



The Centerline

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President's Passage

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Ready for dressage at State Fair? I sure am. Thanks to all who helped make this summer's show season a success, our riders and our excellent volunteers. The weather could have been nicer but at least it never got too hot!

There's something ominous on the horizon, though, and I don't mean termination dust. This year might be the last for the Valley Circuit shows (Colony Days, Midsummer, and State Fair). Bill and Madeline Kornegay have done a super job managing these shows, but they can't continue. So far no one else has stepped forward, and the USEF licenses for the 2009 shows have been surrendered. ADA is watching this situation closely, as riders competing for USDF All-Breed Awards need four shows each season. If

someone takes on the Valley Circuit, ADA will support the dressage part as we've always done. If the Valley Circuit goes away, ADA will add a show or otherwise make sure we meet the four-show minimum.

It's almost time for new ADA board elections, so don't miss the call for nominations in this issue. That means it won't be long before the ADA Awards Banquet, so be sure to save the date (Nov. 1). Also, on Sept. 20 ADA is sponsoring a free lecture by Eleanor Thibodeau that will focus on the rider's position, with clinic sessions that day and the next. See ADA's website <http://www.alaskadressage.org/calendar.html> for the details as they become available.

Happy Hoof Beats -
Linda Kelley, ADA President
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ADA junior shines Outside!

ADA junior rider and junior board member Sarah Cohen had the opportunity to show in Washington this summer at the Champagne Classic and Donida Farm dressage shows in July. Sarah rode Kostello (owned by Nancy Arend) in First and Second Level and earned the Junior High Point award at the Donida Farm Dressage show with a 69.143%. She showed her own Pulchellus ("Lilly") in Training and First Level and had the second highest score of 67.667%. Congratulations, Sarah!

ADA Biggest Event Ever champions, Aug. 9-10

The ADA fall dressage show was held on August 9-10, 2008 at the Chamberlin Equestrian Center in Anchorage. The judge for the event was Wayne Quarles, who utilized his extensive background in dressage, eventing, technical delegate, and US Pony Club to provide the competitors with objective and positive feedback. Sigrun Robertson was our technical delegate. Susan Ritter and Britany Kaiser served as our show manager and show secretary, while Jeff Ritter did a great job grooming the arena. At right: Marti Miller on her own Z Syzygy (this photo was taken at Midsummer). Marti earned the ADA Biggest Event Ever High Score of Show award with an impressive 76.087%.



Introductory Level

Junior

Champion:	Sabrina Stratton	Lily of the Valley	71.500%
Reserve:	Phoebe Henry	Sancho	65.500%

Training Level

Senior

Champion:	Marti Miller	Z Syzygy	76.087%
Reserve:	Meredith Stevens	Wanda	63.478%

Junior

Champion:	Aimee Ritter	Winchester	72.00%
Reserve:	Rachel Gantt	Mandero	70.400%

First Level**Senior**

Champion:	Nicole Ringler	H.S. Wistful Elegance	73.421%
Reserve:	Raena Schraer	Jazzy Prospect	61.111%

Junior

Champion:	Emily Geppert	Mahadi	56.667%
Reserve:	Rachel Gantt	Pride's Will	56.316%

Second Level**Senior**

Champion:	Peggy Bowker	Miss Boston Wonder	58.140%
Reserve:	Cass Crandall	Kachemak Starman	54.211%

Junior

Champion:	Emily Carr	Galileo	61.081%
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Third Level and Above**Senior**

Champion:	Lisa O'Dell	Pirata da Pura	59.318%
Reserve:	Peggy Bowker	Miss Boston Wonder	55.385%

Musical Champions (Quadrille)

Katrina Stratton	Neon Cowboy	65.263%
Maria Grandel	Bonnie	65.263%
Phoebe Henry	Sancho	65.263%
Sabrina Stratton	Whispering Pines Silverado	65.263%

