



# The Centerline

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## President's Passage

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Well another Midsummer dressage show is complete. I think the weather could have been a bit more cooperative. However, to look on the positive side . . . it was not dusty! Midsummer dressage judge Alastair Buchanan was very accommodating when the ride time schedule was washed away by the rain, delays in the hunter ring on Saturday, and scratches on Sunday. As it turns out Mr. Buchanan is also a jumper judge and took all the "circumstances beyond our control" in stride, so all those who wanted to ride their tests were able to do so. On the pleasant side of events (of which the weather was not), I witnessed some of our younger dressage riders making sure they presented themselves properly for dressage, despite the inclement weather, by removing their overcoats

and clearly displaying their back numbers before entering the dressage ring. And good sportsmanship in adjusting ride times was also very apparent.

Champion and Reserve Champions are listed elsewhere in this newsletter; congratulations to them all. I would also like to thank all the dedicated volunteers who helped make dressage at the Midsummer Festival Horse Show possible. Without these super volunteers the horse shows could not run as efficiently as they do. Thank them next time you see them.

See you at the WCCEC Annual Show on July 19, the ADA/AHC schooling show July 26, our clinic on July 27, and ADA's Biggest Event Ever on August 9-10!  
Happy Hoof Beats -  
Linda

## *Check your dressage scores!*

It's important to check the scores you earn at this summer's dressage shows. Show managers report all dressage scores to USDF for publishing in its official online data base. ADA uses USDF's data base in computing our own year-end awards, and of course USDF itself relies on its posted scores for its many award categories. But mistakes can happen: a score might be omitted, or a stellar 75.357% might get entered as 57.357%. To ensure against errors, check your reported scores (they'll be on USDF's website four to six weeks after each show—log in with your USDF number and password at [www.usdf.org/online-services/](http://www.usdf.org/online-services/) and choose Competition Services). Compare them to your test sheets, which you should keep in a safe place—nobody else has a copy! If you find a mistake, contact USDF immediately to get it corrected. USDF warns, "The owner is responsible for contacting the rider (if different from the owner) and checking and verifying all information presented on this score check. All corrections MUST be received at the USDF office by 5:00 pm, EST on October 15. No changes to year end awards will be made after that date."

## *Thanks to all who helped at Midsummer Dressage*

ADA thanks all the people who made it possible to offer dressage competition as part of the Valley Circuit's Midsummer Festival in June:

Show Management Madeline and Joe Kornegay  
 Jodee Jones, Show Secretary  
 Britany Kaiser, dressage ride times and score reporting  
 Lorena Stratton for volunteering her husband Tony Stratton to be our Saturday Gatekeeper/Bit Checker  
 Beth Theisen for sending her student Victoria Wolcott to be our Sunday Gatekeeper/Bit Checker  
 All those who volunteered to scribe or score:  
 Mary Kaye Hession  
 Carie Sciss  
 Jayne and Jori Dittmer  
 Melanie Brown  
 Kayla Mielke  
 Beth Theisen

Cherrie Ruesch and her ring crew for preparing the dressage ring.  
 Raena Schraer for bringing the ADA dressage letters out to the fair grounds so the TD would be a bit happier.  
 Susan Ritter and Raena Schraer for volunteering to help with "anything."  
 Deana Johnson for emailing the Midsummer ride times out on Thursday evening.  
 Peggy Bowker for bringing the championship prizes to the show grounds.  
 And another thank-you to Madeline for providing the nifty dressage ribbons to make us all feel just a little bit special.



### *Another new member*



Here's a young rider we missed during May's roundup of new ADA members (but her family was enjoying Rolex Kentucky at the time—"It was awesome!"—so we don't feel too bad!):

Thirteen-year-old **Sabrina Marie Stratton** (shown at left) lives with her equine buddy Whispering Silverado Pines, a 23-year-old grey Arab/quarter horse who "always needs a bath." Sabrina is home schooled and rides at Sindorf Equestrian Education Center so she is able to give Silver lots of baths. Sabrina has been riding for three years and is a D3 pony clubber with Arctic Sun Pony Club. Sabrina really likes dressage and Silver really likes Sabrina so they will be showing training level this show season.

### *And maybe a future member?*

Mr. and Mrs. Allen McLeod (the former Jennifer Watson) welcomed their new baby girl Lindsey into the world on June 20. Grandma Sharon Watson reports that everyone is doing fine.



