Arizona Dressage Association

The Centerline

Dear Arizona Dressage Association Members and Friends,

We are excited to announce that the Arizona Dressage Association will be undertaking a rebranding initiative this year. This project will feature a new logo and an updated look and feel for the organization. We highly value your feedback and encourage all current ADA members to participate in a survey that will be emailed to you soon.

Paula Madden, Show Secretary, along with the Show Committee, is currently developing the prize list for the Summer Heat shows scheduled for June 14 and 15, 2025 at Westworld. Entries will open on May 1st and close on May 31st. This is a one-ring show and will take place in the air-conditioned Equidome, which includes indoor stabling. We can accommodate approximately 70 rides per day on a first-come, first-served basis so early submission of entries is encouraged. Please be aware that Westworld has installed concrete flooring in the South Hall; mats are available for rent at $140 per stall plus tax, or you may bring your own (see prize list for info on how to order). Opportunities to sponsor classes, arenas, and competitor hospitality are available. Contact fundraising@azdressage.org for more info. To volunteer at the show, email our volunteer coordinator Tracy Case at volunteer@azdressage.org.

Our March schooling show was a great success, and we have two more shows scheduled for the fall on Oct 19th and Nov 9th. Christa Severns has kindly agreed to lead the committee working closely with the day of show manager, Susan Skripac and show secretary Cynthia Ganem.

The Finance Committee has been reviewing our assets, including cleaning out the show trailer and assessing our equipment needs. We are also exploring better interest rates for our savings account. ESG Professional Accountants are preparing our 2024 tax return, which we expect to file on time in mid-May.

The Education committee, led by Cathy Jones and Cindi LaCroix has planned an impressive line-up of clinicians for 2025-26, including our own Beverly Rogers, Janet Foy, Steffen Peters, Janet Jones, and Mike Osinski. Stay tuned for updates as to when registration opens to ride or audit!

The website task force, under the leadership of Erin McHenry, is currently engaged in updating our site. They are conducting a thorough review of other websites and evaluating our functional and aesthetic requirements. This is a high priority for us, and updates will follow soon.

The Nominating & Governance Committee, chaired by Karen McGee, is currently revising our committee structure and charters to enhance accountability. Karen, along with Tracy Case, is also working with membership to fill key roles within our committee structure.

And be sure to check out the new JR/Young Riders Instagram account at @az.young.riders! Thank you, Leslie Sherlin for setting that up! Leslie's JR/YR committee has been busy and they're already making an impact! The account is spotlighting Arizona's talented young riders and highlighting activity across equestrian events. We're working to grow a stronger sense of community among youth riders from all disciplines while introducing them to the benefits of ADA and the sport of dressage. Give them a follow and help spread the word!



On April 27th, our 2024 Year End award winner will be honored! Remember to join ADA so your scores will be considered for 2025!

Best regards,
Ann Damiano
President, Arizona Dressage Association

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ADA Board Attorney – Wendy Riddell



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Submit your comments, suggestions, or opinions relating to the sport of dressage, to centerline@azdressage.org

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Submit an article and photo of you and your horse on a topic of interest, a clinic or show experience. Submit your favorite barn and horse care tips, or review clinic. We'd love to hear from you! Send to centerline@azdressage.org
If the photo is a riding photo, a helmet is required.

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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY SO YOUR SUMMER HEAT SCORES COUNT TOWARDS YEAR END AWARDS!
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ADA Educational Scholarship Program: Our program and the 2024 Recipients

Did you know that there is a scholarship program offered through the ADA?
To promote the educational advancement of local dressage riders, Arizona Dressage Association annually sponsors five scholarships of **up to $500.00** each to be used towards covered opportunities. Covered activities go beyond day-to-day training locally and awards have been given for riders participating in out of state training programs with certified instructors, USDF or USEF sponsored events and programs, local or remote clinics or for required elements of advancing USDF judge licensing.

What's required to apply?
The Board considers aa variety of criteria in the selection process. Critical components are active volunteerism with the ADA, completion of the education activity within the award year, and submission of an article back to the Centerline sharing what you learned from your experience. We strive for a mix of Open, Adult Amateur and Junior/Young Riders.
We begin soliciting applications in the Fall for the following year and our application period closes on **February 1st**. *What are your dressage education goals for 2026? It's a great time to start thinking about applying.*

Who received our 2025 awards?
Let's celebrate our 2025 Scholarship Recipients! Congratulations and we can't wait to hear what you learn this year!

