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## SWVADA News...

**The October Show** was a huge success with 75 rides and over \$700 in profit. A Big Thank You to Show Manager, Maeve Crowgey Secretary, Heather Weaver and all the volunteers and competitors who made this show rock!

**Educational Sunday** Plans are underway to put together our annual signature educational event. If you have ideas for speakers and/or topics, please contact Laura Nelson.

**Omnibus** Beckie Mitchell has generously donated her time to put together the 2010 omnibus.

**SWVADA's New Year** begins on December 1st which means it is time to renew you membership. For your convenience a membership form has been included on page 8 of this newsletter.

**Officers for 2010** have been elected are as follows: President, Gary Maupin Goodale; Vice President, Laura Nelson; Treasurer, Blanche Mahoney; and Secretary, Marie Klimchuk. Congratulations and thank you to all for agreeing to serve the membership and dressage community.

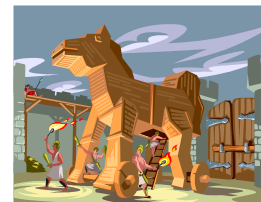
**2010 Board of Directors** Bio's of the nominees and a ballot are included on page 5-6 of the newsletter. Please return your completed ballot by December 1st to Marie Klimchuk, 1166 Thoroughbred Xing, Bedford, VA.

**Attention 2009 Competitors** If you have attended any schooling shows that were not held at GHPEC, you will need to send copies of your test to Robin Jones by November 30th. (Her address is listed on the next page.) All licensed show scores, except for SWVADA'S Spring Show, will also need to be mailed to Robin by November 30th.

**The Awards Banquet & Social** will be held on Sunday, February 21. For more information see page 7.

**Spring Licensed Show** We still do not have a manager or secretary for our 2010 Spring Show. Both these jobs require a lot of attention to detail and rules to follow. If you have the experience to handle either of these jobs, please consider volunteering. We are currently looking into the possibility of hiring a paid professional secretary, which may not be economically feasible. Unless these jobs are filled soon, we will be forced to cancel our only Licensed show.

**GHPEC Workday** Volunteers are needed on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00. Work is not expected to take more than an hour to complete. Read more about what is going on at the Park on page 4.



*But he, mighty man, lay mightily in the whirl of dust, forgetful of his horsemanship.*

*Homer, The Iliad*

## SWVADA 2009 Year - End Schooling Show Standings

Level	Rider	Horse	score	Place	vol. hrs.	member-ship
<b>Intro</b>	Jason Todd	Lady of Royalty	59	1	no	?
<b>Training</b>	Megan Jones	Bertone VT	67.857	1	yes	yes
	Kathy Munsey	Spencer	67.391	2	yes	yes
	Christine Young	Rabbit Out of a Hat	66.4	3	yes	yes
	Claudia Lokant	Classical Aires	61.785	4	yes	yes
<b>First</b>	Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	66.052	1	?	yes
	Sarah Tweedie	Pirate Jenny	65.556	2	yes	yes
	Heather Weaver	Rodney	61.333	3	yes	yes

*If you have attended other schooling shows that were not held at GHPEC, your test copies need to be sent to Robin Jones, 3073 Botetourt Rd., Fincastle, VA 24090 by November 30th.*

### VADA News

SWVADA is once again putting together a basket for the VADA Banquet's Silent Auction. Tracey is in charge of gathering items to stuff a very nice Ariat grooming tote. Please try to be sure items come from Southwest Virginia and no alcohol is allowed. Please contact Tracey if you have any items you would like to donate. The deadline for donating items is **February 7th, 2009**.

If you are sending in your packets to apply for VADA year end awards, please include a picture of your horse in the envelope with your paperwork. Awards may be customized, and this will make this process much easier.

### Educational Opportunities...

**Unbridled Change** Are you curious about Equine Assisted Therapies and want to learn more? You can learn more at the Free Farm Tour and Demonstrations at Unbridled Change on Saturday, Nov. 21 where you meet the staff, the horses and experience first hand what equine assisted psychotherapy is all about. For more information log on to [www.unbridledchange.org](http://www.unbridledchange.org)

**Video Library** Check out the new DVD's including the 2009 World Cup: Grand Prix and Freestyles. For a complete listing of educational dressage videos and DVD's see our website at [www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org) Contact the video librarian, Katherine Gramam to arrange checkout at [KCGraman@aol.com](mailto:KCGraman@aol.com) And please remember to send your Southern States feed proof of purchase labels to Laura Nelson. These labels are SWVADA's source of funding for the video library.

