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# Virginia Dressage Association Charlottesville Chapter



**JUNE 2021  
NEWSLETTER**

## *Announcements*



### **DRESSAGE AT LEXINGTON**

Opening Date: 1 June 2021  
Closing Date: 5 July 2021  
[horseshowoffice.com](http://horseshowoffice.com) (online entries)

It will be a new feel at the DAL... the extraordinary Isabel de Szinay Complex is completed, DAL outdoor village market for shopping, a floral accolade for DAL competitor pictures, and awards booth located in the village market. Exciting and a fun time at the DAL!

Not competing? Support the DAL by volunteering! Sign up to volunteer at [virginiadressage.org](http://virginiadressage.org).



### **9TH ANNUAL CHAPTER CHALLENGE**

Opening Date: 14 June 2021  
Closing Date: 11 August 2021  
[horseshowoffice.com](http://horseshowoffice.com) (online entries)

Mark your calendar for the "9th Annual Chapter Challenge" on 21 August 2021 at The Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia. To learn more about the Challenge go to [virginiadressage.org](http://virginiadressage.org). Prixelist is ready for download on the vada website.



### **CHAPTER GRANT CLINIC WITH JIM KOFORD SPONSORED BY VADA CH**

VADA Charlottesville will host a Chapter Grant Clinic with Jim Koford on 7-8 August 2021 at Old Raptor Farm, Louisa, Virginia. Save the Date! Additional information is forthcoming!

Come out support the Chapter by volunteering. Contact Sherrie Boyd to volunteer.

#### VADA-CH 2021 Board of Directors

President: Melyni Worth  
Vice President: Nancy Lowey  
Secretary: Shaleena Arreguin  
Treasurer: Sherri Booye  
Awards Chair: Molly Armentrout  
Newsletter: Nancy Doody  
Membership: Sherri Booye

#### VADA Representatives

Bettina Longaker  
Sheri Booye  
Eleszabeth McNeel

#### Show Management

Secretary: Bettina Longaker  
Manager: Nancy Lowey  
Volunteer Chair: Penny Hawes

#### VADA-CH Sponsorship

Soliciting Coordinators

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**Next Meeting 20 July 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Tip Top Restaurant**

**Charlottesville, VA**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

Hope you all are well and doing lots of riding, in between storms!

We have had an eventful month, we had our licensed show the last weekend in May at Culpeper, and despite the cool rainy weather, it was successful.

Upcoming we have the big state show, Dressage at Lexington, 16-18 July, they still need volunteers to help run the show, so please if you have any free tie and want to give back to your sport, contact Rachael Rice and volunteer, it's fun and you do learn a lot.

In August we have the Chapter Grant Clinic with Jim Koford, this is being organized by Sherrie Boyd, at Old Raptor Farm (Thanks Renee), and is a great learning opportunity, if you don't get a riding slot, come along and audit, it's free for VADA CH members and again you can learn a lot.

Next year our licensed show will be in June (3rd weekend), and this show will be a step up for us, from a level 2 to a level 3, we are going to need lots of help, please plan to come and volunteer, it's a good way to meet folks, make friends, and learn.

Nancy Doody and others are still working on the Chapter Dressage clinic next April, 3 days of total dressage immersion, fun, and education. If you are interested in helping contact Nancy Doody.

Our BIG news is that next month we have our Board meeting as a face-to-face meeting at TipTop restaurant in Cville. Finally, we get to see each other again. We have the plan to have this July 20th.

Wishing you all good riding.

Yours Truly,  
Melyni

**Curious what is going on at VADA State and events sponsored by VADA Chapters, visit [virginiadressage.org](http://virginiadressage.org) to view/download the State Board meeting report. Go to VADA Leadership page on the website and scroll down to monthly meeting report to view/download. Posted monthly on the website.**



**Meeting Minutes 17 May 2021**

Shaleena A. Sherri B. Nancy D. Eleszabeth M. Meylni W. Sandy W. Joanne C.

