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President's Message...

As the uncertain and uncomfortable weather of summer comes to an end, the harbingers of autumn are appearing. Cool mornings, leaves changing colors, and horses growing winter coats remind us that fall can be the best time of year for our equine activities. SWVADA is looking forward to two remaining events that will conclude our calendar year.

The annual Halloween Show will be held on Saturday, October 1st. We are looking for a big turnout for our "fun" show of the year. Plan now to enter the costume class, which will be held prior to the lunch break. We have some very creative members, and would love a huge costume class!

Also, a reminder that this is the last SWVADA event for those competing for awards. Need volunteer hours? Contact our managers Meredith McGrath and Cindy Sours.

Next on the schedule is our Adult Dressage Camp held at Stonebridge Farm in Natural Bridge on October 7,8,9. Camp is such a rewarding and fun experience! You are encouraged to attend if at all possible. Auditors are welcome at no charge.

Approximate ride times will be posted on our website, so plan to come and support your friends and learn a lot!

Hard to believe, but it is almost time to be thinking about next year for SWVADA. Would you like to serve on the Board? Do you have ideas you would like to see implemented? Is there a demonstration you would like

to see at Ed Sunday? Are you willing to give back some time to the dressage community? The Board will be evaluating our programs this past year and would so much like to have input from the membership. PLEASE, let us hear from you. Contact any Board member. We want to provide you with the best possible activities and events for 2012.

Enjoy the crispness that is fall, love your horses, and see you at the Halloween Show!

~Gary Goodale, President

Upcoming Events

October 1—Schooling Show
October 7-9—Adult Camp, opening for registrations is [June 1](#).

Volunteers Hours

Reminder all SWVADA competitors that would like apply for year end awards must have 4 hours of recorded volunteer time assisting with a SWVADA event. Contact show or event managers to schedule your volunteer time. The October 1st schooling show will be the last SWVADA show of the year.

SWVADA Year End Awards

A reminder about year-end awards. Scores from SWVADA and BREA sponsored shows are automatically received by the SWVADA points chairperson. For any other shows you will need to keep a copy of your score sheets and submit to: Sarah Tweedie, Points Chairperson, 2223 Viewland Circle, Christiansburg, VA 24073.



SWVADA Member Spotlight

Silver Edition!

Get to Know...

*SWVADA USDF Silver Medalists...
Laura Nelson and Gail Stanley*

I have been a SWVADA member since around 1990, and a board member since '92. Was president for 2 years and VP for I don't know how many different terms!

I first got interested in dressage after I bred my TB mare and her first born son was determined to kill me. He was quite a buckler! I had done hunters since I was a kid, and realized that there were many more strides on the flat than there were over fences on a course and that I had better learn to ride this boy, "Kidstuf", on the flat. I started doing dressage and did not really miss the jumping. I went to the VHC and saw Roemer do an extended trot and thought "I want to do that one day!" After Kidstuf came Baccarat, his 1/2 brother, a 1/2 Trakehner. He was born broke. I backed him when I was pregnant with Alyssa and he made me look like a really good trainer. He went lame at age 6 or 7 with navicular disease after doing a decent first level. Then I bought Galliard, a Hanoverian doing a really bad first level. She was the queen of hanging on the bit and had this really huge under neck. I took her to second level and placed third in the BLM's the second year I rode her. She got EPM the following

spring and I had to have her put down due to her severe symptoms. Then along came Kalif, the love of my life.

One of my most interesting stories is how I came to find Kalif. I had just realized that I was going to have to put Galliard down. Teresa MacDonald offered me a chance to lease this horse that they had had donated to VT for the summer while I was hunting for a new horse. I drove out to "test drive" Kalif. I could not get a trot to canter transition to save my soul! But the walk to canters were really nice. You could not take contact with the reins or he would slam into reverse. On a 20 meter circle he would randomly throw changes if he thought you were going to ask him to do anything but canter a circle. But for the first time in 8 weeks I was on a horse that made me smile and I knew he and I were going to have a good summer. It was tough going for a while. He would have these melt downs when he thought I was asking for "too much". I drove all over VA and even went to Michigan to try out horses, but when I came home and rode Kalif, he made me smile. Finally August rolled around and I knew I was going to have to send him back to VT. I called "T" and told her if she ever wanted to find a home for this horse I would be interested.



