

Virginia Dressage Association
Charlottesville Chapter

CHAPTER NEWS

EXTENSIONS

SAVE the DATE

Up Through the Levels
with Carter Bass
1st and 2nd April 2023
Afton Stables, Afton, VA

Michael Bragdell
26th and 27th April 2023
Afton Stables, Afton, VA

Freestyle Clinic with
Terry Ciotti Gallo
15th and 16th April 2023
Stave Mill Farm, Esmont, VA

Stay tuned for details on VADA-
CH Year-End Awards Luncheon

January 2022
Winter Edition



Next Zoom Chapter
13 February 2023
7:00 pm

Message from Chapter President Melyni Worth

Hi everyone,

I hope all is well up there in cold Virginny. Down here we are basking in the warmth! Yes it's winter, but soon spring will come and with it shows and activities.

In the meantime we have the CH chapter awards banquet coming up, proposed venue is Pippin Hill Winery on Feb 25th. Several of you have won year-end awards, I hope you will all come out to enjoy the pretty scenery, the good food, and the pleasure of each other's company, plus maybe an award.

We have a number of clinics for your learning pleasure, Up Thru the Levels with Carter Bass at Afton stables, organizer is Maddie Piplico . Michael Bragdell for our Chapter Grant clinic also at Afton Stables courtesy of Angela Doolan, organizer is Laura Berne. Then Gardy is organizing a freestyle clinic with Terry Gallo at Staves Mill Farm. Lots of opportunities to learn!

We are in the process of organizing a schooling show for you as well, a chance to practice those new tests. The organizer is Erin Fitzwater, watch out for an announcement!

So hang on in there spring is not that far away.

Yours truly,
Melyni



Mark Your 2023 Calendar!

Up Through the Levels with Carter Bass Afton Stables 1-2 April 2022

Dressage Tests are changing in 2023! VADA-CH is excited to once again offer the popular "Up Through the Levels Clinic" with Carter Bass at Afton Stables. She is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist. The fun and informative clinic is always a member's favorite. Stay tuned for more info!

Michael Bragdell Afton Stables 26-27 April 2023

Michael Bragdell is the Head Trainer at Hilltop Farm in Maryland where he has consistently developed young horses into top athletes. He is a USDF Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medalist, and has won seven US Dressage National Championships. Price and stabling info to follow soon!

A Freestyle Clinic with Terry Ciotti Gallo 15th and 16th April 2023 Stave Mill Farm

With over 25 years of experience in dressage musical freestyle, Terry has helped riders from national through Olympic levels with the development of their music and choreography. Terry's broad and colorful history in sports, dance, and music stretches over 30 years. She started as a theatrical choreographer where her works were seen in various media. However, with a background as a competitive gymnast, she also acted as a dance instructor, choreographer, coach, and judge for international-caliber gymnastics. 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. Stay tuned for more info!





Michael Bragdell Clinic April 26 – 27, 2023

**Hosted by:
Afton Stables and VADA-CH
Application Deadline: To Be
Announced**

VADA-CH is extremely excited to welcome Micheal Bragdell, Head Trainer at Hilltop Farm, Colara, MD, for a clinic at Afton Stables, 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.

For questions regarding the clinic, please contact Laura Berne at Laura@RespiteFarm.com or 804-763-3623. Updates will be posted on the VADA-CH website and Afton Stables website.



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Up Through The Levels

April 1st, 2023 - with Carter Bass



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Saturday 1st April - Day 1 = Training Level through 4th Level

Now accepting rider applications for all levels - Training through Fourth Level.

VADA-CH organizes this clinic for its members and priority will be given to VADA-CH members when offering riding slots.

If you would like to be considered as a rider for this clinic go Afton Stables website (www.aftonstables.com) to complete the contact form with details of which level you would like to ride in and we will get back to you.

Information such as stabling and benefits for VADA-CH Members will be updated nearer the time of the clinic.

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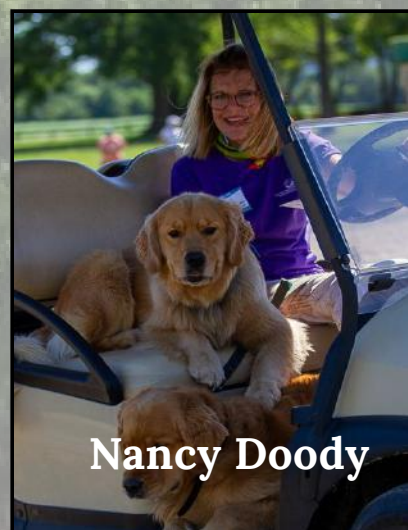
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