**Treasury Report**

- Current Balance \$20,600.00
- The current balance is the best estimate due to transactions from our licensed are still occurring.

**Membership**

- 60 members

**May Licensed Show**

- Our show was a bit rainy and cool, but we had fun.
- Entries were low and did not make a profit.
- Reminder that next year our licensed show is in the third week of June.

**Clinic**

- Chapter Grant Clinic is still on for August 7 and 8 in Zion Crossroads.
- Sherri is working on the final versions of the flyer with all cost information on it.
- Sherri, Nancy D, and Nancy L. are meeting this upcoming Thursday to visit Old Raptor Farm and work out the details.

**2022 Dressage Camp**

- We are having our 1st camp committee meeting on 21 June, 7 p.m. via Zoom.
- We are planning on submitting a proposal to VADA State Board to get some assistance for funding

The next meeting is in person on July 21st at 7 pm at Tip Top.

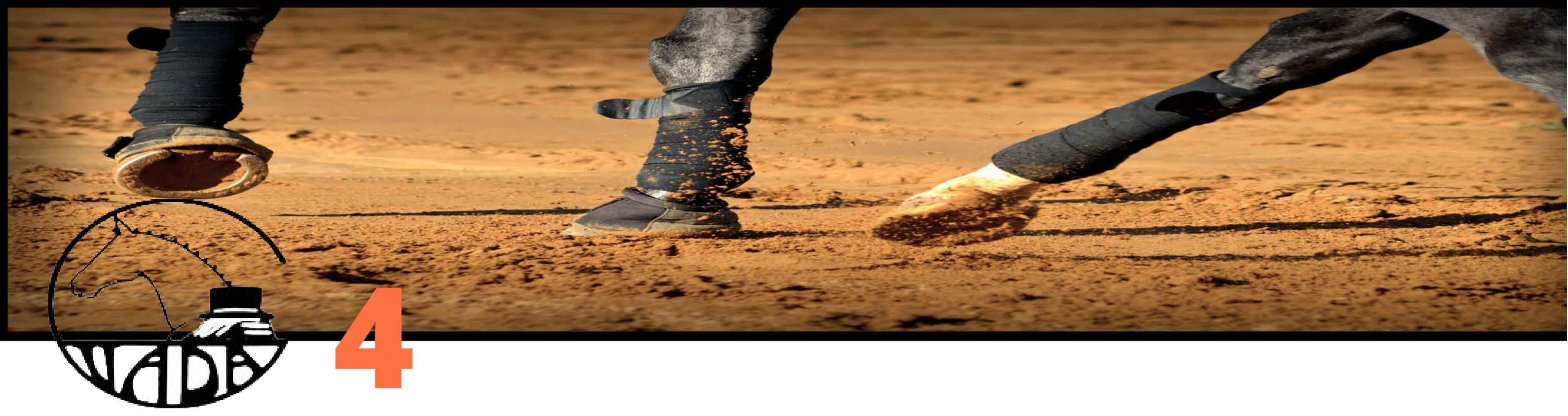
**2021 Membership  
Welcome New Members!**

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Melyni Worth        | Sarah Olson      |
| Nancy Lowey         | Nancy Olson      |
| Sherri Booye        | P. Bent Pusey    |
| Nancy Doody         | Becca Pizmoht    |
| Bettina Longaker    | Madeline Piplico |
| Shaleena Arreguin   | April Rivers     |
| Michelle Anderson   | Michelle Ruff    |
| Carter Bass         | Leia Ratrie      |
| Carol Bauer         | Catherine Sutton |
| Gardner Bloemers    | Ann Sutherland   |
| Halley Bell         | Kim Schmidt      |
| Gretchen Carr       | Hannah Schmidt   |
| Anne Chapin         | Rebecca Schurink |
| Joanne Collins      | Jerry Schurink   |
| Angela Doolan       | Erin Sweeney     |
| Karen DeRosario     | Shayna Simon     |
| Jeremey Fox         | Darla Topley     |
| Erin Fitzwater      | Francesca Toms   |
| Barbara Goshorn     | Jeri Tate        |
| Mary Goings         | Melissa Wimmer   |
| Kathleen Gruss      | George Williams  |
| Suzanne Gahan       | Roberta Williams |
| Bruno Greber        | Sandy Worley     |
| Barbara Greber      | Peta Wyllie      |
| Roxanne Hagan       | Nicky Vogel      |
| Ellen Hudgins       | Laura Berne      |
| Jillian Kirkpatrick | Shayna Simon     |
| Rene O'Leary        | Kim Aust         |
| Lisa Macchi         | Penny Hawes      |
| Donna Martin        |                  |
| Eleszabeth McNeel   |                  |

