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"UMMMMM A HAZMAT SUIT"

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Congratulations

to the scholarship winners:

Kimberly Bliefernich & Robyn Nunnally



**VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
AND
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**PRESENTS AN AUDITOR-FRIENDLY
SYMPOSIUM**



**27 AND 28 JUNE 2020
STAVE MILL FARM
ESMONT, VA**

**DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL BY BUILDING A SOLID
FOUNDATION**

Exercises to help you maximize your horse's performance whether riding before a judge or the mirror.



Clinicians



George Williams

Youth Coach, International Dressage
Competitor and Instructor

Bill Warren

FEI 4* & USDF 'S' Dressage Judge,
FEI Dressage Competitor and Instructor

Check virginiadressage.com in the upcoming months for more information about the symposium, including rider and auditor information.



The Virginia Dressage Association & Stave Mill Farm are excited to announce an auditor-friendly symposium with George Williams and Bill Warren. The symposium, Discover Your Potential by Building a Strong Foundation (exercises to help you maximize your horse's performance whether riding before a judge or the mirror) will be at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont VA on June 27th & 28th.

We will have 8 demonstration riders each day. In addition, we will have several time periods set aside each day so that the clinicians can answer questions from the auditors. We are also planning on holding additional, unmounted educational activities over the course of the symposium. These are still being developed but one is likely to be a "yoga for riders" session focusing on stretches to enhance a rider's flexibility, with the second session focusing on a presentation from a vet on a topic of general interest to the entire audience.

While there are many educational opportunities in Virginia, most are geared to riders and not auditors. In addition, clinics with "big-name trainers" are generally quite expensive. This symposium is targeted to both riders and auditors, with not just one but two top-notch clinicians, who both complement each other and bring different perspectives to their instruction. Both are FEI riders, both train riders at all levels, one is a National Level Coach and the other an FEI Judge. Together we believe they will be a dynamic duo and will provide valuable instruction to both riders and auditors.

This symposium will provide a meaningful educational opportunity to all our members whatever their level, at a very moderate price. One unique aspect of this symposium is that it is geared to both riders who show and those who simply want to advance their horse's training, even if they have no interest in competing. It is designed to help all horses, riders and auditors reach their full potential, even if they are not mounted on the biggest, fanciest mover.

Between the two of them, our clinicians wear every possible hat imaginable – trainer, FEI and international level competitor, National Level Coach and FEI judge. Working as a team, they will bring a wide range of perspectives to the symposium, being able to speak to the attendees as a rider, trainer, coach and judge, which will result in a very rich learning experience.

George Williams is a US National Coach, international competitor, and highly sought-after instructor. A prominent figure in international dressage competition, George's career highlights with Chuck and Joann Smith's grand prix mare, Rocher include an unprecedented three-time Dressage at Devon Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle winner and United States Dressage Federation Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle Horse of the Year.

George has been a serious student of dressage since 1973 when at 18 years old he traveled to Germany to study at the Reitinstitut von Neindorff' where he earned his German Bronze Rider Medal. He then became a resident trainer and rider alongside Karl Mikolka at Tempel Farms in Wadsworth, Illinois. After 20 years, he left to join Gypsy Woods Farm and trained in Germany with the former US Dressage team coach and Olympic gold medalist, Klaus Balkenhol.

In 2015 he was named to the position of Dressage National Youth Coach by the United States Equestrian Federation.

William Warren is an FEI 4* and USEF "S" Judge, FEI Competitor and instructor. Bill currently trains and teaches out of Elmwood Equestrian Center in Mansfield, MA where he and Bill McMullin operate Warren-McMullin Dressage. As a USEF 'S', FEI 4* Judge, and USDF Gold Medalist, Bill judges and teaches clinics all over the United States. He also maintains an active show schedule and has accumulated many regional and national awards.

Rider applications are being accepted until April 1st and can be found at <http://www.virginiadressage.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/VADA-2020-Symposium-rider-application42166.pdf>

Auditor registration will be available after April 1 and the sign-up form will be posted at virginiadressage.org. Auditing will be \$25 a day for VADA Members (\$40 for non-members) and will include all unmounted educational sessions, lunch, snacks and drinks.

Rider Application

DISCOVER YOUR POTENTIAL BY BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

Exercises to help you maximize your horse's performance
whether riding before a judge or the mirror

**An auditor-friendly clinic with
George Williams and Bill Warren**

June 27 and 28 Stave Mill Farm, Esmont VA

(Due by April 1st)

RIDER INFORMATION

Rider Name _____

2020 VADA Member _____yes _____no Chapter _____

Address _____

Phone Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail _____

HORSE INFORMATION

Horse's Name _____

Breed _____ Age _____

Sex (Mare, Gelding, Stallion) _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At what level are you currently working with this horse?

