

## OPRC PIEDMONT INC MARCH NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

Since the last newsletter, we've done the Pilates class at WARF and it was a resounding success!! I was so glad to see so many of you there. Two hours went by so fast and I hope none of you was too stiff the next day. Pilates is a totally wonderful way to strengthen those muscles that we use the most in riding. Miranda would like to set up another class dealing with balance; the other essential but time, of course is against us. We'll see what we can do.

Another successful Dressage Day with Danielle! Tucker and I were so "tuckered" out at the end of the musical ride AND the ensuing dressage lesson, we could hardly move. SHE, the dressage witch, had the AUDACITY to show up at our place on Mon for yet another lesson!! We learned a lot however!!

Last Sunday was another awesome experience: David Yauch and his clinic on Leadership and Control of the Horse. I hope everyone who came learned a lot and was entertained. David is a great speaker and great trainer. Laurie thinks he walks on water!! Toby Rowe, however, isn't too sure!! He was very good in the lesson but was heard to say, "what the hell was THAT all about?" Don't kid yourself, he learned a lot and it was a great lesson for him and for Susie!! He'll soon be a different horse; pliable, sweet, totally relaxed in ALL circumstances, willing to do anything she asks!! Yeah, right. The star of the show, I must admit, was David's mare, Chloe. "Us girls" couldn't keep our hands off her! What a sweetheart. David's no nonsense approach was appreciated and we saw that it really works. You get whatever you expect. We're hoping to set up a couple more clinics with David in the summer.

April is a very busy month for everyone. Our mounted meeting will be on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 1pm here at our farm. The lesson will include gymnastics, cross country, and "scared silly"!! The SS hour will be in the ring over ground poles working on total precision, control and position. It won't be easy but it will be effective. I may end up teaching this but we'll see how many people sign up for the day. We are very lucky to have a new instructor for this one time: Jim Moore. His website is [www.prestigettraining.com](http://www.prestigettraining.com). Do look that up and be impressed. Jim has moved here from Denver where he had a very successful eventing and training barn. He is now at Mary Potter's farm in Rixeyville, trains with Karen O'Connor, is a two and three star rider, and has ridden Rolex. He taught a clinic at Kelley's Ford earlier this month that Kay and Colleen attended. I will shortly send out a separate email for this clinic so look for it and remember to sign up. He's very good instilling confidence in both green riders and green horses so try to put this on your calendar. I've engaged him for two hours so, according to who signs up for what, I'll let you know how we'll split his time.

At the end of the month Miranda, Anne Pallie, Doris Jones, Elizabeth Bullard, Regina Bedarf and I are going to Rolex!! We will report all to you and twist a few arms for next year. It should be great fun but will, of course, rain!!

There will be no un-mounted meeting this month but we will do something in May along with the Lesson Marathon. Remember, all social members are welcome to audit the mounted meetings.

At our Board meeting Thurs evening, we will discuss the insurance issue among other things. The decisions we reach will be passed on. I hope you all read the insurance paper I sent out.

That's about it: the weather really will break so there will be no excuse for not getting on your horse especially as we have an early daylight savings.

How many horsey books did we read this winter?? THERE WILL BE A TEST!! :0)

Sat. 5 April 12:30 Eastham's Old Dominion Pt to Pt Races

Sun. 13 April 1pm Burnett's gymnastic, cross- country and scared silly clinic With Jim Moore. There will be a charge; probably \$10 or \$15 for the day.

23-27 April Rolex Three Day Event – Lexington Ky.

KICK ON!! And enjoy.