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VRPC Winter Instagram Contest Winner

With over 250 Likes, Lulu Malinoski (aka @lulumalinoski) and her pony Vidalia (Vid) from Deep Run Hunt Pony Club are our 2018 Holidays in Virginia Instagram Contest winner. Lulu is excited to move Vid up to Novice this spring, compete in all of the VRPC rallies and test out some recognized shows. She’s also hoping to find a nice new Thoroughbred to join Vid this spring. Lulu won a USPC Fleece Vest and a Team Ride Safe bracelet.

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Photojournalist Douglas Graham caught this image at the Loudoun Hunt Point-to-Point at Oatlands using a remotely triggered camera.
Red Gate Farm
19255 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, VA 20135

DATES: Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2, Jul 14, Aug 18, Sep 8, Oct 6, Banquet Nov TBA
START TIME: 8am SCHOOLING: 8:45 & 20 min @ lunch (not before 11am) SCHOOLING AREA: varies
JUDGES: 4/7 Kristin Campbell, 5/5 Robin Wood/Kristin Campbell, 6/2 Laura Batt/Sm Martynowksi, 7/14 DeDe Bach-Schumate/Robin Wood, 8/18 Davera Ackenbom/Kristin Campbell, 9/8 Mark Wonderly/DeDe Bach-Schumate, 10/6 Sam Martynowski/ Davera Ackenbom

CLASS FEES: $50 Division, $20 class OFFICE FEE: $20 NON-SHOWING: $25 WARM-UPS: CA - all day
FACILITIES: indoor heated bathrooms WATER: Yes FOOD: snack bar PHOTOGRAPHER: yes
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**VHSA HUNTERS**
Main Ring
Schooling 7-8am
Start Time 8am
1. Low Hunter 2’ (B/D)
2. Low Hunter 2’ (B/D)
3. Low Hunter W/T/C (B/D)
4. Horse Pleasure W/T (B/D/T/V)
5. Horse Pleasure GAYP (B/D/T/V)
6. Horse Pleasure W/T/C (B/D/T/V)
7. Ch/AA Equitation On The Flat (B/V)
8. T-bred Hunter 2’6” (B/D/T/V)
9. T-bred Hunter 2’6” (B/D/T/V)
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19. Working Hunter 3’ (B/D/V)
20. Working Hunter US (B/D/V)

***20 Minute Schooling Break***
Not Before Noon
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29. Pony Hunter US (B/D/V)
30. Pony Eq S’2’, M-2’3”, L-2’6” (B/V)
31. California Warm-up

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**Small Outdoor**
W/T Schooling 8-9am
Start Time 9am
32. Leadline 100% Eq (D)
33. Leadline 50% /50% (B/D)
34. Leadline 100% Pony Suitability/ Manners (D)
35. RGF Pattern Ride Walk/Halt thru cone weave & pole maze
36. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W (B/D)
37. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W/T (B/D)
38. Pre-Short Stirrup Eq W/T/Sit-T Jump Pos at Walk (B/D)

**Indoor Ring**
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44. Short Stirrup Eq. W/T (B/D)
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47. Short Stirrup Hunter W/T/C (V/D)
48. Student Equitation 4@2’ (B) (Trot Or Canter)
49. Student Equitation 4@2’ (B) (Trot Or Canter)
50. Student Equitation W/T/C (B)

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Main Ring Start 8 am
A. Unjudged Warm-Up - Course B
1. Benefit Hunter OF - 2' or 2'6"
2. Benefit Hunter OF - 2' or 2'6"
3. Benefit Hunter Under Saddle
4. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T
5. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T/GAYP
6. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - W/T/C
7. *Junior/Adult Equitation on the Flat
8. Hunter Hack OF - W/T
9. Hunter Hack OF - W/T/GAYP
2 - 2' fences - Judges Choice
   Schooling Break - Not Before 10:30am
   (Midday Session Only)
11. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - A
12. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18" - B
13. *Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle
Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs only
14. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - A
15. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2' or 2'3" - B
16. Limit Rider Hunter US
17. *Pony Pleasure - W/T
18. *Pony Pleasure - W/T/GAYP
19. *Pony Pleasure - W/T/C
20. *Green Pony Hunter OF A
   Sm 2'; Med 2'3''; Lg 2'6"
21. *Green Pony Hunter OF B
   Sm 2'; Med 2'3''; Lg 2'6"
22. *Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle
23. *Pony Eq- Sm 2'; Med 2'3''; Lg 2'6"
24. *Pony Hunter OF A Sm 2'; Med 2'3''; Lg 2'6"
25. *Pony Hunter OF B Sm 2'; Med 2'3''; Lg 2'6"

Schooling Break - not before 2pm
27. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6" - A
28. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2'6" - B
29. *Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle
30. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6" - A
31. *Green Hunter OF - 2'6" - B
32. *Green Hunter Under Saddle
33. *Jr/Ad Equitation - 2'6" or 3'
34. *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - A
35. *Jr/Ad Hunter OF - 2'6" or 3" - B
36. *Jr/Ad Hunter Under Saddle
37. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - A
38. *Working Hunter OF - 3' - B
40. *Children’s Medal
41. *Adult Medal

Small Ring Start 8:30am
All flat classes run before over fences
B. Unjudged warm-Up - Course B
42. Lead Line - 100% Rider Eq
43. Lead Line - 100% Mount Suitability
44. Lead Line - 50% Equitation/50% Suitability
45. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W
46. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T
47. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/Sit-T/Jump Pos
48. Short Stirrup Eq OF - 18" - A
49. Short Stirrup Eq OF - 18" - B
50. Short Stirrup Eq Under Saddle
51. Student Eq OF - 2' - A
52. Student Eq OF - 2' - B
53. Student Eq Under Saddle
* = VHSA Associate Classes

JUMPERS
Hacking and limited Jumping
Schooling 7:30 - 8:30am
Schooling in small ring all day

Puddle Jumpers 2'
1-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
2-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
3-Puddle Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Ch/Ad Jumpers 2'3"- 2'6" VHSA
4-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 1
5-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
6-Novice Ch/Ad Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Novice Jumpers 2'3"- 2'6" VHSA
7-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
8-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
9-Novice Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Thoroughbred Jumper 2'9" VHSA
10-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
11-Thoroughbred Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
12-Thoroughbred Jumper $10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Low Jumpers 2'9'' VHSA
13-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
14-Low Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
15-Low Jumpers
$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Ch/Ad Jumpers 3'0" VHSA
16-Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 1
17 Ch/Ad Jumpers Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
18-Ch/Ad Jumpers
$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)

Modified Jumpers 3'6"- 4' VHSA
22-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 1
23-Modified Jumper Table II, Sec. 2 (c)
24-Modified Jumper
$10 Add-Back Table II, Sec. 2 (b)
25-Unjudged Warm-up
45 Second rule will be in effect all day
Injectable Joint Therapy
Making The Right Choice For Your Horse
By Maureen Kelleher, DVM, CVA,
Diplomate ACVS

No matter your chosen discipline, horses put considerable stress and strain on their joints during exercise. Just as with our joints, excess trauma can lead to osteoarthritis (OA). The result of OA can be reduced performance, lameness and behavior changes due to pain. This article describes the equine joint and effects injectable joint therapies can have on the joint.

Joints have five parts: articular cartilage, bone, joint capsule, synovial membrane, and synovial fluid. The articular cartilage is contoured to the subchondral bone forming the basis of the joint. The synovial membrane lines the joint capsule and serves to produce and contain joint fluid. Joint fluid is a lubricant, nourishing articular cartilage, and removing waste produced. The cartilage does not have its own blood supply so all functions that would be provided to tissues by means of the vascular system is provided by the synovial membrane and joint fluid.

When the joint undergoes mild to moderate repetitive strain or an acute overload injury, some or all of the five parts of the joint may be affected, resulting in decreased function of each part. When inflammatory proteins accumulate in the joint due to trauma, synovial membrane and synovial fluid function is reduced, leading to poor nutrition to the articular cartilage and buildup of waste products.

Most injectable joint therapies are aimed at improving the quality of joint fluid or supporting the components of articular cartilage. The most commonly recommended products fall into three categories: hyaluronic acids (HA) polysulfated glycosaminoglycans (PS-GAG), and polysulfated xylans (PX or PPS).

The synovial membrane produces hyaluronan, which serves as a lubricant to provide smooth gliding between articular cartilage surfaces of the bones. Additionally, hyaluronan molecules connect collagen fibers to the structural protein portion of the cartilage.

The goals of treatment with a product containing hyaluronic acid (HA) is to trigger the synovial membrane to produce better quality hyaluronan, improve lubrication of the joint and provide HA for the cartilage. While there are minimal studies on HA for OA in horses, the hallmark study noted that HA reduced the fraying of the cartilage surface in horses with OA.

Cartilage is composed of

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1. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Halt-Circles
2. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot
3. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot, Sitting Trot & Jump Position
4. Short-Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot and Tests
5. Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/C
6. Short Stirrup Equitation - O/F 18"
7. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18"
8. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F 18"
9. Short Stirrup Hunter - Under Saddle
10. Leadline
11. Student Equitation - Walk-Trot and Tests
12. Student Equitation - W/T/C
13. Student Equitation - O/F 2'
14. Pleasure Pony - W/T
15. Pleasure Pony - Go As You Please
16. Pleasure Pony - W/T/C
17. VHSA/BHSA Pony Equitation O/F - Small 2', Med 2'3", Large 2'6"
18. Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6"
19. Pony Hunter O/F - Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6"
20. Pony Hunter Under Saddle
21. VHSA Equitation on Flat
   30 Minute Schooling Break - Not to start before 12:00 Noon
22. Warm-up - Unjudged
23. Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot
24. Pleasure Horse - Go As You Please
25. Pleasure Horse - W/T/C
26. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot
27. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2', May Trot
28. Maiden Hunter - W/T
29. Low Hunter - O/F 2'
30. Low Hunter - O/F 2'
31. Low Hunter - Under Saddle

32. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6"
33. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - O/F; Sm 2', Med 2'3", Lg 2'6"
34. Green Horse/Pony Hunter - Under Saddle
35. Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3"
36. Schooling/Working Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3"
37. Schooling/Working Hunter Under Saddle
38. VHSA/BHSA Children's/Adult Amateur Equitation 2'6" or 3'
39. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3'10
40. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F 2'6" or 3'
41. Children's/Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle
42. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6"
43. TB Hunter - O/F 2'6"
44. TB Hunter Under Saddle

LEADLINE - BHSA DCA
PRE-SHORT STIRRUPS EQ - BHSA DCA
SHORT STIRRUPS EQ - BHSA DCA
STUDENT EQUITATION - BHSA
SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER - VHSA DCA
PONY HUNTER - VHSA/BHSA DCA
PONY EQUITATION - VHSA/BHSA
EQUITATION/FLAT - JR & AM- VHSA,BHSA
PLEASURE HORSE / VHSA/BHSA DCA
PLEASURE PONY - VHSA/BHSA DCA
GREEN HORSE/PONY - VHSA/BHSA DCA
CHILD/ADULT AMATEUR EQ - VHSA/BHSA
CHILD/ADULT AMATEUR HUNTER - VHSA/ BHSA DCA
LOW HUNTER - BHSA DCA
SCHOOLING HUNTER - BHSA
WORKING HUNTER - VHSA/BHSA DCA
MAIDEN HUNTER - BHSA
TB HUNTER - VHSA DCA
## Turner Farm Events

**DC Area HSA dates in RED**

### Ring I - 9am
- **Open Card Warm-up**
  - 1-Schooling Hunter U/S
  - 2-Schooling Hunter OF 2'3", 2'6"
  - 3-Schooling Hunter OF 2'3", 2'6"
  - 4-*VHSA Working Hunter U/S
  - 5-*VHSA Working Hunter OF 2'9", 3'
  - 6-**VHSA Working Hunter OF 2'9", 3'
  - 7-*VHSA Child/Adult Amateurs U/S
  - 8-*VHSA Child/Adult Amateurs OF 2'6", 2'9"
  - 9-*VHSA Child/Adult Amateurs OF 2'6", 2'9"
  - 10-VHSA Junior/Adult Equitation on the Flat
  - 11-VHSA Junior/Adult Equitation 2'6", 2'9"

  *Schooling Break - not before 11am*

- 12-*VHSA Pony Hunter U/S
- 13-*VHSA Pony Hunter OF S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6"
- 14-*VHSA Pony Hunter OF S-2', M-2'3", L-2'6"
- 15-Turner Farm Equitation on the Flat
- 16-Turner Farm Equitation 18", 2'
- 17-Turner Farm Medal 18", 2'
- 18-*Low Hunter U/S
- 19-*Low Hunter OF 18", 2'
- 20-*Low Hunter OF 18", 2'
- 21-Turner Hopeful U/S
- 22-Turner Hopeful OF 18"
- 23-Turner Hopeful OF 18"

