



# Alpha Dressage News

January 2021

## Editor's Note

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope this coming year will bring everyone health, happiness, and riding success with your equine partner. Speaking of riding partners, we would love to spotlight anyone who has a new horse in their life. Send a photo and info to me at [info@alphadressage.org](mailto:info@alphadressage.org) to be included in the next newsletter!

## January Events

Our Annual Awards banquet, potluck, and unwanted gift exchange is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> at Robin Segó's home. The Awards ceremony will be presented via Zoom. Awards for virtual attendees will be mailed to the recipients.

## A Message from our President

Ooof, well I know we're glad to get 2020 behind us and I'm sure we all have high hopes for 2021 being an easier year in many aspects of our lives.

As your new president of ADA, I'm certainly hoping we have more latitude this year to provide the service we set out to as a club, offering not only shows, but clinics and other educational opportunities as well as some social events too.

Our goal is to involve a wider spectrum of our members (and hopefully boost membership in the process) by offering greater visibility of our ideas, to dig a little deeper into your opinions and to take action from what we learn.

To that end, anticipate a call from a board-member in the next few weeks: there are members out there that we rarely hear from and we would like each of you to know at least one of the ADA board and have an opportunity to tell us what we can do for you.

Rest assured we will do our best to kick-on whilst maintaining safe guidelines such as offering virtual attendance to meetings and social events, show-and-go ride times at competitions and clinics, and postponing those activities we deem socially inadvisable if necessary.

Be sure to check the Website and Facebook page for updates and news as well as this newsletter and other email bulletins. In the meantime, I hope you all have a chance to saddle up and enjoy the ride that 2021 gives us.

Head up, heels down and carry on!

Suzi Jennings.

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

## Membership & Treasurer's Report

We currently have 47 people who have renewed or newly joined for this year. If someone wants to know if they have renewed, they can email me Martha at [Koeh2337@gmail.com](mailto:Koeh2337@gmail.com).

Regarding the treasury, we have \$11,000. Out of this we will have to pay for four recently joined members to USDF and our liability insurance in January which will be around \$400-\$500 for the year. We will also have to pay for the awards. The February show will also require outlays to Tarawin Farm, the judge, and for other related show expenses.

## February Show Update

Current plans are to hold our first show on February 28<sup>th</sup> at Tarawin Farm. The judge will be Heiner Jeibmann, who is an R in both traditional and Western dressage. A show bill should be available in later in January.

## Upcoming Events...

We are currently working on a calendar for this 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. – **CANCELLED!** Will be rescheduled for later this year. Contact Donna Sloben for details.

**February 28, 2021:** Schooling show at Tarawin Farm. Heiner Jeibmann (R) judging.

## Annual Awards Party Details

**Date:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 6 pm for potluck, 7 pm for Zoom awards ceremony

**Place:** 2679 Ranch Club Blvd, Myakka City, FL

The gate code for the development is 4578. Ours is 2018#

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We will also have the unwanted gift exchange so bring something for someone else to love.

If you would like to attend in person, please RSVP to Robin at [Sego1@juno.com](mailto:Sego1@juno.com).

If you would like to attend via zoom, please RSVP with your email address to Danielle at [Spitfirelover22@hotmail.com](mailto:Spitfirelover22@hotmail.com). For those attending via Zoom we will start the call at 7:00 pm for the awards presentation. If anyone wishes to stay on to see the gift exchange Linda will keep the meeting live.

## Sneak Peek into the Jennifer Marchand Clinic 01/30/2021

First off, I want to thank all of our members and friends who showed such quick interest in the clinic! Within a two days seven spots were filled! We do have one spot still open if anyone is interested. The fee is \$100.

Ride times will be available closer to the event date. This clinic will be a bit different than normal since it will be hosted at multiple private farms. The format will be a traveling instructor clinic. Auditing is free of charge to ADA members. Please remember to bring your own chair, social distance to keep everyone safe. Restroom availability not guaranteed.

The following riders will be riding in the morning at 3 private farms in **Myakka Valley Ranches** in Sarasota (E SR-72):

- Danielle Ammeson and Casino Royale (aka Royal). Royal is an 11 year old AWB gelding showing second level.
- Sydney Rightmire and Wolfs Cruise Control (aka Spirit). Sydney is a junior rider, and her horse Spirit is a 6 year old Andalusian gelding showing training level.
- Linda Roberts and Decorum Fling (aka Décor). Décor is an 18 year old Dutch Warmblood gelding showing training level.
- Susan Mori and HF Cali Daaba (aka Cali). Cali is a 14 year old Arabian mare showing third level.
- Amy Chenard and Lincoln BCE (aka Charlie). Charlie is a coming 5 year old Dutch Harness gelding who Amy just purchased from Pennsylvania, and at the moment he has not shipped to FL yet. Amy and Charlie will still be getting acquainted with one another.

The following riders will be riding at **Suzi Jennings house in Panther Ridge** (E SR-70) in the afternoon

- Heather Spence and Bosox Believer (aka Beau). Beau is a 12 year old TB gelding who is currently showing second level.
- Bonita Beam and Sullivan (aka Sully). Sully, who was who was bred by Bonita, is a Morgan stallion who rides dressage at second level, jumps, and drives!

## 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 I, 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



**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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