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2027 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Membership period is January 1 - December 31. You can renew and pay online:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/form2/index.html>.

2027 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

Members are encouraged to attend the General Membership Meeting!

Enter online:

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



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.

USDF NEW TEST CLINIC WITH KATHY ROWSE, Sunday, December 6

Sign up:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/vablond25aolcom/stbhmmjixv/index>



YEAR END AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to show cancellations this year, for schooling show award applications, we will accept a minimum of two scores and maximum of three scores for awards. The applications with the highest test of the levels will be considered for champion and reserve champion. However, if you were the only one in the division applied for you will still be considered for the champion prize.

The upcoming Crescent Bay in November at Northwest River Park is SVDA Sanctioned show Scores obtained will count toward year end awards.

Volunteer hours are still required. Award application due by December 1, 2026.

Awards Banquet information to follow!

News from VADA:



VADA Year End Award Guidance

Application Deadline December 1

Preliminary Standing Award Recipients Published for Review

11-15 December 2026

Final Year End Awards Recipients Published

16 December 2026

Award Recipients Selection of Awards

16-21 December 2026

Luncheon - February 21, 2027

Greencoft Club, Charlottesville, VA

For more information visit:

<https://www.virginiadressage.org/vada-state-year-end-awards>

Minutes of VADA October 8, 2026 Board Meeting to be included in November newsletter.

2026-27 LICENSED SHOWS

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>

SOUTHEAST VIRGINIA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

2026 Membership Survey

We want to hear from YOU!

A photograph of a rider in formal dressage attire on a brown horse, set against a backdrop of autumn trees and a building.

Help shape the future of SVDA!

Share your feedback on schooling shows, facilities, locations, costs, clinics, and the programs you'd like to see next.

A square QR code with a black and white pixelated pattern.

Take the Survey Today!

Scan the QR code or visit:

form.jotform.com/262846266916065

Takes just a few minutes

Thank you for supporting SVDA!

**MEMBERSHIP SURVEY LINK STILL OPEN!
HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE CLUB -
TAKE THE SURVEY TO CONTRIBUTE TO
PLANNING THE UPCOMING 20207 SHOW
SEASON!**

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

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Entry form:

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



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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

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](#)