

## **ADA Newsletter** **October 2005**

### **USDF Mission Statement:**

Dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage.

### **2005 ADA Board and Show Committee:**

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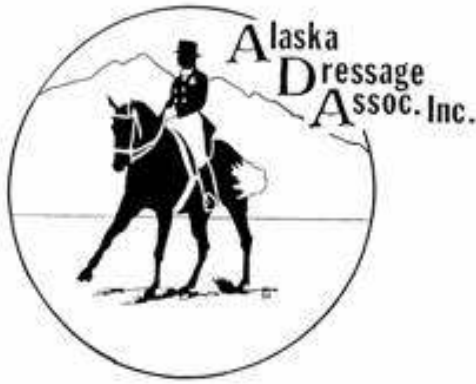
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*Marti Miller*

*Thank you to our 2005 sponsors!*



## *President's Arena*

As most of you now know, Christine Erikson, a good friend of ADA and of Anchorage in general, passed away in her sleep September 9th, in her home.

Although in recent years Christine was less involved in the horse show scene, and more involved in other areas of her life, there were many years that she was a very dedicated member of the dressage and horse show community.

As she explained it to me and my boyfriend Sam, about a week before she died, she started riding horses in 1989, about the same time I started riding horses. Early on, I was a working student for Deana Johnson, and Christine took lessons from her, so one of my jobs was helping Christine get her horse ready, pick feet, put the saddle on, and all the other things we have to learn before we become competent horse people. We became friends, and she probably thought it was funny that a nine-year-old girl was helping a grown woman learn about horses.

Eventually Christine bought her first horse, Jeepers Peepers, an Appaloosa, whom she owned for probably five or so years, a joint ownership with another woman at Huffman Horse Center. After Peepers, Christine bought Cyprus, and eventually passed her on to me. Also, as most of you know, I still have Cyprus, and still show and love her very much. Cyprus is doing quite well for an old lady.

From the mid 90's up until 2003 or so Christine was very active in showing, and even more active in show management. She was a member of the Anchorage Horse Council from 1994-2000. She was responsible for the William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center horse show having an arts fair and was very involved in WCCEC's fund raisers at the railroad station. She also managed ADA's Margaret Adams Schooling Show for several years and along with Anne Sundquist provided everyone with great food. She made many additional caring and helpful contributions to ADA. She was a board member of ADA for several years, and won the Kathryn Brooks award in 2002, which ADA gives out in honor of someone who has shown an exemplary effort in promoting dressage in Alaska. She was also the first recipient of ADA's Super-Volunteer Award last year.

Basically, Christine was a friend to many of us here in the horse community, over the last 15 years, and her presence as a friend and fellow horse enthusiast will be greatly missed. She is survived by a sister, a sister-in-law, two nephews, three cats, and many close friends here in town.

Despite that sad news, please be sure to look through this newsletter carefully. There are a number of important things within. First, it is time to vote for your new 2006 board. You may or

may not know that our seven senior board members are elected to a two-year term. Those board members who were elected to the 2005/2006 term were Susie Kaiser, Mary Kaye Hession, Linda Kelley, and Jennifer Lundberg. This means that these four people will still be with you in 2006. As you will see on the ballot there are three senior seats to be filled. Deana Johnson has chosen not to run again, so that she can take a well-earned break, although she will still be active in the club. Marti Miller and I are both willing to serve again as senior board members, and Peggy Bowker also agreed to be nominated. Our two junior board members serve one-year terms, so both junior seats are open. We have three juniors competing for those slots, a welcome development for ADA's future. The biographies of those running this year can also be found in this issue, and you will receive your ballot by mail. Watch for it and be sure to cast your ballot. At the Annual Awards Banquet, we will announce those who have been elected to start in 2006.

This brings me to my last item. ADA's Annual Awards Banquet will be 6:30 p.m. Friday, November 4th, at O'Malley's on the Green. Look for your invitation in this newsletter and be sure to make your reservations. Along with the awards presentation and a nice dinner, the evening will feature a silent auction to raise funds for ADA. I hope to see you all at the banquet.

