



OVCTA Spring Show Edition Plus Two New Activities added to our Calendar

**Annual OVCTA
Big Spring Show
Schooling Dressage Show
& Combined Test
At Ludwig's Corner**

**With Open Classes, OTTB Dressage,
Combined Training Jumping held in
MAIN ARENA**

**Sunday, May 26th, 2019
Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds
Rts. 100 & 401, Glenmoore, Pa.**

*Entries open April 1st/Close May 15th
*Late fee will apply to entries received after
closing date*

Judge: Lauren Annett "r"

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FMI and entries at: www.ovcta.org

#bigspringshow and #ovcta on
Social Media
IG: OVCTA_RIDING_CLUB
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Changes to volunteer requirements for year end Awards

OVCTA has required that in order to receive a year end award, Recipients MUST volunteer in some capacity for the OVCTA (shows or clinics) during the calendar year of achievement. Volunteer hours of a spouse or other family member can fulfill volunteer requirement for the member.

The OVCTA board has been aware of the difficulty for some members to get their volunteer requirements fulfilled in the traditional manor so they addressed this issue at the December board meeting and have come up with some additional options.

Volunteer hours for end of the year points - The board decided that volunteer hours cannot be transferred to friends, however we are going to offer other ways for volunteers to meet their requirements. The following suggestions are: usual traditional volunteer hours (1/2 day =4hrs) at an OVCTA Event; donating 2 or more items to the silent auction at the annual meeting; if you are an instructor, bringing 2 or more students to show at an OVCTA horse show; provide 2 or more sponsors for BSS for a total of \$50; organize an OVCTA event such as an educational talk, clinic, horse show, fund raiser; or write an article for the newsletter. It was also decided that at each board meeting, we will announce two things that people can volunteer to do. This will be announced in our Constant Contact emailings.

**Help Wanted! OVCTA Points person needed
Sarah is tired...**

We need someone to keep track of the points accrued for our year end high point and achievement awards. For a more complete description of what's needed please contact Sarah Erush at : erushsarah@gmail.com This could fulfill your volunteer requirement.!

Volunteers Needed for our Spring Show

We need volunteers for our spring show on May 26th for both the day of the show and the day before for set up. We need runners, gate keepers, scorers, during the show. Contact Jan Brooks appattack@aol.com if you can help

Stadium jumping needs jump crew and gate keeper during the show. If you can help in that area please text Deb Mueller 610-247-3269 or email debrmm@gmail.com

We have great volunteer swag and lunch is provided the day of the show! Hope you can help!

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OVCTA Calendar 2019

2019 OVCTA Calendar

This calendar is a list of OVCTA Activities. This calendar is incomplete. Additional events will be added as they are scheduled. **There are no more Ovcta Point Shows** we will accept any CT or Dressage scores, from both recognized and schooling shows, as long as they were judged by at least a USDF "L"/USEA "r" judge or above and follow the USDF/USEF tests and criteria

May 26th, OVCTA Big Spring Show, Ludwig's Corner Horse Show Grounds, Glenmoore, Pa.
Judge Lauren Annett Visit [OVCTA .org](http://OVCTA.org) for details

June 22nd 2019- Summer Fund Horse Show Hunter Hill Stables, Coventryville, Pa.
This show is meant to be fun and low key! A great opportunity to introduce showing to a beginner rider (of any age!) or your green horse in a casual setting. Details to be provided on ovcta.org at a later date. FMI Barbara Walters: 610-469-6302

July 6th -Dressage at the Beach, Hunter Hill Stables, Coventryville, Pa.
A good way to show in a casual environment. This is a fun, low-key show: perfect for green horses, or riders, or those wanting to give dressage a try. "Hawaiian Shirts are highly recommended". Costume Classes, Western Dressage test of choice and maybe a driving dressage test of choice will be added to help make it interesting. We've improved the warm up by allowing it in the main ring between classes! **Judge- Trisha Hessinger** **Organizer Nancy Peltier** nancy.peltier@comcast.net **Prize list will be on ovcta.org soon.**

Don't Forget to send in your Ovcta Year Award End Show Results

Ovcta members will be required to send their results and volunteer hours to our points person Sarah Erush : 215 - 416 - 0486 or erushsarah@gmail.com Results can be sent in e-mail (take a photo with your phone and send)

