



# COLLECTIVE MARKS

## DECEMBER 2018

### President's Letter

Happy Holidays! Happy New Year! It's the 2019 show year already. I am both honored and humbled to be the 2019 President of VADA Central Chapter. I am still wow'd by the thought. Thank you!

I would first like to thank our outgoing President, Jane Walker, for her utmost dedication and efforts while President to insure and further the well-being of our Chapter. Also, thank you to our 2018 Board members who have served so dutifully and driven out on those rainy or chilly nights to meet and keep the good things happening for all of us. Some of our 2018 Board is ready to serve again, and we will be joined by new members. Committee Chairpersons will be forming committees. The efforts of our prior leadership team will certainly allow us in 2019 to hit the ground running and keep on moving us forward. Welcome to all!

As we start the year, in advance, thank you and good job to our volunteers. You are our engine. For the members who open their facilities for our events, you make what we do possible. For our coaches, clinicians and trainers, it is through your efforts we grow as equestrians, both in the saddle and on the ground. Juniors, you are our future. We have a responsibility to you! Let's put all our efforts as a Chapter toward making this a great year. Let's learn, train, ride and have fun. Hopefully Mother Nature will allow us to have more shows and events without using so many Rain Dates.

There are some great VADA social opportunities to put on your calendar while we await the return of those precious minutes of riding daylight: (more details on all to follow).

VADA Central Chapter Banquet – January 27, 2019, 4-6 p.m. Pot Luck, Awards, and Silent Auction at the Belmont Recreation Center, Henrico, VA.

VADA Awards Banquet—February 10, 2019, Pippin Hill Farm and Winery. This will be a great new venue with Silent Auction (online and on-site), Wine Tasting . It's a lovely place to visit. Even if you didn't put in for an award, it's a great VADA outing! Attend, enjoy, and cheer on your friends.

Trainers and Coaches, please consider donating an hour or two of your services to the Silent Auction for both the VADA State and VADA Central banquets. We love to learn and the organizations will most grateful. VADA will have an online part to its banquet, so your offering will be visible and available to all of VADA.

Reminders—Renew/Organize/Prepare

--Renew Memberships EARLY so the system can process. We have great volunteers handling your memberships, but the system doesn't provide for overnight results.

-- USEF Training as Required—Safe Sport Training, details in this newsletter.

-- Your Horse's Record Keeping for show—Get Inoculations and Coggins for your horses as required. Organize the results. Registration papers (for breed awards). Have a copy for show management.

Dressage at the Meadow update—

Dressage at the Meadow is May 10-12, 2019. The show management team and judges have been secured. Details are being finalized. More details soon on Show Committee Volunteer opportunities and updates.

This will be an exciting year for me and I appreciate this opportunity to continue to learn and grow with all of you. If you need me or have a question, I am here. Reach out by text, message, phone.

Respectfully,  
Susan



## 2019 VADACC Board

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**A big thank you goes out to our 2018 board and our 2019 board.  
The dedication everyone has for the club is amazing!**



VADACC Member Marie Taylor performing a patriotic freestyle with Army veteran Will Drewry holding the American flag.

## Leading a horse to water...



**Warm their drinking water:** Heaters are the most effective way to keep buckets and troughs from freezing during cold.



**Electrolytes:** Adding electrolyte powder to 1 bucket can help stimulate your horse's thirst. However, always make sure there is a bucket available with regular water in the stall as well. \*



**More flavors:** Some like apple juice, molasses, and a handful of sweet feed in their bucket. \*



**Wet feed & hay:** Adding water to your horse's feed and wetting down their hay is an easy way to bump up their water intake on a cold day!



*\*Always leave one plain bucket without any additional flavors*



# **Safe Sport**

## **Recognizing, Reducing, & Responding to Misconduct and Abuse in Sport**

US Equestrian is committed to creating and maintaining an equestrian community free of all forms of emotional, physical and sexual misconduct. US Equestrian members and participants have a mandatory duty to report suspected sexual misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

The [USEF Safe Sport Policy](#) and [U.S. Center for SafeSport Code](#) are aimed at protecting all participants in our sport.

As of Jan 1, 2019 every USEF adult member (18 years of age or older) with a Competing Membership must complete USEF's Safe Sport Training.

A 30 day grace period to complete the SafeSport training will be provided to all members who renew or join on or after December 1, 2018. Members joining prior to December 1, 2018 will have until January 1, 2019 to complete the training. Those who do not complete the training within the grace period will be ineligible to participate in USEF activities, including competitions.

