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SWVADA News...

Happy New Year

A new year welcomes several new SWVADA board members. A big welcome to Carlee Howe, Meredith McGrath, and Judy Westenhoefer. Thank you to all SWVADA members that submitted ballots to allow SWVADA to have a full board!

Don't Miss!

SWVADA Social and Awards Banquet

What is a great way to get through winter? By having some fun with your SWVADA family, at the SWVADA Social and Awards Banquet held at the Roanoke Sheraton on Sunday, February 20th. Along with the awards program you can also participate in the silent auction to benefit Greenhill Park Equestrian Center. The silent auction is a great way to find gifts while supporting a worthy cause. Attendees are asked to please bring an item to donate to the auction. Past recipients of the now retired perpetual trophies will also have the chance to "win" back their trophy which will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The deadline for making your banquet reservations is **February 8th**, so please don't delay!

Educational Sunday

Educational Sunday has been scheduled for March 20 at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. Currently speakers are being finalized. Possible topics include: farrier talk/demo on the natural balanced hoof, equine law, long lining, review of the new dressage tests, veterinarian update, and a presentation on training reining horses and Hunter/jumpers.

Mark Your Calendars!

Dates have been set for 2011 SWVADA Events. Clinicians and judges are currently being scheduled.

March 20—Educational Sunday

April 2—SWVADA Fix-a-test

April 16—Schooling Show

May 28—Schooling Show

June 18—Fix-a-test

July 9—Schooling Show

August 13—Clinic

October 1—Schooling Show

Volunteers Needed!

All SWVADA events are 100% run by volunteers. It takes many volunteers to operate just one event. Examples of duties include: ring set-up (usually the day before), show manager, secretary, scribe, ring steward, scorer, and test runner. As you mark event dates on your calendar, please consider a volunteer position you would commit to.

2011 Dressage Tests

Beginning in 2011 the USDF has approved new dressage tests. [A presentation and discussion concerning the new 2011 tests will be held at the 2011 SWVADA Educational Sunday.](#) Major changes that should be noted include: Each level will only have three tests instead of four. The collective scores at the end of the test have changed format so the rider coefficient is broken into three headings. All first level tests may be ridden either rising or sitting trot.

Linda Zang Clinic

April 23-24, 2011 the Morven Park Equestrian Center will be hosting a "New Test" clinic with Linda Zang. Please see the attached flyer and registration for more information.



SWVADA SOCIAL & AWARDS BANQUET



Sunday, 20 February 2011

(Snow Date: Sunday, 27 February 2011)

**Sheraton, Roanoke Hotel (same venue as last year)
2801 Hershberger Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24017**

SOCIAL 11:00AM

BUFFET LUNCHEON 11:45 AM

COST: \$25 per person (Reservations must be received by February 8th)

AWARDS PRESENTATION/ SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT FOR GHPEC

(Please bring an item for the Silent Auction.)

Menu: Garden Salad, Rolls, Chicken Marsala, Sliced London Broil, Pasta Primavera, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Assorted Desserts, tea, coffee, soft drinks.

**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**



SWVADA members enjoy an afternoon of celebration and friendship at the 2009 Banquet

Have you ever been the recipient of a SWVADA Perpetual Trophy?

If you would like the to opportunity to “win” back your trophy, make plans to attend the Annual Banquet where the retired trophies will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.



Has hibernating indoors for the winter caused you to have an uncharacteristically clean house? Well, put down the scrub brush and find some relief from winter by hanging out with your SWVADA family at the 2010 SWVADA Social and Awards Banquet. Come have a great meal, support your friends and the Greenhill Park Equestrian Center.

Send in your payment to reserve your spot!

SWVADA Board Members Respond...

How do you get your “dressage fix” during winter?

