



The Centerline

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President's Passage

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ADA Awards Banquet/ Annual Meeting Invitation	6	First (of course!) was the Dressage section (judged by ADA's renowned Deana Johnson... Ta Da!), then we headed outside for the cross country course. (And, I'm pretty sure, when each competitor crossed the finish line - with a HUGE grin on their face - they said... "LET'S DO IT AGAIN!") Then last, but not least, was the stadium jumping held in the beautiful Sindorf outdoor arena. Big thanks to	Don't forget to check out the ADA website for all Dressage updates, news and events, and our summer show scores (http://alaskadressage.org - BIG thanks to Mary Kaye!)
			So, for now... X (Halt, Salute!) ☺
			Susie 346-2351

2007 Board Elections (for Terms to Begin January 2008)

Your 2007 ADA nominating committee (Carolyn Schultz and Nancy Farris) announces that its search is over. There will be five ADA members running for three vacant seats on the senior board (two-year terms): Peggy Bowker, Melanie Brown, Victoria Fredenhagen, Marti Miller, and Raena Schraer. Two candidates will run for two seats on the junior board (one-year terms): Sarah Cohen and Shelbie Fredenhagen. Carolyn Schultz reports that your ballots will be sent by U.S. mail on Tuesday morning, Oct. 2, thirty days before the annual meeting and ADA awards banquet (see page 6 of this issue). Ballots must be returned to Carolyn by Oct. 26, one week before the meeting. Carolyn and Nancy will count the ballots and report the results at the meeting.

Candidates' Biographies, Senior Board

Peggy Bowker:

Moving from Wisconsin to Alaska in 1995, with my now husband, Jim, was quite an adventure. Alaska is definitely the place of opportunity. Jim and I got married in the spring of 1996 and in the fall started Bowker Mechanical LLC, the best heating company in south central Alaska - just ask us :-). After developing some great friendships with a few ladies with horses, I finally started riding again. Horses and 4-H had been a huge part of my life in Wisconsin. In the spring of 2001, I started riding lessons and was hooked on dressage. I joined ADA, got my dressage partner, Ellie, and have been striving to be a better dressage rider and horseperson ever since.

We have four kids, of which two are horses (Tom and Ellie) and two are dogs (Owen and Katie). This past summer I took on the challenge of riding and showing both of our horses in the ADA shows. What a great learning experience.

Serving on the board for ADA for the past two years has really given me an appreciation for all that goes on in getting this great organization to run so successfully and efficiently. And I would like to continue to be a part of that. Please choose me to serve on the ADA board. Thank you. -- Peggy L. Bowker

Melanie Brown:

I was born and raised in southern New Hampshire. I moved to Anchorage after graduation from high school in 1997 to pursue a little adventure and independence at Alaska Pacific University. I studied there for two years and in summers worked fishing, forestry and tourism jobs around the state. My partner got accepted to a graduate program in wildlife at UAF in 2000, so we moved there and I worked for Alaska Airlines and later as an accountant before returning to UAF to pursue my Bachelor's in Biology at UAF in 2001. That year I got my first horse, Titan.

I graduated from UAF in 2004 after a five-month legislative internship in Juneau. We moved to Kenai after my partner took a job for the state, but he decided to return to his medical

career pursuit and began premed coursework back at UAF, where I also pursued coursework for a nursing career, meanwhile working at a local veterinary office. I began the UAA nursing program in Anchorage in fall 2006. I currently care take an elderly woman with dementia. Over the summer I worked with a child with autism.

Titan was diagnosed with osteoarthritis of the pastern joint this spring and has been chronically lame since May. In July, I acquired and started a new horse named Two. I love to read, travel, bake and ski.

