



Alpha Dressage News

November 2019

Editor's Note

Hello everyone! We have a lot to share this month. The first show of our new competition year is November 17th. We've streamlined the entry process by creating a universal ADA release form which is good for our entire competition year. If you use our new on-line entry system <https://www.equestriantentries.com/main/> you will only need to file it once. Your Coggins forms can also be kept on file this way. Check it out!

Membership renewal time!

It's time again to renew your membership. A renewal form is included in the newsletter. Please renew and help us remain a strong and vibrant club.

October Meeting Minutes

The October meeting was cancelled due to expected rain at Suzi Jennings' barn where the drill team demo was to be held. There will not be a November meeting. Instead, plan on joining us for our annual meeting and awards dinner.

Alpha Dressage Association Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner

Date:

December 7, 2019 at 5:00 pm

Place:

Robin Segó's house
2679 Ranch Club Blvd
Myakka City, FL 34251

The Sarasota Ranch Club gate code is 4578. Robin's is 2018#

Please RSVP to Robin at 735-1136 or Alphadressage@gmail.com by December 1, 2019. ADA will provide the lasagna, ham, and beverages. Please bring a dish to share and tell Robin what you are bringing.

We will have a brief business meeting where we need to vote on some proposed bylaws changes, vote for our board members, and then have our awards ceremony. Details follow.

"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."
- Klaus Balkenhol

Riders from the October show



MARY LYNN STANTON & RC KAISER



HOLLY BOVA & ZARRACH



OLIVIA BARCOMB & TOO COOL



LESLIE EMERY & SCARLETT'S HERSHEZ KISS

Proposed Bylaws Change

The Alpha Dressage Association Board would like to propose a change to the section of the By-Laws (Article V) addressing the job descriptions of the officers on the board. This change will allow us to distribute the workload and better serve the association. We will vote on this matter at the Annual Meeting on December 7, 2019. If approved, we will proceed with the general election for 2019-2020.

The Bylaws as they stand now read:

Article V

OFFICERS

SECTION 1: The officers of the Association shall be PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, AND TREASURER.

SECTION 2: PRESIDENT: The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of this Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board and membership. He/she shall see that the By-Laws, rules and regulations of the Association are enforced and shall perform all of the duties that may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Board and/or the membership.

SECTION 3: VICE PRESIDENT: In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall have the powers and perform the duties of the President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board and/or membership. He/she shall be ex officio member of all committees.

SECTION 4: GENERAL SECRETARY: The General Secretary shall keep the minutes of all membership and Executive Board meetings. He/she shall be the custodian for the safekeeping of all documents and records of the Association. He/she shall make a report of his/her office to the Executive Board when requested and to all membership meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5: MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY. The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for membership records, mailing lists, and handling related correspondence.

SECTION 6: TREASURER. The Treasurer must account for all moneys and shall submit an itemized statement in detail at each meeting of the members and to the Executive Board when requested.

We propose the following revisions to the By-Laws:

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SECTION 5: EVENT COORDINATOR: The event coordinator shall oversee the events that are hosted by Alpha Dressage Association including, but not limited to, shows, clinics, and demonstrations.

SECTION 6: TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: The Treasurer must account for all moneys and shall submit an itemized statement in detail at each meeting of the members and to the Executive Board when requested. He/she will also be responsible for membership records, mailing lists, and handling related correspondence.

ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION BALLOT

President: Robin Sego_____

Write In_____

Vice President: Roy Colwell_____

Write In_____

Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Martha Koehnlein_____

Write In_____

Secretary: Linda Roberts_____

Write In_____

Event Coordinator: Suzi Jennings_____

Write In_____

Members at Large: Deb Herbert_____

(Vote for 4) Donna Sloben_____

Danielle Ammeson_____

Betty Brown_____

Write In_____

Write In_____

On-line Show Entries

ADA has selected Equestrian Entries as the software provider for handling electronic registration for our future shows. Many of you may already have an account with them. If not, it is easy to set one up with them. Click here to get started: <https://www.equestrianentries.com/main/>.

Before entering a show for the first time you will need to set-up an account/profile with them. You also need to set up records for the horses you wish to show and identify a trainer (usually yourself). The “trainer” you lesson with and who may join you at shows should be set as your “coach” for show entry purposes. These set-up steps take a little time initially, but it is only done *once*. Any shows you wish to submit entries for will remember and import this information as necessary.