### *ADA Spring Festival 2008 show champions*

#### Introductory Level

##### Senior

Champion:	Al Ahmar	Karol Kolehmainen	72.000%
Reserve:	Cheetah's Eye Appeal	Jessica Mau	60.000%

##### Junior

Champion:	Sancho	Phoebe Henry	63.500%
Reserve:	Smooth Saylen Beam	Taylor Minkler	56.000%

#### Training Level

##### Senior

Champion:	Jazzy Prospect	Raena Schraer	70.800%
Reserve:	Z Syzygy	Marti Miller	68.929%

### *Spring Festival Champions, Cont.*

#### Junior

Champion:	Mahadi	Emily Geppert	71.600%
Reserve:	Atheena	Hannah Gottstein	68.800%

#### First Level

#### Senior

Champion:	H.S. Wistful Elegance	Nicole Ringler	66.316%
Reserve:	Jazzy Prospect	Raena Schraer	64.333%

#### Junior (Tie)

Champion:	Pride's Will	Rachel Gantt	66.667%
Champion:	Galileo	Emily Carr	66.667%

#### Second Level

#### Senior

Champion:	Miss Boston Wonder	Peggy Bowker	61.667%
Reserve:	Donnertanz	Jenny Rousey-Dick	60.000%

#### Third Level and Above

#### Senior

Champion:	Pirata da Pura	Lisa O'Dell	63.600%
Reserve:	Miss Boston Wonder	Peggy Bowker	56.667%

#### High Score of Show

Mahadi	Emily Geppert	71.600%
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### ***Midsummer Festival show champions***

#### **Introductory Level**

Senior  
Champion: Al Ahmar Karol Kolehmainen 67.000%

Junior  
Champion: Gamble of Fame Phoebe Henry 61.000%

#### **Training Level**

Senior  
Champion: Z Syzygy Marti Miller 65.652%  
Reserve: CinaMar's Jumanji Rachel Sindorf 64.783%

Junior  
Champion: Mahadi Emily Geppert 75.357%  
Reserve: Winchester Aimee Ritter 66.957%

#### **First Level**

Senior  
Champion: Jazzy Prospect Raena Schraer 69.444%  
Reserve: H.S. Wistful Elegance Nicole Ringler 68.421%

Junior  
Champion: Galileo Emily Carr 68.684%  
Reserve: Pride's Will Rachel Gantt 63.421%

#### **Second Level**

Senior  
Champion: Miss Boston Wonder Peggy Bowker 59.302%

Junior  
Champion: Galileo Emily Carr 58.947%

#### **Third Level and Above**

Senior  
Champion: Miss Boston Wonder Peggy Bowker 47.692%

#### **High Score of Show**

Mahadi Emily Geppert 75.357%

#### **Dover Medal**

Miss Boston Wonder Peggy Bowker 59.302%

## *More summer 2008 dressage events*

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Coming soon:

July 19: WCCEC Annual Show, Chamberlin Center, Anchorage; prize list posted at <http://www.anchoragehorsecouncil.org/horseShowInfo.php>

July 26: ADA/Anchorage Horse Council Schooling Show, Chamberlin Center, Anchorage; prize list posted at <http://www.anchoragehorsecouncil.org/horseShowInfo.php>

July 27: ADA clinic with R judge Karen Adams, \$110; to reserve a slot contact Carolyn Schultz, [carolynjohn@acsalaska.net](mailto:carolynjohn@acsalaska.net)

August 1: Closing date for ADA Biggest Event Ever; *Omnibus* posted at <http://www.alaskadressage.org/omnibus.html>

August 9-10: ADA Biggest Event Ever, Chamberlin Center, Anchorage; see <http://www.alaskadressage.org/omnibus.html>

August 11-12: ADA and Midnite Run Pony Club clinics with R judge Wayne Quarles; to reserve a slot for the ADA clinic, \$110, contact Deana Johnson, [deanaj@attalacom.net](mailto:deanaj@attalacom.net), 248-2503

August 12: Closing date for Alaska State Fair Horse Show; prize list posted at <http://www.alaskadressage.org/calendar.html>

August 21 (Thursday): Valley "Nothin' But Fun" Schooling Show #3 dressage; prize list posted at <http://www.alaskadressage.org/calendar.html>

Sept. 1-2: Alaska State Fair dressage

