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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:

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

horsegalwhit@gmail.com

<https://southeastvirginiadressage.org/wpii/scholarship-program/>

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SIZE	RATES	
	MONTH	YEAR
Full page	\$15	\$150
Half page	\$10	\$100
Quarter page	\$7.50	\$75
Business card	\$ 5	\$50
Classified	\$ 5	\$50

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SVDA CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW - October 26, 2025 at Wakefield Airfield 4H Conference Center

Please contact Amanda Leahy for open volunteer positions: alleahy17@gmail.com



SVDA 2025 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:

SHOW DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	LOCATION	JUDGE
CHAMPIONSHIP				
10-26-25	9-29-25	10-17-25	Wakefield	Jane Kelly, L Grad with Distinction
11-23-25	10-27-15	11-07-25	White Acre Farm	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad with Distinction

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

UPCOMING SANCTIONED SHOWS

AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER	AIRFIELD 4-H CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 25, 2025	NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025
SHOW MANAGER/SECRETARY Marie Taylor 23034 Dabney Mill Road N. Dinwiddie, VA 23803 804-314-5216 dabneymill@aol.com SHOW ENTRIES LINK	SHOW MANAGER/SECRETARY Marie Taylor 23034 Dabney Mill Road N. Dinwiddie, VA 23803 804-314-5216 dabneymill@aol.com

Show information and entries on: <https://www.ringradar.com/>

**Beginning December 1, 2025,
no piece of equipment shall
be attached to a saddle that
has a rigid upward-pointing
projection, hook, or similar
object capable of catching a
rider's clothing or person
when dismounting,
including stirrups.**

USEF Rule Book,
GR 801.1



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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

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 9-03-25 VIA ZOOM

Participating: Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Alison Douglas (Central); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Muffin Smith (SWVADA); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Katie Kelly (SWVADA); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Lori LaFave (NOVA); Christina Arrington (Central) and member Dianne Boyd

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

Treasurer's Report: The combined balances are 264K. This is an inflated number as we have entry monies from GAIG coming in without the offset of expenses.

Membership Report: For the year 2025, we have 532 memberships submitted.

VADA Safe Sport Policy Update: Sheli shared the updated draft for the chapter SS reporting protocols. She asked Jessie to explain the thought process behind paragraph 2f of the protocol, which provides for VADA to reimburse the chapters a fee to cover the additional duties this program is imposing on them. Sheli asked the reps take the draft back to their chapters for feedback and to provide any feedback received at our next meeting so that the protocol can be finalized well before the effective date of 1/1/26.

DAL Update: Not everything is finalized but it looks like we made between 2 to 4K profit on the show. Big help was Nancy Doody getting the classes with prize money sponsored. The pizza party is also cost effective and popular.

GAIG Update: The show closes on September 8 th . We are expecting it to be the same size as last year, which means utilizing all 8 rings. Last year we had 1005 rides. There will be a pasta party for competitors, complete with gluten free options. Nancy Doody reported that we have 6 vendors as of now and she's got about 10K in product donations for prizes. Rachel has signup for volunteers up online and we still have a lot of opportunities. Chapters, please share on your Facebook pages. Tina mentioned that the last day to declare for US Finals is Wednesday October 1 st with entries closing on the 11th.

GM Representatives for USDF Convention: Based on our current membership, we have 2 spots for GMO delegates at this year's convention in Lexington, KY the first week in December. The protocol for filling these spots is asking the executive board, then the rest of the board members and then opening it up to members. We must have this completed by October 31 st . We will be donating a nice big gift basket this year as it doesn't have to be shipped.

Year End Award Committee: The date of the banquet is Sunday, February 1 st at the Greencroft Club. The committee's first meeting will be October 15th .

New Business:

Laura Nelson has agreed to handle the Shel Gafford nominations again this year. Chapters reps please discuss at your next board meetings and remind folks that you can nominate someone outside of your chapter. Nominations are due in the middle of December.

Nancy Doody would like to thank all the membership chairs who sent her the information she requested last time.