- Michell Combs
- Cindi LaCroix
- Ray LaCroix
- Cindy Hitchcock
- Katrina Musina-Sallus

Here is what past recipients have had to say:
"*I am so thankful to the ADA for supporting my Dressage education journey in 2021! I was able to use my scholarship funds to continue working with an international competitor and trainer, ultimately leading to both my Bronze Medal and Bronze Freestyle Bar! The ADA Education Scholarship is a great opportunity for all ADA members.*" - *Rebecca Lindy*

Questions? Reach out to our Scholarship Committee Chair, Karen McGee at Scolarship@AZDressage.org.

Arizona Dressage Association

Upcoming Shows — Mark Your Calendars

Save the Dates
2025

ADA Schooling Shows

Sunday, March 16th
(closing date—March 2nd)

Sunday, October 19th
(closing date—October 5th)

Saturday, November 9th
(closing date—October 26th)

For more information:

www.azdressage.org/schooling-shows/

Location:

Carefree Farms
36412 North 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85086

Volunteers needed & appreciated

ADA

Flying Fox Farm, LLC
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flyingfoxfarm1@cox.net

FUTURITY NOMINATIONS



Nominate your young horse turning 4, 5 or 6 in 2025 for the ADA Futurity Competition.

$100 entry fee is due by March 1st. Late fee is waived.

Classes will beheld at the Summer Heat Shows.

See website for more information, or contact Sue Skripac at 315-558-2938

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ARIZONA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2025 Minutes

The meeting is called to order at 6:09 pm.
Directors Present: Ann Damiano, Rebecca Bruening, Rebecca Lindy, Kelly Stapleton, Michell Combs, Anastasia Keyser, Susan Skripac, Leslie Sherlin, and Erin McHenry
Directors Absent: Nicole Zoet, Karen McGee
Guests: Cathy Jones, Sue Leutwyler

- **Officer's Reports**:
  a. **President** – Monthly letter to Membership
  b. **Secretary's report** – Approved to submit February 11, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes to Beth Martinec for publishing in the Centerline.
  c. **Treasurer's and Finance Committee** - Combined account balances are $99,992,92. CD accrued interest income included in that balance was $760.61, matured on Feb 22. Goal to have reinvested prior to next Board Meeting. Conversion to QuickBooks Online is on track.

- **Nominating and Governance – Presented by Leslie Sherlin in Karen McGee's absence** (report submitted; next committee meeting scheduled for 3/16/2025)
  a. Committee Charters – Discussion, call for omnibus vote of the following Charters: Awards; Education; Futurity; Membership; Communications; Education Subcommittee – Junior/Young Rider; Fund Raising; Scholarship; Shows with all Approved by the Nominating and Governance Charter. Board voted with all Members approving. Discussion regarding Finance Charter which will be tabled until next Board meeting.
  b. Exploring options for online repositories for storing documents

- **Education Committee - Rebecca Bruening/Cathy Jones** (report submitted; next committee meeting scheduled for 3/16/25):
  a. Events for the Year:
    1) Mind: Wine and Scribe with Beverly Rogers – August 15, 2025 (venue – Susan Dyer's office conference room)
    2) Body: Jeremy & Pat – September 27, 2025 (venue TBD)
    3) Mind/Body: Janet Foy/Steffen Peters – October 11 & 12, 2025 (venue TBD)
    4) Mind/Spirit: Janet Jones – December 6, 2025 (venue TBD)
    5) Mind/Body/Spirit: Mike Osinkski – January 9-11, 2026 (venue TBD)

- **Jr/Yr Committee** – **Leslie Sherlin** (report submitted):
  a. Outreach plans for social media content and partnerships to create further engagement.