For more info on how our points are tallied visit: <http://ovcta.org/index.php/awards>

Local Calendar & News

For Area Horse Trials and combined tests visit: Plantationfieldhorsetrials.com and Fairhill.com

Send your Local Events to debrmm@gmail.com

May 4- Blue Goose Stable Dressage Schooling Show FMI www.bluegoosestable.com

May 11 - DunMovin Farm Dressage Schooling Show FMI www.dunmovin.net

May 11 - PAHA Schooling Show Fair Hill Md. www.sedistrictpaha.com/dressage-show.html

May 11—Plantation Fields Recognized Horse trials. Plantationfieldhorsetrials.com

May 12- Plantation Fields Starter Horse trials. Plantationfieldhorsetrials.com

May17- Second Nature Farm Dressage Schooling Show www.secondnaturefarms.com

May 18th - Rolling Hills Ranch Dressage Schooling Show www.rollinghillsranch.org

May19- FCEA Dressage Show and CT and Jumpers, Journey's End Farm Glenmoore, Pa FMI frenchcreekequestrian.org

May 25th - Bally Vae Farm Dressage Schooling Show www.fallyvaefarm.com

June 8- DunMovin Farm Dressage Schooling Show FMI www.dunmovin.net

June 15-Bally Vae Farm Dressage Schooling Show www.fallyvaefarm.com

June 21-Second Nature Farm Dressage Schooling Show www.secondnaturefarms.com

June 22-Blue Goose Stable Dressage Schooling Show FMI www.bluegoosestable.com

June 23-FCEA Dressage Show and CT and Jumpers, Journey's End Farm Glenmoore, Pa FMI frenchcreekequestrian.org

ENTERING RECOGNIZED SHOWS By Alice Morse

Congratulations, you are ready to move up to recognized dressage shows! If you have been showing unrecognized, you should already have some of this in place. Your horse will need a Coggins Test, documentation of flu and rhino vaccinations, and possibly a health certificate if you are shipping across state lines or the show location requires it. These papers must have your horse's full show name on them and must be current for all days the horse will be on the show grounds. You may need to bring hard copies of some of this with you to the show. (I have a notebook in my tow vehicle with copies of all health papers and membership cards.)

You will need membership numbers for USEF and USDF for the horse, rider, owner, trainer, and possibly coach. For USEF members 18 and older you will also need to have completed all modules of Safe Sport (google Safesport USEF) which expires one year after completion and will likely have a renew date different from any other documentation.

If you are entering the show using an on-line service and can upload the documentation before opening date, do so. Then check to be sure everything is showing up as correct. If you are going to mail the entry in, make copies of all necessary paperwork.

As long as you are going to all this trouble you should also be sure you and your horse are eligible for any awards such as USDF All-Breeds, National Dressage Pony Cup Pony or Small Horse, TIP for thoroughbreds, awards provided by your horse's breed organization, and local organization awards. These all have different criteria and different show years. Be sure you have read the requirements carefully and have registered the horse, owner, rider(s) as needed. For some awards all paperwork must be complete before the show for it to count, for others you have until a certain date to register and make all the year's shows count retroactively. Once you are in the program, some calculate the award automatically, others require you to send in on-going reports or a single report at the end of their show year. For local organizations you probably need to complete volunteer hours.

I set up my show schedule at the beginning of the year and make a list of all opening and closing dates as well as dates Coggins, flu/rhino, or Safe Sport need to be renewed. I also include dates that year-end award information is due by. This lives on my computer desktop so I remember to enter shows on opening date.

I also keep an Excel spreadsheet for each of my horses for each show year. Each dressage test has a row and each award has a column. At the bottom of the column is a formula that calculates the points or score for that award. Below that box is one with the requirements for the award and another noting either that the requirements are fulfilled or which ones are still needed. This is a necessity for me as last year my New Forest Pony was eligible for New Forest awards with four riders, National Dressage Pony Cup Small Horse with three riders, USDF All-Breeds and OVCTA with two riders, and DVCTA with one rider. And I had two other horses also competing. We do this for fun, but some extra work may get you some nice rewards.