### Ring II - 9am
- 24-*Lead Line 100% equitation (7 and under)
- 25-*Lead Line 100% pony
- 26-*Lead Line 50% Eq, 50% pony
- 27-*Pre-Short Stirrup WT (9 and under)
- 28-*Pre-Short Stirrup WT, 2 point, sitting trot
- 29-*Pre-Short Stirrup WT, 2 poles and halt
- 30-Beginner Equitation WT 12"
- 31-Beginner Equitation WT, individual canter
- 32-Beginner Equitation WT, 2 fences at 12"
- 33-*Short Stirrup Eq on the Flat
- 34-*Short Stirrup Eq OF 4 jumps, 12"
- 35-*Short Stirrup Eq OF 4 jumps, 12"
- 36-*VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter U/S
- 37-*VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF 18"
- 38-*VHSA Short Stirrup Hunter OF 18"
- 39-*VHSA Horse Pleasure WT
- 40-*VHSA Horse Pleasure WTC
- 41-*VHSA Horse Pleasure, Go As You Please
- 42-*VHSA Pony Pleasure WT
- 43-*VHSA Pony Pleasure WTC
- 44-*VHSA Pony Pleasure, Go As You Please
- 45- Horseless Hunter (Costume Class 10/12)

*denotes DC Area HSA classes 4/13 & 9/7

**Turner Farm Events Event Schedule**

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**Proceeds benefit Turner Farm Equestrian Facilities.**

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**Turner Farm Events, Inc.**

925 Springvale Road, Great Falls, Va 22066

**DATES:** April 13, May 11, June 1, September 7, October 12

**START TIME:** 9:00 am  **SCHOOLING:** 6:30am-8:30am

**JUDGES:**
- 4/13 Kristin Campbell/TBD
- 5/11 Kimberlea Gilbertson/Kristin Campbell
- 6/1 DeDe Bache-Shumate/TBD
- 9/7 Mark Wonderly/Kimberlea Gilbertson
- 10/12 Cindy Lytle/TBD

**CLASS FEES:** $15, **Office Fee:** $20

**WARM-UPS:** Open card Ring 1  **FACILITIES:** Port-a-john

**MANAGER:** Lara McPherson  **PHONE #:** 703-608-9830

**WEB SITE:** turnerfarmevents.org  **e-MAIL:** Lulu2mc@aol.com

**FOOD VENDOR:** TBD  **COURSE DESIGN:** Lara McPherson

**WATER:** Yes  **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Hannah Jones

**WEB SITE:** turnerfarmevents.org  **WEB SITE:** turnerfarmevents.org

**ENTRIES:** Karen.washburn@longandfoster.com

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**Ring 2 will be available for schooling after the last class has completed.**
Collagen, water, and a non-cellular matrix. As noted, HA connects collagen to the matrix. Within the matrix are chains of repeating protein-containing subunits (GAG - glycosaminoglycans) all serving to house the water portion of cartilage and create viscosity of joint fluid.

**PS-GAG products** have several mechanisms. They encourage the production of new GAG, HA, and collagen and they inhibit enzymes that break down GAGs and HA. One study revealed that PS-GAGs in horses with OA decreased fibrosis and inflammation-induced vessel growth in the joint capsule. Another study showed a decrease in lameness, joint circumference, and better range of motion in treated horses.

The last type of injectable joint therapy is **polysulfated xylans**, also known as pentosan polysulfate (PPS.) PPS is used in human medicine to combat clot formation and relieve bladder inflammation. It has a structure similar to PS-GAGs and thus is thought to have similar activity to PS-GAG products - encouraging production of collagen, matrix sub-units, and HA while preventing breakdown of these substances.

Like the other two product types, there is a dearth of information in equine scientific literature, however a study showed PPS decreased fraying of collagen and increased one of the matrix subunits (chondroitin sulfate) in both diseased and control horses.

Treating or preventing joint disease with medications containing any of these products may have a beneficial effect, but note minimal research has been done in the horse, with minimal positive effects seen. However, there is much clinical based evidence that injectable joint therapy (used over many years in the horse) does have a positive effect in some horses. Decisions to use these types of treatments may come down to recommendations by your veterinarian and a cost-benefit ratio for yourself.

Maureen Kelleher, DVM is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Sports Medicine and Surgery at Virginia Tech’s Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, Leesburg, Virginia. Dr. Kelleher focuses on assessment and treatment of performance limiting problems in sport horse, and has a special interest in complementary and alternative therapies to enhance performance and healing of injuries.
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**RING 2 – 8:30 am**

1. D Leadline Equitation
2. D Leadline Pony
3. B/D Leadline 50%/50%
4. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup Walk Eq.
5. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup W/T
6. B/D Pre-Short Stirrup W/T/Sit-T
   Jump pos. at walk

**RING 1 – AT CONCLUSION OF RING 2**

7. CA Warm-up—all day, Course B
8. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. W/T
9. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. O/F 18”
10. B/D Short Stirrup Eq. O/F 18”
11. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18”
12. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter O/F 18”
13. V/D Short Stirrup Hunter U/S
14. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T
15. B/V/D Pleasure Pony GAYP
16. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T/C
17. B Student Eq. O/F 2’ May Trot
18. B Student Eq. O/F 2’ May Trot
20. B/V Pony Eq. O/F 2’, 2’3”, 2’6”
22. B/V/D Pony Hunter O/F 2’, 2’3”, 2’6”
23. B/V/D Pony Hunter U/S
27. VHSA Pony Medal

**15 Minute Schooling Break Not before 12 noon**

28. V/B Equitation on the Flat
29. B/V/D Pleasure Horse W/T (TIP)
30. B/V/D Pleasure Horse GAYP (TIP)
31. B/V/D Pleasure Horse W/T/C (TIP)
32. B Maiden Hunter O/F 2’
33. B Maiden Hunter O/F 2’
34. B Maiden Hunter U/S
35. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2’, 2’3”
36. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2’, 2’3”
37. B/D Low Hunter U/S
38. B Limit Rider Hunter O/F 2’ & 2’3”
39. B Limit Rider Hunter O/F 2’ & 2’3”
40. B Limit Rider Hunter U/S
41. B/V/D Gr. Hunter O/F 2’6”
42. B/V/D Gr. Hunter O/F 2’6”
43. B/V/D Gr. Hunter U/S
44. B/V CH/AA Equit. O/F 2’6”, 3’
45. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter O/F 2’6”, 3’
46. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter O/F 2’6”, 3’
47. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter U/S
48. B Sch. Hunter O/F 2’6”
49. B Sch. Hunter O/F 2’6”
50. B Sch. Hunter U/S
51. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2’6” (TIP)
52. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2’6” (TIP)
53. B/V/D TB Hunter U/S (TIP)
54. B/V/D Working Hunter O/F 2’9”, 3’
55. B/V/D Working Hunter O/F 2’9”, 3’
56. B/V/D Working Hunter U/S
57. Forrest Linton Horse Classic 2’6”, 3’
   (7/21 only)
58. VHSA AA Medal
59. VHSA CH Medal

**Abbreviations:**

- B = Battlefield Horse Shows Association
- D = DC Area Horse Shows Association
- (TIP) = Thoroughbred Incentive Program
- V = VHSA Associate Program

**DC Area Horse Show Association:** all VHSA Hunter divisions, Low, Lead Line, Pre-Short Stirrup, and HSS Eq are eligible for points for members of this association.

Membership is $15 per year forms & information are available at the show.

**STALLS AVAILABLE:** $35.00 per night, bedding not included.

Includes schooling the day before the show in the show rings.

*All Dogs must be on leashes while on the show grounds.*

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**The Winslett Advantage**

Warrenton Show Grounds, 60 E. Shirley Avenue, Warrenton, VA 20186

**DATES:** Sundays - May 12, Jul 21, Sep 8, Oct 13  **START TIME:** 8:30 am

**JUDGE:** 5/12 Tracy Mullen, 7/21 Linda Reynolds, 9/8 TBD, 10/13 TBD

**WARM-UPS:** CA - all day  **SCHOOLING:** Ring 1- 6:30 - 8:15, Ring 2- 6:30 - 9:15

**CLASS FEES:** $20($18 pre-entry), Medals & Classics $27($25 pre-entry), Office Fee $10

**FOOD VENDOR:** Chef Herb **PHOTOGRAPHER:** No

**FACILITIES:** Port-a-john **WATER:** Yes **SCHOOLING AREA:** Yes **COURSE DESIGN:** Gegi Winslett

**MANAGER:** Gegi Winslett **PHONE #'s:** (540)972-1342, (540)825-2825, day of show (540)212-3456, (540)825-2825

**WEB SITE:** facebook.com/TWAHorseShows **e-MAIL:** g.winslett@earthlink.net

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- Hampton Roads Show Association
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- Virginia Beach Horse Show Association
- Virginia Horse Show Association Associate Program

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A Horse Show Dress Rehearsal

Pony Club “Horseless Rallies” Are Practice For The Real Thing

By Dawn Bellinger

What if you could practice for your next horse show by going through all of the motions of competing but without your horse? Wouldn’t you feel more prepared when you later competed with your horse? That’s what we do in Pony Club at our “Everything But The Horse” (a.k.a. Horseless) Rally.

Our members set up their stall (with a stall card), tack room (for their clean tack), and feed room (with a feed chart). They dress in their show attire and go to their formal inspection. And, then they run through their dressage and stadium tests mounted on their pool-noodle ponies. The ring has a judge, an announcer, and a secretary who tallies up the scores – just like a real show.

It’s just like running through a speech in front of a mirror with your golden retriever as your audience, or asking someone to read the other parts in a play so that you can practice your lines. Practice may not make perfect but it does give you a sense of ownership. Then, when it comes time to add the horse, you’ve already done everything else. You get an “I got this” feeling.

It’s especially important for our Pony Club members, who may be as young as six, to know what to expect.

All Pony Club competitions include a horse management component. Our parents (and coaches) aren’t allowed in the barns. Instead, we have horse management “judges” in the barns who assess penalty points for things that are done wrong, but members can usually earn points back if they correct the error.

Examples of things that can be fixed include: a girth mark, a dirty bit, or no lead rope nearby.

Not having parents or coaches in the barns is a wonderful way for our young members to grow and develop confidence in their own skills and abilities. Teammates help each other and more experienced members mentor the less experienced, all under the watchful eye of the Horse Management judges.

We compete (or “rally” in Pony Club terms) in teams of three or continued on p. 21
The Virginia Pony Breeders Association & The Winslett Advantage
Present
The VPBA Annual Horse & Pony Show

"A VHSA Top 10 Horse Show 2003 - 2013, 2016 & 2017"

RING 1 - 8:30 am
schooling 6:30-8:15 am
8-8:15 am Student Equitation only
1. California Warm-up all day Course B
2. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T
3. B/V/D Pleasure Pony GAYP
4. B/V/D Pleasure Pony W/T/C
5. Reg. VPBA Pony Model
6. VPBA Pony Htr O/F 2' & 2'6"
7. VPBA Pony Htr O/F - Conf. 25%
8. VPBA Pony Htr U/S
9. B/V Pony Equitation O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
10. B/V/D Pony Hunter O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
11. B/V/D Pony Hunter O/F
12. B/V/D Pony Hunter U/S
13. B/V/D Green Pony Htr O/F 2', 2'3", 2'6"
14. B/V/D Green Pony Hunter O/F
15. V/B/D Green Pony Hunter U/S
16. Forrest Linton Pony Classic
17. VHSA Pony Medal
18. B Student Equitation O/F 2' - may trot
19. B Student Equitation O/F - may trot
20. B Student Equitation W/T/C
21. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2', 2'3"
22. B/D Low Hunter O/F 2', 2'3"
23. B/D Low Hunter U/S
24. V/B Equitation on the Flat
25. B/V/D Horse Pleasure W/T (TIP)
26. B/V/D Horse Pleasure GAYP (TIP)
27. B/V/D Horse Pleasure W/T/C (TIP)
15 MIN SCHOOLING BREAK
NOT BEFORE 2 pm
28. B/V/D Green Hunter O/F 2'6"
29. B/V/D Green Hunter O/F
30. B/V/D Green Hunter U/S
31. B/V CH/AA Equitation O/F 2'6", 3'
32. B/V/D CH/AA Hunter O/F 2'6", 3'
33. B/V CH/AA Hunter O/F
34. B/V CH/AA Hunter U/S
35. B Schooling Hunter O/F 2'6"
36. B Schooling Hunter O/F 2'6"
37. B Schooling Hunter U/S
38. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2'6" (TIP)
39. B/V/D TB Hunter O/F 2'6" (TIP)
40. B/V/D TB Hunter U/S (TIP)

RING 2 - 9:30 am
schooling 6:30-9 am
9-9:15 a.m. Pre-Short Stirrup only
41. B/D Working Hunter O/F 2'9", 3'
42. B/V/D Working Hunter O/F 2'9", 3'
43. B/V/D Working Hunter U/S
44. VHSA CH Medal
45. VHSA AA Medal

BREEDING
NOT BEFORE 1 pm
59. Reg. VPBA Young Ponies U/S
60. Pony Yearlings
61. Pony 2 Year Olds
62. Pony 3 Year Olds
63. Pony Breeding Championship

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D = DC Area Horse Show Association (TIP) = Thoroughbred Incentive Program
STALLS AVAILABLE: $35.00 per night, bedding not included.
Includes schooling the day before the show in the show rings.
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four riders and a stable manager, with one member designated as team captain. The stable manager is crucial to helping the team be on time for their inspections and rides. The team captain is usually the most senior and the only member of the team who can challenge a score or appeal to the ground jury. At our “Everything But The Horse” Rally, each team includes a “C Advisor.” These are experienced Pony Club members who have achieved their “C” certification who help teach the (usually younger) less experienced members.

