



Alpha Dressage News

December 2022

Suzi's Farewell Scoop

This will be my last Suzi's Scoop as I am stepping down from the President position with Alpha Dressage. I know I am leaving the board in very capable hands, but it's time to let a fresh face steer the ship and allow me time to pursue other activities. I know I will continue to see many of you at our future shows, clinics, and meetings.

So now you all have an important job to do; vote for the future board and/or volunteer to become an officer of the club. Ballots will be emailed shortly before the December meeting and the vote will be held at the Christmas Party on December 18th (details in the calendar).

Our last show of the season is this Sunday, December 4th at Triple J. This is also the first show of next season so scores will count for both 2022 and 2023 awards. We have many entries in the "Festive Free for all Freestyle" so why not come out to watch? It's such a fun class and even your non-horse family members will enjoy it with the music and costumes. All ADA members who attend will get a special commemorative gift to celebrate the close of our 50th year as a club so I hope to see many of you there. Ride times will be published on the website and emailed out as usual so you'll know what time to come. Don't forget to volunteer if you have any extra time. Volunteer hours will count towards this year and next, too.

As always, check the calendar for future dates and be sure to make a note of these two dates in particular as they will come up very quickly in the new year:

- Unwanted Christmas Gift Exchange and next Member Meeting on January 11th at the home of Betty Brown
- Awards Banquet on January 28th at Palm Aire. It's going to be a wonderful evening with door prizes, awards, great food, and wonderful company.

That's all for now except to say goodbye as your president and Happy Holidays to each and every one of you.

Suzi

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Upcoming Events...

December 4, 2022: Schooling Show at Triple J – Marie MacDonald, L with distinction

December 18, 2022: Annual Meeting & Holiday party at Gecko's on Clark Rd. 1:00 – 4:00 pm RSVP to Betty Brown (details below)

January 11, 2023: Unwanted Gift Exchange (and party) at Betty Brown's home. 6:30 pm - 7610 Saddle Creek Trail, Sarasota, FL 34241

January 28, 2023: Awards Banquet at Palm Aire Country Club. Details to follow.

February 12, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge TBD

March 19, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge TBD

April 30, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge TBD

September 10, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge TBD

October 29, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judge TBD



Event Roundup

Holiday Party & Annual Meeting – December 18th at Gecko's on Clark

Our holiday party will be held at Gecko's on Clark Road (5585 Palmer Crossing Circle, Sarasota). Of note, this is our annual meeting and we will vote on the upcoming year's board members.

We will have a cash bar and order off the menu. The tentative hours are from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, possibly longer. Save the date for now. All Alpha Dressage members and their families are welcome.

Please RSVP to Betty Brown by December 15th.

Bmb76101@verizon.net or 941-376-6230



Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year again. All memberships expired on November 30, 2022. If you plan on riding in the December 4th horse show and want your scores to count for the upcoming year you **must be a member** at the time you submit your entry. A form is located at the end of the newsletter.

New Dressage Tests available now

A new set of dressage tests are now available. These tests will be used starting with our December show. <https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

Year End Awards Update

By Amanda Kopak-Hiser

As we are quickly approaching the end of this year's show season, we ask that everyone take a look to see if they have fulfilled their eligibility requirements to be in the running toward year end awards. With two shows left this show season, there is definitely still time for our members to do so! Even though our normal show season runs from December 1 through November 30, this year as a perk for our 50th Anniversary celebration, we will be including the December show in both the 2022 show season as well as the 2023 show season.

Following the December show, you will have until **December 10th** to be able to submit copies of the first page of your test sheets of your eligible scores to alphadressage@gmail.com. Remember, scores are NOT tracked by ADA, your submitted scores will be proof of your scores for the year. You will need 3 scores for Intro through Fourth Levels, or 2 scores for FEI levels to qualify. These scores must be from the same test level, from three different shows with the same horse and rider combination. Any test of the level can be used. The median score of the submitted test scores will be used to calculate your score and the year end award rankings. A median score of at least 58% is required to qualify for an award at any level.

Don't forget, there is also a volunteer requirement of 6 hours! If you volunteer at a show, please make sure that you sign both IN and OUT on the volunteer sheet or else we cannot give you credit for your hours. Year-end awards will be offered for the highest average score for Junior, Adult Amateur and Open divisions 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

For additional information about our awards program, you may check our website at <http://www.alphadressage.org>. If there is something you may not be clear on, please don't hesitate to ask before it's too late!

New Membership meeting schedule

The board recently voted to change our meeting schedule to bi-monthly. The next meeting will be held December 18th, 2022 in conjunction with our holiday party. This will also serve as our annual meeting where we elect our board members.

Alpha Dressage Classifieds

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

****2 gorgeous & comfy Omni monoflap dressage saddles****

17.5" Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Omni , black, Vienna leather, hybrid panels , currently measures 6" dot to dot but fully adjustable by any licensed fitter, short thicker knee block, deep seat, 16" flaps, great condition super comfy!! Billets will need to be replaced at some point but still functional. Located Myakka city FL, local trials only. \$3200 obo

17.5" Custom Saddlery Wolfgang Omni, black, freshly re-flocked, measuring M-MW but fully adjustable by any licensed fitter, thick longer knee block, deep seat, excellent condition & like riding on a cloud! Billets in good shape , no damage. Located Myakka City FL, local trials only. \$3400 obo

Text or call Nadia Yahraus at 941-320-2746 for pics or more information

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 2023

Membership runs from Dec. 1, 2022– Nov. 30, 2023

NAME: _____
Adult _____ Junior (18 & under) _____ Date of birth for juniors _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PREFERRED PHONE: _____

ANNUAL DUES

Adult: \$50.00 \$ _____

Junior \$40.00 \$ _____

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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