Dover Medal

Peggy Bowker	Miss Boston Wonder	58.140%
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2008 ADA Championship Classes, Aug. 10**TRAINING LEVEL**

Champion:	Marti Miller	Z Syzygy	74.000%
Reserve:	Aimee Ritter	Winchester	72.000%
3 rd Tie	Rachel Gantt	Mandero	67.600%
3 rd Tie	Emily Geppert	Mahadi	67.600%
4 th	Hannah Gottstein	Atheena	64.400%
5 th	Jori Dittmer	Bia Bounding	61.200%
6 th	Rachel Sindorf	CinaMar's Jumanji	60.800%
7 th	Ruth Spees	Iron Monarch	58.400%

FIRST LEVEL

Champion:	Nicole Ringler	H.S. Wistful Elegance	68.947%
Reserve:	Rachel Gantt	Pride's Will	57.368%

SECOND LEVEL

Champion:	Peggy Bowker	Miss Boston Wonder	63.333%
Reserve:	Emily Carr	Galileo	55.714%

Wanted: Nominations for new Board seats

Later this fall, ADA members will vote to fill four senior board positions currently held by Victoria Fredenhagen, Mary Kaye Hession, Charlene Cohen, and Linda Kelley, as well as both junior seats (held by Sarah Cohen and Shelbie Fredenhagen). The senior seats will have a two-year term from 2009 through 2010, whereas junior positions last one year. ADA's nominating committee of Susie Merritt ("Brit will help me!") and Carolyn Schultz 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, Susie and Carolyn 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 25th.

If you have any nominations, questions or suggestions, call Susie (227-7866) or Carolyn (345-4076), or send Carolyn a message at carolynjohn@acsalaska.net. Please e-mail the biographies to Carolyn so that they do not have to be retyped for the newsletter.

A ballot for the election will be sent out 30 days before to the annual meeting this fall, which will be held in conjunction with the ADA awards banquet on November 1. 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 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 25th.
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.



It's not too late to shop for this year's silent auction!

ADA's biggest fundraiser each year is our silent auction at the annual awards banquet, which will take place Saturday, November 1 at O'Malley's on the Green. Our auction coordinators Nancy Farris and Ardene Eaton challenge each trainer and/or barn to put together a basket of goodies for the auction. So far Susie Kaiser and Lisa O'Dell, in conjunction with Hillside Equestrian, have each agreed to assemble a basket. Nancy and Ardene encourage others to step up as well. If anyone has items you would like to donate (whether baskets or individual objects/services), please let Nancy (345-5409) or Ardene (345-0281) know. This is a great excuse to go shopping, and it's tax-deductible!

Also, Nancy has contacted companies for items that donors can purchase at a reduced price and then offer at the auction. If you would like to contribute to the auction but don't have time to shop in person, tell Nancy how much you want to spend so that ADA can take advantage of this opportunity.

July AHC schooling show champions, July 26

Introductory Level

Junior

1st:	Megan Keener	TC	53.000%
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Training Level, Test 1

1 st :	Mallory Reeves	Prides Will	60.435%
2 nd :	Francine Reuter	1x Chel	57.826%

Training Level, Test 2

1 st :	Francine Reuter (high-point senior at Training Level)	1x Chel	59.643%
2 nd :	Mallory Reeves	Prides Will	56.071%

Training Level, Test 3

1 st :	Francine Reuter	1x Chel	53.200%
2 nd :	Trena Heikes	Frost Fire's Desire	49.600%

Training Level, Test 4

1 st :	Rachel Gantt (high-point junior at Training Level)	Mandero	65.200%
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First Level, Test 2

1 st :	Raena Schraer (high-point senior at First Level)	JP	62.778%
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First Level, Test 4

1 st (tie):	Raena Schraer	JP	58.421%
1 st (tie):	Debra Wilson	Winston	58.421%

Second Level, Test 2

1 st :	Debra Wilson	Winston	56.757%
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