



Alpha Dressage News

May 2022

Suzi's Scoop

I know that a lot of us have been out there showing in the big wide world beyond the bounds of Triple J and I'd like to extend a huge congratulations to all of you who have been doing so well.

Please let us hear of your stories, whether victorious or vanquished, we'd love to hear either way!

Speaking of shows, our latest one was this weekend on May 1st. Don't forget we now have a food truck serving yummy food and ices at our shows, as well as All Creatures Safe Haven tack shop, so come out to watch, support, shop and eat, even if you're not riding 😊

Back by popular demand: The Scribe Clinic. This time we plan to combine it with a scoring clinic too! We don't have a date set for this yet as we really need a venue. Anyone have any suggestions? It needs to be a large room with bathrooms and big screen/ computer hook up etc. and preferably with food nearby. I wondered if anyone has a golf club membership they could cash in on to get us a conference room for a day without it breaking the bank! Please let me know your thoughts. I can be reached at 256-651-5950 or adaentries@gmail.com

We are planning more clinics and we're going to have a total of 6 shows this year and big surprise..... We are not doing our Halloween show but instead in December it's going to be.....

Wait for it... a Festive Show with Frolicking Festive Free-For-All Freestyle classes 😊😊😊

So, start thinking of those amazing costumes and ideas. Be sure to check out the book review by Susan Smith. It's all about freestyles!

That's all for now.

See you soon,

Suzi

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Upcoming Events...

May 10, 2022: ADA General Membership meeting at the Triple J Cantina at 7:00 pm

June 26, 2022: Schooling Show at Triple J – Heather Stalker (R & WDAA R)

Fall, 2022: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge & final date TBD

December, 2022: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge & final date TBD

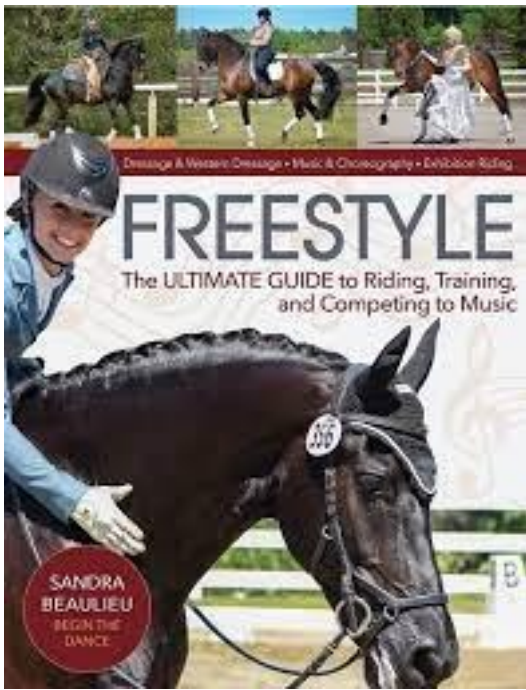


Event Roundup

Our next show is June 26, 2022 at Triple J. This show will be WDAA recognized as Heather Stalker, USEF R, WDAA R will be our judge! Entries will open around June 1st and this show will fill up fast! Do not wait to get your entries in depending on amount of interest we might be closing the show early!

Book Review – Freestyle

By Susan Smith (one of new members!)



Freestyle by Sandra Beaulieu
Published 2020, Trafalgar Square
\$34.95

Whether you are a person who wants to design your own freestyle or a person who chooses a professional design, this book is equally helpful. Sandra Beaulieu clearly explains freestyle from conception to competition and offers lots of tips and encouraging interviews from other freestyle enthusiasts along the way.

There are 3 parts to this book. In the first part, the author begins by defining terminology and the scored competition elements of a freestyle. She then moves right into the heart of a freestyle: how to choose the right music for you and your horse.

Part 2 of the book focuses on choreography of the competition freestyle. There are over 100 pages of movements and diagrams in this section divided between Dressage and Western Dressage. An explanation of each movement includes the test level (from basic through upper level) and requirements of use. The author includes strategies to play to the strengths of the horse or

change the difficulty of a movement for higher freestyle scores. Beaulieu finishes this section with discussion of how to put your choreography and music together. She discusses basic music editing, timing, software options and how to perfect the finished product.

