



## Nicker Notes from the President:

Hello All!

Summer has arrived and holy cow it has been nice! Hopefully we are continuing to enjoy this great weather by the time this newsletter is published, if not disregard my previous statement.

I hope everyone came out of hibernation well this year and are ready for the show season to begin. We have a ton of fun events planned in addition to the rated shows this summer. This summer we are brainstorming ideas for members who might not be ready to show, but still want to be included with club activities.



Instead of the schooling show this summer we are getting together to do Dressage Fun Nights, which will include "Ride-A-Test." For those of you who have not heard of "Ride-A-Test," it is as it sounds... you ride a test. For a discounted fee, we will be providing one of Alaska's local trainers in the position of the Judge. Not only will the trainer be judging the test you decide to ride, but at the end of the test you will get feedback and pointers to improve your score! This will hopefully attract the seasoned competitors who want more arena time and also be attractive to those who are new to showing. Maybe those with young horses who do not want to pay a lot of money to fall off in front of everyone (referring to myself here) or those who really have no clue what dressage is but it sounds like a fun night to try something new.

If our club is going to grow we need to offer new opportunities. It's hard to make everyone happy, but we have an awesome board and even more awesome members! So there is no reason why we can't make this a truly great year. Remember we are an open board and would be happy to hear new ideas, so please feel free to share.

For those of you who will not be showing this summer but want to volunteer please contact me! I have drawn the short straw... I mean, I have the "privilege" of managing all of our horse shows this summer and would love any help you or someone you know can offer. **NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY...**if I can scribe with my dyslexia, so can you!

A few of our horse shows will be sharing the Center with the Alaska Quarter Horse Association, which we are hoping will bring more riders to the ADA shows. We will have the dressage arena and warm-up arena set up like last year to avoid any confusion.

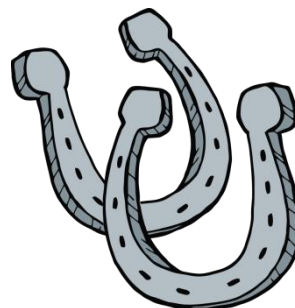
WCCEC is very excited to have us back this year and is working hard to make sure our season goes smoothly. A thank you goes a long way for a working board, so feel free to give them a thumbs up if its going well. If not, come to me with your concerns and I will see what I can do.

I am super excited for this summer and hope you are too. Let's have a safe, fun, successful and (hopefully) sunny summer!

Warm Regards,

*Erin Downey*

Alaska Dressage Association President



# Calendar of Events



**June 7, 2014: ADA Spring Festival 1** at William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Judge: Christel Carlson (S)
- TD: Sigrun Robertson
- Manager: Erin Downey 244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Kerri Geppert 301-3393 [glacierequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:glacierequestrian@gmail.com)

**June 8, 2014: ADA Spring Festival 2:** at William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Judge: Sue Kolstad (S)
- TD: Sigrun Robertson
- Manager: Erin Downey 244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Kerri Geppert 301-3393 [glacierequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:glacierequestrian@gmail.com)

**June 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>: Sue Kolstad Clinic** in Palmer, Wasilla and Anchorage

- Contact Sharon Sadlon for scheduling: 907-227-4022 [kkss@mtaonline.net](mailto:kkss@mtaonline.net)
- If showing on June 8<sup>th</sup> you are only able to clinic on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

**June 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm: Dressage Fun Nights “Ride-A-Test”** William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Deana Johnson will be the “judge”
- \$10 for members of Anchorage Horse Council
- \$25 for non-members of Anchorage Horse Council
- Contact Angie Krylo for scheduling 907-223-9647 [avk2323@gmail.com](mailto:avk2323@gmail.com)

**June 19 6pm-8pm: Wine, Olive Oil and Chocolate tasting** at Jennifer Spencer’s home: 9124 Gloralee St Anchorage, AK

- Contact Jennifer Spencer [spencerjennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:spencerjennifer@hotmail.com) or Karen Duplantis [karenduplantis@gmail.com](mailto:karenduplantis@gmail.com)
- Suggested Donation is \$35

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## **June 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>: Major Jeremy Beale Clinic**

- Contact Deana Johnson for scheduling: 907-229-3543 [deanaj@acsalaska.net](mailto:deanaj@acsalaska.net)
- \$175 per session

## **July 19 and 20, 2014: ADA July Jubilee** at William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Judge: Debbie Rhiel-Rodriques (S)
- TD: Debbie Moloznik
- Manager: Erin Downey 244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Daralene Capps 223-5980 [dcapps@gci.net](mailto:dcapps@gci.net)

## **August 1 and 2, 2014: ADA Biggest Event** at William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Judge: Michael Osinski (S)
- TD: Joyce Hamblin
- Manager: Erin Downey 244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Anne Hancock 440-2513 [ahancock@alaskanational.com](mailto:ahancock@alaskanational.com)

## **August 3, 2014: ADA Biggest Event Ever** at William Clark Chamberlin Equestrian Center, Anchorage

- Judge: Deborah Spence (R)
- TD: Joyce Hamlin
- Manager: Erin Downey 244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)
- Secretary: Anne Hancock 440-2513 [ahancock@alaskanational.com](mailto:ahancock@alaskanational.com)

