



# Half-Halt

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**2026 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>.

**2026 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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## **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](mailto:horsegalwhit@gmail.com)

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

## News from VADA:

Dressage at Lexington  
Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA  
July 10-12, 2026

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Reg 1  
Championships and VADA Fall Competition,  
Lexington VA

1-4 October 2026

"A Qualifying Competition for the 2026 US  
Dressage Finals presented by Adequan"

<https://www.viriniadressage.org/>

## 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
- Annual Horse Recording will increase from \$95 to \$115
- Lifetime Horse Recording will increase from \$300 to \$500
- Individual Lifetime Foal Recording will increase from \$35 to \$50

You can save on your competing membership by enrolling in a three-year membership for \$285

## UPCOMING SVDA EVENTS:

SVDA Spring Flower Power Fundraiser is underway: SVDA wants to welcome Spring with our Spring Flower Power Fundraiser for 2026! SVDA receives 50% of the proceeds of your purchases and will go to support clinics and events for our local dressage community! Place your order today! Check on FB and website homepage for link.



### Support the SVDA Juniors and Refine your Dressage Skills with Jane Kelly Dressage!

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Centerline Odyssey Farm in Moyock, NC.

45 Individual Lessons are \$100 each with small group lesson options available.

Proceeds will benefit the SVDA Junior Team.

Support the SVDA Juniors  
AND  
Refine your dressage  
skills with  
**Jane Kelly**  
Dressage  
45 minute  
individual lesson  
\$100

### ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS WITH SVDA (discount applies to annual agreement)

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

### SVDA FALL CLINIC WITH DONNA GATCHELL & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Sat-Sun, November 7 & 8 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Clinic Location, details and costs are forthcoming so mark your calendars!!



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

### LEARN ABOUT MAAP POLICIES



Safe Sport Training



Travel



One-On-One Interactions



Social Media & Electronic Communications



Read about these & more at [usef.org/MAAPP](http://usef.org/MAAPP)

### REPORT MAAPP POLICY VIOLATIONS



[usef.org/safe-sport/reporting](http://usef.org/safe-sport/reporting)

859-225-6915 or Text Anonymously 2USEF (28733)



**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](http://www.southeastvirginiadressage.org)

## **SVDA 2026 SCHOOLING SHOW SCHEDULE:**

Date	Facility	Location	Open	Close	Judge
4/12/2026	Weeping Oak Farm	Shawboro, NC	3/23/2026	4/3/2026	Elise Enoch, L Grad w/Distinction
5/24/2026	Harmonia Equestrian	Suffolk, VA	4/27/2026	5/15/2026	<i>Margaret Little, USEF R</i>
6/14/2026	White Acres Farm	Chesapeake, VA	5/18/2026	6/5/2026	Kat Sepka, L Grad w/Distinction
6/28/2026	Gryphon Run Farm	Chesapeake, VA	6/1/2026	6/19/2026	Donna Gatchell, L Grad w/Distinction & USEF "r"
8/30/2026	Seahorse Run	Suffolk, VA	8/3/2026	8/21/2026	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad w/Distinction
9/20/2026	RiverBirch	Courtland	8/24/2026	9/11/2026	Jane Kelly, L Grad w/Distinction
Championship TBD	TBD				

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

### **2026 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):**

March 28-29	March Magic Dressage, Raeford, NC
April 4	VADA/Nova Spring April - Leesburg, VA
April 17-19	Tryon Spring Dressage - Mill Spring, NC
April 18-19	Prime Time Dressage - Raeford, NC
April 25-26	Dressage at the Deep Run - Manakin-Sabot, VA
May 2-3	Tryon Spring Dressage - Mill Spring, NC
May 2-3	Whispering Miracles, Spring Opener, Virginia Beach, VA
May 5-8	Dressage in the Sandhills, Pinehurst, NC
May 14-17	Mid-Atlantic Dressage Festival & CDI3, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
May 23-24	Mayday Dressage, Pinehurst, NC
May 30-31	Whispering Miracles by the Beach, Virginia Beach, VA
June 20-21	HITS Commonwealth Park Dressage, Culpepper, VA
July 10-12	Dressage at Lexington, Virginia Horse Center, Lexington, VA
July 18-9	Whispering Miracles Summer Festival, Virginia Beach, VA
Oct 1-4	GAIG/Reg 1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA

Partial list - See USDF website for full schedule of shows - follow Region 1 - <https://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>

MARCH 25, 2026 - SCHOOLING SHOW - TEST RESULTS - KELLY COYNE DRESSAGE



SVDA March 15, 2026

Judge: Robyn Nunnally "L", USEF R (Western)

