



## **ADA Newsletter**

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### ***USDF Mission Statement:***

**Dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage.**

Next Open Board Meeting Scheduled for March 27, 2006 Huffman Horse Center Office  
6:30 pm. Everyone welcome to attend; call Susie for agenda items.

### **ADA'S newly elected officers for 2006**

PRESIDENT: SUSIE KAISER, 346-2351

VICE-PRES.: MARTI MILLER, 694-6123, 786-7437 (w)

TREASURER: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882

SENIOR BOARD: PEGGY BOWKER

JUNIOR BOARD: EMILY MINER

SECRETARY: MARY KAYE HESSION, 345-1090

SHOW COMM.: JENNIFER LUNDBERG, 301-2738

AWARDS: RAENA SCHRAER, 830-9882

SENIOR BOARD: LINDA KELLEY, 746-5994

JUNIOR BOARD: JORI DITTMER, 349-3949

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### **Website Extraordinaire:**

Have you surfed the web and found us? How could you miss it!! Master Website Person for ADA, Mary Kaye Hession, has made it easy for you to be informed. Please use it. USDF thinks it is a great website and gave it high ratings. There is an updated Calendar of Events, including clinics, ADA board and show committee meetings, shows, and other events including ADA's Spring Luncheon coming up on March 23 (don't miss your invitation at the end of this newsletter issue!). Under "Join ADA" you will find our membership and recording forms. And our 2006 Omnibus will be available on the website as soon as it is ready. Even tests are available to be downloaded, along with the ADA Handbook and a questionnaire recently filled out for USDF on the history of ADA. It is very informative and fun with her dancing graphics and all. We can't thank Mary Kaye enough for her great work with the site. Don't forget, if you do a Sponsorship for ADA it goes on the "WORLDWIDE WEB."

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### **Goodbye from ADA's outgoing president....**

#### **President's pasture:**

Here's one final letter to members from me, now past-president, Raena Schraer. It has been a pleasure to serve as ADA president for the last two years. My thoughts are that over those two years ADA has functioned very smoothly with a board that has made it possible for me to be president with very little understanding of the job before I accepted it. I would like to thank all of the board members that served while I was president, Marti Miller, Deana Johnson, Mary Kaye Hession, Linda Kelley, Jennifer Lundberg, Susie Kaiser, Kari Garber, Jori Dittmer and Emily Carr. Also I would like to thank the many people who put in a big effort to help the board with all of the tasks that we work on in a year. ADA's committees are often composed of non-board members, just as much of the management of the shows comes from non-board members. There are several people who come to mind, Jennifer McLeod, Carolyn Schultz, Britany Kaiser, Jayne Dittmer, and our new Spring Festival manager Kim Hale. Without the help of ADA members like these, being a board member would be a much more difficult job. Hopefully I didn't leave anyone out; all efforts to help are greatly appreciated.

Also, I'd like to welcome our two new board members this year, Peggy Bowker and Emily Miner. Already they have both contributed new ideas and fresh insight to our meetings and future projects. I look forward to working with both of them.

If there is anyone out there among the membership who would like to help on any of our committees, please don't hesitate to contact any of the board members.

ADA is actively seeking someone among our members who could take charge of our newsletter. The board would work closely with that person and provide them with much of the information for newsletters. The ADA newsletter is usually sent out to members about four times a year via e-mail, except for those members who do not use e-mail (they receive the old-fashioned version on actual paper). Anyone even slightly interested in composing a newsletter a few times a year should contact a board member via the new and improved ADA website, [www.alaskadressage.org](http://www.alaskadressage.org).

Ok, that's it. Take care everyone, and enjoy the longer hours of sunshine! All of us at ADA are looking forward to a bigger and better show season this year!

Raena Schraer

**...and hello from ADA's new president!**

President's Passage:

Hi all and welcome to Dressage 2006! Can you believe it's March and only a few more months 'til show season? I know I'm excited, because we've got two new show managers, Kim Hale and Carolyn Schultz! Whoopee!!!

First, I'd like to say 'bye and thanks to Raena Schraer, our outgoing President, and then turn around and welcome her right back as our new Treasurer!!! She did a great job as our President and I know she will now do a great job as our Treasurer. Also, a big thanks to our outgoing

Treasurer Deana Johnson, although she's not getting too far away... She's going to stick around and help Raena learn the ropes and serve as our Promotion and Fundraising Chair. Then, I would also like to thank our outgoing Board of Directors and **welcome** our new 2006 Board of Directors!

Remember... we've got our Spring Meeting (see info at the end of this newsletter) coming up and all should attend to see what's up for this summer: lots of DRESSAGE!!!

Sounds like we've got some horses coming and going so good luck to everyone in whatever you're up to and see you soon! COME ON SUN!!!  
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Have a good ride!

Susie

### **ADA NEW MEMBERS IN 2006--A BIG WELCOME TO ALL, AND THANKS FOR COMING ONBOARD**

ADA has been lucky enough to receive several new memberships in 2006. Some of these members have been members in the past, but were absent for a few years, and some are completely new to the world of Alaskan dressage. We'd like to welcome this year's new members:

Loretta Andress--Returning member

Jessica Dryden--Returning member

Kim Hale -- New member who is entering the scene in a big way, volunteering to manage ADA's Spring Festival show in June

Dr. Sabrieta Holland--New member

Terri Mielke--Returning member

Lynn Paterna--New member and new owner of the Huffman Horse Center

Lena Ripple--New member

Annie & Brienne Mabry--Returning members

It's exciting to have some new names on the list and we all look forward to seeing new faces at the shows.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ASH AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to all our dressage winners at the ASH Awards Banquet—see the full list at [www.ash-inc.org/files/2006BanquetProgram.pdf](http://www.ash-inc.org/files/2006BanquetProgram.pdf) !

