

The Salute

January 2012

Hello, Everyone!

Hoping all of you had joyous holidays and now are looking forward to a wonderful 2012. The SWVADA Board of Directors is hard at work planning an exciting year for members.

First on the agenda is our Annual Social and Awards Banquet, to be held this year at Arzu's Restaurant in Roanoke. This is a plated luncheon, so please get your reservations and meal requests in to Katherine Graman .

Our Educational Sunday will be held on March 4 at VA Tech. Some very interesting and informative presentations and demonstrations are planned. This is a major project each year and we expect a big turnout! Meredith McGrath is the contact person.

The first mounted activity is a Fix A Test to be held on April 14 at Green Hill and should help prepare you for the upcoming shows! Annette Massey Shaw is the manager.

You will be hearing more about these and other activities via the ENewsletter, the website, and SWVADA mass emails. Stay in touch! As always, this is YOUR organization and we need your help as volunteers to continue offering the programs and shows that are major opportunities for SWVADA members. That having been said, please pay your dues if you have not already done so.

Looking forward to a great year and seeing all of you at all of our events!

Gary Maupin Goodale

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as I'm a relatively new face to many of you.

A little about me

After spending much of my youth in 4-H and Pony Club, I headed to the UK after high school and earned my BHSAI.

Back in the US, my husband and I leased our first farm in the early '90s and then purchased a 42 acre, 42 stall boarding and training facility.

I competed throughout Region 8, mainly at Training through 2nd level, also coached several students to solid rides in the lower levels.

Seven years ago, our family moved to Virginia to escape the Connecticut winters. I manage a private farm in Appomattox County and teach at Brook Hill Farm in Forest. I also do freelance teaching around Amherst and Bedford Counties.

We own 5 horses - a Amalia, a Hanoverian mare who will be 34 in March; Tubbs - a warmblood/TB cross gelding who's in his mid thirties; Journey (pictured above in the early 90s) - a 27 year old TB gelding; Illusion - a 23 year old

Dutch/Oldenburg mare and Atlas - my 18.2 hand 11 year old Belgium Warmblood gelding whom I'm planning on competing this year. I adopted Atlas from Brook Hill Farm. Sharing the house are 4 dogs and 7 cats - I'll spare you the names and details or I'd have to add another page to the newsletter.

Plans for the Salute

I'm very happy to be the new editor for the salute. I'll be looking for some feedback from you all regarding what you'd like to see featured in these pages. The plan is to publish every month or every other month, depending on the amount of material - again - please let me know your preferences, this is *your* newsletter.

I'm looking forward to getting to meet many of you in the coming months at our meetings, banquet, Educational Sunday and Fix a Test. Please [contact me](#) with any feedback about the salute.

Best,
Penny

Calendar

February 5, 2012

VADA Annual Awards Banquet

February 12, 2012

SWVADA Social and Awards Banquet

March 4, 2012

Educational Sunday

April 14, 2012

Fix-A-Test

Reminders!

MEMBERSHIP IS DUE

Please remember to send your membership renewal form (there's a copy on page 5) along with your dues to Nan Palmer.

BANQUETS

Forms for both the SWVADA and VADA banquets are available in the newsletter, pages 6 -8.

EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY

To be held March 4 at Virginia Tech. Stay tuned to the [website](#), the Salute and your email inbox for further info.

GREEN HILL PARK

Green Hill Park operates on a membership basis. Please consider joining to help support this valuable resource. For further information, visit the [Green Hill Park Equestrian Center website](#).

IT'S TIME FOR SWVADA AND VADA'S ANNUAL BANQUETS

You've worked hard all year and now it's time to reap the rewards! Whether you've been a rider, trainer, volunteer or observer - the annual awards banquets are a great time to reconnect to your friends, find out what's new within the dressage community and have a great meal.

SWVADA's Annual Social and Awards Banquet will be held Sunday, February 12th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Azru's Restaurant in Roanoke.

The annual VADA Awards Banquet happens the week before, February 5th at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville. Reservations for this banquet must be received by Alison Douglas no later than January 25th, so be sure to send yours in

today! There are forms for both banquets included in this newsletter.

Hope to see you at either or both events.



LILo FORE FARMVET/USDF ADULT EDUCATION SERIES TO VISIT AVERETT UNIVERSITY



The USDF has announced that Lilo Fore, FEI I 4* Judge and trainer will be Farmvet/USDF Adult Clinic Series. The Region 1 clinic will be held at Averett University Equestrian

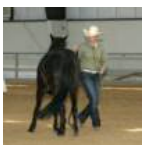
Center in Danville, VA on October 6 & 7, 2012.

Lilo is well known to the dressage community, having helped to develop the USDF Instructor Certification program. She was also the featured presenter at the 2010 Adequan/USDF National Symposium and narrates the most recent USDF "On the Levels" video. Ms. Fore is based in Santa Rosa, CA.