The members who compete in the “Everything But The Horse” Rally have their “D” certifications or are “unrated.” Our certification system starts at the D level and goes up to the A level, with sublevels in between. Our D’s are novice, C’s – training, B’s – intermediate, and A’s – advanced. And, we offer many testing tracks: Horse Management, Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing, and Hunt Seat Equitation, although Horse Management proficiency is required to progress in all riding disciplines.

How do our members know what’s right and what’s wrong? One thing Pony Club does well is produce paper, and rules! We joke that even our rules have rules. Each discipline has a rule book and we have manuals for each level. All of our instructors and examiners use a national curriculum and standards of proficiency.

One of the best things about Pony Club is that you carry your certifications with you wherever you go. If you have your C-2 Eventing certification from Virginia and you move to Kentucky, you pick up right where you left off because it’s a national program. In fact, it’s international. Our older, advanced members participate in international exchanges with other Pony Club members from other countries, all at roughly the same riding and horse management level.

Our national certification system allows everyone in the industry to know exactly what our members skill and knowledge levels are. Our strong Horse Management program (a requirement for progress in the riding tracks) is acknowledged by all equestrians. We frequently hear top riders say they would trust a Pony Club member with any of their horses over anyone else.

Dawn Bellinger is an alumna and the mother of an HA alumna from River Bend Pony Club in the Virginia Region. She still helps River Bend and sits on the board of the Virginia Region and the United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
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Linda Robeson
Hunt Monitor:
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Fixture locations, time, and notice of cancellations due to weather or ground conditions. Changes or cancellations will be made no later than 3 hrs prior.
Cap Fees:
Cubbing through Oct. 15 - $75
Cubbing after Oct. 15 - $100
Formal Hunting Mid-week - $100
Formal Hunting Saturdays - $150
Juniors (18 and under) must be accompanied by an adult - $30
Non-subscribers may contact one of the Joint Masters for permission to hunt as a guest with Warrenton Hunt. Checks payable to Warrenton Hunt shall be given to the Honorary Secretary or a Field Secretary upon arriving at the meet. Liability Release and negative Coggins test are required. Guests may cap 3 times during the current season.
Season:
Sept. - March. Primarily Monday, Wednesday and Saturday with occasional Bye Days.
 Territory:
Fauquier and Culpeper Counties. Generally wooded and open cattle and crop farms. Jumps are post and rail, coops and stone walls typical in size.

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SIDE SADDLE RACE
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BlueRidgeRaces.org
Not Your Father’s Point-to-Point
Blue Ridge Hunt Offers Unique Activities and Demonstrations Between Races
By Kathie Hamlin

On this Easter Sunday at 1 o’clock, the Blue Ridge Hunt will host their Seventieth Annual Point-to-Point race at Woodley Farm in Berryville, Va. But wait, there’s more! If you like watching Point-to-Point races, then you’ll love the added excitement that awaits you when you, your family, and friends venture out to this “not to be missed” array of pure entertainment and fun!

For many many years, sixty eight to be exact, Blue Ridge Hunt has held their Point-to-Point races on the second Saturday in March. For the most part, this worked just fine, but for the last several years the challenges of rescheduling became tiresome. So, the hunt regrouped and decided to take the third Sunday in April as their new permanent date, even though some of these dates would fall on Easter. It seemed the better choice: freezing rain/snow or Easter…hmmm?

So, the hunt decided to capitalize on the holiday, after all – who doesn’t love Easter? Well, it seems as though the group as a whole got a little carried away and boy howdy, did it grow!

This event is a perfect opportunity to get your non-horsey family and friends to eagerly attend an equine event. Here’s a run-down on what to expect for the day’s activities:

**Children’s Stick Horse Races**
- This was a huge hit last year! The children ages 5-8 compete in races and win ribbons. They can bring their own stick horse or build one with our materials for $10 at the event.

**Vendors’ Village**
- Last year there were a dozen vendor tents selling everything from “must have” hats for the races to Polo lessons. Tents (10’ x 10’) are provided by Blue Ridge and proceeds from the fees go to pay BRH staff and, of course, feed the hounds.

**Car Club Show**
- Rolls Royce, Ferrari, and Corvette were some of the car clubs that set up for your viewing pleasure in 2018. This is sure to be a good way to entice a “non-horsey” husband to attend. Even better, if you arrive in a classic automobile, you get in free along with everyone else in your car.

**Exclusive Landowners’ Tent**
- This is set up explicitly to show appreciation for the people kind enough to allow BRH activities on their properties. So buy a farm in Clarke County and reap the

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Like horses, kids love to run! Let them loose in the Stick Horse Race at the Blue Ridge Hunt’s Point-to-Point.
Main Ring Start 8 am

A. Unjudged Warm-Up - Course B - All Day
   1. Benefit Hunter Over Fences - 2’ or 2’6”
   2. Benefit Hunter Over Fences - 2’ or 2’6”
   3. Benefit Hunter Under Saddle
   4. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - Walk/Trot
   5. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Go As You Please
   6. *Jr/Ad Hunter Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter
   7. *Junior/Adult Equitation on the Flat 15-17
   8. Hunter Hack - Walk/Trot
   9. Hunter Hack - Walk/Trot/Go As You Please

Schooling Break – Not before 10:30 am
Midday Session Only

11. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18” - Course A
12. *Short Stirrup Hunter OF - 18” - Course B
13. *Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle
13a. Ladies Hunter Sidesaddle Hack
13b. Ladies Hunter Sidesaddle Hack - may be asked to jump two 2’ fences

Open to Juniors and Adult Amateurs only
14. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2’ or 2’3” - Course A
15. Limit Rider Hunter OF - 2’ or 2’3” - Course B
16. Limit Rider Hunter Under Saddle

17. *Pony Pleasure - Walk/Trot
18. *Pony Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Go As You Please
19. *Pony Pleasure - Walk/Trot/Canter
20. *Green Pony Hunter OF A - S2’; M2’3”; L2’6”
21. *Green Pony Hunter OF B - S2’; M2’3”; L2’6”
22. *Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle
23. *Pony Equitation - Sm 2’; Med 2’3”; Lg 2’6
24. *Pony Hunter Over Fences A - S2’; M2’3”; L2’6”
25. *Pony Hunter Over Fences B - S2’; M2’3”; L2’6”

Schooling Break – Will not start before 2 am

27. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2’6”- Course A
28. *Thoroughbred Hunter OF - 2’6”- Course B
29. *Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle
30. *Green Hunter Over Fences - 2’6”- Course A
31. *Green Hunter Over Fences - 2’6”- Course B
32. *Green Hunter Under Saddle
33. *Child/Adult Equitation - 2’6” or 3’
34. *Child/Adult Hunter OF - 2’6” or 3’- Course A
35. *Child/Adult Hunter OF - 2’6” or 3’- Course B
36. *Child/Adult Hunter Under Saddle
37. *Working Hunter Over Fences - 3’- Course A
38. *Working Hunter Under Fences - 3’- Course B
40. *VHSA Children’s Medal
41. *VHSA Adult Medal

Small Ring Start 8:30 am

B. Unjudged Warm-Up - Course B
42. Lead Line - 100% Rider Equitation
43. Lead Line - 100% Mount Suitability
44. Lead Line - 50% Equitation /50% Suitability
45. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk
46. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk/Trot
47. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk/Trot/Sit T/Jump Position
48. Short Stirrup Equitation OF - 18”- Course A
49. Short Stirrup Equitation OF- 18”- Course B
50. Short Stirrup Equitation Under Saddle
51. Student Equitation OF - 2’- Course A
52. Student Equitation OF - 2’- Course B
53. Student Equitation Under Saddle

Management reserves the right to split or combine any compatible classes as entries permit.
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Fixture locations time and notice of cancellations due to weather or ground conditions. Changes or cancellations made no later than 3 hrs. prior.

Cap Fees:
Adults (+21) $150.00
Juniors $25.00
Visitors are permitted to hunt by permission of the Masters. Contact a Master for details.
Visitors are asked to remit cap fees, sign a Liability Release and present Coggins to the Honorary Field Secretary upon arrival.
Guests may cap 3 times per season.

Season:
September-March
Hunt to meet primarily on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday with occasional Bye Days.

Territory:
The country is located in central and eastern Fauquier Co., southeast Culpeper Co., Northeast Orange Co., northeast Spotsylvania Co. and western Stafford Co. It is a mixture of open grass cattle, crop farms and woodlands. Fences are mostly timber and coops of typical size.
Parade of the Blue Ridge Hunt Fox Hounds- Of course this will include the whole entourage, Masters: Anne McIntosh and Jeffrey LeHew, Huntsman: Graham Buston, Whippers-in: Sherry Buston and Ashton Sfarnas, along with 30 couple hounds. Last year, Graham demonstrated his “hound-whispering” techniques for all to see. He quietly escorted the hounds to the starting point of the races and he left them and walked away to the finish line. The hounds waited for their cue for take-off and joined him as a group at the finish line.

Parade of the Nantucket-Treweryn Beagles- This is a “Foot Pack” which is similar in structure to the Foxhunts consisting of 18 couple Beagles that hunt rabbits. They will be paraded by their Huntmasters: Russ Wagner, Maryanne Casey, and Peter Cook, Huntsman: Russ Wagner, Whipper-in: Bill Getchell, and the Beagles. There is also a rumor that the Easter Bunny may be making an appearance at the event, so hopefully this will be well-coordinated with the Beagles, so as not to create an unintended scene. Please come and enjoy the Blue Ridge Point-to-Point on a warm day in April.

The Nantucket-Treweryn Beagles demonstration.
**Clarke County Ruritan Horse Show**
Clarke County Fairgrounds, 890 West Main Street, Berryville VA, 22611

**DATE:** Saturday, August 17  **START:** Main Ring 8 am

**JUDGE:** TBD  **WARM-UPS:** Un-judged - all day

**SCHOOLING:** 7:15 - 7:45, New 300 x 150 All Weather Surface Ring  **SCHOOLING AREA:** grass

**CLASS FEES:** $15/class, Clarke County Pleasure & Trail Classes $10/entry

**FACILITIES:** bathrooms  **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Torey Lockwood  **FOOD VENDOR:** TBD  **WATER:** Yes

**MANAGER:** Cindy Goode  **PHONE #:** 540-398-0706 or Robin DeVaux @ 703-232-6722

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### LEAD LINE DCA
- Open to riders 7 years and under.
  1. Lead Line (100% Pony)
  2. Lead Line (100% Rider Equitation)
  3. Lead Line (50% Pony, 50% Rider Equitation)

### PRE-SHORT STIRRUP DCA
- Open to riders 10 and under; rider may not cross-enter into any classes that canter.
  4. Pre-Short – Walk
  5. Pre-Short – Walk/Trot
  6. Pre-Short – Walk/Trot with 2 point position

### SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION DCA
- Open to riders 12 and younger; may only cross-enter in short stirrup hunter, pleasure, and trail.
  7. Short Stirrup – Walk
  8. Short Stirrup – Walk/Trot/Individual Canter
  9. Short Stirrup – Walk/Trot/ or Canter 2 cross rails

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER SHORT STIRRUP DCA
- Open to riders 12 and under. May not jump higher than 2’ at this show.
  10. *Short Stirrup Under Saddle
  11. *Short Stirrup Over Fences – Jumps at 18”
  12. *Short Stirrup Over Fences – Jumps at 18”

### TRAIL CLASSES
- Available at 10:00 a.m. Held outside of the ring.
  13. In-Hand
  14. Mounted

- Purpose of this class is to show a good relationship between horse and rider. Entries may practice the obstacles before competing. Riders may enter as often as they wish, but must change mounts; entry fee/entry. Horses/ponies may be entered more than once, but with a different rider; entry fee/entry. Winner of this class will receive a trophy awarded by the Clarke County Equine Alliance

### LOW HUNTER DCA
- Open to all riders on horses and ponies.
  15. Low Hunter Under Saddle
  16. Low Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’
  17. Low Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE HUNTER PLEASURE PONY DCA
- Open to junior riders only.
  18. *Pleasure Pony – Walk/Trot
  19. *Pleasure Pony – Go As You Please

### CLARKE COUNTY PLEASURE PONY
- Clarke County Pleasure Pony – Open to Clarke County residents ONLY Walk/Trot/Canter both ways and may be asked to back or other test. Winner is awarded the Ann Clay Memorial Perpetual Trophy and will keep a trophy donated by the Clarke County Ruritan Club.

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE GREEN PONY HUNTER DCA
- Open to ponies in their first year of showing; to be ridden by junior only.
  22. *Green Pony Under Saddle

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE PONY HUNTER DCA
- Open to all ponies ridden by juniors.
  25. *Pony Hunter Under Saddle
  27. *Pony Hunter Over Fences – Small 2’, Medium 2’3”, Large 2’6”

- Large Pony Champion receives the “Uncle Jack” Perpetual Trophy and will keep a trophy donated by the Clarke County Ruritan Club.