You will also be able to upload electronic copies of your Coggins, and the release forms needed by ADA, Triple J, and any other venues we may use in the future.

Entrants: There are two options for entering a show with Equestrian Entries:

- 1) It costs **nothing** to create entry online, print it out, attach a check and snail mail it to the show secretary.
- 2) If you want to submit and pay online by credit card (and get miles/points), there is a 5% online submission fee. and handling. This covers our costs so we can continue to offer this service to everyone.

The benefit to the club is that our shows and clinics are now available on-line for everyone to see and enter. We hope this will increase our entries and allow us to promote our events to a wider audience. It also makes scheduling for our Show Secretary ***much easier*** as there are options to download entries and build a ride time schedule quickly. Help support our club by trying our new system and paying on-line. If you have any questions, please email Suzi at adaentries@gmail.com

Regional Schooling Show Awards Program

Just a reminder that ADA will be participating in this program which starts December 1, 2019. Our January schooling show will be the first one of our competition year that is eligible for this program. If you are interested in participating, you will need to register and report scores. The show will be responsible for registering each show with the USDF. The next newsletter will provide further details.

Alpha Dressage Officers

President

Robin Segó
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sego1@juno.com

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Website / Newsletter Secretary

Linda Roberts
(941) 773-4936
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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Upcoming Events...

Nov 9-10: WDAA Finals
Nov 17: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J
Dec 7: ADA Banquet/Holiday Dinner at Robin Segó's home
Jan 11: SWFDA Schooling Show
Jan 26: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J
Feb 23: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J
Mar 14: SWFDA Schooling Show
Mar 22: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J
Apr 4/5: Fox Lea (rated show)
Apr 11: SWFDA Schooling Show
May 9: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J
August 22/23: Fox Lea (rated show)





**Alpha Dressage Association
Membership application for 2020**

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2019 – Nov. 30, 2020

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 _____

Mail to:

Martha Koehnlein
490 Percheron Circle
Nokomis, FL 34275
941-320-7673

Koeh2337@gmail.com

GROUP MEMBER ORGANIZATION

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, 2020.**

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.

ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Five ADA dollars will be awarded for each hour of volunteer work performed. You will be responsible for reporting these hours to the volunteer coordinator.

These points can be used in the following manner:

- As partial payment for class fees at ADA schooling shows (up to \$10 per class and up to \$30 per show).
- As partial payment toward clinics offered by ADA (up to 30% of the cost of the clinic).
- You can donate them to a pool and we will decide how the money will be used at the end of the year. (ie sponsorship of a young rider).

Volunteer opportunities for our shows are listed below. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the form and send it in to the show secretary. You can do more than 1 shift. Times are approximate and will depend on the scheduling requirements of the show.

1. Ring set up (Saturday at around 12) _____
2. Scoring: AM shift (8-12) _____ PM Shift(1-5) _____
3. Scribing: AM shift (8-12) _____ PM Shift (1-5) _____
4. Gate/Runner: AM shift (8-12) _____ PM Shift (1-5) _____



Alpha Dressage Association Schooling Show

Show Date: Sunday, November 17, 2019
Entries Open: Sunday, October 20, 2019
Entries Close: Tuesday, November 12, 2019
Late Entries: Thursday, November 14, 2019
(subject to availability and payment of a late fee of \$10)

Judge: Kathleen Mitchell-Petersen (L)

Location:
 Triple J Ranch
 861 Sinclair Dr.
 Sarasota, FL 34240

Show Manager & Secretary:
 Suzi Jennings
 21209 69th Avenue East
 Bradenton, FL 34211

Please do not contact Triple J regarding the show.

