

The Stall Street



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Journal

The Official Newsletter of the Alamo Dressage Association

The Stall Street Journal is published monthly by, and for, the members of the Alamo Dressage Association.

We are on the web at www.alamodressage.org

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First my apologies for the lateness of this issue. Our new newsletter editor has been unable to fulfill her duties due to personal circumstances so yours truly has been squeezing in the newsletter in between the Ride for the Cure, Fall dressage show and recent clinic Alfredo Hernandez and Joanie Bolton Clinic, among other things.

Our first Ride for the Cure was a huge success raising over \$20,000 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. See the article(s) and pictures in this issue. At the same time the Fall Dressage shows were also hugely successful with over 100 riders despite soaring temps and nearby wildfires. While other shows have struggled with entries we still managed to pull off a great show. Many thanks to all our volunteers. Without volunteers the show would not be possible!



Speaking of volunteers, we have three positions up for election this year, President, Vice President and Treasurer. If you would like to nominate someone, nominations are due October 28th to Secretary Cheryl Harlin. More information in this issue on the nomination and election process. In addition to these board positions we need more volunteers. Many of us are working double and triple duty. So please, even if you can just help a little, contact a board member and offer your services. Our show committee is need of a Scribe Chairperson, Scribes, and Hospitality Chairperson (judges transport and meals) and a person to lead arena setup. Tim and Kitch Simpson who have set up the arenas for over a decade are taking a well deserved break. In addition we need a Newsletter editor. Annette Jackson is unable to take on this position due to personal reasons and Stefanie Foster who has helped us for many years is no longer able to do so due to medical reasons. It is helpful if you have experience in MS Publisher. We also need someone to keep the website updated weekly (currently one of my jobs as well). You don't need to be an expert at web design but familiarity is helpful as the website formatting is tricky to update. We use GoDaddy.com.

On a sad note, **Alida Darlington**, namesake of the winning Ride for the Cure team, Alida's Alliance, passed away after her long fight with cancer on October 6, 2011. In lieu of flowers, please make donations at any Wells Fargo Bank. Ask for the "Alida Darlington Memorial Garden Fund." The account number is 6915241829. ADA's board voted to make a \$100 donation to Alida's fund.

Mark your calendars for November 19th. Sandy Venneman PhD will join us at Rio Cibolo Ranch to discuss and demonstrate, "Why Does My Horse Do That?". We need demo riders! The fun begins at 9am.

Arlene Gaitan, President

Alamo Dressage Association is a Group Member Organization of the U.S. Dressage Federation. ADA's members are automatically USDF group members. For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF. Submissions close the 10th of the month prior to publication. Please send submissions to Arlene Gaitan at arlenegaitan@att.net or abgaitan@yahoo.com. ADA can be found at www.alamodressage.org

Call For Nominations

Call for Nominations!

The positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer are coming up for election for the 2012-2013 term.

Nominations are requested by October 28, 2011 via email or regular mail (if sent regular mail must be postmarked by October 28, 2011). Nominees must be members in good standing. Please make sure your nominee has agreed to run prior to your nomination. Nominations need to include a short biography (for the ballots) and should be sent to:

Cheryl Harlin, ADA Secretary: crrranch@gvtc.com or
682 N Stallion Estates, Spring Branch, TX 78070

Timeline for elections:

1. Nominations closed - October 28 (postmark)
2. Ballots mailed regular mail - November 11
3. Annual Membership meeting - November 9 (Nominees be prepared to introduce yourself!)
4. Voting: 30 days - November 12-Dec 12 (postmark)
5. Elections announced - December 19

Job Descriptions available at www.alamodressage.org/ADA_By-Laws.html

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ADA Educational Event

Why Does My Horse Do That?

Sandy Venemann, PhD

November 19, 2011—10am—5:30pm

Rio Cibolo Ranch

ADA SCHOOLING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

December 11, 2011

San Antonio Rose Palace

Visit www.alamodressage.org for
qualifying information



Alamo Dressage Ride for the Cure Raised Over \$20,000 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure! Congratulations to all our riders and thank you Sponsors! Check out pics of the event at <http://www.rftcpromotions.com/> and click on “Rally Galley”.