### *VHSA PONY EQUITATION OVER FENCES

- 15 Minute Schooling Break

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE JUNIOR/ADULT HUNTER – PLEASURE HORSE DCA
- Available at 10:00 a.m. Held outside of the ring.
- Open to all horses showing in their first or second year.
- May be combined with Green Pony Hunter
  29. *Pleasure Horse – Walk/Trot
  30. *Pleasure Horse – Go As You Please
  31. *Pleasure Horse – Walk/Trot/Canter

### CLARKE COUNTY PLEASURE HORSE
- Clarke County Pleasure Horse – Open to Clarke County residents ONLY
- Walk, trot, and canter both ways. May be asked to back or other test. Winner is awarded the Lewis M. Allen Riding Club Perpetual Trophy and will keep a trophy donated by the Clarke County Riding Club.

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE GREEN HUNTER DCA
- Open to all horses showing in their first or second year.
- May be combined with Green Pony Hunter
  32. *Green Hunter Under Saddle
  33. *Green Hunter Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”
  34. *Green Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”

- Winner of this division is awarded the Perpetual Trophy and will keep an annual trophy both donated by Harrison Equine PLLC.

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE ADULT/CHILDREN’S HUNTER DCA
- Open to all horses showing in their first or second year.
- May be combined with Green Pony Hunter
  36. *Children’s/Adult Hunter Under Saddle
  37. *Children’s/Adult Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”
  38. *Children’s/Adult Hunter Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”

- Winner of this division is awarded a trophy donated by Clifford Hunt.

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE CHILDREN’S/ADULT EQUITATION

### *VHSA ASSOCIATE THOROUGHBRED DIVISION DCA
- 40. Thoroughbred Under Saddle
  41. Thoroughbred Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”
  42. Thoroughbred Over Fences – Jumps at 2’6”

- Winner of this division will be awarded the Perpetual “Awesome Guy” Trophy donated by Sylvia Wilson. An annual trophy is awarded by the Clarke County Ruritan Club.
Selling a horse farm is a lot like selling a horse -- you’re not going to get $100,000 for a horse when the photo shows him grazing in the pasture with a fly mask on and covered in mud. First impressions matter.

Here are my tips to make the first impression of your horse farm spark desire and make buyers want to open their wallets and write a big check.

1) GRASS!
Overseed your pastures and fertilize. The best time to seed is fall but spring will work in a pinch. Not only is this a good idea for your horse’s nutrition, it keeps erosion and mud at bay. Nothing is prettier than lush, green paddocks in a listing photo.

2) FENCING!
Sometimes I think horses are part beaver, and while the chewing or cribbing (gasp!) might be part of day to day farm life—when your farm is for sale, buyers don’t want to see a lot of projects out in the fields. Make sure your fencing is in good shape and painted to put your property’s best hoof forward.

3) “Weed” out the barn clutter.
Time to take a good hard look around the barn and clean out that aisle. Maybe 5,478 bits aren’t necessary every day. I’m a tack hoarder like any other horse person, but when your farm is for sale, box up or sell anything you don’t need on a regular basis.

4) Pest Control.
Hey, I know it’s a barn but buyers don’t want to see rodent damage or droppings when they are viewing a property. If you let it go too far, the next thing you’ll see are snakes -- and I can tell you nothing kills a sale faster than buyers seeing snakes. Keep your barn clean, and get a pest control company to do a pre-market evaluation to address Carpenter Bees or other wood-destroying insect damage.

5) Get Organized.
Make a list of all the features of your farm, especially the things that aren’t readily apparent to a buyer. Have a fly spray system in the barn? Heat lamps in the wash stall? Heated floor in the tack room? Make a list -- even the best buyer’s agents in the world won’t know all the fantastic and time-saving features your farm has unless you let them know about it.

Debbie Meighan is a lifelong equestrian and licensed Realtor with Washington Fine Properties specializing in Country Properties and Horse Farms.
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The Winslett Advantage • Turner Farm • VHSA Summer Series • VPBA • Whitestone

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**Why You Should Join the DC Area Horse Show Association**

*It’s Cheap, It’s Fun, And You Can Win Great Prizes*

By Emily Houston

For those of us who show, writing checks to all the various associations makes you wonder what you get for those dollars, other than the right to spend MORE money on horse shows.

But the DC Area Horse Show Association is different, not only is it only $15 for an annual membership, but you are guaranteed to get something back!

For a mere $15, every member can attend the awards banquet in November for FREE! Even if your horse ends up with a hoof abscess for the better half of the show season, you can go to the banquet and look like “friend of the year,” supporting your show buddies and enjoy a meal without spending a dime.

The prizes are great and just keep getting better, so this is a no-brainer for anyone who plans on competing anyway.

And, even if you don’t end up in line to win one of their 105 dedicated awards, there are dozens of extra promotional prizes and gifts given away through drawings that same night. Most folks go home with something, besides just a full belly.

You can join the DCA online or by completing the membership form at DCA shows.

The show staffs, on dates that are DCA sanctioned, do everything for you. You don’t have to show a membership card or number. Just attend the VHSA/BHSA/DCA show and that’s it. You can follow your points on their website as the show season progresses -- DCA tracks everyone. Even if you don’t join, you can see how you could have placed, and make your resolution to join the next year. LOL!

Here are some DCA Facts:

- Lead Liners to professionals can compete for year-end awards.
- The show season runs from April to October.
- All DCA shows are VHSA Associate shows, and follow VHSA rules.
- You do not need to be a VHSA member to join DCA.
- Points are awarded to the riders using the 10, 6, 4, 2, 1, .5 method and then multiplied by the number of entrants in each class with no extra points for Champion and Reserve.
- Year-end prizes and ribbons are given through sixth place in all VHSA Associate divisions, and for four additional divisions (Lead Line, Pre-Short Stirrup, Show Stirrup Eq., and Low Hunter).
- Perpetual engraved platters are awarded to winners in all divisions. (DCA takes care of engraving.)
- “Top 4” prizes are awarded to Trainers, Adults, and Juniors.
- Sportsmanship Perpetual platters are awarded to Trainers, Adults, and Juniors.
- Trainers may compete for division prizes where professionals are allowed, but only student points go toward Top Trainer award.
- The year-end-banquet is free for members.
- Guests can attend the banquet for only $15 too!

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DATES: Sunday, April 14, Saturdays: May 11, July 20, August 24, September 28, October 12
START TIME: 8 am/Main Ring, 8:30 am/Ring 2
WARM-UPS: CA - all day
JUDGES: Sunday 4/14 Kim Gilbertson/Samantha Martynowski, 5/11 DeDe Bache-Shumate(r)/Lisa Mitchell, 7/20 Oliver Brown(r)/Samantha Martynowski, 8/25 Cindy Lytle (R)/Kim Gilbertson, 9/15 Clyde Poarch/Lisa White, 10/13 Alexandra Panetta(r)/DeDe Bache-Shumate(r)

SCHOOLING: Main Ring 7-7:45 am & 15 min during Pleasure, Ring 2 7-8:15 (1b-9b only) open to all after 9b
CLASS FEES: $20, Division $50, Medal $25, office fee $20, non-showing $25, $50 returned check (credit cards accepted)
FACILITIES: Port-a-john WATER: Yes FOOD: TBA PHOTOGRAPHY: Scott Bush
MANAGER: Kathie Hamlin PHONE #: 540-955-6219
WEB SITE: www.elmington.com e-MAIL: info@elmington.com (Incomplete online entries will not be accepted)

HUNTER SERIES (VHSA/DCA/BHSA)
Main Ring (184’ x 300’) start 8 am
Schooling: 7 - 7:45 am
1) Schooling Hunter Over Fences A 2’ 6” or 3’ BHSA
2) Schooling Hunter Over Fences B 2’ 6” or 3’
3) Schooling Hunter Under Saddle
4) Working Hunter Under Saddle VHSA/DCA/BHSA
5) Working Hunter Over Fences A 3’ or 3’6” (rider’s choice)
6) Working Hunter Over Fences B 3’ or 3’6” (rider’s choice)
7) VHSA CHILDREN’S MEDAL 3’
8) VHSA ADULT MEDAL 3’
9) Thoroughbred Hunter VHSA/DCA/BHSA
10) Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences A 2’6” - 3’ (rider’s choice)
11) Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences B 2’6” - 3’ (rider’s choice)
12) Green Hunter Under Saddle VHSA/DCA/BHSA
13) Green Hunter Over Fences A 2’6”
14) Green Hunter Over Fences B 2’6”
15) Children’s Hunter Equitation 2’6” or 3’ VHSA/BHSA
16) Adult Hunter Equitation 2’6” or 3’ VHSA/BHSA
17) Child/Adult Amateur Hunter Under Saddle VHSA/DCA/BHSA
18) Child/Adult Amateur Hunter OF A 2’6” or 3’ (rider’s choice)
19) Child/Adult Amateur Hunter OF B 2’6” or 3’ (rider’s choice)
20) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/T VHSA/DCA/BHSA
21) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure Walk/Go as you please
22) Child/Adult Horse Pleasure W/T/C
23) Pony Pleasure W/T VHSA/DCA/BHSA
24) Pony Pleasure Walk/Go as you please
25) Pony Pleasure W/T/C
26) Child/Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat VHSA/BHSA
(Juniors may ride ponies, may be split 14 & under, 15-17, adult)
27) VHSA PONY EQ ON THE FLAT MEDAL (New!)
28) AMATEUR EQ ON THE FLAT MEDAL (New!)

Will not start before noon (Main Ring)
29) Low Hunter Under Saddle DCA/BHSA
30) Low Hunter Over Fences A 2’
31) Low Hunter Over Fences B 2’
32) Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle VHSA/DCA/BHSA
33) Green Pony Hunter OF A S-2’, M-2’3”, L 2’6”
34) Green Pony Hunter OF B S-2’, M-2’3”, L 2’6”
35) Pony Hunter Under Saddle VHSA/DCA/BHSA
36) Pony Hunter OF A S-2’, M-2’3”, L 2’6”
37) Pony Hunter OF B S-2’, M-2’3”, L 2’6”
38) Pony Equitation S-2’, M-2’3”, L-2’6” VHSA/BHSA
39) VHSA PONY MEDALS S-2’3”, M-2’6”, L-3

Ring 2 (120’ x 184’) start 8:30 am
Schooling: 7-8:15 am classes 1b-9b only until completion of class 9b, then open to all.

Mini-clinic format, judges spend time giving reasons & suggestions to participants. If morning entries are light, show management may decide to use one judge only. In this case, Ring 2 & Small Ring classes will be held after Medals classes.

1b) Hunter Short Stirrup US 12yr & under VHSA/DCA
2b) Hunter Short Stirrup OF A 4-fences 18”
3b) Hunter Short Stirrup OF B 4-fences 18” (may trot)
4b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq.US 12yr & under DCA/BHSA
5b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq. OF A 4-fences 18” (may trot)
6b) Hunter Short Stirrup Eq. OF B 4-fences 18” (may trot)

Small Ring (66’ x 132’) not before 10 am
Schooling: 7 - 9:45 classes 10b -15b only until completion of class 12b, then open to all.

10b) Lead Line (50% Pony 50% Child) 7 & under DCA/BHSA/10b only
11b) Lead Line (with poles & cones)
12b) Lead Line (detached)
13b) Pre-Short Stirrup (walk) 10 & under DCA/BHSA
14b) Pre-Short Stirrup (walk & trot)
15b) Pre-Short Stirrup (walk, trot, jump position at a walk)

*Pleasure classes are held in the grass ring to allow schooling in Ring 2 and grooming of the Main Ring without sacrificing time.
Note: Management reserves the right to combine and split classes and limit or organize warm-ups as needed.
Simple Etiquette Can Help You Up Your Game

Being Prepared And Polite Help Create A Calm Environment For Success

By Oliver Brown

Horse shows are busy places and sometimes the hubbub can throw you off your game. Following some simple etiquette guidelines, starting with being well prepared, can have a positive impact on those around you and be a huge benefit to your experience.

Being prepared will also help your sense of calm which transfers directly to your horse. Remember, if you are well prepared helps save everyone’s time, which is courteous and shows respect.

Here are some tips that will help create the calm state of mind that you need to compete well:

**Have your attire in order**
Organization will help keep you calm. Know what you are going to wear and make sure it fits properly. Have your show attire clean, pressed, and ready. When you get dressed, make sure your collar is in and your rider number is easily visible…you never have a second chance to make a first impression.

**Have your horse’s tack ready**
Make a list of what you need being sure to check the fitting and clean everything before the show. The bit should hang on the bridle to create a slight smile, but not a cheesy grin. Bring a clean appropriate saddle pad and make sure it’s centered when you tack-up. Remember to check your girth. This saves time and helps keep things running smoothly.

**Registering**
Again, compile your papers prior to the show. Have a paper copy of your current Coggins that can be left at the show. Bring a “blank” check and make sure it’s signed. Fill out your entire entry form either on line or at show. Take papers out of the way to complete, so that you don’t hold up others waiting in line.

**Stall**
If you have a stall, make sure that you have plenty of help and unload your horse and gear efficiently, so that others can do the same. Be aware of traffic and stop or park in a way that doesn’t impair the thoroughfare for others.

**Longing**
This is a real issue at horse shows. It takes up a lot of space and can be unnerving and distracting for people trying to ride. Show respect for others and find a remote place to longe your horse.

