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SWVADA News...

Happy New Year to all members!

But wait.. Are you still a member? 2009 Memberships expired on November 30th. If you have not yet sent in your 2010 dues, this is your friendly reminder :-)

Annual Social & Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, February 21 at the Sheraton Hotel on Hershberger Road in Roanoke. The Social/Cash Bar begins at 10:30 am and the Luncheon Buffet is scheduled for 11:30am. The cost is \$22 per person. Please bring a picture of your horse to share and an item for the Silent Auction which will benefit GHPEC. For more information see page 5.

Omnibus should be ready to be distributed by mid February if all show dates have submitted by January 31st.

Educational Sunday will be held at the Alphin-Stewart Arena at VA Tech in Blacksburg on March 21st. This is our biggest educational event of the year and is free to the general public. Some of the suggestions for this year's topics have included a Groundwork Demonstration, an "Up the Levels" and/or "Dressage for all Breeds" Demonstration(s), a Driving Demonstration, a Quadrille, Vet Lecture(s), Mini Lectures on How to fill out an Entry Form, Scribe, Score, Show in Hand, Braid etc. We do not yet have a confirmed agenda, but Laura Nelson is currently working on putting together this year's program. There will also be a Tack Sale and tables for vendors and non-profit organizations.

Stay tuned for more information on this event through our website at www.swvada.org or [contact Laura](#).

Spring Show It's official - our Licensed Show in May has been downgraded to a Schooling Show this year. There were two main reasons for this difficult decision. The first being the lack of qualified volunteers to manage and secretary this show. (Both jobs require an in-depth knowledge of USDF and USEF regulations and paperwork). And secondly, there were competing shows on the same weekend which made it difficult to find a qualified judge and led to concerns that we would not draw enough competitors to pay for the show. Bob Whitehurst is looking into applying for a "Rolling Date" through the USEF which should prevent the conflict of competing shows on the same weekend in the future. It is hoped that we can offer the Licensed Show again in May of 2011.

Adult Camp 2010?

Nothing official here, but an informal "show of hands" at the December Board meeting revealed that most Board members are in favor of hosting another camp. What do you think? We need your input too. Would you support another camp by attending? Volunteering? Please [contact Marie](#) with any input you have concerning this issue.

Schooling Show Volunteers We have many positions filled already (yeah!!), but still need a secretary for the April 17th show. Please [contact Gary](#) if you would like to volunteer.

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"Some of my best leading men have been dogs and horses." — Elizabeth Taylor

2009 Volunteer of the Year Mary McFee was awarded the title for her selfless dedication, support and enthusiasm throughout the past year. Mary responded by thanking the Board and stating that "SWVADA is by all accounts, a collective body of dedicated horsemen. I am deeply honored."

Media Library Katherine reports that we currently have the funds to add new titles. If you were disappointed that Santa forgot to bring you that new Dressage DVD you have been wanting to see, just [contact Katherine](#) and let her know what title(s) you would like to see added to our library. And, unlike Santa, Katherine doesn't care if you've been naughty or nice ;-)

2010 Tentative* Schooling Show Calendar

April 17 Show at GHPEC Manager: Tracey Smith-Oliver Secretary: *volunteer needed**

May 29 Show at GHPEC Manager: Mary McFee Secretary: Pat Nelson

July 10 Show at GHPEC Manager: Blanche Mahoney Secretary: Beckie Mitchell

October 2 Show at GHPEC Manager: Maeve Crowgey Secretary: Heather Weaver

**refer to website www.swvada.org for updates and changes*

** [contact Gary](#) to volunteer*

Noteworthy...

Cindy Sours reports that their farm, White Horse Farm, in Calloway collected over \$400 dollars for the Roanoke Valley Horse Rescue by donating \$3.00 from each Christmas tree they sold.

Mary McFee announces the arrival of nine AKC Labrador puppies born on Dec 26 . A warm and fuzzy Christmas present! Three black and six yellow bred for sport and companionship . If you are interested in acquiring your own bouncing bundle of joy please contact Mary at mary_mcfee@hotmail.com

Educational Opportunities...

Educational Sunday will be held at the Alphin-Stewart Arena at VA Tech on March 21st. This is our biggest educational event of the year and is FREE to the public. Laura Nelson is directing the event and is currently working on the schedule. Stay tuned to our website for more information.

