



Alpha Dressage News

June 2019

"Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined to." - Henry Van Dyke

*"The rider must listen into the horse, in order to judge when the moment for an aid has come, which aid is needed and how intense it must be. He must know how to create or wait for the right circumstances, to prepare the horse."
~ Gustav von Dreyhausen*

"It is important in training to always start with easy exercises and also to end with easy exercises that the rider and horse understand. This helps build confidence in both horse and rider." -

June 11th Meeting

Our meeting will be held at the Fruitville Library once again from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The major topic of discussion will be our future schedule of club activities and shows. We are soliciting feedback from all our members at this meeting. Hope to see you there!

May 14th Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held at Appleby's restaurant. Board members present, Robin, Martha, Linda, Ulrike. Robin started the meeting with the urgent message that we need to fill our shows with more riders!! In the past shows we did not fill it up enough.

- We tried to share Triple J with the H/J show but there was a lack of communication and ring and schooling conflicts occurred
- We probably do not get the most attractive dates for our shows.
- We do need to make dates for 2020 now!
- We are still looking for another show facility with enough stalls available for our typical number of horses.
- We need 50-60 rides per show to break even
- SWFDA is helping us a lot, they always attend with many people
- It was suggested that we should look into advertising on FB. There are many groups which are suitable. (Florida horse events, Manasota Horse club, Florida Horse and Tack)
- The Bill Woods Clinic was very nice and everybody who participated was learning a lot, but all the spots were not filled.
- The June meeting will be at the Fruitville library
- The date for the banquet will probably late October, early November
- The clinic this fall is not confirmed yet. **Update:** Kelly Layne will come in November, so that is something exciting to look forward to!!!! Details to follow soon.

Some of our Appleby's meeting attendees



Results from the May Schooling Show

The scores are posted on our website on the **Show Scores** tab. We hope to post the scores shortly after each show.

ADA Resource Directory Online

ADA would like to announce our new online resource directory on our website www.alphadressage.org. This is a great opportunity to advertise your business and support ADA. For just \$50 per year we will share an image of your business card on the web. Please share blank forms with your suppliers (feed, vet, farrier, tack, etc.) and encourage them to participate. Let's create a comprehensive directory of services that will help everyone. A blank form is at the end of the newsletter for your convenience.

Status Update of USEF Freestyle Rule DR 129 May 9, 2019

Regarding USEF freestyle rule DR 129 which went into effect on December 1, 2018:

During the USEF Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, held April 29, 2019, the USEF BOD reviewed the feedback received and discussed the Extraordinary Rule Change Proposal (Tracking ID# 022-19), regarding DR129. As a result of the discussion, the USEF BOD "felt it was in the best interest of the sport to disapprove the RCP as presented," as stated in the letter from USEF to the affiliate leadership.

The USEF Dressage Sport Committee has submitted an alternative rule change proposal that is currently going through the USEF rule change process. Once this rule change proposal has been certified by the USEF Legislative Committee, it will be available for comment. If certified as an Extraordinary Rule Change, it will be presented to the USEF BOD at their mid-year meeting. The current USEF Rule DR129 remains in effect.

The current rule can be found in the USEF Rule Book on the USEF website, along with the active rule changes and those recently approved by the USEF BOD.

New for 2020: USDF Announces Regional Schooling Show Awards Program

For Immediate Release

Friday, February 22, 2019

Lexington, KY (February 22, 2019) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is excited to announce the new USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program, which will offer regional recognition to USDF Group Members (GMs), competing in participating non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions. This program will operate congruently with the annual USDF membership year of December 1 - November 30, beginning with the 2020 membership year on December 1, 2019. Four award divisions, including open, junior/young rider, adult amateur, and non-professional, will be recognized per region. The open division will offer six levels of recognition (Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and FEI), with the junior/young rider, adult amateur, and non-professional offering an additional seventh level (Introductory).

Any non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competition is eligible to participate, and may do so by simply submitting an online application and fee to USDF, at least 30 days prior to the start date of their competition. Competitors wishing to participate in the program must be USDF Group Members and submit an online nomination application and fee for each horse/rider combination they wish to nominate.

USDF President Lisa Gorretta explains that, "this new program has been developed to recognize the achievements of USDF Group Members, who choose to participate in schooling shows as their competition path. It will give competitors confirmation of how they stack up against their peers, within their USDF region. This will, in turn, strengthen USDF's Group Member Organizations by providing an additional exclusive benefit of membership! Schooling shows provide and promote dressage education for riders, USDF L Graduates, and licensed judges, as well as local competition management and show volunteers. We hope to welcome more members and competitors into the USDF community, while furthering USDF's mission of recognizing achievement in dressage."

Both competition management and competitors will be able to begin signing up to participate in the program, beginning in July 2019. For more information about the program, and full requirements, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, or contact the USDF office at competitions@usdf.org.

Upcoming Events...

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See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Aug 24-25th, 2019: Fox Lea Dressage Show

Nov TBD: Kelly Layne clinic





**Alpha Dressage Association
Membership application for 2019**

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2018 – Nov. 30, 2019

NAME: _____
Adult _____ Junior (18 & under) _____ Date of birth for juniors _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adult: \$40.00 \$ _____

Junior \$30.00 \$ _____

Please enclose \$10.00 for a group subscription to HORSE & PONY \$ _____

(If wanted) TOTAL \$ _____

Please make checks payable to *Alpha Dressage Association*.

Alpha Dressage Association is a USDF Group Member Organization; its members are automatically USDF Group Members.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

GUARDIAN SIGNATURE OF JUNIOR APPLICANT _____

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ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION RESOURCE DIRECTORY PROGRAM

ADA WILL POST YOUR BUSINESS CARD ON OUR WEBSITE FOR \$50 PER CALENDAR YEAR.

THE BUSINESS CARDS WILL BE GROUPED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. **Barns/Boarding**
2. **Lessons/Trainers**
3. **Retail:** Tack stores, Feed stores, Equipment, etc.
4. **Equine Professional Services:** Veterinarians, Farriers, Chiropractor or Massage, Clipping, Hauling, Property Maintenance, etc.
5. **Other Professional Services/Businesses:** Insurance, Entertainment, etc.
6. **Miscellaneous:**

ADA SPONSORSHIP FORM

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

E-MAIL OF CONTACT PERSON: _____

SPONSORSHIP DATES: _____ TO DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Please submit this form, a business card, and a check made out to Alpha Dressage Association for \$50. Mail to Linda Roberts at 7526 Trillium Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34241. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@alphadressage.org or call Linda at 941-773-4936.