**Schooling**
This is perhaps the most continued on p. 37
**Please Note:** Every effort is made to supply accurate information. HT is not responsible for inaccuracies and changes. Please double check calendar dates with individual events when making plans.

**DC Area Horse Show Association dates are in RED.**

*Hunt events (open to all) are listed in gray bars, please refer to page.*

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dangerous and hectic place at any show. Understand this and make an assessment of the current situation before you enter. The best approach is to ask to join what is happening. If there is a group of riders schooling in a certain way, it will be better to take part in their group, as opposed to doing your own thing and rudely calling out jumps.

Prepare for your class by schooling what’s there; do not change the jumps! Do not try to imitate your “at home” schooling routine; work with others. You may not get to do everything that you want, but this also helps prepare you for your class. Another thing you can do is find another place to warm-up prior to entering the schooling area, this reduces your exposure to the chaos. Please note: some of the “A” shows don’t even allow schooling.

General grounds behavior-
Always use good manners, offer to help with jumps, but don’t take it upon yourself to do things without asking. Be respectful of everyone from the concession stand to other entrants. ie: don’t take a one hundred dollar bill to the food stand first thing in the morning and get irritated that they can’t make change . It all matters!

Gate-
This is the main hub of the show. As a courtesy, touch base with the gate person. People that run the gate are perceptive, smart, and efficient, they appreciate information and it helps them keep things moving. Be willing to compromise if a gate person needs to change the order of go to get riders in the ring. Remember “stuff happens!”

In the Ring-
Know your course! Check for dotted lines and try to limit long scenic trips before your course. Like a horse race, every second counts and everyone appreciates the show moving along. Don’t be that person!

If you are having a bad day, leave promptly after your three refusals. Do not wait for an invitation to leave or argue when excused and for Pete’s sake, do not try a fourth time!

Judge’s decisions-
There are times when you may have questions regarding your placing or performance in the ring. Most judges do not mind answering questions or giving their opinions, however, they are busy, so try and limit questions for times that really matter. Do not approach the judge on your own, ask a member of the show’s staff if there is a time that you could approach the judge. Be prepared that this may be after the show.

When you approach the judge, be respectful. This is not a time to “hold court with the judge”, remember, you paid for their opinion. Also keep in mind, that you may encounter them in the future and it always best to make a positive impression.

Winning & Losing-
Winning: be humble and always thank people for their compliments.
Losing: always accept your ribbon graciously with a smile and never throw it!

Find an out-of-the-way place to complete your entry forms and get your paperwork together.

Offer to help do things at the show. Pretty sure a lot of people were appreciative that a resident cat was removed from the show ring by a competitor.
Class List

- All classes are schooling show only and are not eligible for VHSA or BHSA points.

1. Unjudged California Warm-Up
   (One trip per division, each horse/rider combination, run all day)
2. Leadline Equitation – Walk (100% Rider)
3. Pre - Short Stirrup Equitation – Walk
4. Pre - Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk, Trot
5. Pre - Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk, Trot, Two Point
6. Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk, Trot
7. Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk, Trot, Canter
8. Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk, Trot, Canter - 2 jumps 18” (100% Rider)

*Classes 9 – 17 will not start before 4:00pm
9. Open Hunter Pleasure - Walk, Trot
10. Open Hunter Pleasure - Walk, Trot, Go As You Please
11. Open Hunter Pleasure - Walk, Trot, Canter
12. Open Equitation - Walk, Trot, Canter
13. Open Equitation - Walk, Trot, Go As You Please
14. Open Equitation - O/F @ 2’ - 2’3”
15. Low Hunter - O/F @ 2’ - 2’3”
16. Low Hunter - O/F @ 2’ - 2’3”
17. Low Hunter - Under Saddle

15 MINUTE BREAK FOR RING DRAG

*Classes 18 – 35 will not start before 5:00pm
18. Puddle Jumper - 2’-2’3” (B) Opt. Time–Table IV2 (c) Power & Speed
19. Puddle Jumper - 2’-2’3” (B) Opt. Time–Table IV1 Time 1st Round
20. Puddle Jumper - 2’-2’3” (B) Opt. Time–Table IV2(c) Power & Speed
21. Schooling Hunter - O/F @ 2’3”-2’6”
22. Schooling Hunter - O/F @ 2’3”-2’6”
23. Schooling Hunter - Under Saddle
24. Low Jumper - 2’6”-2’9” - Table II2 (b) Time 1st Jump-off
25. Low Jumper - 2’6”-2’9” - Table II2(c) Power Speed
26. Low Jumper - 2’6”-2’9” - Table II 1 Time first round (speed)
27. Working Hunter - O/F @ 2’9”-3’
28. Working Hunter - O/F @ 2’9”-3’
29. Working Hunter - Under Saddle
30. Schooling Jumper - 3’-3’3” - Table II (b) Time 1st Jump-off
31. Schooling Jumper - 3’-3’3” - Table II(c) Power Speed
32. Schooling Jumper - 3’-3’3” - Table II 1 Time first round (speed)
33. Modified Jumper - 3’6”-3’9” - Table II (b) Time 1st Jump-off
34. Modified Jumper - 3’6”-3’9” - Table II(c) Power Speed
35. Modified Jumper - 3’6”-3’9” - Table II 1 Time first round (speed)

Class Specifications

Leadline Equitation: Open to riders 7 years and under. Martingales permitted. May not cross enter into any classes involving cantering and/or jumping.

Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation: Division open to riders 10 years and under. Martingales permitted. May not cross enter into any classes involving cantering and/or jumping.

Short Stirrup Equitation: Open to riders 12 and under. Jumps may not exceed 18”. Riders not allowed to cross enter into classes where they would jump over 18”. Courses may be trotted.


Jumper Class Specifications

Puddle Jumper, Low Jumper, Schooling Jumper & Modified Jumper: Open to horses and ponies. No restrictions on riders.

JP143 Table II– Classes scored on Faults and Time:
Timed 1st Round (Sec. 1)
The first round is decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. Horses with clean rounds or equal faults are classified according to their time taken to complete the course.

Power & Speed (Sec 2) (c)
The first phase to consist of 8 to 10 jumping efforts and the second phase (immediate jump-off) of 5 to 7 jumping efforts. Scores are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed if any. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round he will, upon crossing the finish line, commence the designated jump-off course. Time starts as the horse crosses the finish line for the initial course. If there are no clean rounds and a tie exists for first place, there will be a jump-off, in which time will decide in the event of equality of faults. The use of a Time Allowed is optional in the first round. The Time Allowed in the first round may be taken by electronic or manual means.

JP146 TABLE IV– Optimum Time Classes: In the case of equality of faults, ties will be broken on the following basis: an “Optimum Time” (defined as 4 seconds less than the Time Allowed for the course) will be posted on the course plan; the horse with the time on course closest to this Optimum Time (over or under) will prevail in the time, next closest next, etc.

Timed Jump-Off (Sec 2) (b)
The first round and first jump-off, if any, are decided by adding together the faults incurred over the course and any penalties for exceeding the Time Allowed. If a competitor has gone clean in the first round, the competitor will, without leaving the ring, upon an audible signal, commence the designated jump-off course.
America’s Routes Project

Group Forms To Protect Critical Loudoun Equine Industry Asset

By Mitch Diamond

Just two years ago, members of Loudoun County’s equine industry were engaged in a fierce struggle to protect an important part of Loudoun’s infrastructure. Trail riders, fox hunters, riding instructors and local farm owners were trying to convince local officials that Greggsville Road, an historic unpaved rural road, was essential to their activities.

Greggsville, and other connecting unpaved roads, offered a lovely, winding and tree-lined loop for riders. Kids learning to ride at a well-known farm bisected by Greggsville were often on the road with their ponies. This old road, dating back to the turn of the 19th century, was a foundation for the area’s equestrian activities.

Many local people wanted it preserved as a gravel road. But residents of a suburban subdivision on the same road were strongly advocating for the paving of the old road. They saw it as a dusty and bumpy old relic, impeding their travel, and they fought hard to get it “modernized.”

The battle raged for months until a compromise was reached. The part of the road where the subdivision was located would be paved, but the remainder -- the section most essential for equestrian activities -- would remain gravel.

This battle is one of many being fought in Loudoun County to try to protect these important resources for our local equine industry.

Loudoun is home to over 14,000 horses, the largest equine population of any county in the state. The county’s equine industry has an annual economic impact of over $180 million (according to a 2015 survey by UVA’s Weldon Cooper Center) and is a key element in attracting tens of thousands of visitors to the county. Horse farms make up a large part of Loudoun’s beautiful and historic rural landscape and equine activities are a large part of the local culture.

A key asset underpinning this important rural industry is the large network of unpaved roads. These hundreds of miles of gravel and dirt roads were originally laid down more than three hundred years ago to support the growing agricultural economy based in the rich soils of western Loudoun County. They represent our history and our culture, but they are still in use and essential today.

These roads provide opportunities to exercise and train horses, to easily move them from one farm and pasture to another, and allow the hunts and pleasure riders to enjoy the countryside and trail ride with friends and neighbors.

But this critical resource is threatened. As traffic increases and more suburban-style housing developments dot the countryside, pressure to pave and “improve” the old roads is increasing. Just a few decades ago, Loudoun had almost 500 miles of historic old unpaved roads -- today there are under 300 miles. As this resource diminishes, it makes equestrian activities more difficult and the area less attractive to horse owners, threatening this crucial industry.

Now a new group has formed to raise awareness about these wonderful old roads and to help preserve them. “America’s Routes” is the name chosen by this alliance of journalists, photographers, historians and preservationists to symbolize the strong connection of this unique network to the history of our nation, and its value to today’s residents and today’s economy.

The America’s Routes group, established as a committee within the Mosby Heritage Area Association, intends to showcase the beauty, history and significance of these old roads through photographs and videos, historic research and official designation, stories of the people who live and work on them today, and travel guides inviting people to experience their special charm themselves. They hope that through this raised awareness, local officials and residents will appreciate the special character and importance of this unique and authentic resource.

America’s Routes has been featured in several news publications, including a TV news production (WJLA’s “The Long Road Home”), has established a website and social media presence, and will be conducting events at local equestrian and other venues in the coming months. Follow and support their work at AmericasRoutes.com.
Kelly’s Ford Equestrian Center
16589 Edward’s Shop Rd., Remington, VA 22734

DATES: May 25, Jun 15, Jul 13, Aug 10, Sep 14, Oct 5

CLASS FEES: $15, Office $10/horse, $30 non-showing

JUDGES: 5/25 E. Sue Bopp, 6/15 Davera Ackenbom, 7/13 Mary Upshur, 8/10 Gegi Winslett, 9/14 Wayne Eubank,
10/5 DeDe Bache-Shumate

START TIME: Hunters - 8am, Jumpers - 8:30am
SCHOOLING: Hunters - limited to 7:45, Jumpers - 7 to 8:15

WARM-UPS: CA - all day (hunters only)
SCHOOLING AREA: field
SHOW RING: 180’x300’ (grass w/stone dust track)

FACILITIES: Port-a-johns
WATER: Yes

MANAGER: Bill Payne (540)607-0711
SECRETARY: Laurie Zimmerman (540)878-7466
WEBSITE: http://www.kellysfordequestrian.com

HUNTER ARENA

1. Unjudged California Warm-Up
   (One trip per horse/rider combination, run all day)
2. Leadline - 100% Pony Suitability and matters B/D
3. Leadline - 100% Rider Equitation B/D
4. Leadline - 50% Equitation/ 50% Pony Suitability B/D
5. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk B/D
6. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot B/D
7. Pre-Short Stirrup Equitation - W/T/Sit-T/Jump Position B/S/D
8. Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot B
9. Short Stirrup Equitation - Walk-Trot-Canter B
10. Short Stirrup Equitation - O/F @ 18” - May trot B
11. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F @ 18” - May trot V/D
12. Short Stirrup Hunter - O/F @ 18” - May trot V/D
13. Short Stirrup Hunter - Walk-Trot-Canter V/D
14. Student Equitation - Walk-Trot B
15. Student Equitation - Walk-Trot-Canter B
16. Student Equitation - O/F @ 2’ - May trot B
17. Limit Rider Hunter O/F2”, 2’3” B
18. Limit Rider Hunter O/F2”, 2’3” B
19. Limit Rider Hunter U/S S/B.
20. Hunter Pleasure Pony - Walk-Trot V/B/D
21. Hunter Pleasure Pony - Go As You Please V/B/D
22. Hunter Pleasure Pony - Walk-Trot-Canter V/B/D

15 Minute Schooling Break
23. VHSA Associate/BHSA Pony Equitation O/F @ 2’, 2’3” or 2’6” V/B
24. VHSA Pony Medal - 2’3”, 2’6”, or 3’ V
25. *Pony Hunter - O/F @ 2’, 2’3” or 2’6” V/B/D
26. *Pony Handy Hunter - O/F @ 2’, 2’3” or 2’6” V/B/D
27. *Pony Hunter - Under Saddle V/B/D
28. Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot V/B/D
29. Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse - Go As You Please V/B/D
30. Junior Hunter Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot-Canter V/B/D
31. Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot V/B/S/D
32. Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse - Go As You Please V/B/D
33. Adult Hunter Pleasure Horse - Walk-Trot-Canter V/B/D
34. *Junior (14 & under/15-17) Equitation on the Flat V/B
35. Adult Amateur Equitation on the Flat V/B
36. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2’0” - May trot B
37. Maiden Hunter - O/F 2’0” - May trot B
38. Maiden Hunter - Under Saddle B

15 Minute Schooling Break
39. Low Hunter - O/F @ 2’ or 2’3” B/D
40. Low Hunter - O/F @ 2’ or 2’3” B/D
41. Low Hunter - Under Saddle B/D
42. Schooling Hunter - O/F @ 2’6” or 2’9” B
43. Schooling Hunter - O/F @ 2’6” or 2’9” B
44. Schooling Hunter - Under Saddle B
45. *VHSA Associate/BHSA Ch/AA Eq O/F @ 2’6” or 3’ V/B
46. *Children’s/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F @ 2’6” or 3’ V/B/D
47. *Children’s/Adult Amateur Hunter - O/F @ 2’6” c’ 3’ V/B/D
48. *Children’s/Adult Amateur Hunter - Under Saddle V/B/D
49. VHSA Adult Amateur Medal - 3’ (V)
50. VHSA Children’s Medal - 3’ (V)
51. Working Hunter - O/F @ 3’ V/B/D
52. Working Handy Hunter - O/F @ 3’ V/B/D
53. Working Hunter - Under Saddle V/B/D

“May be split if entries warrant.

