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**Merry
Christmas**



Never Too Old a scholarship report by Pinky Hipp

“Once upon a time there was a little girl that was horse crazy”. For most of us this is the way our story started. Fast forward to today, I’m still that horse crazy kid. I have been a hunter rider for over 60 years. When my horse Brody said he didn’t want to jump anymore I had to find something for him to do. Dressage seemed to be a good answer.

Brody and I started on this journey. We had a lot of fun doing the schooling shows with my friend Terry Tunsall. Well at 30+ Brody said he didn’t want to do anything but eat and sleep. It took me over 3 years to find another horse that I really wanted to ride. So here I am now with a big (16.2+) Quarter horse.

Denver and I started our dressage education this spring with Janice Mumford and Kathy Rowse .I have

used my scholarship to ride with Jim Koford. One of the things he had me do was ride without stirrups, something I hadn’t done in over 25 years. Changing my position has been the hardest thing . I still tilt forward when I’m trying to concentrate. Work without stirrups has been a big help. Starting a new discipline in my 70’s is something I didn’t think I would be doing but here I am. It is possible. I may not make it very far up the ladder but I am truly enjoying the climb. Maybe I will make it to first level in 2023. Even if I don’t it will be a fun and happy trip.



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Save the Date

January 21, 2023

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SVDA BANQUET



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MESSAGE



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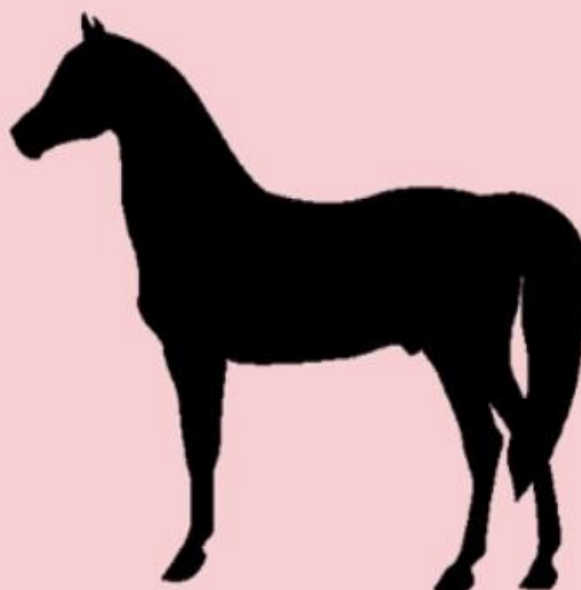
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JANUARY

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USEF 'S' & FEI 3* DRESSAGE JUDGE



USDF



**INTRODUCTION TO
2023 USDF TESTS
CLINIC**

\$25 SVDA MEMBERS
\$35 NON-SVDA MEMBERS

RESERVE YOUR SPOT ONLINE

Contact: Robyn Nunnally
757.284.1106

Approved for USDF CE Credit (4 Hours)
Attendees should bring a chair

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VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 10/17/22 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (Charlottesville); Alison Douglas (Central); Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sherri Booye (C'ville); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Alex Jeffers (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Lisa Beckwith (NEVADA); Karen Rice (F'burg); and members Rachel Rice and Diane Boyd

Minutes: Anne Draine made the motion and Nancy Lowey seconded that we approve the September minutes, and everyone concurred.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balance is around 178K. She isn't sure of smaller checks from GAIG that may have not cleared, but the large ones have. The GAIG show will have made a profit.

Annual Awards Banquet- The date is February 5th from 11 am to 2 pm at the same venue, Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Registration will be online. For awards, on 12-10, the review of standings will be posted on the website for competitors to check. The list will be finalized on 12-19. Award selection will also be online. Awards packets submission is online and goes to Joanne Collins. We will again be having the silent auction and chapters are encouraged to submit a chapter basket, or any other item such as a class entry at a schooling show as an example. Rachel will posting the state volunteer hours for members to check on 11-21.

USDF Convention: Convention is November 30th through December 3rd in Lexington, KY. The hotel is Hyatt Regency Lexington 401 W. High Street

Nominating Committee for 2023 officers: Laura Nelson and Nancy Lowey are the nominating committee. They have put forward the list of candidates for officers: Michelle King for President, Bettina Longaker for Vice-President, Jessie Ginsburg for Treasurer, and Alison Douglas for Secretary. If you are interested in any of the board positions, please contact one of them, however, you must be on the current board or a chapter representative. 2023 board reps that are elected by the chapters must be in place by December 31st. Our January meeting will be a zoom call and a general membership meeting to elect officers. Nominations for board positions will be taken from the floor by Laura Nelson

Website Honorarium- Tina will have a discussion offline with board members.

Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE

Central- Awards banquet will be held January 29th.