**Cleaning Out Your Tack Room ,.....**

Cleaning out your tack room and have items you would like to sell? Forward you're classified with pictures to be published in the newsletter. Classifies can be forwarded to ndoody15@gmail.com by the 2nd week of the month.





## Meet CCS Elrond: Lovely and Sweet with a Goofy Puppy Personality

CCS Elrond is a 3 year old Knabstrupper gelding (DoB 20198), by Ecuador Skodstrup out of EM Dascha (Hann). Elrond is just started US, he does WTC and trail rides. He is a super mover, with a lovely balanced uphill canter, right from the start. He is a sweet, kind, willing horse with a goofy puppy dog personality. He is a BIG boy, he currently 16.3, and has some more growing to do. He has the wonderful Knabsstrupper mind and kindness. He is looking for a partner to help him develop into the wonderful horse he will become.

Contact Melyni Worth 540-294-3003 or email Melyni@ntelos.com.

Below is a short video of Elrond.



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Balance  
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## Isabel F. deSzinay Memorial Dressage Show

The Isabel F. deSzinay Memorial Dressage Show held in memory of Bettina Longaker's mother and organized by the Charlottesville chapter was wet, cold, and windy but a successful show! Seventy-nine horses were entered and 189 tests were scheduled over the weekend at our Level 2 show. Due to the adverse weather conditions, scratches were evident but not abundant. Riders rode through the worst of it all weekend only to have the sun pop at the end of the show day on Sunday.



Nancy ... always looking lovely! It's raining!



Honorary Speculator

Classes included Opportunity, FEI Musical Freestyle rides, Dressage Seat Equitation and Training Level tests up through Grand Prix level. Our own Chapter President, Meylni Worth, competed her colorful Knabstrupper "Tinuvell" at the Intermediate Level.

