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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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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/scholarship-program/>

SVDA MERCH - ORDER DETAILS! PERFECT ITEMS FOR 2026 SHOW SEASON!

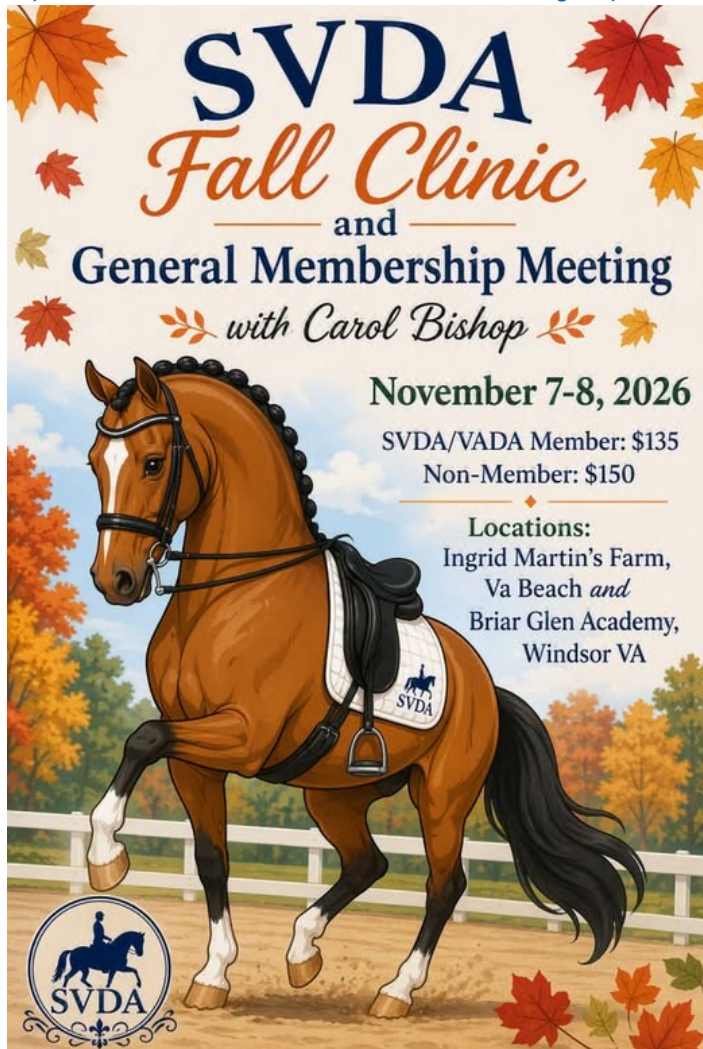


Visit our online shop for SVDA logo items: <https://southeastvda.itemorder.com>. You can place orders directly to the shop, pay, and items will ship right to you.

UPCOMING SVDA EVENTS:

SVDA FALL CLINIC WITH CAROL BISHOP &
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING-NOV 7 & 8
Enter online:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/8r7zgxedp6/index>



NEW TEST CLINIC WITH KATHY ROWSE-DEC. 6
DETAILS TO FOLLOW - SAVE THE DATE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SVDA New Test Clinic
with Kathy Rowse
USEF "S" Dressage Judge
USDF "L" Faculty
USDF Bronze, Silver & Gold Medalist

December 6, 2026
Kelly Coyne Dressage
Virginia Beach, VA

Earn USDF CE Credits

- 1 New Test Clinic**
Learn, prepare, and ride through the new dressage tests.
- 2 SVDA Membership Drive**
\$10 off membership if you attend.
- 3 Pot Luck Lunch**
Bring a dish to share and enjoy time with fellow members.

SAVE THE DATE
Details and registration information coming soon

Southeast Virginia Dressage Association
Clinic • Education • Community • Dressage

USDF CE Credits

\$10 Membership Discount

Pot Luck Lunch

HELP WANTED:

ARTICLES, BEST PRACTICES, TIPS & TRICKS,
RECIPES FOR NEWSLETTER - please note
that contributions to the newsletter are
welcome. Members receive two volunteer
hours for submitting any of the above items.
Easy way to accumulate hours for end year
Championships qualification! Email
lorahowgib@gmail.com for questions or
submissions.

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.

News from VADA:



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/>

Show Events

Halloween Doggie Costume Class - It's a Howl of Halloween Doggie Costume Class. Dress Up your pooch and come to Anderson Coliseum for this much anticipated and hotly contested Doggie costume class on Saturday evening.

Show Party - Take a break and come out to mingle and dine with your fellow competitors on Friday evening.

2026-27 LICENSED SHOW SCHEDULE (partial):

Oct 1-4 GAIG/Reg1 Championships and VADA Show Fall, Lexington, VA
Oct 16-18 Autumn Leaves, Raeford, NC
Nov 21-22 Whispering Miracles - Holiday Spectacular, Virginia Beach, VA
March 13-14 March Magic, Raeford, NC
April 17-18 Prime Time Dressage, Raeford, NC
April 25-25 Dressage at Deep Run, Manakin-Sabot, VA
Partial list - See USDF website for full schedule of shows - follow Region 1 -
<https://www.usdf.org/calendar/competitions.asp>

UPCOMING SHOWS:



SVDA Sanctioned Show:

Crescent Bay Pony Club - November 15, 2026

Northwest River State Park

1733 Indian Creek Road, Chesapeake, VA

Judge - Robyn Nunnally, L Grad w Distinction

Entry Secretary- Rebecca Greifenberger

31 Brisa Drive, Chesapeake, VA

rtoth21@hotmail.com

Entry form:

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

STILL CHANCES TO GET SCORES

FOR YEAR END AWARDS!!