[Parents Training Course](#) for equestrian athletes of all ages helps parents ensure their children have a positive and safe sport experience and is free.

More details at:

<https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations/safe-sport>



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## USDF Statement on New USEF Freestyle Rule

A new rule was recently approved by USEF regarding the prerequisite score to ride a freestyle, increasing the score from 60% to 63% at the highest test of the level (DR 129.9). This change goes into affect 12/1/2018 to coincide with the new test cycle.

Over the past few years, the USDF Freestyle and Judges Committees have been discussing the quality of freestyles and the technical proficiency that seemed to be missing in some freestyles. This has also been discussed at the annual convention for the past couple of years. In the spring of 2018, the USDF Freestyle Committee, with the support of the USDF Judges Committee, put forth a proposal to the USDF Executive Board to increase the prerequisite score to 63%. This was approved by the USDF Executive Board and was then forwarded on to the USEF Dressage Sport Committee as a proposed rule change. In the proposal that was reviewed by the USDF Executive Board, the committee indicated *“the prerequisite score is meant to show proficiency at the declared level. The committee members agreed that the 60% prerequisite score no longer shows proficiency at the declared level and a prerequisite score of 63% would raise the overall quality of freestyle tests throughout the country.”* It should also be noted that in 2005, a prerequisite score of 58% at the highest test of the level was added and in 2009 that score was increased to 60%.

In reviewing the statistics for 2018, approximately 9% of the riders who rode a freestyle in 2018 will need to re-qualify to ride a freestyle in 2019. Of those 9%, there are approximately 44% who scored between 62% and 63%. It is agreed that a rider is expected to be more technically proficient to ride freestyle, in order to stay with the music and to show off your horse to the best of its ability. This change was to encourage all affected riders to focus on improving their technical proficiency. As a point of reference, the following are statistics from 2018:

Level	Total Freestyle Rides in 2018	Number at 63% and above	Number at 62%	Number at 61%	Number at 60%	Number effected by change
Training	38	32	3	2	1	6
First	289	264	12	9	4	25
Second	165	153	6	4	2	12
Third	267	236	12	12	7	31
Fourth	135	121	8	3	3	14
Int 1	265	253	3	3	6	12
Grand Prix	186	170	7	5	4	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1345</b>	<b>1229 (91%)</b>	<b>51 (4%)</b>	<b>38 (3%)</b>	<b>27 (2%)</b>	<b>116 (9%)</b>

A senior (active-competing) USEF member may make a rule change proposal directly to USEF through the process outlined on the USEF [website](#). As with any new rule, the impact upon the sport will be monitored and evaluated. This topic will be included on the agenda for discussion at the USEF/USDF Open Forum that will be held during the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 29, at 12:15 p.m. Questions can be addressed during the Judges, L Program, and Freestyle Open Forum, also scheduled for Thursday.

## Julie Goodnight, Ireland....and Me! By Marti Thompson

In August I was privileged to travel to Ireland for a Julie Goodnight/horseback riding trip in the Connemara region in Galway. This was my 4<sup>th</sup> horseback riding holiday in Ireland, but the first in this area. I have enjoyed watching Julie Goodnight's TV show for years, and have done two previous clinics with her: one in Chesterfield County and one at the C Lazy U Ranch in Colorado. So when I saw she was going to be in Ireland for the first time, I HAD to go! I rounded up my pal Deb from Denver, who I met in 2016 on a horseback riding vacation in Cornwall, and we flew to Dublin, then took a bus to Galway. Saturday morning we met all the participants plus Julie Goodnight and Cait Goaley, the owner of Connemara Equestrian Escapes, who sponsored the trip. Cait normally only takes 8 people at a time, but there was so much interest in Julie that we were divided into two groups. Deb and I were in Group B.

Both groups traveled by van to Cait's lovely B & B, Curra Farm, where we had a wonderful lunch, then were given an orientation by Cait (whose name by the way is pronounced "Cotch") and a riding evaluation by Julie. Afterwards, those of us in Group B were taken to Renvyle House Hotel for 3 nights of riding and sightseeing, while Group A remained at the farm with Julie.

The highlight of the Renvyle part of the trip was a ride to Omey Island. When the tide is in the island is only accessible by boat. However, at low tide one can walk, drive or even ride a horse to the island! We explored the small island on horseback, then had a little canter on the beach. By this time the tide had started to return, so it was time to head back to the mainland!