Fix-a-Tests are scheduled for April 3rd and June 19th at GHPEC. This format, a hybrid between a schooling show and a clinic, present beginner competitors and green horses with an excellent opportunity to test the waters. Annette Massey-Shaw is the manager for the April clinic. Judy Bonin is the manager for the June clinic. For more info [contact Annette](#) or [contact Judy](#).

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.

For more Educational Opportunities such as clinics log on to www.swvada.org and click on the calendar

GHPEC News...

The GHPEC Committee is in the process of finalizing their calendar for 2010. You may view the Calendar at www.ghpec.org/calendar.htm. (check back often for updates and changes).

Memberships rates for 2010 are \$35 for an Individual, \$70 for a Family and \$15 for a One Day Pass.

The combination for the entry gates will change on January 10th.

Finances for the park are still very tight. The committee is relying on projected revenues from their Winter Series Shows which are always at risk of cancellation to due to inclement winter weather. There are things that you can do to help: become a member, if you are already a member, recruit a friend; support the Silent Auction at the SWVADA Banquet; and support the GHPEC Shows.

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!

VADA News

Tracey reported the following news from a teleconference which was held on Nov 16th:

There were many new competitors to the Lexington GAIG's this year which increased both rides and profits. The profit from this year was \$36,000 and there were a total of 400 horses in attendance and 1200 rides! A grant of \$1,000 was received from the USDF for running the show.

The VADA membership is down slightly from last year.

There will be an adult clinic with Charlotte Bradahl on May 8-9 2010 at Scott Hassler's farm in Maryland.

The Purple Book ads for 2010 need to be received by January 15th.

Following the Nov 16 meeting, Tina Longaker added the following report regarding the USDF Region 1 Adult Team Competition for 2010 which will be held in conjunction with the VADA-CH shows over Labor Day weekend. Tina is currently working on the prize lists. The following is a brief synopsis from Tina on how the ATC will work in conjunction with the VADA-CH shows:

The VADA-CH Twin I (Sat.) and VADA-CH Twin II (Sun.) will be down-graded to Level 1 Dressage

shows

Level I shows are allowed Opportunity Classes (2 each day) at Training thru Second Levels making these classes exempt from membership requirements. Intro classes are exempt from membership requirements.

Third level and above will have the minimum membership requirements (USDF HID, USDF & USEF membership or non-member fees).

The AT will be spread over the days of the VADA-CH shows.

The AT riders will be allowed to compete in the VADA-CH shows – there will be a second non-AT opportunity class (TR-2nd) held each day which gives the AT riders the chance for a warm up ride.

The VADA Banquet is on February 7th at the Double Tree Hotel in Charlottesville. For more information on the Banquet check their website at www.virginiadressage.org

SWAVADA Basket The deadline for donating items to the SWVADA Basket for the VADA Banquet's Silent Auction is rapidly approaching. The theme for this year's basket is "Winter Comfort". Tracey is in charge of gathering items to stuff into a very nice Ariat grooming tote. Please try to be sure items come from Southwest Virginia and no alcohol is allowed. Please make arrangements to get your donation to a board member before the January 18th meeting or directly to Tracey before February 7th.

SWVADA 2009 Schooling Show Standings

TRAINING LEVEL			
<i>RIDER</i>	<i>HORSE</i>	<i>SCORE</i>	<i>PLACE</i>
Megan Jones	Bertone VT	67.857	1
Kathy Munsey	Spencer	67.391	2
Christine Young	Rabbit Out of a Hat	66.4	3
Heather Weaver	Rodney	65.2	4
Claudia Lokant	Classical Aires	61.785	5
FIRST LEVEL			
Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	66.052	1
Sarah Tweedie	Pirate Jenny	65.556	2

SWVADA 2009 Licensed Show Standings

TRAINING LEVEL			
<i>RIDER</i>	<i>HORSE</i>	<i>SCORE</i>	<i>PLACE</i>
Lynn Jendrowski	GQ Romeo	73.2	1
Lynn Jendrowski	Wrococo	71.739	2
Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	67.6	3
Ann Wallace Martin	Kalei	66.4	4
FIRST LEVEL			
Kelly Farmer	Diaz	66	1
Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	64.474	2
Lynn Jendrowski	Odyssey	63.68	3
THIRD LEVEL			
Tracey Smith Oliver	Jack	64.615	1
FOURTH LEVEL			
Lynn Jendrowski	Moud	65.122	1
Gail Stanley	Obligato	63.636	2
PRIX ST. GEORGES			
Laura Nelson	Kalif	56.684	1

SWVADA Medals

<i>RIDER</i>	<i>AWARD</i>
Sarah Tweedie	Bronze
Sue Halterman	Bronze
Sue Halterman	Silver



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
in case of inclement weather

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

Horses for sale; a selection of nice quality, well started young horses from Cedar Creek Stables, Staunton, VA.

