



Alpha Dressage News

April 2020

*"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

Editor's Note

As everyone knows by now the Corona virus pandemic has affected everyone. We hope you are all still healthy and safe and following all the recommended social distancing guidelines.

Per USEF and USDF guidelines our March and April shows have been cancelled. Our show manager, Suzi Jennings, says that anyone who sent in entries via Equestrian Entries should have received their refund already. If you sent in your entry with a check she will just destroy it.

We are doubtful that we can still hold a May show, but hope to schedule some fall shows, once we get guidance from the state, county, USDF and USEF. We will communicate as frequently as we can in this time of uncertainty.

April Meeting – Cancelled!

This month's meeting is cancelled due to State and County directives stating that everyone should follow the "Safer at Home" guidelines. Keep an eye on your email for news about the May meeting as it is unclear if the current restrictions will be lifted by then.

March Meeting

Our meeting was held at Suzi Jennings' Flying Change Farm. In attendance were 9 members, plus our presenter.

The first order of business was to accept the resignation of Roy Colwell as VP which he had tendered earlier in the week. He was not present for us to thank him for his years of service. It was voted and approved that in the interim Suzi Jennings would backfill for his role until we have elections this fall. Danielle Ammeson was elected to take a board position to in turn, backfill for Suzi.

Show entries are looking strong for the March show. There was some discussion about the Corona virus and what implications it would have should we need to cancel the show.

Our presenter was Ginny Pagano with EQ Saddle science. She explained the science and design principles behind the saddle, which is flapless. Suzi allowed her to demonstrate the fitting principles on her horse. Because we were a small group everyone got a chance to see and touch first-hand. Jennifer Marchand uses those saddles and shared her positive experiences with them.

Minutes cont'd

Another item demonstrated was the Port Lewis impression pad, which if used correctly, will greatly assist a saddle fitter. The club bought one of these and it will be able to be rented for \$25 by anyone from the club who is interested.

Meeting adjourned.

Photos from Ginny's presentation



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Regional Schooling Show Awards Program

Just a reminder that ADA is participating in this program which started December 1, 2019. Our January schooling show was the first one of our competition year that was eligible for this program.

The show committee will be responsible for registering each show with the USDF and submitting scores for all riders. Each rider must also submit a nomination form for themselves (\$35) and **submit their show scores to USDF**.

Important note: The USDF portal for the rider to submit their scores is still under development. Your show committee is currently working with our USDF Competition representative to get this tested and rolled out.

To learn more → <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/regional-schooling.asp?StatePass=FL&YearPass=2020>

Upcoming Events...

Apr 11: SWFDA Schooling Show - CANCELLED

April 19: ADA Schooling Show at Tarawin Farm, Parrish, FL - CANCELLED

May 30: ADA Schooling Show at Triple J - TBD

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 _____

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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:

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2. **Lessons/Trainers**
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4. **Equine Professional Services:** Veterinarians, Farriers, Chiropractor or Massage, Clipping, Hauling, Property Maintenance, etc.
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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.