HAPPY NEW YEAR

Now that the holidays are past, we can get on with the business of 2019. Just a reminder to send your membership dues if you haven’t already. Our chapter meeting is scheduled for January 14 at Tip Top Restaurant in Charlottesville and the VADA state banquet is set for February 10 at Pippin Hill Winery in North Garden. For those planning on showing this season, USEF Safe Sport training has to be done before you show.

USEF SAFE SPORT TRAINING
Safe Sport Course instructions

All riders intending to show in 2019 and thereafter MUST take the Safe Sport course before showing. If you do not, you will not be allowed to compete. Trainers are also required to take the course. To get to the course, use either Google Chrome or Firefox internet browsers. It barely or does not work with Internet Explorer. I can’t help with Mac products as I have never used one. Go to the www.USEF.org website. Along the top rows you will see Safe Sport listed towards the right-hand side. Click on this to get to the next page. Underneath the picture of the woman in the blue USEF cap and blue shirt is a box labeled Safe Sport Training. Click on this to get to the next page. On that next page click on Safe Sport Training on the first line on the right-hand side. Click on the red bar labeled Safe Sport to get to the Safe Sport website. Once there, register for the site and follow the instructions to complete the registration. When I registered it made me upload a picture of myself, but others have said they did not have to do this. So just in case, have a picture of yourself on the computer that you can upload. Write down the password you establish, because you can stop doing the course and come back later to finish and you need your password. You can also go back to the site anytime you want to get copies of your certificate of completion once you are done. Once you are registered, sign in to the Safe Sport site and go through the three sections. You get a certificate at the completion of each section and one once you have completed them all. You do not have to do the refresher Safe Sport course before showing. If you do not, you will not be allowed to compete. Trainers are also required to take the course.
Each chapter member must complete 4 hours of volunteer service (or equivalent) for the Chapter in order to be eligible for the Chapter’s year end awards.

Ways to Volunteer:
1. Provide actual work 1 vol. hour for (at shows, clinics, events, etc.) each hour worked
2. Provide a sponsorship of at least $100 to the Chapter equals 4 vol. hours
3. Provide a perpetual trophy to the Chapter equals 4 vol. hours
4. Provide facility for a Chapter function. equals 8 vol. hours (for show, clinic, event)
5. Provide judging/instruction for Chapter function equals 8 vol. hours
6. Organize educational program/clinic for Chapter equals 8 vol. hours
7. Attend 4 Chapter board meetings in a year equals 4 vol. hours
8. Write and submit 2 articles accepted for publication in the newsletter equals 4 vol. hours

Note that the same volunteer hours used to meet the Charlottesville Chapter Awards or Scholarship requirements cannot be used to meet the VADA-State volunteer requirements nor the for the VADA-CH scholarship awards.

Volunteer hours earned by one chapter member may be donated to another chapter member for purposes of eligibility for year-end awards. Volunteer hours cannot be donated for scholarship eligibility. If you feel you can provide a service of volunteer value to the Chapter that is not covered above, please submit a written request to the Chapter’s Board for consideration. It is your responsibility to fill out the Volunteer Hours Form and return it to the Awards Chair Person. All forms must be submitted and received no later than December 1 of any year.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

The Board of Directors of VADA-CH announces that the education scholarships for 2019 will again be for $500 each.

There will be two scholarships awarded again this year. There will no longer be a separation between upper and lower level riders. Both scholarships are open to all Chapter members.

You can use this money for any educational purpose related to dressage. All members are eligible and just need to met the volunteer requirements and apply for the scholarship which is awarded at the September chapter meeting. After you use the scholarship money you just need to write an article for the newsletter telling the chapter members how you used the money.

How can it be any easier to get some money for training or other learning experiences? See the full rules for the scholarship on the VADA-CH web site and in the January 2019 newsletter
Registered Arabian/Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Year End Award Rules (Must be VADA-CH member to be eligible for year-end Chapter awards)

Horse Requirements- Must be registered purebred, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian. Competition Year December 1 through November 30 of following year.

Volunteer requirements- Must complete 4 hours of volunteer work for the chapter. A list of volunteer activities is posted on the VADA-CH web site at www.vadach.org. Another member can donate hours to rider. Awards Champion and Reserve ribbons will be awarded to the horse and rider combination with the highest average score at any level (excluding Intro level and Musical Freestyle). All levels compete as a group. The scores from schooling and licensed shows as well as breed shows are all utilized for the high score average. Open and Amateur are not separated for award purposes. A horse/rider combination can submit scores at more than one level, but high average scores for the year end award are determined by level.

VADA-CH show requirement One score must be from a VADA-CH organized show. This includes any VADA-CH schooling or licensed show. Schooling shows must be judged by an “L” graduate or higher judge. If a rider volunteers for 4 or more hours at a VADA-CH run licensed or schooling show, the one score from a VADA-CH organized show requirement is waived. Number of scores required 5 scores must be submitted, one of which must be from the highest test of the level.

