



# Alpha Dressage News

December 2020

## Editor's Note

It's been quite the year for everyone. COVID caused us to cancel shows this spring and regroup with a new set this fall. Thank you to our organizers who worked to make this happen, our understanding judges, and hosting farms. And finally, thanks to all of **you** who came out to support our new schedule. We all have hopes for a brighter year in 2021.

Looking ahead, please get your membership renewals into Martha as soon as possible. A copy of the form can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Also looking ahead, we are working on a show schedule for next year. It's always a juggling act to find the right judges, dates, and facilities. Our goal is to offer four to five shows spread across the spring and fall. We plan on participating in the USDF Regional Schooling Show awards program again. We'd also like to get some WDAA judges lined up, but there are only eight in the state. Fingers crossed that dates and availability align!

In January we will be holding a scribing clinic. Please contact Donna Sloben if you are interested. An email soliciting interest was mailed out about a month ago.

## November Election Results

At our November meeting we held our elections. Next year's board officers and Board members will be:

President: Suzi Jennings

Vice President: Robin Segó

Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Martha Koehnlein

General Secretary: Linda Roberts

Events Coordinator: Danielle Ammeson

Our Members-at-Large remain the same. Thank you, Betty Brown, Deb Herbert, and Sue Slaubaugh, and Donna Sloben.

## January Events

As of this writing we have the scribing clinic scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our Annual Awards banquet, potluck, and unwanted gift exchange is currently scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at Robin Segó's home. It's possible that we may need to reschedule this, or make it virtual, depending upon what happens with COVID in our area. For now, just save the date!

## New Awards Program for 2021

The board just adopted a new awards program which will start with the 2021 competition (and calendar) year. Of particular note, is the first requirement. Get your membership forms in so you don't miss out on any opportunities to participate!

### Alpha Dressage Association Year-End Award Rules for ADA Schooling Shows Effective January 1, 2021

Annual Awards are open to all ADA members in good standing. The award program runs from December 1 through November 30. Scores are NOT tracked by ADA. Your submitted tests are proof of scores from year to year.

#### Requirements

- You must be an ADA member at the time that a score is earned in order for it to count towards ADA Year End Awards.
- You need three (3) scores for Intro through Fourth levels, or 2 scores for FEI levels to qualify.
- Required scores must be from the same test level and from three different shows with the same horse/rider combination. Any test of the level can be used. If you ride more than one test at the same level at a show, the higher scoring test should be submitted to the Awards Committee. The median score of the three submitted scores will be used to determine the year end score and ultimate ranking of competitors.
- A median score of at least 58% is required to qualify for an award at any level.

#### Rules

1. Photocopies or scanned images of the first page test sheets (signature page only) should be submitted to [alphadressage@gmail.com](mailto:alphadressage@gmail.com) after last show of the season.

2. A volunteer requirement of 6 hours total is required to participate in the award program.

Although your time and talents are **most valuable to us primarily at our shows and clinics**, we realize not everyone has that time or availability. So, we offer a variety of ways to earn hours towards Year End Awards.

- Hours can be earned by volunteering at ADA shows by; arena set up/ break down, scribe, ring steward, runner, scoring, announcing, and equipment check.
- Two (2) hours may be earned by referring new member(s); two (2) hours per new member referred (must not have been a member within last 5 years).
- Three (3) hours may be purchased for \$10 per hour, up to \$30.
- Six (6) hours for active Committee and Board Members. We have multiple opportunities and a range of needs for committee involvement!

3. A horse and rider pair may not receive awards in more than **two consecutive levels** in a given competition year. (*eg. Competing at Intro & Training would be OK, but competing at Intro and First level would not OK*)

4. A horse and rider pair may not **win** (*First place only*) an award more than two times for a given level.

## Awards Given

Awards will be offered for the highest score for Jr., AA and Open in the following categories:

Prix Caprilli, Intro, Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Freestyle, Pas De Deux, Prix St. Georges, Intermediate 1, Intermediate II, FEI Freestyle and Grand Prix.

WDAA Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, any level WDAA Freestyle

Gaited Dressage Intro, Basic, Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4

## Member Spotlight - Linda Roberts – Club Secretary and Webmaster/Newsletter Editor



Linda and her husband, Bryan, moved to the Sarasota area about 6 ½ years ago from Columbus, Ohio. She is currently working for one of Sarasota's Community Foundations doing program management.

Linda is currently training with Karen Abbattista and is leasing Karen's horse, Decorum Fling. She became interested in dressage back in Ohio when she had to step her hunter down due to injuries. This photo is of Linda and Ponzi (JC reg. OtherPeoplesMoney) on a crisp Ohio Fall day. This year she swears she'll get a good photo of her and Décor together!

## Alpha Dressage Officers

### President

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### Members At Large

Betty Brown  
Deb Herbert  
Sue Slaubaugh  
Donna Sloben

We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

[www.alphadressage.org](http://www.alphadressage.org)

## Volunteer & Interest Survey Coming Your Way

As we move into 2021 we find ourselves in need of your help. Everyone knows the old adage, "many hands make light work". The current core of volunteers would love to have others get involved with all aspects of running this GMO, offering events or shows, and organizing meetings/topics that benefit everyone. Please watch for a survey that Danielle has kindly offered to build for us. Joining a committee or offering to help on one of these activities is a great way to earn your volunteer hours! (Hint, hint!)

## Upcoming Events...

We are currently working on a calendar for next year's shows. Watch our website for updates as dates, venues, and judges are finalized!

January 9, 2021: ADA Awards potluck and Annual Unwanted Gift Exchange

January 16, 2021: Scribing Clinic. Contact Donna Sloben for details.

Happy Holidays to everyone! See you all in the new year!





**Alpha Dressage Association**

**Membership application for 2021**

**Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2020 – Nov. 30, 2021**

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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## Results – November 22 Schooling Show

TIME	NUMBER	Division	RIDER	HORSE	POINTS	SCORE	PLACE
<b>WDAA Intro Level Test 1</b>							
8:30 AM	87	AA	Amber Cooke	Dun It Big Tig	151.0	68.636	3
2:05 PM	80	AA	Amanda Kopak	Dreamin Miracles	155.0	70.454	2
3:39 PM	81	AA	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	155.5	70.681	1
<b>USEF Training Level Test 1</b>							
8:37 AM	253	OPEN	Nadia Yahraus	Honist	Scratch	-----	-----
12:08 PM	248	AA	Olga Ways	Phenomenon	179.0	68.846	1
12:15 PM	93	AA	Ronnie De Witt	Nova MC	163.5	62.885	2
<b>WDAA Intro Level Test 4</b>							
8:44 AM	87	AA	Amber Cooke	Dun It Big Tig	141.5	67.380	4
2:47 PM	80	AA	Amanda Kopak	Dreamin Miracles	147.0	70.000	2
3:25 PM	98	AA	Sue Slaubaugh	Artful Moves	147.0	70.000	1
4:21 PM	81	AA	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	144.0	68.571	3
<b>USEF First Level Test 3</b>							
8:51 AM	82	AA	Jacqueline McKean-Sharp	My Country Cowboy	229.5	63.750	1
9:01 AM	84	AA	Heather Spence	Bosox Believer	216.0	60.000	2
<b>USEF First Level Test 3 - JR</b>							
9:08 AM	244	JR	Madison Gonzalez	Vaquero	Scratch	-----	-----
<b>WDAA Musical Freestyle TOC Intro</b>							
9:15 AM	87	AA	Amber Cooke	Dun It Big Tig	202.0	72.142	1
<b>FEI Grand Prix</b>							
9:25 AM	88	OPEN	Viola Von Lazar	Utopia	323.5	70.326	1
<b>WDAA Level 2, Test 3</b>							
9:35 AM	86	OPEN	Lauren Merchant	TRR Pepsids Seniorita	H/C	-----	-----
<b>USEF Second Level Test 3</b>							
9:42 AM	84	AA	Heather Spence	Bosox Believer	257.0	61.190	1

WDAA Level 2, Test 4							
12:00 AM	86	OPEN	Lauren Merchant	TRR Pepsids Seniorita	310.0	69.838	1
USEF Third Level Test 1							
9:56 AM	79	AA	Deborah Collins	Oostenwind	Excused	-----	-----
1:30 PM	246	OPEN	Karen Abbattista	Wikke's Whim	254.5	68.784	1
USEF First Level Test 1							
10:03 AM	92	AA	Janet Cagle	Bullseye	196.5	67.759	2
10:17 AM	85	OPEN	Lauren Benge	Admire James	207.0	71.379	1
USEF First Level Test 1 - JR							
10:10 AM	99	JR	Emma Jordan	Tango	183.5	63.276	1
USEF First Level Test 2							
10:24 AM	92	AA	Janet Cagle	Bullseye	234.5	67.000	1
Buff Betts Memorial USEF Training Level Test 3							
10:41 AM	97	AA	Abigail Slaubaugh	Artful Moves	190.5	65.690	1
10:48 AM	89	AA	Jacqueline Jaakola	Erika	Scratch	-----	-----
10:55 AM	250	AA	Linda Gaughan	Free Verse	187.5	64.655	2
Buff Betts Memorial USEF Training Level Test 3 - JR							
11:02 AM	99	JR	Emma Jordan	Tango	185.5	63.966	1
USEF Training Level Test 2							
11:09 AM	248	AA	Olga Ways	Phenomenon	196.5	67.759	1
11:19 AM	95	AA	Charlotte Hodes	Sweet Ben Jammin	173.5	59.828	3
11:26 AM	250	AA	Linda Gaughan	Free Verse	195.0	67.241	2
USEF Training Level Test 2 - JR							
11:33 AM	94	JR	Madison Anthony	Sundance Kid	186.5	64.310	1
USDF Intro Level C							
11:40 AM	93	AA	Ronnie De Witt	Nova MC	123.5	61.750	2
11:54 AM	240	AA	Danielle Buechner	Confirmed Bachelor	129.0	64.500	1