Unfortunately winter has found itself not to be the best season for dressage riders. Unless you are privileged enough to have your own indoor or can afford a summer vacation home in Florida, winter in Southwest Virginia usually means many days of no riding. Wintertime can be a great chance to find other ways to address your dressage habit. Here are some suggestions straight from the board:

- Go to the SWVADA Social and Awards Banquet!
- Borrow videos from the SWVADA Library
- Do Yoga to stay flexible and in shape
- Give “luxury” grooming sessions to my horse
- Do “carrot” stretches with my horse
- Feel the burn with Debbie Rodriguz’s new workout DVD
- Clean tack
- Repair Blankets
- Visit breed websites for fun!
- Pick out old tack to send to the SWVADA Tack Sale at Educational Sunday
- Catch up on some ready to educate your mind (they say riding is mostly mental!). Suggested titles include : *The Complete Training of Horse and Rider* by Alois Podhajsky, *Horsemanship* by Waldemar Seunig, *Riding Logic* by W. Museler, *Centered Riding* by Sally Swift, *Reflexions on Equestrian Art* by Nuno Oliveira, *American Dressage* by Chuck Grant , and *Dressage as Art in Competition* by John Winnett



Does your winter look like this?

"Always close the door to the high-tech world firmly behind you and walk through a corridor of relaxation and collection, before you enter the space that is occupied by creatures who are closer to nature than many people of this day and age."

~ Dorothee Baumann-Pellny

SWVADA Winter Photo Contest!

One of the best times to take photos is over the winter. Submit your winter photos to the 2011 SWVADA winter photo contest. Photos will be judged and winners included in the next edition of the SWVADA e-news. The grand prize winner will receive a \$10.00 gift card to Target!

Submit photos electronically to Elizabeth Narehood at liz7781@hotmail.com



SWVADA Member Spotlight

Get to know...

Tobie Benz

I have been a SWVADA member for 6+ years. Prior to Dressage, I showed Racking Horses for many years. My husband and I traveled the east coast including N.C, S.C. GA, Tenn, Alabama and Va. hauling to one show after another.. It was a blast. Prior to that, I rode Saddle

Seat. As I grew up, I would crawl on any pony/horse that would stand still long enough, not to mention I wore out many a stick horse..

I basically came into the world adoring 4 legged animals that whinnied. However, it wasn't until I was 30 years old before I owned my first horse. Needless to say, I have been trying to make up for lost time ever since.

Having said that, I am long past 30 these days and wanted a discipline I could grow old with, along with new challenges - Dressage was the choice-- so I began the adventure I now travel.



It has been a whole new world for me to discover. I think the hardest part is trying to correct bad habits and changing the old muscle memory aspects of previous disciplines!

I have been blessed with 2 wonderful Friesians - Wander and Jelle, who are my partners in every aspect of "horsin", both trail riding and/or competition. I have been fortunate to have met fellow Dressage buddies who are always there to offer support, as well as lots of encouragement... for that reason, as well as having a super instructor.. a gal can't go wrong.

Kenny, my husband after 22 years of marriage, now realizes it's a way of "our" life. He promised to hoist me up in the saddle when the years ahead take a toll. Now that's true love..

As I enter 2011: My thoughts are of future years of continued learning, wonderful memories, accomplishing goals as I climb the levels, not to mention (as I cross my fingers), a strong body that will endure..

I send best wishes to all SWVADA members for a great year of horse endeavors whenever you sit in that saddle.

~ Tobie Benz

Editors Note: Ever go to an event and feel like you don't know anyone? SWVADA members should never be put in such a predicament. In effort to avoid this dilemma and to help members learn more about each other, the "member spotlight" is a new addition to the newsletter. Members are chosen at random and asked out of the goodness of their hearts to share some of their life experiences with the membership. A big thank you to Tobie Benz for being our first candidate!

Wanted!...Book Reviewers

Let's get a conversation started...

Winter is a perfect time to get caught up on reading. Listed below is the USDF recommended reading list for the "L" judge educational program. Even if you have no plans to become a judge, anyone who rides dressage can benefit from reading a good educational book. SWVADA is looking for book reviewer(s) to comment on any of the following reading materials. If you are interested in providing a review, please email the e-News Salute editor, Elizabeth Narehood, at liz7781@hotmail.com.