Take care,

Raena Schraer  
President, ADA

## **Biographies of ADA members running for the vacant seats on the 2006 board:**

### **Senior board candidates:**

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#### **Peggy Bowker**

Hello. My name is Peggy Bowker. Over the past four or five years, I have been involved in riding, learning, and showing in Dressage here in Alaska and have really enjoyed it. I was born and raised in Winneconne, Wisconsin. My first horse was an Arabian gelding named Farol. He was my 4H project and we competed in the western riding and the English halter classes. We also did a lot of trail riding.

At the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire, I received a degree in Exercise Management and a minor in Biology. I was a member of the track team for a couple of years, running the 400 meter dash and throwing the javelin.

In 1995, I met my husband, Jim, who had moved from Alaska to Wisconsin for the summer. When hunting season came that fall, he decided to go back and asked if I wanted to go along – so, here I am and loving it. In the fall of 1996, we started Bowker Mechanical – a forced air heating company. The horse world was absent from my life for a few years in Alaska, but then I met some really neat people (Dottie Kallam, Karen Gardner, and Laurie Collins) who helped me get back into it. Since you have a tendency to do what your friends are doing, here I am riding Dressage and loving it.

Most of you know my Dressage partner, Ellie. We have shown training and first levels, and hope to dabble in second level this coming season. With the time I have spent learning about Dressage and the shows, how to be a better horseman and person, and with my life experiences, I feel I would be a benefit to serving you on the ADA board. Please vote for me. Thank you. -- Peggy

## **Raena Schraer**

To the members of ADA,

This is Raena Schraer writing to you once again. Another horse show season has passed and it's time to elect a new ADA board for 2006. As most of you probably already know, I have been president of ADA for the last two years, and have been convinced to run for the board again. During my time on the board I have learned a lot about running an organization like this, and now that I think I have a little better handle on what it takes, I would like to extend my duties with the ADA board. Maybe I won't be president again, but I do enjoy being part of the board and decision making process. I would appreciate another opportunity to be on the board.

As for a little bit about myself, well, I have a lovely mare named Cyprus, who is 17 years old. We only made it to one show this past summer, although I plan on showing regularly in 2006; I enjoy it. I was born and raised in Anchorage, and started my riding career at Heatherwood, now Huffman Horse Center. I showed many different horses throughout high school, and went to the USDF Regionals once in Washington. Cyprus is actually the first horse I've ever owned.

I currently work in Anchorage, as an Anthropologist/Archaeologist, and travel quite often for my job. That's about all I can come up with right now; most of you already know me on some level. Take care, and I'll see you at the banquet! -- Raena Schraer

## **Marti Miller**

My horse, Shahil, and I have been together since he was four, but we didn't discover dressage until shortly after he turned eighteen! That was four years and four show seasons ago. Back then, as a newcomer to the sport and to horse showing in general, I really wasn't sure what to expect that first show. Feeling a bit intimidated, I was relieved to find the dressage community helpful, supportive, and encouraging, especially to newcomers. My teenaged daughter, Caitlin Ward, has begun competing as well and I'm gaining another perspective—that of “show Mom.” Our horses (Shahil and Zip) live very happy lives at EKG (Ed and Kathy Gliva's ) Stable in Peters Creek, where Kathy provides steady guidance to rider and horse alike. Two year ago I joined the ADA Board, hoping to give something back to the Alaska dressage community. I would like to continue on the Board, bringing the perspective of an Adult Amateur enthusiast, one who studies rocks for a living and dressage for sanity! -- Marti Miller

## **Junior board candidates:**

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### **Emily Miner**

Hello, my name is Emily Miner. I am 15 years old and am currently a sophomore at Service High School. I have been riding for five years: two years in Spokane, Washington, and three here in

Alaska. I own a 11-year-old breeding stock Paint (i.e., no spots!) named Cassiopeia, and we just started showing training level dressage this past summer. I am a (youth) attorney for Anchorage Youth Court, and serve as a board member for Alaska Youth for Environmental Action. I am interested in serving as a junior board member of the Alaska Dressage Association because I feel dressage is the foundation for all aspects of riding and would like to see it grow and expand in Alaska, particularly among young riders. Thanks! -- Emily Miner