Charlottesville- They are planning an "Up the Levels" clinic with Carter Bass for the new tests April 1-2, 2023. The first day will be for levels 1-4 and the second day will be FEI. The clinic will be in Afton and open to everyone. They are also planning a Bragdell clinic April 26-27.

Fredericksburg -

NEVADA –

NOVA –Planning a judges round table for Feb 20th from 6 to 9 pm with CE credit. The focus will be on the new tests. The clinic is free for judges and L grads with a nominal fee for auditors.

ShenVADA - Their holiday pageant will be held on December 3rd at Lighthouse Farm.

SVDA- They will have a new test clinic (Training thru 4th Level) with Debbie Rodriguez January 8th at Whispering Miracles in VA Beach. CE credit will be available. They are planning a possible MFS clinic for February that will also be CE credit.

Southwest- They have their annual awards banquet and general membership meeting in conjunction with the Blue Ridge Eventing Assoc at VA Tech on February 26th. They will have a educational forum with a judges panel.

AOB- Anne Draine brought up the topic of volunteer hours for sub committee board meetings. After board discussion, it was decided that those meetings will count for 2 hours per meeting just like regular board meetings.

We are forming a by-laws committee to review and update the current by-laws. Anyone interested in being on the subcommittee, please contact Tina.

NEXT MEETING January 5th AT 8pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

Volunteer Hours

Barczak	Mary	16.00
Barnard	Karen	12.00
Behrns	Erin	4.00
Behrns	Kylie	11.00
Bliefernich	Cory	6.00
Bliefernich	Kim	43.00
Bliefernich	Paul	6.00
Bouvier	Kate	14.00
Bowden	Debbie	18.00
Bricker	Audrey	3.00
Bricker	Natalie	3.00
Burton	Morgan	16.00
Cannon	Linda	5.00
Celia	Laura	8.00
Christiansen	Dave	8.00
Craney	Linda	5.00
DeCant	Brooke	4.00
DeCant	Sharon	14.00
Dennis	Sydney Leigh	8.00
Durso	Karen	4.00
Edmundson	Reeta	6.00
Ellis	Carrie	2.00
Enoch	Elise	9.00
Evelyn	Melissa	4.00
Felton	Barbara	28.00
Gardner	Katherine	33.00
Gardner	Skip	23.00

Gaskins	Nola	16.00
Gibson	Lora	66.00
Gladden	Laura	19.00
Goldblatt	Anna	3.00
Golden	Preston (Betty J grandson)	1.00
Grimes	Evelyn	8.00
H	Rachel	3.00
Hall	Harriett	10.00
Harper	Amanda	8.00
Hatter- Forrester	Susan	8.00
Hayden	Stacy	20.00
Hehl	Alexis	1.00
Henkle	Addison	12.00
Henkle	Alyssa	11.00
Hipp	Pinky	32.00
Hipp	Ed	14.00
Hipp	Pinky	20.00
Holbrook	Darla	36.00
Hughes	Ben	2.00
Hughes	Hope	6.00
James (Moore)	Tammy	18.00
Jensen	Charlene	26.00
Jensen	Dahlia	28.00
Johnson	Betty	21.00
Johnson	Trent (Bretty J grandson)	1.00
Kaitbenski	Jenna	10.00
Kelso	Whitney	66.00

Knick	Kate	24.00
LaGoyda	Laurie	4.00
Leahy	Amanda	10.00
Leslie	Rachel	8.00
Lovejoy	Ken	12.00
Lovejoy	Michael	17.00
Martin	Ingrid	3.00
Meeks	Holly	5.00
Meranda	Toni	12.00
Metz	Christine	22.00
Miller	Sarah	10.00
Miller	Katie	29.50
Miller	Ava	8.00
Mumford	Janice	8.00
Needham	Caroline	25.00
Nunnally	Robyn	40.00
Ortiz	Victoria	8.00
Owens	Katherine	8.00
Padilla	Kelley	7.00
Parsons	Cookie	102.00
Payton	Mary	8.00
Perryman	Amie	6.00
Peterson	Kaitlyn	8.00
Petroski	Amanda	24.00
Pettet	Nancy	14.00
Raymos	Jennifer	4.00
Reid	Taunia	8.00
Ripple	Beth	28.00




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Show schedule for 2023 Dates as of Oct. 22, 2022

March

- 04/05 **Raleigh Winter Dressage** – Raleigh, NC
- 11/12
- 18/19
- 25/26 **March Magic Dressage** – Williamston, NC

April

- 01/02 **Springtime Dressage** – Raeford, NC(Cancelled)
- 08/09 **VADA/NOVA Spring April** – Leesburg,VA
- 15/16
- 22/23 **Prime Time Dressage** – Raeford, NC
- 29/30 **Dressage at the Meadows I & II** – Doswell, VA

May

- 06/07 **Tryon Spring Dressage** – Mill Spring, NC
- 12/13/14 **Dressage in the Sand Hills** – Pinehurst, NC
- 13/14 **Raleigh Spring Dressage** – Raleigh, NC
- 18/21 **Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI2* Dressage** – Lexington, VA
- 27/28 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA
- Mayday Dressage** – Pinehurst, NC

June

- 03/04 **Capital Dressage Classic** – Raleigh, NC
- 10/11 **Summertime Blues** – Pinehurst, NC
- VADA/NOVA Summer** – Leesburg, VA
- Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA
- 17/18 **VADA-CH Isabel F De Szinay Dressage** – Culpeper, VA
- 24/25 **Dressage at the Park I & II** – Raeford,NC

Volunteer Hours Cont.

Rouse	Kathy	8.00
Slimak	Kaitlyn	8.00
Smith	Jen	8.00
Smith	Joanne	8.00
Smith	MacKenzie	18.00
Smith	McKinley	9.00
Stallings	Jessica	16.00
Stohr	Hannah	8.00
Sweetman	Deb	12.00
Taylor	Marie	4.00
Toby	Sandy	19.00
Vandenburg	Kathleen	2.00
Walker	Stephanie	15.00
Wiggs	Autumn	5.00
Wilde	Wendy	67.00

Volunteer Hours Cont.

Wilde	Bill	10.00
	Lyric	3.00

July

- 01/02
- 08/09
- 14/15/16 **Dressage at Lexington** – Lexington, VA
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA
- 15/16 **Rise 'n Shine** - Pinehurst, NC
- 22/23 **Summer Breeze Dressage** – Raeford, NC
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
- 29/30 **Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II**– Raleigh, NC

August

- 05/06 **Early Morning Blues** – Pinehurst, NC
- 12/13 ***Tryon Fall Dressage 3 & 4** – Mill Spring, NC

- 19/20
- 26/27 **VADA/NOVA Summer Wind down I & II** – Leesburg, VA

September

- 02/03 **NCDCTA Labor of Love I & II**
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst, NC
- 09/10 **VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II** – Spotsylvania, VA
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA
- 16/17 ***Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2** – Mill Spring, NC
- 23/24
- 30/01

*****From here down no shows listed on USDF Web site*****

October

- 30/01
- 07/08 **Pinehurst Fall Dressage** – Pinehurst, NC
- 14/15
- 22/23
- 29 **Wakefield Airfield** – Wakefield, VA
- 30 **SVDA Schooling show**

November

- 05/06
- 12/13
- 19/20
- 26/27
- 29 **Wakefield Airfield** – Wakefield, VA
- 30 **SVDA Schooling show**

November

- 05/06
- 12/13
- 19/20
- 26/27





YEAR-END AWARDS SUBMISSIONS

The award year runs from 1 December to 30 November and is restricted to VADA competitors and volunteers. **The deadline for the Rider Year-End Awards submission is 1 December 2022.**

It's time to begin thinking about your submission for Virginia Dressage Association Year-End Awards. The award year runs from 1 December to 30 November and the program is open to all VADA competitors who meet the specific requirements detailed in the 2022 Purple Book and on virginiadressage.org. **The deadline for Rider Year-End Awards submissions is 1 December 2022 and no extensions or exceptions will be granted.**

For 2022 year-end awards, all submissions **MUST** be made online. Application and supporting documents must be submitted electronically to Joanne Collins, VADA Year-End Awards Chairperson no later than 1 December 2022. The link to the tool is provided above or [click here](#). Questions can be directed to Joanne Collins at dressageVADA@gmail.com, 443-756-3341.

Riders will receive a receipt notification of the award package. A preliminary listing of rider award standings will be posted on the VADA website to review on 12 December. The review period is 12-16 December. *Discrepancies/questions may be directed to Joanne Collins via email.* The final 2022 year-end awards rider recipients will be posted on the VADA website on 19 December 2022.

Once the final results are posted, Schooling and Licensed Champions and Reserve Champions at each level will have the opportunity to select the award of their choice from among several options. The timeframe to make an award selection is 19-23 December by visiting the VADA website page "2022 Year-End Recipients and Award Selection". Year-end awards will be presented at the 5 February "Annual Membership and 2022 Year-End Awards Banquet" at Greencroft Club, Charlottesville. Recipients are highly encouraged to attend the banquet.

[Visit VADA Website to Learn More About Year-End Awards Requirements](#)



Banquet Silent Auction

It's a tradition at the banquet! Chapters and members are highly encouraged to donate items for the auction. Suggested items can be Chapter Baskets, trainer lesson certificates, Chapter schooling show gift certificates, and equestrian/decorating items of interest. Visit virginiadressage.org to learn how to participate and donate. Questions, reach out to Nancy Doody at ndoody15@gmail.com.