Submission of Scores- Send a complete packet by December 8 each year to Sherri Booye, 721 Lake Road, Troy, VA 22974 or email it to nizra@earthlink.net. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt of the packet.

Submission Packet Contents- Copy of VADA-CH membership card or member number; USDF print out of scores, or copies of tests for each of the 5 scores submitted; signed volunteer form (available from VADA-CH web site and a copy of registration papers.

2018 Award Winners

Licensed Shows

Training Level - AA
Champion - Grace Harmon and 8 Bit 68.420%
Reserve Champion - Darla Topley and Wickham 63.773%

First Level - AA
Champion - Grace Harmon and 8 Bit 63.668%
Reserve Champion - Darla Topley and Wickham 58.884

First Level – Open Champion - Barbara Greber and Drenthe 69.496

Third Level - AA
Champion - Sherri Booye and AF Lunar Eclipse 59.263%
Reserve Champion - Sherri Booye and Lolita 59.142%

Intermediare I - Open
Champion - Bruno Greber and Quno 64.265%

Grand Prix - Open Champion - Bruno Greber and Quno 63.605%
Calendar of Events

January 2019
13th Mitchell Dressage schooling Catlett Va www.mitchellds.com Judge Dilly Jackson L grad  
19th Spencer Schooling series in Hume Va Spencer Sport Horse Va on facebook

February
9th Spencer Schooling series in Hume Va Spencer Sport Horse Va on facebook  
10th Mitchell Dressage schooling Catlett Va www.mitchellds.com Judge TBD

March
9th Spencer Schooling series in Hume Va Spencer Sport Horse Va on facebook
10th Mitchell Dressage schooling Catlett Va www.mitchellds.com Judge Sherry Meier L grad  
23rd VADA-CH Up Thru the Levels Clinic with Carter Bass Afton Stables
30-31th March Magic Licensed Shows I & II, Williamston, NC www.sportingservices.net

April
7th Mitchell Dressage schooling Catlett Va www.mitchellds.com
6-7th VADA/NOVA Spring Licensed Show, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA www.vadanova.org
13-14th Williamston Spring Dressage Licensed, Williamston, NC www.rosinburgevents.com
VADA
Annual Awards Banquet
Sunday, February 10th, 2019
Pippin Hill Farm & Vineyards
5022 Plank Road
North Garden, VA 22959
434-202-8063
Reception starts at 11 am with buffet lunch beginning at noon
$35 per person
Banquet reservations must be received by January 31st, 2019

More information and a complete list of awards are available on the VADA website.

Name(s) of attendees ____________________________________________

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Contact address ________________________________________________
Contact Phone/Email ____________________________________________
(Important in case of inclement weather)
Total number of people _______ X $35 = Amount enclosed _______
Interested in volunteering at the banquet? YES/NO

Make checks payable to VADA

Send your check and reservation form to:
APPLICATION FOR 2019 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING VADA-CH CHAPTER

Name:
2019 Member No.:

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE MET THE 8 HOURS OF REQUIRED VOLUNTEER TIMES, 4 OF WHICH MUST BE DONE AT THE APRIL 14-15 SHOW. ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR VOLUNTEER FORM(S) WITH THIS APPLICATION.

YOU MUST EARN YOUR OWN HOURS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS. DONATIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS IS NOT PERMITTED.

This form must be submitted by August 16, 2019 to:
Sherri Booye 721 Lake Road Troy, VA 22974
or scan and email it to: nizra@earthlink.net
Join us at Afton Stables for a review of the newly published 2019 USDF Dressage tests with top judge, Carter Bass.

ABOUT CARTER BASS:
- Instructing for 39 years and a Licensed "S" dressage judge
- Longtime student of Hilda Gurney and worked with Lars Petersen, George Williams, and James Kofford
- Competed at the FEI level and schooled Grand Prix

If you would like to ride in this clinic, please email Afton Stables for more details.

09:30 – 12:00 Training, First, Second Levels
12:00 – 12:45 Box Lunch
12:45 – 04:30 Second, Third, Fourth Levels

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Location: Afton Stables, 7451 Dick Woods Road, Afton, VA 22920
Time: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Price/Fees: Free for current VADA-CH Members (with membership card)
$15.00 for non-VADA-CH members (unless you join at the event)
$20.00 Stall Rental at Afton Stables (with advance notice)
$15.00 Lunch Box (please email Afton Stables for details)
Contact: maddie@aftonstables.com
angela@aftonstables.com
www.aftonstables.com
Directions I-64: Crozet Exit 107 onto 250 West. Go about 3 miles until you get to a sharp left turn onto Plank Road (sign for Blue Ridge Farm). Follow Plank for about 2 miles then make a sharp right turn onto Ortman between two stone walls. Follow Ortman for about a mile until you get to Dick Woods Road on your left. Turn left and go about half a mile until you reach the Afton Stables sign on your right. Drive all the way down to the barn. Trailer parking available.
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