Board Notes April 9th, 2019

The board met at the home of Kim Leppold on April 9th, 2019

The board welcomes new member Lin Braddick, a local horseback riding instructor, long-time OVCTA member, dressage and trail rider

Election of new Officers—Nancy Peltier was elected as President, Debby Hadden was elected as Vice President, Criss Brown was elected as Treasurer, and Jan Brooks was elected as Secretary.

Membership— currently there are only 46 members who have renewed their membership or joined as new members. Members who have not renewed their memberships will be contacted individually by board members as a reminder.

Finances—The club's bank balance is \$12141.97 The treasurer reported that \$939 income was made from the silent auction at the annual meeting.

Endowment Fund—the quarterly statement for the 1st quarter of 2019 has not yet been received.

Fund raising/Promotions—The spring show has ordered coffee mugs as a thank you gift for the volunteers and will have some extra inventory available to use as gifts and for sale. The show committee is ordering a new color show tee shirt which will be available for purchase at the show and beyond. Members will be able to use volunteer chits towards the purchase price of the tee shirt. The final price has not yet been determined.

Activities— the Annual meeting was held on March 29th. The guest speaker, Dr. Samantha Fraysier made a very informative presentation on Equine Gastric Ulcer Syndrome. Annemarie Cochran was presented the Volunteer of the Year award for all her ideas and help with our educational seminars. The year end awards were presented and our silent auction was held. It was suggested that we try to contact Michael Matz for next year's speaker.

It was agreed that our educational seminars are very popular and Criss B suggested contacting Richard Malmgren about speaking on "preparing a horse for sale". Another topic mentioned was Lyme Disease. Kim L will research who might be a good speaker for that. Deb M updated the board on the Spring Show on May 26th. Nancy P is organizing 2 casual schooling shows in conjunction with Hunter Hill Stables: a Summer Fun horse show on June 22nd and Dressage at the Beach on July 6th. Deb M will contact Equine Exchange about possible August dates for our annual Tack Swap. An Ovcta member has offered their facility as a show venue. It was decided that after the spring show several board members would visit the facility.

Next Meeting— the next meeting will be May 14th at the home of Courtney Nathan-Materdomini. All members are welcome to attend but please contact Nancy Peltier if you attending. nancy.peltier@comcast.net

A Synopsis of OVCTA Lauren Annett Winter Dressage Clinics

Every winter Alice Morse organizes a series of Dressage Clinics with Lauren Annett (this year's judge of our Spring Show) This summary shows what a valuable asset these clinics are and how lucky we are to have Lauren available...

For a change, Mother Nature gave us some nice weather for the November Clinic. Horses and riders included quite a few of the usual with a couple of new added.

Take-aways from this clinic: Ride the horse you are sitting on right now; not the one from two minutes or two months ago. Do what works. Have confidence in yourself that if what you are doing is working for that horse at that time, then it's correct. Give your horse a job. If your horse is being distracted by something in the arena or the deer grazing outside, make your circle slightly smaller, flex him to the inside, leg-yield out, and send him forward.

In January Mother Nature did not smile upon us. At 6:30 AM we made the decision to cancel as the roads were far from trailer-friendly.

When, in February, Lauren asked us how our horses were going we responded as typical type A dressage riders - he still drops his shoulder, needs to carry more, does not hold the canter. Although that may be true, Lauren reminded us how far we have all come in two months in spite of some very challenging weather. While the light bulb moments are rewarding and addictive, we need to accept that the training process will also give us times when it feels different and maybe a little scary.

March 10th was the last of the Winter series. As always it was a fun learning experience. Several horses and riders used this clinic to build confidence. Two young horses started out with Lauren riding and ended with their AA riders on board. Other riders were working on building a confident partnership with their horses. Lauren admonished me to channel my inner cross country girl while cantering my New Forest Pony. In the end I was grinning, the auditors were cheering, and my pony was saying "whatever; if that was so great, do I get a treat?".

These clinics have provided wonderful educational opportunities for horses, riders, and auditors in a very positive environment. Thank you to Lauren for once again sharing her expertise; to Denise, Doreen, and Carl for the use of the lovely facilities; to Nicole and Kristi for their help; and to OVCTA for providing these opportunities.

