, 16.1H. Scores in the upper 60s at Training level. One judge quoted "a very good horse." Prof. trained, very sensible and willing partner. Email: maryflood@aol.com or see: www.wildfirefarm.com
- ◆ Lipizzan mares for sale: 1) 10 yrs old 15.3H 1st -2nd level dressage, strong movement from hind end 2) 6 yrs old, green, very balanced movement, Nancy Madison, 410-991-5739
- ◆ Handsome blk. Andalusian X QH geld., 3 yrs. 15.2H. Started u/s. Real people horse. Potential for any discipline. Photos avail. Near Gettysburg, PA. \$7,500, Suzi Hek, 717-642-8295 or email: shek@supernet.com
- ◆ '00 Westf/TB ches. roan mare by Grande Saber. "Lilly" is a big-bodied 16.1H, and is beautiful, friendly, well mannered and affectionate. She just competed at her 1st licensed dressage competition at Training Level and won the class! Lilly is schooling 1st level dressage but also has some jumping and fox-hunting experience. She has the ideal temperament for a JR/YR/AA and is a versatile all-rounder! Reasonably priced now at \$12,500--will go up with additional show successes and training. Katie Straton, 410-259-4165 or email: katiehagerty@yahoo.com
- ◆ 1) Approved Trak mare by Meistersinger o/o Consul mare, 18 yrs, 17H. Proven competition horse and broodmare. "Look at me" presence and the desire to please the rider. She has 3 big elastic paces that are like magic to watch and sit on. Very trainable temp. Had one fantastic foal by Rosenthal--this mare. For sale through no fault of her own. Owners retiring and getting out of horses 2) WB geld., 17 yrs, 17H, perfect horse for a huge range of riders from 8 - 80! 2nd level dressage, training level eventer, jumper, pony club. He's done it all. He's even spent time as a police horse! Just won at second level at the EEMI Summer Classic! Has spent days trail riding, nothing bothers him. Recent performances in both the dressage and jumper ring with many ribbons to his credit. Perfect

horse to learn all about dressage or to gain confidence as a jumper. Absolutely MUST go to a great home. Owner getting out of riding. \$22,000, Kate Chadderton, 240-750-5737

Horses for Lease

- ◆ Partial lease of Grand Prix schoolmaster. Learn correct changes, piaffe, passage or just bring your riding to a higher level than you are now. A very patient learning partner. Lessons w/Mary Flood. Email: maryflood@aol.com or see: www.wildfirefarm.com

Equipment for Sale

- ◆ Bargains galore on misc. barn supplies and tack at farm dispersal sale taking place Sunday, Sept. 14th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Everything must go! 13979 Unionville Road, Mount Airy, MD. Shari Glickman, 301-351-5530
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- ◆ 17.5" Passier Nicole's Grand Gilbert blk. dressage saddle, reg. tree, long flap (too long for me), in good cond., \$975, Wendy King, 301-916-6704 or email: EquemotionPub@verizon.net
- ◆ 18" Albion SLK blk. dressage saddle, med-wide tree in exc. cond., \$1,000, Suzanne Sherwood, 240-409-5172 or email: SFSherwood@comcast.net

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- ◆ PT barn help needed, wkdays & wkends, flex. sched. at Sunset Hill Dressage, in Woodbine, MD. Trade for board or training, or receive competitive wages. Marjorie Davis, email: TrackRight@aol.com

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PVDA Annual Awards Dinner

Friday, November 14, 2008

The Golden Bull Grande Cafe, Gaithersburg, Md.

6:30 p.m. Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres

7:30 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment

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go to the big show in Verden, Germany, that includes the World Young Dressage Horse Championships, the selection of the 3- and 4-year-old mare and geldings and stallion selections for the Bundeschampionate, a Nürnberger Burgpokal qualifier (similar to our 7-9 year old developing horse PSG competition), and a Grand Prix competition all for dressage sport, in addition to jumping classes beginning with ponies up to the International Grand Prix Level.