Laura and Kalif at Dressage at Lexington 2011 where she qualified for her USDF silver medal

I was introduced to Dressage during my medical training in Roanoke back in 1984. One of my senior residents, Gary Oberlander told me of his sweet wife Linda. She had a horse named "Traveler" that she was willing to share. I had always been interested in learning to jump so she just planted some seeds in my soul with her comments on dressage theory, riding patterns on the flat and new terms like flying changes and passage. When my medical education took me on to Iowa, I found the only instruction available there in "english riding" was dressage so my fate was sealed.

I continued in dressage when I moved back to Bristol and stabled at the same barn as SWVADA member Laura Lee. At the time, Laura was the Southern most member of SWVADA living in Abingdon, Va. I joined SWVADA around 1998 and began showing with Laura at Greenhill Park. She introduced me to SWVADA camp, schooling shows and Dressage at Lexington. Laura also introduced me to Harriet Keys (who sold me a Gideon baby) and to her rider/trainer, Gabi Hooten. Gabi became my instructor and good friend and helped train my first horse, Absoluto. We both survived some neurological misadventures (his EPM, mine MS) and showed successfully through Second Level but a combination of age, size and stiffness conspired to bring my dressage career to an end.

One day my secretary called me back to the office for an important call (she filters all my calls-hospital administrators and doctors wait but calls from Gabi come straight through.) Gabi was

excited to tell me she had found my new horse (Was I looking for another horse?) Her friend in Germany had just finished riding a horse that had my name written all over him (Hi, Have we met and are you sure it was my name?) Thus two German horsewomen and a favorable currency exchange rate conspired to provide the means to a different end.



Gail Stanley and Obligato. Gail also qualified for her silver medal at the 2011 Dressage at Lexington.

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SWVADA Fall Schooling Show

October 1, 2011

Greenhill Equestrian Center

Salem, VA



Managers: Meredith McGrath
209 W. Main Street
Floyd, VA 24091
(540) 745-3976
accof2@swva.net
Judge: Helen George "r"

Cindy Sours
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Callaway, VA 24067
(540) 489-5095
cssours@aol.com

Secretary: Gary Goodale
240 Camlach Lane
Boones Mill, VA 24065
(540) 334-5852
camlachfarm@aol.com

Levels:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| USDF Intro A | Second Level Test 1 |
| USDF Intro B | Second Level Test 2 |
| USDF Intro C | Second Level Test 3 |
| Junior TOC#* | Third Level and Above TOC# |
| Training Test 1 | Musical Freestyle TOC# |
| Training Test 2 | Dressage Equitation |
| Training Test 3 | Dressage Suitability |
| First Level Test 1
(VHC Benefit) | Leadline |
| First Level Test 2 | CT TOC# |
| First Level Test 3 | <u>Costume Class</u> |

For forms and information related to other SWVADA opportunities throughout the year, check out the SWVADA Omnibus. The Omnibus is located on the SWVADA website under "Forms and Resources" or may be accessed at the link below.

http://www.swvada.org/2011_omnibus.pdf

Don't delay your registration, closing date is September 21!

Attention all Facebook fanatics!

SWVADA is now on face book! Make sure to click "like" to keep up-to-date with the latest news and upcoming opportunities with your favorite local dressage Association.



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She said funny thing, we are in a position where we need to get rid of a few of our "high maintenance" horses and he is top of the heap. So I bought him. I feel so blessed to have had this wonderful horse come into my life. We have worked really hard to get where we are and he makes me look like a way better rider than I am. He has overcome 3 separate suspensory injuries and is still going happily along at age 21!