## **August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014: Michael Osinski Clinic**

- Contact Deana Johnson for scheduling: 907-229-3543 [deanaj@acsalaska.net](mailto:deanaj@acsalaska.net)



## *Summertime, Wine, and Equine*

*A wine tasting to benefit the  
Alaska Dressage Association*

*and*

*Alaska Equine Rescue*

*Thursday*

*June 19, 2014*

*6:00-8:00 P.M.*

*At the home of  
Jennifer Spencer  
3124 Glendale Street,  
Anchorage, Alaska*

*suggested donation:*

*\$35.00*

*Rsvp, please:*

[spencerjennifer@hotmail.com](mailto:spencerjennifer@hotmail.com)

*or*

[karenduplantist@gmail.com](mailto:karenduplantist@gmail.com)

## **Volunteers Needed!**

**We are in need of Volunteers this summer! As the president mentioned in her Nicker Notes: NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**We need Scribes, Bit Checkers, Gatekeepers and need Scoring Assistants.**

**Contact Erin Downey with your availability and jobs that you are interested in doing at the shows this summer.**

**Erin Downey: 907-244-0322 [edowney86@gmail.com](mailto:edowney86@gmail.com)**



# Message From USDF Region 6

May 18, 2014

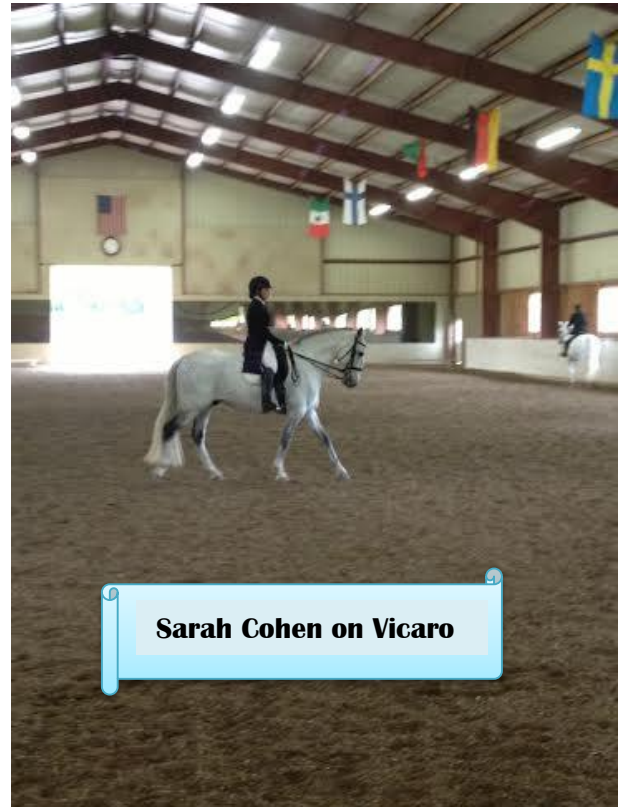
Alaska Dressage Association

I am writing to ask for your support for the youth programs in Region 6. The funds raised in these programs go to support the youth programs in the region including the NAJYRC National Team which Sarah Cohen from your area is working to qualify for the team. The USDF Region 6 Youth Camp, sponsored by the Oregon Dressage Society (ODS), held each August at the DevonWood Equestrian Centre is one of the largest fund raisers for our NAJYRC team and we are looking for support for it. You can find more information on the camp at: <http://www.dressagecamp.com>.

The USDF Region 6 Camp is a wonderful educational experience, dedicated to youth regardless of membership or experience in Dressage. The fees to attend the camp for 2014 are \$325 per rider; which includes 4 days of riding, food, stabling, on-site licensed EMT and other necessary expenditures to ensure a safe and comfortable camp environment. In an effort to minimize the costs of attending this camp, all of the instructors, adult chaperones and lecturers have generously donated their time.

Our goal is to not turn anyone away from the camp due to financial reasons, so each year we work to offer scholarships to those in need as well as gathering other donations to run the camp. We need 12 scholarships for 2014. A full scholarship is \$325.00, but any donation amount is appreciated. We can also use product donations for the campers or as a donation for our silent auction later in the year. Your donation will be tax deductible and your logo or name can be displayed on the website. Donations for the camp can be sent directly to ODS (info below) and I can help with any of the other regional programs.

I also wanted to let you know of a new regional youth web site we have designed to support the youth in the region. On the site you will find new programs we are kicking off including an Instructor Experience Program, additional fund raising programs such as coffee and travel packages and a combined information area that shows scholarships, awards and information for youth across the state, region, USDF and more. You can visit the New Region 6 youth web site: <http://usdfregion6youthprograms.weebly.com> and see additional ways you can help the youth in our region and the NAJYRC team.



Sarah Cohen on Vicaro

So please support the NAJYRC team and the youth in our Region and pledge your support for 2014.

Please feel free to contact myself if you have any questions.

Sincerely;

Jodi McMaster  
Region 6 Youth Coordinator  
[jodimcmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:jodimcmaster@yahoo.com)  
[503-998-0249](tel:503-998-0249)

#### CAMP DONATIONS

Please make checks payable to Oregon Dressage Society - Youth Camp

To pay by Credit card call: ODS Corinne at [503-681-2337](tel:503-681-2337)

ODS - Attention Corinne Tindal Stonier

PO Box 959 Hillsboro, Or 97123-0959