*For more Educational Opportunities such as clinics log on to [www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org) and click on the calendar*

### Classified Ads

#### Gideon Gelding

12-year old Gideon gelding. Bayliss is a handsome Trakehner/Thoroughbred cross with a super easy going temperament. He has wonderful gaits along with a peaceful attitude. He enjoys an abundance of attention and is easy to handle for the vet & farrier, loads, clips. Loves to work and is great on trail rides too! Deserves more attention than owner can presently give. Please call 540-890-8364

#### Ariat Medalist Dressage Boots

Size 8, Regular Calf, Medium Height. Never worn! Please call 540-890-8364

#### Wintec Isabell Dressage Saddle

Size 17 1/2, excellent condition. Irons and leathers included. Please call 540-890-8364

## THANK YOU FOR SHARING

by Maria Klumchuk

In kindergarten we are all taught the importance of sharing and taking turns. For most adults and adolescents this concept is actually quite easy to grasp and can be quite enjoyable to put in to practice. Sharing household chores, pitching in at the barn, taking your turn driving for the carpool or hosting that play date. Yet, somehow, this basic principle gets lost when we think beyond our family, friends, or barn buddies. Organizations such as SWVADA, VADA and the USDF are all but built on the principle of volunteerism. That is -- sharing both the workload and the fun. But, let me digress for a moment to help clarify my point...

I recently attended an Auto-cross event with my teenage son. Not familiar with this sport? It is remarkably similar to Open Jumping. No, the cars do not jump anything, but an obstacle course is set up where drivers are timed on how quickly they can navigate the course without knocking over cones or going off course. Like open jumping, a driver gets 2 faults ( a 2 second penalty) for each downed cone and is eliminated if he strays off course. (Another similarity is that a more expensive car does not automatically make one a better driver!) As you can imagine, being a timed event and having to reset the "playing field" after every run takes a lot of volunteers. Add to that an announcer, a "gatekeeper", a time keeper, a scorer, the safety inspector, and many more people to set up and tear down the course. It is how this club fills its volunteer needs that I found very enlightening. Each event usually runs one day in length, usually lasting about six to eight hours, and is divided into 3 separate divisions. Every competitor is allowed to enter only 2 divisions per day, for the third he must volunteer. That equates to roughly 66% of his time having fun playing at his sport and 33% of his time helping his fellow competitors enjoy the sport. Sharing and Taking Turns. Basically, if you want to have fun at auto-cross you have to help out that *same day*.

Now, I realize that it is not feasible to apply the same rule to any horse event. Most of us cannot park our horse under some tree for 2 to 3 hours without supervision while we help out at the show. Still, observing that auto-cross was a bit of an eye opener. It is harder to view organizations like SWVADA, or even really big ones such as the USDF, like regular corporations where you pay your money (dues) and receive a product or service. This is what the non-profit volunteer status denotes. It is a "Take Your Turn" and "Please Share" organization.

I have been involved with this organization since 1994 and over the years it has been increasingly harder to find volunteers willing to take their turn. Perhaps, it is time to increase the amount of volunteer hours needed to qualify for year-end awards. Consider the days you spend showing and ask yourself if you are contributing back one third of that time. No? What about one quarter? Ten percent?? If not , perhaps it is time to step up to the plate and take *your* turn. Your kindergarten teacher would be so proud!



***"Sharing is the essence of teaching. It is, I have come to believe the essence of civilization... Without it, the imagination is but the echo of the self, trapped in a soundproof chamber, reverberating upon itself until it is spent in exhaustion and futility."***  
Bill Moyers

### **Someone asked the anthropologist Margaret Mead (1901-1978)**

"What is the first sign you look for, to tell you of an ancient civilization?" The interviewer had in mind a tool or article of clothing. Ms. Mead surprised him by answering, a "healed femur". When someone breaks a femur, they can't survive to hunt, fish or escape enemies unless they have help from someone else. Thus, a healed femur indicates that someone else helped that person, rather than abandoning them and saving themselves. Isn't that what we in philanthropy are all about? Healing femurs of one sort or another?

## **GHPEC News...**

Financial concerns were once again at the forefront of discussion at the Oct 6th Committee meeting. The Trustees are banking on the October/Halloween Fun Show to bring some relief to the strained budget. If you are not a member of this wonderful venue, please consider joining today! If you are already a park member you can help by renewing your 2010 membership early. Go to [www.ghpec.org](http://www.ghpec.org) to obtain a membership form.