Schooling _____ Showing _____

**(NOTE: THIS CLINIC IS OPEN TO HORSE/RIDER COMBINATIONS AT OR ABOVE TRAINING
LEVEL)**

How long have you and this horse been working at this level?

Please describe any particular schooling issues, areas you would like to work on and/or goals
you have for this clinic:

**PLEASE PROVIDE A LINK TO A YOUTUBE VIDEO OF YOU & YOUR HORSE THAT CLEARLY
DEMONSTRATES YOUR CURRENT ABILITIES. THE VIDEO SHOULD BE FROM THE 2019/2020
SHOW SEASON OR A SCHOOLING VIDEO FROM THE LAST 12 MONTHS, AND BE NO MORE
THAN 6 MINUTES LONG.**

FEES: *

2020 VADA Members

\$250, includes a lesson, lunch and snacks each day (stabling extra, see below)

Non -VADA Members (PLEASE NOTE THAT VADA MEMBERS WILL HAVE PRIORITY IN FILLING THIS CLINIC)

\$350 includes a lesson, lunch and snacks each day (stabling extra, see below)

STABLING

Friday - Sunday \$ 75

Day Stall – (subject to availability, weekend stalls have priority) \$25 per day
Shavings - \$8/bag, must be preordered. You may also bring your own, but shavings only please!
*** 50% of the clinic fee is due with the application, with the remainder due upon acceptance**
No refunds after closing date, unless we can fill the slot, then full refund less a \$25 processing fee

STABLING REQUEST:

I want a stall:

- _____ For the full weekend - \$75(_____ arriving Friday after noon; _____ arriving Saturday
- _____ For a day only - \$25/day (day: _____)
- _____ I do not need a stall

To be considered, you must submit a complete application, to be received on or before the deadline **(April 1st)** which must include the following:

- A 50% deposit of the clinic fee (to be refunded in full if the rider is not selected)
- A link to a YouTube video of the horse and rider working at their current level (a video from a show is acceptable but not required. Video must be no more than 6 months old, with a maximum length of 6 minutes.)

Please email the link to Sheli King at amking91@verizon.net

- Negative Coggins (current through June 28, 2020)
- Documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within 6 months of the clinic
- Signed release (see below)

The remainder of the clinic fee is due upon selection.

Once the clinic fills, we will identify a number of alternates. Please indicate whether you are interested in being an alternate, and if so, the latest you could be notified and still participate:

If you are not selected to ride, do you wish to audit?

- _____ Yes, for both Sat & Sun
- _____ Yes, for 1 day (day _____)

LIABILITY RELEASE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

I understand that the Virginia Dressage Federation, Inc., and Stave Mill Farm, their staff, the clinic organizers, 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 USDF rules and fulfill all financial commitments related to this clinic.

Regardless of any agreements between the rider and the horse's owner, the rider, as the clinic participant, is ultimately responsible for paying all applicable fees to VADA and any related fees to the facility hosting the clinic.

Rider's Signature Date

Please return this completed form to:

Sheli King, 111 Yacht Club Way, Apt 112, Hypoluxo FL 33462

If you have any questions, please contact Sheli at amking91@verizon.net or 703—868-9062.

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Date received _____

- Membership Verified Deposit (amt _____)
- Release Form Stabling Requested _____ yes _____ no
- Coggins (date _____) Selected _____ yes _____ no
- Notified Final payment (amt _____)

SVDA 2020 Calendar

Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
06/07/20	Peace Haven, Smithfield	Annmari Ingersoll "L"	05/11/20	05/25/20
06/21/20	SVDA Schooling Show Make up show			
07/05/20	TBA	TBA	06/08/20	06/22/20
07/19/20	Amazing Grace- Carrollton	Donna Gatchell "L"	06/22/20	07/06/20
08/23/20	SeaHorse Farm – Suffolk	Sandy Toby "L"	07/27/20	08/10/20
09/20/20	Bridlewood –Suffolk	TBA	08/31/20	09/14/20
09/27/20	SVDA Schooling Show Make up show			
10/18/20	SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	Carol Bishop @'C' TBA@'B'	09/21/20	10/05/20

Sanctioned schooling shows

Wakefield Airfield 4-H Center

May 16, 2020

Sept. 19, 2020

Oct. 17, 2020

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Northwest River park

May 16, 2020

May 31, 2020

June 28, 2020

Oct. 4, 2020



Kathy Rowse

USDF "S" Judge

USDF "L" Faculty Member

USDF Bronze, Silver & Gold Medalist

Grand Prix Rider, Instructor &

Trainer

Teaching Beginners thru Grand Prix



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April Juniors Corner:

Thank you to everyone who attend the February 28th SVDA Junior Team Meeting: Minutes attached

Here are some highlights:

1. Region 1 Junior/Young Rider Team Championship show this year in Culpeper, VA on June 27-28th, 2020
2. To participate as part of the SVDA team you must:
 - o Be a current 2020 SVDA member (go to www.southeastvirginiadressage.org for information)
 - o Participate in the fundraising (approximately \$300+ per rider) or pay for your self
 - o Let Charlene Jensen know of your interest as soon as possible, By **March 31st**
 - o Have at least 4 volunteer points for SVDA by June 1st—this will also help for your year-end award requirements (8 points total, 4 to be done prior to June 1).
 - o Be able to competently ride dressage Intro tests or higher (through FEI) – or be lead line
3. Discussed how many potential riders are interested in attending Juniors: Potentially 16 riders (3 western dressage, 1 lead-line and multiple traditional dressage (intro-1st level))
 - o Melanie potentially has three riders interested including Emma Jensen
 - o Ingrid potentially has 6 riders interested including Eliana Pope and Layla (?)
 - o Chris Owens
 - o Hope and Aiden Hughes
 - o Ava Miller
 - o Alyssa and Addison Henkle
 - o Dahlia Jensen
4. Voted on team theme and “Disney” theme won. This is a good general theme and then each team of 3-4 can select a Disney movie to be their specific theme and create decorations.
5. Discussed team shirts and saddle pads – decided that since there are Western Dressage riders, a saddle pad would not work because of the cost of the western pads and difficulty embroidering thicker western pads. Looking at team shirt colors to be red, mint/light green or light blue.
6. Discussed options for coaches – Ingrid volunteered, and she also volunteered Melanie (Mel was last year’s coach). We will still need at least one more coach based on the number for riders attending. SVDA will pay for the coaches’ hotel rooms and golf cart rental.
7. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 17th at my house starting at 6:00. At the next meeting: We will confirm dates of paint nights, lock-in and horse show. We will decide more about other fundraisers such as concessions and raffles. We will complete the entry forms, create teams and finalize count of riders. We will decide on shirt color and get sizes for all riders.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting with everyone in April,

Charlene Jensen

SVDA Juniors Meeting – Minutes February 28th, 2020

1. Welcome – Meeting started at 6:15, refreshments provided by SVDA
2. Introductions – Charlene Jensen, Dahlia Jensen, Ingrid Martin, Chris Owens, Katharine Owens, Ava Miller, Katie Miller, Layla and her grandfather, Ben Hughes and Hope Hughes
3. SVDA Junior History – Discussed the previous activities of the Juniors such as fundraisers, JR/YR clinics, stall decorations, team theme, team shirts and saddle pads, and frequency of junior’s meetings.
4. Region 1 – Junior/Young Rider Championship show – Emailed out 2020 JR/YR USDF Region 1 Team Championship Information and SVDA 2020 Junior/Young Rider Region 1 Championship Team Intent Form. Discussed the requirements for attending, options for fund raising and trailering options as well as the venue. The location of the championship show has changed to Culpeper, VA **June 27-28th, 2020**. Charlene will email out information about exact address of show grounds and hotel information.

5. To participate as part of the SVDA team you must: There was a question of membership and if the kids had to be GMO members to attend the show. To attend the show, you do not need to be an SVDA member but, for SVDA to pay for the show fees the rider needs to be an SVDA member. **I will ask Cookie to confirm.**
 - Be a current 2020 SVDA member (go to www.southeastvirginiadressage.org for information)
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 - Let Charlene Jensen know of your interest as soon as possible, By **March 31st**
 - Have at least 4 volunteer points for SVDA by June 1st–this will also help for your year-end award requirements (8 total points, 4 to be done prior to July 1).
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7. We have raised about ~\$2000 for juniors through the silent auction (2020) and concessions (2019 deposited in 2020). These funds are not enough to pay for all riders to attend the championship show as well as pay for the coach's hotel expenses and the golf cart rentals. Based on the possible number of riders with an estimated \$350 per rider for costs, we will need to raise about \$4800 for all 16. Expenses included in the \$350 are entry fees, coaches' hotels, golf cart rental, stabling fees and team shirts/saddle pads. Cost of decorations, meals and travel are the responsibility of the rider and their family.
8. Fundraising ideas were Hosting a Sanctioned Show to benefit Juniors (Ingrid), Concessions at SVDA shows (Charlene and Katie), Panera Bread Nights (Charlene), Raffle/baskets at championship show (everyone), lock-in at a barn with games (Ingrid, Layla and others) and Paint Nights (Charlene and Ingrid). Would like to have one paint night in Suffolk and one paint night in Va Beach. Horse Show at Ingrid's Barn and Lock-in at Ingrid's or Melanie's. Also discussed adding back the live auction at the banquet if we can get a good donation for a live auction. Layla's grandfather volunteered to organize concessions and purchase supplies since he has significant experience with concessions mgmt. We still need volunteers to man the concession stands for the upcoming SVDA shows for concessions: March 22 – Epps, April 19 – West Neck in Va Beach, May 17 – River Birch in Courtland, and Jun 7 – Peace Haven Farm in Smithfield. Charlene, Dahlia, Katie and Ava will help at Epps. Layla and Her grandfather or riders at Ingrid's barns could do West Neck. We can decide the other at the next meeting.
9. Voted on team theme and "Disney" theme won. This is a good general theme and then each team of 3-4 can select a Disney movie to be their specific theme and create decorations. Teams could work on decorations at the Lock-in.
10. Discussed team shirts and saddle pads – decided that since there are Western Dressage riders, a saddle pad would not work because of the cost of the western pads and difficulty embroidering thicker western pads. Looking at team shirt colors to be red, mint/light green or light blue. Charlene will contact Kelly Skelton about shirts and bring options to the next meeting.
11. Discussed options for coaches – Ingrid volunteered, and she also volunteered Melanie (Mel was last year's coach). We will still need at least one more coach based on the number for riders attending. SVDA will pay for the coaches' hotel rooms and golf cart rental.
12. Discussed volunteer opportunities – primarily the SVDA events such as shows and banquets. Hours at events that directly benefit the juniors do not count such as manning the concession stand at a SVDA show doesn't count toward volunteer hours.
13. This show will count toward schooling shows for end of year awards or SVDA Awards – Year end awards and VADA Awards – Year end awards
14. Closing remarks/Questions – Next meeting April 17th at Charlene's House 6:00, pizza provided again. At the next meeting: We will confirm dates of paint nights, lock-in and horse show. We will decide more about other fundraisers such as concessions and raffles. We will complete the entry forms, create teams and finalize count of riders. We will decide on shirt color and get sizes for all riders.
 - Questions about braiding for Western Dressage – multiple people can help braid, but Charlene will ask Janice or Robin about rules for braiding with western dressage.
 - Question about clothing – show packet said schooling show attire so, we will not need jackets or white pants for traditional dressage, jeans or western show pants should be fine for western dressage.
 - Charlene will email out list of hotels and a packing list