- **Scholarship Committee – Ann Damiano in Karen McGee's absence** (report submitted): Recipients have been notified.
  - Ray LaCroix
  - Cindi LaCroix
  - Cindy Hitchcock
  - Michell Combs
  - Kadriya Musina-Sallus

- **Recognized Show Committee – Kelly Stapleton** (committee meeting held 2/24/25 - report submitted; next Recognized Show Committee meeting scheduled for 3/24/2025):
  a. Tracy Case is interested in the Show Volunteer Coordinator position. Meeting scheduled to discuss it in further detail.
  b. Philip Kast confirms he will set up the arena in the Equidome early on Friday (competitor movie-in and warm-up day) prior to competitor arrival. Prize List will specify move in times so as not to conflict with Philip setting up the arena.
  c. Secured 2026 dates with Westworld
     - June 12-14, 2026
     - October 29 – November 1, 2026
- **Schooling Show** – **Susan Skripac** provided an overview of the status of Schooling Show scheduled for March 16th at Carefree Farms – 44 entries to date.
- **Communications Committee – Erin McHenry** (report submitted)
  - No new business
- **Membership Committee – Michell Combs** (report submitted) :
  a. As of January 29, 2025:
  186 Members in 2025
  19 New Members (18 Adults and 1 Junior/Young Rider
  157 Members Renewed in 2025 (148 Adults and 9 Junior/Young)
  10 Returning Members (10 Adults and 0 Young Riders)
  68 2024 ADA/GMO Members have not renewed for 2025 (62 adults and 6 Junior/Young Riders.
- **Awards Committee – Ann Damiano (**report submitted)
  a. Discussion re sunsetting the Pantano Award and creating a new program for use of the funds. Tabled for further discussion.
  b. Discussion regarding Year End Awards and document submitted for review. Rebecca Lindy moved for Motion to approve document for publication; no further discussion – motion approved.
- **Futurity – Susan Skripac** (report submitted)
  a. Nominations – Two Divisions
  - 3 Open nominees
  - 1 AA/JrYR nominee
- **New Business** – Call to Members
  No new business.

Members may be recognized by the Presiding Officer and may then address the Board regarding issues or concern to the Association. The Presiding Officer has the right to limit the amount of time that each Member has to address the Board.

Announcement of Next Meeting – meeting to be held April 14, 2025, at 6pm. ADA members are invited to the meeting. Contact Kelly Stapleton by email for details. Email to K.stapleton@azdressage.org
Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ann Damiano, seconded by Rebecca Lindy. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.
Respectfully Submitted by
Kelly Stapleton
Secretary



CORE TRANSFORMATION SERIES II

PRESENTED BY ARIZONA DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

THE MELDING OF MIND-BODY-SPIRIT, AN EXPLORATION WITH THE FINEST

AUG 15 MIND

WINE & SCRIBE WITH BEV ROGERS

REGISTRATION OPENS: EARLY JULY

Learn what the judges are looking for by learning how to scribe during this 2 hour session! Core Competence starts with a well rounded education!

BUILD YOUR CORE WITH JEREMY & PAT

REGISTRATION OPENS: EARLY AUGUST

Back by popular demand! Build YOUR Core! Jeremy Bridges and Patrick Raby II will have you Rockin' n Rollin' to the beat, learning how to be as Core Fit as the sport demands!

SEPT 27 BODY

OCT 11/12 MIND/BODY

CLINIC WITH JANET FOY & STEFFEN

APPLICATIONS OPENS: EARLY AUGUST

6 time Olympian Steffen Peters and Olympic judge Janet Foy combine to hone your test riding and Core Balance to perfection!

CLINIC WITH JANET JONES

REGISTRATION OPENS: EARLY NOVEMBER

Janet Jones, author of Horse Brain/Human Brain shares her insight on how horses learn, think, perceive, and perform! Learn to "read" a horse more completely to develop YOUR Core Intuition!

DEC 6 MIND/SPIRIT

JAN 9-11 MIND/BODY/ SPIRIT

CLINIC WITH MIKE OSINSKI

APPLICATIONS OPENS: EARLY OCTOBER

Mike Osinski, renowned Olympic dressage judge refines dressage expectations in a changing world view! Complete your Core Transformation journey!

USDF REGION FIVE

USDF Region 5 April 2025 Update

I'm thankful spring is here and that our Colorado competition season and clinic season is starting. I've enjoyed working with quite a few of the region's GMOs and members on various things throughout the winter. The busy months of summer are ahead of us, but don't forget to save some time to spend with family, friends and your horses.