### **Shelbie Fredenhagen**

Hello! My name is Shelbie Fredenhagen and I own Prides Will, a.k.a. Beau. We purchased Beau in July of 2004, and with the help of my trainer Susie Kaiser, we spent the winter getting to know him and train him. This summer I entered and showed in my first real schooling shows. Beau and I showed in all the training level tests plus Prix Caprilli and got some firsts! It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot. We also competed in hunters and jumpers at all the Chamberlin schooling shows and entered the Novice/Rookie classes at most of the other recognized shows this summer. I have noticed that the Dressage training has really improved my riding by making me more disciplined in making Beau go forward and listen to my leg and getting better transitions. I'm interested in serving as a Junior Board member for the Alaska Dressage Association. Thanks! -- Shelbie Fredenhagen

### **Jori Dittmer**

Hello, I am Jori Dittmer and I would like to be considered again for a Junior Board membership on the ADA board. Thank you so much for asking me to serve again this year. I am a five-year member of the United States Pony Club and I am rated at a C-1 level currently. I ride a 20-year-old Arab/Quarter horse named Silver, who would rather be jumping cross-country fences than doing Dressage! But too bad, he has to listen to me!!

I enjoyed serving last year on the board. I was able to enlist some of my Pony Club friends to help Deanna prepare the dressage arena prior to the first schooling show. I would like to work hard this year to get some of the younger members of PC to show at the schooling shows and perhaps even the ADA shows. Last year two of my PC friends participated in two schooling shows. ADA needs the younger generation to get involved. If you vote me back in, that will be my number one goal. Thank you for your consideration. -- Jori

### **ADA members, be sure to vote, using the ADA ballot you will receive in the mail! Also, don't forget to renew for 2006!**

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Your ADA membership includes a group membership in the United States Dressage Federation. (Some of you may also have joined USEF with a Participating or Business membership.) In 2006 USDF will transition to a December-through-November membership year, and ADA's membership records will need to match this schedule. To avoid any confusion during the transition, be sure to renew your ADA membership early. The easiest way to do that is at the 2005 awards banquet (see below).

ADA is looking forward to a full season of dressage competition in 2006, including schooling shows, ADA's Spring Festival and Biggest Event Ever, dressage at the William Clark Chamberlin

Equestrian Center Annual Show, and—here's hoping—at least a day of dressage classes at one of the Valley Circuit shows in Palmer. In the meantime, dressage clinics can help us all improve our skills. Be sure to check the calendar of dressage events on ADA's website, [www.alaskadressage.org](http://www.alaskadressage.org), to keep track of upcoming clinics and shows.

Did you miss an issue of the newsletter? Want to find out how an issue was covered in the minutes from ADA's board meetings? Back issues are available on ADA's website at [www.alaskadressage.org/newsletters.html](http://www.alaskadressage.org/newsletters.html). The older documents files are in Microsoft Word, but the more recent ones have now been converted to PDF files for safer browsing.

**Alaska Dressage Association invites you to its annual awards  
banquet!**

***Date:*** Friday, November 4th, 2005

***Time:*** 6:30 drinks, 7:00 dinner

***Place:*** O'Malley's On the Green, Anchorage (north side of O'Malley Road between Lake Otis and Elmore/Bragaw)

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

*There will be a buffet-style dinner served with a choice of seafood or meat entrée.*

*Awards for the 2005 show season will follow dinner. The event will also feature our traditional silent auction to raise funds for ADA. The newly elected 2006 ADA board will be announced at the end of the evening.*

***Please have reservations to Mary Kaye Hession by Friday the 28th of October.***

*Reservations can be made via e-mail:*

**[banquet@alaskadressage.org](mailto:banquet@alaskadressage.org)**

*Or telephone:*

***345-1090 (Leave a message)***

*We hope to see as many of you as possible at the banquet. As always, you can expect an enjoyable evening!*