For my current goals, with Farben, I am starting over. I am not horrifically goal oriented at this time. I have had so many ups and downs, I take each day as a gift. Horses are so fragile, I am afraid to form a real goal and get my heart broken! Kalif has exceeded my goals and doesn't have to have any pressure on him to do anything. Maybe a fourth level freestyle?

Most people don't know I'm not as strong as I seem!

~Laura Nelson

Otto (Obligato) and I with the help of numerous friends, instructors, clinicians and supporters have taken the journey from training level through Prix St. George.

My goal in dressage was to get to PSG and do a musical freestyle. We've done both this year and having my SWVADA friends come to cheer me on at Dressage at Lexington was a sweet and magical moment.

As I develop new goals for dressage, it would be wonderful to achieve greater collection and bend but sharing in the joy of horses and in those few special moments of riding success with friends of like mind are the things I crave most.

~ Gail Stanley

Harriet Peterson Clinic

On a warm, sunny, August Saturday SWVADA riders and auditors were in for a treat. Harriet Peterson “r” judge and certified USDF Dressage instructor provided a full day of education. Riders were provided 45 minute lessons and auditors were able to be educated from their seats with the assistance of a microphone. Even though the person-less voice from the side of the ring proved quite monstrous to some of the equine participants, everyone showed great improvements from the beginning to end with a few ahh...ha moments experienced as well.

The theme for the day centered around finding the connection with a focus on establishing control of the shoulders. A quote from Harriet Peterson, “ if the horse isn't traveling straight through his shoulders, the energy from behind slips out the side and isn't completing its connection to the bit and the whole circle of energy and of the aids gets broken...all interfere with the ability to make an honest, beneficial connection with the horses and help them find a better balance and an improved way of moving. “ A big thank you to Harriet Peterson for a full day of providing her expertise to the benefit of our SWVADA members.

~Elizabeth Narehood



Educational Opportunities...

The New "On the Levels" DVD has been purchased and added to the SWVADA video library.

For a complete listing of educational dressage videos and DVD's see our website at www.swvada.org
Contact the video librarian, Katherine Gramam to arrange checkout at KCGraman@aol.com And please remember to send your Southern States feed proof of purchase labels to Cindy Sours. These labels are SWVADA's source of funding for the video library.

Just for fun...

Thank you to Marie Klimchuk for providing this cute photo of her gelding "Coelho" on her farm in Bedford, VA.



Ten Ways To Get In Shape To Own A Horse

- 1. Drop a heavy steel object on your foot. Don't pick it up right away. Shout "Get off, stupid! Get off!"**
- 2. Leap out of a moving vehicle and practice "Relaxing into the fall". Roll lithely into a ball, and spring to your feet!**
- 3. Learn to grab your checkbook out of your purse/pocket and write out a \$200. check without even looking down.**
- 4. Jog long distances carrying a halter and holding out a carrot. Go ahead and tell the neighbors what you're doing. They might as well know now.**
- 5. Affix a pair of reins to a moving freight train and practice pulling it to a halt. And smile as if you are really having fun.**
- 6. Hone your fibbing skills. "See hon, moving hay bales is fun!" and " I'm glad your lucky performance and multi-million dollar horse won you first place - I'm just thankful that my hard work and actual ability won me second place".**
- 7. Practice dialing your chiropractors number with both arms paralyzed to the shoulder, and one foot anchoring the lead rope of a frisky horse.**
- 8. Borrow the US Army slogan; "Be all that you can be'...(add) bitten, thrown, kicked, slimed, trampled."**
- 9. Lie face down in the mud in your most expensive riding clothes and repeat to yourself: "This is a learning experience, this is a learning experience,..."**
- 10. Marry Money!**

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

Centaur Dressage Saddle 17.5", very good condition, recently re-flocked to fit Carbon (see above ad). \$1000. 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

