



Alpha Dressage News

January 2023

Greetings!

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone. After a couple years of COVID and Ian this fall, I am happy to put 2022 behind me! I'm sure many of you feel the same...

We held our Annual meeting this past December 18th at Gecko's. About 22 people attended and voted. Thanks to those of you who couldn't attend but mailed in their ballots. Of note, we have two new members at large who we are excited to welcome, Sara McCartney and Susan Schoettle.

Our new board is as follows:

- President: Linda Roberts
- Vice-President: Donna Sloben
- Secretary: Sue Slaubaugh
- Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Martha Koehnlein
- Social Media & Events Coordinator: Danielle Ammesson
- Members-at-large:
 - Betty Brown
 - Amanda Kopak-Hiser
 - Sara McCartney
 - Angela Ridgway
 - Susan Schoettle

Our famous and sometimes fabulous **Unwanted Christmas Gift Exchange** is on January 11th at the home of Betty Brown. There will also be a brief (very brief) membership meeting. Please bring a wrapped "unwanted" gift to exchange. We usually draw numbers to pick, and stealing is allowed. A good time is had by all. Please RSVP to Betty if you plan on coming.

Our Awards Banquet is on January 28th at Palm Aire. It's going to be a wonderful evening with door prizes, awards, great food, and wonderful company. We hope to see you there!

Looking for a newsletter editor... Know anyone? As incoming President, it's going to be difficult to also manage the website and edit the newsletter. The Board would greatly appreciate some volunteers, from editor-in-chief, to contributing articles. Won't you consider helping? It would count towards your volunteer hours!

Linda

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.alphadressage.org

Upcoming Events...

January 11, 2023: Unwanted Gift Exchange (and party and general meeting) 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 5, 2023: Polo at Lakewood Ranch – Details to follow in email

February 12, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Heather Stalker USDF/USEF R & WDAA R

March 14, 2023 (Tues): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

March 19, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Michelle Velasco DVM, USEF r, USDF L with distinction

April 11, 2023 (Tues): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

April 30, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Bill Woods, USEF/USDF R

May 9, 2023 (Tues): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

June 20, 2023 (Tues): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

July 12, 2023 (Wed): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

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

September 13, 2023 (Wed): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

October 11, 2023 (Wed): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

October 29, 2023: Schooling Show at Triple J – Judy Downer USEF/USDF S & WDAA R

November 8, 2023 (Wed): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM

December 13, 2023 (Wed): General Meeting at Fruitville Public Library – 6:00 – 7:45 PM



New Membership meeting schedule

The board recently voted to change our meeting schedule to bi-monthly. However, we have heard that some members really wanted monthly meetings. We are trying to get on a regular “third Wednesday of the month” schedule, but have had challenges getting our desired times booked with the library. A full schedule is posted above.

Watch carefully for the day of week as it does change throughout the year as we try and get back on schedule. It's quite possible the November and December dates will change or be cancelled, but we had to book now or risk losing them entirely!



Annual Banquet

It's that time of year again to celebrate the accomplishments of all our members and enjoy some time together outside of the barn or show ring. A number of you will have a lot to celebrate once you receive your awards!

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$20 for kids

Dinner for adults will be buffet style and kids will be served a chicken tender meal with fries and fruit. Alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase. To reserve a spot a nonrefundable payment is required.

Please RSVP by January 14th by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/HXDakVDpdg4kjcpt6>

ADA will be accepting checks or Venmo as payment method, details are on the RSVP Form

Buffet Menu is as follows:

- Coffee/Tea/ Soda/Lemonade is included
- Baked Brie Appetizer, baked with raspberry and toasted almond compote inside a flaky crust
- Palm Aire house salad
- Dinner rolls
- Chicken Blanquette, sauteed chicken breast with sherry mushroom cream sauce
- Salmon En Croute, baked in phyllo dough with boursin cheese, artichokes, and wilted spinach
- Pork Asian Ribs, orange glaze, scallions and sesame seeds
- Sides: Macaroni & Cheese, Champagne Risotto, and Green Beans
- Dessert: TBD –

New Dressage Tests available now



A new set of dressage tests are now available and will be used going forward. Check them out here:

<https://www.usdf.org/downloads/forms/index.asp?TypePass=Tests>

Alpha Dressage Classifieds

Belle Mer Farm in Palmetto has 1-2 openings! Partial board, horses fed twice a day, stall provided, large pasture turn out, Dressage arena, wash rack. Owner provides feed, hay and stall cleaning. \$350/ month.

Facebook: @bellemerrfarm Email: hms1270@gmail.com

Note: 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.

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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