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# SUDA AWARDS BANQUET

*January 27, 2024*

## Annual Awards Banquet

Awards | Silent Auction | Raffles | Lunch | Cash Bar

Reception Starts Between 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Lunch at 1:30 PM followed by Awards Ceremony

*Soup & Salad Bar, Taco Bar Buffet, Deserts &  
Non-Alcoholic Beverages*

\$40 Adults

| \$25 Children 12 & Under |

*Airfield 4- Ft Conference Center  
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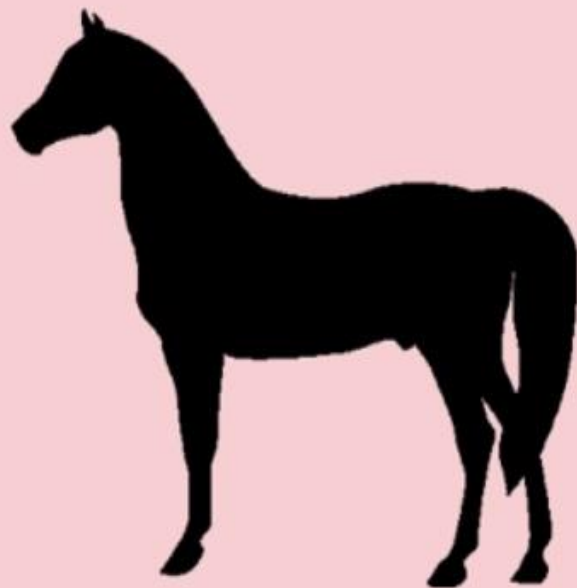
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- **DR121 Saddlery and Equipment:**
  - DR121.6: The upper cheek of a hanging cheek (baucher) snaffle (measured from the top of the mouthpiece to the top of the upper cheek) may not exceed seven centimeters.
  - DR121.19: All competitors must complete check-in at the show office and receive a show number, before schooling or riding on the show grounds. Failure to check in at the show office prior to schooling will result in the issuance of a Warning Card.

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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

## July

01/02  
08/09  
12/13/14 Dressage at Lexington – Lexington, VA  
VADA/NOVA Summer – Leesburg, VA  
13/14 Rise 'n Shine - Pinehurst, NC  
20/21 Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA  
27/28 Raleigh Summer Dressage I & II – Raleigh, NC

## August

03/04 Early Morning Blues – Pinehurst, NC  
10/11 Tryon Fall Dressage 3 & 4 – Mill Spring, NC  
17/18  
24/25 VADA/NOVA Summer Wind down I & II – Leesburg, VA  
30/01 NCDCTA Labor of Love I  
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst, NC

## September

30/01 NCDCTA Labor of Love II  
Cool Down Dressage – Pinehurst, NC  
07/08 ??VADAF Dressage at Rosemont I & II – Spotsylvania, VA  
Whispering Miracles Dressage I & II – Va. Beach, VA



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 ✨



#### **VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12-6-23 VIA ZOOM**

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Nancy Lowey (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Muffin Smith (SWVADA), Diann Carpenter (NOVA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Sandy Johnson-Toby (SE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Anna Fox (Fred'burg), and members Diane Boyd and Rachel Rice

**Minutes:** The minutes from the November meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$204,000. We don't have the final numbers from GAIGs or any banquet expenses yet but the balance indicates we had a very successful show and that even with the loss from DAL, we will end the year in good shape.

**Membership Report:** Sheli doesn't have our final year end number yet. Note for chapters- please remind your members to join well in advance of their first show as there is a time lag between the date you join and when it finally gets to USDF.

**2024 Clinic:** Sheli brought up that the Youth Clinic we discussed at the last meeting is more tailored to FEI riders and doesn't serve the broad spectrum of our membership. She made the motion that in lieu of a clinic in 2024, we extend the additional \$400 for chapter grant article submissions by the chapters. Nancy Lowey seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. We will try to make it an online process for fluidity. We will proceed with a Lilo Fore clinic at Morven Park on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.

**Year End Banquet:** The date is Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Greencroft Club in Charlottesville. Nancy Doody continues to update membership on the deadlines via eblast. We are continuing with the same online procedures for checking year end award results. The review period is December 6<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup> and any discrepancies should be sent to Joanne Collins. Once the list has been finalized, an email blast will be sent to the winners notifying them to go online and choose their awards. The volunteer hours for VIP will be online this year as well with Rachel Rice coordinating. Please encourage your chapter members to contribute to the silent auction.



**Gafford Award:** Laura Nelson is collecting the nominations and will send out a document with the submissions to the Chapters. Chapters then vote and send their choice back to Laura by January 19<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be recognized at the Awards Banquet.

**2025 Election Committee:** Nancy Lowey and Laura Nelson are soliciting nominations for the board positions. Please contact them if you are interested. The election will be held during the January board meeting.

**USDF Convention Takeaways:** Jessie, Sheli and Tina gave highlights of the various educational seminars and were very impressed and the quality of the speakers, most of whom were USDF members. Tina also spoke about the Safe Sport seminar, and we'll be discussing what the club should be doing proactively at a later date.

**New Business:** Congratulations to our members who were recognized at the USDF Banquet:

Sheli King- Region 1 GMO Volunteer of the Year

Jessie Ginsburg – Jessie earned her USDF Gold Medal, Gold Bar AND the Diamond Achievement Award

Nancy Doody- Region 1 GMO Website Award for best overall layout and design for a GMO with over 500 members.

As you have your elections for 2025 officers, please make sure you send Alison Douglas the chapter reps, website/newsletter chair and President.

Alison also needs the chapter's picks for VADA Vol of the Year for their Chapter.

**Chapter Updates: PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE SENDING INFO TO NANCY DOODY FOR THE WEBSITE. It's free advertising for any shows and clinics you're holding.**

**Central-** Year end awards banquet will be January 28<sup>th</sup> in Glen Allen. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

**Charlottesville-** Year end awards banquet will be February 18<sup>th</sup> at Michie Tavern.

**Fredericksburg** – Year end awards banquet will be January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 Bears & A Goat Brewing Co.

**NEVADA** –

**NOVA** – Judges round table with Lisa Schmidt on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.

**ShenVADA** –

**SVDA-** Year end awards banquet will be January 27<sup>th</sup> at Airfield 4-H Conference Center.

**SWVADA-** March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the VA Tech Arena, they are holding a working equitation clinic with Holly Linz that is open to the public. March 3<sup>rd</sup> is their banquet.

**NEXT MEETING Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> 8 pm**

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas