



Virginia Dressage Association - Charlottesville Chapter

*Let Your Spirit Run Free
Let's Ride!*



EXTENSIONS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

May Edition

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VADA-CH Board Meeting

10 May 2022
7:00 pm
In person meeting
"All Welcomed!"
Piedmont Grill (formerly Shadwells)
Charlottesville

VADA-CH Website

May Board Minutes
Hit the link to view/download

Save the Date

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Visual Guide to 2022 Dressage Attire



An in-depth look at the USEF
Rules pertaining to rider dress.



Sign up to receive current
disease outbreaks across the
US.



Message from Chapter President Melyni Worth

Hi Everyone,
Hope you are all enjoying the weather!!! It sure has been crazy, a heatwave for 3 days, and now cold and wet....

We have survived the first CDI in many years, to held in VA. It was good show, with some fun and some not so fun moments. But a lot was learned, and many folks did well.

Our next big one is the Licensed show in June (18/19) at Commonwealth Park in Culpeper. Hope you see you there either riding or volunteering. This one is a big step up for us!

We have several interesting clinics coming up, we are talking with Michael Bragdel to teach our Chapter Grant clinic in August. Angela Doolan has kindly offered to host this clinic, once we get a date, we will publicize it.

Then we are working on Jim Koford to come back and teach a clinic, again no date set, but as soon as we get one, we will let you know.

Then is 2023 we will be having a 2 day "Up through the levels" clinic with Carter Bass, again this one will be at Afton Stables. This is such a useful clinic for anyone planning on showing in 2023, It is a new test year, Carter goes over the new tests, and explains them. NOT TO BE MISSED!

Hope you are all having fun riding,
Hope to see you in June.
Yours truly,
Melyni



Isabel F. de Szinay Dressage Show

Opening Date: 2 May 2022
Closing: 6 June 2022



Entries:

horseshowoffice.com

To learn more about the show and volunteer sign up, visit vada-cc.org. The Prize List will be posted within the upcoming week.



Show Volunteers

VADA-CH show management team is SO pleased with the number of members who have volunteered. THANK YOU! What a fabulous turnout!

After the show closing date, the Volunteer Show Blueprint will be published and emailed with other supporting show information. In mid-May, a volunteer reconfirmation email will be sent out to avoid last-minute volunteer cancellations. It's going to be a BIG show and want to ensure the showground runs smoothly for all our competitors. Keep your eyes on your email!

Volunteers who have sign-up for Pre-Show Setup, plan to arrive at HIT Showgrounds around noon, Thursday, 16 June. Lunch will be served and all volunteers will receive an Appreciation Surprise. If you would like to help and haven't signed up, go to our website "Volunteering".

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Show Sponsorship

Another way to support the show is to become a sponsor or solicit sponsorship. Soliciting sponsorship is another avenue to acquire volunteer hours. You will receive four (4) volunteer hours for a sponsorship donation of \$100.

To review June's show sponsorship framework, go to vada-ch.org "Isabel F de Szinay Memorial Sponsorship tab", Sponsorship application and payment is online through the website.

Visit vada-ch.org to sign up.



The best way to honor Catherine Sutton's memory, VADA-CH's extraordinary volunteer, is VOLUNTEER. Volunteering is the heart of the sport and volunteering brought Catherine great joy.





The Great American Horse Drive



Sombrero Ranches, Inc. located in Craig, CO provide horses for trail riding programs throughout the State as well as Arizona. They also rent horses for private hunting groups and summer camp programs. Sombrero started in 1959 with Estes Park Stables which provided trail horses for summer riding. Over the years, the Ranch has grown and currently has several locations throughout Colorado, and their herd has increased over the years. While Sombrero Ranch in Craig boasts over 320 acres, the Ranch recognized that due to the size of the herd, larger pastures were needed for winter turn out. An agreement with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management allows the Ranch to winter their herd on BLM land near the Sand Wash Basin area where wild horse herds are located. The wild horse herds and the domestic horse herds are separated by fencing and a paved highway. The horses are trailered to the BLM area in November/December of each year, then collected the first weekend in May the following year. Due to the increased size of the herd over the years the Ranch realized that trailering was not an option, so "The Great American Horse Drive" was born.



The Drive involves collecting the herd from all over the BLM Land area the last week of April. Several wranglers camp out for a few days and collect the horses from different areas of the turn-out pasture. On the morning of the Drive, the horses are herded into a holding pen and allowed to settle for a period of time. The Wranglers from the Ranch are already there with their horses that were trailered in at daylight. The novice wranglers arrive by school bus and claim their horse for the day which came in the trailers with the Wranglers. After a few hours, the Drive commences down the road to the Ranch – 60 miles total done over a two day period. They travel 30 miles to an overnight pasture on roads that are either dirt (very dusty) or paved.



Ten years ago, a couple of my friends and I decided we needed to join the Drive so we spent the week on the Ranch preparing for this event. The Ranch recognized a few years before that ordinary people might want to do this. Seriously, there were people in our group who had never been on a horse! And, for each novice wrangler, two horses were needed (one horse for the first day, a fresh one for the second day of the Drive). Each year they accept around 40 novice wranglers so 80 horses were needed just for this group. By the end of the week, my friends and I realized that as novice wranglers, we would be at the back of the Drive taking photos of horse butts. We opted to “ride the drive” in the back of a truck. Sombrero drove over 640 horses that year. We got fabulous photographs.



A photograph that I took 10 years ago, one of the best selling images of my career!



I knew I wanted to have this experience again, so my travel buddy, Debby Thomas (who was one of the friends on the first trip), and I flew out to Denver, drove to Craig and joined the Equine Photographers Network Workshop for the week before the Drive. We enjoyed photographing the Wranglers and horses on the Ranch prior to the arrival of the novice wranglers. The Wranglers (more women this year than men) were so willing to do whatever we asked, e.g., gallop straight downhill; stand on their horse on top of a hill; gallop through water higher than the legs of the horse; and shared many of their stories of the western lifestyle (and for the women, some of them balanced running their home, raising kids and a full time job). Everyone was kind, warm, and polite.



The Great American Horse Drive is enjoyed by a lot of folks, local or from far away, many people travel to the area to witness or participate in this event. The novice wranglers come from all over the world. One man travels from Finland every year and after years of being in the back, he has now earned a place in the front of the herd during the Drive. As a group, the novice wranglers bring up the rear of the Drive to keep any horses from turning back to the winter pasture. The local ranchers all pitch in and help by providing wranglers and horses, overnight pastures, water trucks, and even a porta-potty on wheels that follows the Drive. Four official trucks with straw bales in the bed carried the photographers from the workshop. We were allowed in front of, in back of, and in the middle of the herd as they moved down the road. Our driver was from Redding, CA and comes every year to drive a truck with photographers for the Drive. The small town of Maybell, CO is celebrated each year when the herd comes through town and stops to rest. People line the road, camp nearby, and cheer as the horses go through town. Zorro even escorts the herd through Maybell. It is a grand tradition which attracts folks from all around. If you happen to be driving on Route 40 West the day of the drive, you simply pull over and enjoy the view of hundreds of horses coming right at you!





On the home stretch coming into the Ranch!



Git along, lil'l doggies! The day is not done!

Ride With Pride, based in Virginia, is Augusta County's premier equine assisted therapeutic horsemanship program. Serving its clients for more than two decades. Ride With Pride is a community-based environment working in tandem with horses and volunteers for the treatment of individuals with intellectual, physical, or emotional challenges from the ages of 4 and up.

Ride With Pride will be hosting Benefit Dressage Schooling Shows on Sunday, 15 May, and Sunday, 14 August 2022.

To learn more, visit the website. If you have questions, contact Erin Fitzwater, Show Manager, cgent86@gmail.com.



ridewithprideeva.org



Ride With Pride

Therapeutic Riding Program

Benefit Dressage Schooling Shows

Ride With Pride Therapeutic Riding Program Benefit Dressage Schooling Shows

Hosted by: Cedar Creek Stables, 2435 Shutterlee Mill Rd., Staunton, VA

Sunday, May 15, 2022 – Judge: Elizabeth Lewis "S"

Sunday, August 14, 2022 – Judge: Nancy Lowey "R"

Entries must be submitted by Monday before the show. Ride times will be available on Ride With Pride website Thursday before show.

****USDF Regional Schooling Awards Program Participating Competition****

Tests Offered: USDF Intro, USEF Training to Fourth, FEI TOC, USEA TOC, WDAA

Show Manager: Sophia Martina, 540-448-1316, smartina1018@yahoo.com

Show Secretary: Erin Fitzwater, 703-966-0875, cgent76@gmail.com

To enter online: www.ridewithprideeva.org/event/rwp-benefit-dressage-show/ or email entry and Coggins to Show Secretary

Entry Fee: \$30.00 per test Awards: 1st – 6th place ribbons and High Score Prize for Show (excludes Intro tests) *NO STALLS available*****

Rider Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address (required): _____

Address: _____

Rider Status: JR or SR Rider USDF # (for USDF Regional Schooling Show Program): _____

Owner Name (If different from Rider): _____

Owner USDF # (for USDF Regional Schooling Show Program): _____

Horse Name (must match Coggins): _____

Test 1: _____ Test 2: _____ Test 3: _____

Total Amount Due: _____

The following must be sent to the secretary in the prize list: (1) this completed Entry Form (2) a legible copy of the horse's Coggins report that will be current on the date of the show and has the same horse name as on this entry form, (3) check for the total amount due (made out to Ride With Pride), (4) Liability form to be signed when checking in at the show.