Ride for the Cure

Dressage Team Challenge

Results—9/10/11

1st Place—Aida's Alliance:

Joy Alexander and Horton Hears a Who
Mechelle Sieg and Macrena Bar
Robin Hudson and Ruby Deaux
Jennifer Blank and Timber Ghost
Raised over \$7,000

2nd Place—Liberty Belles:

Karen Silvers and Dominic
Brittany Silvers and Lamington
Lauren Garretson and Bouwe's Shadow
Eden Wyker, Jr and Buddy
Raised over \$4,000

3rd Place—Team Teton:

Hannah Moore and Una Vida Dolce
Della Moore and Wyanett
Grace Holt and Five Oaks Socrates
Valerie Kedroff and Taliesen
Raised over \$4,000

4th Place—Campbell Urban/In the Irons:

Vicki Krebsbach and Cylent Premier
Jennifer Delmer and Coles Night Hawk
Madeleine Ramon and Mesmeryz
Mackenzie Rivers and CW Factor
Raised over \$1,000

5th Place—Team Cadence:

Christine Bergeron and Rag Time Jaz
Kelly Bernard and Chante
Houston Jones and Midnight Spookers
Christine Bergeron and Bubbles
Raised over \$1,000

6th Place—Double D:

Ashley Hammill and Dantes Sherpa
Leslie Johnson and Farao
Catheryn Orihuela and Hopper
Kristin Moore and Mr. Chask+
Raised over \$600

7th Place—Foxhole Fillies:

Diane Hanrahan and The Donald
Elizabeth McRae, MD and Blue Note
Sally Boynton and Truly A Blessing
Erin Moore and Baldur
Raised over \$500

Thank You to the following sponsors who made this event possible!

Dover Saddlery
Boerne Stage Saddlery
Morris Kaye Furs
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Forest Horse
Bridle Suite

Special thanks to artist and long-time ADA supporter, **Jay Lauver**, for designing the beautiful Ride for the Cure logo!



Ride for the Cure Raises Over \$20,000

Alamo Dressage Association hosted a Rally for the Cure event, "Ride for the Cure" Dressage Horse Show Team Challenge on September 10, 2011 at the San Antonio Rose Palace in Boerne, Texas. This event raised over \$20,000 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. 28 riders of all ages and their equine partners made up the 7 teams from south and central Texas who participated in the "Ride for the Cure".

The Champion team which raised over \$7,000 was Alida's Alliance, named for their friend, Alida Darlington, who recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. Alida was able to make the trip to San Antonio to cheer her friends on to victory!

Alida's riders included team captain, Joy Alexander, who alone raised over \$4,000 and won the top prize for fundraising. Other Alida riders included Mechelle Sieg, Robin Hudson and Jennifer Blank.

The Reserve Champion team was "The Liberty Belles", who raised over \$4,000, lead by team captain Karen Silvers, a breast cancer survivor herself. Karen was the second highest fundraiser, alone raising over \$3,000. The other "Belles" included Karen's daughter, Brittany, Lauren Garretson and Eden Wyker.

The third place team, Team Teton, also raised over \$4,000. Teton riders included team captain, Hannah Moore, her sister Della Moore, Grace Holt and Valerie Kedroff.

The remaining teams raised over \$5,000 combined. They include: "Team Campbell-Urban/In the Irons" with riders Vicki Krebsbach, Jennifer Delmer, Madeleine Ramon and Mackenzie Rivers; "Team Cadence" with riders Christine Bergeron, Kelly Bernard and Houston Jones; "Team Double D" with riders Ashley Hammill, Leslie Johnson, Catheryn Orihuela and Kristin Moore; and "The Foxhole Fillies" with riders Diane Hanrahan, Elizabeth McRae, MD, Sally Boynton and Erin Moore.

Dover Saddlery provided beautiful awards for the Champion and Reserve teams and the following sponsors provided additional awards and goodie bag items: Boerne Stage Saddlery, Morris Kaye Furs, SmartPak Equine, Forest Horse and Bridle Suite. And Rally sponsors, Home Shopping Network and Condé Nast.

"The response to our event was overwhelming and the amount of money raised for Komen was beyond our expectations! We are proud of all the riders who participated and thankful to our sponsors. Because of our success we plan to make this an annual event!" states Arlene Gaitan, President of Alamo Dressage Association.

Rally for the Cure, ADA's partner in this event, is a grass roots program to spread awareness about breast health and breast cancer in support of Susan G. Komen for the Cure® through volunteer organized events. Since 1996, Komen has received over \$60 million from Rally events to support their mission. To host a Rally event of your own call 800.327.6811 or visit the website: www.rallyfortheCure.com.