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- Clinic with Kathy Rowse Sept 20-21 at Saddlebrook Stables in Powhatan, Horseman ship clinic with Christina Bailey Oct 26 at Glamorgan in Doswell, Clinic with Bruno Greber Nov 8 at Oakdale Equestrian Center in Powhatan

Charlottesville- Lauren Sprieser clinic Oct 25-26 at Old Raptor Farm in Louisa

NEVADA – Schooling Shows: 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 – November 1 Schooling show and championship

SVDA- 2025 Schooling Show dates: 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 Farm (judged by AnnaMari Ingersoll)

SWVADA- Oct 19 schooling show in conjunction with BREA at Green Hill Equestrian Park

SCHOOLING SHOW SCORES - September 21, 2025 - River Birch Farm

SVDA Show September 21, 2025 Judge: Sandy Toby "r" Location: River Birch farm, 30470 Camp Pkwy, Courtland VA 23837				
Ride Time	Number	Rider	Horse name	Percentage Points Placing
Sport Horse In Hand				
10:00	680	✓ Abigail Davis	Shades of Gray	77.300 77.3 1
Third Level Test 3				
10:10	40	✓ Caroline Needham (O)	Mia	266.5 66.625 1
10:18	917	✓ Carina Cingman (AA)	Saga	244.5 61.125 2
Second Level Test 3				
10:26	71	Katherine Gardener (AA)	Home Run	260 61.904 1
Intro A				
10:34	355	Joy Pfister (AA)	Grayson	105 65.625 1
WDAA Intro Test 1				
10:40	178	Harriet Hall (AA)	Johnny Walker Red	144.5 65.681 1
Training Level Test 2				
10:47	14	Madison Hoggard	Hass	181.50 62.586 1
10:53	554	Mary Barczak	Spicy	178.0 61.379 3
11:00	149	Alexandria Bass	Hocus Pocus	181.0 62.413 2
WFS First Level				
10:54	917	Tiffany Rombs	Windchester	227 63.050 1
11:07				
WFS Second Level				
10:54	71	Katherin Gardener	Home Run	238.7 62.815 1
11:17				
Intro B				
11:21	355	Joy Pfister (AA)	Grayson	102.0 63.750 2
11:33	25	Jane Piske (AA)	Traumadler	107.5 67.815 1

11:23	149	Morgan Burton (AA)	Princess Celeste	95.000 61.250
WDAA Intro Test 2				
11:29	178	Harriet Hall (AA)	Johnny Walker Red	116.0 61.444 1
Training Level Test 3				
11:38	189	Caroline Needham (O)	JulieAnne	177.00 76.800 1
11:43	13	Paola Safford	Newboy	142.00 61.800 2
Training Level Test 1				
11:50	149	Alexandria Bass (AA)	Hocus Pocus	167 61.230 1
11:57	89	Kate Mason (O)	Grayson	144 55.85 2
12:04	437	Noelle Hill (O)	Angel's Shin-y Halo	163 62.885 1
12:11	515	Lucy Rohrer (AA)	Der Euro	146.5 56.346 2
Lunch Break 12:48-12:38				
12:35	1:05	Mary Barczak Spicy		176.5 60.862 1
WDAA Level 2 Test 1				
12:38	680	Christine Metz	Pistol	158 63.200 1
First Level Test 1				
12:45	189	Caroline Needham (O)	Julieanne	180.5 66.852 1
Intro C				
12:52	14	Madison Hoggard (O)	Texas Toast	125.5 62.150 1
12:59	25	Jane Piske (AA)	Traumadler	126.5 63.250 1
1:00	515	Lucy Rohrer (AA)	Der Euro	113 56.500 2
1:00	150	Lucy Rohrer (AA)	Southern Gentlemen	124 62.000 2
1:13	129	Maggie Hill (JR)	One Fox Lady	119 59.500 3
1:20	680	Amber Hill (JR)	Little Bonnie Foo Foo	117 58.500 3
1:27	40	Intro B Lucy Rohrer (O)	Nelad's Angelo	104 65.000 1
1:34	13	Paola Safford (AA)	Xirmirir	I E E
Intro TOC (Intro B)				
1:41	149	Morgan Burton	Princess Celeste	101.5 63.438
2:08				

Member Notice - Upcoming USEF changes:

Beginning December 1, 2025, administrative fees (formerly \$8) will increase to \$10. Show passes (formerly \$45) will increase to \$85.

Beginning April 1, 2026, the following fee changes will apply:

- Competing Membership Fee will increase from \$95 to \$115
- Subscriber Membership Fee will increase from \$25 to \$35
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