I have written an article with photos featured on www.pvda.org, but to speak about some highlights of my impressions from the Young Horse championships this year; the 5-year-old class that traditionally emphasized which horse has the biggest gaits instead this year emphasized also rideability and the quality of the connection, which the winner Desperados demonstrated each day. The 6-year-old class on the other hand also looked at rideability and the quality of the connection, but the stallion that won, "Dramatic," blew away the competition in terms of his gaits, especially the trot. Few international Grand Prix horses show an extended and working trot like this 6 year old demonstrated. It also seems that each year the Young Horse classes are becoming a more specialized kind of show requiring tailored riding for the event, and horses that not only have the three amazing

gaits, but also a very unique level of submission and quality of type to compete in the very busy and challenging atmosphere at Verden. Check out the article for more of my impressions on these classes, as well as for the overall event.

Next month, I will have to write about my impressions of the Olympics and then the Bundeschampionate. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend either of these, but thank goodness now for the live streaming of such events on the Internet! It is almost like being there.

It is also of interest that the political advertisements for both candidates are featured in the Olympic coverage. It certainly will be an interesting presidential race in these coming months. It is always of interest to me to hear the viewpoints around the country on the two candidates since they vary so widely. We forget what a large and diverse country the United States is; something that I appreciate about our country all the more since living abroad part-time.

Have a great Labor Day and drive safe!



Marne Martin-Tucker • PVDA president • president@pvda.org

2008 PVDA Show Schedule*

Date	Show	Opening	Closing	Manager	Mgr Phone	Judge
9/7	Blue Bird	8/11	8/22	Julie Gross	301/855-3922	Ingrid Gentry (R)
9/7	Sugarloaf	8/11	8/22	Katie Hubbell	301/515-9132	Evelyn Susol (L) Ginna LaCroix (r)
9/13	Loch Moy Licensed Show	7/14	8/14	Janet Geyer	301/898-8870	See Prize List
9/14	By Chance	8/18	8/29	Michelle Wellman	301/898-0008	Marjorie Davis (r)
9/21	Tewksbury Manor	8/25	9/6	Kimberley Beldam	301/748-0413	Miki Erricker (L)
9/21	Oak Ridge Licensed Show	7/21	8/21	Dawn Richards	301/934-3974	See Prize List
9/28	Windsor Stables	9/2	9/12	Anna Johnston	410/672-7915	Aviva Nebesky (L)
10/5	Camp Olympia	9/8	9/19	Celeste McGee	301/929-1173	Ingrid Gentry (R)
10/11	Schooley Mill, Jr/YR	9/15	9/26	Linda Speer	410/531-6641	Judy Strohmaier (L)
10/12	Schooley Mill, Adult	9/15	9/26	Deborah Shuman	301/589-9366	Ingrid Gentry (R)
11/2	Prince George's Eq.Cntr.	9/2	10/2	Carol Kosary/ Linda Speer	410/531-6641	TBA

*2008 Show Schedule subject to change. Prepared by Bonnie Vaden. See Omnibus for exact locations of the farms.



Calendar of EVENTS

Send Your 2008 Calendar Items to
calendar@pvda.org.

October Deadline: **SEPTEMBER 10**

Calendar Editor: Jocelyn Pearson
www.pvda.org for complete calendar
(PVDA schooling shows in separate calendar)

September 2008

5-6 Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873

6 Dressage Schooling Show at Evergreen Farm, Berryville, Va. Contact Pam Dors at evergreendors@juno.com

7 Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.

8 **PVDA Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. Linda Speer's Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Pat Artimovich, 410-381-7684.

10-14 Erik Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpoxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.

13 **PVDA Licensed Show** at Loch Moy. See Show Schedule.

20-21 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Email: trainer@chesapeakedressage.com or visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-268-4115. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.