The winning team, Alida's Alliance, pictured right: Donations to honor the life of **Alida Darlington** (pictured, center) can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank. Ask for the "Alida Darlington Memorial Garden Fund." The account number is 6915241829.



Photo courtesy of John Delmer

Scenes from Ride for the Cure



Clockwise left to right: Karen Silvers of the Liberty Belles, breast cancer survivor and 2nd highest individual fundraiser; Team Teton; Team Cadence; Team Double D; and Team Campbell-Urban/In the Irons.

Photos courtesy of John Delmer

August Board Meeting Minutes—Approved

Meeting Date: August 10, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Arlene Gaitan called the meeting to order at In the Irons at 6:55 p.m.

II. Board of Directors Roll Call

Board of Directors present was the following: Arlene Gaitan (President), Carolyn Vandenberg (Vice President/Education Chair), Cheryl Harlin (Secretary/Sponsorship), and Jill Ammann (Jr/YR Chair); Jennifer Delmer (Member-at-Large); Membership: Rachel Harlin.

III. Approval of Today's Agenda

Jennifer moved to approve the agenda as presented; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Previous Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes

Cheryl moved to approve ADA's previous BoD meeting minutes; Jennifer seconded. The motion was approved.

V. President's Report

Arlene began the meeting with the ADA picnic which was cancelled due to intense heat and dry weather. She elaborated on other agenda items as the meeting was conducted.

VI. Vice President's Report No report

VII. Treasurer's Report

Based on July 17 financial reports (ADA's checking account has \$26,890; youth account has \$995.45; total assets of \$27,885.99). Carolyn moved to approve ADA's July financial report; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

VIII. Secretary's Report No report

IX. Member-at-Large Chair's Report

Jennifer reported that completed ADA membership hours to date will be published. If anyone has any questions or updates, please contact her. She also mentioned having membership award requirements be posted at the beginning of the award year.

X. Newsletter Editor's Report No report

XI. Junior/Young Riders Chair's Report

Jill reported the ADA Jr/YR had a successful August 7 schooling show at In the Irons with over 40 rides and over \$1,100 in pure profit was raised through entry fees, silent auction, test reader donations, and box lunches. She suggested thank you notes be sent to sponsors and riders for participating at the show. Led by Cassidy Peacock, many juniors help run the show and covered almost all of the positions. The board thanked Jill for generously donated her riding facility once again. On August 19, the Jr/YR performed community volunteer time at Triple H and did an impressive job according to the facility manager. Jr/YR will conduct a project service at the April 2012 ADA show.

XII. Education Chair's Report

Carolyn reported the trailer safety and CPR seminars were a success on July 23 and she received positive feedback from the attendees. The Bikram Yoga for Riders clinic with Rick and Judy Campbell-Urban was postponed.

At the Ft Sam Houston Equestrian Center in San Antonio, Carolyn has scheduled a Sandy Venneman, PhD "Why Does My

August Board Meeting Minutes—Approved, cont...

Horse Do That” seminar on November 19. This seminar will include morning lectures, lunch break, and afternoon riding demonstrations. Carolyn is firming up details on contracting and a \$500 grant from the USDF Region 9 Educational Fund.

Hosting a three-day clinic on October 7-9, Cindy Dix Weathersbee invited ADA members to a clinic at her farm with Joanie Bolton (rider and horse biomechanics) and Alfredo Hernandez (horse thoroughness and collection). Friday is free for audits. Saturday’s audit fee will include lunch; Sunday’s audit fee will also include lunch. The projected ride times will be published approximately two weeks prior to the event; RSVPs will be due on October 1.

Carolyn is working on an adult camp and researching grants for it.

XIII. Committee Reports

Recognized/Rated Horse Shows: For the ADA Sep 10-11 show, Arlene thanked Kathy Lubianski for becoming the ADA’s gatekeeper chair. A safety coordinator must be appointed. Vet-on-call is Dr Travis Wright, show farrier is Will Thomason, and braider is Bree Bell. Helen Valance is heading scorers. For Ride for the Cure, over five teams have been entered and T-shirts/banner/70 polos have been ordered through Doug Christensen. Height measurements must be done prior to pony classes.

Membership: Linda reported the ADA currently has 113 members.

Website: Bill and Arlene have been updating the ADA website

Banquet: The ADA Year End Awards Banquet will be held at Biga on the Banks, San Antonio, on January 21, 2012.