JUMPER ARENA

All Jumper Classes Are Scored On Faults And Time Jp 143 Table II
Exception: Puddle Jumpers- Optimum Time Jp146 Table IV Classes
54. Puddle Jumper - 2’ - 2’3” (B)
   Optimum Time - Table IV(c) Power & Speed
55. Puddle Jumper - 2’ - 2’3” (B)
   Optimum Time - Table IV(c) Power & Speed
56. Puddle Jumper - 2’ - 2’3” (B)
   Optimum Time - Table IV(c) Power & Speed
57. Novice Rider (Ch/AA) Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II(b)
   Time 1st Jump-off
58. Novice Rider (Ch/AA) Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II(c)
   Power Speed
59. Novice Rider (Ch/AA) Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
60. Novice Horse Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
61. Novice Horse Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II(c) Power Speed
62. Novice Horse Jumper - 2’3” - 2’6” V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
63. “OTTB” TB Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” (TB) - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
64. “OTTB” TB Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” (TB) - Table II(c) Power Speed
65. “OTTB” TB Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” (TB) - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
66. Low Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” V/B - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
67. Low Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” V/B - Table II(c) Power Speed
68. Low Jumper - 2’6” - 2’9” V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
69. Ch/AA Jumper - 2’9” - 3’ V/B - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
70. Ch/AA Jumper - 2’9” - 3’ V/B - Table II(c) Power Speed
71. Ch/AA Jumper - 2’9” - 3’ V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
72. Schooling Jumper - 3’ - 3’3” V/B - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
73. Schooling Jumper - 3’ - 3’3” V/B - Table II(c) Power Speed
74. Schooling Jumper - 3’ - 3’3” V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)
75. Modified Jumper - 3’6” - 3’9” V/B - Table II(b) Time 1st Jump-off
76. Modified Jumper - 3’6” - 3’9” V/B - Table II(c) Power Speed
77. Modified Jumper - 3’6” - 3’9” V/B - Table II 1
   Time first round (speed)

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Joe Fargis On Equitation

The Olympic Gold Medalist Shares His Thoughts On Essential Skills And Learning

An Interview with Emily Houston

Q: How is good equitation important and what are the benefits for the horse and rider’s performance?
A: Good equitation enables you to stay out of the horse’s way, and let it perform freely and easily with its own body. The goal of good riding is to not abuse and inhibit the horse in any way. In that sense, good equitation is non-abuse of the horse.

Q: What is the biggest mistake you see riders making at the clinics you give?
A: Many riders ask horses to do things that the horse is not comfortable doing. The horse has to be comfortable to perform well. Get comfortable at whatever height you are jumping before you move on.

Riders must make their requests very clear to the horse -- too often they are giving conflicting aids. Leave the horse no doubt about what you are asking.

The biggest example of giving conflicting signals I see is riders getting left behind over a jump. Your equitation has to be good enough to be able to cope with whatever the horse does over the fence.

When you get left behind and catch the horse in the mouth in the air and come down on his back with your seat, you’ve been telling him go, go, then no, no, no. A good position will enable you to cope with a lot of things that can go wrong over a jump. Have a good position, and ride straight.

Q: So what should a rider do when there is a mistake?
A: The most important thing I believe is that it is NEVER the horse’s fault. Ever. The second rule to live by: consider the horse first in everything you do.

Q: How can a rider learn to tell what the mistake they made is?
A: Take lessons, and read a book. That is really a key thing. READ, READ, READ. Study photos of good riding. One excellent and simple book is “Form Over Fences” by Jane Dillon, one of my first riding instructors. It’s a “pictorial critique” of jumping position, geared toward junior riders. Having visuals of good riding really helps people to learn.

That first riding instructor is really critical to a young rider. I was fortunate to have had excellent instructors when I was young. I grew up riding a variety of horses, which did me a lot of good. I never owned one.

But even once you learn good basics, it’s very easy to develop bad habits -- bad habits are always easier than good habits!

Q: What about watching riders at horse shows as a way to learn?
A: Watch the good ones, don’t watch the bad ones. The ones that win aren’t necessarily the best. Pick a rider you think has a good position and technique, and watch and watch and watch -- look at every move they make. You really have to spend a lot of time at it to understand what they are doing.

And watching videos on the internet isn’t a substitute. We spend way too much time on the internet. Watch the real thing.
Lake of the Woods  100 Tally Ho Lane, Locust Grove, VA 22508

DATES: Sundays: May 5, June 23, September 8, October 13
START TIME: 9 am    WARM-UPS: CA - all day
JUDGES: 5/5 Carol Hawley, 6/23 DeDe Bache-Shumate(r), 9/8 Mary Upshur, 10/13 Kimberlea Gilbertson
SCHOOLING: 7- 8:30 am, Short Stirrup Schooling: 8:30 - 8:45 am

CLASS FEES: $16, pre-entries $13 (by Friday prior to each show 5 pm)
FACILITIES: bathrooms    WATER: Yes    STALLS: $30.00 a day, bedding included (call to reserve)

FOOD: snacks & drinks all day, several restaurants nearby for carry out    PHOTOGRAPHY: Bryant Cox Photography

MANAGER: Bridget Hutchens    PHONE #: 540-972-2238    SCHOOLING AREA: covered arena
WEB SITE: www.LOWA.org    e-MAIL: BHutchens@lowa.org

HORSE SHOW RULES (A complete list is available on website or at the shows)
• Entries received after 5pm the Friday before a show will be treated as Day Of.
• Current negative Coggins required. Bring a copy to leave with the show secretary. Coggins can also be e-mailed to bhutchens@lowa.org
• Proper attire is required. Jackets may be excused at judge's discretion.
• In all hunter divisions the horse/pony must be shown in over fences classes in order for under saddle points to count towards VHSA year-end awards.
• You must compete in min. of 2 shows to be eligible for LOW Year End Awards
• Class Specificaton – Every class offered herein, which is covered by the rules and regulations of the BHSA and VHSA rule book will be conducted and judged accordingly. The judge's decision is always final.
• The Show Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, combine, split classes, or change officials.
• Lake of the Woods Association, its employees, officials and volunteers are not responsible for any accident or loss that may occur on show grounds or property.
• Dogs are permitted on Stables grounds but must be kept on a leash at all times.
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• Please, no smoking in stable areas.
Let’s say your child has been taking some riding lessons and it seems like it’s time to dip their toes into the concept of competition by entering a horse show. VHSA Associate shows are the perfect place to start because many offer unrecognized divisions -- Lead Line and Pre-Short Stirrup -- geared toward young kids with little or no show experience, followed by a progression of divisions that advances as their skill level rises.

So where do you start?

If your young equestrian is seven years old or less (see sidebar for definition of “show age”), the answer may be the Lead Line division. New Lead Liner, Caroline Shifflet riding Farnley Christaline, was happy to have some interaction with judge, Lisa Mitchell, at the August 25, 2018 Elmington Farm show. A young child’s first show experiences should be fun, and give them some exposure to the requirements of competition.

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For judging the pony or horse, “suitability” is typically the key standard, and this includes not only the mount’s manners but how well suited that animal is for that rider, meaning and a four-year-old probably will not do best on a full-sized horse. The mount needs to look “suitable” for the child to learn to ride on.

The Lead Line class judged on the rider means that the child’s equitation -- his/her position (heels down, sitting up straight, hands still, reins held properly, etc.) -- is what is being evaluated. It is somewhat traditional (but not required) for judges to ask each rider a simple question, to demonstrate that they have some knowledge of their mount or the tack. Sometimes the judge may include a “test,” such as asking the child to drop the reins and pick them back up again. Lead Line judges are not out to trick a rider into giving a wrong answer, or to put any pressure on the children. They work hard to ask age-appropriate questions, and to have a little fun with each rider!

Pre-Short Stirrup is the next division up from Lead Line, and

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Main Ring 9 am
1) Low Hunter Under Saddle
2) Low Hunter Over Fences 2’ or 2’3”
3) Low Hunter Over Fences 2’ or 2’3”
4) Hunter Derby 2’6” (with options up to 3’)  
   *TIP
5) Working Hunter Under Saddle  
   DC
6) Working Hunter Over Fences 3’  
   DC
7) Working Hunter Over Fences 3’  
   DC
8) VHSA Children’s Medal 3’
9) VHSA Adult Medal 3’
10) Thoroughbred Hunter Under Saddle  
    DC  
    TIP
11) Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC  
    TIP
12) Thoroughbred Hunter Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC  
    TIP
13) Green Hunter Horse Under Saddle  
    DC
14) Green Hunter Horse Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC
15) Green Hunter Horse Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC
16) Children’s/Adult Hunter Under Saddle  
    DC
17) Children’s/Adult Hunter Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC
18) Children’s/Adult Hunter Over Fences 2’6”  
    DC
19) VHSA Equitation On The Flat
20) VHA Equitation Over Fences 2’6”
21) Pleasure Hunter Horse Walk/Trot  
    DC  
    TIP
22) Pleasure Hunter Horse Go As You Please  
    DC  
    TIP
23) Pleasure Hunter Horse Walk/Trot/Canter  
    DC  
    TIP
24) Pony Pleasure Walk/Trot  
    DC
25) Pony Pleasure Go As You Please  
    DC
26) Pony Pleasure Walk/Trot/Canter  
    DC
27) Limit Rider Hunter Under Saddle
28) Limit Rider Hunter Over Fences 2’3”
29) Limit Rider Hunter Over Fences 2’3”

*30) Green Pony Hunter Under Saddle  
    DC
*31) Green Pony Hunter Over Fences  
    DC
*32) Green Pony Hunter Over Fences  
    DC
*33) Pony Hunter Under Saddle  
    DC
*34) Pony Hunter Over Fences  
    DC
*35) Pony Hunter Over Fences  
    DC
*36) VHSA Pony Equitation
*37) VHSA Pony Medal

Small Pony Ring 9 pm Sharp
*38) Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences 18”  
    DC
*39) Short Stirrup Hunter Over Fences 18”  
    DC
*40) Short Stirrup Hunter Under Saddle
41) Cross Rails Hunter Over Fences 18”
42) Cross Rails Hunter Over Fences 18”
43) Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences 18”  
    DC
44) Short Stirrup Equitation Over Fences 18”  
    DC
45) Student Hunter Over Fences 2’3”
46) Student Hunter Over Fences 2’3”
47) Cross Rails Hunter Under Saddle
48) Short Stirrup Equitation On The Flat  
    DC
49) Student Hunter Under Saddle
50) Leadline (100% on Rider)  
    DC
51) Leadline (100% on Pony)  
    DC
52) Leadline (50% Rider/50% Pony)  
    DC
53) Pre Short Stirrup (Walk)  
    DC
54) Pre Short Stirrup (Walk/Trot)  
    DC
55) Pre Short Stirrup (Walk/Trot/Ground Pole)  
    DC
(Note this is the order the classes will run to save jumps from 
being put up and down between divisions.) Judge for main 
ring will judge classes 38, 39, and 40.
What To Wear, Buy Or Borrow

Don’t feel that you have to go out and spend a fortune outfitting your child for her/his Lead Line or Pre-Short Stirrup debut. Certainly borrowed or bought second hand items will suffice as long as they are clean and well-fitting. Here’s a list of the essentials:

**Hunt/Show Coat**
Navy or other dark color preferred. Subtle stripes acceptable. Make sure it fits well and lays smoothly. A show coat that is too big and rumpled up on the rider detracts from the overall picture. Black helmet - at this level, almost any style is acceptable, but make sure it fits properly (as should be the case with a helmet worn in lessons too).

**Show shirt**
Button up, long-sleeved, white or light color. Girls’ shirts have a high color and a “choker” style neck, boys wear a traditional shirt and tie.

**Jodhpurs**
Buff/tan color, easily borrowed or bought used. Jodhpurs (unlike breeches) go all the way down the leg and end in a cuff. They often have an elastic strap that buttons to the bottom, used to prevent them from riding up. The challenge is keeping them clean until your rider enters the ring!