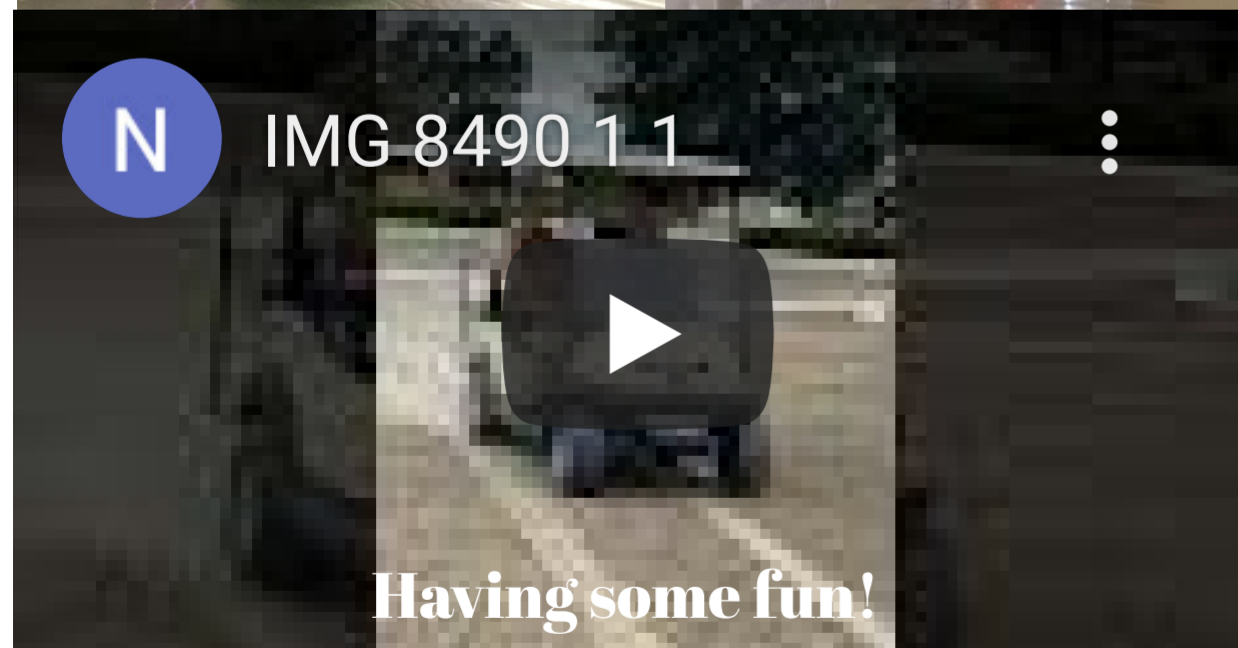


Show team busy at work!

We had wonderfully loyal members of our chapter volunteer their time to assist in running a smooth show. THANK YOU TO EVERY VOLUNTEER THAT JOINED THE MANAGEMENT TEAM IN PUTTING THIS SHOW ON! WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU! Volunteers are an important part of the show. We can't do it without them (you!). Volunteers also get credit or "hours" towards high score awards at the end of the year - both schooling USEF/USDF licensed show high score awards. Volunteers may qualify or eligible for the two \$500 scholarship lottery held each year in September. The scholarship money may be used for any dressage-related experience a volunteer may have. It is asked that you write about your experience to share with members through the VADA CH newsletter publication. Visit our website for more information on volunteer hours and the scholarships available to volunteers. ([www.vadach.org](http://www.vadach.org))



Next year we are moving the date of Isabel F. deSzinay Memorial Dressage Show to 18-19 June 2022. VADA CH is taking over the organization and running of the Level 3 show named "Virginia Summer Dressage" and run by Rosinburg Events, LLC this year. I believe the new name for our show next year will be "Isabel F. deSzinay Memorial Dressage Show and Virginia Summer Dressage. A Level 3 show brings in the Developing Program Qualifiers of the USEF and the USDF (JR/YR/YA/YH & DH). We should have a bigger show with even more outstanding horses to watch. We hope volunteers will stand ready to assist in the smooth operation of our new show in June 2022.



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Having some fun!

Members have a happy, safe, and productive summer!  
Nancy Lowey  
Show Manager

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## Sharing Our Summer Stories

# Connect with VADA CH Members

Send your article and pictures to [ndoody15@gmail.com](mailto:ndoody15@gmail.com).







### Congratulations to Hannah Pierucci Schmidt Peta Wylie Ann Chapin Representing VADA CH

Selected to participate in VADA State "Discovering Your Potential by Building a Solid Foundation" symposium at Stave Mill Farm on 26-27 June 2021.

#### Symposium Update:

The in-Person Auditor deadline has been extended to 14 June 2021. There still is space for some additional auditors, however, lunch will NOT be provided to anyone who has not already signed up and paid. The fee is \$10 a day or \$15 for the weekend for VADA members and \$15 a day/\$25 weekend for Non-VADA members. Register online at [viriniadressage.org](http://viriniadressage.org). Payment is in cash/check at the door.

Discover Your Potential By Building A Solid Foundation

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George Williams  
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Bill Warren  
Trainer/Warren-McMullin Dressage

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26-27 June 2021

Stave Mill Farm  
Esmont, VA

For more info visit our website [viriniadressage.org](http://viriniadressage.org) for symposium details or contact Michelle King [amking91@verizon.net](mailto:amking91@verizon.net).