The deadline for Participating Member Delegate nominations is **April 15.** Our region will have 5 PM delegates for the 2025 USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky December 3-6. You can check the status of our delegate nominees by going to the link below. Please check your status to make sure your acceptance is there if you would like to be a PM delegate candidate. If you are not listed and you would like to be a PM delegate, please contact Ann Damiano at adamiano@cox.net. Please do not commit to be a delegate unless you know you can attend. There is some financial assistance from our Region for those PM delegates who do attend the convention. We really need the representation to help give your Region a voice.
http://www.usdf.org/about/about-usdf/governance/nominating/accepted.asp

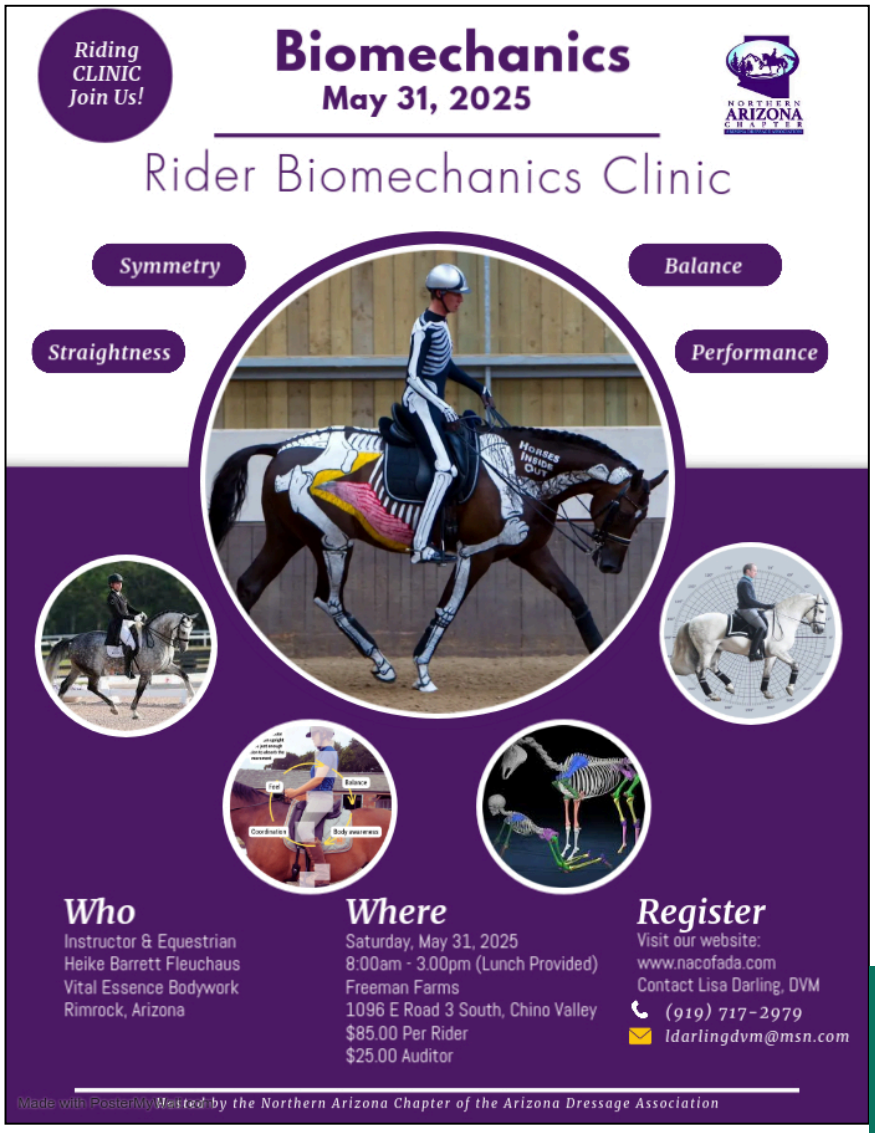
If you intend to qualify for Region 5 teams to the North American Youth Championships (Now offering Junior, Young Rider and Childrens divisions!), then please make sure you take note of the application structure for 2025. The application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 11, 2025 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 11th, the fee is only $50 per application. Applications submitted between March 12th and April 22nd are $100 and the final application deadline is May 6th, but it will cost you $300 to apply between April 23rd and May 6th. At this point in time, absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 6th. If you plan to compete for NAYC, please also be sure to contact Joan Clay, our Region Coordinator for the FEI Juniors and Young Riders and let her know your intent. Her email address is jnclay@comcast.net and her phone number is 970.420.0887. The 2024 NAYC will be held at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival, Flintfields Horse Park, Traverse City, Michigan – July 29 - August 3, 2025.

