



The Centerline

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President's Passage

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ADA is a USDF GMO and all ADA members are automatically USDF Group Members. For a USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

Heads up everyone! Included in this newsletter is an updated and complete list of all biographies submitted for your consideration in the current ADA Board election. Due to a printer mix-up, some of the ballots were mailed to the membership with an earlier draft of candidates' biographies that had been compiled before we received Emily Geppert's writeup. ADA has taken several steps to correct this error. We immediately posted the complete set of bios on the ADA website and emailed it to the membership, and we're publishing it again in this newsletter. Emily, on behalf of ADA, our apologies for this unintended oversight.

Emily Geppert's name was clearly available for selection as a Junior Board member on the official ballot that you received via U.S. mail. She was listed along with the other young volunteers for this position: Kari Hancock, Shelbie Fredenhagen, and Aimee Ritter. Junior board positions are elected every year and ADA is so lucky to have such enthusiastic young volunteers willing to share their talents to help ADA succeed. Please be sure to mark your selections for three Senior and two Junior Board members and return your ballot by October 14th.

I personally cannot stress enough how proud I am of ALL of our volunteers. ADA always receives positive comments from all the show officials who come to AK. Their comments are almost always how impressed they are at the way our volunteers work together in a positive manner to accomplish difficult tasks that make every ADA event run smoothly. Please always take some time to thank

those who take the initiative to get things done on time so that this volunteer organization can run as proficiently as possible.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 24th for the annual ADA

Banquet. Look for all the details on the banquet and the super silent auction in this newsletter!!!

Happy Hoof Beats -
Linda Kelley

Check your dressage scores

Don't forget to check the scores you earned at this summer's dressage shows, comparing your test sheets to USDF's online data base. 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."

2009 Board Elections (for Terms to Begin January 2010)

Below are the biographies of candidates for ADA's three senior board seats (two-year terms) and two junior seats (one-year terms). Please vote your choices using the ballot you received by U.S. mail and mail the ballot no later than October 14. Results of the election will be announced at ADA's annual

meeting, awards banquet, and silent auction on Oct. 24 at O'Malley's on the Green. Mark that date on your calendar now! You'll find your banquet invitation, with full details, on the last page of this issue of the ADA *Centerline*.

Candidates' Biographies, Senior Board

Peggy Bowker:

Horses and 4-H were a big part of my life growing up. Jim and I moved to Alaska from Wisconsin in 1995. In 1996 we started Bowker Mechanical (the best heating company around—just ask us!). Around then I developed some great friendships with a few ladies who were involved with horses, and I began riding again. In 2001 I started dressage lessons, joined ADA, and got my dressage partner, Ellie (Miss Boston Wonder). Since then I have taken many lessons and clinics and have asked lots of questions, trying to be the best horseperson I can be. I did not show this past summer,

but spent time volunteering at the shows where there was a need. I am still riding and clinicing and enjoying every minute of it. Jim and I have three little ones: Tom and Ellie, our horses, and Owen, our Boston terrier. Animals really do add so much to one's life and the experiences are priceless.

Serving on the ADA board for the past four years has really given me an appreciation for all that the board does to have this great organization run so smoothly and efficiently. Please choose me to serve on the ADA board for another two years.

Angie Krylo:

I began riding hunters/jumpers in 1991 and showing in 1996, along with numerous drill team performances. In 1998 I started to get into dressage and eventing. I have always enjoyed getting to know other equestrians in the community—it's nice to be able to share stories with other riders—so I served on the board of directors for the Nevada Equestrian Association from 2000 to 2005. I was in charge of various promotions and marketing, such as finding show and prize sponsors, as well as helping find judges and set up their

accommodations. NEA was a very fresh and very "green" club so we did a lot of trial and error. Therefore, I have learned a lot about what does not work! But, I have seen a club begin with a couple of barns that wanted to get together and grow into an organization with dozens of barns participating in our shows. And as of right now I want to play around with my horse Apollo and get back into the show groove. Apollo and I love dressage and plan on continuing with it for years to come!

Marti Miller:

I have served on the ADA Board since 2003 and would be happy to continue helping the dressage community in this way. My first-ever foray into horse showing was in 2002 when I began taking my then 19-year-old trail horse into Training Level classes. That first show season was a bit intimidating as it was all so new to me, but I was impressed by how supportive, helpful, and encouraging the whole dressage group was. They put up

with my many questions and made me feel welcome. Shahil, my old guy, retired from competition after the 2007 season. Enter Z Syzygy, with a whole different set of challenges! I very much enjoy working with my fellow dressage enthusiasts. I would like to continue on the Board, and give back some of the great support I have benefitted from these many years.

Raena Schraer:

For those of you who may not already know me I grew up here in Anchorage. I started riding horses with Deana Johnson at what was then Heatherwood (now Huffman Horse Center) in the 80's when I was a wee little thing. Mainly I have done dressage throughout my years, although I did 4-H with the Hillside High Riders and a little bit of everything at one time or another. I have ridden many horses since then, some of the more famous being Little Joe, Tory, Pepper,

Tosca, Cyprus and most recently JP (Jazzy Prospect). Some of my other interests include petting my dogs, skiing, biking, working on my house and traveling. I have been on the ADA board for several terms now, serving as president, treasurer, and show manager. Working with ADA has been a great experience for me and I've learned a lot, and I am interested in continuing my service with ADA.

