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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



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Show season is upon us! **Here are a few rule changes to keep in mind for licensed shows:**

- You must check in at the show office to get your number prior to mounting. (Some places will put cleared entry packets at your stall.) The point being, ensure your entry is clear before riding.
- Ring stewards are back to checking equipment for 1/3 of each class (except bits). It's helpful, when you complete your test, to glance at the Steward to see if they need you before you head back to the barn.
- Your friendly TDs will be inspecting bits and bridles for at least 50% of all competitors. Be ready to present bridles as we walk through the barns or perhaps at ringside after your test. We are checking for legal equipment, don't panic if your bridle isn't spotless!
- Barns will have minimal lighting for at least 6 hours overnight. Bring a flashlight/headlight if needed.
- Yes French links are still illegal, sorry about that and don't shoot the messenger
- The upper cheeks of bauchers can now be 7 cm (remember I told you not to throw those away!)
- An easy way to find rule changes is to download the USEF Rulebook App and read through General and Dressage Chapters. Any changes or additions are in red.

Happy showing and I look forward to seeing you!
Robyn





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SVDA 2024 Calendar

Schooling Show Schedule

Date	Location	Judge	Open	Close
03/24/24	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Donna Gatchell 'L'*	02/26/24	03/11/24
04/21/24	Seahorse Run	Sandy Toby 'L' *	03/25/24	04/08/24
05/19/24	River Birch Farm	Margetet Little 'r'	04/22/24	05/06/24
06/23/24	TBA	Robyn Nunnally 'L',**	05/27/24	06/10/24
07/07/24	Peace Haven Farm	Jane Kelly "L"	06/10/24	06/24/24
07/28/24	Seahorse Run	Kat Sepka 'L'	07/01/24	07/15/24
08/25/24	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Annmari Ingersoll 'L'*	07/29/24	08/12/24
09/29/24	River Birch Farm	Elise Enoch 'L'*	08/26/24	09/16/24
10/27/24	SVDA Championship Show Wakefield 4H Center	TBA TBA TBA	@C @B Ring 2	09/30/24 10/14/24

Sanctioned schooling shows

Crescent Bay Pony club held at Northwest River Park

03/14/24
 06/16/24
 08/18/24
 10/20/24

Licensed Show 2023

3/05.06/24 **Raleigh Winter Dressage**, Raleigh NC
 4/01-02/24 **March Magic Dressage**, Raeford, NC

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2-22-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Angie Stanaway (NE); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sandy Monolo (NE); Katie Kelly (SWVADA), Anne Draine (NEVADA); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Karen Rice (Fred'burg), Jane Palmer (ShenVADA); Christina Arrington (Central); Rachel Rice (NOVA) and special guests Kathy Rowse, Renee O'Leary and Becky Buehren

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

L Program: Kathy Rowse and Renee O'Leary gave an overview of their proposal that we host a L Program with session A tentative dates of December 14-15 2024 and Debbie Rodriguez as the clinician. Session B tentative dates of February 8-9, 2025, and Lisa Schmidt as the clinician. Session C tentative dates of March 22-23, 2025, with Kathy Rowse as the clinician. The sessions will be held at Renee's Old Raptor Farm. Kat Sepka would be the organizer. Renee's expressed concerns that we would have enough interest from our members. Nancy Doody will send out a survey to the membership to gauge interest with the range of costs for the three sessions. Hotel recommendations, volunteers and demo riders needed were all discussed. Sheli made the motion to approve the proposal with VADA as the official GMO. Rachel seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are approximately \$185,000. This includes all the expenses from the banquet, insurance renewal and the ribbon order for the year. Jessie submitted the financial report from the awards banquet, showing a net expense of \$6800. Our goal for the banquet is that reservation and silent auction income offsets the cost of the facility which it did.

Reservation Income	\$ 3,232.00
Silent Auction Income	\$ 2,743.00
Total income	\$ 5,975.00
Facility Expense	\$ 4,299.51
VIP Expense	\$ 1,659.56
Special Recognitions	\$ 1,878.00
Ribbons Expense	\$ 1,608.42
Awards Expense	\$ 3,145.64
Misc Expenses	\$ 176.71
Total Expenses	\$12,767.84

Membership Report: Sheli reported we currently have 227 members currently with USDF however, Beth has more to submit.

