



Old Dominion News

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See You at the Dec. 13 Holiday Party!



Rainy weather didn't dampen spirits or completion rates at the October 24-25 Fort Valley Ride.

2008 Fort Valley Ride Report

The Fort Valley endurance rides were held on Friday and Saturday, October 24-25, 2008.

Using Fitchetts Field as basecamp enabled all of the vet checks to be held in camp. Despite heavy rain that set in Friday evening and lasted through Saturday, completion rates were very high for both days of the ride.

On Friday, 25 of 28 riders completed the 50 and all 12 LD riders successfully completed the 30 mile ride. On Saturday, a total of 47 riders braved the elements, with 23 completing the 50 and all but one of the 23 LD riders finishing the ride in great shape.

"At one point, rain was coming down so heavily that the rocky climb up Indian Graves spouted a large waterfall that really confused my horse," said 50-mile rider Jennifer Smith of Hayes, Virginia.

Tom Hutchinson came in first in the 50 miler on Friday and rode the same horse in the same time the second day (crossing in 5th place). He also won the Asgard filly Symmetrie in the OD raffle drawing held on Saturday night. Judie Ricci's gelding ISR Prince Shaval won Friday's High Vet Score and Dana Reeder on Charlie Brown received Best Condition. On Saturday, Gabe Van Arman on SL Dynamic was first to finish, Sandra Fretelliere's mare Mona Tiki PW received High Vet Score and Julia Bianchi on Lady Monalaina won Best Condition.

A total of 17 horse and rider teams who completed at Fort Valley also earned the Triple Crown Award for completing all three Old Dominion-sponsored rides in the same year. Triple Crown winners, listed on page 2, will receive special awards at the December 13 Holiday Party. ♦

Check your mailboxes! Invitations to the Old Dominion's annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13 at the Holiday Inn in Leesburg have been mailed. If you missed receiving an invitation and wish to attend, please contact Joe and Nancy Selden at longevityfarm@hughes.net or 301.934.3824 by December 5th. Tickets are \$50 each.

This year, we have plenty of space and will set up Silent Auction items mid-afternoon. Members are encouraged to attend the General Membership Meeting, officer and board elections, which get underway at 5:30 p.m. A cash bar will be open from 6 until 11, with dinner and awards beginning at 7 p.m. Bidding for Silent Auction Items will close at 8 p.m.

We'll again recognize Triple Crown winners, in which the same horse and rider team completes all three of OD rides offered each year in any combination of distances.

If you need to reserve a room at the Holiday Inn Leesburg, call 703.771.9200 **today** and ask for the group discount.

Please check out the list of Silent Auction items listed below and bring your checkbook!

Not able to attend the party but want to bid on an item? E-mail Mary Howell at countshiloh@gmail.com by December 10th with your bid (you must meet the minimum but may want to bid higher to increase your chances of having the highest bid.)

It's not too late to donate items! If you have a new (or like-new) piece of horse equipment lying around your house or barn, or something a horse-oriented person might enjoy -- such as a massage or vacation accommodations, the OD needs and appreciates YOUR donations. E-mail Lisa Green at forest3@shentel.net with details. Non-horse items such as books, bird feeders and jewelry are also welcome. ♦

OD Silent Auction Items

Here is a partial list of items that have been donated to date to the OD Silent Auction:



- Equine First Aid Kit (\$250 value, \$200 minimum bid)
- Pair of Tickets to the Arena Stage in DC (any 08-09 season date) (\$90 minimum bid)
- Lease of Mary Howell's horse Shiloh for the 2009 No Frills Ride (\$50 minimum bid plus ride entry fee)



- Ride Entry to the Aug. 8, 2009 "Ride Between the Rivers" (\$90 minimum bid)
- Ride Entry to the March 2009 Sand Hills Ride (\$90 minimum bid)

- Handcrafted Wooden Saddle Rack (\$50 minimum bid)
- Embroidered Biothane Bridle by Taylored Tack (\$90 minimum bid)



- David Kaplin Girth (\$50 minimum bid)
- Waterproof horse blanket (\$50 minimum bid)
- Ready-to-take-home, potty-trained registered boxer puppy (selling for \$800; \$400 minimum bid)
- Set of foxhunt-theme maroon and green bath towels (\$20 minimum bid)



- Old Dominion logo mousepads (\$7 minimum bid)
- Plastic "gift bucket" filled with grooming gear (\$15 minimum bid)
- Items donated by Southern States and other tack/feed stores and lots more!

