

# Half-Halt

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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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## NEWS FROM VADA:

### Summer Dressage Festival Licensed Show

7-8 June 2025

Morven Park, Leesburg, VA

### Dressage at Lexington

11-13 July 2025

Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA

### Donna Gatchell Clinic

21 June 2025

Old Raptor Farm, Louisa 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

### 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  
horsegalwhit@gmail.com

<https://southeastvirginiadressage.org/wp/ii/scholarship-program/>

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## ***SVDA 2025 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:***

SHOW DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	LOCATION	JUDGE
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 <i>*CHAMPIONSHIP*</i>	9-01-25	9-12-25	River Birch Farm	Sandy Toby, L Graduate with Distinction
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/q6gtyzjfb/index.html>

## ***2025 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):***

June 6-7	Summertime Blues - Pinehurst Harness Track - Pinehurst, NC
June 21-22	HITS Commonwealth Park Dressage - Culpeper, VA
July 11-13	Dressage at Lexington - Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
July 12-13	Rise N Shine - Pinehurst Harness Track - Pinehurst, NC
July 26-27	Raleigh Summer Dressage, Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC
July 26-27	Whispering Miracles Summer Festival - Virginia Beach, VA
Aug 30-31	Cool Down Dressage - Pinehurst Harness Track - Pinehurst, NC
Sept 6-7	Dressage at Rose Mount Farm - Fredericksburg, VA
Sept 6-7	Whispering Miracles Dressage - Virginia Beach, VA
Sept 27-28	Pinehurst Fall Dressage - Pinehurst Harness Track - Pinehurst, NC
Oct 2- 5	GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA
See USDF website for full schedule of shows - Region 1 - <a href="http://www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp">www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp</a>	

## **UPCOMING SANCTIONED SHOWS**

### **AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER**

**JUNE 6-7, 2025**

SHOW  
MANAGER/SECRETARY  
Marie Taylor  
23034 Dabney Mill Road  
N. Dinwiddie, VA 23803  
804-314-5216

### **CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB**

**JULY 27, 2025**

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MANAGER/SECRETARY  
Sharon DeCant  
E-Mail:  
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**ENTRY FORM**

### **AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER**

**AUGUST 16-17, 2025**

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### **CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

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**ENTRY FORM**



SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION  
 May 25, 2025  
 Seahorse Run  
 2733 Whaleyville Blvd. Suffolk VA 23434  
 JUDGE: Elise Enoch L Graduate w/Distinction



(Score to the 3rd Decimal)

TIME	#	RIDER	HORSE	SCORE	%	PLACE
✓ 10:00	917	<b>SECOND LEVEL TEST 1</b> C. Elizabeth (AA)	Trinity Van Dream Gait	<u>208.5</u>	<u>59.57</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 10:08	355	<b>SECOND LEVEL TEST 3</b> Morgan Burton (AA)	JMA Starlight	<u>262.0</u>	<u>62.38</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 10:16	98	<b>WDAA LEVEL 2 TEST 1</b> Christine Metz (AA)	Pistol	<u>148.5</u>	<u>59.40</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 10:24	437	<b>FIRST LEVEL TEST 2</b> Ava Miller (JR)	Whispering Keepsake	<u>211.5</u>	<u>64.09</u>	<u>2</u>
✓ 10:32	150	Autumn Wiggs (JR)	Mr. Windsor	<u>214.5</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 10:40	917	<b>SECOND LEVEL TEST 2</b> C. Elizabeth (AA)	Trinity Van Dream Gait	<u>230.0</u>	<u>58.97</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 10:48	98	<b>WDAA LEVEL 2 TEST 3</b> Christine Metz (AA)	Pistol	<u>134.0</u>	<u>55.83</u>	<u>1</u>
10:56	437	<b>USDF MUSICAL FREESTYLE FIRST LEVEL</b> Ava Miller (JR)	Whispering Keepsake	<u>239.5</u>	<u>66.53</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 11:07	180	<b>FIRST LEVEL TEST 3</b> Laura Gladden (O)	Luna	<u>236.0</u>	<u>65.56</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 11:14	40	<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 1</b> Lily Phillips (JR)	Whisper the Secret	<u>151.0</u>	<u>58.08</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 11:21	13	Kristen Marple (AA)	Zephyr	<u>144.5</u>	<u>55.58</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>JUDGE'S BREAK 11:28-11:43</b>						
✓ 11:43	303	<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 2</b> Robyn Crow <del>(AA)</del> (O)	Blueridge Scarlet Reign	<u>185.0</u>	<u>63.79</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 11:51	40	Lily Phillips (JR)	Whisper the Secret	<u>170.5</u>	<u>58.79</u>	<u>1</u>
✓ 11:59	178	Mary Barczak (AA)	Spicy	<u>E</u>		
12:07	180	<b>TRAINING LEVEL TEST 3</b> Laura Gladden (O)	Luna	<u>168</u>	<u>67.20</u>	<u>1</u>
12:15	150	Autumn Wiggs (JR)	Mr. Windsor	<u>155.5</u>	<u>62.20</u>	<u>1</u>
12:23	68	<b>INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST C</b> Charlotte Ambrose (JR)	C'Est Cielo	<u>110.5</u>	<u>55.25</u>	<u>1</u>
12:31	13	Kristen Marple (AA)	Zephyr	<u>119.5</u>	<del>55.0000</del> <u>59.75</u>	<u>2</u>
12:39	14	Madisyn Hoggard (O)	Texas Toast	<del>115</del> <u>115</u>	<del>57.00</del> <u>57.50</u>	<u>1</u>
12:47	149	Deb Sweetman (AA)	State of the Art New Horizons	<u>123</u>	<u>61.50</u>	<u>1</u>
<del>12:53</del>	<del>21</del>	<b>INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST A</b> <del>Jane Piske (AA)</del>	<del>Traumalder</del>			
<del>12:59</del>	<del>178</del>	<b>INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST B</b> <del>Mary Barczak (AA)</del>	<del>Spicy</del>			
1:05	14	Madisyn Hoggard (O)	Texas Toast	<u>100</u>	<u>62.50</u>	
1:11	148	Deb Sweetman (AA)	State of the Art New Horizons	<u>101.5</u>	<u>63.43</u>	
1:17	21	Jane Piske (AA)	Traumalder			
1:23	68	Charlotte Ambrose (JR)	C'Est Cielo	<u>89</u>	<u>55.63</u>	

W END: 1:29

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