### **ALASKA WELCOMES NEW DRESSAGE HORSE**

Rumor has it (and wouldn't that be a good name for a horse?) that Deana Johnson, now that she's no longer on the ADA board, will be spending some of her free time with Francis, a 16.2-hand Prix St. Georges/ Intermediare I gelding from Sweden; he's now in Florida and will remain on the East Coast until summer 2007.

### **ALASKA WELCOMES NEW DRESSAGE RIDER**

(Of the future, that is.) On Feb. 12, ADA board member Jennifer Lundberg and her husband welcomed their son Lyle Wilson Lundberg into the world. Congratulations!

### **RESULTS OF ADA 2006 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION:**

Senior: Marti Miller (second term), Raena Schraer (second term), Peggy Bowker (first term)

Junior: Emily Miner (first term), Jori Dittmer (second term)

### **VALLEY NEWS FROM LINDA KELLEY**

Brent Hicks will be the judge for the Midsummer dressage show. For newcomers to dressage, Exhibition Training Level classes will be offered at this show as well as Introductory Level tests A and B. These classes are eligible for an exemption to the USEF/USDF membership rules. Thus, riders who show only in these classes will pay just their class fees, office

fees, and USEF drug fees to show. It looks as though some 4-H'ers and Pony Clubbers are interested in this lower-cost chance to try out a recognized show. If you can serve as a scribe, scorer, or runner for this show, please contact Linda Kelley at 746-5994.

Upcoming events at Sindorf Equestrian Education Center (SEEC):

SEEC will be hosting a portion of the Judy Thocher clinic scheduled for the beginning of April.

SEEC will be having an open house on April 29th in conjunction with the ASH Swap N Sell. Have a look around the facility and pick up some of those "necessities" that you or your horse may "need" at the Swap N Sell.

### **More Show Info:**

Our show managers are Kim Hale and Carolyn Schultz. **CALL THEM IF YOU CAN HELP!**

**USDF Membership Department has a new Master Verification system** to make entering competitions much easier. The MV displays the horse's registration, as well as the rider's and owner's membership information, all on one sheet. This will avoid the need to make copies of all your USDF certificates and cards for each competition. Now, one page will have all your information. It can be customized and printed at any time, thus ensuring the most up-to-date membership verification. And it works even if you've forgotten all those membership numbers! Try looking up your own horse at [www.usdf.org/verification/verification.asp](http://www.usdf.org/verification/verification.asp). (We hear that USEF will soon coordinate with USDF and print USEF membership verification on the other side of the page—stay tuned!)

**Wish List from Susie and Deana (Reprinted, until our wishes come true):**

Susie wants a new dressage office booth at the Center complete with window and door. She also wants a new railing around the arena and new footing. Deana wants a designated dressage arena (with permanent railing) at the France Equestrian Center (Palmer Fairgrounds). She is told there is plenty of room in the trees. Do you have a wish list item for ADA? Let us know; we will add it to our list. It doesn't hurt to dream.

**Mark your Calendars & Continue to Check out Dates on the Web:**  
[www.alaskadressage.org/calendar.html](http://www.alaskadressage.org/calendar.html)

May 12 Margaret Adams Schooling Show—Chamberlin Center,  
Anchorage; Judge Patty Russell & Clinic

June 3 ADA Spring Festival—Chamberlin Center, Anchorage; Judge  
Diane Royce, TD Debbie Moloznik & Clinic

June 24, 25 Midsummer Horse Show—France Equestrian Center,  
Palmer; Judge Brent Hicks, TD TBA

July 15 William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center Horse Show—  
Judge Sue Kolstad, TD TBA & Clinic

August 12, 13 ADA Biggest Event Ever—Chamberlin Center,  
Anchorage; Judge Lois Heyerdahl, TD Veronica Holt & Clinic

The Chamberlin Center has scheduled its schooling shows; see  
dates on the website

**Reminder—We need your help, no job is too small**

--Promotions & Fundraising Chair Deana Johnson [deanaj@attalascom.net](mailto:deanaj@attalascom.net)

## **ADA's Annual Spring Luncheon Invitation**

**Date:** Sunday, April 23rd, 2006

**Time:** 3 pm – 6 pm

**Place:** Bella Vista Restaurant, at Peter's Creek

**Cost:** \$17/person

*There will be a buffet-style dinner served including lasagna, salad, garlic bread, etc.*

*Last year's spring luncheon theme was what I call the "paperwork challenge." This means it was a pre-show season help session for new members and anyone in need of information regarding horse registration, membership requirements and general horse show paperwork, rules and regulations and awards programs. This meeting was well received last year and members found it helpful. This years meeting will be very similar. The board members will be there and will have all the necessary membership forms/information one needs to get ready for the show season.*

*Also, the spring luncheon is a chance for all members and non-members to get together with the board and hear what we have been working on over the winter, provide input and generally say hello.*

***Please e-mail your reservations to Mary Kaye Hession by Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, [reservations@alaskadressage.org](mailto:reservations@alaskadressage.org), or call 345-1090.***

*We hope to see as many of you there as possible!*