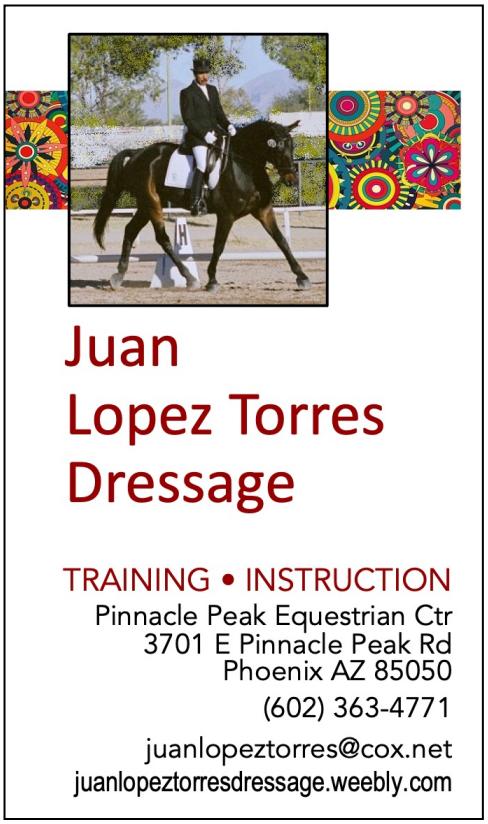
The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of our members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log below and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer.

The Dressage Foundation Upcoming Deadlines
All upcoming deadlines and associated details may be found here

- April 10: Jane Savoie Adult Amateur Fund
- May 15: Military Grant Fund
- June 1: George Williams Fund for Young Professionals
- June 1: Veronica Holt Fund for Dressage Technical Delegates (if not awarded in March)
- June 30: $25,000 Debbie McDonald Fund for FEI Riders
- July 1: Maryal and Charlie Barnett Continuing Education for Instructors Fund
- July 15: Team Tate Mentorship and Leadership Fund
- July 20: Lynn Palm Western Dressage Individual Fund

Till next month!
Heather Petersen


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$25.00 Auditor
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ADA MARCH SCHOOLING SHOW RESULTS

Introductory Walk-Trot Test A 2015
(C) Lindsten,

Katherine Minter-Dykhouse	Sea Serenade	70.625%
Brilee Waldron	MSF Deep Waters	66.875%
Sara Vogelpohl	Ellis	62.813%
Nikenna Calia	She's Mine Know	60.938%
Birgit Sommer	Jaysteen	59.688%

Introductory Walk-Trot Test B 2015
(C) Lindsten,

Deanna Keys	Duke	71.250%
Katherine Minter-Dykhouse	Sea Serenade	66.563%
Shellie Anderson	Goose	63.125%
Nikenna Calia	She's Mine Know	60.938%

Introductory Walk-Trot Test C 2015
(C) Lindsten,

Elizabeth Brockhaus	Oliver	64.000%

Training Level Test I
(C) Lindsten,

Abby Falcombridge	Hocus Pocus	70.769%
Deanna Keys	Duke	69.808%
Elizabeth Brockhaus	Oliver	65.577%
Brilee Waldron	MSF Deep Waters	65.192%
Jessica Nordquist	KSA Eurkaryotic Zell	64.231%
Samantha Vitolo	GlenaMaddy Z	64.038%
Chelsea Linehan	Gwen	63.846%
Jessica Keesey	Pradda MABU	61.154%
Jessica Keesey	Pradda MABU	59.615%
Caitlin Sigmund	Prayforme	56.154%

Training Level Test II
(C) Lindsten,

Abby Falcombridge	Hocus Pocus	70.000%
Samantha Vitolo	GlenaMaddy Z	65.172%

Training Level Test III
(C) Lindsten,

Leslie Sherlin	Wynn Royalty Wins	63.800%
Lori Gordon	Romeo	63.800%
Mariska Sherlin	Cashmere Clononeen	63.000%

