



Alpha Dressage News

September / October 2023

Greetings!

Hello everyone,

I'm thankful we dodged direct landfall with Idalia last week. Those "I" storms are bad news. Hopefully, everyone didn't experience much damage or flooding.

Our weather has been miserable this summer. Many of us have had very little opportunity to ride, but please, don't let that stop you from signing up for our final shows.

We don't have a date yet for our rescheduled freestyle clinic. Keep an eye out in your emails for an announcement soon.

Of note is that we have complete show schedule with outstanding judges coming in 2024. Please read Danielle's article which follows later in this newsletter.

Hope to see you around this fall!

Linda

September Membership meeting

Our next meeting will be on, **Wednesday, September 13**, at the Fruitville Road library. Our speakers will be Dr. Jeffrey Kaplan and Dr. Darren Scarafile, chiropractors with Advanced Chiropractic & Physiotherapy, in Lakewood Ranch. Back at the request of those who attended the informative August meeting will be Who: Advanced Chiropractic and Physiotherapy, Drs. Jeffrey Kaplan, DC and Dr. Darren Scarafile.

This month they will be covering the topic of functional medicine, a holistic approach to your health care needs. What is Functional Medicine? F.M. is an approach to health care that looks to determine the underlying "root" cause of illness. Learn how bloodwork and certain tests can reveal areas that need to be addressed nutritionally.

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See us at:

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Upcoming Events...

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

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: Halloween Schooling Show with the Freestyle Costume Class 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 9, 2023 (Sat): ADA awards banquet and Annual Meeting – Cooper's Hawk 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Upcoming USEF Rules Changes

Beginning December 1, 2025, under GR 1101.1, all horses competing in USEF-licensed or -endorsed competitions must be microchipped with a 15-digit ISO compliant 11784/11785 chip.

For more information on microchipping, including content that was made specifically to answer a wide array of questions, please visit www.usef.org/microchip.

If you have specific questions about recording your microchip, please email horseservices@usef.org.

IMPORTANT NOTE: *This rule change will NOT apply to our schooling shows.* Only those competing at recognized shows will be affected.

2024 Show Season Forecast

Alpha Dressage Association will be hosting 6 schooling shows this season at Triple J Ranch in Sarasota! In 2023, we were able to host 5 shows and many times had to close shows early due to the amount of interest we received. Thanks to all of our volunteers who make these shows possible and to the ADA Board Members who put a lot of work in behind the scenes to make things run smoothly.

One thing that sets ADA apart from other schooling shows in the area is the quality of judges we can book. This year we were able confirm our 2024 dates far enough in advance with Triple J that we had time to book high quality judges who riders of this area really enjoy showing under! We hope you look at the schedule and put the dates on your calendar so you are able to join us!

The number of Western Dressage riders who attend ADA shows have been growing over the years. This year when deciding which judges to contact we looked for judges who have licenses for both classical and western dressage. We are proud to be able to host 5 WDAA recognized events this year. We appreciate all the support from the western riders.

One new element ADA is investigating for the 2024 season is the ability of riders to earn AQHA dressage points for English and western dressage at our shows. Three of the dressage judges for this year are also AQHA judges. We hope this new option for riders in the area draws in some new competitors and horses.



2024 SHOW SCHEDULE

- JANUARY 14 MICHELLE VELASCO, ALSO WDAA
- FEBRUARY 18 BILL WOODS
- MARCH 17 HEATHER STALKER, ALSO WDAA
- SEPTEMBER 15 LYNN NEWTON, ALSO WDAA
- OCTOBER 27 CHARLOTTE TRENTLMAN, HALLOWEEN FREESTYLE+ WDAA
- NOVEMBER 17 JUDY DOWNER, ALSO WDAA

The graphic features a vibrant, multi-colored background transitioning from orange and yellow at the top to purple and blue at the bottom. On the right side, there is a stylized illustration of a horse's head in profile, facing right, with a decorative, swirling purple and pink mane. The text is white and bold, with the title '2024 SHOW SCHEDULE' at the top left. Below the title, a list of six show dates and judges is presented, each item enclosed in a white rounded rectangle with a thin black border. The list items are separated by small white dots.

Fox Lea Recognized Show Recap

The weekend of Sept. 2 & 3, 2023, saw several Alpha Dressage members competing at a recognized dressage show at Fox Lea Farm in Venice.



One of those braving the heat was Robin Segó. Fox Lea's Fall Dressage show was an intimate and fun affair. It was very hot on Friday and Saturday but a hint of Fall weather arrived on Sunday which made for a pleasant day to end the show. Boris of Solstice is Robin's 18 year old Russian Orlov stallion. Robin rode First Level test 3 on both days and scored 60 and 66. More importantly, she said, it was fun to see a lot of friends after a long hot summer. Robin is looking forward to seeing everyone at the schooling show on Sept. 10.

Ryan Stark rode his 9 year old horse Brumo II for the first time at Prix St. George. Brumo is a PRE.



Suzi Jennings rode her and Aya Konstantinou's new horse, Aragonés MOR at First Level. It was Strudel's first time competing at First Level and he scored both a 65% and 63%, and he is only 5 years old! Suzi has qualified both Strudel at Training Level and Nancy Donaruma's horse Pregonero XL at Second Level and Second Level Freestyle so they will be going to regionals, and Aya competed her mare, Farsiris at First Level.



Tanya Herrmann rode her 10 year old Friesian stallion, Rienik HO, who was imported from Holland as a 3 year old. Originally bought as a driving horse, he and Tanya won multiple single horse championships. Tanya also brought him up through the levels of dressage. They placed 7th in the country at Nationals in Second Level freestyle in 2021! The pair is qualified for Regionals at Second level freestyle, having scored both 70.1% and 73.3% this past weekend at Fox Lea. They are also qualified for Third Level and Third Level Freestyle. We wish them much success.



Steven Villar competed with his mare, Annie Get Your Gun.

Congratulations to all of you for getting out there, keeping our sport alive and braving the heat!

Alpha Dressage Classifieds

Note: Any member may submit a brief classified ad for free. 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 edition of the newsletter.

Looking for a Covered Arena for your ride?

InStride at 1629 Ranch Road in Nokomis is offering haul-in use of their lovely covered arena on Sundays. Get out of the sun and the rain and ride in a large covered arena. For more information, please contact: Elizabeth Ireland, eireland@easterseals-swfl.org, or JoEllen Pozarek, jpozarek@easterseals-swfl.org

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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