VADA MINUTES – CONFERENCE CALL MEETING 3-11-2020

Members present: Bettina Longaker, President (C'ville), Sheli King, Vice-President (NOVA), Jessie Ginsburg, Treasurer (NOVA), Alison Douglas, Secretary (Central), Sherri Booye (C'ville), Sandy Tobey (SVDA), Anne Draine (NEVADA), Robyn Nunally (SVDA), Diane Nathan (NEVADA), Angie Stanaway (NEVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA), Joanne Collins (F'burg), Bethany Larson (Central), Laura Nelson (SWVADA)

The meeting was called to order at 8:02.

Sheli King made the motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Anne seconded and the Board approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported via email that the combined balances are around \$108,000. The drop in the balance would be from some show expenses and the awards banquet. The awards banquet numbers were down from prior year as were the silent auction donations. We are requesting that chapters bring a minimum of 5 door prizes next year. She also gave the financial report on the Purple Book. The cost to the club is \$5.40 per book which eats up almost entirely the \$6.00 per person in membership we get from the chapters. The board would also like to recognize Robin Dannels who does a wonderful job producing it.

Chapter Participation: How do we get the current members more invested and how do we get younger people to join and participate in running our organization? Anna Fox via email to Tina, had some great feedback that we'd like to share- The highlighted area is from her email-

I think one of the biggest issues is the USDF participating membership and the fact that its just as easy to be a participating member and not join a GMO. That being said, I think promoting the CBLM and making it younger crowd friendly is one place to start.

Also, in my experience, people are more likely to help when they are reached out to personally. Even by email or social media in this day and age. Mass emails have a place, but don't generally generate a whole lot of participation.

I've also found that networking and really getting to know my members (and using them to get to know other people) has been really helpful in finding the right people to do jobs. Giving people responsibility and ownership in something is key. I really encourage my committee chairs to actually form an active committee and be responsible for delegating.

Finding the right motivation is also key, sometimes that takes a bit of research to figure out what your target audience wants, but it is well worth it. I find that once people see that the club is willing to reinvest their sweat equity into the members, they get more interested.

There was also discussion among board members regarding supporting junior and youth teams. Chapters are encouraged to support their kids who will be attending the JR/YR Team competition in Culpepper June 27th & 28th. For example, trainers from SVDA and Central are helping that effort by donating their time to coach. Members have made monetary contributions to help offset the costs associated with attending.

Chapter Challenge: Sheli reported for the committee that their choices for judges were Nancy Lowey and Donna Kelly. The board approved and Sheli will let Meredith know so she can contact them.

2020 GAIG and DAL: Dianne is working on officials for both shows and everything else is on track. Sue Mandas will be the breed show judge for DAL. The prize list for the GAIGs will be out on May 1st.

2020 Clinic: Williams-Warren Clinic to be held June 27th and 28th at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont, VA. Sheli is working on finalizing the The Dressage Foundation grant and is also working on having other breakout sessions that are auditor friendly (yoga for instance). Deadline for rider applications is April 1st.

USDF Schooling Show Awards Program: New form is available for chapters to submit to Tina for reimbursement from VADA. Shows are allowed to offer western and gaited dressage classes; however these classes will not count towards the awards program.

USDF Region 1 Spring Teleconference: We need PM delegates for the Dec 2-5 USDF Annual Meeting in Omaha, NE. Please let Lori Kaminsky know if you're interested by April 18th. Jessie will now be in charge of the Region 1 Awards. She will be accepting nominations thru April 1st. The application deadline due date for 2020 is Sept. 30th so that awards can be presented at the convention. Nominations for Region 1 and USDF Volunteer Awards will be able to be submitted on the Region 1 website.


The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:01 pm

Next meeting will be held via teleconference on Wednesday May 6th at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Douglas

Old Mill Dressage



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*See how, like lightest waves at play, the airy dancers fleet;
And scarcely feels the floor the wings of those harmonious feet.
Ob, are they flying shadows from their native forms set free?
Or phantoms in the fairy ring that summer moonbeams see?
As, by the gentle zephyr blown, some light mist flees in air,
As skiffs that skim adown the tide, when silver waves are fair,
So sports the docile footstep to the heave of that sweet measure,
As music wafts the form aloft at its melodious pleasure,
Now breaking through the woven chain of the entangled dance,
From where the ranks the thickest press, a bolder pair advance,
The path they leave behind them lost--wide open the path beyond,
The way unfolds or closes up as by a magic wand ...*

The Dance by Friedrich von Schiller

Whenever I see a rider and horse perform as one individual I think of this poem. A poem about two being one as they gracefully glided across their dance floor. At the very young age of six, I first witnessed a horse and rider pair move as one while performing their dance movements. Such a feeling overcame me that I to this day cannot put it to words, but I knew then and there I wanted to have this partnership one day. Little did I know the long, exciting journey I had ahead of me to master this dance. But with determination in full gear I set further on my path and here I share just a small part of it.

As with any great journey the first obstacle to find my direction and course. I learned quickly there were three key things to do: be patient, study lots, and practice more. There are many ways to do each of these key things, some done together, some individual but in the end they are all connected.

I found that one method that worked very well for me is to audit clinics as it gives very good visual input which goes well with me being a very visual learner. Recently I was able to do so at a clinic given by Michael Poullin. Trained in the famous Spanish Riding School, Michael Poullin is a competitor, trainer, instructor, and judge of the highest level in the dressage world. So, it was not a surprise when his clinic was not only informative to watch, but inspirational too as he molded each pair into a graceful dancing pair. From this clinic I learned many new things, but overall there is one thing that was the most apparent and encompassing above all. Here is my recall of this clinic and the one thing I found most important.

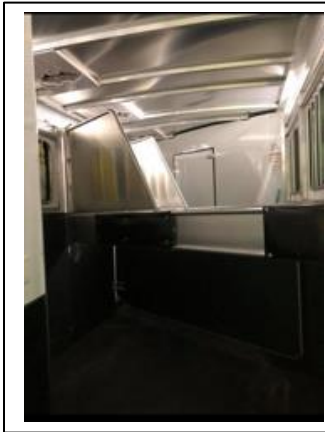
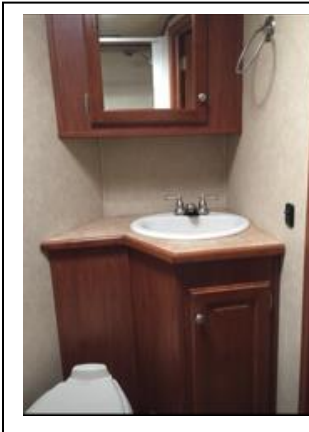
From the moment the clinic started it was very apparent that Michael Poullin wanted the riders to understand that a horse is a living creature and partner, so treat him or her like so. He spoke of not using force or anger to get the results but gentleness, understanding, and clear communication. And a horse will work harder when gentleness is the primary method. When given praise often and enthusiastically, in comparison to one who only knows punishments. Often Michael told riders “pat your horse” “tell them he/her is good”. And quickly any observer could see after these actions took place the horse eyes soften along with their entire demeanor.

In addition to be gentle, a rider must have understanding. In my personal experiences this is often something riders don't think about when it comes to themselves nor the horse. It never occurs to them that when a rider is upon a horse's back trying to give cues and aids that to the horse it is learning a foreign language learned by a series of trial and error experiments. The horse cannot read the mind of the rider nor is it natural

for them to have some two-legged creature on their back asking for all these crazy movements while attempting to stay in balance. As riders we must have a full understanding of what we are asking of the horse. If the rider wants the horse to do a leg yield, the rider needs to know what it looks like and how the horse uses it's body to perform it.

