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SVDA had two riders earn their USDF Bronze Medals this year.



Karen Barnard And Santa monica of Deerhaven



Laura Gladden and Katie Lang's FA Patriot

Don't forget the SVDA Championship show check website for all the information you need to know.

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New goals for SVDA members at our schooling shows: earn bronze, silver, gold, and ebony charms with scores of 70% or higher! 🏆🥈🥇🖤 Celebrate with a little bling ✨

We now have an online shop for SVDA logo items:

<https://southeastvda.itemorder.com/>

You can place orders directly to the shop, pay, and items will ship right to you.

Please advertise in the newsletter. Thanks!



Please be aware that for all schooling shows and clinics sponsored by SVDA - a CURRENT negative coggins must be received or you will not be allowed to participate. SVDA must submit a report listing all horses, owners and coggins accession numbers to the Va Dept of Agriculture for every sponsored event. We can not make exceptions. So please get your coggins drawn early to allow processing time so that we don't have to refuse your participation on the day of a show or clinic.







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**\*\*\*\* Attention SVDA riders\*\*\*\***

Good morning riders! We are planning a makeup show on Sunday, October 15 at River Birch Farm, Courland, with Sandy Toby, USDF L Graduate with Distinction, Judging for us. We must have a minimum number of rides in order for this show to take place.

Please take this opportunity to qualify for Championship if you have not already done so, or add rides needed for year-end Awards.

Entries are open now and will close no later than October 9. Please see link for online entries: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/q6gtyzijfb/index>

Entry Secretary is Wendy Wilde, [wendylanem@gmail.com](mailto:wendylanem@gmail.com).

Please get your entries in now!

Let us know if you have any questions!

## Learning the Flying Changes

As most of you know I haven't been showing the SVDA shows this year. Monica and I have been in some serious training for the past ten months establishing her flying lead changes. She had mastered and even excelled with the majority of the third level movements but had some difficulty understanding her changes and just what to do with her hind legs. She started with some serious bucking accompanying her changes, not just a few but every time we tried. Now if I was 20 years younger (maybe more) I might have stuck with my new bronc but as you all know the older you get the easier it is for bones to break and so much longer to heal. So I obtained help from a great rider who was much younger than I, Kate Knick. I am eternally great full for all she has accomplished with Monica from riding those bucks to creating a more uphill mare who loves her job.



Eight months into training we decided to try a licensed show. With the help of my coach Kathy Rowse and Kate they talked me into entering the July show at Whispering Miracles. This is a beautiful facility and so close to us in Va. Beach. I really didn't expect to receive a qualifying score but out of the two days showing we got one of our needed scores for Bronze. I was so happy. For the next month and a half we drilled changes, collection, uphill balance, lightness and so many other exercises to develop her ability to make clean changes. I decided to try again at the September show at Whispering Miracles to see if we could get our second score. We rode both days and received two more qualifying scores. We qualified for our USDF Bronze Medal. You know what was so funny. In the test she botched her good lead change and did a fabulous change on her bad side. Go figure! Well her changes are still not 100% and it might take several more months to get there but that is ok. For all of you climbing the levels, be very, very patient. It is so worth it. As hard and stressful as this year has been, I am loving this journey. Many thanks to Kathy Rowse, Kate Knick and the clinicians: Jim Koford, Donna Gatchell and Becca Vick.

Karen Barnard

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-15-23 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Karen Rice (F'burg); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Jane Palmer (ShenVada); and members Lisa Powers, and Diane Boyd

**Minutes:** Laura Nelson made the motion, seconded by Anne Draine, to approve the August minutes. They were then approved by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that our combined balance is over \$430,000 due to Regional show entries and no show expenses. For the chapters that have submitted chapter grant requests, she will write the checks at GAIG's. Please catch up with her at the show. The need for an online chapter grant submission process was brought up as the manual mail in process is not efficient.

**Membership Report:** Per Beth Rippel, we have 564 members. She has uploaded 15 more and is awaiting payments on 14 of those from chapters so we should be at 593 at the end of the membership year.

**2024 Clinic:** VHC has very few available dates. Morven Park has more availability and is holding May 4-5 while Sheli checks with Lilo. We will let Renee know our plans for next year and possibly pair up with her in 2025. The clinic committee will start meeting once we solidify the dates and venue.

**DAL Update:** Sheli reported the show suffered a loss of \$14,000. There were approximately \$6000 less in entry fees so we need to research further on why we had fewer entries. The facility fee was also \$7000 more than the prior year. The cost of the competitor party doubled so we'll work on changes for next year. Other contributing factors included the increase in travel expenses. Areas that we can investigate are class fees, stabling, party costs, and welcome gifts. Please submit your ideas to the board. We need to promote the show on social media and email blasts.