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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

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](#)

VADA BOARD MEETING MINUTES 8-27-2026 VIA ZOOM

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Jessie reported that our combined balances are 234K. This includes income from GAIG's without the expenses.

VADA Safe Sport Policy: Reminder that by March 2027, chapters should start the new year of submissions. Christina will provide the form as well as the names of all the individuals who filled the listed positions, along with the date of their Safe Sport training.

GAIG Update: The theme for the competitor's party on Friday will be Firehorse with a Chinese menu. There will be a cash bar and a DJ. Saturday evening will be the Doggy Costume Contest. USDF has a new award this year- the Youth Regional Merit Award. This is for kids 13 and under who are competing in regional championship classes at Training and First Level. Champion and Reserve will be awarded for the highest scores. There will be an awards ceremony with ribbons and prizes. It's being sponsored by D4Kids- who will also be at our show as a vendor. We are still in need of volunteers- please reach out to Rachel.

Submissions for GMO Award Nominations: We did not have any chapter submissions. We did submit the VADA website. The deadline for nominating volunteer of the year is August 31st and this doesn't have to be approved by VADA, however, please give Sheli a heads up if you are nominating someone.

USDF Convention: We need GM delegates. The convention is in Louisville, KY starting on December 3rd. Those interested please contact Sheli.

New Business:

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: Lonesome Dove volunteer days Sept 4-5, Patrick Tigchelaar Clinic Sept 19-20 at Saddlebrook Farm, Debbie Rodriguez clinic October 17-18 at Saddlebrook Farm

Charlottesville: Schooling show September 13th at Grayson Farms Judge Nicky Vogel

NEVADA: Schooling shows at Edgehill Farm- 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.competeeasy.com.

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

NOVA: On behalf of NOVA, Jessie thanked VADA for the chapter grant that they used for the Aug 21 Lilo Fore Judge Education Classroom Session. It was well attended with 26 judges and 10 auditors. Jessie volunteered to help other chapters with the format if they are interested in hosting the same sort of forum. Nov 7-8 Schooling Show and Schooling Show Championship

SVDA: Schooling Show Schedule- September 20 at Riverbirch Farm Judge Jane Kelly, October 31 Championship Show at Airfield 4-H judge tbd, Nov 7-8 Fall Clinic and general membership meeting with Carol Bishop and Ingrid Martin's Farm and Briar Glen Academy.

SWVADA: Schooling show at Green Hill Park on September 27

SCHOOLING SHOW SCORES - SEAHORSE RUN - AUG 30, 2026



SVDA August 30, 2026

Judge: AnnMari Ingersoll "L"

Location: Seahorse Run Farm

<u>Ride Time</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Rider</u>	<u>Horse name</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Placing</u>
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First Level Test 1

9:00	40	Demity Lautenschlager	Aria	174.50	64.630	1
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Training Level Test 2

9:07	540	Karen Barnard (O)	State of Art Horizons	206.00	71.834	1
9:14	650	Caroline Needham (O)	Nate	196.5	67.759	3
9:21	35	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	202.50	69.828	2
9:28	18	Charolette Evans	Timeless N Hot	201.00	69.310	1

WDAA Intro Test 3

9:35	2	Katherine Gray Farless (Imwhizzable Dream		139.50	69.750	1
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First level Test 2

9:42	40	Demity Lautenschlager	Aria	222	67.273	1
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Training Level Test 3

9:49	650	Caroline Needham (O)	Nate	Scratch		
9:56	35	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Mainway's Venetian Ice	186.00	74.400	1
10:03	9	Morgan Burton (AA)	Princess Celestia	179	70.800	2
10:10	12	Charlene Jensen (AA)	Qredit Report COF	178	71.260	1

WDAA Intro Test 4

10:17	2	Katherin Gray Farless (J Imwhizzable Dream		152.50	76.250	1
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Training Level Test 1

10:24	14	Mary Barczak (AA)	Spicy	171.00	65.769	2
10:31	18	Charolette Evans (JR)	Timeless N Hot	181.5	69.808	1
10:38	9	Morgan Burton (AA)	Princess Celestia	182.5	70.192	1

BREAK 10:45-11:00

Intro A

11:00	15	Jennifer Cobb (O)	Neverland DCSH	114.50	71.563	
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AA Basic 1

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SCRATCH Darla Holbrook (AA)

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Intro B

11:14

15 Jennifer Cobb (O)

Neverland DCSH

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11:21

49 Kate Mason (O)

MSJ Quantum Royal

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11:28

20 Savanna Harris (JR)

MyTy

112.00 70.000 1

11:35

4 Nancy Jones

Our Boy KC

112.50 70.313 1

ROO

15 Jennifer Cobb (O)

Neverland DCSH

WDAA Basic 3

11:42

SCRATCH Darla Holbrook

Nodoubtshezachip

Intro B

11:49

11 Ashley Stoll (AA)

Carley Angel

117 73.125 1

11:56

32 Amelia Smith (JR)

Dunedin LB Ironman

115 71.875 1

12:02

20 Savanna Harris (JR)

MyTy

~~117~~ 73.125

12:09

4 ~~Nancy Jones (AA)~~~~Our Boy KC~~~~115~~ 68.750 4.0 2

ROO

15 Jennifer Cobb (O)

Neverland DCSH

112.50 70.313 1Intro C

12:16

14 Mary Barczak (AA)

Spicy

134.50 67.250 2

12:23

11 Ashley Stoll (AA)

Carley Angel138.00 69.000 1

12:30

32 Amelia Smith (JR)

Dunedin LB Ironman

146.50 73.250 1First 349 Kate Mason MSJ Quantum Royal 1257.5 71.528

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