



Alaska Dressage Association

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Junior Board Candidates

Emily Miner

My name is Emily Miner and I am a junior at Service High school. I have owned my horse Cassiopea for 4 years and have ridden dressage for 3 years, with Lisa O'dell. I enjoy the three "R's" of life: reading, riding, and running. I am a member of Anchorage Youth Court and secretary for our school's Green Club. I would like to be a junior representative for Alaska Dressage Association, because I love the sport and would like to help involve more youth in dressage.

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 has 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's horse, Prides Will, and she have been riding dressage Training Level and First Level for two years and this last year won First Level Championship at the ADA Biggest Event Ever.

Sarah Cohen

Hi, my name is Sarah Cohen and I am 13 years old. I started riding when I was five with Brienne Mabry who emphasized dressage. I am now training with Susie Kaiser and I greatly enjoy taking as many clinics as possible, especially with Judy Thocher. I got my first horse in August of 2005. Her name is Jenna and she is a quarter horse mare who loves her new job as a dressage horse. Last summer we showed in Training and First Level. I enjoy being an active member in my 4-H horse club, the Hillside Highriders, and a volunteer at the Rainbow Connection Therapeutic Riding Program for the handicap. I would really like to be a part of this years ADA junior board.

Senior Board Candidates

Susie Kaiser

Susie Kaiser has been riding, training and showing horses for most of her life. She has previously been a member of the ADA Board of Directors, serving most of her terms as the ADA Treasurer and recently the President. She has also served as a Steward for USEF (formerly AHSA) and has served numerous terms on the ASH Board of Directors, with two of those years as the ASH President. Susie is totally devoted to the art of Dressage, and is interested in almost every kind of riding discipline and every breed of horse that whinnies and has a tail!

Linda Kelley

I am a life long dedicated horse enthusiast and have served on several equine organizations' boards in the past. Presently, I enjoy being a part of the Alaskan equine community. I actively participate in the local recognized shows with my riding partner TVR Dunny Chip. He is a unique individual with lots of challenges but, most of all, lots of heart. We also participate in the schooling shows and bring our little donkey friend,

Log Cabin Little Fellow, along for the driving and costume classes. There is plenty of fun and comradery all the way around. Having fun and supporting your chosen equine discipline is what it is all about. I believe that dressage is beneficial for ALL equines, regardless of whether they compete in the show ring or are just good backyard family members. I also feel that it is important for the sport of dressage to have a diversified base of support in the local community. Bringing dressage back to the valley this past year was a good step in this direction. I have taken pleasure in helping to accomplish ADA's goals over the past two years and hope to continue in this position if re-elected to the ADA board.

Jennifer Lundberg

I've been an active member of the board for the last 2 years and look forward to another 2 years. Previous to that I was an active member of my Oregon Dressage Society chapter in Bend, Oregon. We've been an active board these last 2 years and have worked hard on obtaining IRS non-profit status and updated our handbook. In addition to my board duties, I am also the show secretary for both ADA shows and provide show secretary assistance to the Chamberlain and Valley shows.

I have over 20 years experience in training and competing in dressage including several regional championships (USDF and Arabian Regionals), championships in USDF All Breeds, and my most cherished horse achievement my USDF Bronze Medal for life time achievement. I am also a graduate C-3 Pony Clubber and former US Pony Club Chief Horse Management Judge (national level). Being a new Mom, my horse riding activities have slowed down but my goal is to obtain the USDF Silver Medal within 5 years.

Mary Kaye Hession

I am an adult amateur rider who returned to active riding and competition in 1989 after many years away. I board my horse Natural Law, a Dutch crossbred mare, at Diamond H in Anchorage. Nattie and I compete in jumpers as well as in dressage (yes, I'm an eventer-wannabe!).

I have been an ADA board member/ADA secretary since 2003, as well as webmaster for ADA's website at www.alaskadressage.org. Since 2004, I have also been chair of Zone 12 for USHJA (the USEF affiliate for hunter-jumper competition) and am Zone 12's webmaster (www.zone12usef.org).

I believe that dressage in Alaska is strengthened by reaching out to riders of all backgrounds. Of course, our horses benefit too: it's almost a cliché that dressage improves any horse. But here in Alaska, we actually get the chance to prove that statement true. In recent years our dressage shows have included horses who double as champion hunters, jumpers, equitation mounts, driving horses, even Western reining horses. Their dressage training is an ideal foundation for whatever else they may be asked to do. I want to continue that spirit of inclusion, welcoming all riders who are willing to give dressage a try, regardless of their background or what type of horse they ride. I would be honored to continue serving on ADA's board.

Alaska Dressage Association Invites you to its annual awards banquet!

Date: Friday, November 3rd, 2006

Time: 6:30 drinks, 7:00 dinner

Place: O'Malley 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 2006 show season will follow dinner. The event will also feature our traditional silent auction. The newly elected 2007 ADA board will be announced at the end of the evening.

Please have reservations to Mary Kaye Hession by Friday the 27th 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!