



Alaska Dressage Assoc. Inc.

The Centerline



FALL 2014

PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Hello Again!

I hope everyone is staying warm and prepared for winter. I know I'm not!

I just wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone for an awesome show season. I know I had fun managing the shows and enjoyed watching everyone's progress throughout the summer, hope you guys did too.

Those of you, who host clinics, please keep our board posted on the dates so that we can post upcoming clinic information to our website and Facebook page this winter. We would really like to let our membership know about the wonderful opportunities out there to ride or audit throughout the winter.

I hope to see you all at our banquet on November 8th at the Petroleum club! We have a few spots opening up on our board so make sure to fill out your ballots, which should be landing your way soon.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon,

Erin



Check your dressage scores!

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 database. 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). 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, 2014**. No changes to year end awards will be made after that date.



USDFScores.com is the official source to verify scores with USDF. Although www.centerlinescores.com is a useful tool – the scores on Centerline Scores may be incorrect because Centerline Scores are NOT affiliated with USDF

*The Alaska Dressage Association ~ 2014 Annual Awards Banquet
November 8, 2014 ~ 6:30 PM*

*Please join us for an evening of food, fun
and celebration!*

\$50 per person in advance

\$55 at the door

Cash bar ~ no cards!

Silent Auction



Petroleum Club of Anchorage

3301 C Street ~ Suite 120 ~ Anchorage

RSVP by October 30th ~ Anne Hancock

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**There's still time to contribute to
this year's silent auction!!**

ADA's biggest fundraiser is the Silent Auction at the Annual Awards
Banquet!

As mentioned earlier, the banquet will be held at The Petroleum Club
on November 8th. Our auction coordinators, Karen Duplantis &
Jennifer Spencer would like to challenge each trainer and/or barn to put
together a basket of goodies for the auction. If you have something you
would like to contribute to the silent auction, please contact Karen at
907-350-4227 karenduplantis@gmail.com or Jennifer at 907-350-6729
spencerjennifer@hotmail.com! This is a great excuse to go shopping and donations

are tax deductible!! So, bring out some items to bid on and let's make some money
for ADA!



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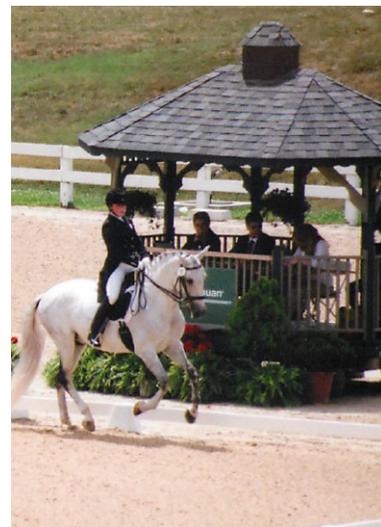
Local Alaskan Rider Competes in Kentucky at the Adequan/FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships

The Adequan/Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) North American Junior and Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North were recently held in Lexington, KY on July 15-20, 2014. It is the only FEI championship that is held annually in North America and is the premier equestrian competition for riders age 14 to 21. The United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean Islands competed in the equestrian disciplines of dressage, stadium jumping, endurance, reining, and eventing. U.S. Region 6 (AK, WA, OR, ID, w. MT) was well represented by Sarah Cohen (AK) competing as a Young Rider, Emily Park (OR) and Heather Decent (WA) who both competed as Junior Riders, and Jodi McMaster as the Chief d'Equipe. FEI judges included Loraine McDonald (Canada), Lilo Fore (U.S.), Cesar Torrente (Columbia), Marian Cunningham (Peru), and Mercedes Campdera (Mexico).

After the horse inspections and jog on Tuesday, Sarah Cohen was chosen by the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) to ride the FEI Young Rider Team Test (Prix St. George level) with Region 5 (CO, WY, UT, AZ, e.MT) on Wednesday since both Region 5 and 6 did not have full Young Rider teams. The Region 5/6 team placed 5th overall for the team dressage. On Thursday Sarah rode the FEI Young Rider Individual Test and scored high enough to ride in the freestyle on Saturday where she placed 16th among the top 18 Young Riders in North America.

On Tuesday evening the teams paraded to nearby Spy Coast Farm where opening ceremonies and a party was held for competitors and their families. Spy Coast Farm specializes in the breeding and development of top quality performance horses. Owned by Lisa Lourie, the farm generously hosted and supported the celebration. After the teams paraded in decorated golf carts, the celebration began with food, drinks, music, a mechanical bull, dunk tank, bouncy house, and water gun fights to kick off the competition.

In the Young Rider dressage competition Sarah rode Vicaro Dos Pinhais, a 13 year-old Lusitano gelding, owned by Regina Agren of Castle Rock, WA. Sarah and Vicaro began their new partnership only four months before the North American Championships. In addition to being a new partnership,



Sarah advanced quickly from showing First and Second level to Prix St. George international level. Although many of the riders were more seasoned competitors, Sarah was competing at the North American Championships for only her sixth time.

Sarah is from Anchorage, Alaska where she graduated magna cum laude from East Anchorage High School. She is currently riding and training with Judy Thocher of Simplicity Dressage Farm in Kent, WA. She is a senior at Seattle University and will be graduating in 2015 with a Bachelor's of Science in Diagnostic Ultrasound with an Echocardiography specialty.

Sarah started riding horses when she was six years old in Anchorage where she took many lessons and clinics in dressage with Judy Thocher, local trainers, and other clinicians. She then decided to move to Seattle in order to pursue her dressage training and higher education. Sarah comes from a long line of an Alaska sports-oriented family that is involved in hockey, equestrian, and fishing activities. Her father, Mark Cohen, owns Alaska Raft and Kayak. Her family members, including parents, brother, two grandmothers and best friend Jori Dittmer all flew down from Anchorage to support and cheer her on.

Her next competition will be the USDF Region 6 Regional Championships in Nampa, ID on September 18-21, 2014. "None of this would be possible without all the amazing support and sponsorship I have received from companies and individuals" said Sarah, "Olson's Tack Shop and Acme Food were huge sponsors of our team that helped make it financially possible to attend the Championships."





Wanted: Nominations for Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award

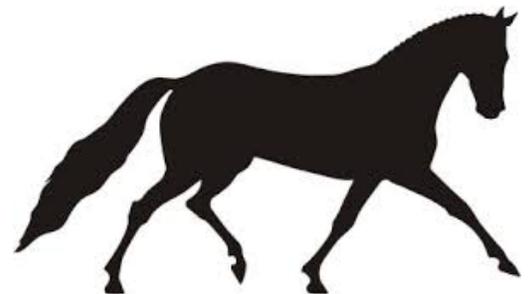
It's also time to nominate a deserving person for ADA's Kathryn Brooks Lifetime Achievement Perpetual Award. This award is named in honor of one of our co-founders, Kathy Brooks. Kathy, with her husband, Steve, and her third-level horse Sunny, moved to Alaska in 1979 where the only dressage classes she 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 October 20th.

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.