**Belt**
It’s traditional to wear a belt, and of course, the shirt must be tucked in!

**Paddock boots**
Brown preferred, black acceptable. Polish them up!

**Garters**
Children under the age of 13 wear paddock boots (as opposed to tall boots) to show, with garters that fit around their leg right below the knee, to help hold pants legs in place.

**Gloves**
Recommended, but not required. (Some kids just don’t like the way they feel, and it can be tough to get sweaty hands into them on a hot day.) Black preferred, dark brown is OK.

**Hair**
The Lead Line and Pre-Short Stirrup divisions have become famous for the elaborate hair bows sported by young girls, typically worn at the end of two braids. Do the judge a favor and make sure the bows don’t obscure the rider’s number. A ponytail done up neatly in a bun or tucked up into the helmet is absolutely acceptable as well, as is shorter hair with a hair net. Boys get off easy -- just make certain that whatever shows with the helmet on is neat and tidy.

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Make certain hair bows don’t obscure the rider’s number.

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Learn The Horse Show Lingo
A Quick Guide To Horse Show Terminology

Division: A series of three individual classes which are each judged and awarded ribbons.

Pinning A Class: The awarding of ribbons at a show, which also includes the judge’s decision about how the exhibitors place.

Exhibitor: A contestant at a horse show, whether it be a rider or a horse/pony.

VHSA: Virginia Horse Show Association, the primary governing organization for horse shows in Virginia.

VHSA Associate Shows: These shows generally operate on a more local level and cost relatively less to enter. Not all divisions at an Associate Show are VHSA “recognized” divisions.

BHSA: Battlefield Horse Show Association.

DCA: DC Area Horse Show Association.

Recognized: Counting toward year-end awards for a particular division.

Unrecognized: Do not count toward year-end awards from the VHSA but may count toward series-end awards for that venue and other associations.

Prize List: A show’s list of divisions and classes, with specifications for entries, order and location in which they will be held, and other information essential for entering and competing.

Hunter Classes/Divisions: Judged on the horse.

Equitation Classes/Divisions: Judged on the rider.

Cross-enter: Rider may not enter other divisions, typically at a more advanced level.

Points: Awarded to either rider or horse/pony to determine championship and reserve championship at individual shows, and accumulated over the course of a show series/season to determine series-end awards.

Show Age: A rider’s “show age” is their age as of Dec.1 of the calendar year.
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Effort Underway To Build New Horse Park/Ag Center

Jefferson County, West Virginia Has A Horse Community On A Mission

By Meredith Wait

The purpose of the proposed Shenandoah Horse Park & Agricultural Center is to provide a multi-use equine and agricultural facility encouraging tourism, local and state economic development, recreation, and environmental education opportunities.

This endeavor is being led by a small group of people interested in equestrian sport, agriculture, land preservation, and economic development in Jefferson County, WV and the surrounding areas.

Early meetings found that our region could sustain a facility to expand on the existing equine industry in all its forms, i.e. multiple equestrian disciplines besides Thoroughbred racing, build up business for the accompanying infrastructure of suppliers such as veterinarians, hay producers, shippers, workers, etc. and contribute to the growing tourism industry in the region.

Initially we were focused on the equine industry, but as we learned more about the agricultural industry, we found we wanted to include the broad interpretation of agriculture in our future.

Some of the ideas mentioned for the agricultural aspects of this project are to supply a “collection hub” for products that then could be shipped to the Washington/Baltimore markets, provide a commercial kitchen for growers to finish and package products, provide classrooms and a meeting place for growers, purchasers and distributors to meet and learn how to expand their businesses.

The Shenandoah Horse Park Board is comprised of local residents who are horse owners and business owners, and those who know neither end of a horse or a tractor but feel that this would be a good fit for our community.

We envision that this Park will:

• Create an area for equestrian activities and competitions for western, English, trail and pleasure. The facility may include a coliseum, covered arena with spectator seating, outdoor competition and training rings, cross country course, dressage arena, all-weather gallop, and barns.

• Provide a year-round attraction for residents and visitors to the area and serve as a generator of tourism and economic growth.

• Expand the opportunities for local growers within the agriculture community.

After three years of seeking funds, we secured a USDA Rural Business Development Grant of $35,000 to move ahead on a feasibility study. We are currently in the middle of the study and hoping to complete it by the end of March. Once it is completed, and if it supports the vision of the Board, we will plan a presentation to the community stakeholders.

This project will need to be built using private and public funding sources as well as local expertise and skills. As the development of ideas moves forward we hope to gain support and expertise to navigate the stages necessary to completion. We will continue to reach out to our communities for volunteers who can help us reach our goals. Read more about this exciting project at www.shenandoahhorsepark.com.
Philomont Horse Show*

37180 Snickersville Turnpike (Rte. 734), Philomont, VA 20132

DATE: April 27  START TIME: Ring 1 - 9 am, Ring 2 - 2:30 pm  SCHOOLING: 7:30 - 8:20 am

JUDGES: Ring 1/Kimberlea Gilbertson, Ring 2/Davera Ackenbom

CLASS FEES: $15, $15 office fee (waived w/pre-entry by 9pm 4/26)

SCHOOLING AREA: fields  SHOW RINGS: Grass  FACILITIES: Port-a-john

FOOD: TBD  PHOTOGRAPHER: no  WATER: Yes

MANAGER: Christy McMann  PHONE #: 703-470-6437

WEB SITE: www.philomontvfd.org/events/hs

*All proceeds from this show are donated to the Philomont Volunteer Fire Department.

RING 1 - 9 am

1. V/DC Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot
2. V/DC Pleasure Horse Trot/Canter
3. V/DC Pleasure Horse Walk/Go as You Please
4. Warm-Up, 2'
5. DC Low Hunter O/F (2')
6. DC Low Hunter O/F (2')
7. DC Low Hunter U/S
8. V/DC Green Hunter Horse O/F 2'6"
9. V/DC Green Hunter Horse O/F 2'6"
10. V/DC Green Hunter U/S
11. V/DC Thoroughbred Horse O/F 2'6"
12. V/DC Thoroughbred Horse O/F 2'6"
13. V/DC Thoroughbred Hunter U/S
14. V/DC Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (Rider’s choice 2'6" or 3')
15. V/DC Ch/Ad Hunter O/F (Rider’s choice 2'6" or 3')
16. V/DC Ch/Ad Hunter U/S
17. V Ch/Ad Hunter Equitation On the Flat
18. V Ch/Ad Hunter Equitation (Jumps at 2' 6" or 3')
19. V/DC Working Hunter O/F (Jumps 2'6" or 3')
20. V/DC Working Hunter O/F (Jumps 2'6" or 3')
21. V/DC Working Hunter U/S
22. Handy Hunter O/F (Rider’s choice 2'6" or 3')
23. Hunter Pairs Walk/Trot
24. Hunter pairs O/F

RING 2 - 8:30 am

Lead Line will run at the end of the division in progress at noon.

25. DC Lead Line. Manners & Suitability (Riders 7 & under)
26. DC Lead Line. Equitation (Riders 7 & under)
27. DC Lead Line. 50% Pony, 50% Eq. (Riders 7 & under)
28. Pony Warm-Up O/F (Jumps 2')
29. DC Low Pony Hunter O/F (Jumps 2')
30. DC Low Pony Hunter O/F (Jumps 2')
31. DC Low Pony Hunter U/S
32. V/DC Sm/Med Pony Hunter O/F (Sm 2', Md 2'3")
33. V/DC Sm/Med Pony Hunter O/F (Sm 2', Md 2'3")
34. V/DC Sm/Med Pony Hunter U/S
35. V/DC Green Pony O/F (Sm 2', Md 2'3", Lg 2'6")
36. V/DC Green Pony O/F (Sm 2', Md 2'3", Lg 2'6")
37. V/DC Green Pony U/S
38. V/DC Large Pony Hunter O/F (Jumps 2'6")
39. V/DC Large Pony Hunter O/F (Jumps 2'6")
40. V/DC Large Pony Hunter U/S

41. V Pony Equitation on the Flat
42. V Pony Equitation (Sm 2’, Md 2’3”, Lg 2’6”)

Not to begin before 1 p.m.

43. V/DC Hunter Pony Pleasure Walk/Trot
44. V/DC Hunter Pony Pleasure W/T/C
45. V/DC Hunter Pony Pleasure Walk/GOY
46. V/DC Hunter Short Stirrup U/S
47. V/DC Hunter Short Stirrup O/F (4 Jumps 18")
48. V/DC Hunter Short Stirrup O/F (4 Jumps 18")
49. DC Pre-Short Stirrup Walk (10 & under)
50. DC Pre-Short Stirrup Walk/Trot
51. DC Pre-Short Stirrup W/T/SitTrot/Jump Pos.@Walk
52. Beginner Non-Jumper - Walk/Trot (12 & under)
53. Beginner Non-Jumper W/T/SitTrot/Jump Pos.@Walk
54. Beginner Non-Jumper - course. 4 ground poles -W or T

SPECIAL DIVISIONS:

DCAHSA LOW HUNTER: Jumps at 2'. Open to horses only. (Classes 5, 6, 7)

HANDY HUNTER: Open to horses and ponies. To be judged on even hunting pace, manners, jumping style and way of moving with emphasis on brilliance, promptness, and handiness over the course. One round over fences to include any of the following: narrow jump, trot jump, in-and-out, halt and back, rollback turn, hand gallop, jump into ring, jump out of ring, or outside course fences. There will be two height options for the class: 2'-2'6" and 2'6"-3'. (Class 22)

HUNTER PAIRS: Open to horses and ponies. Fences not to exceed 2'3", with a change of leaders mid-course and the final jump abreast. (Classes 22 & 23) "Points from these classes do NOT count towards overall high-point awards.

LEAD LINE: Will run at the completion of the division in progress at noon. For riders age 7 and under. Rider not eligible for any other classes in show and must not have competed in any class other than Lead Line. Rider to be led at the walk. Pony to be on lead at all times. (Classes 25, 26, 27)

DCAHSA LOW PONY HUNTER: Jumps at 2’. Judged on performance and manners. (Classes 29, 30, 31)

PRE-SHORT STIRRUP: For riders age 10 and younger. Not eligible for any other classes in show except Pairs walk/trot, Pleasure walk/trot, and Pleasure go as you please. Must not have ever competed over fences or shown at the canter and may not canter or jump at this show. Anti-grazing reins are acceptable for this division. (Classes 49, 50, 51)

BEGINNER NON-JUMPER: For riders age 12 and under. Not eligible for other classes except Pleasure and Pairs walk/trot. Must not have competed over fences. Anti-grazing reins are acceptable for this division. (Classes 52, 53, 54)
The phrase “sporting art” likely conjures classic scenes of race horses, foxhunts, fly fishing, and wingshooting. Sporting artwork typically includes one or all of the following: a portrait, an animal portrait, and a landscape. For a sporting enthusiast, a work might evoke a kinship to the sport represented or an appreciation for the details of tack and turnout.

In the same work, an art lover might connect with the painterly aspects of the composition or the art movement that influenced its creation, and a historian might enjoy analysis of the event.

The new exhibition, NSLM-ology: The Science of Sporting Art, at the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) in Middleburg, Va., takes a step beyond these traditional views and drills down to scientific principles. The viewer is invited to consider weather, ecology, motion, color theory, and chemistry in works of art. This selection includes favorite paintings, sculptures, and works on paper from the NSLM’s permanent collection, many of which have not been on view for some time.

For example, one of the scientific topics presented in the exhibition is motion. From the days of Lascaux’s cave paintings through today, artists have struggled to represent the movement of horses on a two-dimensional surface. One reason for this difficulty is that when a horse is moving at its fastest gait, the gallop, its legs are moving too fast for the human eye to discern. Because of this, paintings of races and hunts completed up to the 20th century depict horses in a “rocking horse” or “hobby horse” position, with front and back legs outstretched to show speed.

But do horses gallop that way? With the advent of the camera in the 19th century, artists and scientists learned how to freeze time on film.

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CALIFORNIA WARM UP:
1. At start of each division (unjudged) Course B

LEADLINE:
Open to riders 7 years and under as of Dec 1st of current show year.
Riders not allowed to cross enter into any classes where they would be asked to trot.
Points to rider.
2. Leadline A (100% rider)
3. Leadline B (50% rider/ 50% pony)
4. Leadline 100% rider w/ test
   (jump position, drop reins or stirrups, etc.)

