



Alaska Dressage Association, Inc.
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President's Pasture

Hi all! Looks like we survived another show summer! And what a summer it was. Or was it??? With all this rain we had a few close calls, but I think we pulled it off!!! First I'd like to thank our two wonderful Show Managers Kim Hale and Carolyn Schultz (applause) and all of our amazing volunteers (more applause). Without you we couldn't hold the awesome shows that we do! And what about those dinners??? Huge thanks and "great job" to Carolyn, Anne, Ardene, and Sue!!! Did I miss anyone? (Hope not!) Special thanks to Joe Kornegay (and family) for bringing Dressage back to the valley shows and of course a big thanks to Anchorage Horse Council for holding Dressage classes at the Chamberlin Show and the Schooling Shows. And, of course, for all our participants... THANKS!!!

Now, it's time to start thinking about next year. EEEKKK! But first, it's party time! We have elections coming up... a few of our Board of Director positions will need to be filled so get your nominations in and don't forget to vote! Then... it's time for the ADA Awards Banquet!!!

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!) See you at the Banquet and have a great ride! ☺

Susie
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PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE: The ADA Awards Banquet/fall meeting will be held Friday, Nov. 3, at O'Malley's on the Green in Anchorage. Mark your calendar now! You'll receive your official invitation in the October newsletter and can make your reservation then.

AWARDS for the 2006 season can be found at the USDF website, <http://www.usdf.org/CalendarEvents/Competitions/2006/> Or at the USEF web site,

www.esef.org. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check his scores as reported by USDF and USEF. Please check your scores before October 1, 2006 to ensure enough time for corrections if needed.

WANTED: NOMINATIONS FOR NEW BOARD SEATS!

Later this fall, ADA members will vote to fill four senior board positions currently held by Susie Kaiser, Mary Kaye Hession, Jennifer Lundberg, and Linda Kelley, as well as both junior seats (held by Emily Miner and Jori Dittmer). The senior seats will have a two-year term starting January 2007 and going through December 2008; junior positions last one year, starting in January. ADA's nominating committee, Jennifer McLeod and Sue Banet, is now seeking nominations for the new slate. If you are willing to serve on the board or know someone who is ready to volunteer, Jennifer and Sue want to hear from you.

The only qualification is that nominees be ADA members at the time they are nominated. Nominations must be accompanied by a written biography of 300 words or less and must be received no later than September 25.

If you have any nominations, questions or suggestions, contact Jennifer (at 248-8862 or watson@alaska.net) or Sue (at 345-6480 or banet@gci.net). Please e-mail your biographies to one of the above addresses so that they do not have to be retyped for the newsletter.

A ballot for the election will be sent out 30 days prior to the annual meeting this fall, which will be held in conjunction with the awards banquet on November 4. At the meeting, the new board members and any recipient of the Kathryn Brooks Award will be announced.

WANTED: NOMINATIONS FOR KATHRYN BROOKS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT PERPETUAL AWARD!

The Kathryn Brooks Perpetual Award is named in honor of one of our co-founders, Kathy Brooks. Kathy, with her husband Steve and her third-level horse Sunny, moved to Alaska in 1979 where the only dressage classes she found were held in open shows with unrecognized judges. Often the score sheets from these classes listed only the score with no comments. The need for a dressage association was obvious to her and by January of 1980 ADA had been incorporated. Qualified judges were retained, and AHSA- (now USEF-) and USDF-recognized dressage shows began in Alaska. The first ADA show was held in the summer of 1980.

Kathy was an example of excellence in dressage in Alaska at the time. Her horse, tack and attire were exemplary, as well as her attitude and enthusiasm. There was no end to the time that she spent in creating the Alaska Dressage Association and welcoming members to be a part of this group dedicated to promoting excellence in dressage.

Kathy continued being active in ADA until her return to Alexandria, Virginia, in 1987 with her husband Steve, her two young children, and of course, Sunny. She returned to be near the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, where she was being treated for melanoma. She continued being a member of ADA and to keep in touch with her usual enthusiasm until her death in 1993 at the age of 47.

Qualifications for Nominees

Each nominee must:

- be an ADA member.
- have worked to promote interest in dressage in Alaska, exemplifying high standards through his or her own efforts.
- have contributed time and talent to ADA activities.
- have set an example in exhibiting good sportsmanship.

Procedures for the Award

1. Nominations will be accepted from ADA members. A form available on the ADA website at www.alaskadressage.org/awards.html, addressing the four qualifications above, must be completed for the nomination and submitted to the nominating committee (see above) by September 30.
2. The board of directors will review all nominees and select a maximum of three nominees who meet award specifications. If no nominees adequately fulfill the required specifications, the board may choose not to present the award for that year.
3. Nominees will be voted upon by the membership at the same time as the annual election of board members.

Previous Recipients of the Kathryn Brooks Award:

2005	Laurie Collins	1995	Carla Giroux
2004	Britany Kaiser	1994	Frieda Woodbury
2003	Suzanne Mues	1993	Sigrun Robertson
2002	Christine Erikson	1992	Anna Tileston
2001	No nominations	1991	Katherine Long
2000	No nominations	1990	Susie Kaiser
1999	Jennifer Watson	1989	Deana Johnson
1998	No nominations		
1997	Leslye Reynolds		
1996	Tracy Audette		

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS!

It's been a banner year for ADA in terms of sponsorship and we would like to give a very heart-felt thanks to our many generous sponsors. Your dedication to this organization has helped us put together some truly wonderful shows and other events and will continue to do so in the future.

Platinum:	Gold (in honor of Margaret Adams):	Silver:	Bronze:
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2005 Super-Volunteer Award:
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