Awards: ADA Show High Point and ADA member High Point tabled

Sponsorship: Cheryl distributed a checklist for sponsorship procedures among board members. Sponsors have been contacted and a Constant Contact is being prepared to send to association membership. Almost a dozen new businesses and individuals are interested in supporting the September 10-11 show with a projected amount of almost \$1,000. She thanked everyone in advance for contacting prospective sponsors. With Jennifer’s help and an anonymous donation, ADA has two permanent mounting blocks for shows.

By-Laws: Arlene requests inputs from the board and membership.

Schooling Show: Sue Malone Casey will judge the schooling championship show on December 11. 18” ribbons are being considered for class awards. The February 2012 schooling show is projected to be at In the Irons.

Calendar: Website calendar has been updated.

XIV. Unfinished Business None

XV. New Business

1. GMO basket @ 2011 USDF Annual Convention: Jennifer moved to allocate \$100 for GMO gift basket (Texas theme) for convention; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

2. GMO Delegate/Proxy: Jennifer moved to appoint Carolyn Vandenberg as delegate; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

3. Bee Pape Scholarship Fund: Arlene suggested publishing notice in ADA newsletter.

4. USDF Region 9 meeting: Carolyn relayed Kathy Jones has hotel rooms set aside for volunteers for SWDC and requests more volunteers.

XVI. Adjournment

Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.; Jennifer seconded. The motion was approved. The next ADA BoD meeting will be held on Sep 14, 2011/6:30 pm at In the Irons per ADA website calendar.

September Board Meeting Minutes—Un-approved

Meeting Date: September 14, 2011

I. Call to Order

President Arlene Gaitan called the meeting to order at In the Irons at 6:37 p.m.

II. Board of Directors Roll Call

Board of Directors present was the following: Arlene Gaitan (President), Carolyn Vandenberg (Vice President/Education Chair), Cheryl Harlin (Secretary/Sponsorship), and Jennifer Delmer (Member-at-Large).

III. Approval of Today's Agenda

Jennifer moved to approve the agenda as presented; Cheryl seconded. The motion was approved.

IV. Approval of Previous Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting Minutes

Cheryl moved to approve ADA's previous BoD meeting minutes; Jennifer seconded. The motion was approved.

V. President's Report

Arlene began the meeting thanking everyone for the successful September 10-11 recognized show and raising \$21,040 through Ride for the Cure. She also recognized Doug Christensen for the Ride for the Cure t-shirts/banner and ADA polo shirts and LeeAnn Liese for ensuring awards office was running smoothly. She appreciated the donations/contributions from the Forest Horse, Boerne Stage Saddlery, the Eventing Shop and many others.

For the upcoming board of directors' elections (president, vice president, and treasurer)/by-laws update, Arlene will establish a timeline for voting. At the Region 9 Business Meeting in Galveston, she reported the trip was productive; her presentation of the adult rider survey provided the GMOs with valuable information: more Ride-a-Test, noncompetitive awards from AQHA, ApHC, etc. for logging ride/saddle time, and other perspectives which will be published in the newsletter. Arlene also elaborated on other board agenda items as the meeting was conducted.

VI. Vice President's Report No report

VII. Treasurer's Report No report

VIII. Secretary's Report No report

IX. Member-at-Large Chair's Report No report

X. Newsletter Editor's Report

Arlene suggested publishing the newsletter quarterly rather than monthly since ADA utilizes website and Constant Contact.

XI. Junior/Young Riders Chair's Report

Jennifer reported the ADA Jr/YR had a successful meeting at September 10 at the SA Rose Palace and had their picture taken for the founder of USDF's 100th birthday. After raising about \$1,400 at the August schooling show, the Jr/YRS would like to host schooling shows again in 2012 February and August. They also agreed to do more volunteer hours at Triple H Equitherapy Center in Pipe Creek. On behalf of the ADA Jr/Yrs, Jennifer received a hearty thank you note from Triple H who praising the young ladies for their tremendous help on August 19.

XII. Education Chair's Report

Hosting a three-day clinic on October 7-9, Cindy Dix Weathersbee invited ADA members to a clinic at her farm with Joanie Bolton (rider and horse biomechanics) and Alfredo Hernandez (horse thoroughness and collection). Friday is free for audits. Saturday's audit fee will include lunch; Sunday's audit fee will also include lunch. The projected ride times will be published approximately two weeks prior to the event; RSVPs will be due on October 3. Auditors are reminded to bring own chairs. Insurance will be checked.