21 **PVDA Licensed Show** at Oak Ridge Park. See Show Schedule.

21 Fall Schooling Show Series, Columbia Horse Center. Judge: Betty Thorpe (r). Contact 301-776-5850 or www.columbiahorsecenter.com.

23-28 Dressage at Devon, Devon, Penn. Contact www.dressageatdevon.org for more information.

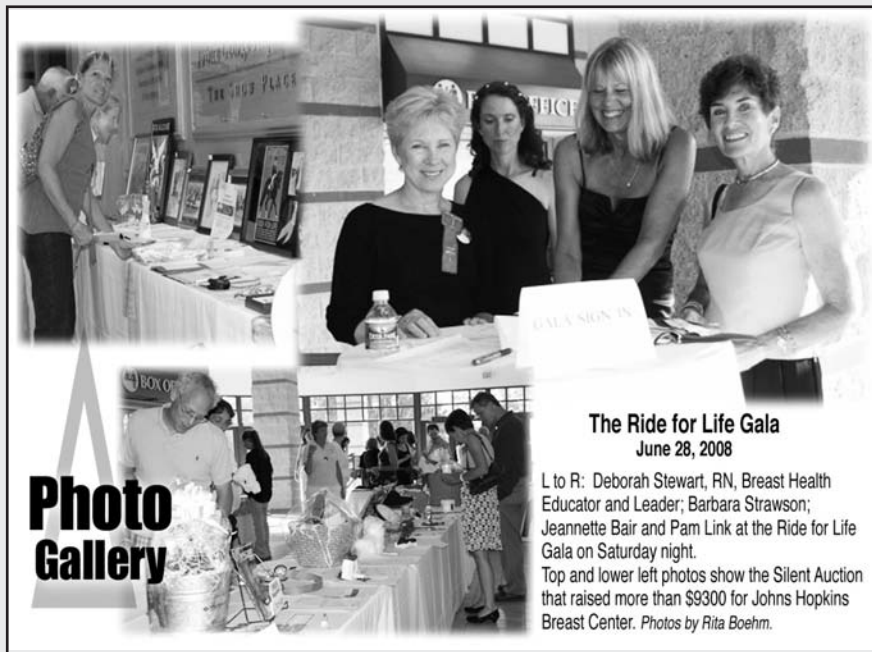
October

5 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.

5 Dressage Schooling Show sponsored by New Market Chapter, Carroll County Equestrian Center, Mt. Airy, Md. Contact Dorie Forte at rival1farm@aol.com or 410-795-2491.

6 **PVDA Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. Linda Speer's Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Jocelyn Pearson, 703-771-3231.

6-7 Walter Zettl Clinic at Reddemeade. Contact jane@reddemeade.com for more information.



The Ride for Life Gala
June 28, 2008

L to R: Deborah Stewart, RN, Breast Health Educator and Leader; Barbara Strawson; Jeannette Bair and Pam Link at the Ride for Life Gala on Saturday night. Top and lower left photos show the Silent Auction that raised more than \$9300 for Johns Hopkins Breast Center. Photos by Rita Boehm.

10 Cocktail Party for GAIG Championships sponsored by ESDCTA. 6-8 p.m. at Holiday Inn. RSVP terrymasters@verizon.net by October 1.

10-12 USDF/GAIG Regional Championships in Allentown, N.J. Entry Secretary is Steve Reinhardt, 203-264-2148 or steve@centerlinevents.com.

18-19 USDF Sport Horse Seminar, hosted by Hilltop Farm, Colora, Md. Clinician Melissa Creswick, USDF credit available. Contact Holly Fisher, holly@hilltopfarminc.com or 410-658-9898

19 Calvert Chapter Schooling Show at Oak Ridge Park, Hughesville, Md. Judge: Mary Lou Sullivan. Open 9/5, Close 10/10. Contact Mary Russell at 410-535-1670 or mrussell@crosslink.net.