Location: Kelly Coyne Dressage

<u>Ride Time</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse name</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Placing</u>
<b><u>Sport Horse in Hand</u></b>						
9:00	• 13	Amanda Chaves	Tiniebla	73%	73.025	1
<b><u>Training Level Test 3 ROO</u></b>						
9:12	• 14	Margaret Broadhead (O)	Luxury D' Harduemont			
<b><u>4th level Test 1</u></b>						
9:19	189	Elise Enoch (O)	High Roller	Scratch		
<b><u>Training Level test 1 ROO</u></b>						
9:29	• 234	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	66.30%	172.500	
<b><u>Third Level Test 3</u></b>						
9:36	• 150	Diana Roberts (AA)	Marialva CAL	64.40%	257.500	1
<b><u>Training level Test 3</u></b>						
9:41	• 41	Paola Safford (AA)	Xirimiri AA	62.80%	157.000	2
9:48	• 65	Suzanne Albee (AA)	Cortez	70.20%	175.500	1
9:55	• 355	Aline Matz (AA)	No Diggity	60.20%	130.500	3
ROO	14	Margaret Broadhead (O)	Luxury D' Harduemont	68.80%	172.00	1
<b><u>Intro A</u></b>						
10:02	89	Kate Knick (O)	Resilience	68.30%	106.000	1
10:09	66	Carolina Needham (O)	Nate	60.00%	96.000	2
10:16	• 574	Nancy Jones (AA)	Our Boy KC	62.80%	100.500	1
10:23	• 505	Morgan Burton (AA)	Princess Celestia	Scratch		
10:30	• 561	Tessa Ewing (AA)	Famley Hyperion	62.500	100.00	2
10:37	917	Sandra Baker (AA)	Crown Royalty	Scratch		
10:44	• 72	Chirstian Harder (JR)	Ringaroundthemoon	67.50%	108.000	1
<b><u>First Level Test 1</u></b>						

### First Level Test 1

10:52	58	Bethany Nichols (O)	MSF Quantum Royale	64.60%	174.500	2
10:59	149	Elise Enoch (O)	Docs Smart wood	65.40%	176.500	1

### Judge's Break 11:06-11:21

### First Level Test 3

11:21	71	Charolette Evans (JR)	Saga	74.60%	268.500	1
11:28	355	Aline Matz (AA)	No Diggity	58.30%	210.000	1
11:35	149	Elise Enoch (O)	Docs Smart wood	65.70%	236.500	1

### Training Level Test 2 ROO

11:42	234	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	66.60%	193.00	
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### Intro B

11:49	89	Kate Knick (O)	Resilience	63.10%	101.000	2
11:56	66	Caroline Needham (O)	Nate	59.70%	95.500	3
12:03	3	Charlene Jensen (AA)	Qredit Report	61.60%	98.500	3
12:10	505	Morgan Burton (AA)	Princess Celestia	67.20%	108.500	1
12:17	574	Nancy Jones (AA)	Our Boy KC	63.10%	101.000	2
12:24	51	Charlotte Ambrose (3r)	C'est Cielo	65.90%	105.500	3
12:31	525	Lyla Rose Irwin (JR)	Bet I Can	64.70%	103.500	4
12:38	72	Christian Harder (JR)	Ringaroundthemoon	66.70%	106.000	2
12:45	46	Holly Holbrook (O)	Sky Dance SSF	66.90%	107.000	1
12:52	503	Mackenzie Gilliam (JR)	Souper Warrior	58.10%	93.000	5
12:59	55	Amelia Smith (JR)	Dunedin LB Ironman	66.90%	107.00	1

### Second Level Test 1

1:06	572	Carina Clingman (O)	Tiny Dancer	68.40%	239.500	1
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### Intro C

1:13	46	Holly Holbrook (O)	Sky Dance SSF	65.30%	130.500	1
1:20	51	Charlotte Ambrose (JR)	C'est Cielo	62.30%	124.500	3
1:27	55	Amelia Smith (JR)	Dunedin LB Ironman	67.50%	135.000	1
1:34	503	Mackenzie Gilliam (JR)	Souper Warrior	58.00%	116.000	4
1:41	49	Adelaide Smith (JR)	Drama Key	65.30%	130.000	2
1:48	3	Charlene Jensen (AA)	Qredit Report COF	64.30%	128.500	1