Sept. Board Meeting Minutes—Un-approved, cont...

Carolyn has scheduled a Sandy Venneman, PhD “Why Does My Horse Do That” seminar on November 19. This seminar will include morning lectures, lunch break, and afternoon riding demonstrations. Carolyn is firming up details on contracting and a \$500 grant from the USDF Region 9 Educational Fund.

Also, Carolyn is working on an adult camp and researching grants for it. A Ride-a-Test is projected for January 29, 2012.

XIII. Committee Reports

Recognized/Rated Horse Shows: Arlene thanked Cel Cox for volunteering as show stable manager/runner chair and Carolyn who will head the silent auctions. Arlene also thanked Tim and Kitch Simpson who are retiring after many years for setting up the dressage arena at ADA shows. ADA will have to purchase an arena. For 2012, ADA will be asking for request for proposals (RFPs) for show manager. The next prize list will indicate \$85 for stabling not to include shavings, AQHA approval, and Ride for the Cure in September 2012. ADA will look into ATA, Morgan, AWS, and other breed association coordination and stall decorating award. Extra show programs will be ordered in April 2012.

Membership: Linda reported the ADA currently has 124 members.

Website: Bill and Arlene have been updating the ADA website

Banquet: No report.

Awards: ADA Show High Point, ADA member High Point, and owner/rider ADA membership requirement tabled. Volunteer hours will need updating for awards.

Sponsorship: Cheryl thanked all who sponsored, vendored, and contributed to the silent auction at the successful September 10-11 show.

By-Laws: Arlene and committee reviewed the by-laws for membership approval.

Schooling Show: Sue Malone Casey will judge the schooling championship show on December 11. Arlene will order ribbons. The February 2012 schooling show is projected to be at In the Irons.

Calendar: Website calendar has been updated.

XIV. Unfinished Business

Jennifer moved that ADA will submit ads to the 2012 USDF Region 9 Omnibus; Carolyn seconded. The motion was approved.

XV. New Business None

XVI. Adjournment

Carolyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.; Jennifer seconded. The motion was approved. The next ADA BoD meeting will be held on Oct 12, 2011/6:30 pm at In the Irons per ADA website calendar.

Volunteers Needed

WE NEED YOU!

ADA cannot function without volunteers....here are our current volunteer opportunities!

- Newsletter Editor
- Website Editor
- Show Scribe Chairperson
- Show Scribes
- Show Hospitality Chairperson
- Show Arena set-up

Contact Arlene Gaitan if you are interested in any of these positions!

arlenegaitan@att.net

830-751-2151

Farewell and Thank you!

Linda Pedde, Membership Chair

Tim and Kitch Simpson, Recognized Show Arena Setup

Stefanie Foster, Newsletter Design

After many years of service to ADA these volunteers are taking some well needed time off! ADA wouldn't have been such a successful GMO without them! They will be missed!!!

2011 ADA Officers

Voting Members

President : Arlene Gaitan, 830-751-2151 abgaitan@yahoo.com

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Treasurer: Bill Eash, 830 980 3188 eash@gvtc.com

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Education: Carolyn Vandenberg, 210-215-2423

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Junior/ Young Riders Chairperson:

Jill Ammann jill@gvtc.com 830-446-9312

Newsletter Editor: – Arlene Gaitan 830-751-2151 or 830-751-2151

Non-Voting Members

Membership: Linda Pedde 210-658-7090 linda@pedde.com

Awards: Susan Hancock 830-779-2899, dressagew-susan@gmail.com and Leeann Liese 210-859-1028,

lastdimeranch@aieamil.net

Upcoming Clinics

The Dressage Simulator

October 20 –23, 2011

A 45 minute lesson will be \$140.

Barbro's website: www.alwaysagoodride.com

Lorraine Britton—pbritton@austin.rr.com

Hy Court Farm Classical Horsemanship

Camp -October 21-23. Janet Manley and Amy Ramsdell more! \$495 Contact Amanda Wilson at (512) 422-7134 or Amanda@HyCourtFarm.com.

Fire Prevention & Education

Kendall County Equine Clinic

October 22, 1pm.

RSVP 830-336-2041

Why Does My Horse Do That?

With Dr. Sandy Venemann

Saturday, November 19, 2-11, 10am

Rio Cibolo Ranch

FMI—See flyer in this issue!

