

Virginia Dressage Association
Charlottesville Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS

EXTENSIONS



Up Through the Levels
with Carter Bass

1 April 2023

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Michael Bragdoll

26th and 27th April 2023

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Terry Ciotti Gallo

15th and 16th April 2023

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VADA-CH Year-Ends Awards
Celebration! 25 February,
Michie Tavern,
Charlottesville, VA

Stay Tuned
Schooling Shows in April and
August Coming!

February 2023
Winter Edition

Message from Chapter President Melyni Worth

Next Zoom Chapter
13 March 2023
7:00 pm

Hi Every one,

Hope you are all doing well and surviving the winter. We are already in February so Spring is not far away!

We have a very busy April coming up, what with the Up Thru the Level clinic with Carter Bass, the Michael Bragdell clinic, and the Terry Giotto clinic. Lots to attend and learn from. In May there is the MADfest at the VHC, this is a great chance to go watch top riders and horses. Plan to attend and if you can volunteer.

Then in June, we have our own licensed show at Culpeper again come ride and volunteer if you can, we really need the help, especially with setting up time. This is a great opportunity for earning the volunteer hours you need for the scholarship and for Year-End awards.

Our Year-End Awards luncheon will be on Feb 25th at Mitchie Tavern, come on out enjoy the good company and applaud the winners.

Our next Board meeting will be on March 13th, a Zoom meeting come and join in, we need to hear from you.

Hope to see you all soon.

Yours truly,
Melyni



SAVE THE DATE!

Up Through The Levels

1 April 2023 - with Carter Bass

Afton Stables



Afton Stables is excited to host VADA Charlottesville's "Up Through the Levels" with Carter Bass! 2023 introduces new USDF-level tests, and this clinic is an opportunity to learn all about the changes. It's also a rare opportunity to see the test through the eyes of a judge. This year we have an exciting variety of horses and riders with experience in the level they are demonstrating.

Carter Bass is an "S" Dressage judge and "R" sport horse judge. She is also an accomplished rider and trainer in her own right, with both the eye for detail and the physical knowledge necessary to judge dressage from Intro to Grand Prix.

While most of the riding slots are full, we are seeking one rider for Training Level. We are also accepting backup riders for each level. Riding is free for chapter members, but you must have competed at the level at which you want to ride previously and you must know your test.

We cannot wait to welcome all our friends and fellow dressage enthusiasts to Afton Stables! To read more and register



VADA-CH Year-End Awards Celebration!

Our Awards Coordinator, Shalenna Arreguin, coordinated a "VADA-CH Year-End Awards Luncheon" to recognize 2022 Chapter award recipients. Congratulations to Susan Ellis, Carla Scarmazzi, Erin Fitzwater, Karen Rice, Malinda Zielke, and Sabine Desper. The luncheon will be held at Michie Tavern, Charlottesville on 25 February, at Noon. It will be a delightful day of celebration and a taste of the 18th century with southern hospitality. The luncheon fee is Adult - \$22.95, Youth - \$11.50 (12-15), Child - \$7.50 (6-11), and Vegan/Vegetarian - \$11.50. Menu attached. **R.S.V.P. to Shaleena by 20 February 23.**



Email Shaleena to register



A man in a blue suit stands next to a dark horse in an outdoor setting.

Michael Bragdell Clinic

April 26 – 27 2023

Date Opening: 15 February 2023

Closing Date: 12 April 2023

To read more about the clinic
and submit Rider or Auditor
Application, click:



VADA-CH is extremely excited to welcome Micheal Bragdell, Head Trainer at Hilltop Farm, Colara, MD, for an Afton Stables clinic on April 26 – 27, 2023.

Michael is originally from Gothenburg, Sweden, and worked several years at a riding school, serving as an instructor and member of the show jumping team. He continued his education in England where he trained and showed young horses for Gustavii Stud. In 1995, Michael joined the Hilltop Team and, over the years, he has presented numerous stallions and countless mares and foals at breed registry inspections as well as at breed shows around the country. Michael believes in keeping the work interesting for the young horse to ensure they stay fresh and happy throughout their career. Seven of the youngsters that Michael has started at Hilltop have gone on to top finishes in the USEF/Markel Young/Developing Horse National Championships.

In 2008, Michael captured his first National Championship aboard Selten-HW in the FEI Four-Year-Old division and captured this championship again in 2012 with Hemmingway. In 2018 and 2019, Michael and SenSation HW won the USEF Young Horse National Championships. Michael has won seven US Dressage Finals National Championships as well and is a USDF Bronze, Silver, & Gold Medalist. Michael is a USDF Certified Instructor.

To register for the clinic as a rider or auditor, go to the VADA-CH website. For questions, contact Laura Berne at Laura@RespiteFarm.com or 804-763-3623.



Musical Freestyle Clinic with Terry Callo

15 and 16 April 2023
Stave Mill Farm. Esmont, VA
Sponsored by VADA-CH and
the Dressage Foundation



Terry coupled the sports world with her dance and music knowledge to help a variety of athletes in the total development of their freestyle performances. This led to the establishment of Klassic Kur in 1989.

Her commitment to freestyle education is extensive, writing scores of articles in print and online. Her lectures include the very first international judges freestyle symposium in 2002 and extend to the recent IDOC (International Dressage Officials) seminar held at USDF headquarters in Kentucky.

Her talent, service and dedication earned Terry the 2021 USDF Lifetime Achievement Award.

www.klassickur.com



www.thedressagefoundation.org

Mounted sessions accommodate riders from Training through Grand Prix in 45 minute time slots each. All go through a tempo analysis, learn to ride the beat of the music, and have choreography for one gait for their level. Terry is happy to help riders with their specific objectives.

Schedule for Saturday:

Seminar with Terry.
Topics: *Finding the right music, rule review, planning effective choreography and more.*
Lunch (pre-order only)
Four mounted sessions

Schedule for Sunday:

Four mounted sessions
Lunch (pre-order only)
Four mounted sessions

Auditors are welcome both days!

Fee per rider:
\$200 per session

Fee per Auditor:
\$40 for both days or
\$25 per day. Walk-ins
are \$5 more in each
category

To register, contact Eleszabeth
McNeel at E7Aquila@aol.com.



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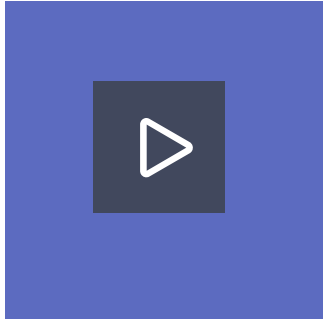
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Coco Pottier

FEI Dressage World Cup

Basel, Switzerland

Commentary by Natasha Baker, the
British Para rider.



Coco Pottier, who recently gave a clinic for VADA-Ch along with Camille Judet, finished in the Top 10 at the FEI Dressage World Cup in Basel, Switzerland. Attached is a video of his ride at the 1:44 time stamp. It shows the same correctness and ease we were treated to during his demonstration ride at the clinic. Enjoy!

Renee O'Leary

[Click on the link to view video](#)

Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial Dressage Show
17-18 June 2023
Commonwealth Horse Park, Culpeper VA



**More to come on
volunteering in March.**

