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Message from the President

Hi Everyone,

I hope you are enjoying the summer weather! Things are looking up. The shows are beginning to start back up with the restrictions being lifted somewhat. We are running a COVID-compliant small schooling show at CCS, implementing the recommendations of the USDF/USEF and the State. This show is a dry run for us to work with the new methods ready for the big Dressage at Lexington Show in July.

Clinics are back in action, so we should be able to get out and about again. This should be a relief for our members and for the horse world in general. It won’t be quite the same as in previous years, but at least we can be showing.

Take care, everyone, stay safe.
Yours truly.

Melyni
COVID-19 Guidelines and Rules for the Virginia Horse Center- Summer 2020: Highlights

If you plan to come to the competition grounds, you must be able to assure management that neither you nor anyone in your household:

1. Has tested positive or has been presumed positive for COVID-19 at any time during the past 14 days
2. Has been advised by a healthcare professional to self-quarantine at any time during the past 14 days
3. Has been in close physical contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has been presumed positive for COVID-19, during the past 14 days
4. Is subject to a quarantine order or a recommendation of a healthcare professional that, in either case, would make it advisable to attend a public event or competition
5. Has, within the past 24 hours, exhibited any of the following symptoms attributed to COVID-19, including but not limited to, a fever of 99.5° or greater, cough and/or shortness of breath.

Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times. Current guidelines call for a 6’minimum spacing between individuals. Do NOT gather in groups.

A facemask or face covering is required for all people on the competition grounds unless mounted on a horse.

VHCF will require temperature monitoring and a health questionnaire for anyone who enters the competition grounds. Anyone whose temperature is 99.5° or greater will be refused admittance to VHC.

All competitors and attendees are responsible for monitoring their own personal and family health prior too, during, and after attending a competition. If anyone who was present on the competition grounds test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the conclusion of the competition they must notify VHCF immediately.

Until further notice, the competition is open only to Trainers, Riders, Grooms, Owners, Competition Staff, and parents attending as a minor’s guardian.

Until Further notice NO Spectators, NO extended family or friends. If you are not directly involved with a horse or pony competing, you are NOT allowed on the competition grounds.

All vehicles and trailers entering the competition grounds will be subject to being stopped at the front entrance for inspection and proof of admittance.

All vehicle occupants will be presented with a copy of current COVID-19 competition guidelines and a COVID-19 release form that must be signed and acknowledged prior to entering the competition grounds.

Virginia Horse Center COVID-19 guidelines can be found here:
A Message from the Regional Director

Life as we knew it is not back yet, but hopefully most of us are able to engage outside of our homes to varying degrees, depending on where we live.

Some Dressage competitions will commence on June 1 around our Region, while many have either been postponed or canceled for 2020. Showing has always been a lot of work and stressful and prepare even more work, and fingers crossed, not too much more stress!

The USEF and USDF have done a huge amount of work preparing the grounds for us to operate our shows and fingers crossed, have some fun. But, as I said last month, this does not mean we are returning to the old normal, we now have a new COVID-19 Normal, that the USEF and USDF expect all to abide by.

You, the competitor has even more responsibilities before, during, and possibly after the show. Before you enter, please READ the updated Prize List thoroughly. If you are not comfortable with the environment that the show organizer will provide for you and the requirements on you as a competitor in the COVID-19 show world or if you have worries that others may not comply, maybe it’s not time for you to compete just yet. This is a decision that is very personal and one that every person involved should make before committing to competing at this time.

The USEF has held a few online webinars about the upcoming opening of our competitions in the COVID-19 environment and they are available for all to watch on https://www.usef.org/media/coronavirus-resources. You will also find other resources on how the USEF and USDF are preparing for COVID-19 competition.

The USDF has compiled a “Best Practices” guideline for competition management and competitors (available on www.usdf.org, click on Best Practices – Considerations for Dressage Competitions). This guideline will help you the rider, understand the new COVID-19 competition environment.

I have to stress again, you have to ask yourself many questions: do you want to stay in that motel; how about eating, will their restaurants be open and will you use them; prepare for the barn environment, facilities cannot be expected to clean public hydrants, doorknobs, etc. after every use, so plan to bring a pair of heavy rubber gloves to use on these public items and a bucket to store just those gloves in. As Dr. Hart stressed in one of his online webinars, “Be Kind” – the already stressful show environment may be much more stressful for all.

2020 Youth Team Competition Update:
The USDF Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge will not be held as planned this year...it will now be the USDF Region 1 VIRTUAL Youth Dressage Team Challenge. We will have some great ribbons, prizes and special awards for team spirit. Information for the virtual show will be added to the website https://www.lvda.org/youth-dressage-team-challenge and Facebook page as it becomes available. Stay tuned...and of course, we will be ready for an awesome in-person show in 2021! Thank you all for your support!

FEI Junior and Young Riders
Our Region plans to support you throughout this year into next, for an even better NAYC in Traverse City MI in August 2021!

Education/L Program Updates
At this time, all in-person Education sessions are on hold for 2020. Your USDF staff have been working nonstop to provide you, the USDF member, many varied online education opportunities. Please check https://www.usdf.org/calendar/programs-events.asp for the latest Education updates.