Do you use Southern States horse feed?

Please save any proof-of-purchase tags you have from feed bags made by Southern States: rebates are for all Southern States feed, all Pro Elite feed, and all Legends feed. The Southern States SHOW program will reward us 25 cents for each tag, up to \$600 dollars for OVCTA per year.

Please give any tags you collect to a board member to be submitted to Southern States. For more information, contact board member Kim Hennessy. 610-942-7296 or jhenness@verizon.net Thank you!!

Free Money! OVCTA Scholarships!

Every year the club budgets \$1200 to use for OVCTA scholarships. They can be used for many educational opportunities: lessons, clinics, seminars, attendance to USDF, USEA meetings, instructors forums, etc. The scholarship does not need to be used for an OVCTA functions. The requirements are not difficult to meet and it's easy to apply for one. Don't forget to consider using a scholarship to enhance your education. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be 50% of the entry fee to the event, but no less than \$50 and not to exceed \$150.

OVCTA SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be an OVCTA member in good standing for a period of at least 1 year or 12 months.
2. Must not have received a scholarship in the last 12 months.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

1. List of OVCTA events the applicant has participated in (i.e committees, schooling shows, clinics, annual meeting, etc.) and how they contributed (i.e. as a volunteer, a rider, an organizer, a committee member, etc.). Volunteer participation may be used as a deciding factor.
2. A brief description of the applicant's riding background, level they are presently at and short term goals.
3. The Event Data: Name & Date of the Event. Rider or Auditor. Potential benefits of attending this event and how it will help the applicant reach their goals.

Mail Scholarship Applications to: Debby Hadden 430 N. Birdell Rd., Honey Brook, Pa. 19344 or debhadden@gmail.com

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

1. Write an article about your experience & submit it to the newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

1. Will review applications and award scholarships on a monthly basis. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year.
2. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be 50% of the entry fee to the event, but no less than \$50 and not to exceed \$150.
3. Scholarships will be approved before the event but reimbursed to the recipient after receiving their article for the newsletter.
4. May limit the number of scholarship recipients per event.
5. The annual scholarship amount will not exceed \$1200, unless the board agrees to an exception.

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Zilco Classic Harness: This horse-size synthetic carriage harness is in excellent condition, has been used only a few times. It is suitable for combined driving, everyday training, and recreational driving. Asking \$1,000. For more information or photos, please contact Nancy Peltier at 610-948-6787 or email at nancy.peltier@comcast.net

Crosby Wemply dressage saddle, 17 1/2 ", brown, includes leathers and irons. This older saddle is in very good condition, has been stored inside, the leather is well-maintained and the billets show little wear. The cut back design and spring tree spring tree should fit well on a wide variety of backs. Asking \$375. For more information or photos, please contact Nancy Peltier at 610-948-6787 or email at nancy.peltier@comcast.net

Michael Stokes Centaur dressage saddle 18" black. Pigskin seat, 2 new billets, excellent condition. Custom features: seat fits a woman's pelvis, but it is NOT a "wide twist." V Billets keep the saddle securely on the horse. Use a girth with divided ends. Flaps are cut slightly forward, so you can use it for trail riding. (If you prefer long billets and a short girth, you can just replace the billets.) Price \$1200. New they go for \$3200. Contact: awiegle@fast.net

Sports Massage for Horse & Rider – Marvel Massage Studio, LLC Are you or your horse having trouble bending or stretching - have tight or sore muscles? Does your horse toss their head, refuse to pick up correct lead, have an unexplained lameness? Do you have difficulty with lateral movements, jumping, girthing of "cold back", or even lack of forward impulsion? These are all symptoms of muscle and soft tissue problems. OVCTA Members qualify for a free hands on consultation and evaluation of their horse. **Contact** Michelle Przemieniecki, Licensed & Certified Massage Therapist at 610-310-8712. www.marvelmassage.net

BOARD-TRAINING-LESSONS- Karen Monks Reilly a USDF silver and bronze medalist and "L" graduate with distinction has a stall available in West Grove PA. USEF National Young Horse Championship winner available for lessons, clinics, judging and horses in training. Please email KMONKSREILLY@Gmail.com

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