Further information on the clinic will be available after March 1st and Auditor Registration opens April 1st.

You can learn more about this clinic series by visiting the [USDF website](#).

You can also check out [e-TRAK](#), a great educational resource from the USDF to see Lilo and other notable trainers in action.



EDUCATIONAL SUNDAY TO BE HELD AT VIRGINIA TECH ON MARCH 4

Be sure to look out for further information on our educational Sunday. It's always informative and fun, and the used tack sale is a great place to fill in any gaps in your tack trunk. Contact [Meredith McGrath](#) for further information.

For your browsing pleasure

Horse/ Dressage Organizations....

www.swvada.org

www.virginiadressage.org

www.usdf.org

www.usef.org

www.ponyclub.org

www.blueridgeeventingassociation.org

www.virginiahorsecouncil.org

<http://www.ghpec.org/default.htm>

Sites for Fun and Learning

www.dressageunlimited.com

www.dressagedaily.com

www.dressageresource.com

www.dressageblog.com

www.sustainabledressage.com

www.dressagecritique.com

www.bedfordequine.org

2012 SWVADA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print)

Date _____

New _____

Renewal _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PHONE () _____ WORK () _____ CELL () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

USDF NO.: _____ (from your USDF Card) Renewing

Members must include this information on your application. New members will be assigned a number by USDF. USDF will mail your membership card.

IS SWVADA YOUR PRIMARY CHAPTER? YES _____ NO _____ IF NO, PLEASE NAME THE PRIMARY CHAPTER TO WHICH YOU BELONG: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: INDIVIDUAL (SENIOR) \$50 _____

JR/YR (BIRTH DATE _____) \$33 _____

FAMILY: FIRST MEMBER (Above) \$50 _____

EA ADD'L MEMBER \$33 _____

NAME _____ USDF # _____

FRIEND OF SWVADA* \$25 _____

*Friend of SWVADA membership level is not eligible for Year End Awards.

Professional _____ Amateur _____

Your newsletter is provided to you each month online at our website www.swvada.org.

Please make checks payable to SWVADA and mail with your application form to:

SWVADA Membership Chairperson
c/o Nan Palmer
1428 Gosling Drive
Bedford, VA 24523

Office Use Only:
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Membership is in the Southwest Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association (VADA).

Membership year is December 1 to November 30 and includes a Group Membership in the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). If you have questions about membership, contact Nan at palmer16@verizon.net

SWVADA SOCIAL AND AWARDS LUNCHEON

Sunday, February 12, 2012, 11:00 am. till 3:00 pm.

(Snow date: February 19, 2012. Please check SWVADA website in case of inclement weather.)

Arzu Mediterranean Restauran
213 Williamson Rd.
Roanoke, VA

Menu: Your choice of:

Chicken Parmigiana: Boneless chicken breast, breaded and topped with tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese

Eggs Florentine: omelet with spinach, served over mashed potatoes and topped with sautéed mushrooms and a Madeira wine sauce

Beef Kofte: Seasoned ground beef meatballs, baked and served over toasted pita bread with roasted tomatoes and green peppers

Meal includes a house salad, bread, soft drinks and coffee. Dessert will be chocolate mousse cake

Cost is \$20.00 per person

Please indicate your choice of entrée and send your check no later than February 5th to:

Katherine Graman

340 Houston Mines Rd.

Troutville, VA 24175 (540-992-6499)

_____ Chicken Parmigiana

_____ Eggs Florentine

_____ Beef Kofte

Name: _____

Phone# _____

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM FOR OUR AUCTION TO BENEFIT GREEN HILL PARK!!!

VADA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET:



VADA Annual Awards Banquet Sunday, February 5, 2012

Boar's Head Inn Charlottesville, VA 800-476-1988

Reception starts at 11 am with buffet lunch beginning at noon

\$25 per person

Banquet reservations must be received by January 25th, 2012

For more information and a complete list of awards, check out the website.

Name(s) of attendees _____

Contact address _____

Contact Phone/Email _____ (important in case of inclement weather)

Total number of people _____ X \$25 = Amount enclosed _____ Interested in volunteering at the banquet? YES/NO

Send your check and reservation form to: Make checks payable to VADA

Alison Douglas 11909 Halcyon Way Prince George, VA 23875 (804) 339-7495 cell (804) 706-4702 ext 251 work or adoug- las@midatlanticstores.com

Remember there are no chapter baskets this year. We would like chapters to bring small giveaway items to use as door prizes. We will still have the regular silent auction. The form is on the website. Please fill out to bring with your item(s) or email me the information before hand.

Entrees on the buffet:

Roasted Breast of Chicken Dijonnaise with Fried Onions

Baked Salmon with Saffron-Pernod Sauce

Vegetable Napoleon (vegetarian entrée)

VADA BANQUET INFO CONTINUED



Directions:

200 Ednam Drive Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

We will be in the Original Ballroom

From the North:

Travel Route 29 South into Charlottesville. Exit onto the Route 250 West bypass (Lynchburg, Staunton, Richmond). Travel to the third exit, Route 250 West. At the traffic light, turn left onto Route 250 West and drive for one mile. Turn left onto Ednam Drive at the third stoplight. The entrance to the resort will be on your left.

