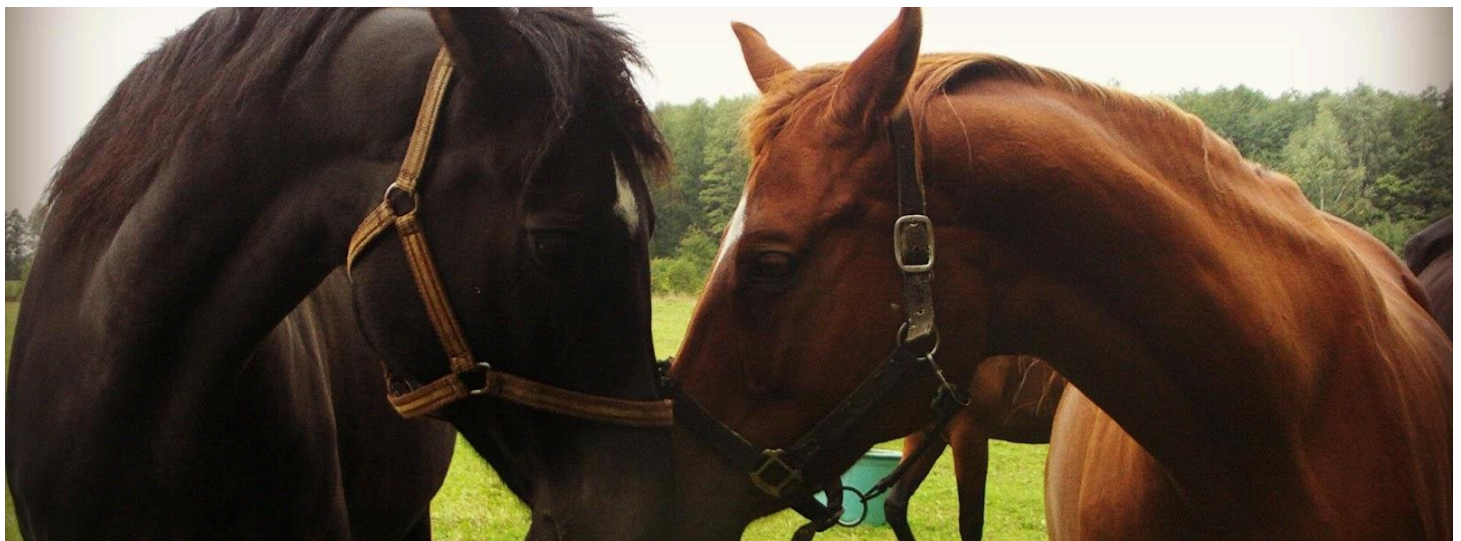


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2025 Rates:

Senior Member \$57

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(Farm/Family includes two members - additional members can be added at \$50 each-maximum four members)

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NEWS FROM VADA:

Lilo Fore Clinic: Will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. There will be a min 8 riders max 10. Riders Interested will submit an application that includes a video of a test at the level they are riding. We hope to get representation through the levels among the different chapters. The clinic will be auditor oriented. The price for auditors will be the same for VADA and Region 1 GMO members. We need volunteers to help run. Lilo has agreed to do a judges education session on Friday afternoon. It will be open to L grads, L candidates, and licensed judges as participants but will also be open to members to audit. L Program. For more information please visit: virginiadressage.org

Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival and Lexington CDI3*
15-18 May 2025
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

Dressage at Lexington
11-13 July 2025
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Reg 1 Championships and VADA Fall Show
2-5 October 2025
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

2025 US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan®
30 October – 2 November 2025
World Equestrian Center (WEC) Wilmington, OH

Biomechanics Clinic with Stacy Pattison
11-13 April 2025
Old Raptor Farm, Louisa, VA

George Williams Clinic
26-27 July 2025
Stave Mill Farm, Esmont, VA

Weekend with Lauren Sprieser
25-26 October 2025
Old Raptor Farm, Louisa, VA

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS:

SVDA Volunteer of the Day Program

In addition to receiving volunteer hours for volunteering at a show, SVDA is implementing a Volunteer of the Day program at schooling shows. All volunteers' names will be placed in a hat (one time for half day volunteers, two times for whole day volunteers) and one name will be randomly drawn. The winner can select their choice from a variety of gifts and gift cards, each with a \$25 value. Available choices are gift cards from Chick-fil-A, Wawa, Starbucks, SmartPak, Sugar Shack at the Mingle, and a gift bag from Cypress Saddlery. At the first 3 shows, we also have vouchers for free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches for some randomly selected volunteers.

SVDA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Each year, SVDA members are eligible to apply for Scholarship and Foundation funds to further their advancement in dressage.

The SVDA Board of Directors votes on the applications received and can award up to two (2) Scholarships in the amount of \$400. If less than two (2) scholarships are given out in one (1) year, or there are additional funds, the Board may vote to give out additional scholarships that year.

