



Alpha Dressage News

October 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

We did it! We held our first schooling show since the onset of COVID and it was a huge success. We had rides from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. It was a very full show. Thank you all who attended for your support.

Our high point award winners were:

Junior: Mia Jordan riding Presley

English: Shelby Wimler riding Millison

Western: Tim Christianson riding My Dream Horse

We also had two vendors who participated and donated two of the high point prizes. A heartfelt "Thank You" to Sunny Coast Equine Veterinary Services and Horse Play Tack (all sales benefitting All Creatures Safe Haven).

For detailed score information go to our website.

Up next is our November 1st show at Tarawin Farm in Parrish. As always, sign up via Equestrian Entries.

November Elections – Call for Nominations!

It's never too late to get involved! At our November meeting we will be electing our Board and Officers for 2021. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact Robin Segó ASAP. We are always looking for members who are willing to volunteer for these important roles.

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November Meeting

The date for this important meeting is not finalized yet. Watch for a separate email that will contain a ballot and information. It is likely that we will have to conduct this virtually and rely upon mail-in votes. Stay tuned for further information!

Member Spotlight – Danielle Ammeson - ADA Events Co-Chair & Social Media



Danielle can be seen riding her big bay American Warmblood Gelding, Casino Royale (Royal) at local ADA shows and commonly attends USDF rated shows. Danielle enjoys the challenges of training Royal up the levels. Since 2016 Danielle has worked as a Quality Manager of a local Biopharma company that collects plasma for plasma-derived therapeutic products that are used worldwide for treating serious diseases and conditions such as hemophilia and immune system deficiencies.

Website and Facebook Updates

We will be refreshing content on our website soon. We would love to include more photos of our own members with or without their horses. If you have a photo you would like to share with our online community please send it to info@alphadressage.org (Note: This is different email address associated with our website. Using it will help the webmaster and newsletter editor greatly.)

Find us on Facebook at **Alpha Dressage Association**. As we firm up show schedules, dates, and other events this will be the first place you will see the updates. A huge thank you to Danielle for taking on the Admin role for us!

November 1st Show Information

The show bill and prize list for our November show is posted on Equestrian Entries. Our website also has the forms, but you must enter on-line.

Costume Class Information – Plan ahead!

For our Halloween show on November 1st we will be offering two types of fun classes; a costume class either mounted or unmounted, and a “free-for-all” musical freestyle class, which will be offered in addition to the regular USDF freestyle class. **There will be prizes!** These classes will be run in conjunction with the lunch break.

Class 81: Creepy Costume Class

Mounted or unmounted, individual or teams but must include at least one horse. Judged Parade style.

Class 82: Freaky Free-For-All Freestyle!

Any movement, any level, any music, any combination of movements, any number of riders.

Must include a halt at beginning and end. May not be longer than 5 minutes. Judged as per a regular freestyle but without any required or restricted movements.

The perfect class for those who have always wanted to have a go at a freestyle! Costumes optional but if included will be scored with artistic side.



ADA General Meeting Minutes – 9/8/2020

Meeting held via Zoom and was graciously hosted by Karen Partisch using her Zoom account.

In attendance were: Linda Roberts, Martha Koehnlein, Robin Segó, Donna Sloben, Jenny Watson, Mary Lynn Stanton, Suzi Jennings, Danielle Ammeson, Crissa Gillette, Iris Konstantinou, Betty Smith, Karen Partisch, and Heather Woolls.

After a welcome by our President Robin, Karen explained her profession. She specializes in Craniosacral Therapy (**CST**) **for people** and **CST for horses**. Karen is located in Sarasota, FL. Visit her website at <https://karenpartisch.com> for more information. We all agreed that once we are able to hold “in person” meetings we would like to invite Karen back as a presenter.

The next topic was Q&A about the schooling show registration process using Equestrian Entries. She did a demo of the setup using the screen share capabilities of Zoom. One thing everyone should do is to get all their docs and waivers in order and uploaded, even if they don’t want to show September 27th. They will be usable for future entries.

Heather Stalker (R) is judging the September 27th show and Bill Woods will be judging the November 1st show. The final show in November (on the 22nd) will be judged by Leslie O’Sullivan (L with distinction).

The November 1st show will also include some costume classes for fun which Suzi and Danielle described. (Crazy Costume and Freaky Free-for-All).

We do not have a date yet for the November meeting. It may need to be held virtually with ballots mailed out. More to come on that. The awards banquet will be held in January at a location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned

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See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Upcoming Events...

Fall schooling show dates are below! All will be approved for the USDF Regional Schooling Show awards program. All will help you qualify for ADA Awards if you are a member!

November 1, 2020 at Tarawin Farm – Bill Woods (R) – USDF
November 22 at Tarawin Farm – Leslie O'Sullivan (L with distinction)

SWDFA shows (won't count towards ADA awards) are:

October 17, 2020 at Hidden Haven in North Fort Myers – Jennifer Benoit (S)
November 17, 2020 at Hidden Haven in North Fort Myers – Amy Speck (L)

Awards Year Change

Due to the show cancellations earlier this spring we are extending our club's award year until November 30, 2020. Our annual meeting where we elect new officers, will still be held in November. An awards banquet will be held in January. Again, more details will follow as we adjust our schedule for the remainder of the year.



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 _____

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