In order to save money over the winter the Committee voted to drop back to dragging the rings to twice a month instead of weekly. Provisions will be made to assure that the rings are freshly drug for the GHPEC Winter Series Shows.

The September water bill was over \$250 which has led to the assumption that the water line has sprung a second leak. The water may be temporarily shut off while this problem is investigated and repaired.

The Committee is still looking into ways to help fund the footing needed in Ring 3. Donations from both Organizations and individuals who use the park is one possible source. Adding another GHPEC Benefit Horse Show is another possibility.

The next work day is scheduled for Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 pm. Please consider coming out to the Park to help with clean up around the storage trailer (s) and buildings. The more the merrier (and the faster) it will go!

### ***A few important reminders to members:***

Gates must be locked behind you to discourage trespassers.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times.

Guest(s) must have applied for one day pass to ride with members. Furthermore, if a non-member is found riding with out proper validation, the member he came with risks having his membership revoked. Ouch!

If you rent a stall at Green Hill and do not clean it before you leave you will be denied the use of the stalls in the future. And if you do clean it, please be sure to lock it afterward so that you are not penalized for someone else's slovenly ways. And remember, no bedding please.

If you see people who you **know** are trespassing through the park (or worse yet, riding on the soccer fields) please call the non-emergency number for the Roanoke County police which 540-562-3265. The Committee discourages any confrontation between park members and trespassers, but does encourage the wholesome hobby of photography!

## links

### **Horse/ Dressage Organizations...**

[www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org)

[www.virginiadressage.org](http://www.virginiadressage.org)

[www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org)

[www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org)

[www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org)

[www.blueridgeeventingassociation.org](http://www.blueridgeeventingassociation.org)

[www.virginiahorsecouncil.org](http://www.virginiahorsecouncil.org)

### **Sites for Fun and Learning**

[www.virginiahorse.com](http://www.virginiahorse.com)

[www.dressageunlimited.com](http://www.dressageunlimited.com)

[www.dressagedaily.com](http://www.dressagedaily.com)

[www.dressageresource.com](http://www.dressageresource.com)

[www.dressageblog.com](http://www.dressageblog.com)

[www.dressagecritique.com](http://www.dressagecritique.com)

[Www.bedfordequine.org](http://Www.bedfordequine.org)

**SWVADA Board of Directors for 2009**  
**(Each of the following Nominees submitted an informational bio.)**

**JANET BROWN:** I have served on the SWVADA Board for two year now. I moved to the Lynchburg area three years ago from Charlotte, NC. I started riding hunters in college, later getting hooked on dressage. The horse I've had for years is a twenty-two year old Han/TB cross that I've owned since he was two. I've recently purchased a young horse that I hope to be showing next spring. I've always ridden as an adult amateur and have competed at Fourth Level on two different horses. I have my USDF Bronze Medal and half of the required scores for the Silver Medal. I am an active participant in the dressage community as a competitor and volunteer and served on the Board of NCDCTA.

**EMILY GRABAREK:** I am from Chesterfield, Virginia, and I am a sophomore at Virginia Tech, majoring in Equine Science. I have been riding for thirteen years, but just recently started riding dressage last summer. Before the switch to dressage, I showed gaited horses. I was also heavily involved with 4H for nine years. I attended the SWVADA Adult Camp with my Quarter Horse mare and fell in love with all the people. I am really looking forward to learning more about dressage and meeting some more great people.

**KATHERINE GRAMAN:** I have been serving on the SWVADA Board for the past two years. I am an older adult beginning rider and wanted to become active in the organization to further my knowledge and get to know other people who are interested in dressage. I have been living in Virginia for almost three years, along with my husband and two children. I have been in charge of maintaining the video library, organizing the Annual Banquet, and have also acted as a VADA representative.