Furthermore, the rider needs to know how to communicate with the horse in a way the horses can fully process. Like the education system today, the skills are developed in simple to harder progressive manner that builds on one another. A child cannot read Shakespeare if he does not know his letter sounds first. A rider cannot ask for a flying change if the horse cannot from the seat aids halt. It is the riders job to establish the communication or constant conversation with their horse in a manner that results in joint understanding and cooperation.

A power that every step obeys, as tides obey the moon; That threadeth with a golden clue the intricate employment, Curbs bounding strength to tranquil grace, and tames the wild enjoyment (Friedrich von Schiller). Therefore, in summary of this clinic I learnt the overall and most important aspect of my journey. It is not a specific technique, or method but that my horse is my equal partner that only kindness can produce the magical dance I wish take part in with them one day.



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Videotape your ride and compete from home!

Show #1

Submissions accepted April 1 through April 15

Judge: Janice Mumford, L Grad and USEF WD "R"

Show #2

Submissions accepted April 29 through May 13

Judge: Robyn Nunnally, L Grad and USEF WD "R"

Show #3

Submissions accepted May 27 through June 10

Judge: Margaret Little, USEF "r"

Riders have two registration options:

- Submit a videotaped test as part of a "class," in which tests are judged and ribbons are awarded.
- Submit a videotaped test as a "training ride," in which tests are judged and include in-depth feedback with training tips and suggestions for improving future tests (no ribbons).

Cost is \$20 per videotaped ride.

No SVDA vouchers or coupons are accepted for these shows.

Scores do not count toward championship qualifications or year-end awards. However...

High-point score for show #1 earns a \$25 SmartPak gift card!

Series-end winners earn prizes at every level!

Must participate in at least two shows to qualify for series awards.

Contact Melissa Evelyn at melissalynnevelyn@yahoo.com or 919-740-2320 for entry form.

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What Is Teff Grass And What Makes It Different From Other Forages?

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Teff's origin is thought to be Ethiopia, where it emerged as a grain crop for human consumption sometime between 4000 B.C. and 1000 B.C. Teff in the USA is grown primarily as a forage crop for livestock, is adaptable and it can grow in various environments.

It is a fine stemmed, fast growing, high yielding, summer annual grass. But what really makes Teff Grass unique and exciting is its nutrient content. Teff is a "C4 Warm Season" grass with a moderate protein and calorie content, but with a low sugar/starch content.

Teff is an ideal forage and hay crop due to several factors –

1. **Palatability** - Teff is fine stemmed, leafy and "soft" which is very palatable to horses.
2. **Low Sugar Solution** - The high fiber, low sugar and starch content make this a [rescue feed](#) for horses suffering from many, and some debilitating, disease conditions.
3. **Anti-Nutritional Factors** - Teff does not have the anti-nutritional compounds like nitrate toxicity and prussic acid that sometimes occur in other grasses (Ketema, 1997, Ketema, et al., 1993).
4. **Fast Growth** - Under ideal growing temperatures and moisture, Teff germinates quickly and is ready for early harvest in 45 to 55 days after seeding.
5. **Wide Adaptation** - Teff has the ability to thrive in moisture-stressed and waterlogged soils. In areas without irrigation, Teff can provide forage during times of drought.
6. **Versatility of Harvest** - Although in most instances Teff forage is baled as dry hay, it can be grazed as well.

[Teff Grass](#) is a unique forage with many benefits for horses and their owners, along with those that grow it. [Find a Store](#) near you that offers Standlee Premium Teff Grass Pellets, for a consistent, high quality forage option! Give your local farm and ranch retail store a call to see if they're carrying it or ask them to bring it into their inventory.

By [Dr. Tania Cubitt](#)

Standlee Nutritional Expert - Performance Horse Nutrition

SVDA Minutes Feb 25, 2020 teleconference

Members Present: Kathy, Melissa, Joanne, Charlene, Cookie, Sarah, Janice, Carol, Evelyn, Robyn, Laura C, Lora G, Toni, Wendy, Sandy

Minutes approved from Jan 5th Meeting

VADA Rep: Attached are minutes from the most recent meeting. Officers remain the same as 2019. VADA is hosting a George Williams/Bill Warren clinic June 27 and 28 in Charlottesville (see website for additional info). To help encourage more volunteerism, VADA will be giving vouchers good for \$10 (8 hours of volunteering) or \$5 (4 hours of volunteering) that can be used for any VADA event except licensed shows - so Chapter Challenge, Banquet, Clinics are things you can use your vouchers on. Plans are well underway for DAL and the fall show.

VP REPORT: Working on volunteers for upcoming shows. Attached are volunteer sheets for March and April, always willing to accept more but need EMAILS sent to Robyn not texts!

Treasurers Report

The checking account balance is \$19,643.35.