USDF Intro Level C - JR							
11:47 AM	96	JR	Sierra Yeomans	Bentley	125.5	62.750	2
12:01 PM	100	JR	Mia Jordan	Presley	127.5	63.750	1
USDF Intro Level B							
12:22 PM	95	AA	Charlotte Hodes	Sweet Ben Jammin	101.5	63.438	1
Intro Level Prix Caprilli - JR							
12:32 PM	100	JR	Mia Jordan	Presley	147.5	64.130	1
Training Level Prix Caprilli - JR							
12:40 PM	96	JR	Sierra Yeomans	Bentley	184.0	65.714	1
USEF Third Level Test 3							
1:37 PM	90	OPEN	Cat Welsh	Adceira	276.0	69.000	1
1:44 PM	249	AA	Susan Mori	HF Cali Daaba	258.5	64.625	3
1:51 PM	246	OPEN	Karen Abbattista	Wikke's Whim	264.5	66.125	2
USEF Fourth Level Test 3							
1:58 PM	243	OPEN	Tara Martinez	Lush	237.5	65.972	1
USDF Intro Level A							
2:12 PM	242	AA	Connie Asher	Got Mojo	103.5	64.688	1
2:26 PM	245	AA	Chamellia Lewis	International Harvester (Harvey)	96.5	60.313	3
2:40 PM	241	AA	Haley Sagel	Trottin G	97.5	60.938	2
WDAA Intro Level Test 2							
2:19 PM	80	AA	Amanda Kopak	Dreamin Miracles	125.5	69.722	2
3:53 PM	81	AA	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	131.5	73.056	1
WDAA Intro Level Test 3							
2:33 PM	80	AA	Amanda Kopak	Dreamin Miracles	140.0	70.000	2
3:11 PM	98	AA	Sue Slaubaugh	Artful Moves	138.5	69.250	3
4:07 PM	81	AA	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	140.5	70.250	1



WDAA Level 1, Test 4							
3:04 PM	91	AA	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullett	174.5	67.115	1
WDAA Level 2, Test 1							
3:18 PM	91	AA	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullett	171.5	65.962	1
Gaited Intro Level Test 1							
3:32 PM	83	AA	Leslie Emery	Scarletts Hershez Kiss	151.5	68.863	1
Gaited Intro Level Test 2							
3:46 PM	83	AA	Leslie Emery	Scarletts Hershez Kiss	124.5	69.166	1
Gaited Intro Level Test 3							
4:00 PM	83	AA	Leslie Emery	Scarletts Hershez Kiss	139.5	69.750	1
Gaited Intro Level Test 4							
4:14 PM	83	AA	Leslie Emery	Scarletts Hershez Kiss	146.5	69.761	1

JR  
**Highpoint**  
**Highpoint - Eng**  
**Highpoint - West**  
**Highpoint - Other**

Sierra Yeomans	Bentley	184.0	65.714
Lauren Benge	Admire James	207.0	71.379
Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod in Heaven	140.5	70.250

**Judge**  
**Scribe**  
**Announcer**  
**Runners**  
**Scoring**  
**Gate**

Leslie O'Sullivan  
Danielle Ammeson / Mandy Peterson  
Linda Stout  
Andrea Shad / Paula Porter / Angela Ridgeway / Felicity Ridgeway / Janet Cagle / Robin Segó  
Donna Sloben / Amber Cooke / Martha Koehnlein / Robin Segó  
Nancy Berg / Sue Slaubaugh / Linda Roberts / Cynthia Gordon  
Amber Cooke / Martha Koehnlein / Donna Sloben / Linda Gaughn / Suzi Jennings / Mia Jordan / Emma Jordan/Linda Roberts

**Arena Setup/Takedown**