Judge's Lunch Break 1:55-2:25

**Training Level Test 3**

2:25	62	Kim Epperson	Neapolitano Kulpa	70.20% 175.50	1
	50	Demity L	Aria	62.00% 155.00	2

**Training Level Test 1**

ROO		Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	66.30% 172.500	1
2:32	555	Catherine Maffet (AA)	Sultan	71.90% 187.000	2
2:39	50	emity Lautenschlager (A)	Aria		-
2:46	48	Lauren Auten (AA)	FGF Aiken Prep	68.70% 178.500	3
2:52	49	Adelaide Smith (JR)	Drama Key	65.20% 169.500	1
2:59	572	Nicole Dye (JR)	One Foxy Lady	Eliminated	-
3:06	57	Lila Oliver (JR)	Stay in Your Lane	59.40% 154.500	2
3:13	56	Sophie Malone (JR)	Roxy	Elimination	-

**Training Level Test 2**

ROO		Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	66.60% 193.000	1
3:20	50	Demity Lautenschlager (A)	Aria	64.70% 187.500	2
3:27	48	Lauren Auten (AA)	FGF Aiken Prep	66.40% 192.500	1
3:34	697	Caroline Wetherington (JR)	Stay in Your Lane	64.30% 187.00	2
3:41	56	Sophie Malone (JR)	Roxy	Scratch	-
3:48	525	Dakoda Almich (JR)	One Foxy Lady	66.00% 191.500	1



**SVDA Board Meeting  
11 January 2026 @ 2:00 pm  
Secretary Minutes**

**Call to order by Cookie at 2:00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

P	Cookie Parsons	P	Beth Ripple	P	Deb Sweetman	P	Shari Cutchins	P	Paola Safford
P	Amanda Britton	A	Lora Gibson	P	Demity Lautenschlager	P	Whitney Kelso	P	Kim Bliefernich
A	Sarah Miller	P	Wendy Wilde	A	Katie Miller	P	Karen Barnard	A	Dahlia Jensen
A	Sandy Toby	A	Katherine Gardner	A	Stacey Bell	P	Robyn Nunnally	A	Mary DiJoseph
P	Mary Barczak	A	Amanda Chaves						

**Old Business:** None

**VADA Rep(Robyn):**

- VADA report: VADA held their awards luncheon on February 8, 2026.

**President (Cookie):**

- Welcome to all of our new members and to the returning one!
- Our finances are very depleted, we were down one schooling show last year. To that note, we will be unable to support our juniors, they will have to rely on what they receive from the Silent Auction and any other fund raisers they do.
- This year there will be no Airfield Series. Unfortunately the Championship Show will not be at Wakefield but SVDA is looking for another venue.
- Thank you to Amanda Chaves who has secured a venue for our End of Year Banquet which will be a pot luck.
- **Please note:** Many riders use their volunteer coupons to pay for their show rides. The board motioned and seconded that only one coupon per class will be allowed this coming season(2026). Also **ALL** coupons (regardless of date) will expire 1 day before the Championship show starting this year. There will also be no more free Championship rides.

**Vice President (Sandy):**

- Nothing to report

**Treasurer (Shari):**

- Current balance

**Secretary (Deb):**

- Minutes accepted.

**Membership (Mary B):**

- Membership for last year was around 75. As of this date only 1 person has renewed.

**Scholarships (Whitney):**

- Applications for the \$400.00 scholarship need to be received before April 1<sup>st</sup>. Whitney will begin advertising.

**Juniors (Katie and Stacey):**

- **1. Junior SVDA Silent Auction** to be held as part of the banquet on February 7, 2026.
- Generous support has been received this year from vendors.
- Juniors will be auctioning a variety of items, including gifts and equine services such as lessons, freestyle choreography, blanket services, equine photography, and much more.
- Items that do not meet reserve will be auctioned off online after.
- Need: Tables for display of auction items. 2 confirmed from Cookie and 1 confirmed from Amanda
- **2. Junior Volunteer Support at SVDA Show**
- Juniors can work the first SVDA show in exchange for proceeds, is this an offering this year from SVDA?
- **3. Region 1 Junior Show**

- June 12–14, 2026
- Initial Junior interest post has been made.
- Juniors interested in participating are asked to reach out to Katie or Stacey.
- **4. Clinic Offering**
- Additional details to be confirmed and then announced
- **5. Financial Reconciliation**
- Requesting the SVDA Junior account balance to reconcile with Junior internal accounting records.

**Newsletter (Lora G.):**

- No updates

**Website (Wendy):**

- No updates

**Clinics and Programs: (Kim and Wendy):**

- There will be a Donna Gatchell clinic in conjunction with our General Membership meeting November 17 & 18, 2026. Location to be determined,
- New tests will be coming out for the 2027 season, looking at possibly a New Test Clinic.

**Volunteer Coordinator (Demity):**

- Looking for volunteers for the first show of the season.

**Volunteer of the Day Program (Robyn):**

- Nothing to report.

**Schooling Shows (Paola):**

- Schooling shows are scheduled for the season. Venues and judges have been secured.
- Our 1<sup>st</sup> show will be at Kelly Coyne's with Robyn Nunnally as the judge.

**Championship Show (Cookie):**

- We need lots of volunteers to help with show. Pinky and Cookie will work on this show but can use more help!!

**Awards (Amanda B.):**

- Awards are ready for the banquet.

**Ribbons: (Karen):**

- No change with the ribbons...we have plenty!

**Q&A:**

- Possible fund raising recommendations for club needed.
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**Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 PM**

## VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 2-18-2026 VIA ZOOM

**Participating:** Sheli King (VN); Bettina Longaker (C'ville); Alison Douglas (Central); Jessie Ginsburg (NOVA); Angie Stanaway (NEVADA); Robyn Nunnally (SVDA); Nancy Doody (C'ville); Hannah Bowers (F'burg); Christina Arrington (Central); Laura Nelson (SWVADA); Eleszabeth McNeel (C'ville); Rachel Rice (NOVA); Erin Fitzwater (C'ville); Anne Draine (NEVADA); Margie Brown (NEVADA); Katie Kelly (SWVADA) and member Dianne Boyd

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Jessie reported that our combined balances are 196K. This includes some expenses for the shows, the banquet, and year end awards.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 189 members. Chapters, please remind your members to join sooner rather than waiting until the show season starts as processing new membership can take several weeks. Membership chairs, please make sure you send in your reports to Nancy Doody in the format requested in her email by the March 1 deadline.

**VADA Safe Sport Policy:** Chapters, please remember that the deadline for reporting compliance protocol for your club activities is due to Alison Douglas is March 1.

**Year End Banquet:** Big thanks to Nancy Doody, and congratulations to all our winners. The silent auction raised 2081.00. We are going to request a date for next year of Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from the same venue.

**Chapter Grant Proposal:** Jessie provided a draft submission of a supplemental grant proposal that was discussed by the board. Sheli made a motion to adopt the proposal with the edits discussed by the board for this year and next year. Anne Draine seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The final document will be available at the next meeting for dissemination to the chapters. This does not change the current standard program but will provide additional funds.

**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:** Two one day licensed shows April 25-26 at Deep Run Hunt Club in Manakin Sabot, First Aid Clinic June 27 location tbd, Lonesome Dove volunteer days August 28-29, Debbie Rodriguez clinic October 17-18 location tbd

**Charlottesville:** Schooling shows May 31<sup>st</sup> at Cedar Creek Stables in Staunton judge Beckie Lynne Mitchell, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Toad Hollow Farm in Charlottesville judge Michelle Anderson, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Grayson Farms judge Nicky Vogel

**NEVADA:** Schooling shows at Edgehill Farm- April 12 judge April Rivers, May 10 judge Robyn Nunnally, June 7 judge Jeslynn Vaughn with a free eq class to prep for jr teams, July 19 judge Kat Sepka, August 9 judge Nancy Lowey, September 20 judge Elise Enoch, September 30 judge Annmari Ingersoll (tentative State Fair), October 18 judge Lorraine Evans, November 1 judge April Rivers. Registration for all of these is on [www.competeeeasy.com](http://www.competeeeasy.com).

**Fredericksburg: Licensed** show Dressage At Rose Mount will be held September 5-6

**NOVA:** March 1- Member and Volunteer Party, March 14-15 Schooling Show, April 4 Spring Licensed Show, May 2 Michael Always Clinic, May 6 Midweek May Licensed Show, June 6-7 Summer Dressage Festival Licensed Show, Aug 2 Schooling Show

**SVDA:** Schooling Show Schedule- March 15 at Kelly Coyne Dressage judge Robyn Nunnally, April 12 at Weeping Oak Farm judge Elise Enoch, May 24 at Harmonia Equestrian judge Margaret Little, June 14 at White Acres Farm judge Kat Sepka, June 28 at The Horse Park at Gryphon Run judge Donna Gatchell, August 30 at Seahorse Run Farm judge AnnMari Ingersoll, September 20 at Riverbirch Farm judge Jane Kelly

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday March 25th at 8 pm**