Since Jan 1st: Deposits \$10,001.65 Disbursements/Expenses: \$8,409.38

Membership Income \$3,760.65 (net of Paypal discount), expense to USDF \$1,972, VADA \$594; net 1,194.65

Juniors Income: Silent Auction \$1,518, Fundraiser \$375; total \$2,006

D. Gatchell Clinic income \$1,700, expenses. \$390 facility, 2,421.95 judge fee & mileage; net loss of \$1,111.95 a couple deposits outstanding

Sanctioned show fee \$75

Awards Banquet income \$2,460, 50/50 Raffle \$113, expenses \$951.78 Hilton, \$1,877.65

Admin expenses: \$90 constant contact

Returned membership check \$100, plus \$12 fee

Awards Report Attached are the financials for the awards and the banquet for 2019. We stayed within our budget. The auction was huge and the juniors raised close to \$1600.00 The dinner buffet was different as we had a pasta and potato bar. Banquet manager was hard to communicate with and frequently changes without any follow-up. A lot of SVDA volunteers helped pull everything together in time. The membership table was great also. While other venues are possible, location and pricing is the big advantage at the Hilton. Transferring all files to Joanne soon. Shortly we will need to discuss is in-hand awards/ribbons for schooling show.

Clinics and Program Clinics update: Kelly Coyne and Kate Knick have agreed to conduct Low Cost Clinics this year. Would like to hold our first clinic in April/May time frame around show schedules and their schedules. Working on dates. Kelly clinic will be at Pleasant Ridge (SSTC) and Kate clinic will be at Silverleaf.

Would like to hold at least two, one summer and fall. We had great feedback from clinics with Bonnie Gruber, Thorsten Kramer, Carter Bass and Donna Gatchell. Carol Bishop also expressed an interest in conducting a clinic for us.

Would like SVDA L grads or higher who are interested in conducting a Fix a Test Clinic for SVDA to contact Lora. Would really like to see this include western riders as well as we only had one western rider in our clinic last year.

Members are requesting musical freestyle as the topic for our general membership meeting. We hosted Debbie Marriott a few years ago. Should we ask her to return and should this include a live demonstration as we had at our last meeting with Carter Bass? There was lots of engaged conversation and Q&A. Kathy suggested an "L" CE on Musical Freestyle in 2021 that is a full day, structured program and open to anyone wishing to audit.

Membership

- 105 members as of Feb 25. 2020
- The Revised 2020 Membership Manual is presently under final review and will be emailed out to our membership when that is completed. Soon.
- Anyone wanting a paper copy, please email me Carol.

Website

Website continues to be updated when information is forwarded.

Need updated copy of the membership manual to post to website

Sanctioned Show Page created and updated with approved shows

Can send Constant Contact emails upon request and drafting a facebook group rules of the road for approval.

Wendy and Melissa will work together to develop separate SVDA Marketplace group so that sales ads that then will no longer allowed on the SVDA fb Page.

Scholarships Scholarship applications due to Janice on April 1st. Next meeting will discuss and award the scholarships

Juniors

There will be an official Region 1 Junior/Young Rider Team Championship show this year in Culpeper, VA on **June 27-28th, 2020**. There are both team and individual awards. You only need your SVDA membership to participate, no need for active USEF/USDF memberships and no Horse ID will be required. JR/YR - Open to Juniors and Young Riders only; any rider is eligible until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. There are leadline, equitation, traditional dressage, western dressage classes available for riding. There are many ways to make a team by level, age, or mixed teams. Teams are sized 3-4 riders so, if we have more than 4 riders interested, we could have more than one team. **Entries open April 1st and close May 31st.**

To participate as part of the SVDA team you must:

1. Be a current 2020 SVDA member (go to www.southeastvirginiadressage.org for information)
2. Participate in the fundraising (approximately \$300+ per rider) or pay for your self
3. Let Charlene Jensen know of your interest as soon as possible, By **March 31st**
4. Have at least 4 volunteer points for SVDA by June 1st—this will also help for your year-end award requirements (8 points total, 4 to be done prior to June 1).
5. Be able to competently ride dressage Intro tests or higher (through FEI) – or be lead line

We will need to fund raise based on how many riders we have interested as the cost of this show will be about \$300-\$350 per horse/rider combination. Some examples of fundraising last year was a 50/50 raffle and basket raffle at the championship show, concessions by Juniors at the SVDA schooling shows and paint nights.

There will be a meeting THIS Friday, February 28th at Charlene Jensen's house at 6:00 to discuss the details of the show, entries and fundraising and see who is interested in attending. Pizza provided at the meeting!!!

Schooling shows

Looking at some new farms who have expressed interest in hosting a schooling show to to access their feasibility on location, footing, parking etc.

