



# Alpha Dressage News

January 2020

## Editor's Note

Hello everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday. At our recent annual meeting we re-elected our board of directors and added some members at large. Awards were presented and we're hoping for more participation in our shows this coming show season. Not only can you win our local GMO awards, you also have the opportunity to participate in the regional schooling show program if you register with the USDF.

## January Meeting – January 14, 2020

Our next meeting is the ever-popular annual *Unwanted Gift Exchange!* Sponsored by Betty Brown, the meeting will be January 14th at 6 pm at 7610 Saddle Creek Trail. Please bring a wrapped present to exchange.... which is something you just CAN live without! The event is lots of fun and who knows, you might just bring home something better!

## 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.

## December Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Everyone had a great time again at Robin's place. The proposed bylaws changes passed and our new board members and members at large were voted in for the coming year.

A few photos of the evening are included below. Not everyone present or who won an award were photographed.



*"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

## Award Winners

Level	Rider	Horse	Score	Place
Introductory	Holly Bova	Zarra	65.208	1
First Level	Susan Cox	Castiel	63.436	1
First Level Pas De Deux	Susan Cox and Doris Suenkel	Castiel and Chopin	74.667	1
Second Level	Ronnie DeWitt	Walk on Air	65.963	1
Third Level	Ulrike Bschorer Alejandro Sanchez	Sandy Nevado	64.937 62.583	1 2
FEI Prix St. George	Doris Suenkel	Chopin	57.451	1
4th Level Musical FS	Doris Suenkel	Chopin	67.083	1
WDAA Level 1	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullett	68.205	1
WDAA Level 2	Henry Watson	Smooth Bullett	67.158	1
WDAA Gaited Intro	Leslie Emery	Scarlett's Hershez Kiss	67.29	1



## Bylaws Change

Club membership voted to approve some bylaws changes. The changes in Article V address the job descriptions of the officers on the board and allow us to distribute the workload and better serve the association. Our bylaws for Article V are now:

### **Article V**

#### **OFFICERS**

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

**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. He/she will also oversee the maintenance of the website, publication of the newsletter, and any social media sites.

**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 Officers

### President

Robin Segó  
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sego1@juno.com

### Vice President

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### General Secretary

Linda Roberts  
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### Treasurer / Membership Secretary

Martha Koehnlein  
(941) 320-7673  
Koeh2337@gmail.com

### Events Coordinator

Suzi Jennings  
(256) 651-5950  
[adaentries@gmail.com](mailto:adaentries@gmail.com)

### Members At Large

Danielle Ammeson  
Betty Brown  
Deb Herbert  
Donna Sloben

We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

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

## 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.

Danielle Ammeson has agreed to help coordinate the registration of our shows with USDF so that they all qualify. She will be working closely with Suzi Jennings, our show manager, and Donna Sloben, our keeper of all scores. This ability to participate in the awards program is due to the generosity of Ronnie DeWitt who is donating the fees that enables the club to register our shows with USDF. Thank you all for making this a possible the coming year!

## Upcoming Events...

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](mailto: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:**

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## 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](mailto:info@alphadressage.org) or call Linda at 941-773-4936.





Alpha Dressage Association Schooling Show  
USDF Regional Schooling Show  
WDAA Recognized Show (20-118)

**Show Date:** Sunday, January 26, 2020

**Entries Open:** January 2, 2020

**Entries Close:** January 21, 2020

**Late Entries:** January 23, 2020 (*subject to availability and payment of a late fee of \$10 per class*)

**Judge:** Carol Bishop (R) (USEF/USDF)  
(r) (for WDAA )

**Location:**

Triple J Ranch  
861 Sinclair Dr.  
Sarasota, FL 34240

**Show Manager & Secretary:**

Suzi Jennings  
21209 69<sup>th</sup> Avenue East  
Bradenton, FL 34211

***Please do not contact Triple J regarding the show.***

256-651-5950  
ADAentries@gmail.com

**USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards program:**

This show is recognized by the USDF for the new **USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards** program. If you wish to participate *you must submit an on-line nomination form for yourself and your horse with USDF.* For more information see: <https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/regional-schooling.asp>

If you wish to participate in this new program you **must submit your entry via EquestrianEntries.com** because the online entry form captures information that this paper show bill does not request.