2008 Old Dominion Triple Crown Winners

Rider	Horse	No Frills	Old Dominion	Fort Valley	Total Miles
Tom Hutchinson	Tektonic	55	100	50/50	255
Kim Lyttle	Khan's Magic Piper	55	55	50/50	210
Rebecca Bianchi	HA Batez	55	55	50	160
Kathy Broaddus	TF Red McIntosh	55	55	50	160
Nicholas Irianni	LRF Lakota Wemima	55	55	50	160
Karen Wade	Madars Shawna Bay	55	55	50	160
Ashley Kemerer	Kirah Zone	30	55	50	135
Judie Ricci	ISR Prince Shaval	30	55	50	135
Gabriel Van Arman	SL Dynamic	30	55	50	135
Kristin Waters Wise	BS See No Spots	30	55	50	135
Georgia O'Brien	SBK Sasha's Treasure	30	55	30	115
Emily Richardson	OLF Hale Bop	30	55	30	115
Elizabeth Woo	Stirling	30	55	30	115
Patricia Cordts	Kai Bars Lilly	30	25	30/30	115
Forest Green	Spry	30	25	30	85
Alex Young	Ty	30	25	30	85
Nicole Young	Piper	30	25	30	85

Each of the above riders will receive a special Triple Crown award and a \$25 credit towards 2009 Old Dominion ride entries. The following riders attempted but did not complete all three 2008 OD rides and will receive the \$25 credit:

Jennifer Alexander on Keltic

Amie Chenault on Zeek

Dana Reeder on Charlie Brown

John Lyttle on RTS Gee Whiz

Jenny Edgell on USI

Emily Matthews on Savannah

Clint Birckhead on CJS Comet

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Triple Crown!

OD MEMBER PROFILE: Bonnie Snodgrass

When did you get involved with the Old Dominion Endurance Rides? I crewed for a friend a few times at endurance rides and wanted to learn more about endurance riding so I volunteered at an Old Dominion ride for the first time in 1996. There is no better way to learn and pay back to the sport.

What is your current role with OD? I serve on the Board of Directors and am particularly interested in training events, so I've volunteered often in that capacity.

What do you do for a living? I'm an IT Specialist for the Department of Defense and was an electronics technician in the US Navy. I like to know how things work and teach the how and why of things.

Where do you live? Do you own horses? I'm a resident of Charles County, Maryland along the shores of the Potomac River. I am owned by two horses who live just outside my back door. They have another slave, my non-riding husband Steve, who cleans and feeds when I'm off gallivanting about the countryside.

What do you like to do when you're not riding? How can you have other hobbies when you have horses? Actually, I sew quite a lot, torn horse blankets, saddle pads, ripped riding tights, better saddle bags, you see where this is going? I'm also an avid gardener. For the last two years I've cultivated a new variety of fescue and the fertilizing, mowing and weed spraying fills all those lulls between endurance rides. Mowing is very Zen, you know. I also spend a lot of time with my cats. I have now succeeded in the development of a new type of barn cat. My cats, all of them, have a natural aversion for barn mice and practice the "live and let live" method of cohabitation. It took time to develop this trait in barn cats and many bags and cans of expensive cat food. I'm now working on growing that ever elusive plant, the money tree, as my husband has asked me to do something about the vet, farrier, and feed bills. ♦



Want to be featured in an upcoming issue? E-mail your photo and answers to the above questions to countshiloh@gmail.com



Message From the OD President

To fellow members and friends: We are coming to the end of yet another successful year for the Old Dominion. This year's highlight was successfully moving the June ride to a new trail and signing a 10-year with the Bryce Resort for our basecamp in Orkney Springs.

We are now entering into an era where we must maintain and improve our new home. This will take both funding and manpower, and in the coming months our organization will be seeking both financial and volunteer help. I will provide more details on what is needed in future newsletters and at the Holiday Party on the 13th. I hope to see many of you there!

Regards,

Bob Walsh

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Member Classifieds

Horse and Boating Enthusiasts! 10-acre horse farm near West Point (King William County, Virginia) with 3900 square foot tri-level home overlooking the Mattaponi River, private dock and boat ramp, 4 horse barn and large pasture with 4-board wood fencing. Price reduced well below what it would cost you to build new. Located near excellent riding trails, including Sandy Point State Forest. For details and to take the virtual tour, visit www.lindagreenlaw.com.

Kittens Needing a Home! Two orange tigers, one orange tabby and one tweed tabby - all males. Winter is coming and mice are headed for the barn. These kittens will be great mousers or can be converted into lapcats! Contact Barbara Horstmeier of Mohrsville, PA at gypsyrose1@comcast.net or 610.207.8133.

To have your classified ad included in the next issue, e-mail countshiloh@gmail.com or call 804.932.9328 ♦

Volunteers Needed for January 15-18 Horse World Expo

The 13th Annual Maryland Horse World Expo will be held at the state fairgrounds in Timonium from Thursday-Sunday January 15-18, 2009. Volunteers are needed for all four days to man the Old Dominion booth. Please contact Susan Trader at 540.882.9721 or susntrader@hughes.net if you can help. More details are online at www.horseworldexpo.com/MDmain.htm. ♦

Interested in Joining the OD Board?

If you would like to join the Old Dominion Board of Directors to help our educational and outreach efforts and well as continuing the tradition of hosting challenging endurance rides, please contact a current board member. Board meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month at the M.A.R.E. Center in Middleburg. For those not able to attend all of the meetings in person, the Old Dominion also has conference call capability. ♦

Virginia Trail Rider Refuse Alert

Recently, the Shenandoah County Fire Marshall alerted the George Washington National Forest District Ranger of the discovery of several methamphetamine lab locations on Judge Rye Road, Bread Road and Crooked Run Road on the Virginia side of Great North Mountain. The latest trend seems to be to cook meth out of the trunk of your car, dump your trash and move on. Should you find a trash dump with broken batteries, fuel bottles, lye or anything else that does not appear to be normal camper trash, contact the Lee Office at 540.984.4101 or e-mail: Mailroom_R8_George_Washington_Jefferson@fs.fed.us. ♦

APEX Clinic Set for January 10-11

A Partnership for Endurance Excellence, or "APEX" is hosting a clinic in the Atlanta area on January 10-11, 2009. The full weekend clinic will include the following guest lecturers:

Equine Podiatry: Gene Ovnick on Natural Balance Hoofcare for Performance Horses

Understanding Muscles in Performance Horses:

Ann Stuart DVM on basic muscle anatomy and physiology

Brett Tennent-Brown DVM on muscle problems

Ken Marcella DVM on diagnostic modalities for muscle problems

Todd Holbrook DVM on prevention/treatment of muscle pathology

Dinah Rojek on conditioning

Special Feature: Lessons from the 2008 Endurance World Championship in Malaysia

The cost is \$200 for APEX members and \$225 for nonmembers, which includes 2009 Associate Membership. Students may attend for \$75 but must show ID. Details and more registration information is online as www.apex-us.org. To register, contact Anne Ayala via kenayala@charter.net (828 274 5121) or Cheryl Newman via cherylnewman@charter.net (828 665 1531). ♦



In Memory of GM Chagall 1989 - 2008

On November 5, Lynne Gilbert of Raphine, Virginia unexpectedly lost her beloved endurance horse and longtime friend, GM Chagall, possibly from an aneurism or burst tumor.

Well known to many Old Dominion members, Lynne and Chagall started their 13-year endurance career in 1994, completing 3,300 miles and 15 100 milers together, including six Old Dominion 100s.

They made the USA East Endurance Team in 2001 and 2003, but the highlight of Chagall's career was winning and receiving Best Condition at the Old Dominion 100 in 2002. Lynne accomplished this feat riding in the cavalry division, with no outside supplies or crewing assistance.

Lynne and Chagall also had the once-in-a-lifetime experience of being invited to compete abroad together, successfully completing a 160 km endurance ride in Abu Dhabi the following year.

Tom Sites, who purchased Chagall and introduced him to the world of endurance, offered the following memories:

"Chagall came to me as a tall, gangly yearling and show cull, one of many, from Aries Arabians to a farm in Luray that a family member owned.

"He was raised in pasture in a herd that was handled weekly at best. At the end of his third year he showed promise and was sent to a trainer for 30 days. Ridden slowly through his 4th year, he went to the Fort Valley competitive ride in the fall when it was still held at Skyline Ranch outside Front Royal.

"Chagall did well and was strong and willing during the ride. At the end crossing some pavement he spooked but stood and I knew he was a good horse. Jeannie Waldron was there and said she wanted to buy this horse. I said...'Jeannie you're the only one in this world that would be able to buy him'".

"So Chagall went to Jeannie and her herd of horses and the multitude of friends she manages to find to ride all her horses. One of them, Lynne Gilbert, rode Chagall and fell in love with him. Jeannie, after seeing this love, sent Chagall to Lynne as her first horse and the rest is history.

"They were a team that is rare to see between horse and rider. After EPM and blindness in one eye and through Lynne's devotion to Chagall, he came back and the OD Cavalry/Win/BC will be his highest glory. Seeing them together that day was like magic. When it was just the two of them on the trail, I think they really found each other. Their bond was real and total and everlasting." ♦

2009 OLD DOMINION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Family Members: _____

(fill in for Family Membership only)

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Please print clearly)

Annual Membership: Individual (\$25 - 1 vote) Family (\$35 - 2 votes)

Lifetime Membership: Individual (\$400) Family (\$500 - 2 votes forever)

My check is enclosed. Credit Card payment this year only Renew annually

(credit card only) Name on card _____

Card type: Visa MasterCard American Express Discover

Card # _____ Exp Date: (mo) _____ (yr) _____

Card 3-digit CID Code (found on back) _____

I would like to volunteer to help at rides clinics other events

I agree to uphold and adhere to the rules of the Old Dominion Endurance Ride, Inc.

Signature _____ Date: _____

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