Yoga for Riders with Judy and Rick Urban

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 4:00pm

FMI—See flyer in this issue!



Farm Vet/USDF Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore

March 3 & 4, 2012, 8:00 am to 5 pm

Stormin' G Ranch, College Station, TX

Wolfgang May Clinics. Monthly in Boerne. Contact Theresa Peck to get on her mailing list. pecktca@aol.com.

www.wolfgangmaydressage.com

ADA Juniors Give Back

By: Kassidy Peacock (ADA Junior Board President)

Recently several of our ADA Juniors, Kassidy Peacock, Erin Cox, Rachel Lee Harlin, Rebecca Harlin, Madeleine Ramon, Kristin Moore, and Avery, spent a morning volunteering at Triple H Equine Therapy. This is a terrific organization that works with both handicapped and special needs children as well as our wounded veterans.

We presented them with a large box of donations before we rolled up our sleeves and got to work power washing blankets and a carriage, cleaning tack and washing horses. A special thank you to mom Cheryl Harlin for coming out to keep an eye on the group.

The juniors had such a wonderful time that they would like to do this at least three times a year. Giving back to the community is such a wonderful cause and a truly rewarding experience. We cannot wait to do it again!

Scenes from Junior Day of Service



The 3rd Annual

EVERYTHING EQUINE

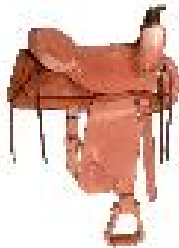
Consignment Tack & Equipment Sale

October 28-29 & 30, 2011

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**San Antonio Rose
Palace**

**(During the Fall GVQHB
Show)**



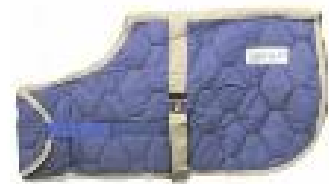
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Local Horse Rescue



Thanks to our generous sponsor

GVQHB



All donations are tax deductible.

Consignments accepted in advance or on site starting Thursday afternoon, prior to the show.

Please clean out your tack rooms and give us a call!

Consignors commit to donate 20% (or up to 100%) to our charitable organizations.

Consignors must set their own price on all consigned tack.

Please contact Michelle Mourre at (210) 601-9034

In order to protect our consignors, only cash will be accepted.

ADA Juniors Compete at Arabian Youth Nationals

By Jennifer Delmer

“It was cool to see Ella, Morgan and Skye ...it was their first time at nationals and great fun. Skye was so happy when she got top ten her eyes were leaking haha. ...which made my eyes leak. There we were out waiting for our victory lap ...leaking and giggling !!”

-Mackenzie Rivers after her victory ride for placing top 10 with In the Irons teammate Skye Simpson

Five ADA junior riders participated in the 2011 Arabian Youth Nationals in Albuquerque, New Mexico in July. Mackenzie and Morgan Rives, Ella Fructerman, and Skye Simpson from

In the Irons were joined by Kristin Moore of Ashley Hammill dressage for the week long event. Kristin hitched a ride with the In the Irons group to show her Arabian gelding, MR Chask+.

After being unloaded, Skye’s horse Sparky had a sore neck and had to be seen by the vet. Fortunately, he was fine, and the partnership earned a top 10 in Intro in their first Nationals! Seven year olds Morgan and Ella competed well in Intro with their equine partners, Gracie and Jaxon. Mackenzie and CW Factor (aka Max) was in the top 10 for the second year in a row and her last year

of walk-trot. Look out training level, here they come!

Highlights of the trip included a reserve championship for In the Irons in the stall decorating contest. The “Under the Sea” theme incorporated submarines and pictures of horse and rider passengers on board with numerous large seahorses including four on the golf cart.

Jill Amman, ADA’s Jr/YR Chair with her students, Mackenzie & Morgan Rivers, Ella Fructerman and Skye Simpson





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Ashley Hammill, Lindy Taylor, Cheryl Morency, Leslie Johnson

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Quarter Horses, Arabians, Warmbloods, and Thoroughbreds

For more information on our trainers or our programs please visit our
website: www.sanantoniოდressage.com

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Full page:	\$30	Quarter page::	\$10
Half page:	\$15	Business card:	\$5
Quarter page:	\$10		

November Board meeting and Annual Membership meeting (7pm) will be held on November 9, 2011 at In the Irons Equestrian Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Board meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of the month. Dates, times and locations for future meetings can be found on the Calendar of Event page of the Stall Street Journal.