256-651-5950
 ADAentries@gmail.com

Classes Offered	
1. USDF Introductory Level Test A	15. FEI Prix St. Georges
2. USDF Introductory Level Test B	16. Introductory Level Prix Caprilli
3. USDF Introductory Level Test C	17. Training Level Prix Caprilli
4. USEF Training Level Test 1	18. WDAA Intro Level, Test of Choice
5. USEF Training Level Test 2	19. WDAA Basic Level, Test of Choice
6. USEF Training Level Test 3	20. WDAA Level 1 and above, Test of Choice
7. USEF First Level Test 1	21. Gaited Dressage, Intro Test of Choice
8. USEF First Level Test 2	22. Gaited Dressage, Basic Test of Choice
9. USEF First Level Test 3	23. Gaited Dressage, Level 1 Test of Choice
10. USEF Second Level Test 1	24. USEA Test of Choice
11. USEF Second Level Test 2	25. USDF Sport Horse in Hand
12. USEF Second Level Test 3	26. USEF Rider Test of Choice
13. USEF Third Level and up - Test of Choice	27. Dressage Equitation
14. USDF Musical Freestyle (indicate level of test(s) you will be riding	

ENTRY FORM

Entries and payment are accepted at: <https://www.equestrianentries.com/login> or complete the following and include your liability releases and Coggins and mail to the Show Secretary.

Name, email address, mailing address, and phone number of rider: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number: _____

Horse Information: (age, sex, name, breed, color): _____

Fees	
Classes: <i>Fees are \$30.00 per horse/rider combination per class, for Alpha Dressage Association (ADA) and Southwest Florida Dressage Association (SWFDA) members. The non-member fee is \$35.00 per horse/rider combination per class.</i>	
First Class # & name:	\$
Second Class # & name:	\$
Third Class # & name:	\$
Fourth Class # & name:	\$
Schooling Fee for non-competing horse: (\$15)	\$
Office Fee:	\$ 15.00
Late Fee: (\$10)	\$
Stabling Options:	
Day stall: (\$30 per stall per number of stalls requested)	\$
Overnight stall: (\$40 per stall per number of stalls requested)	\$
Sub total:	\$
Volunteer Hour credits: (\$10 per class, \$30 maximum)	\$
Grand total:	\$

Memberships: Circle all applicable

ADA SWFDA None

Rider Status: Choose one

Open Adult Amateur Junior

How did you hear about this event? (Circle One)

Newsletter Website Horse & Pony Other _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

ALPHA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

I, the undersigned, wish to participate in the Alpha Dressage Association events that occur between 11/01/2019 and 11/30/2020.

I understand that during portions of these events I will be in close proximity to one or more horses under circumstances which may expose me to some risk of injury, because of the nature of horses, the facility and the activities in which I will be engaged.

In consideration of the Alpha Dressage Association allowing my participation in this event, I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, administrators, personal representatives, assigns, children and spouse, if any, do hereby agree to hold harmless, release and discharge Alpha Dressage Association, which includes it's officers, directors, members, agents, representatives, affiliates and insurers, of and from all claims, demands, causes of action and legal liability whether known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to the ordinary negligence of Alpha Dressage Association. I shall not bring any claims, demands, legal actions or causes of action against Alpha Dressage Association for any damage or loss due to bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of my participation in these events.

WARNING

Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(If participant is a minor)

Date

Jay Holmes Performance Horse LLC.

861 Sinclair Drive Sarasota, Florida 34240
941-378-0388 Ranch 941-378-8455 Fax

WAIVERRELEASE AND OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT.

By signing this agreement, you are giving up certain rights, including the right to recover damages in the case of injury, death, or property damage

*READ this agreement carefully before signing it

*Your signature indicates your complete understanding of and full agreement to all the terms.

I, _____ hereinafter the "undersigned"

Reside at _____

(If my child is a minor, I hereby execute this agreement as my minor child's responsible party and execute the last portion of this agreement.)

Desire to engage in ANY and ALL equine related activity as described by Florida Statutes, Chapter 773, at Jay Holmes Performance Horses LLC. Located at 861 Sinclair Drive Sarasota, Florida 34240.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION OF ANY FEES PAID, or in the event of no fees being due, participant and his/her guests and/or family hereby remise, release, acquit, satisfy, and forever discharge the said second party, Jay Holmes Performance Horses LLC, Jay Holmes, Rhonda Holmes, Jay and Rhonda Holmes LLC, Morgan Holmes and its affiliates, or employees, of and from all, and all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, accounts, reckonings, bonds, bills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, variances, trespasses, damages, judgments, executions, claims, and demands whatsoever, in the law or in equity, which said first party ever had, no has, or which any personal representative, successor, heir or assign of said first party, hereafter can, shall or may have, against said second party, for, upon or by reason of any mater, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of the world to the day of these presents, which may arise from any equine activity pursuant to FL. STAT. 773, or other activities related to showing, training, riding, driving, boarding, owning, seeking to purchase, or simply enjoying the sight of the equine.