- Tug of War: Classical versus "Modern" Dressage - Gerd Heuschmann
- Biomechanical Riding and Dressage: A Rider's Atlas - Dr. Nancy Nicholson
- Selecting the Dressage Horse: Confirmation, Movement, Temperament - Dirk Willen Rosie
- FEI Dressage Handbook: Guidelines for Judging - Federation Equestre Internationale
- The Principle of Riding—German National Federation
- Advanced Techniques of Riding – German National Federation
- The Complete Training of Horse and Rider – Colonel Alois Podhajski
- Practical Dressage Manual – Colonel Bengt Ljungquist
- Basic Training of the Young Horse – Reiner Klimke
- The Way to Perfect Horsemanship – Udo Burger
- Ecole De Cavalerie – Francois Robichon de la Gueriniere



List continued on page 5

- A General System of Horsemanship – William Cavendish, Duke of Newcastle
- Balance in Movement – Susanne von Dietze
- The View From C – Dr. Dietmar Specht
- The Art of Training (The Masters of Horsemanship Series, Book 2) – Hans von Blixen-Finecke
- Dressage in Harmony – Walter Zettl
- The Basics – K.A. von Ziegner
- The Gymnasium of the Horse – Gustav Steinbrecht
- Academic Equitation – General Decarpentry
- The Classical Rider – Sylvia Loch
- Simplicity of Dressage – Johann Hinnemann and Coby van Baalen
- The Dynamic Horse: A biomechanical Guide to Equine Movement and Performance – Dr. Hilary M. Clayton
- Riding Logic – Wilhelm Museler
- Real Life Dressage – Carl Hester and Polly Ellisons
- Dressage: A Guideline for Riders and Judges – Wolfgang M. Niggli

Noteworthy

Lynn Jendrowski will now be training out of Flannigan Stables

Educational Opportunities...

Need to get in shape this winter? SWVADA now has the Debbie Rodriguez workout video series for loan from the DVD 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...

Can you guess which SWVADA Board Members are in the following pictures?



Who do you think would wear a dress and ride?



How about this cutie on a paint?

SWVADA YEAR END AWARDS

Final Standings

Schooling Show Awards

Training Level

1. Linda Oberlander	Black Tie	69.2
2. Elizabeth Narehood	Copelia	68
3. Heather Cowan	Manta	66.8
4. Kathy Munsey	Spencer	66
5. Nannette Palmer	No Fool N Dude	61.2
6. Lucy Lokant	BB Gisele	60.4

First Level

1. Heather Weaver	Rodney	67.667
2. Sarah Tweedie	Pirate Jenny	65.714
3. Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	64.572
4. Megan Jones	Bertone VT	63.4

Licensed Show Awards

Training Level

1. Lynn Jendrowski	GQ Romeo	69.737
2. Ann Wallace Martin	American Elegance	66.053
3. Lynn Jendrowski	American Elegance	65.143
4. Sue Egolf	Justin	62.5
5. Katherine Abrams	Mighty Perfect	62.286

Third Level

1. Katherine Abrams	FDR	65.897
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Fourth Level

1. Lynn Jendrowski	Moud	64.419
2. Gail Stanley	Obligato	63.636

PSG

1. Gail Stanley	Obligato	58.947
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Freestyle

1. Lynn Jendrowski	Shapiro	70.625
2. Katherine Abrams	FDR	67.708
3. Lynn Jendrowski	Moud	66.146

Bronze Medal

Megan Jones
Judy Bonin
Katherine Abrams

Silver Medal

Katherine Abrams

Junior Young Rider Awards

Katherine Abrams
Megan Jones

McDonald Farm Awards

1. Linda Oberlander	69.2
2. Elizabeth Narehood	68
3. Katherine Abrams	67.708
4. Heather Cowan	66.8
5. Kathy Munsey	66
6. Sarah Tweedie	65.714

Virginia Horse Center Benefit Trophy

Heather Weaver 68.85



*Congratulations to
all of the 2010
competitors!
Attend the
SWVADA Social
and Awards
Banquet to receive
your awards!*

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

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.

TB/Arabian Gelding: Carbon is a 4yr old gray with a great attitude and is a real people horse. This athletic youngster is green broke to walk, trot and canter. He has no vices and loads, clips, bathes and stands for the vet and farrier. 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

Raptana High - Hanoverian 2009 liver chestnut filly by elite Hanoverian stallion Rapture R. Out of TB mare in Hanoverian stud book. Impressive presence, impulsion and gaits. Branded. Registration papers will include lifetime USEF number. Upper level potential. \$7500. 540/818-1930.

Lisco Lan - 2009 bay filly out of Selle Francais Dalisca D'Authieux by Jalisco B. Dam was grand prix jumper in France. Sire grand prix in US & Germany. Now standing in Germany Gestüt Famos. Landsteicher by Landgraf I.<http://www.gestuet-famos.de/> This one will be very large. 540/818-1930.

17 1/2 County Connection black dressage saddle: Wide tree, deep seat. Asking \$2,000; paid \$2,800 brand new. Excellent

condition. Pat Nelson 434-392-8777

Hi Bo—TB mare by Highland Ruckus, out of Bo Jinski daughter. In Hanoverian Stud Book. In foal to Landstreicher for April 2010. Beautiful mare very sweet big mover. Her foals by Hanoverian stallions eligible for Hanoverian registry. 540/818-1930

Big (16.2 HH), handsome, 8 year old Hanoverian bay gelding: started in dressage, but still green, looking for a life partner with soft hands and patience to help me reach my potential. I am very social, have a great personality, love to learn new things, good work ethic, lots and lots of energy, big gaits, and excellent movement. If you want to see me in person call Chris DeVuyst 540/586-4686 or 434/258-6100. Asking 25K or make offer.

Overstocked: We are no longer in the breeding business and don't have time to ride them all. 6 yo Trakehner/TB gelding, 16.0, green, great jumping potential, lovely head and neck, good topline, needs to get on with his career; 12 yo 16.1h TB broodmare by Capote x SW Nureyev daughter, has produced 100% race winners from starters, broodmare only (knee injury as a yearling), great temperament, very nice mover, throws big attractive foals; 9 yo OTTB gelding, 15.31/2, very attractive, not to jump, nice manners, needs quiet, experienced rider; 10 yo 15 hand Arab-Quarter Horse Gelding, very attractive horse, comfortable gaits, very easy keeper \$1,200—\$3,000. Bob and Beckie Irons, Pickaway, WV 304/772-3125 or vogue@earthlink.net

4 Year Old Registered ISR/Oldenburg Mare: wonderful personality. She is a pleasure to work with. She is brave and willing to learn. Brooklyn is athletic which will make her able to perform multiple disciplines. Brooklyn has been recently started undersaddle. She was bred at Virginia Tech. Contact Lynn Jendrowski at 540-392-8777

Free to a good home: 21 year old TB, 16hh, sound and serviceable, good on trails, quiet enough for beginner, great companion horse, loves attention! Call Heidi O'Conner 540-587-3756 (leave message)

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

FREE HORSE SEMINAR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

16th Annual Educational Sunday, March 20, 2011

Presented by: the Southwest VA Dressage Association in cooperation with The Department of Animal & Poultry Sciences, VA Tech

VA Tech Alphin-Stuart Livestock Teaching Arena
Plantation Rd, off Prices Fork Rd, Blacksburg, VA

Confirmed Topics:

The Natural Balanced Hoof: by farrier Dave Quackenbush

Equine Law topics: Jen Wolz

Long Lining Demonstration: Patricia Brooks

Review 2011 New Dressage Tests: Harriet Peterson

Other Topics:

Equine Veterinary Topic: TBA

Reining Horse Training Demonstration: TBA

Hunter-Jumper Training Demonstration: TBA

USED TACK SALE

Time to gather up items for the Educational Sunday Tack Sale! You know you have a gazillion bits, unused bridles and blankets that don't fit any of your guys...Bring them to the Tack Sale! Items can be new or used. For each item securely attach a label with your name, phone number, and price. SWVADA members will handle the sale and collect your money so you can enjoy all of the Educational Sunday sessions. Unsold items must be picked up after the program. *The Vendor fee is \$5*

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

WWW.SWVADA.ORG, Meredith McGrath 540-745-3976



2011 Linda Zang Clinic – April 23-24

Auditor Form

Morven Park International Equestrian Institute
41793 Tutt Lane Leesburg VA 20176

Worried about the new tests?
Why did the USEF get RID of Test 4?
How are the new tests going to affect my training and showing?
Let Linda Zang, FEI 'O' judge get you straight and on track.



Meet Our Clinician:

Linda Zang of Idlewilde Farm in Davidsonville, Maryland represented the United States as a dressage competitor at the 1978 World Championships, the 1979 Pan-American Games and the 1980 Alternate Olympics at Goodwood, England. She became an FEI judge in 1985 and judged the dressage event at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, numerous FEI World Cup Dressage Finals and most recently the 2010 Alltech World Equestrian Games.

Clinic Specifics:

The VADA is very happy to be able to offer this New Test Clinic with Linda Zang as a THANK YOU for its WONDERFUL, hardworking members (and non members) at minimal cost.

A combination of adult amateur, junior and professional riders may be selected, as well as a combination of experienced and green horses. This year's clinic will focus on the new dressage tests; therefore, riders may be selected to demonstrate particular movements or complete tests. Riders will ride both days.

A box lunch will be included for all auditors who register (received by secretary) by April 15th - see page 2 for the choices.. Walk-ins are welcome, but no lunch will be provided. On page 2, please complete the Auditor information, make your lunch reservation(s), sign the release, write your check (payable to VADA, Inc.) and mail promptly!

**Fee Schedule:

VADA member:	\$15 per day
	\$25 for both days
Non VADA member:	\$30 per day
	\$50 for both days

Auditor Name: _____

Email: _____

VADA Chapter (if applicable): _____

Auditor Release

LIABILITY RELEASE

I understand that the Virginia Dressage Association, Inc. (VADA), its staff, the clinic organizer, volunteers, clinician, facility, facility staff, hosting organization, sponsors or anyone acting on their behalf are not responsible for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, riders, spectators, or any other person in connection with this clinic. By signing this form, I agree to abide by all USEF/USDF/VADA rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this clinic.

Auditor's Signature

Date

Please return this completed form to be received by April 15th to receive your lunch.

Bettina Longaker
8246 Open Gate Rd
Gordonsville VA 22942

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact:
Bettina at vadvirag8@gmail.com

LUNCH OPTIONS

Please CHECK ONE For EACH DAY You are ATTENDING

SATURDAY:

- _____ Asiago Roast Beef sandwich (roast beef, smoked cheddar, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, horseradish spread on an asiago cheese baguette)
- _____ Mediterranean Veggie sandwich (sweet peppers, feta, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions & cilantro hummus on tomato basil bread)
- _____ Chicken Caesar salad

SUNDAY:

- _____ Bacon Turkey Bravo sandwich (smoked turkey, bacon, smoked Gouda cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, special dressing on tomato basil bread)
- _____ Mediterranean Veggie sandwich (sweet peppers, feta, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions & cilantro hummus on tomato basil bread)
- _____ Greek salad with chicken

All choices come with a selection of drinks; sandwiches come with chips and a cookie; salads with French bread and a cookie

****IMPORTANT NOTE:**

In order to receive lunch, you must register to audit the clinic NO LATER THAN April 15, 2011. After that, you may sign up to attend the clinic or pay at the door, but lunch will neither be provided nor available

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 # _____	
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

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PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:

Roanoke County Parks, Recreation and Tourism 1206 Kessler Mill Road Salem, VA 24153
or by fax at 540-387-6146. For questions, please call 540-387-6078 ext. 478 or via email at
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