At Renvyle our non-horse activities included a trip to a beautiful abbey with wonderful gardens, shopping in a quaint town, and a visit to a silver mine where we also watched a sheepdog demonstration and learned about the "harvesting" of peat.

Tuesday both groups joined for lunch, then our group traveled on to Curra Farm. We met our new horses, warmed up in the gorgeous ring (overlooking a lake with swans), then went on a trail ride. Wednesday morning we worked with Julie, did another trail ride, then visited an old castle. Several of the riders either rode Western or had gaited horses, so Julie helped them learn how to post. Julie complemented me on my riding....thank you Wanda Escobar! Thursday morning we watched Julie work with two of Cait's horses, one of whom would not stand still to be mounted (sound familiar?!) and another who was very pushy on the ground. Then we all mounted up and rode to what Cait calls the "Harry Potter Forest" for a picnic lunch.

Friday morning it was time to load up to head back to Galway for our voyages back home. But first we had time to shop at a big equine store! We said our good-byes to new friends made, and Deb and I already started to plan our next trip to Ireland!

I can't say enough about this trip, and horseback riding in Ireland in general. It was amazing to spend so much time with Julie Goodnight, as she and her husband were staying at Curra Farm with us. Cait runs many trips during the year, including an August holiday that includes the large Dublin Horse Show which is already booked for 2019. To learn more about Cait and her Connemara Equestrian Escapes, visit [connemaraequestrianescapes.com](http://connemaraequestrianescapes.com). Erin go bragh!



**VADACC VOLUNTEER HOURS VOUCHER – 2018**

VADACC offers to its members the opportunity to receive Volunteer Vouchers. You can redeem up to 12 volunteer hours per year (not to exceed \$55.00 value.) These vouchers can be used for any type of dressage related educational/riding/auditing opportunities, clinics (riding fees or auditing), VADACC schooling show fees or fees can be applied toward the annual VADACC awards banquet or membership for the next year. Volunteer hours expire at the end of the current membership year.

**Submit Application To: Marcia Drewry, 34356 Turkey Pen Road, Wakefield, VA 23888;  
e-mail preferred at [hedgewitchfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:hedgewitchfarm@hotmail.com)**

- RULES:**
- Hours must be redeemed in increments of:  
12 Volunteer Hours = \$55.00    6 Volunteer Hours = \$27.50
  - You must apply and send in this form to qualify. Vouchers are awarded for 6 hours or 12-hour increments of volunteer work for membership and End of Year Awards at a minimum. 6 hours is required for End of Year Awards, 12 hours is required for membership payment. Other hours spent on clinics/educational activities will be at the direction of the board to include the activities coordinator.
  - Volunteer Hours for a given year must be redeemed within the same year. Only members who are current and in good standing may redeem hours. Hours must be redeemed after volunteer work is complete and at least 15 days prior to the event that it applies to.
  - Volunteer Vouchers are redeemable for any type of dressage education or related events. Receipts are required for non-VADACC events, and members will receive reimbursement after the event is attended and a receipt is provided as approved by the board.
  - Awards subject to availability of funds.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ VADACC Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Volunteer Hours Applied for: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify Voucher Use: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name and contact info (email or phone number) for the Event Coordinator for which this Voucher will be used for (ie, show secretary, event coordinator, VADACC representative running the event, membership secretary, etc.):

**Volunteer Hour Opportunities:**

- One hour for each article submitted to the *Collective Marks* newsletter.
- One hour for preparing food to be sold at a VADACC-hosted event.
- Actual hours spent for each VADACC Committee meeting.
- Actual hours carrying out duties of a VADACC committee.
- Actual hours for each VADACC board or general membership meeting attended.
- Actual hours spent working at a VADACC-hosted event.
- Actual hours spent with VADACC JR/YR program at meetings.
- Actual hours spent teaching a VADACC clinic.
- Actual hours spent carrying out Chapter Officer duties.
- Actual hours spent for allowing VADACC to use your facility (no rental fee) for a VADACC event, maximum of 12 hours per event.
- One hour for sponsoring/advertising or obtaining a sponsor/advertiser for the VADACC recognized show or obtaining an advertiser for the *Collective Marks* newsletter.
- 1 hour for recruiting 1 new VADACC member, new member must list recruiting member on their membership form.