**GAIG Update:** Dates are Oct 5-8. We will be running 8 rings with night classes Friday and Saturday. Friday night will be the competitor party and doggie costume contest. We will need to add a third TD and we'll have 16 judges.

**Year End Banquet:** The date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Nancy Doody will start soliciting for silent auction donations at GAIG's.

**2024 Purple Book:** Sheli's general vision is to publish something online that focuses on our programs as well as year-end forms and requirements without anyone's personal email addresses. Bettina will start looking at this after finals and the USDF convention. Several members have expressed interest in helping. Please contact Bettina if you'd like to be involved.

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

**Central-** Oct 21-22 clinic with Nicole DelGiorno at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

**Charlottesville-**

**Fredericksburg** – Nothing else planned this year.

**NEVADA** – Schooling shows at Edgehill- Oct 29, and Nov 12. They will also have one at the State Fair on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**NOVA** – Schooling Show Championship and open fall schooling show November 4th

**ShenVADA** –

**SVDA-** Schooling show on Oct 29 at Airfield Conf Center in Wakefield.

**Southwest-** October 15 schooling show at Green Hill Park.

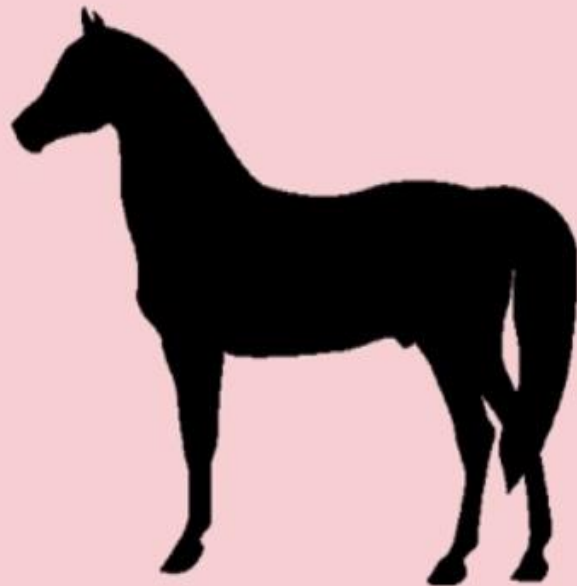
**NEXT MEETING November 1st AT 8pm**

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

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## Licensed Show schedule for 2024

Dates as of Oct. 3, 2023

### March

02/03 **Raleigh Winter Dressage** – Raleigh, NC

09/10

16/17

23/24

30/31

### April

06/07 **VADA/NOVA Spring April** – Leesburg, VA

15/16

18/21 **Tryon Spring Dressage I** – Mill Spring, NC

27/28 **Dressage at Deep Run I & II** – Manakin- Sabot, VA

### May

04/05 **Tryon Spring Dressage 2** – Mill Spring, NC

10/11/12 **Dressage in the Sand Hills** – Pinehurst, NC

11/12 **Raleigh Spring Dressage** – Raleigh, NC

16/19 **Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival &  
Lexington CDI 3\* Dressage** – Lexington, VA

25/26 **Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA  
**Mayday Dressage** – Pinehurst, NC

### June

01/02 **Capital Dressage Classic** – Raleigh, NC

08/09 **VADA/NOVA Summer** – Leesburg, VA

**Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II** – Va. Beach, VA

15/16 **VADA-CH Isabel F De Szinay Dressage** – Culpeper, VA

**Summertime Blues** – Pinehurst, NC

22/23 **Dressage at the Park I & II** – Raeford, NC



# **ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE SVDA CHAMPIONSHIP SCHOOLING SHOW ON OCTOBER 29, 2023, AT WAKEFIELD.**

A few things to note:

1. Review the **minimum** scores for Championship Classes
2. Attach a copy of your **qualifying score** with your entry.
3. *This is also a schooling show so more than just Championship classes will be offered.*
4. Championship classes are ridden with **no whips** and **no readers**.
5. Get your entries in **BEFORE** the closing date to ensure you are entered.
6. *You MUST submit your qualifying score with your online entry, we cannot accept qualifying score rides from the sanctioned show the day before.*

## **CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES | MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENTS**

**BE SURE TO LIST "CHAMPIONSHIP" ON YOUR ENTRY FORM.**

*WDAA Intro (Test 3) Championship – 62%*

*WDAA Basic (Test 3) Championship – 60%*

*WDAA Level One (Test 3) Championship – 60%*

*WDAA Level Two (Test 3) Championship – 60%*

*Introductory Level (Test B) Championship – 62%*

*Training Level (Test 2) Championship – 60%*

*First Level (Test 2) Championship – 60%*

*Second Level (Test 2) Championship – 60%*

*Third Level (Test 2) Championship – 59%*

*Fourth Level (Test 2) Championship – 59%*

*FEI Championship (Level/Test of Choice) 59%*