19 Fall Schooling Show Series, Columbia Horse Center. Judge: TBA. Contact 301-776-5850 or www.columbiahorsecenter.com.

23-26 BLM Championships in Lexington, Va.

25-26 Jan Brons Clinic at Chesapeake Dressage Institute, Annapolis, Md. Email: trainer@chesapeakedressage.com or visit www.chesapeakedressage.com or call 410-268-4115. Strangles vaccination is recommended but not required.

November

2 Dressage Schooling Show at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Sandy McGuire, 410-721-0885 or MorganEQ@aol.com. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.

12-13 Cesar Parra Clinic at Chimney Hill Farm, Upper Marlboro. Contact Sharon Myers, 301-627-8873

14 **PVDA Annual Dinner Meeting** at Golden Bull Grande Cafe in Gaithersburg, Md. See Reservation form in the newsletter. For more info contact Shari Glickman, shari.glickman@comcast.net.

14-16 Charles de Kunffy Clinic at Wyndham Oaks in Boyds, Md. Contact Rebecca Yount at dryount@yahoo.com or 301-343-3814

19-23 Eric Herbermann Dressage Clinic at Equilibrium Horse Center, Gambrills, Md. Contact Karen Poxon, 410-721-0196 or kpoxon@verizon.net. Visit www.equilibriumhorse.net.

23 Fall Schooling Show Series, Columbia Horse Center. Judge: Trisha DeRosa (L). Contact 301-776-5850 or www.columbiahorsecenter.com.

December

1 **PVDA Board Meeting**, 7 p.m. Linda Speer's Farm, Clarksville, Md. Contact Marne Martin-Tucker, 240-505-9929.



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- Auditors pay \$15 a day, which includes the Friday night session and a full day of auditing the clinic, including breakfast, snacks and lunch;

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The Pacesetters

Show Results

PVDA Schooling Show

Windsor Stables • July 19, 2008

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for keeping the show running smoothly and efficiently: Nancy Moseley with scribing, Karen Crawford and Anna Johnston with scoring; arena set up and take down: Mary Beth Friedel, Ellen Kelly, Julianna LaBoy, Anna Johnston, Rocky Louzon; runners/ring stewards: Blair Jackson and Deb Lambert. A very special thank you to our judge, Jocelyn Pearson, who took the time to give the riders many insightful and encouraging comments. And of course thank you to all of the riders who came out to support PVDA. *Jill Windsor, Show Manager*

USDF Introductory Level, Test A

1. W.S. Amelia/April Tennyson/70.50%
2. W.S. Sweet Tooth/Blair Jackson/63.00%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/63.00%
4. Hershey Kisses/Hannah Conway/56.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B

1. W.S. Sweet Tooth/Blair Jackson/70.00%
2. W.S. Amelia/April Tennyson/68.50%
3. W.S. Fledermaus/Mary Beth Friedel/64.50%
4. Hershey Kisses/Hannah Conway/54.00%

USEF Training Level, Test 1

1. W.S. Rio Roca/Lucy Lerner/73.04%

2. My Lucky Charm/Julianna LaBoy/66.08%
3. Fightin Fox/Cassidy Lewis/66.08%
4. Peppermint Patti/Brianne Conway/65.21%
5. Dascha/Candace Snell/65.21%
6. Count My Lucky Stars/Ellen Kelly/64.78%

USEF Training Level, Test 2

1. Peppermint Patti/Brianne Conway/70.00%
2. Dascha/Candace Snell/68.92%
3. My Lucky Charm/Julianna LaBoy/67.85%
4. Poderoso/Diana Beuchert/66.07%
5. Count My Lucky Stars/Ellen Kelly/65.71%
6. Fightin Fox/Cassidy Lewis/63.57%

USEF Training Level, Tests 3 & 4

1. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/68.80%
2. Kinbally/Dawn Blanchard/68.40%
3. Grover's Slapshot/Samantha Smith/64.80%
4. My Lucky Charm/Julianna LaBoy/63.60%
5. Grover's Slapshot/Samantha Smith/62.00%

