



Alpha Dressage News

March / April 2023

Greetings!

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone has been enjoying this weather and getting some good rides in. We have our next schooling show coming up on March 19th. We closed entries early on our last show so get your entries in!

In addition to riding, I hope you will consider coming to our next general meeting. This next one promises to be interesting and informative.

On March 14, 2023 we will have a special guest speaker at our monthly membership meeting, held at the Fruitville Public library. Eileen Ward, representing BEMER, will join us to share the benefits of this technology for both humans and our horses.

There will be a brief membership meeting from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Eileen will present from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, and then we will wrap up by 7:45 when the library closes. She will be bringing both a human and equine unit. If you want a turn at the human unit join us promptly.

We are also in process of putting a clinic together with Charlotte Trentleman in early May at Robin Sego's. We're presently trying to determine if there is enough interest. Please contact Susan Schoettle and she can give you the details. (sschoettle@yahoo.com or 941-320-3054)

Finally, I am desperately looking for someone to assist me with the newsletter. Know anyone? As 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!

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

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Upcoming Events...

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.



If you have ideas for topics or presenters, please contact Martha Koehnlein or Sue Slaubaugh. They would welcome your ideas and input!

Year End Awards



We had a wonderful awards banquet in January. Many of our members were recognized on January 28th at the Palm Aire Country Club. For those of you who were not able to attend, we are listing and recognizing everyone below. Hopefully, many of you saw some of the photos that were posted on Facebook.

2022 ADA Year End Award Placings				
USEA Starter Junior	Champion	Natalie Beard	Wine Country's Romeo	68.500
USDF Intro Level Junior	Champion	Natalie Beard	Wine Country's Romeo	66.250
USDF Intro Level AA	Champion	Danielle Ammeson	Shamu	66.979
USDF Intro Level AA	Reserve	Iris Konstantinou	Farsiris	66.625
USEF Training Level AA	Champion	Robin Segó	Boris of Solstice	67.497
USEF Training Level AA	Reserve	Susan Greer	Wine Country's Romeo	65.774
USEF Training Level AA	3 rd	Jacquelyn Jaakola	Erika	63.792
USEF Training Level AA	4 th	Patricia Strauss	Sundance Kid	61.228
USEF First Level AA	Champion	Robin Segó	Boris of Solstice	61.976
USEF Second Level Open	Champion	Suzi Jennings	Pregonero XL	70.037
USEF Third Level AA	Champion	Danielle Ammeson	Casino Royale	65.135
WDAA Intro Level AA	Champion	Mark Hiser	Dreamin Miracles	75.657
WDAA Intro Level AA	Reserve	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod In Heaven	73.166
WDAA Intro Level Open	Champion	Lauren Merchant	Charismatic Cowboy	71.750
WDAA Basic Level AA	Champion	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod In Heaven	73.260
WDAA Basic Level AA	Reserve	Mark Hiser	Dreamin Miracles	71.928
WDAA Basic Level FS	Champion	Amanda Kopak	Suzis Big Hot Rod In Heaven	72.143



Polo Outing at Lakewood Ranch

February 5th saw 16 ADA members and their guests enjoy a glorious day of polo. We had a potluck and Mark Hiser grilled/smoke up an amazing batch of brisket and beef tips. The rest of us brought sides and desserts. It was the Woofminster dog show, so several of our canine friends also attended. We're hoping to do this again next year.





Unwanted Gift Exchange

Our annual unwanted gift exchange was hosted by Betty Brown this year on January 11th. As usual, there were some amazing, (and not so amazing) gifts. Hope you can join us next year!



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

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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