Why Does My Horse Do That?!? - Psychology for the Equestrian
Presented by: Sandy Venneman, PhD - November 19, 2011
USDF University Credit Pending

Why can my trainer make my horse look so light? Why can't my students get their horse on the outside rein? And of course, "Why does my horse do _____ (you fill in the blank)."

On November 19, 2011, ADA will be hosting a very informative and fun seminar with Dr. Venneman. Dr. Venneman is an experimental psychologist who combines her knowledge of psychology with her knowledge of horses to help riders reach their potential. She currently teaches psychology and biology at the University of Houston-Victoria. This program was very well received at the USDF annual meeting a couple of years ago as one of the University education programs. Dr. Venneman is well traveled in her clinics, including an invitation to speak at Club Ecuestre La Ronda in Guatemala last summer.

About the Program: Understand how your horse learns to behave in certain ways and start problem solving the very next time you ride. The key elements of learning theory are actually very simple, but also powerful tools for training. The information presented in this session is geared toward riders teaching their horse, but also apply just as well to instructors teaching their clients. Become a better rider, instructor, or student by understanding and learning to utilize the following concepts.

***Operant Conditioning**

- Positive Reinforcement
- Negative Reinforcement (Escape)
- Punishment
- Penalty
- Extinction

***Classical Conditioning**

- Refining aids
- Understanding blocks to training



About our speaker: Dr. Venneman is an experimental psychologist who combines her knowledge of psychology with her knowledge of horses to help riders reach their potential. She currently teaches psychology and biology at The University of Houston-Victoria in South Texas. She also conducts research and has researched USEF members to understand personality factors of equestrians and how they relate to achievement and satisfaction. In addition to teaching at the university, she trains horses, instructs and gives mounted and un-mounted clinics nationwide and abroad. You can get a feel for her application of the science of learning to horses by reading a summary of her USDF National Convention presentation in *The USDF Connection*, February 2006, or a more extensive sample in

Practical Horseman, January 2007. Her specialty is practical dressage. She teaches riders from any discipline who recognize dressage training will benefit their mounts and their riding. People who attend her clinics and talks always comment on the practical applications they learn and how much fun they have learning.

Location: Rio Cibolo Ranch, 1101 Ullrich Rd., Marion, TX (Just off I-10) For directions visit:
<http://www.riociboloranch.com/>

8:30-9:00am	Registration
9:00-12:00am	Lecture, PowerPoint with Q&A
12:00-1:00pm	BBQ Lunch (please RSVP so we order enough food!)
1:00-5:00pm	Riding Demonstrations

Cost: ADA members \$30, Non-members \$35, **Demonstration Riders:** \$60 (includes pen)

RSVP required for Auditors and Demo Riders: ADA Education Chair, Carolyn Vandenberg,
Vandenberg@gvta.com or 210 215 2423 by November 13, 2011

Cancellation Policy: Fees are refundable for cancellations prior to November 16th. Fees are not refundable on or after November 16th.

ADA Educational Event: Bikram Yoga for Riders with Campbell-Urban

December 3, 2011 Bikram Yoga San Antonio

The Strand at Huebner Oaks Shopping Center
11255 Huebner Rd., Suite 202, San Antonio TX 78230

<http://bikramyogasa.com>

Have you wanted to try Yoga but were afraid??? Here is an opportunity to try Bikram Yoga in a no pressure way with your fellow ADA members! Juniors are welcome too - you must be at least 14 years old to participate.

Rick Urban and Judy Campbell Urban are accomplished dressage riders, instructors and trainers who are also professional Bikram Yoga instructors.



Why Bikram Yoga?

Rick and Judy guarantee that a regular Bikram Yoga practice will change your life in the most wonderful ways including improving your riding! Some of the benefits include: burns body fat and elevates your metabolism, reduces stress, increases flexibility, builds strength and endurance, helps with back, neck, shoulder and knee pain, improves your posture, reduces risk of injury, and raises energy level.

Bikram Yoga is practiced in a heated room. The heat does the following: Enhances blood delivery to the muscles, speeds up the breakdown of glucose and fatty acids, makes muscles more elastic, less susceptible to injury, elevates your metabolism and burns fat more easily and increases detoxification.



Your goal for your first Bikram session is just to remain in the room – if you feel tired you are welcome to just lie down during class. However, always follow your doctor's orders and consult with your doctor if you are on any medications or have any known health issues.