USEF First Level, Tests 1 & 2

1. Aurion/Samantha Smith/69.66%
2. Aurion/Samantha Smith/69.44%
3. Mr. Coosa Classic/Charlotte Nygard/62.22%
4. Mr. Coosa Classic/Charlotte Nygard/59.00%

PVDA Schooling Show

Chimney Hill Farm • July 20, 2008

Despite the excessive heat and humidity, our brave horses, riders, judge and volunteers enjoyed a great day of showing at Chimney Hill Farm. Many thanks to our show hosts, David and Sharon Myers, for allowing us to use their beautiful farm. Those of us who board at Chimney Hill know how much time and hard work the Myers put in to making the farm sparkle for the show every year, and their efforts are sincerely appreciated. Our judge, Trish DeRosa, stayed somewhat cool in the judge's stand nestled under the trees and our exhibitors appreciated the time Trish spent reviewing their rides with them. To all our volunteers: Mardee Rochelle, Julia Claypool, Toni Bradshaw, Rick Long, Leslie Long, Jan Denno, Kay Duvall, Laura Levit, Kathy Levit, Kelly Andrews, Lee Bradshaw, and Fred Wilhelme—Thank you so much! *Anne Petrenko, Show Manager*

USDF Introductory Level, Test A

1. Pulpit Power/Krista Mazzarella/ 66.50%
2. Callow Double Clover/Jacqueline Manz/66.50%
3. Bella Donna/Julia Claypool/65.50%

USDF Introductory Level, Test B

1. Pulpit Power/Krista Mazzarella/71.50%
2. Brettia Lucia/Erin Gormley/71.00%
3. Callow Double Clover/Jacqueline Manz/70.00%
4. Bella Donna/Julia Claypool/67.50%

USEF Training Level, Test 1

1. Ziggy/Paige Vallee/67.39%
2. Fabian/Barbara Conner/67.39%
3. Discovered Treasure/Rebecca Oates/66.52%
4. Pioneer/Ellen Buck/65.21%
5. Fabian/Barbara Conner/64.78%

USEF Training Level, Test 2

1. Ziggy/Paige Vallee/71.07%
2. Discovered Treasure/Rebecca Oates/69.28%
3. Fabian/Barbara Conner/65.00%

USEF Training Level, Test 3

1. Lionheart/Katherine Hawkins/68%

2. Java/Elaine Long Bailey/63.60%
3. Pioneer/Ellen Buck/60.80%
4. Sacred Path's Ice-T/Kim Fullerton/59.20%

USEF Training Level, Test 4

1. Tessa/Laura Levit/70.80%
2. Lionheart/Katherine Hawkins/67.20%
3. Revelle/Laura Hoff/64.00%
4. Fabled Son/Wayne Means/60.80%
5. Java/Elaine Long Bailey/60.00%

USEF First Level, Tests 1 and 2

1. Corniche (1-1)/Aurora Rivendale/69.33%
2. Tessa (1-1)/Laura Levit/66.66%
3. Revelle (1-1)/Laura Hoff/65.33%
4. Eskapade (1-1)/Deanna Mann/63.00%
5. Fabled Son (1-1)/Wayne Means/59.00%

USEF First Level, Tests 3 and 4

1. Ratinesse (1-4)/Christine Robinson/71.31%
2. T E Journey (1-4)/Shelly Wagstaff/67.63%
3. Cruz Bay (1-4)/Hilary Walker/66.05%
4. Ratinesse (1-3)/Christine Robinson/66.00%
5. Cruz Bay (1-3)/Hilary Walker/63.42%
6. Eskapade (1-3)/Deanne Mann/61.42%

USEF Third Level, Tests 1 and 2

1. Piconero III (3-2)/Diana Beuchert/67.69%
2. Payaso M3 (3-2)/Diana Beuchert/64.35%
3. Piconero III (3-1)/Diana Beuchert/63.33%
4. Payaso M3 (3-1)/Diana Beuchert/63.07%

Corrections to Ride For Life Results June 28, 2008

The following Training Level Test 3 Results were inadvertently omitted from the August issue Ride for Life results:

USEF Training Level Test 3—BLM

1. Picollino 2/Jill Frumin/70.00%
2. Fiona/Michael Linardi/63.20%
3. Lutz/Stacey Hunt/63.20%
4. Brinleigh/Lara Osborne/62.40%
5. Wyndsong/Nancy Moseley/60.80%
6. Not Your Average Joe/Marilyn C. Ostra/60.40%

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Framing the Focus at PVDA's 2008 Ride for Life

By Jo Ellen Hayden

Like flowers at a wedding, the landscaping at a dressage show is not the primary focus, but it certainly frames the focus. Most dressage shows are notable for their lack of any décor at all. Unlike open jumping, western trail competitions, or the cross-country course at an event, where the ornamentation is part of the challenge of the competition and even may be allowed to astonish the horse, dressage décor should be understated and suitable for the most formal class in the competition. The USEF rule book treats the entire subject in one sentence, “It is permissible to decorate the letters with flowers or greenery to enhance the appearance of the arena.” The FEI rules say nothing at all. No wonder no one even thinks of doing anything but a pair of pots at A!



For the Ride for Life, we had bigger ideas. We were already a regional “destination venue,” aiming to be a nationally recognizable name. For our landscaping we wanted real beauty and real impact. For the latter, you are talking VOLUME, as in, cubic feet. You need some very large plants/plant groupings if they are going to be impressive when seen from even a 20 or 30 foot distance. Ride for Life is a charitable event, so we were successful in getting Patuxent Nurseries as a sponsor to loan us plants over the weekend. Loaning is important because we used (for a 4-ring show) about \$10,000 worth of plant material. Lots of advance planning, lists, and phone calls were needed. Then there was the last-minute issue of who to call to reset the plants at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday when they were blown over on Friday night by a freak storm, and lying in four inches of mud!

All this takes a lot of work, but the rewards are huge. The competition now stands out in our memories. We heard that Ride for Life “looked like the World Championships, the Olympics, Devon, Wellington, and Europe.” Maybe in a few years, they will be saying to someone, “You look almost as nice as the PVDA Ride for Life!”



PVDA Meets the Challenge: Dancing Horses for the Cure

Dr. Cesar Parra, riding Ecu 8, was one of four Grand Prix riders at PVDA's Ride for Life Dancing Horse Challenge.

Photo courtesy of BHS Photography

By Betty Thorpe

The financial success of the 2008 Ride for Life was due to the efforts of many people on the committee and to the generosity of many people.

One big source of money is from the riders who brought in pledge money that is a direct contribution to Johns Hopkins. Liz Erwin tracked these donations and reported that more than 50% of the riders came with money they raised from family or friends, although bringing in pledge money is not a requirement to ride at this competition. Their total came to nearly \$38,000.

One rider who is familiar with raising money for the Ride for Life is Jeannette Bair from Woodbine, Md. She raised the most pledge money in 2006 and again this year in the Adult Amateur division with \$9,827.

"I'm still an obnoxious, persistent individual when it comes to raising money for Johns Hopkins!" laughed Jeannette. "I used the same approach as before, I learned not to be afraid to ask anybody. I made up flyers this year with a picture of me on my horse and asked for support. My total contribution was a combination of pledge money and donations to the raffle."

In addition to raising the money, Jeannette competed her Hanoverian gelding, Woodstock FDF, at Third Level, and also organized the sold out Gala Dinner on Saturday night.

"Last year I helped organize the Gala with the idea of having a special celebration, and it actually lost money. So this year we made it more fancy and special, more of an

event. I went to David Geyer who owns Pedestal Events. They have lots of party themes so we chose Las Vegas and it worked really well. We hit the capacity limit for the fire code of 300 people for the room before the show started and I've received multiple e-mails from people saying they loved it."

"Next year we are trying to think of ways to expand the capacity for the Gala, and of course we are looking for a great theme. It won't be a secret, we'll let everyone know as soon as we choose something! I'm proud that PVDA is doing this show. I have been able to get to know more people on the organizing committee and they are all dedicated to this important cause. It makes me feel good to make a difference," said Jeannette.

Jeannette lost a dear friend, Bari Von Buedingen to breast cancer.

David Linn, Union Bridge, Md., was the high pledge winner in the Open division with \$2,450. He showed four horses, Cimarron, Rubaiyat, Fleur Rouge, and Wonderland. "I donated a month of board and a month of training as well as five lessons, and the people who bought them at the silent auction have contacted us to follow up. We donated these items to support breast cancer of course, and to get some new people at the barn," David said. "I also enjoyed the show. I had a hard day on Saturday (riding all four horses) and did scratch a couple classes on Sunday afternoon when the heat got to a couple of the horses, and to

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me, too! The show seems to get better every year. The hard working volunteers did a very good job," he added.

The junior rider, Christina Davis, rode for the first time at the Ride for Life, and brought in the most pledge money overall, \$12,900.

A group of riders from North Carolina came together to show their horses at the Ride for Life, sparked by Tanya Horning of Wilmington, NC. Tanya was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 and read about the PVDA Ride for Life in *Dressage Today*. "In that moment I decided to be a part of the 2008 show, and hoped I would be strong enough to ride," Tanya remembered. Her horse, Fidget, helped her to cope through surgery and chemo and to become stronger in the recovery. When she mentioned her show idea to her instructor, Susan Wiedman, Susie agreed without hesitation to come with her.

Soon after, two additional students of Susie's were on board, Meredith Mannheim and Sally Vivrette.

Amanda Miller is an event rider and trainer in Clayton, NC and she needed very little convincing to join the group. Her own instructor and mentor, Nanci Lindroth answered "you bet!" when asked if she wanted to join the group. Susanna Stevens helped Tanya during her treatment by riding Fidget, so she came to show the horse along with Tanya. Together these women made up North Carolina's Caravan for the Cure, and brought \$7,800 in pledges.

Tanya and her husband have Maryland ties, having lived in the area. "I remember volunteering at the Prince George's Equestrian Center at a recognized show. Jocelyn (Pearson) was the volunteer coordinator and it was so much fun even though it was pouring down rain!" Susie Wiedman is an old friend to Southern Maryland, since she rode with Linda Zang. Linda still comes to North Carolina for clinics.

The North Carolina Caravan plans to come next year with even more riders!

The Dancing Horse Challenge was another source of direct funds to Johns Hopkins. The Saturday evening entertainment of musical exhibition rides, organized by Barbara Strawson, was open to the public. Four Grand Prix riders brought their horses and after their rides the audience was invited to vote for their favorite by putting money in an envelope and passing it in to be tallied.

Chris Hickey brought his Pan American gold medal

winning mount, the Dutch gelding Regent, and showed off his Grand Prix freestyle. Since the big trip to the Pan Am Games, Chris has shown Regent in some Grand Prix classes in Florida "to get his feet wet," but he is letting Regent develop before he plans to show him in any CDIs. He says Regent is such a trainable horse that whatever is hard for him is more than compensated for with his willingness. Regent has a very laid back personality. Chris said that he could have hacked him into the stadium at the Pan Am Games, so Regent wasn't impressed with the excitement of the Equestrian Center.