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# 2021 LICENSED, SCHOOLING SHOWS AND CLINICS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Schooling Shows participating in the USDF program will be denoted  
with an asterisk\*

## JUNE 2021

- 19-20 VA Summer Dressage, HITS [www.rosinbug-events.com](http://www.rosinbug-events.com)
- 26-27 Dressage at the Park I and II  
[www.equestriansecretarialservices.com](http://www.equestriansecretarialservices.com)
- 30 CDCTA Dressage at Great Meadows [www.cdcta.com](http://www.cdcta.com)

## JULY 2021

- 1-4 Region 15 Arabian Championships Breed Restrict  
[www.cdcta.com](http://www.cdcta.com)
- 16-17 Dressage at Lexington [www.virginiadressage.com](http://www.virginiadressage.com)
- 11 Hillbrook CT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 25 VHT Starter HT, Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vhthorsetrials.com](http://www.vhthorsetrials.com)
- 31-1 Raleigh Summer Dressage I and II  
[www.rosinburg-events.com](http://www.rosinburg-events.com)

## AUGUST 2021

- 1 Oakdale HT and Dressage Schooling Show [www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 12 CDCTA Thursday Evening Show [www.cdcta.com](http://www.cdcta.com)
- 14-15 Made in the Shade I and II [www.equestriansecretarialservices.com](http://www.equestriansecretarialservices.com)
- 15-16 HT and Dressage Schooling Show, [www.eventinginvirginia.com](http://www.eventinginvirginia.com),  
Beverly Equestrian, [www.cdcta.org](http://www.cdcta.org)
- 16 Gray Horse CT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 17-18 Eventing in Virginia HT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[eventinginvirginia.com](http://eventinginvirginia.com)
- 21 VADA Chapter Challenge [www.vada.org](http://www.vada.org)
- 22 Gray Horse CT and Dressage Schooling Show [www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 25 ERAHC Classic Dressage Show [www.erahc.com](http://www.erahc.com)
- 28-29 VADA/NOVA Summer Wind Down I and II [www.vadanova.org](http://www.vadanova.org)

## SEPTEMBER 2021

- 4-5 NCDCTA Labor of Love I and II [www.ncdcta.org](http://www.ncdcta.org)
- 4-5 Cool Down Dressage [www.carolinadressage.com](http://www.carolinadressage.com)
- 5 Oakdale HT, CT and Dressage Schooling [www.carolinadressage.com](http://www.carolinadressage.com)
- 4-5 NCDCTA Labor of Love I and II Dressage Licensed Show  
[www.carolinadressage.com](http://www.carolinadressage.com)
- 11 VADA-FR Licensed Dressage Show I, Rose Mount Farm [www.vadf.net](http://www.vadf.net)
- 12 VADA-FR Licensed Dressage Show II, Rose Mount Farm [www.vadf.net](http://www.vadf.net)
- 19 Hillbrook Farm CT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 25 VHT Started Trials and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vhthorsetrials.com](http://www.vhthorsetrials.com)

## OCTOBER 2021

- 28-3 Dressage at Devon [www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org)
- 14-17 Great American Insurance Group/Region I Dressage  
Championships/VADA Fall Competition
- 17 Oakdale Equestrian CT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)
- 18 Mitchell Dressage at Southern Heritage Farm [www.mitchellds.com](http://www.mitchellds.com)
- 23-25 CBLMS and Open Show

## NOVEMBER 2021

- 14 Gray Horse CT and Dressage Schooling Show  
[www.vaeventing.com](http://www.vaeventing.com)