Annual Membership and 2022 Year-End Awards Banquet

VADA loves to celebrate the achievement of its members! Join us for our annual membership meeting/awards banquet where we recognize member achievements at competitions, both in hand and under saddle at licensed and schooling shows, as well as the contribution of our VIP Volunteers, the Chapter Volunteers of the Year, and other special awards and honorees.

Save the Date
Join in the fun and celebration!

Greencroft Club

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5 February 2023

Charlottesville Va.



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Southeastern Virginia Dressage Association



Annual Awards Banquet, January 21, 2023, Garden Inn, 100 East Constance Road, Suffolk, Virginia, 23434, TEL: 1-757-925-1300 **Closing Date: January 13, 2023. Please mail reservations early. RESERVATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THE 13th OF JANUARY MAY NOT BE ACCEPTED.** Organizer: Joanne Smith, 908 Pillow Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Email: jsmith-1@verizon.net Please make checks payable to SVDA Please make sure Joanne knows how many people in your party and how many tables you will need. Tables seat approximately 8 people. Reception starts between 5:30- 6:00 PM with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. There will be a cheese and fruit display, a salad bar with assorted toppings, Chicken Cordon Bleu with Supreme Sauce, or Sliced Sirloin of Beef with Sherry Demi, Loaded mashed potatoes, Trio Cheddar Mac and Cheese, Steamed Broccoli with Garlic butter sauce, assorted dessert station, sweet tea, hot tea & coffee. A cash bar is available. The cost is \$30 adults/\$20 children under 12. During the reception, please browse the SILENT AUCTION that benefits the Junior Young Rider Fund. We are having a 50/50 RAFFLE - winner gets ½ of Raffle money.

SVDA Awards include: - Schooling show & Licensed show awards –
High Score for Schooling and Recognized shows –
Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medal Awards –
Achievement Awards –
Excellence in Sportsmanship (you voted for) –
Most Improved Rider Award (you voted for) –
Captain Andy Award for the Junior Rider High Score (Recognized or Schooling shows) –
Steel Magnolia Award - Silver Whiskers Award –
Bred in Virginia Award and several other awards – check the SVDA website for details

*****2022

SVDA Banquet Reservation - PLEASE PRINT NAMES CLEARLY

Attending Member Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How many people will be in your party? _____

How many tables will you need? _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Guest: _____

Total Number Attending x \$30 = \$ _____ Total Total Number of Children under 12 attending x \$20 =

\$ _____ Total adults and children \$ _____

Guest names must be on reservation form.

Virginia Dressage Association



Shel Gafford Memorial Award "Excellence in Sportsmanship"

Nomination Deadline: 26 December 2023

Nominations are now open for the Shel Gafford Award. For anyone not fortunate enough to have known Shel, he was not only a gifted horseman and successful competitor, but also a truly good sport and dedicated advocate of the Virginia Dressage Association. Shel was a seasoned competitor, having won the Gold and Silver Individual Medals in his last two years as a Young Rider at the NAYRC. He always rode to win, but never at the expense of his horse or another rider. Rather than "psyching" his fellow competitors, Shel was more likely to offer a helping hand or wish them luck. Furthermore, Shel was a tireless supporter of VADA. He served as President during some of our Association's most difficult and trying times. It is largely due to his diplomacy and tenacity that VADA exists as it does today.

In his memory, VADA annually recognizes this spirit of unselfish sportsmanship and generous volunteerism, which were so much a part of Shel's nature. If you are aware of a VADA member who is:

- 1) Actively involved in any aspect of competition and/or VADA activities (e.g. rider, owner, trainer, coach, show mom/dad, spouse, offspring, VADA Board Member, VADA volunteer),
- 2) Who consistently exhibits the characteristics of good sportsmanship and unselfish support of VADA, and
- 3) Has not received the Shel Gafford award within the past 10 years, please nominate that person for the Shel Gafford Award.

Nominations must be submitted via email. Write Shel Gafford Nomination in the subject line of your email and include in the body of the email your nominee's name and chapter affiliation, your chapter affiliation and a brief statement (200 words or less) explaining why you feel your nominee is deserving of this award.

**The nomination deadline is December 26th and
nominations must be submitted via email to
Sheli King at amking91@verizon.net**

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PRELIMINARY RIDER YEAR-END AWARD STANDINGS

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Year-End Awards

VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

YEAR-END AWARDS BANQUET 5 FEBRUARY 2023

GREENCROFT CLUB
CHARLOTTESVILLE VA
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Year-end awards recipients are encouraged to bring family members and friends to the 2022 banquet. It's a day of mingling with fellow members, celebrating, and doing a little shopping at the silent auction.

The banquet luncheon fee is \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for youth. Reservation deadline and payment is 22 January 2023. Visit the VADA website.

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