Please stay safe and do your part by wearing your face mask and keeping distance whenever possible when out in the new COVID-19 world. Thank you again to any of our members who are First responders, Health care workers, and other essential workers for taking care of us.

Bettina G Longaker
Region 1 Director
Calendar of Events

**July**
- 9  CDCTA Thursday Evening Dressage ‘The Fleming Arena Great Meadow’ www.cdcta.org
- 10-12  VADA “Dressage at Lexington”, Lexington, VA www.virgiadiressage.org
- 25-26  Rosinburg Events “Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II”, Raleigh, NC www.rosinburgevents.com
- 25-26  By Chance Farm “Dressage, By Chance & Sunday – Dressage, By Chance? 2 “, Union Bridge, MD www.bychancefarm.com

**August**
- 1-2  Loch Moy “USDF LMF Dressage Festival 3”, Adamstown, Maryland www.lochnoyfarm.com
- 1  VADA/NOVA Inc Dressage Schooling Show – August @ Morven Park
- 2  Dressage at the Bucks County Horse Park Park IV @ Bucks County Horse Park
- 13  CDCTA Thursday Evening Dressage Schooling Shows @ Great Meadow @ Great Meadow
- 16  CDCTA DRESSAGE AT BEVERLY EQUESTRIAN. Plains, VA cdcta.com
- 16  Lehigh Valley Dressage at the Park @ Bucks County Horse Park
- 19  Beaux Reves Equestrian LLC “Evening Dressage Schooling Show”, Hamilton, VA beauxrevesequestrian.com
- 23  VADA/NOVA SUMMER WIND DOWN II. LEESBURG, VA (Region: 1) www.vadanova.org

**September**
- 9  Beaux Reves Equestrian LLC “Evening Dressage Schooling Show”, Hamilton, VA beauxrevesequestrian.com
- 12  VADAF DRESSAGE AT ROSE MOUNT FARM I. Spotsylvania. VA www.vadaf.net
- 13  VADAF DRESSAGE AT ROSE MOUNT FARM II. Spotsylvania. VA www.vadaf.net
- 16  By Chance Farm “Last Chance@Dressage, By Chance?”, Union Bridge, MD www.bychancefarm.com
- 19  Pinehurst Fall Dressage @ Pinehurst Harness Track
- 27  Homestead Farm ‘Dressage Schooling Show’. Catlett, VA homesteadhorsefarm.com

**October**
- 3  Compass Rose Farm ‘Compass Rose Dressage Show’, Haymarket, VA (A VADA/Nova Partner Show in USDF Regional Awards Program) www.compassrosefarm.com
- 8-11  VADA ‘Great American Insurance Group/USDF Region I Dressage Competition (GAIG) and VADA Fall Competition’, Lexington, VA www.virgiadiressage.org
- 23 – 25  38th Col Bengt Ljungquist Memorial Championships at Bob Martin Ag Center, Williamston NC
- 24  Gary Rockwell Clinic in Middleburg. VA @ Performance Sporthorses. LLC
- 31  VADA/NOVA Inc Dressage Schooling Show – October @ Morven Park

**November**
- 3  Compass Rose Farm ‘Compass Rose Dressage Show’. Haymarket, VA (A VADA/Nova Partner Show in USDF Regional Awards Program) www.compassrosefarm.com
- 7  PVDA Fall Show* @ Show Place Arena
- 14  NCDCTA Championships &amp; Autumn Leaves Dressage* @ Carolina Horse Park
- 20-21  HERITAGE ARABIAN CLASSIC, WAKEFIELD, VA

Safe Sport

We all have a role to play to ensure our members — especially our young ones — are safe.

SafeSport training is required for USEF members (18 years of age or older) and is essential in creating a safer environment for our competitors. Regardless of whether your engagement with equestrian sport brings you into everyday contact with young participants or not. SafeSport training is required. SafeSport training gives all of us the knowledge to be part of the solution to keep our young people and our sport safe. The online SafeSport course lasts approximately 90 minutes and only needs to be completed once. Thirty-minute refresher courses must be completed annually thereafter. Go to the www.USEF.org website.
VADA-CC Meeting Minutes
15 June 2020
Meeting Called at 7:00 p.m.

15 June meeting was a very short, but productive. Of the members in attendance, agreed to sponsor three (3) classes at Dressage at Lexington for the total amount of $150.00.

As a reminder...
VADA Symposium with George Williams and Bill Warren to held on 27-28 June Stave Mill Farm, Esmont, Virginia. To learn more, visit Virginiadressage.org.

Next Meeting - Mark Your Calendar
• 20 July 2020 at 7 pm call in (605)468-8002 code 368091#
ADVERTISING RATES

Full page $15 issue $150/year
½ page $10/issue or $100/year
¼ page $7.50/issue or $75/year
Business card $5/issue $50/year
Classified $5/issue $50/year

Business card and classified ads are free for current members.
Please email ads to Becca at rptzmoht@aol.com before the 25th of each month.
Checks are payable to VADA – Ch and should be mailed to Sherri Booie 721 Lake Rd.
Troy, VA 22974
No ads will be run without payment being received

A little poem ...

I am his eyes.
He is my wings.
I am his voice.
He is my spirit.
I am his human.
He is my horse.

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