### Safe Sport

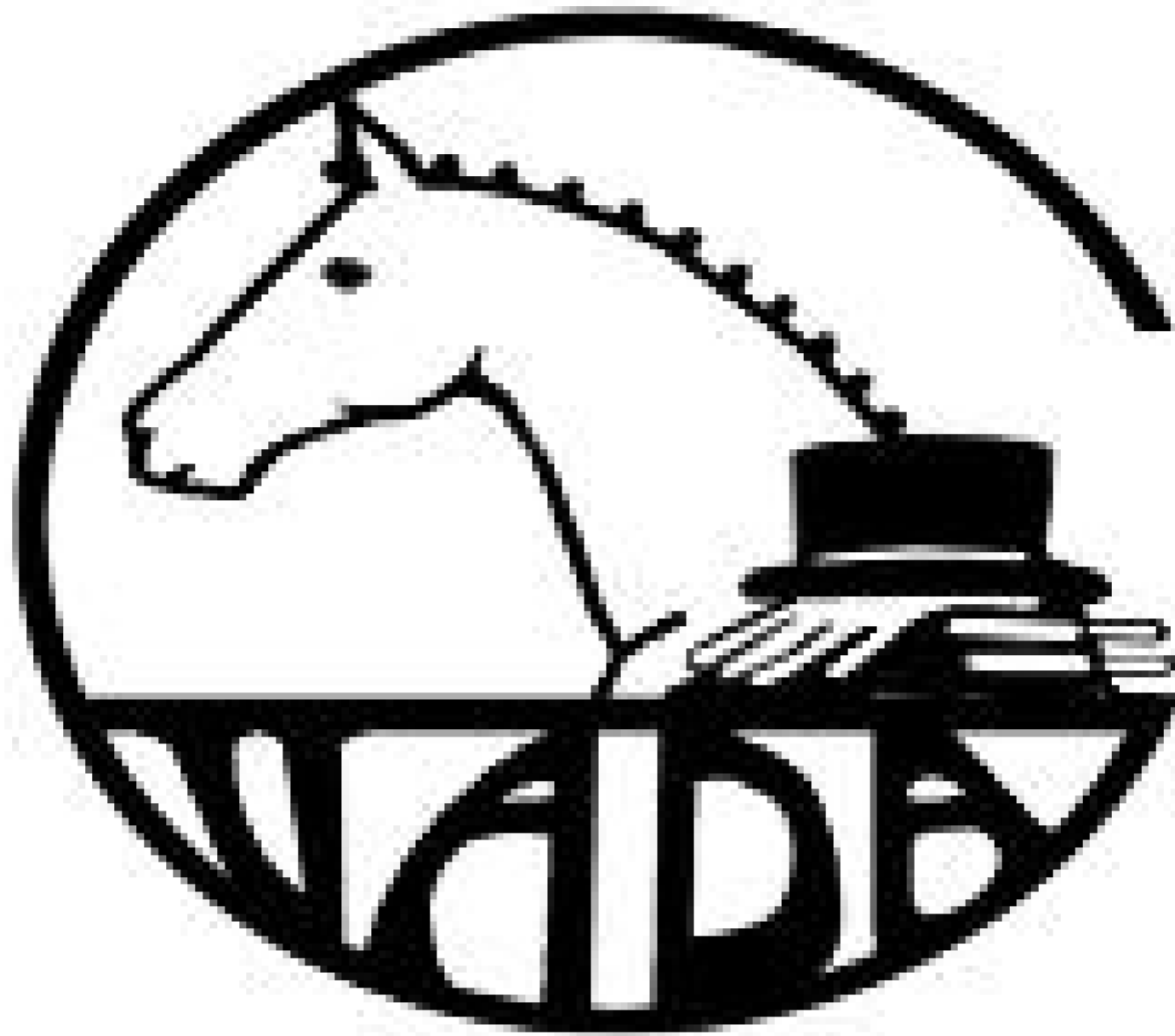
All competitors in USDF licensed shows are required to complete the Safe Sport online course. If you have completed the course, USDF requires competitors to annually complete the refresher course.

Visit [usdf.org/competitors/safesport.asp](http://usdf.org/competitors/safesport.asp)



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