-----VADACC USE ONLY, DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE-----

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL HOURS TO DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL HOURS REDEEMED: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL HOURS REMAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

FORWARDED INFO TO (VADACC Treasurer and Event Coordinator for Voucher Use): \_\_\_\_\_

**How does the VADACC Volunteer Voucher Program Work?**

If you volunteer for VADACC you are eligible to redeem hours worked in increments of 6hrs (\$27.50) or 12hrs (\$55) for End of Year Awards and membership renewal respectively. Hours are NOT carried over year to year but end upon completion of the current year membership timeframe. At the time you redeem hours, you must be a current member and in good standing. The only exception to this rule is if you wish to use your VADACC hours to renew your membership. Redeeming hours for other than End of Year Awards and membership renewal are dependent on the type of activity such as clinics/educational opportunities, etc. you wish to use your hours for (see below).

Volunteer hours need to be redeemed on the Volunteer Voucher Form. You must designate a specific activity that funds will be used for, VADACC does not redeem hours for cash. Appropriate activities would be: VADACC/VADA clinics, VADACC schooling show entry fees, VADACC Membership for the following year, Awards Banquet costs, VADACC/VADA clinics, or any type of dressage related educational/riding/auditing opportunities.

To redeem hours, you must do the following:

1. After a VADACC Volunteer Activity, make sure the coordinator of the event (or you) submit your hours to the VADACC Volunteer Coordinator via email or snail mail (telephone messages do not count). If you submit your own hours, you can use the VADACC Volunteer Hours Form, or indicate the date, activity, number of hours worked, and the VADACC Supervisor Name and email or phone number to verify your hours. The Volunteer Coordinator will track hours each year and have your current standing. Hours are updated and published in the newsletter on a monthly basis, so you can also track your standing there.
2. To redeem your hours, send in the Volunteer Voucher Form to the VADACC Volunteer Coordinator. This MUST be done at least 15 days prior to the event that you plan to attend. They will check the records to affirm that you have the hours worked for the hours you wish to redeem.
3. When your hours are verified and the activity you chose is approved, the Volunteer Coordinator will contact the event coordinator and the VADACC Secretary to arrange for payment or a discount to the VADACC activity you wish to attend or reimbursement to you, whichever is appropriate.

The Voucher Program is subject to availability of VADACC funds.

Have questions? Contact your VADACC President; Volunteer Coordinator or VADACC Secretary for answers!

**Please contact Marci Drewry to give her your volunteer hours or to confirm the ones you have.**

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### VADACC Member

\$ 20.00/month - Full Page

\$ 15.00/month - Half Page

\$ 10.00/month - Quarter Page

\$ 10.00/year - Business Cards

Free in Classifieds (no pictures)

### Non-Member

\$25.00/month - Full Page

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**VADACC 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2017 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2018**

Membership is for the *Central Chapter* of the Virginia Dressage Association. VADA is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members of VADACC are automatically USDF *GROUP* Members. Membership expires on November 30, 2018 for the 2018 year.

Your VADACC Individual, Junior or Family Membership entitles you to the following benefits:

1. One subscription to the VADACC *Collective Marks* monthly newsletter.
2. Eligibility for USDF Rider, Pas de Deux and Quadrille Team awards.
3. Eligibility for USDF/Dover Saddlery Adult Amateur Medal Program.
4. One subscription to *USDF Connection* magazine.
5. Refunds of Multiple GMO dues.

Enclose check payable to "VADACC" and mail with application to: **Marcia Drewry, VADACC Secretary**  
**34356 Turkey Pen Road**  
**Wakefield, Virginia 23888**

Were you referred by a current member? If so whom \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one box):  NEW  RENEWAL

Select ONE of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$55
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior (17 and under on 12/31/2017)	\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (2 or more members who live at the same address)	\$75 first 2
Primary Family Member: _____	
Supporting Family Member: _____	
Additional Family Member(s): _____	\$20 each
<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate (Members of other VADA chapters who wish to participate in VADACC-sponsored clinics and year-end awards) Please provide the name of your primary VADA chapter: _____	\$40
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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL - \$5 off Membership fee if RECEIVED by November 30, 2017.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you prefer to receive your monthly newsletter (check one box)?

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**Volunteer Interests:**

**Please volunteer for ONE VADACC Committee:**

We are seeking chairs, co-chairs and volunteers for these committees and need our members' participation. This is a great opportunity to be creative, meet other members and have fun! Your efforts are greatly appreciated and needed.

- Membership Committee
- Activities / Planning Committee
- Junior/Young Rider Committee
- Competition Committee
- Fundraising/Public Relations Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Awards Committee