Year End Banquet: Nancy Doody thanked the committee and folks who contributed to the silent auction. Jessie would like any chapter feedback.

Discussion on possible use of the USDF GAIG Grant: Tina spoke to the fact that we receive two grants- \$1000 for hosting, and then another \$1000 after a successful show. She proposed that we use the \$2000 in a way to thank Region 1 for their support of the show and suggested that the Region 1 logo could use an update. There is currently a logo contest so covering the cost of a new logo design might not be needed and the board discussed other ways we could market Region 1. The idea of having some type of giveaway at the next USDF convention was suggested. Tina made a motion, seconded by Jessie, that we earmark the \$2000 for a new logo design (to the extent needed) and any surplus funds be used for a Region 1 giveaway at the convention. The motion passed unanimously.

Purple Book: The majority of the information that was in the Purple Book is now on our website. What is not out there is membership information. The board discussed that the next logical step is to have a meeting with the membership chairs of the chapters to get their input as to the best way and timing to have them submit information that could be found on the website in some sort of password protected mode so that only members have access.

Chapter Grants: Sheli is working on an online form submission process. The board also discussed the current requirements regarding types of activities. Currently, it's very clinic oriented. Sheli will submit a proposal regarding the types of activities we feel the grant should cover and present it to the board at the next meeting.

New Business: Alison brought up the Conflict of Interest form that all board members should be submitting annually and she will be sending one out for the current year.

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- Decades of Dressage Fun Schooling Show March 23rd at Keystone Acres in Chesterfield with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Michael Bragdell clinic April 13-14 at Old Raptor Farm. The two-day licensed show April 27-28, 2024, will be held at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot.

Charlottesville- Hannah Pierucci Schmidt Clinic March 23-24 at Grayson Farm in Scottsville. Longing clinic with Bruno Greber April 13th. The Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial two-day licensed show June 15-16, will be held in Culpepper.

Fredericksburg –

NEVADA –

NOVA – Scribing clinic March 14-17, March 17th Schooling Show at Morven Park, April 6-7 Spring Dressage Competition, May 9-10 Debbie Rodriguez clinic at Windswept Farm, June 8-9 Summer Dressage Show at Morven Park, Aug 3rd schooling show at Morven Park

ShenVADA –

SVDA- Schooling show March 24th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Donna Gatchell judging, April 21st at Seahorse Run with Sandy Toby judging, May 19th at River Birch Farm with Margaret Little judging, June 23rd location tbd with Robyn Nunnally judging, July 7th at Peace Haven Farm with Jane Kelly judging, July 28th at Seahorse Run with Kat Sepka judging, August 25th at Kelly Coyne Dressage with Annmari Ingersoll judging, Sept 29th at River Birch Farm with Elise Enoch judging.

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

NEXT MEETING Wednesday March 27th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted by Alison Douglas

Old Mill Dressage



Suffolk, VA

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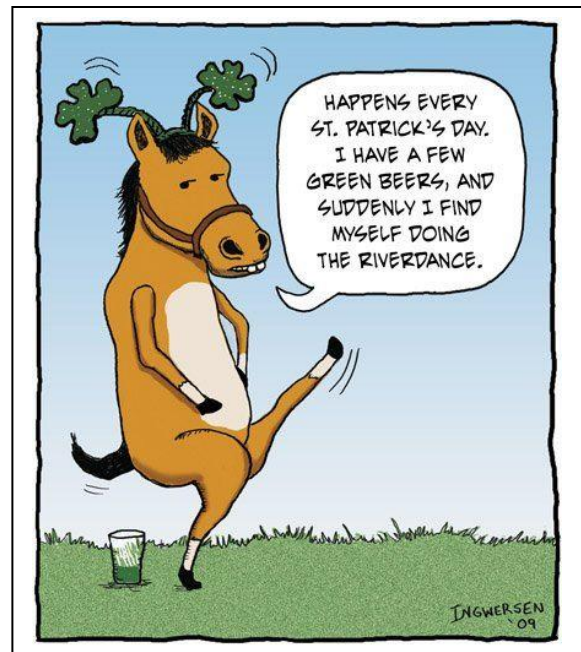
Sandy Toby

