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2025 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: If you have not already done so, please plan to renew your membership. Membership period is January 1 - December 31. You can renew and pay online:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form2/index.html>.

2025 Rates:

Senior Member \$57

Youth Member (21 and under) \$47

Farm/Family Membership \$110

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

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

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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/scholarship-program/>



SVDA 2025 SCHOOLING 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 w/ Distinction
5-25-25	4-28-25	5-16-25	Seahorse Run	Elise Enoch, L Graduate w/ Distinction
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

ENTER ONLINE: <https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/q6gtyzijfb/index.html>

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

UPCOMING SANCTIONED SHOWS

CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB	AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER	AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER	CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB
MAY 18, 2025	MAY 17-18, 2025	JUNE 6-7, 2025	JULY 27, 2025
SHOW	SHOW	SHOW	SHOW
MANAGER/SECRETARY	MANAGER/SECRETARY	MANAGER/SECRETARY	MANAGER/SECRETARY
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			ENTRY FORM

SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA JOCKEY CLUB				March 24, 1955		
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VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3-04-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Christina Arrington (Central); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Sandy Toby (SVDA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Sheryl Wyatt (NEVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Katie Kelly (SWVADA)

Minutes: The minutes of the January meeting were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 225K. The financial report from the banquet was discussed. It was a net expense of 8K. The reservation and silent auction income were just shy of covering the facility expense which is always our goal.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 360 memberships submitted.

Lilo Fore Clinic: It will be held May 3-4 at Morven Park. The rider applications are on the website, and we are not looking at the applications until the closing date to get proper representation between levels and chapters. The application deadline has been extended to March 15th. We currently have 12 applications of varying levels, but they are all from NOVA or C'ville chapters, so we'd love to have more of a representation of all chapters. We have a fair number of auditors signed up and the Friday judges session is filling. We need volunteers- need someone for Friday from 2-8 and then also someone for all day Sunday. Anyone interested please contact Sheli.

Zoom Education Session: Rachel is hoping to put together a lecture by Gwen Ka'awaloa focused on providing first aid with items typically already available at your barn. She will provide more information when she has an update.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: We have a committee made up of a representative from each chapter. Sheli will be scheduling a meeting. There are two parts - the chapters' adoption of MAAP which they should start discussing how to implement, and the requirement for all VADA members who are involved in activities where they can reasonably be expected to come into contact with minors to take safe sport training. The committee will look at how this requirement can be implemented and tracked and what kind of guidance VADA can provide to its chapters.

Donation to the VHC: Sheli asked for input from them and at the \$20K level were improvements to the show office. The board discussed the amount and the fact that we have not donated since 2020. We took into consideration that a donation of 20K this year would be the same as having donated 5K per year for the last four years. Jessie made a motion to make the \$20K donation earmarked for show office improvements, it was seconded by Tina and passed unanimously.

GAIG/DAL Update: Dianne via email reported that officials are hired, and hotels are in place. We are hosting three judges apprentice programs. We will have a small R at DAL and a R apprentice and L testing at GAIGs.

New Business: Laura Nelson brought up that they have two club members who compete and are blind. They rely on the living letters around the ring which currently number 12. She heard of a proposed rule change that would take that down to four. Sheli asked Laura to send her the information she had, and she'd look into it.

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- 2 one day licensed shows April 26-27 at Deep Run in Manakin-Sabot. June 21st Donna Gatchell clinic at Old Raptor Farm, August 2nd Horsemanship clinic with Christina Bailey at Glamorgan Farm in Doswell

Charlottesville- Biomechanics and riding unmounted clinic with Stacy Pattison April 11-13 at Old Raptor Farm - George Williams Clinic July 26-27 at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont-Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 24-25 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg - Debbie Rodriguez clinic March 19th at Hillcrest, Stacy Pattison clinic June 7 at Hillcrest, Licensed show September 6-7 at Rose Mount

NEVADA - 2025 Schooling Show dates: Sunday April 13 (Judge April Rivers) Sunday May 11 (Judge Jeslyn Vaughn) Sunday June 15 (Judge tbd) Sunday July 20 (Judge tbd) Sunday August 10 (Judge tbd) Sunday Sept 21 (Judge tbd) Wednesday Oct 1st at the State Fair (Judge AnnMari Ingersoll) Sunday Oct 19 (Judge tbd) Sunday Nov 2 (Judge tbd)

NOVA – 2-day schooling show at Morven Park March 15-16, Spring Licensed Show April 5-6, Midweek May Meet Licensed Show May 7, June 7-8 Summer Dressage Festival Licensed Show, August 3 schooling show, August 23-24 two one day licensed shows

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: March 23 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (Judge Margaret Little) April 13 at Seahorse Run (Judge Donna Gatchell) May 11 at Gryphon Run (Judge Kat Sepka) May 25 at Seahorse Run (Judge Elise Enoch) June 22 at White Acre Farm (Judge Wanda Escobar) August 24 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (Judge Robyn Nunnally) Sept 21 at River Birch Farm (Judge Sandy Toby) Oct 26 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center – this is the Championship Show (Judge Kat Sepka, Elise Enoch & Robyn Nunnally) Nov 23 at White Acre Farm (Judge AnnaMari Ingersoll)

SWVADA- June 1 schooling show in conjunction with RVPC at Green Hill Equestrian Park, Oct 19 schooling show in conjunction with BREA at Green Hill Equestrian Park

NEXT MEETING Thursday April 24th at 8 pm

Respectfully submitted

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