**K. SUE HALTERMAN:** I reside in Dublin, Va and am employed as a medical professional in OB/GYN ultrasound. I have two daughters, one in high school and one in college. I own five horses, two Hanoverians and three Quarter horses. My prior horse experience includes AQHA World Show and Congress qualifier in numerous divisions. I was active as both a 4-H member and a leader in the Maryland 4-H Hippology and Horse Judging State Championships in 1976. I was also a B level Pony Clubber in St. Margaret's Pony Club in Annapolis, MD. Before my current dressage career, I trained both young horses and youth prospects. In 2002 I started dressage with an unbroken two year old Old/Hann filly which progressed to be the Maryland Reserve Champion Training Level Horse of the Year and qualified for several BLM and GAIG competitions. My current horse is Solitaer SJK, a Hanoverian German Verband who was a jumper until I purchase him. Soli is a wonderful partner that has afforded me the opportunity to be a multiple BLM and GAIG qualifier. Being the star that he is, Solitaer is teaching me as I move up the levels. I am currently competing at 3rd level with one more score to go for my bronze medal. I have volunteered at numerous show including the BLM's, GAIG's, VADA shows and Devon in many different capacities including scribe/ electronic scribe, bit checker, ring steward, and runner.

**CARLEE HOWE:** Carlee, who is originally from Massachusetts, fell in love with Southwest Virginia while attending Hollins College. She moved to the area 6 years ago to start Pine Hollow Farm in Buchanan where she is currently standing the Holsteiner stallion, Resero, and raising and training sporthorses for the dressage, hunter and eventing circuit. She has completed instructor training programs with both Sally Swift and George Morris, as well as studying the German system of dressage training in Germany for 6 months. She has also worked extensively with both Buck Branaman and Ray Hunt learning the groundwork necessary for training or re-training spoiled and or dangerous horses. While residing in Massachusetts, she was an active member of the New England Dressage Association which runs many notable large shows, clinics and educational events.

**MARY GOEHRING McFEE:** I have been a lifelong equestrian for 44 years, specializing in dressage since 1980. USDF Participating Member since 1985; USDF Bronze Medal and Performance Award; Trainer/Instructor Coordinator of Region 4 (1992-1994); USDF University Diploma; USDF L Graduate with Distinction; and instructor participant within the USDF Instructor's Program with Major Lindgren (1990-1995), Pre-Certification clinics and other notables. My husband Rick and I have owned and operated Wintercrest Farm, Inc (MN) since 1986 (breeding, training and instruction). We relocated to our Callaway farm in 2007. I graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Journalism. I am also the mother of two adult sons.

**BECKIE MITCHELL:** I am a long time SWVADA member who has served on the Board for more years than I care to think about! In addition to serving on numerous committees and being secretary to several shows and clinics, I have also been a two-term President of SWVADA, managed the Licensed Show and published the

SWVADA omnibus. I am an L Graduate and have earned the USDF Bronze Medal with Gudrun, my retired Hanoverian mare. I also support Easy Street, my 14 year old Oldenburg mare and Rubicon VT, a yearling from VA Tech When not “horsing around,” I enjoy reading and watching my six cats! My goal as a Board Member is to continue supporting SWVADA’s efforts to offer dressage opportunities to SW Virginia.

**PAT NELSON:** I have served on the SWVADA Board of Directors for nine years and was Vice-President for two years. I have been Membership Chairperson for the last six years. Additionally, I was secretary of the 2004 Recognized/Licensed Show and other various schooling shows and a Fix-A-Test. For the past several years, I have also volunteered for VADA as a scorekeeper for the GAIG’s and BLM’s. I have a real love for dressage and want to help others learn to love and enjoy it, too.

**TRACEY SMITH-OLIVER:** Has been living with horses for 45 years. She has competed through Preliminary Level Eventing and Prix St George dressage. Tracey is a USDF L graduate and Certified Instructor through Second Level. She currently trains and teaches at her farm, Dixon Hill LLC in Fairfield. Her other passion has her digging in the dirt as a local Master Gardener with the Rockbridge Area Master Gardeners Association.

**NAN PALMER:** Nan has been showing western, hunter, and halter horses for many years. She and her husband, Ken, have been breeding Paint and Quarter Horses for over 35 years. They have recently been crossing their Paint Horse stallion with some Warmblood mares with great results. As a relatively new dressage enthusiast, Nan joined the general membership 4 years ago. Nan is active in many horse organizations including the Bedford County Hunt, the Bedford Equine Association, the Central Virginia Paint Horse Club and the American Paint Horse Association where she is completing her fourth and final year as a national director. Although she has not been able compete much in the past three years, she did attend the 2008 dressage camp, and has enjoyed many SWVADA events as a volunteer and volunteered at the 2007 Region One Championships. She also had the opportunity to attend the Region One Clinic with Jane Savoie in Maryland. She reports, “that all of these activities were wonderful learning experiences,” and that the, “people I have met through Dressage are simply the best!” Nan is looking forward to next season and plans to make dressage her primary focus.