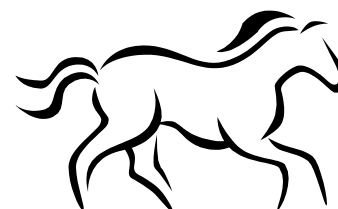
Red Lake Stable: small farm offering full board, which includes grain morning and evening, hay when pasture is no longer available outside. On pasture 24/7 with access to 30 stall barn, riding ring, dressage ring, small cross-country, access to the Blue Ridge Parkway trails; owner on premise, four miles from downtown Roanoke (Garden City/Mt Pleasant area) dressage/event trainer available for lessons \$225

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

*"Anything forced or
misunderstood can never
be beautiful."*

- Xenophon



links

Horse/ Dressage Organizations....

www.swvada.org

www.virginiadressage.org

www.usdf.org

www.usef.org

www.ponyclub.org

www.blueridgeeventingassociation.org

www.virginiahorsecouncil.org

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

LIVING THE DREAM...

Imagine a weekend getaway to the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains during the most beautiful time of year, away from the responsibilities of home surrounded by friends indulging in your favorite passion. A place where someone else does all the cooking, and you can have your choice of several desserts each night. Don't worry about gaining a pound because you will have your own personal trainer to keep you in shape. And the best part about this scenario — This is no fantasy! It is real and it is SWVADA's 15th Annual Adult Camp!

Adult Camps differ from typical dressage clinics. Lessons, auditing, supplemental lectures, meals, hotel and stabling are, as they say in the travel industry, "all inclusive". Moreover, the close bonds formed between participants while helping one another, auditing lessons, and discussing the days sessions over hors d'oeuvres, wine and dinner make for the full camp experience.

Our camps are held at Stone Bridge Farm (formerly Fancy Hill Farm) in Natural Bridge. Visit them at www.stonebridgefarm.com to see pictures of this beautiful facility.

More than 50% of our campers are repeat customers. They return because they know that they can count on top notch instruction in a supportive and fun atmosphere.



Testimonials

SWVADA's Camp was so much more than I expected! The instruction was supreme, the camaraderie was empowering and the overall atmosphere was welcoming. Oh, and did I mention the food...FABULOUS!

Becky Morrissett, Moneta, VA

This was my first year at camp and if the check-book allows it, I will be back every year until I am unable to get on a horse. I anticipated having a "nice" time, not the time of my life!

Lucy Lokant, White Sulfa Springs, WV

I had high hopes when I left Mathews, and camp exceeded my expectations. I was sure the clinicians would be great and the venue wonderful. But, I was completely unprepared for how supportive and fun everyone was. Who could know that a group of such different people could offer such a great team for each other? We all have dressage in common, but our horses are different, we come from different backgrounds, and we have different goals. No matter. We could all understand the challenges and celebrate when somebody overcame a hurdle. Whether the challenge was a fear of cantering, or getting that perfect pirouette, there were always cheers and congratulations for riders and clinicians.

Becky Paquet, Mathews, VA



DRESSAGE CAMP

2011

October 7 - 9

Stone Bridge Farm
Natural Bridge, Virginia

Clinicians:

Liz Steacie
Tracey Smith-Oliver

\$675 Tuition
Lessons, Lectures
Motel, Meals & Stall

\$50 discount for tuition
paid in full before August 15

Accepting Deposits June 1

SPACE IS LIMITED

Contact Marie to Register at
cobbsmtnfarm@verizon.net
540-314-9114

What is Dressage Camp ?

The Southwest Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association has hosted an Adult Dressage Camp for 15 years. It is operated by the guidelines set forth by the USDF Adult Camp Program except that we offer private, not group, lessons. Riders of all levels and experience are welcomed and encouraged. We have had campers learning to post the trot and professional riders looking to put the finishing touches on their FEI mounts.

Campers are able to interact with the clinicians in both formal and informal Q & A sessions. Additional educational opportunities presented at past camps have included Equestrian Yoga, Saddle Fitting, Equine Massage, Centered Riding, Proper Longeing, and Groundwork Demonstrations. Campers also have access to SWVADA extensive media library.