See website for eligibility requirements or contact for details:

Whitney Kelso, Scholarship Chair
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<https://southeastvirginiadressage.org/wp/ii/scholarship-program/>

SVDA 2025 SHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

SHOW DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	LOCATION	JUDGE
3-23-25	2-24-25	3-13-25	Kelly Coyne Dressage	Margaret Little, "r" Judge
4-13-25	3-17-25	4-04-25	Seahorse Run	Donna Gatchel, L Grad w/ Distinction
5-11-25	4-07-25	4-25-25	Gryphon Run	Kat Sepka, L Graduate
5-25-25	4-28-25	5-16-25	Seahorse Run	Elise Enoch, L Graduate
6-22-25	5-26-25	6-23-25	White Acre Farm	Wanda Escobar
8-24-25	7-28-25	8-15-25	Kelly Coyn Dressage	Robyn Nunnally, L Grad with Distinction & USEF WD "R" Judge
9-21-25	9-01-25	9-12-25	River Birch Farm	Sandy Toby, L Graduate with Distinction
CHAMPIONSHIP				
10-26-25	9-29-25	10-17-25	Wakefield	tbd
11-25-25	10-27-15	11-07-25	White Acre Farm	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad with Distinction

Locations and Judges to be determined, check website for updates

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2025 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

March 1-2 Raleigh Winter Dressage, Raleigh NC
March 29-30 March Magic Dressage, Raeford, NC
April 19-20 Primetime Dressage – Raeford, NC
April 26-17 Dressage at the Deep Run - Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 15-16 Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & Lexington CDI, Lexington, VA
May 31-June 1 Whispering Miracles Dressage by the Beach, Virginia Beach, VA
July 11-13 Dressage at Lexington - Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
Oct 2- 5 GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA
See USDF website for full schedule of shows - Region 1 - www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp

IMPORTANT SHOW REMINDER:

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. Please upload at time of show entry or upload at: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form1/index.html>

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 12-19-24 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Anne Draine (NE); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Anna Simmons (F'burg); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Katie Kelly (SWVADA) and members Dianne Boyd and Nancy Lowey.

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

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that the combined balances are 2565K, which includes all the income from the L program and some of the expenses, but not all of them. The estimated final income from the GAIG will be approximately \$45K, with \$267K in income and \$220K in expenses.

Membership Report: For the 2025 year, we have 105 memberships submitted. Chapters- please remind your members that the membership year starts December 1 st and chapter coordinators please send your membership lists to Beth Ripple and Nancy Doody in a timely manner.

Year End Awards Banquet: Nancy Doody reported that the final awards for riders to review are on the website with the 22 nd the deadline to choose prizes. She asks that people refresh their browsers to get the latest information.

Lilo Fore Clinic: It will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. There will be a min 8 riders max 10. Riders interested will submit an application that includes a video of a test at the level they are riding. The application will be live January 1 st on the website with a due date of February 15 th for submissions. The rider selection will be announced around the middle of March. Nancy Doody will be tracking auditors.

L Program: Sheli thanks Kat for doing an amazing job as the first session went exceptionally well.

Winter Zoom Education Session: Rachel will be putting together a lecture by Gwen Ka'awaloa focused on providing first aid with items typically already available at your barn.

USDF Convention: There were several excellent educational presentations including "You Be the Judge" with Janet Foy and Mike Osinki, Rider Biomechanics with Joan Darnell, and a discussion on the future of the sport with Eliza Sydnor Room, Reese Koffler Stanfield and George Williams. The "You be the Judge" session was a preview of an on-line training program that will soon be available to judges and riders. This was George William's last convention as president. He is succeeded by Kevin Reinig. Tina reminded everyone that finals will be a week earlier in 2025 to be held at the World Equestrian Center in Ohio.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: Sheli talked about what we at VADA would like to adopt as policy at the Region 1 meeting and they were very receptive. She was asked to come up with a plan for our rollout as a GMO and what we will require chapters to adopt. Sheli presented the following motion to the VADA board on our call:

That the VADA pass as a standing rule a VADA Safe Sport Policy containing the following requirements:

- The VADA and all of its Chapters shall adopt the USEF/US Center for SafeSport Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAP) and post these policies in prominent locations, including the club's website and/or Facebook page and by displaying MAAP posters at all club sponsored activities and events.
- That all VADA and Chapter members who can reasonably be expected to come into contact with a minor take the USEF/US Center for SafeSport Safe Sport training on an annual basis. If any individual who is identified as needing training is not a USEF member, the VADA will reimburse such individual the cost of a USEF Subscribing membership upon submission of proof that they have successfully completed the required SafeSport Training.

Anne Draine seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Implementation and rollout plans will be formulated over the next several months.

New Business: Sheli reminds us that the USDF convention will be back in KY for 2025 to be held the week after Thanksgiving.

Nancy Lowey and Laura Nelson have graciously agreed to be the nominating committee for the 2025 election of officers. Please send nominations to them by January 10 th . As a reminder to chapters, board reps should be chosen by December 31 st . The election results will be announced at our next meeting. Chapters will be receiving the slate of nominations for the Shel Gafford Memorial Award shortly with their vote due back by January 15 th .

Nancy Doody also wants to remind the chapter membership chairs to continue to send her new member information so she can add them to the directory.

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- Annual banquet January 19 th .

Charlottesville- Biomechanics and riding unmounted clinic with Stacy Pattison April 11-13 2025 at Old Raptor Farm
 Lauren Sprieser clinic May 24-25 2025 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg -

NEVADA - Annual banquet January 26 th .

NOVA - Annual Judges' Roundtable with Lisa Schmidt (S) at Ida Lee Rec Center in Leesburg February 17 th , Annual member and volunteer party February 23 rd 2 day schooling show at Morven Park March 15-16 2025, Spring Licensed Show April 5-6 2025, Midweek May Meet Licensed Show May 7 2025

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SWVADA- Annual banquet February 8 th Educational Sunday February 23 2025 at VT.

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<35	X	medium	heavy + neck cover
<25	X or medium	heavy	heavy + sheet or liner + neck cover
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