First Level Test I
(C) Lindsten,

Emily Brown	Furelyse	67.222%

First Level Test III
(C) Lindsten,

Tricia Ponce de Leon	Tamaron Acres Oliver	64.583%

Second Level Test of Choice
(C) Lindsten,

Lysa Clemens	American Style	67.262%
Christine Murphy	Made You Look	67.143%
Christine Murphy	Made You Look	66.905%
Mary Lipton	Logan	64.048%
Tricia Ponce De Leon	LF Dozer	60.714%

Test of Choice
(C) Lindsten,

Rebecca Lindy	Fritz De Borrey	65.135%
Lisa Darling	Junior	65.125%
Sophia Erickson	Magic Moment	58.784%

Test Of Choice-2
(C) Lindsten,

Rebecca Lindy	Fritz De Borrey	66.351%
Lysa Clemens	American Style	65.714%
Lisa Darling	Junior	65.694%

Western Dressage-Test of Choice
(C) Lindsten,

Melinda McKay	CLG Mito Money	73.864%

Western Dressage Intro TOC
(C) Lindsten,

Melinda McKay	CLG Mito Money	72.045%

Our first schooling show of the year, sponsored by Sherlin Consulting Group, was a success. Carefree Farms hosted on a beautiful spring day, and all the horses and competitors had a great experience going down the centerline showing off their best work for judge, Sarah Lindsten. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that worked hard to make the show fun for all those in attendance!

Our Show photographer, Spirit 'n Grace, did a great job capturing the moment for all our riders. If you haven't gotten your photos yet, contact Shelby at *spiritngracephotography@gamil.com*

We look forward to seeing you all again at our next ADA Schooling Show in October at Carefree Farms!













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ADA YEAR END AWARDS

****** NEW **** BEGINNING 2025 ALL USDF/USEF RECOGNIZED, OPEN DRESSAGE SHOWS HELD IN ARIZONA WILL COUNT TOWARD YEAR END AWARDS!***

*****AT LEAST ONE QUALIFYING SCORE MUST BE FROM GMO HOSTED SHOWS (ADA/TDC)*****

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

NOTE: Rider AND owner of the horse must be current ADA member(s) BEFORE scores are earned. Scores from Regional (when held in Arizona) and State Championships are now included.

- **Horse of the Year:** Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, & FEI (PSG, Intermediate, Grand Prix combined)
- **Rider of the Year:** Open, Adult Amateur (AA), Junior/Young Rider (JRYR) to three places in each level/category – Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, FEI-A (PSG/I-1), FEI-B (I-A/B/II) and FEI Grand Prix.
- **Freestyle Award:** Open, Adult Amateur (AA), Junior/Young Rider (JRYR) to three places in each category – First-Fourth combined & FEI (PSG, Intermediate, Grand Prix combined)
- **Sandra Kale Award:** Champion Arabian Dressage Horse of the Year
- **Cameo Award:** Champion Arizona-trained FEI Dressage Horse of the Year

SCORES CRITERIA (final average score must meet or exceed AZ State Championships qualifying score for the respective Division/Level).

Volunteer of the Year:

Must have minimum of 8 hours volunteer time, no payment of volunteer time and donated hours must not exceed 25% of total volunteer time.

Yes! Open to members and non-members. ADA Members may nominate a person by submitting their name to any member of the ADA Board. If no one person has more than one nomination, the top three (determined by number of volunteer hours) will be submitted to the ADA Board for a vote. If after all nominations and board votes there is still a tie, preference will go to an ADA member.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Both the rider and the horse owner must be active ADA members prior to earning any scores.
- If Horse is owned by a Business, then an Individual person from that Business must have a current membership with ADA. Please notify the Awards Compiling Chairman of the ADA member/owner's name. Email: scores@azdressage.org
- **Volunteerism and/or Service to the organization is required**.
    - 4-hour minimum. Volunteer opportunities
    - In addition to periodically posting Volunteer Hours on this website and in the newsletter, you can also check your current volunteer status with the ADA Volunteer Tracking Coordinator >
- ALL current ADA members who meet the volunteer/service requirement are automatically eligible for the Year-End Awards.
- **Scores** must be earned during the Membership which runs from December 1 – Nov 30th
    - You need at least one qualifying score from an ADA/TDC-hosted show. Other scores can be earned at any USDF/USEF recognized, open dressage show held in Arizona. Check the ADA website for qualifying shows.
    - Scores from Regional and State Championships shows are NOW included.
    - Final average score must meet or exceed AZ State Championships qualifying score for the respective Division/Level.
- **All Horse Awards** – Scores may be earned by more than one Rider.
- **All Rider Awards** – Scores may be earned riding more than one horse. The average of the Rider's scores must be greater than or equal to the AZ State Championships qualifying score for the respective division and level.
- **Musical Freestyle** tests are only eligible for Musical Freestyle awards.

