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The 2008 Awards Banquet & Social is quickly approaching. If you are planning to attend the celebration please bring an item for the silent auction to benefit GHPEC. Please [contact Katherine Graman](#) if you need more information or consult our website at www.swvada.org

Educational Sunday

SWVADA, in cooperation with VA Tech's Dept. of Animal & Poultry Science and Southern States Cooperative, is sponsoring it's 13th annual Educational Sunday at the Alphin Stewart Arena at Virginia Tech. This is a free event for both members and non-members which provides a forum for multiple speakers and demonstrations on a variety of horse related topics. This year some of the topics that will be covered include "Buying and Selling Horses in a Down Economy", "Feeding the Performance Horse" and "Advances in Equine Reproduction" Demonstrations will include "Building Adjustability in Jump Courses" and "In-Hand Training for the Dressage Horse". From horse care and wellness to training and competition strategy there promises to be something of interest for all who attend. Morning registration runs from 9:30 to 10:00 and the first lecture is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am. Be sure to get there in time for the morning registration for free coffee and donuts and to sign up for door prizes. Boxed lunches will also be available for purchase, but be advised that lunches must be reserved during the morning registration. Vendors can set up tables for \$25 each and are free for non-profit organizations. Reservations for vendors is required as space is limited. For those wishing to sell at the Tack Sale the fee is \$25 per table. Volunteers are still needed for both Saturday and Sunday. Directions: Take I-81 to ext 118B. Follow Rte 460 west 15 miles. Take the Prices Fork ext. and take a left at the first stoplight onto Plantation Road. Go approx. 1/3 mile and arena will be on your left. Please [contact Rebecca Splan](#) if you can help out with this event, need to reserve a table or just need additional information.

VADA News

The VADA Year End Awards Banquet is being held on February 8th at the Double Tree Hotel in Charlottesville. Please refer to VADA's website www.virginiadressage.org if you would like to attend this event or donate an item to their silent auction.

As in years past, SWVADA will be providing a basket for the VADA Banquet's Silent Auction. This year the baskets' theme is "Treasures from the Southwest" referring to our chapter. The baskets provided by different chapters can be quite elaborate and bring bids over \$300! Several Board members are donating handmade, artistic items they have created. If you would like to contribute to our Basket please contact Blanche or bring it with you the next SWVADA meeting.

Become a Purple Pal: The Purple Book is the annual directory for VADA that is sent out in February. The book covers all 8 chapters (over 1,000 members!) and is the main reference book for the year. Information on chapter activities, year end awards, a master list of shows, and a state membership directory are included. Advertising in the book is a great way to get your business information out to dressage enthusiasts in VA, MD, and WV. For a Purple Pal form go to the VADA website (link above) and click on the Bulletin Section.

VADA is hosting a clinic with Anne Gribbons on April 4-5. Contact [Alison Head](#) for more information.

Congratulations to the Following 2008 Award Winners

SCHOOLING SHOW HORSE OF THE YEAR

First Level

Introductory Level

Champion Ghirardelli VT / Vicki Trotsky 63.5%

Champion: Avondale & Lynn Jendrowski 68.889
Reserve: Charlamagne & Katherine Abrams 62.857%
Third: Mighty Perfect & Katherine Abrams 59.714

Training Level

Champion: Kali & Ann Wallace Martin 69.286%
Reserve: Gwenda & Heather Weaver 67.391%
Third: Justin & Sue Egoff 64.8%
Fourth: Heather Weaver & Rodney 62.5%

Third Level

Champion: Moud & Lynn Jendrowski 68.605%

Fourth Level

Reserve Champion: Obligato & Gail Stanley 60.233%

First Level

Champion:
American Elegance & Ann Wallace Martin 66.111%
Reserve: Nicole & Terry Whitmore 64.667%

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Champion: Quitop & Sue Cooper 63.5%

Prix St Georges

Champion: Kalif & Laura Nelson 58.7

RECOGNIZED SHOW HORSE OF THE YEAR

Training Level

Champion: Mighty Perfect & Katherine Abrams 69.767%
Reserve: Odyssey & Lynn Jendrowski 69.560%
Third: Rodney & Heather Weaver 68%
Fourth: Monety & Lynn Jendrowski 66.8%
Fifth: Labras Ena & Meredith McGrath 62.5%

Grand Prix

Champion: Shapiro & Lynn Jendrowski 60.833%

Freestyle

Champion: Charlemagne & Katherine Abrams 68.958%

Upcoming SWVADA Show and Clinic Dates

April 4 Ride a Test GHPEC *Manager Needed*

April 18 Schooling Show GHPEC *Manager & Secretary Needed*

May 23 Licensed Show GHPEC Manager: Nancy Stone, Secretary: Mary McFee

June 13 Ride a Test GHPEC - Manager: Judy Bonin

July 4- Schooling Show GHPEC *Manager & Secretary Needed*

August 22 Schooling Show GHPEC *Manager & Secretary Needed*

October 3 Schooling Show GHPEC *Manager & Secretary Needed*

Have you noticed how many of our shows still need volunteers????

No volunteers = No shows!!! Please volunteer today so that we do not have to cancel these competitions!

GHPEC News...

Winter Series Shows are scheduled for January 25, February 15 and March 15. For more information and a class list log on to the GHPEC site

www.ghpec.org

Park membership fees are increasing from \$30 to \$35. Family memberships are \$70 per year. One day passes will increase from \$5 to \$15. The Stabling fee will increase to \$20. Memberships will now follow the calendar year. Any membership received in 2009 is valid through December 31, 2009.

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!

Did you know that SWVADA is celebrating its' 30 year anniversary?

Bovine Encounters and other Ruminations.....

I've been thinking about how things have changed from those first shows. For example, for our first shows (and for a long time thereafter), we dressed formally. That meant coats and stocks. And braided our horses! I also remember unloading in a pasture (someone's place in Blacksburg, I think).....and having a cow greet my horse as he stepped off the trailer! Only grass, maybe level, arenas! Green Hill was only open space.

Submitted by: Gary Maupin Goodale



If you have any memories from SWVADA's early days that you would like to share, please contact the editor at www.cobbsmtfarm@verizon.net

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.dressagecritique.com

*Dive deeply enough into any subject and the questions that shimmer before you are spiritual.
Jack Hawley*