This waiver is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from any Equine activity on or involving the above premises.

WARNING

UNDER FLORIDA LAW, AN EQUINE SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INGERENT RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.(Whenever used herein the terms "first party" and "second party" shall include singular and plural, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of individuals, and the successors and assigns of corporations, wherever the context so admits or requires.)

Signature of participant: _____

Signature of witness: _____

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Entries: Entries for competing and non-competing (schooling horses) must include a current Coggins, entry form, liability releases and fees. We now accept on-line entries as well as via standard USPS mail. Once your key paperwork (Coggins, liability releases, etc.) is uploaded, it won't need to be sent again until it expires.

Option 1- Online Entries

Online entries and payment will now be accepted by Equestrian Entries. Follow this link → <https://www.equestrianentries.com/login>. Sign yourself up to be a new member. You must also sign up your horse and your trainer. If you do not have a trainer, sign yourself up as trainer. Then, look for the show dates and select our ADA schooling show.

Option 2- US Mail:

We still accept entries by USPS mail, so you may send your entry (checks made payable to Alpha Dressage Association) by US mail to **Suzi Jennings, 21209 69th Avenue East, Bradenton, FL 34211**. We will not accept any entries that are phoned or e-mailed in. Entries received after the closing date will be accepted at the discretion of the management. There are no refunds of any fees after 5:00 pm on the Thursday prior to the show.

Fees: Fees are \$30.00 per horse/rider combination, per class, for Alpha Dressage Association and Southwest Florida Dressage Association members. Non-members must pay \$35.00 per horse/rider combination, per class.

There is a \$15.00 office fee per horse/rider combination.

The fee for non-competing (schooling horses) is \$15.

The late fee is \$10 per class.

Alpha Dressage now accepts Venmo as a method of payment for shows, clinics and membership. Our Venmo User Name is @AlphaDressage.

If your check is returned for non-sufficient funds, you expressly authorize your account to be electronically debited or bank drafted for the amount of the check plus any applicable fees. The use of a check for payment is your acknowledgement and acceptance of this policy and its terms and conditions. If you have any questions regarding this service and your rights pertaining to the regulations governing automatic check recovery, you may contact ChecXchange at www.checxchange.com or 1-888-740-9288.

Stabling is available: An overnight stall is \$40 and a day-only stall is \$30. Stalls will be assigned as completed entries (entry form, liability release, Coggins and payment) are received. Stall assignments will be posted at the show. You must provide your own feed, hay, shavings and water buckets. If your horse will be staying overnight, you must make your own provisions for feeding at night and the next morning.

Schooling: There is no schooling in the show arena on the day of the show. However, schooling is usually available in the show arena on Saturday afternoons after the ring has been set up.

Footing: Covered sand arena 20m x 60m for training level and above tests. The arena will be 20m x 40m for all introductory tests if the number of entries warrant the change.

Approved helmets MUST be worn by all riders while mounted.

Riders under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by an adult while on the show grounds.

Correct tack will be required as defined by USEF – i.e. smooth snaffle bits – no twisted, wire, roller or Pelham bits. Martingales, side reins, draw reins, horse boots and bandages are not allowed. Dressage whip maximum length is 47.2” (120 cm) including the sash.

Hot weather show attire is allowed. This means any color breaches and polo shirts. T-shirts are not allowed. Age appropriate boots are also required.

Ride times will be emailed to each entrant and posted on the ADA website on Thursday prior to the show. Classes will NOT run in order.

Awards: Ribbons through sixth place. A high point award will be presented to the highest scoring rider of the day. Scores will count toward ADA Year-End awards for the current competition year.

Directions to Triple J: From I75, take exit # 210, go east on Fruitville Road for 4.5 miles, turn left onto Sinclair Drive. Triple J will be on the right approximately 2 miles from Fruitville road.

Any topics that are not specifically addressed in the above guidelines or any exceptions to the guidelines must be discussed with and approved by the show manager. Any violation of the show rules can result in your exclusion from this and future ADA events.

DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES.