

# 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

### New for 2026!

### Introducing Select Performance Breed Awards at Dressage at Lexington

Awarding High Score ribbons to the following breeds:  
Danish Warmblood, Dutch Warmblood (including KWPN), German Riding Pony, Hanoverian, Iberian Warmblood (Andalusian, Lusitano, PRE), Oldenburg (GOV, ISR), Thoroughbred, Westphalia.

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.virginiadressage.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 the link.



## SVDA FALL CLINIC WITH CAROL BISHOP & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-NOV 7 & 8

The poster features a background image of two riders on horses. On the left, a rider in a dark blue jacket and white breeches is on a dark brown horse. On the right, a rider in a blue shirt and dark pants is on a light-colored horse. In the center, there is a smaller inset photo of Carol Bishop, a woman wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a pink top, sitting on a horse. The text on the poster is as follows:

Southeast Virginia Dressage Association  
**Fall Clinic & General Membership Meeting**  
with  
**CAROL BISHOP**  
November 7-8, 2026  
Saturday: Rosalind Equestrian Center  
2465 W. Landing Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456  
Sunday: Briar Glen Riding Academy  
15165 Bowling Green Road  
Windsor, VA 23487  
General Membership Meeting  
Sunday at 12PM (Lunch Provided)  
**Carol Bishop**  
USDF "R" & WDAA "R" Judge  
SVDA Members: \$150  
Non-SVDA Members: \$175  
Intro through FEI Welcome!  
[www.southeastvirginiadressage.org](http://www.southeastvirginiadressage.org)



# MAAPP

## MINOR ATHLETE ABUSE PREVENTION

REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS

### LEARN ABOUT MAAP POLICIES



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Travel



One-On-One Interactions



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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	Close	Judge
5/24/2026	Hill Creek Stables	Virginia Beach, VA	5/15/2026	Margaret Little, USEF R
6/14/2026	White Acres Farm	Chesapeake, VA	6/5/2026	Kat Sepka, L Grad w/ Distinction
6/28/2026	Gryphon Run Farm	Chesapeake, VA	6/19/2026	Donna Gatchell, L Grad w/ Distinction & USEF "r"
8/9/2026	Harmonia Equestrian	Suffolk, VA	7/31/2026	Lorraine Evans Klepacz, L Graduate
8/30/2026	Seahorse Run	Suffolk, VA	8/21/2026	AnnMari Ingersoll, L Grad w/ Distinction
9/20/2026	RiverBirch	Courtland	9/11/2026	Jane Kelly, L Grad w/ Distinction
Championship TBD	Airfield 4-H Center	Wakefield, VA	10/23/2026	TBD

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

### **Sanctioned Shows:**

<p><b>MAY 17, 2026</b> <b>Crescent Bay Pony Club</b> <b>SVDA Sanctioned Show</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Northwest River Part 1733 Indian Creek Road Chesapeake, VA 2322</p> <p><b>JUDGE:</b> Elise Enoch, L Grad w/Distiction</p> <p><b>ENTRY SECRETARY:</b> Rebecca Greifenberger 326 Brisa Drive Chesapeake, VA 23322 rtoth21@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER 13, 2026</b> <b>Crescent Bay Pony Club</b> <b>SVDA Sanctioned Show</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Northwest River Part 1733 Indian Creek Road Chesapeake, VA 2322</p> <p><b>JUDGE:</b> Annmari Ingersoll, L Grad w/Distiction</p> <p><b>ENTRY SECRETARY:</b> Rebecca Greifenberger 326 Brisa Drive Chesapeake, VA 23322 rtoth21@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>NOVEMBER 15, 2026</b> <b>Crescent Bay Pony Club</b> <b>SVDA Sanctioned Show</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b> Northwest River Part 1733 Indian Creek Road Chesapeake, VA 2322</p> <p><b>JUDGE:</b> Robyn Nunnally, L Grad w/Distiction</p> <p><b>ENTRY SECRETARY:</b> Rebecca Greifenberger 326 Brisa Drive Chesapeake, VA 23322 rtoth21@hotmail.com</p>
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### **Entry Form**

<https://southeastviriniadressage.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Crescent-Bay-EntryForm.pdf>

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

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>

### ***Important notice:***

### ***USEF DRESSAGE CHAPTER: DR 121 ANNEX A***

***Effective immediately - Updated May 6, 2026; Annex A is a supplement to the USEF Dressage Rules. All bits/equipment labeled as 'Pending Review' are not permitted in USEF/USDF competition until determined otherwise in this Annex. Please refer to FEI Dressage Rules and FEI Tack App directly for permitted saddlery/equipment in FEI CDIs events. Additional clarifications and rulings from the USEF Dressage Sport Department are noted and dated.***

**Please see link for pdf:** [annex---bits-saddlery-equipment.pdf](#)

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