From the South:

Travel Route 29 North to Charlottesville. Pass under the I-64 junction, continue for 1.5 miles and take the exit for Route 250 West. Turn left onto Route 250 West and drive for one mile. Turn left onto Ednam Drive at the fourth stoplight. The entrance to the resort will be on your left.

From the East or West:

Travel I-64 to Exit 118-B (Charlottesville, Culpeper). Continue for 1.5 miles and take the exit for Route 250 West. Turn left onto Route 250 West and drive for one mile.

SWVADA ENTRY FORM
 (Please use for)
Schooling Shows and Fix-A-Tests, Clinics
 One horse per entry form – copy as needed.

Event Name _____ Event Date _____

Horse _____ Owner of Horse _____

Gender of Horse: (please circle) Stallion Gelding Mare

Rider _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Pony Club or 4H Member? _____ Jr/YR DOB _____

Fees: See specific show information. Fees may vary.

- List dressage or combined test level and number in order of preference.
- Check individual show information for tests offered.
- Check prize list for other fees.
- Make check payable to SWVADA
- **Mail entry to show secretary by closing date**

- Entry must include a signed entry form, payment, and copy of current negative Coggins.
- Negative Coggins test must be dated within one year of the day of the show. (Required. Entry to grounds will be denied without negative Coggins.)

Class Descriptions	(Level/Test//Fix-A-Test – For a Clinic, Please list the level at which you are currently training/showing)	Fees
1.	_____	\$ _____
2.	_____	\$ _____
3.	_____	\$ _____
4.	_____	\$ _____
Office Fee	\$5.00 _____	Stabling Fee \$20/stall _____ \$ _____
\$5.00 Late Fee	\$ _____	Total Enclosed \$ _____

I agree that I participate voluntarily in this competition fully aware that horse sports and this competition involve inherent dangerous risk. By participating, I expressly assume any and all risk of injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the competition. I further understand that neither the organizers, property owners, sponsors, volunteers, employees nor the show accept any responsibility for accidents, damage, injury, death, or illness to horses, owners, riders, employees, spectators, or any other persons in connection with this competition.

Rider's Signature _____
 (Parent or guardian must sign if rider is under 18 years of age)

Classified Ads

Cobbs Mountain Farm: now has 2 openings for pasture and/or full board. Personalized care at reasonable rates. Check out our newly revised website for more information www.cobbsmountainfarm.com

TB/Arabian Gelding: 4 year old 15.2 HH Thoroughbred/Arabian gelding for sale. Green broke w/t/c. Smooth gaits, good attitude, lunges, trailer loads, bathes, clips, stands for vet and farrier. No known vices. Asking \$2500. (Saddle also available—see ad below) Contact Pat Nelson at 434- 283-1055 or americanlegacy96@aol.com

Stall for Lease: 12 x 12, turn out, hot/cold water, tack up. Long or short term. Private setting, Full dressage arena, also a large ring. Great trail riding. \$350 per month. Located in Roanoke County. Call 540-929-4024 or leave message and we will contact you ASAP.

Karl Neidersuss dressage saddle: Used less than three years. Excellent condition. Wide tree (fits most medium horses), black 16 3/4 inch (43 cm) seat, long billets, very comfortable! New costs \$2,000 asking \$1500. Laura Nelson (540) 382-0078 or galliard.laura7@gmail.com.

17.5" County Connection Saddle: Black dressage saddle for sale. Wide tree, deep seat. Asking \$2,000 paid \$2,800 brand new. Excellent condition. Contact Pat Nelson at (434) 283-1055

Custom Saddlery "Victory" dressage saddle: 18", wide tree, black, good condition. Used on 17.2hh warmblood. Very comfortable! Selling because saddle is too big for rider. Photos available. \$900.00 or best offer. Heidi O'Connor, 540-874-2200 or info@heidishomes.net.

Silver Creek Hoof Care

Dave Quackenbush

Certified Natural Balance Farrier

Specializing in Natural Balance and Therapeutic Hoofcare (540) 819-8822 soundhorse@swva.net
Floyd, VA 24091

Albion Legend (17 1/2" M) Dressage Saddle: Looks NEW, but was gently broken in ONE short summer season of dressage. Got married, a full-time job and sadly, no time left to ride. I have been holding on to this saddle, just hoping that I would need it again....not going to happen! If you would like a pristine dressage saddle that looks like you bought it new, but feels a lot more comfortable, you have found it! I will let you try it out to see if it suits you and your horse! Contact Denise Poage dpoage@valleyanimalhospital.com Home: 540-774-8485
Cell: 540-580-2711