A few ideas could help make our schooling shows more competitor-friendly... small things like providing brightly colored mesh vests, with "volunteer" or "SVDA" printed on them, in the show box for a few key volunteers to wear on show days. Like the ring steward and the SVDA rep at the very least... maybe the show secretary, too. They're very inexpensive on Amazon. Hospitality-type perks for competitors and volunteers. Again, simple stuff... carrots/treats for horses, bottled water for riders, a list of ride times sorted alphabetically by rider in each rider's packet... things that make show days a little easier and might help make our shows hot-ticket items. :-)

March 22 Epps Farm Supply, Suffolk Janice Mumford, L Grad, "R" Judge WD

April 19 West Neck Creek Equestrian Center, Virginia Beach Nunnally, L Grad w/D, "R" Judge WD

May 17 River Birch Farm, Courtland Margaret Little, "r" Judge will be USDF Regional Schooling show

June 7 Peace Haven Farm, Smithfield Annmari Ingersoll, L Grad w/D

July 5 TBA

July 19 Amazing Grace Stable, Carrollton Donna Gatchell, L Grad w/D USDF will be Regional Schooling Show

August 23 Seahorse Run, Suffolk Sandy Toby, L Grad w/ D

Sept 20 Bridlewood Equestrian Center, Suffolk TBD

Oct 18 **Championship show** - Wakefield 4H Center. Carol Bishop will be the judge at C. Need a 2ND judge for the panel. Will be USDF Regional Schooling show

Recognized schooling shows

USDF Recognized schooling shows: Unfortunately, the reporting process to USDF is quite laborious, time intensive, and will require major changes to our entry form. Given these and a few other factors, we have discussed only sanctioning 3 shows this year - VADA will reimburse us for 3 and we could sanction May 17 (Margaret Little), July 19 (Donna Gatchell), and the Championship show Oct 18 (Carol Bishop and ?? L Grad with Distinction). This will give all competitors 3 shows at which they can earn and we can ease into the reporting process a bit more gradually. Kathy motioned to approve the 3 shows, Robyn 2nded. All approved.

USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program

Visit the website: <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/regional-schooling.asp> if you are not acquainted with the program and requirements.

Vada will pay the sanctioning fee for SVDA to participate in 3 shows):

- May – Riverbirch; Margaret Little (“r”)
- July – Amazing Grace; Donna Gatchell (“L” distinction) judging
- October 18- Championship show; Carol Bishop (“R”) judging

The SVDA board must vote on participating in the program.

If the board votes to participate in these shows, I will submit the required online applications, prize lists, and results templates as required by competition rules, **as I understand them.**

Competition Management Requirements:

1. Any non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competition may participate.
2. To participate, competition management must submit online application and \$25 participation fee to USDF at least 30 days prior to the start date of the competition.
3. The prize list must be submitted to USDF no later than 14 days prior to the competition.
4. Competition judges must be one of the following:
 - a. Current USDF L Graduate, with or without distinction (highly recommend USDF L Graduates with distinction), which has met USDF continuing education requirements and Safe Sport training. USDF L Graduates with distinction are eligible to judge FEI classes.
 - b. USEF or FEI-licensed or retired dressage judge.
5. FEI classes must be judged by USEF or FEI-licensed or retired dressage judges or USDF L Graduates with distinction.
6. Competition arenas must be in compliance with US Equestrian DR 126 for level 1 competitions.
7. Competition results must be submitted to USDF via the USDF Electronic Results Submission Standard (ERSS) format (using the USEF Universal Spreadsheet Template) no later than 21 days from the end date of the competition.

Ways and Means

Krista will continue to help us as much as she can. But if someone wants to take it over she would be willing to have them do it.

Next meeting will be April 6th 2020 at 8:00 Scholarship Discussion

2020 Volunteers

	<u>Totals</u>
Beth Anderson	4
Mary Barczak	4
Karen Barnard	4
Kim Bliefertich	2
Paul Bliefertich	2
Debbie Bowden	8
Krista Bryant	8
Linda Cannon	5
Laura Celia	13
Wendy Corrice	8
Eileen Darland	8
Evelyn Eidem	8
Melissa Evelyn	8
Barbara Felton	7
Susan Forester	7
Beth Galbraith	5
Katherine Gardner	2
Lora Gibson	8
Carol Gongo	8
Ed Hipp	3
Pinky Hipp	8
Aiden Hughes	4
Ben Hughes	9
Hope Hughes	4

Charlene Jensen	11
Dahlia Jensen	3
Emma Jensen	1
Whitney Kelso	8
Maureen Lawrence	2
Christine Metz	11
Toni Meranda	13
Ava Miller	2
Katie Miller	2
Sarah Miller	12
Tammy Moore	12
Janice Mumford	13
Robyn Nunnally	21
Maria Oshea	2
Katy Owens	8
Lorna Parsons	8
Ray Penland	8
Nancy Pettet	2
Beth Rippel	8
Kathy Rowse	16
Shannon Schell	2
Nancy Slack	4
Joanne Smith	14
Jessica Stallings	16
Deb Sweetman	4
Sandy Toby	8
Stephanie Walker	6