Part 3 of this book is dedicated to Exhibition Freestyles which is produced in a similar manner to competition freestyles but with additions such as tricks, props, costuming, make-up, riding with multiple horses and performing in various venues.

Sandra Beaulieu is a very encouraging author with a clear passion to help riders experience the joy of freestyle. This book is well organized and heavily illustrated. The “success” stories incorporated throughout the book are interesting and do not interrupt the flow of information. In addition to her book, she provides support for her fellow freestyle enthusiasts on her website: <http://beginthedance.com>.

A Visit to Carl Hester’s Farm

By Suzi Jennings

This is a quick note from Annie Yates, Suzi Jennings’ mother, who is President of GODS in the UK about their visit to Carl Hester’s Barn.

Hello ADA members,

Twenty-three (23) of our Getting Older Dressage Society (GODS) made a visit to Carl Hester’s beautiful home and yard in Gloucestershire.

Carl entertained us with his huge knowledge and we saw 5 horses from 5 years old to Grand Prix going through their paces, beautifully ridden by his pupils and Charlotte, culminating in the Grand Prix horse Charlotte is expecting to ride at the World Equestrian Games in Denmark.

To top it off we then met Alan and Valegro and Utopia, their 2 Olympic medallists from 2012.

Carl very generously donated all the proceeds from the 50 spectators to the Ukraine Disaster Fund.



Annie Yates and Valegro

Alpha Dressage Classifieds

They're back! Any member may submit a brief classified ad for free each month. Send your text ad (no photos to save space) to info@alphadressage.org. Submission deadline is the 25th of the month to be placed in the next month's edition of the newsletter.

Member Ads

Albion SLK Adjusta Ultima 17.5" seat. Used saddle in excellent condition. MW Adjusta tree can be modified by a saddle fitter. Asking \$2000 + shipping (obo). Contact Susan Borkin 941-441-8846 or borkinsu@gmail.com.

Reminder About Our Tribute Partners Program

By Donna Sloben

Alpha Dressage has partnered with Tribute Feed. The Tribute Partners Program allows Alpha Dressage to earn money for future events. Every proof of purchase tag (found at the bottom of the feedbag) is worth \$.25. Invoices for bulk feed are also eligible for this program.

Clarissa Cupolo has donated a bag full of Proofs of Purchase to the club to get us started. After spending several nights on my couch counting and bundling, the final count is 1,690. At \$.25 per proof of purchase tag, the total amount we will be credited is \$422.50! Thank You Clarissa!

Do you currently feed your equine partner a Tribute feed product? If so, please consider saving your proof of purchase tags for Alpha Dressage. Bring them to a meeting, a show, a clinic or just hand them off to a board member.

The money can be used for anything the club chooses and will benefit our members by helping to keep your fees down!

Volunteer Form

**** 6 hours minimum required annually to qualify for Year-End Award ****

Thank You for Volunteering – We Appreciate Your Time!

**Please check in with the Office when arriving for your volunteer time.
You must sign in to start your time and sign out when you are finished.**

Please print all requested information below.

Name of ADA Member: _____

Name of Volunteer: _____

(if different from ADA Member)

NOTE: If you are donating your time, you must specify the ADA member name and then provide your name.

Name of show/event attended: _____

Date: _____ Location: _____

Total hours worked: _____ Job(s): _____

**Return this form to the volunteer coordinator or office on the day of the show/event
or mail it to: Donna Sloben./ 5317 Fruitville Rd./ Box 60 / Sarasota, FL 34232**

Signature of the Volunteer Coordinator: _____

Suggested activities to complete the ADA requirement of 6 volunteer hours:

- Scribe
- Scorer
- Gatekeeper
- Runner
- Floater
- Arena Set-up
- Arena Change-over
- Arena Take-Down
- Volunteer on a Committee

*Note: This form is also available on our website



Alpha Dressage Association

Membership application for 2022

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2021– Nov. 30, 2022

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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