**WDAA Recognized:**

This show is also recognized by the **WDAA** (Western Dressage Association of America). The show number is **20-118**.

## Class List

<b>USDF / USEF Traditional Dressage tests</b>	<b>WDAA Western Dressage tests</b>
1. USDF Introductory Level Test A	25. WDAA Intro Level Test 1
2. USDF Introductory Level Test B	26. WDAA Intro Level Test 2
3. USDF Introductory Level Test C	27. WDAA Intro Level Test 3
4. USEF Training Level Test 1	28. WDAA Intro Level Test 4
5. USEF Training Level Test 2	29. WDAA Basic Level Test 1
6. USEF Training Level Test 3	30. WDAA Basic Level Test 2
7. USEF First Level Test 1	31. WDAA Basic Level Test 3
8. USEF First Level Test 2	32. WDAA Basic Level Test 4
9. USEF First Level Test 3 (Buff Betts Memorial class)	33. WDAA Level 1 Test 1
10. USEF Second Level Test 1	34. WDAA Level 1 Test 2
11. USEF Second Level Test 2	35. WDAA Level 1 Test 3
12. USEF Second Level Test 3	36. WDAA Level 1 Test 4
13. USEF Third Level and up - Test of Choice (indicate test you will be riding)	37. WDAA Level 2 and above - Test of Choice (indicate test you will be riding)
14. USDF Musical Freestyle (indicate level of test(s) you will be riding)	38. WDAA Musical Freestyle (indicate level of test(s) you will be riding)
15. FEI Prix St. Georges	39. Gaited Horse Intro Level Test 1
16. Introductory Level Prix Caprilli	40. Gaited Horse Intro Level Test 2
17. Training Level Prix Caprilli	41. Gaited Horse Intro Level Test 3
	42. Gaited Horse Intro Level Test 4
18. USEA Test of Choice (indicate test you will be riding)	43. Gaited Horse Basic Level Test 1
19. USDF Sport Horse in Hand	44. Gaited Horse Basic Level Test 2
20. USEF Rider Test of Choice (indicate test you will be riding)	45. Gaited Horse Basic Level Test 3
21. Dressage Equitation	46. Gaited Horse Basic Level Test 4
22. <i>Reserved for future use</i>	47. Gaited Horse Level 1 Test 1
23. <i>Reserved for future use</i>	48. Gaited Horse Level 1 Test 2
24. <i>Reserved for future use</i>	49. Gaited Horse Level 1 Test 3
25. <i>Reserved for future use</i>	50. Gaited Horse Level 1 Test 4
	51. Gaited Horse Level 2 and above, Test of Choice (indicate test you will be riding)

**Note on class #9:** The Buff Betts Memorial is training level test 3. The highest score Open/AA/Jr will be awarded a certificate for a free class for use at a future ADA show.



## ENTRY FORM

Entries and payment are accepted at: <https://www.equestriantentries.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	
<b>Classes:</b> <i>\$30.00 per horse/rider combination per class, for Alpha Dressage Association and SWFDA members. Or, \$35.00 per horse/rider combination per class, for non-members.</i>	
First Class # & name:	\$
Second Class # & name:	\$
Third Class # & name:	\$
Fourth Class # & name:	\$
<b>Schooling Fee for non-competing horse: (\$15)</b>	\$
<b>Office Fee:</b>	\$ 15.00
<b>Late Fee: (\$10) per class</b>	\$
<b>Stabling Options:</b>	
Day stall: (\$30 per stall per number of stalls requested)	\$
Overnight stall: (\$40 per stall per number of stalls requested)	\$
<b>Sub total:</b>	\$
<b>Volunteer Hour credits: (\$10 per class, \$30 maximum)</b>	\$
<b>Grand total:</b>	\$

**Memberships: Circle all applicable**

ADA          SWFDA          None

**Rider Status: Choose one**

Open          Adult Amateur    Junior

**Are you participating in the USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards program?**

Yes          No

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

Newsletter    Website          Social Media    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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

(If participant is a minor)

# 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 matter, 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 is there for each show 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 69<sup>th</sup> 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 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. Venmo User Name @Alpha-Dressage

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](http://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.**