PRE SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION:
Open to all riders 10 and under, may only cross enter into Pleasure classes-Walk/Trot.
Judged on equitation.
5. Pre Short Walk Only
6. Pre Short Walk/Trot
7. Pre Short Walk/Sit-Trot/Jumping Position

*SHORT STIRRUP EQUITATION:
Open to all riders 12 and under, riders may only cross enter into Short Stirrup Eq, Pleasure, SS Hunter, & VHSA EQ on the Flat.
8. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot
9. Short Stirrup Walk/Trot/Canter
10. Short Stirrup over Fences (18"")

*SHORT STIRRUP HUNTER:
Open to all riders 12 and under, riders may only cross enter into Short Stirrup Eq, Pleasure & Eq on the Flat.
11. Short Stirrup Hunter over Fences Course A (18"")
12. Short Stirrup over Hunter Fences Course B (18"")
13. Short Stirrup Hunter Walk/Trot/Canter

*PLEASURE PONY DIVISION:
Open to ponies ridden by Juniors.
14. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot
15. Pleasure Pony Go-as-You-Please
16. Pleasure Pony Walk/Trot/Canter

STUDENT EQUITATION:
Open to all riders in their 1st or 2nd year of showing over fences at 2’ or higher.
Jumps set at 2’, riders may trot courses.
Riders may only cross enter into Pleasure, Eq on the flat, or Low Hunter.
Points to rider.
17. Student Equitation over Fences Course A
18. Student Equitation over Fences Course B
19. Student Equitation under Walk/Trot/Canter

*PONY EQUITATION:
Open to ponies ridden by Juniors.
Fences to be set at 2’ (small), 2’3’’ (medium) & 2’6’’ (large).
At least ¼ of class to return for flat phase.
20. Pony Equitation over Fences

*PONY HUNTER DIVISION:
Open to ponies ridden by juniors. Sm/Med/Lg ponies.
Fences to be set at 2’ (sm), 2’3’’ (med) & 2’6’’ (lg)
21. Pony Hunter over Fences Course A
22. Pony Hunter over Fences Course B
23. Pony Hunter under Saddle

LOW/SCHOOLING HUNTER:
Open to horses and ponies.
No restrictions on riders. Fences set at 2’/2’6’’.
24. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course A
25. Low/Schooling Hunter over Fences Course B
26. Low/Schooling Hunter under Saddle

*GREEN PONY/HORSE HUNTER DIVISION:
Open to ponies in their 1st year showing at regulation heights & horses in their 1st/2nd year of showing at 2’6’” or higher.
Fences to be set at 2’(sm), 2’3’’ (med) & 2’6’’ (lg & horses)
27. Green Pony/Horse under Saddle
28. Green Pony/Horse over Fences Course A
29. Green Pony/Horse over Fences Course B

* VHSA EQUITATION ON THE FLAT:
Will be split if entries warrant.
30. VHSA EQ on the flat 14 & under / 15-17 / Adult

*ADULT/JUNIOR PLEASURE HORSE DIVISION:
Open to all horses.
31. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot
32. Pleasure Horse Go-as-You-Please
33. Pleasure Horse Walk/Trot/Canter

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For boys & girls ages 4-15 years
Monday-Friday 9 am till 2 pm
$375/week
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Stanford decided to uncover the mystery of the horse’s gallop once and for all. He hired the pioneering English photographer, Eadweard Muybridge, to capture images of horses galloping mid-stride to see whether the “hobby horse” position was correct.

To capture these split-second images, Muybridge assembled twelve cameras around the outer ring of a race track, attaching a tripwire across the track in front of each camera. As the test horse galloped around the track it tripped each wire in turn, which then closed the shutter of each camera as the horse went by. The result was a series of crisp photographs showing the progressive image of a horse galloping, using cutting edge technology to see what the human eye cannot.

In the exhibition, visitors will see examples of “hobby horse” style paintings and an original Muybridge photograph series highlighting this important discovery. There will also be an activity area at which you can make your own zoetrope (moving picture device) based on Muybridge’s own, which inspired filmmakers only a generation later. Of course, this is only one of the scientific principles revealed in NSLMology: The Science of Sporting Art, which opens April 12. In addition to regular public viewing, group and educational STEM tours can be arranged by contacting the National Sporting Library and Museum.

Eadweard Muybridge’s pioneering photos (taken in 1890) captured split-second images of horses galloping and jumping. Before photography, it was impossible to see how their legs move at speed.
The Many Pleasures Of Trail Riding

Stress Reduction, Confidence Building, And Other Benefits

By Melissa Bailey

When we think of a trail ride, most people picture walking through the woods on the back of a 1000 lb. animal, looking at trees, listening to birds singing, smacking a flew flies and if we’re lucky, cantering through an open field.

Winston Churchill is noted for saying “The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man.” Why is this so? How can we take a trail ride and not end up in the bushes? The answer is that just being around a horse builds confidence and inspires leadership. Even for a novice, showing the horse that you are his leader, will translate that confidence to the horse for that ride. Scientific research shows that riding horses reduces stress and builds confidence, yet it’s mostly in a subconscious experience.

It might not be a cardio workout, but none the less, trail riding requires using core body strength to stay balanced and keep the horse between you and the ground.

Instinctually we are focused on “the now,” sitting astride the horse. Horses don’t know that we aren’t horses. They are wondering “Who’s in charge here? You or me?” It’s up to the rider to show leadership skills, and with some simple instruction this can be conveyed even to a novice rider.

Trail riding should not be getting on the horse, holding onto the horn and hoping for the best. It doesn’t take the horse long to figure out if they can head back to the barn on their terms or ours.

There is a psychologically pleasing element to being in a horse’s company. Horses sense our moods. Subconsciously, we either pick up the reins and give instruction to the horse, or hold onto the horn and hope for the best. When we gain the horses...
respect, our confidence soars. There are also muscle development benefits. Even realizing so, you will create stronger core body strength. Novices initially sit with a slumped body posture, but with a little instruction, the rider finds confidence from sitting straight up and centered. The feeling of balance on your horse feels better. It’s empowering.

Some breeds of horses are more suited to trail riding than others. If a rider is looking to reduce impact from bouncing (at a trot), then perhaps a trail ride on a “Gaited” horse (such as a Tennessee Walking Horse) which does a “Running Walk” instead of a trot, is the answer. Gaited horses (and this include a number of breeds) are known for their forgiving personality and calm nature. They are especially good for novice riders.

Imagine holding a glass of water on the back of a horse, cruising through the trails, and NOT spilling a drop! Riders with back or hip pain can ride a gaited horse in comfort, and the movement of the running walk can loosen tight back muscles and increase circulation.

When we are “under saddle,” we gain patience as we focus on our balance and stay “tuned in” to read how the horse is reacting (or not) to the surroundings and to our ability to provide direction. If the horse is walking in a relaxed manner, his head should be a little down.

Horses talk to us in part with their ears. The ears tell us if the horse is agitated or relaxed. When the horse’s ears are forward, his mind is thinking about what is down the trail. If the horse stops with the ears straight forward, the horse might be sensing something happening up ahead that we don’t see. A horse’s ears are like antennae, so stay tuned in to them.

A trail ride on a horse we trust can change a sad mood into a carefree mood. The horse senses our feelings but bring the best in us forward. Looking at deer in the woods, realizing that your friend is NOT on her cell phone, is rewarding. Allowing your horse to splash through the stream will put a smile on your face that will be slow to fade.

Families, like the one above, and groups of friends, pictured below, all enjoy the beautiful scenery and fabulous terrain that the Shenandoah Mountains offer.
The Benefits Of Summer Horse Camp For Kids
Sign Up Now – Area Camps Fill Fast
By Sharon Molster

Summer camps come in all shapes and sizes (day camps, sleep-aways, dude ranches, etc.), but no matter what camp you choose, there are many reasons to recommend summer camps for any young rider.

**Improved Riding Skills**
There is no doubt that summer camps are a great way for young riders to develop – or improve – their riding skills. Be they brand new riders with no experience, or young riders with years in the saddle, young riders are able to enjoy a substantially increased focus on developing their riding skills, both as a result of more quality time in the saddle, and being free of concerns over school, homework, grades, etc. The more relaxed nature of the summer camp experience – without the pressure to finish up and get back to homework, soccer or the next event – is a big plus in allowing a young rider to work on equitation and other skills. And the ability of a young rider to control a 1000 pound animal, with a mind of its own, is transformative for many young riders – and not limited to just their horse world, but to all aspects of their lives.

**Improved Horsemanship**
In addition to equitation, learning basic – and advanced – horsemanship is a critical part of becoming an accomplished rider. While children learn horsemanship as part of lesson programs and show series during the school year, summer camp really gives us the time and freedom to focus on the horsemanship aspects of this great sport. Camps can hone in on the young rider’s horsemanship skills, such as teaching best safety practices, grooming, ground work, tack knowledge and care, feeding, medical care and the like. Developing these skills not only allows riders to show polish and maturity, but it develops discipline and pride in one’s work that will serve them well for a lifetime.

**Camaraderie and Fellowship**
One of the greatest attributes of the summer camp experience is the camaraderie and fellowship that develops among the campers – especially among young girls. We find this to be just as true in day camps as sleep-away camps, and it is one of the most rewarding aspects of running a summer camp program. Year after year, we see young girls come for camp, sometimes a bit shy, sometimes a bit awkward, maybe not knowing anyone else at camp, but by the end of the week they have bonded with the other campers, largely over a common love of horses, and the confidence and self-esteem that they invariably gain in learning how to control – and enjoy – a beautiful animal that just happens to be many times larger, and stronger, than they are. The campers ultimately have to leave (sadly), but when they do they are more confident, more poised, more at ease with themselves and with others, both as to their riding, but more importantly, as to all aspects of their lives, and they often build long-lasting friendships with others that they would never have but for summer camp. It is truly something wonderful to behold.

**And It’s Just Plain Fun!**
From the young rider’s perspective, summer horse camps are just plain fun – whether barrel racing for the first time, or sitting backwards on the horse, or painting horses for younger riders (don’t worry, it washes off!), or camp fires and cookouts and s’mores – the opportunities for fun times with these wonderful animals, and the beautiful barns that house them, are literally limitless.

Sharon Molster is owner of Blacks Hill Stables in Great Falls, Va.

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Session 5 July 15-18 • Session 6 July 22-25
Session 7 July 29-Aug 1 • Session 8 August 5-8

Session Fee: $595 (due with Application)
1 hr mounted lesson a day and instruction in grooming, feeding, tack, basic medical care, anatomy & barn management. Low student to instructor ratio 2:1
Maximum 12 campers per day.

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703-282-0540
Fancy, a favorite camp pony at Lake of the Woods, is fine with nap-time. We painted the bones on a horse to show what we learned about the horse skeleton at Blacks Hill camp.

Relay races on “Game Day” at Three Sisters Farm. We were playing the “mug shuffle.”

Grovespring pony really likes its new camp friend!

This Stonelea Farm camp pony let us tie “caution tape” on him.

Visiting the new foals at Farnley Farm on DeVaux Farm camp’s field trip.
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Dates available are:
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- July 15 – July 19
- July 22 – July 26
- Aug 5 — Aug 9

Camp runs from 8:30am to 2:30pm, after camp care is available for additional cost. Price is $425, with a $75 non-refundable deposit required to reserve your space. Discounts for booking multiple camps and/or multiple kids, please contact Robin Devaux for details.

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Sign up early, these one week sessions fill up quickly!

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- Session 3 July 8-12
- Session 4 July 15-19
- Session 5 July 22-26
- Session 6 July 29-August 2
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Van Vixen campers are all ready for a guided trail ride.

At Grovespring, even the ponies like to play in the sprinkler.
Matthew Mackay-Smith  
DVM, Editor Extraordinaire

As Medical Editor of EQUUS, He  
Connected With Everyone Around Him

By Emily Kilby, Former EQUUS Senior Editor

November 1980, marked the beginning of my 22-year association with Medical Editor Matthew P. Mackay-Smith of the revolutionary magazine, EQUUS, which envisioned inclusive coverage of all horses presented through engaging journalism. Matthew drove the medical and management content and effectively informed the 150,000-plus devoted readers.

Working with Matthew was an ever-challenging and always-energizing experience. He was usually in the Gaithersburg, Maryland, office two days a week, arriving latish after a headlong dash in his aging BMW from, first, Chester County, Pennsylvania, then Clarke County, Virginia. That’s the way he lived his life, always in the superlative, not to be boastful or outdo others but because he would not throttle his energies nor limit his possibilities.

It was impossible to not grow when working with Matthew. Each assignment of a medical or management article began with a conference in which Matthew provided what sometimes seemed like the entire history of the subject back to the beginning of time. So much of the medical and biological material required significant instruction. With each article I submitted for his review, I dreaded the possibility of a WRONG! in his one-inch script scrawled across the top of the page, meaning some serious and entirely justified revision lay ahead. Matthew had unwavering standards, but he was as free with his praise as with his criticism. Under his tutelage, I became a better thinker and writer.

More affecting, even, than his intellect and professional standards, was Matthew’s singular personality. He seemed to know everything, so staff members tended to go to him when there was a problem with a dog, a horse, a child, a painful body part, whatever. He almost always had an answer, and it almost always proved to be correct.

The combination of his wide-ranging knowledge and an uncommon ability to recognize patterns in the connected dots made him the great diagnostician, innovative surgeon and astute advice-giver that he was. Matthew connected with staff members at all levels and departments.

He was the hugger-in-chief of the office, breaking through the reserves of even the standoffish when he thought they needed consolation or congratulation.

Even though he was always chronologically the adult in the room, he willingly joined in the obligatory skits for the company party and interdepartmental contests at company picnic, taking as much delight in the nonsense as any of the staff members young enough to be his children.

Matthew was one of a kind who changed the world through his innovative veterinary career, his co-creation of a magazine that set a new standard for educating horse owners and his lasting effect on all the people, who were fortunate enough to have been pulled into his fast-spinning orbit.

Publisher’s note: Emily Houston and I also worked with Matthew at EQUUS and kept in contact with him afterward. We share the sentiment expressed in this tribute.
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