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We now have an online shop for SVDA logo items:

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

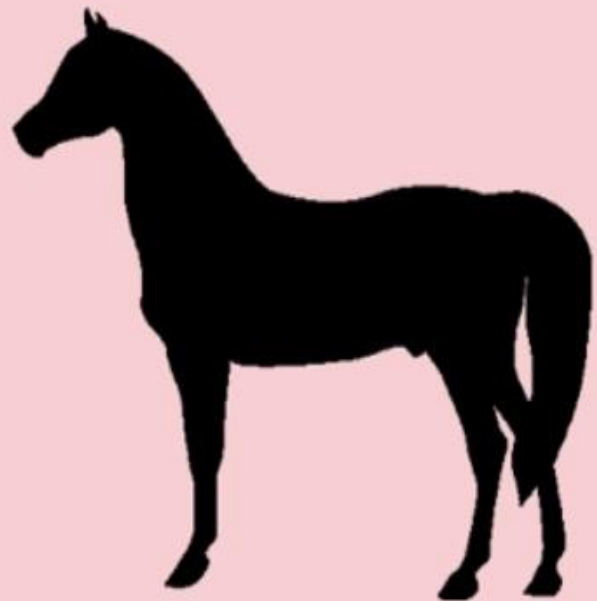
You can place orders directly to the shop, pay, and items will ship right to you

Don't forget 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 cannot 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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Licensed Show schedule for 2024

Dates as of Dec. 31, 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

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
14/15 *Tryon Fall Dressage 1 & 2 – Mill Spring, NC
NCDCTA Harvest Moon Dressage – Reaford, NC
21/22
28/29

October

05/06
10/13 Great American Insurance Group – Lexington, VA
19/20
26/27

November

01/03 NCDCTA Autumn Leaves & 2024 NCDCTA
Championship – Reaford, NC



VADA show Schedule

March

2024 March Schooling Show at Morven Park

VADA/Nova

17 March 2023

Morven Park Equestrian Center. Leesburg, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

24 March 2024

Kelly Coyne Dressage, Virginia Beach

VADA-CH

Hannah Pierucci Schmidt Clinic

23 & 24 March 2024

Grayson Farm, Scottsville, VA

April

Spring Dressage Competiton Licensed Show

VADA/NOVA

6 & 7 April 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center, Leesburg. VA

VADACC & Old Raptor Farm Proudly

Welcome Michael Bragdell

13 & 14 April 2024

Old Raptor Farm

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

14 April 2024

Edgehill Stables

551 Edgehill Lane, Aylett, Va

SVDA Schooling Show

21 April 2024

Seahorse Run Farm, Suffolk, VA

VADA-Central

Dressage at Deep Run,

Deep Run Show Grounds

Dressage at Deep Run I

27 April 2024

Manakin-Sabot

Dressage at Deep Run II

28 April 2024

May

Midweek May Meet Licensed Show

8 May 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center,

Leesburg, VA

Debbie Rodriguez Clinic at Windswept Farm

VADA/NOVA

9 & 10 May 2024

Windswept Farm

Waterford, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

19 May 2024

River Birch Farm Equestrian Center

Courtland, VA

Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI 3*

16-19 May 2024

Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

June

Northeast VADA Schooling Shows

9 June 2024

Edgehill Stables, Aylett, Va

Summer Dressage Licensed Show at Morven Park

VADA/NOVA

8 & 9 June 2024

Morven Park Equestrian Center,

Leesburg, VA

VADA-CH

Isabel F. de Szinay Memorial Dressage Show

USDFBCS Qualifying Competition

15-16 June 2024

HITS. Culpeper, VA

SVDA Schooling Show

23 June 2024

Location: TBA