Schedule of Events:

Class: 4:30pm

Discussion and snacks: 6:30pm

RSVP required: Arlene at arlenegaitan@att.net, 830-751-2151

Member cost: \$10

Non-member: \$20

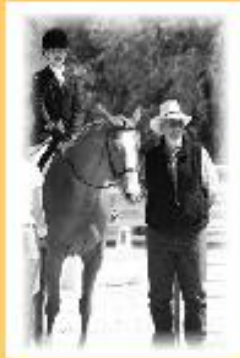
If you feel nervous, scared or a little intimidated, no problem, many people feel that way initially. Just don't let it stop you from coming!

What do I need to bring with me?

1. Dress as if you were going to the beach – light, fitted exercise clothing work fine. Avoid baggy T-shirts and pants. A sleeveless top and shorts are best. Don't worry about shoes – you'll be doing your yoga barefoot.
2. Bring a change of clothes and a bath towel if you want to shower and change after class before the discussion.
3. Bring a yoga mat and towel if you have one (we can provide).
4. Bring a water bottle with you to class for water breaks. Be well-hydrated! Drink lots of water before coming to class.
5. Avoid eating 2-3 hours before class – yoga is always best practiced on an empty stomach. Some people however need to have a little something in their belly (such as a piece of fruit or an energy bar).
6. Come with an open mind. Be ready to laugh a little, maybe cry a bit, and to sweat a lot!

RSVP by **November 28, 2011** Arlene Gaitan, arlenegaitan@att.net or 830-751-2151.

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2012 ADA Junior/Young Rider Scholarship Application

Requirements:

- Graduating Senior planning to attend college
- 2 year member (minimum) of ADA
- 15 hour minimum per year of volunteer time to ADA

Application Process:

- Complete application information below.
- Send application with a paragraph description about you and your riding
- Attach a photo of you with your horse (horse does not have to be owned)
- E-mail application and your riding biography/picture to Jr/Yr Chair Jill Ammann jill@gvtc.com.
- Mail original signed copy to ADA President Arlene Gaitan, 8417 FM 1283, Lakehills, TX 78063.

Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____

College you are planning to attend: _____

ADA events you have participated in or volunteered for during your high school years. Please list the event at what you did. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Event	Description
Ex: ADA Spring 2011	Participant, ran tests

I give permission for ADA to use my riding biography, including my name and attached picture on the ADA website and in ADA publications.

Alamo Dressage Association
2012 Membership Application



Come join us for an exciting year in 2012. Your membership in ADA includes a USDF group membership, Cash Back for Education, four USDF recognized shows right in your back yard, Year End Awards and the new Schooling Show Championships. Membership year: December 1 – November 30.

IMPORTANT: To be included in the 2012 USDF membership report, please return your 2012 application and dues by October 31, 2011.

Application

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Email _____
 Primary Phone _____
 Alternate Phone _____
 Birth Date _____
 USDF Membership # _____

Level of Membership

- \$45 Individual
- \$35 Junior (age < 21)
- \$200 Five Year Individual
- \$110 Family

- Include only my name in the membership directory.**
- Do not release my contact information to horse related organizations/businesses.**

I would like to volunteer for the following areas (circle all that apply):

Horse Shows Juniors Web Site Newsletter Education Membership Sponsorship

Other: _____

Alamo Dressage Association is a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and all members are automatically USDF Group Members (GMs). For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

Photo Release:

Alamo Dressage Association (ADA) occasionally uses photographs of members and participants in its publications, on its Web site and on-line Photo Album. Your signature below grants ADA permission to use your and/or your child's photo for such purposes. Images from the website and photo album can be downloaded. Therefore, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the ADA Board of Directors, ADA members, volunteers and agents.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Release Statement:

Under Texas Law(Chapter 87, Civil practice and remedies code) an equine professional or livestock show sponsor is not liable for an injury to or, the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities. I hereby release the Alamo Dressage Association, its directors, officers, members, employees and agents from liability or claims of every kind (including costs, expenses, and attorney's fees) that might result from damages, injury or losses to my person or property during or in connection with any show, seminar, function, whether or not damages, injuries, or losses resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent act or commission of the directors, officers, members, employees or agents of the Alamo Dressage Association.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Mail to: Linda Pedde | 106 Rimdale | Universal City, Tx 78148 | linda@pedde.com