SUMMARY of requirements for ADA Year End Awards

BASED ON MEMBERSHIP YEAR (DEC 1 - NOV 30)	LEVELS	SCORES	DIFFERENT SHOWS	DIFFERENT JUDGES	AT LEAST ONE TEST 3 SCORE	VOLUNTEERISM | SERVICE | SPONSOR/DONATE (SEE OPTIONS BELOW)
Horses of the Year	TL, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L Each	3	3	3	yes	yes
FEI Horse of the Year	PSG/Int/GP Combined	3	3	3	no	yes
Riders of the Year (AA, JR/YR, Open Each)	TL, 1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, Each	4	3	3	yes	yes
FEI Riders of the Year (AA, JR/YR, Open Each)	PSG/Int I Combined Int A/B/II Combined GP	4	3	3	no	yes
Freestyle Pair Award (AA, JR/YR, Open Each)	1L thru 4L Combined PSG/Int/GP Combined	3	3	3	no	yes
Sandra Kale Award	Level 1 thru GP Combined	4	3	3	no	yes
Cameo Award	PSG/Int/GP Combined	3	n/a	3	no	yes
Volunteer of the Year	Must have minimum of 8 hours volunteer time, no payment of volunteer time and donated hours must not exceed 25% of total volunteer time.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes! Open to members and non-members. ADA Members may nominate a person by submitting their name to any member of the ADA Board. If no one person has more than one nomination, the top three (determined by number of volunteer hours) will be submitted to the ADA Board for a vote. If after all nominations and board votes there is still a tie, preference will go to an ADA member.

- **Sandra Kale Award**: Open to all horses registered at least 50% Arabian blood. Owners must provide a one-time copy (annual submission not required) of horse's registration papers to the Awards Compiling Chairman to be eligible. Email: scores@azdressage.org.
- **Cameo Award**: Open to all FEI horses trained and ridden by an Arizona resident from 2nd Level on. Owner must fill out a one-time "Training History" and return to Awards Compiling Chairman. Email: scores@azdressage.org

DIVISION SELECTION:

- Horse/rider combinations may have scores in more than one level.
- AA status based on USEF rules.
  - If a horse/rider combination becomes ineligible for the AA category during the Competition Year, the rider must notify the Year End Awards Compiling Chairman in writing. Email: Scores@azdressage.org

VOLUNTEERISM/SERVICE:

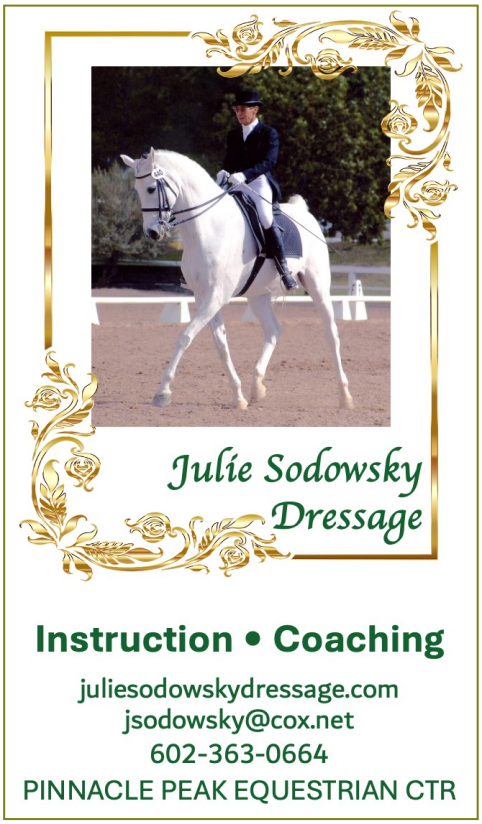
You can sign up for events by volunteer@azdressage.org While we do need your help at our shows and events, the volunteer requirement can be met in a variety of ways that serve our membership, like:

- $50 Volunteer Donation (used to spoil our volunteers!) and/or $50 Show sponsorship (class sponsorship, ring, etc. used toward reducing show fees and funding educational events) (4+ hours credit)
- Donating your facility to host an ADA event (schooling shows, clinics, etc.) (4+ hours credit),
- Writing articles for our Centerline newsletter (1-2 hours credit)
  - Submitting Barn News (1/4 – 1/2-hour credit) or
  - Training Nuggets (1/4-hour credit)
  - Organizing a fundraiser for our JR/YRs (4+ hours credit)
  - Serving on an ADA Board or committee, (hours contributed) etc.

AND Volunteering also makes you eligible for ADA Scholarships and Travel Grants!

ADA Year End Awards and AZ State Qualifiers, Similarities & Differences

	Year End Awards	AZ State Qualifiers
Show Year	**Dec 1 – Nov 30**	**Oct 1 - Sep 30**
Eligibility	ADA Members only	Rider must be a member of any Arizona GMO as of Sept 1 of the Championship year
Scores from Shows	All USDF/USEF recognized, open dressage shows held in the State of Arizona. At least one score from GMO hosted shows (ADA/TDC)	Same as Year End Awards plus open Dressage classes from ADA/TDC-recognized shows
Classes not included	Introductory, Young Horse, Developing Horse, Dressage Seat Equitation, Para Dressage, Opportunity, Pas de Deux, 1st Level Futurity, Brentina Cup, FEI Pony classes	Same as Year End Awards
Scores Count	After both owner and rider of horse have paid ADA dues.	After horse nomination fee has been paid.
Requirements	Requirements differ by award. See *"Summary of Requirements for ADA Year End Awards"* Table	Two AZ State qualifying scores, Two different judges; at least one score from a GMO-hosted show



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2025 Schooling Show & Clinic Dates

April 12th - Michell Combs (Freeman Farms)
May 31st - Biomechanics Clinic, Heike Barret (Freeman Farms)
July 19th - Dori Vlatten (American Ranch)
Sept 6th - Jenny Cohn 'L' (Freeman Farms)

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2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

MARCH

8-9: TDC March Madness: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

16: ADA Schooling Show: Carefree Farms

22: Dressage at Dale Creek, Betsi Waldron (847) 989-1113, waldronx2@foxvalley.net

28-30: CARA Champagne I Show: Queen Creek

APRIL

12: NAC Schooling Show: Freeman Farms, Michell Combs

19-20: Dressage at Bar A, Scottsdale

MAY

31: NAC Biomechanics Clinic, Heike Barret-Freeman Farms

JUNE

6-7: Roadrunner I: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

14-15: ADA Summer Heat: WestWorld, Scottsdale

JULY

19: NAC Schooling Show: American Ranch, Prescott, Dori Vlatten

AUGUST

15: ADA Clinic - Wine N Scribe with Bev Rogers

SEPTEMBER

6: NAC Schooling Show: Freeman Farms, Judge Jenny Cohn 'L'

22: ADA Clinic - Build YOUR Core! With Jeremy Bridges & Patrick Raby II

OCTOBER

11-12: ADA Clinic - Mind/Body with Janet Foy

18-19: CARA Harvest Show

19: ADA Schooling Show: Carefree Farms

25: Dressage at Bar A, Scottsdale

NOVEMBER

9: ADA Schooling Show: Carefree Farms

15-16: TDC Fall Festival I & II: Pima Country Fairgrounds, Tucson

DECEMBER

6: ADA Clinic - Mind/Spirit with Janet Jones

Our Mission:

The Arizona Dressage Association is a not-for-profit organization whose goal is to promote the advancement of classical dressage through educational opportunities and programs, and the rigorous evaluations received at recognized and schooling dressage shows.

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