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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:

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

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

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

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



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/wpii/scholarship-program/>

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SVDA 2025 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

SHOW DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	LOCATION	JUDGE
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/q6gtyzijfb/index.html>

2025 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

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 - www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp

UPCOMING SANCTIONED SHOWS

CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB

JULY 27, 2025

SHOW
MANAGER/SECRETARY

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ENTRY FORM

AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER

AUGUST 16-17, 2025

SHOW MANAGER/SECRETARY

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CRESCENT BAY PONY CLUB

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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Please note: In accordance with Safe Sport guidelines, all Juniors should be accompanied to SVDA events by their parent or legal guardian. In cases where a parent or legal guardian cannot attend, the parent or legal guardian should complete and sign a waiver, which is available at www.southeastvirginiadressage.org

CONGRATULATIONS JUNIORS!

Congratulations to the RESERVE CHAMPIONS for the very competitive 14-18, Mixed Division at the Region 1 Youth Team Challenge! These girls showed up and were ready to ride this weekend...and they did not disappoint!!!

Mackenzie and Moe scored 4th overall in the 2nd level division with an average score of 62, with two very solid and well ridden tests! This team works incredibly hard at this very challenging level!

Eli and Rolo won the 1st level division with an average score of 71 for both days. Eli was also the 14-18 Champion in the very competitive Dressage Seat Equitation Class!

Ava and Keepsake placed 3rd overall in the 1st level division with an average of 69 for both days! She also placed 3rd in Musical Freestyle Face off with a score of 69 and was 5th overall in the 14-18 Dressage Seat Equitation Class.

McKinley and Hamilton had a tough day with the tents on Saturday but McKinley rode with grace and resilience and worked extra hard Saturday night to overcome the fear and then won the Training Level class on Sunday with a 70!

Thank you to [Elise Enoch](#) for coaching these girls this weekend! Thank you to SVDA for helping to send these girls to this show and helping to fund the expenses! Thank you to all the businesses and individuals that donated items to the Junior's Auction in January, which helped them to raise money for the weekend!



VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 6-25-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Tina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Christina Arrington (Central); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Lori LaFave (NOVA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Sheryl Wyatt (NEVADA); Megan Irby (F'burg); Katie Kelly (SWVADA) and member Dianne Boyd

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

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 233K. The balances are artificially high because we have DAL show deposits and no expenses. Jessie reminded the chapters that if you have applied for a chapter grant, and haven't received your funds, please contact her.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 501 memberships submitted.

VADA Safe Sport Initiative: No update until after the committee call on 6-26-25.

GAIG/DAL Update: Dianne reported that DAL closes July 01. We have sent out reminders to enter (Why you should come) in an effort to increase entries as well as reminders to sign up to volunteer with eblasts and Facebook. We are holding the only breed show in VA. The VHC has updated the ring letters as well as opened the café beside the Wylie arena. Saturday night there will be the competitor pizza party. We will also be doing breakfast carts. All the money classes have been sponsored!

Winter Zoom Education Session Update: The board is soliciting ideas from members. Please reach out to Sheli. Laura Nelson has an idea for a talk regarding ulcers which we will explore. We do need a volunteer to help coordinate.

Sponsorship of the NAYC Region 1 Team Update: The board has already authorized a donation of \$600 towards the jackets. Sheli has spoken to Debbie GelGiorno and the total cost of the jackets is \$800. She asked the board to consider increasing the donation to \$800 to fully sponsor the cost. Laura made the motion, Anne seconded it, and it passed unanimously.

GAIG Update: Sheli reported that we have been awarded the show for 2026. Dianne reported that the prize list for 2025 is out, and the hotels and judges are confirmed.

New Business: none

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- August 2nd Horsemanship clinic with Christina Bailey at Glamorgan Farm in Doswell, Clinic with Kathy Rowse Sept 20-21 at Saddlebrook Stables in Powhatan, Clinic with Bruno Greber Nov 8 at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan

Charlottesville- George Williams Clinic July 26-27 at Stave Mill Farm in Esmont-Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 24-25 at Old Raptor Farm

Fredericksburg – Licensed show September 6-7 at Rose Mount

NEVADA – Schooling Shows: Sunday August 10 (Judge tbd) Sunday Sept 21 (Judge tbd) Wednesday Oct 1 st at the State Fair (judged by AnnMari Ingersoll) Sunday Oct 19 (Judge tbd) Sunday Nov 2 (Judge tbd)

NOVA – August 3 schooling show, August 23-24 two one day licensed shows, November 1 Schooling show and championship

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: August 24 at Kelly Coyne Dressage (judged by Robyn Nunnally) Sept 21 at River Birch Farm (judged by Sandy Toby) Oct 26 at the Airfield 4-H Conference Center – this is the Championship Show (judged by Kat Sepka, Elise Enoch & Robyn Nunnally) Nov 23 at White Acre (judged by AnnaMari Ingersoll)



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