Chris brought another star from his stable, Cabana Boy, to show at Third Level. This Hilltop gelding won the chance to compete last year for the U.S. in Germany at the World Championships as a 5 year old. Now that he is 6, Chris is showing him in the FEI 6-Year-Old Class as well as Third Level, trying to finish for year end awards at the top in both categories. While Chris finds that the preparation for both classes is similar, what the judges are looking for is different as well as different requirements for the number of shows and the number of judges. "I keep a chart on the wall in the office to keep track of whether we are meeting all the requirements for scores for both Third Level and FEI 6-Year-Old test. I will take Cabana Boy to the CDI at Saugerties (NY) and to Devon."

Since Chris joined the Hilltop staff last year he has kept his active life of showing and traveling for clinics most weekends. He finds that managing the 30 plus horses in training at Hilltop and keeping an eye on the young horses there is quite a change from his stable of 10-12 horses in training in his home in Massachusetts. But he is happy with the challenges and is settling into life in Maryland.

Cesar Parra from New Jersey is another Grand Prix rider who happily took part in the Dancing Horse Challenge with Dr. Jackson and Carolyn Morgan's gelding Ecu 8. He has ridden Ecu for 1-1/2 years and liked the chance to bring him to the indoor arena as there are few indoor arenas like that in America. He said it is a good cause, and he enjoyed coming to Maryland since he has friends in our area. A native of Columbia, South America, Dr. Parra happily remembered that he started his life in America in Davidsonville. And he is also happy to report that he is nearly finished with the requirements to becoming a citizen. He is waiting to take the oath.

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AUGUST PVDA BOARD MEETING

Date: August 4, 2008; Meeting #469

Location: Linda Speer's Farm, Clarksville, Md.
Jocelyn Pearson called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Carolyn Del Grosso, Bonnie Vaden, Linda Speer, Pat Artimovich, Shari Packard, Leslie Raulin, Jocelyn Pearson, Betty Thorpe, Jen Funk, Liz Erwin, Rebecca Yount, Cathy Jeary, Karen Jacob

Board Members Absent: Marne Martin-Tucker, Deanna Beal

Association Members Present: Ingrid Gentry

TREASURER'S REPORT

Membership: \$100.21
General Fund: \$52,685.13
Schooling Shows: \$8,057.55
Chapter Fund: \$7,777.19
Money Market: \$12,895.28
CDs: \$18,010.57
RFL-CCH: \$2,987.82
Total: \$93,740.26

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education: L program session D1 is November 22-23 at Morven Park. Session D-2 is May 09 at Morven Park and final is September 12-13, 2009, at Morven Park. Charles DeKunffy is all set to be at Wyndham Oaks for the weekend of the annual dinner.

Equine Service Directory: Directory is done and

ready to go. Anyone wanting to update or correct the service directory should contact Karen Jacob.

Judges Liaison: Betty Thorpe has sent out a few e-mails for breast cancer survivors to judge the Ride for Life in 2009 and 2010.

Junior/Young Rider: Jr. Team Championships—PVDA Pony Team came in first and won the award for best decorations and won second in stable management. The Training Level team came in fourth place.

Membership: Adult-694, Family-130, Junior Aff.-119, Young Adult-23, Senior-34, Life-14, Patron-8, Honor-7, Business Affiliate-3. Total: 1137.

Newsletter: (Jocelyn Pearson) USDF newsletter contest—Layout issue, first person interest and general interest story issues will be submitted for each category.

Nominating Committee: Please submit job description to Shari Packard by the end of October for the private section of the Web site and it will be printed into a notebook for the archives.

Shows Recognized: (Carolyn Del Grosso and Linda Speer) Loch Moy and Oak Ridge Park receiving entries.

Special Events: (Bonnie Vaden) Adult Team—Training Level, 2nd place by less than 1%. Had champion and reserve champion high score.

New Business: Motion for \$500 to Friends School in honor of Lignons. Passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING: September 8 at 7 p.m., Linda Speer's Farm, Clarksville, Md. For more information: Pat Artimovich, 410-381-7684.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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