I think working with the ADA crowd this summer volunteering for the shows and getting to know faces was a super experience. There are a lot of dedicated and talented riders involved in ADA. I would love to continue to be involved over the winter months. -- Melanie Brown

Victoria Fredenhagen:

My name is Victoria Fredenhagen; my daughter Shelbie is the devoted equestrian in the family, Jim and I are the support partners. I believe in and have witnessed the value of dressage in a rider's and horse's life. I encourage everyone to include dressage in their riding schedules. I have served on several boards and am aware of the commitment it takes to do so. I am interested in serving on the ADA board to further support dressage in the Alaska community. -- Victoria Fredenhagen

Marti Miller:

I have served four years on the ADA Board and would be most happy to continue helping the dressage community in this way. I'm especially proud that I was able to help ADA obtain recognition last year as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization. I discovered the great sport of dressage in 2000 under the tutelage of Kathy Gliva at the EKG Stable in Peters Creek. My first show season was 2002 when Shahil and I started in Training Level. After a few years we progressed to First Level and this past season both of us enjoyed trying out Musical Freestyle. My daughter (Caitlin Ward) and I have fun being a mother-daughter team at the shows. We both have a special appreciation for the older dressage horse. Shahil is now 24, and Caitlin's mount (Le Ibn Asahra, "Bend") is 27 years old. Dressage has helped keep these older guys in shape! I would like to continue on the Board, bringing the perspective of both the Adult Amateur rider and the show Mom. – Marti Miller

Raena Schraer:

For those of you who may not already know me I grew up here in Anchorage. I started riding horses with Deana Johnson at what was then Heatherwood (now Huffman Horse Center) in the 80's when I was a wee little thing. Mainly I have done dressage throughout my years, although I did 4-H and a little bit of everything at one time or another. I have ridden many horses since back when, some of the most famous being Little Joe, Tory, Pepper, Tosca and last but not least the lovely mare Cyprus, who will likely be gone to the greener pastures of the continental USA by the time anyone reads this. Some of my other interests include petting my many dogs, skiing, biking, working on my house and traveling. I have been on the ADA board for four years now, serving as president, treasurer, and show manager. I intend to

run for one more term starting in 2008 and will take a break from the board after this next term is up, so long as I am elected again. Working with ADA has been a great experience for me and I've learned a lot, but I'm not done yet.... -- Raena Schraer

Candidates' Biographies, Junior Board

Sarah Cohen:

Hi, my name is Sarah Cohen. I am 14 years old and attend South Anchorage High School. I am running for my second term on the ADA junior board. I felt it was a great learning experience for me, and I would like to continue to learn more. I have been riding for eight years, and showing in ADA and ASH horse shows for six years. I started my show career at the Alaska Dressage Shows, competing in Intro tests. I got my first horse, Jenna in August of 2005; sadly she had to be put down. I now have a wonderful new mare named Lilly; last summer we showed in Training and First Level. I enjoy being an active member in the Hillside Highriders 4-H club, Freshmen Class Treasurer of South Anchorage High School student government, and a Rainbow Connection volunteer. – Sarah Cohen

Shelbie Fredenhagen:

Shelbie Fredenhagen was born and raised in Anchorage Alaska. She started taking riding lessons when she was 10 years old and was hooked. She had always been interested in hunter/jumper but once she got her own horse her trainer, Susie Kaiser, introduced Shelbie to the fun and the benefits of Dressage.

Shelbie and her horse, Prides Will, have been riding and showing in Dressage Training Level and First Level for more than two years and this last year won the First Level Championship at the ADA Biggest Event Ever. She now has a new warmblood mare, Neira, and showed her this year in Intro and Training Level. Shelbie was elected to the ADA Board and served as a Junior Officer last year and would love to be elected again this year! ☺



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Alaska Dressage Association invites you to our annual awards banquet and annual meeting!

Date: *Friday, November 2nd, 2007*

Time: *6:30 p.m. drinks, 7:00 p.m. dinner*

Place: *O'Malley's On the Green, Anchorage*

Cost: *\$35 members and non-members, pay at the door*

There will be a buffet-style dinner served with your choice of seafood or chicken entree.

Awards for the 2007 show season will follow dinner. The event will also feature our traditional silent auction and the opportunity to renew your membership or donate for 2008. The newly elected 2008 ADA board will be announced at the end of the evening.

Please have reservations to Mary Kaye Hession by Monday the 29th of October.

Reservations can be made via e-mail:

banquet@alaskadressage.org

Or telephone:

345-1090 *(Leave a message)*

We hope to see as many of you as possible there. It should be an enjoyable evening as always!