Impulsions Pride, 2004 15.2 TB/QH mare, does a lovely Training level test, currently schooling at 1st level. Steady and sensible, great on trail rides, bold and brave over jumps both X-country and stadium. Easy to work around, nice rhythmic steady gaits. Has done horse trials, dressage, & hunter paces. Calm and sensible at shows. A great

horse for a young rider or a smaller adult. \$7,500 ono Contact April Reedy 540-280-4783

Payana von Rosenoff, 2005, 15.2 pure bred Knabstrupper mare, Has shown in Training and 1st level in 2009, scores in the high 60s and some in the 70's. Now schooling 2nd/3rd level. Should be ready to go out in 2nd level in 2010. A steady sensible ride, easy to sit and easy to ride and deal with. Excellent jumper and on the trails. Has done horse trials as well as dressage. A super horse for the smaller rider who is ambitious and wants to go up the levels. Great mind, and very biddable and trainable. \$25k ono

CCS Chatokay, 2006 Gray gelding (Hol/QH), 15.3 hh, should finish out at around 16.0hh, super mover, built nicely uphill. Well started, trail rides quietly, 3 excellent gaits, biddable and easy to train. A really nice youngster with a lot of potential as a dressage horse or jumping. \$15k ono

CCS Tinuvel, dob 2007, near leopard spotted Knabstrupper mare. By Ravaldi out of Imperial Spice XX, 16.00, big moving powerful filly, with good gaits and a good mind, just starting ground work now. \$10k ono

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RiverDance, 2007 15.3 bay filly by Romantic Star, out of Hannah. Lovely moving, a really beautiful filly with lovely conformation and a pretty head. Just starting ground work now. Has a good mind and is very biddable. \$12k ono

For Lease or Loan

CCS Afton, bay gelding 16.1hh,2003, a truly elegant, beautiful horse with excellent manners and 3 good gaits. Quiet and easy to ride. Good on trails and quiet at shows. Currently showing at Training/1st level, schooling 2nd.

Beautiful jumper would be competitive as an equitation horse. Not sound enough for an ambitious rider. Afton needs a home with a light work load, where his kindness and gentle nature will be appreciated. If you are interested contact Melyni.

For more info on the above horses contact Melyni on 540-294-3003 Or via the website www.cedarcreekstables.us

Impaction: *This potentially deadly colic can quietly sneak up on you in winter*

Impaction is one of the most common causes of colic. Despite this, there continues to be much misunderstanding about diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. It is especially likely to occur in colder months, when horses drink less water.

Impaction colic occurs when fecal matter doesn't move properly through the horse's colon and becomes impacted. The first symptom is often a slight case of diarrhea.

Many impaction colics can be avoided entirely by careful management and strict attention to water consumption.

Every horse's water intake drops off with rapid weather changes, especially during cold snaps. The drop can sometimes be sharp.

A change from pasture to hay causes a dramatic drop in water consumption (grass is 80% water).

Make sure the average size horse gets at least 1oz. (2 tablespoons) of salt per day, even in winter. Salt triggers

the thirst mechanism, causing the horse to seek water. You can put this in his feed (build up gradually, over the course of three days).

Monitor water intake carefully. An idle 1,100 lb horse on a hay and grain diet should drink 6 to 8 gallons per day or 10 to 13 gallons per day if on a hay only diet.

Giving a warm, salted mash, at one or all meals, is cheap insurance. Beet pulp, hay pellets or cubes, wheat bran, and concentrate pellets are all suitable for mashes.

If you can give your horse warm water in winter do so. You can even simply top off the bucket with warm water. If you are going to incorporate warm water in your program, it's important to do it consistently, and do it every day.

Keep ice removed from water tanks so the horse can drink. Snow is not a water substitute.

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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.virginiahorse.com

www.dressageunlimited.com

www.dressagedaily.com

www.dressageresource.com

www.dressageblog.com

www.sustainabledressage.com

www.dressagecritique.com

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.

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

Office Use Only:
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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).