Candidates' Biographies, Junior Board

Shelbie Fredenhagen:

I was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska. I was first introduced to dressage at 11 years

old and for the past six years I have realized its importance and how it pertains to all

aspects of riding. I have been on the ADA Board for three years serving as a Junior Officer learning how many people and how much work it takes to run the Alaska

Emily Geppert:

I am 17 years old and a junior at Chugiak High School. I started riding when I was 9 years old and began competing in hunter/jumper shows in 2007. I began showing my horse Mahadi in dressage in 2008 and also compete in jumpers and hunt seat equitation. I hope to continue my riding

Kari Hancock:

I have been riding horses for 5 1/2 years and have owned my own horse for 3 1/2 years. I began taking lessons with Linda McQuery at Diamond H and now train with Jaimie Thurman for hunter/jumper/hunt seat equitation. I started dressage lessons with Lisa O'Dell last September and both my horse and I have benefited immensely from the training. I ride "Nick", aka Save the Date, every day and enjoy spending time with him. My goal is to continue to ride through high school and then go to college and participate in an equestrian program.

Aimee Ritter:

I am fourteen years old and I am currently a ninth grader at West High School. This will be my second time running for the position of ADA junior board member. It has been a great experience working with the other board members and learning about the goings on of the dressage community—also learning about how much this stuff costs ADA, which was something that I never even thought of. This has been very helpful for me to learn about how to run a meeting, how to budget, and how to choose different projects to work on over the summer, and I would like to continue in this position.

I started riding with Lisa Plummer Smith on Goldie. After three years of jumping I

Dressage Association. I would enjoy working for another year on the board and appreciate your vote.

career at the collegiate level. The opportunity to serve on the ADA Board will help me gain experience beyond the show ring. I also volunteer as a student leader with Youth for Christ Junior High Club at Gruening Middle School.

I am interested in being involved with ADA because I have seen how my horse has benefitted from dressage. My horse is challenging and many people would have given up on him a long time ago. I chose to challenge him with dressage. It is not easy for him, but he is learning, improving his strength and muscle definition, and it is making him a more balanced mover. I would like to see the dressage shows increase in participation and will encourage other young riders to give dressage a try.

branched out to dressage and have now trained with Lisa O'Dell for four years. This past summer was my second year of showing dressage on my pony Winchester and it has been a wonderful experience. We have been very successful and I hope to continue to move up through the levels. It's difficult switching between dressage and jumping but it has helped me to learn how to manage my time and riding schedule accurately and has made me more a more flexible person. I also am an active member of Midnite Run Pony Club as a C+. I competed in dressage in the Pacific Coast Championships for Pony Club and that was a great experience that taught me how to

manage my time well. I would like to continue the position of Junior Board Member because 2009 was only my first

year and I hope to be able to contribute even more next year now that I have the hang of what I need to do.

There's still time to contribute to 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, October 24 at O'Malley's on the Green. Our auction coordinators Carolyn Schultz and Ardene Eaton challenge each trainer and/or barn to

put together a basket of goodies for the auction. If anyone has items you would like to donate, whether baskets or individual objects/services, please let Carolyn (345-4076) or Ardene (345-0281) know no later than about October 10. The ADA silent auction is a great excuse to go shopping, and don't forget it's tax-deductible!

2009 Schooling Show Year-End Awards

Below are the year-end awards for top scores in 2009's five schooling shows: two in Anchorage (beginning with ADA's

Margaret Adams Memorial Schooling Show in May) and three in the Valley.

Introductory Level	Training Level	First Level
Junior Champion: Kendra Rhein on Milly, 59.625%	Junior Champion: Sophie Miller on Nikko, 73.335%	Junior Champion: Lindsey Drees on Woodrow, 75.786%
Junior Reserve Champion: Champagne Ruesch on Tricky Mickey, 54.500%	Junior Reserve Champion: Emily Stout on SH Commeuter, 70.797%	
	Senior Champion: Linda Kelley on TVR Dunny Chip, 74.554%	
Special Award for showing in all five schooling shows:	Sophie Miller	

Alaska Dressage Association invites you to our annual awards banquet, annual meeting, and silent auction!



Date: *Saturday, October 24, 2009*

Time: *6:30 p.m. drinks, 7:00 p.m. dinner*

Place: *O'Malley's On the Green, Anchorage*

Cost: *\$40 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 2009 show season will follow dinner. The event will also feature our traditional silent auction and the opportunity to renew your membership or donate for 2010. The newly elected 2010 ADA board will be announced at the end of the evening.

Please have reservations to Mary Kaye Hession by Monday the 19th of October.

Reservations can be made via [e-mail](mailto:banquet@alaskadressage.org) to:

banquet@alaskadressage.org

Or by telephone:

345-1090 (leave a message)

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the banquet. It will be an enjoyable evening and the easiest way to renew your membership for 2010!