The educational opportunities are plentiful and first rate, but what makes this event truly special, is the camaraderie and generosity of spirit that have been demonstrated year after year making each camp a memorable and cherished endeavor. This fun, highly charged and supportive learning environment transforms a seemingly routine dressage clinic into the magic we call SWVADA Adult Dressage Camp.

Thanks to grants awarded through The Dressage Foundation's Violet M. Hopkins Fund, we have been able to keep our tuition affordable.

Can You Picture Yourself Here ?



THE 2011 INSTRUCTORS

Liz Steacie



Liz is a member of the Canadian National Team and has had many national level wins and success in international dressage competitions. She is coached by her mom, Sue Rothgeb, a recently retired FEI judge. Liz and her husband Adam live in Brockville, Ontario, where they own and operate Porcupine Hill (www.porcupinehill.com), a dressage training stable. Liz has been listed with the Canadian Equestrian Team since 1994.

Tracey Smith-Oliver



Tracey Smith-Oliver has competed through Preliminary level eventing and PSG dressage. She has been privileged over the years to receive instruction from Lilo Fore, Lucinda Green, Karen and David O'Connor, Harriet Peterson, Gerhard Politz, Cindy Sydnor, Walter Zetti, and Jim Wofford. Tracey is a USDF L Graduate and a USDF Certified Instructor. Currently, Tracey is a dressage instructor and trainer at her farm, Dixon Hill, LLC in Fairfield, VA and welcomes students and horses at all levels.

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.)
- All horses on grounds must show proof of current negative Coggins

For all Fix-a-Test entries, SWVADA members are given first consideration for entry.

Class Descriptions	(Level/Test/Fix-A-Test – For a Clinic,	Fees
Please list the level at which you are currently training/showing)		
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)

2011 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)	\$50 _____
JR/YR (BIRTH DATE _____)	\$33 _____
FAMILY: FIRST MEMBER (Above)	\$50 _____
EA ADD'L MEMBER	\$33 _____
NAME _____	
USDF # _____	
FRIENDS OF SWVADA (a non competing membership)	\$20 _____
PROFESSIONAL _____	AMATEUR _____

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.

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

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

Office Use Only:
09 List _____
Label _____
Omnibus _____

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).

2011 Membership Application

Green Hill Park Equestrian Center

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

_____ Individual one year membership \$40.00
_____ Family annual one year membership \$80.00

Please list ALL family members who will be using the Park and their ages on the second page.

Membership will not be processed without complete information.

In addition, application must be completed and processed prior to using Equestrian Center.

Name of Individual or Head of Household Using Park

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____ Emergency Number _____

E-mail Address _____

EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY RELEASE, WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS

This Equine Activity Liability Release, Waiver of Right to Sue and Assumption of all Risks Agreement ("this Agreement") is hereby given by the undersigned to the "Roanoke County Board of Supervisors, Roanoke County Department of Parks and Recreation, and Green Hill Park Equestrian Center Advisory Committee," each an equine activity sponsor and/or an equine activity professional (the "sponsor/professional") and to the sponsor/professional as agent for and for the benefit of each owner of land upon which an equine activity to which the Agreement relates is conducted ("owner") and each partner, officer, agent, employee, director, shareholder, member heir, personal representative, successor and assign of the sponsor/professional and of each owner (who shall be included within the words "sponsor/professional" or "owner" as their relationships may determine) provides as follows:

In consideration for the opportunities provided by the sponsor/professional and each owner to the undersigned "participant" (including any minor participants for whom he signs this Agreement) for the enjoyment of equine activities as a participant, the undersigned "participant" (including any minor participant for whom he signs this Agreement) hereby agrees as follows:

1. This Agreement is given under the Virginia Equine Activity Liability Act (Code of Virginia 3.1-796.130 et seq.) as it may now provide or be hereafter amended (the "Act"). All terms defined by the Act shall have the same meaning herein, and the Act is hereby incorporated in this Agreement by reference. This Agreement shall be so construed as to provide to the sponsor/professional the fullest protection of a release, waiver of right to sue and assumption of all risks which is afforded to the sponsor/professional by the Act.
2. All pronouns shall be construed to include the masculine, feminine or neuter as well as the plural or singular, as may be appropriate to facilitate the construction of this Agreement in the light of the facts presented.
3. The participant hereby acknowledges that he has full and complete notice and understanding of the Act and of all the risks inherent in equine activities which may cause, contribute to or result in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property (the "Risks"), including, but not limited to: (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways or to trip and/or fall; (ii)

(PLEASE SEE SECOND PAGE TO COMPLETE APPLICATION AND WAIVER)

the ability of anyone whomsoever to predict or foresee an equine's reaction to excitement, weather conditions, sound, movements, objects, persons, animals, reptiles, birds or insects, and the effects of such reactions; (iii) the hazards of surface or subsurface

conditions, including but not limited to objects or conditions on, under or protruding from the surface, both latent and patent; (iv) the hazards which rocks, cliffs, hills, fences, trees, stumps, logs, bridges, ditches and other debris and obstacles, and any equine activity in connection therewith, may foreseeable or unforeseeably present; (v) the dangers and risks of tack or harness slipping or breaking for

whatever reason; (vi) the dangers and risks of becoming entangled in tack, harness, or vehicles used in an equine activity, (vii) the risks of falling from or otherwise becoming unstable on an equine or a vehicle used in an equine activity for any reason whatsoever or for no identifiable reason and (viii) any negligent act or omission by the sponsor/professional or any owner which causes or results in the death or personal injury of the participant or damage to the participant's property.

4. The participant hereby RELEASES and WAIVES all rights which he may have or hereafter have against the sponsor/professional and each owner for death, personal injury or property damage which is in any way associated with the Risks; he does hereby WAIVE his right to sue or to bring any action against the sponsor/professional or any owner in connection therewith; he agrees to INDEMNIFY and DEFEND the sponsor/professional and each owner from and to HOLD the sponsor/professional and each owner HARMLESS against any such suit or action, and he hereby expressly ASSUMES ALL RISKS AND DANGERS of death, personal injury and property damage which are in any way associated with the Risks enumerated in paragraph 3, above.
5. The participant hereby authorizes and consents to any emergency medical care which may at the time appear reasonably appropriate under the circumstances as a result of injury or sickness caused by or incurred in the course of an equine activity.
6. The Agreement shall remain valid and in full force and effect from and after the date opposite the signature of the participant until expressly revoked by the participant in a written notice personally delivered to the sponsor/professional.
7. To the extent possible, this Agreement shall be construed in such manner as will render it, and each provision of it, fully enforceable; but if any provision of this Agreement shall be unenforceable, such provision (or so much thereof as is unenforceable) shall be deleted and the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect.
8. If this Agreement is executed by the undersigned participant for and on behalf of a minor participant named below, the undersigned participant hereby warrants and represents that he is in fact the legal parent or guardian of such minor, with full rights of custody and control; that this Agreement is given on behalf of and is intended to be binding upon said minor participant, his heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns; and the undersigned participant further agrees that this Agreement shall also be as fully binding on the undersigned participant as if it were entered into solely on his own behalf.
9. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the participants.
10. I HAVE FULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING EQUINE LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER OF RIGHT TO SUE AND ASSUMPTION OF ALL RISKS. I HAVE CONSULTED AND RELIED UPON MY OWN ADVISORS ON ALL QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND I HAVE NOT RELIED UPON THE SPONSOR/PROFESSIONAL OR ANY OWNER FOR ANY ADVICE OR EXPLANATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Equestrian Committee requests that all persons over the age of 18 years old please sign below to complete the application and waiver:

DATE

PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE

PARTICIPANT

SIGNATURE

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