**ANNETTE MASSEY-SHAW:** Annette has served in the past on the SWVADA Board for a number of years. She has managed events and been active on several committees. She is certified by the British Horse Society as an instructor and has taught for over twenty years. She continues to educate herself and increase the awareness of dressage as a sport in her area with her equine partner, a Morgan gelding. An accident curtailed her very active show and clinic schedule, but she hopes to be back in the ring soon. She loves seeing the improvement in her horses due to hard work, diligent training and great instruction. She has lived in Snow Creek for the past 11 years where she boards retired horses.

**CINDY SOURS:** Cindy resides in Bedford with her 4 horses. She taking dressage lessons when time and instructors are available. She is also taking equine courses on-line through Michigan State University and has completed a one year course on Horse Production and Management through Texas A & M University last year. Working as the Postmaster for the Bedford Post Office has also given her some business experience. She is looking forward to becoming more involved in SWADA so that she can continue to learn.

## **2010 BALLOT for BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the 2010 NOMINEES.**

**Please VOTE for eleven (11).**

\_\_\_\_ **JANET BROWN**

\_\_\_\_ **EMILY GRABAREK**

\_\_\_\_ **KATHERINE GRAMAN**

\_\_\_\_ **K. SUE HALTERMAN**

\_\_\_\_ **CARLEE HOWE**

\_\_\_\_ **MARY McFEE**

\_\_\_\_ **BECKIE MITCHELL**

\_\_\_\_ **PAT NELSON**

\_\_\_\_ **TRACEY SMITH-OLIVER**

\_\_\_\_ **NAN PALMER**

\_\_\_\_ **ANNETTE MASSEY-SHAW**

\_\_\_\_ **CINDY SOURS**

**PLEASE MAIL TO: Marie Klimchuk, 1166 Thoroughbred Xing, Bedford, Virginia, 24523**

**RETURN BALLOT BY DECEMBER 1, 2010**



## **SWVADA SOCIAL & AWARDS BANQUET**

**Sunday, 21 February 2010**

(Snow Date: Sunday, 28 February 2010)

To be held at the Sheraton, Roanoke Hotel (same place as 2009, different name)  
2801 Hershberger Road NW  
Roanoke, VA 24017

**SOCIAL/CASH BAR: 10:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**LUNCHEON BUFFET: 11:30 AM**

**COST: \$22 per person**

**AWARDS PRESENTATION/ SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT FOR GHPEC**  
(Please bring an item for the Silent Auction.)

Make check to SWVADA  
Send to: Katherine Graman  
340 Houston Mines Rd.  
Troutville, VA 24175

Please check website [www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org)  
in case of inclement weather

### **\*THE BARCELLI AWARD\***

The Barcelli Award is voted on by the membership. Criteria include: outstanding dedication, cooperation, and enthusiasm for the sport of dressage and for SWVADA. From those nominated, the Board of Directors will select three candidates to be voted upon. **IF ANY MEMBER HAS A CANDIDATE TO BE CONSIDERED, PLEASE SUBMIT THE NAME TO ANY BOARD MEMBER BEFORE MONDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2009** (the date of the next SWVADA meeting.) Please include the ways your candidate meets the criteria for this award (in 200 words or less). Profiles of those selected and further information will be posted on [www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org).

**Note: Voting will take place at the Annual Social/Awards Banquet. However, any 2009 SWVADA member who cannot attend the Banquet, may vote for the Barcelli Award using an absentee ballot. Ballots will be sent upon request, then returned via U.S. mail (no emails/faxes), sealed and anonymous, to be opened at the Banquet and counted with the other votes.**

**Profiles of the candidates will be posted on the web site.**

## 2010 SWVADA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ NEW \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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)	\$47 _____
JR/YR (BIRTH DATE _____)	\$30 _____
FAMILY: FIRST MEMBER (Above)	\$47 _____
EA ADD'L MEMBER	\$30 _____
NAME _____	
USDF # _____	

Members will receive the SWVADA SALUTE e-news via email bi-monthly and can also stay up to date by logging on to our website [www.swvada.org](http://www.swvada.org).

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

SWVADA Membership Chairperson  
c/o Pat Nelson  
846 Mohawk Road  
Long Island, VA 24569

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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).