

Alberta Dressage Association – 2021 Area Group Reports

Alberta Junior Young Riders

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- Membership at 42 including the new members from our AYDDP clinics
- We held 2 Division 1 camps, Cold Lake (12 riders) and North Park (10 riders) both instructed by Lindsey Stroh
- We held 1 Division 2 Symposium at Extreme Stables in Tees, Alberta. (8 riders) Jaimey Irwin was our clinician and we had 4 lectures with Maria McDowell of Muscle Matters Equine Therapy, Pia Fortmueller of Dancing Feet Dressage, Deb Meraw on True Sport and True Colors and Jaimey Irwin on his training philosophy

There were not any riders that competed at NAYC this year, but we are looking forward to there being a few in the upcoming year

The executive is looking for anyone interested in joining our board in any capacity!

Thank you,
Susan M

Calgary Area

CA/ADA Update

We finished off the year with 90 Members (75 Senior Members, 10 Associate Members & 6 Junior Members.

Our Summer Fling was held in the midst of the peak of covid, during a political rally and a record hail storm. But we had a great turnout, with 74 horses entered and 147 rides down centerline – not too bad for a 2 ring show when no one had been out and about!

Fast forward to September, to cap off the Alberta show season, our Fall Fling and Alberta Provincial Championships was a huge success. We had 118 horses on the property, and 232 rides down centerline – a phenomenal turnout and it was very encouraging to see so many new riders out and about giving dressage a try!

This year we have a relatively new board some big shoes to fill. Our current plans for 2022 are to host our Summer Fling Show in July and we are again hosting Alberta Provincials with our Fall Fling show in September.

We are also looking at possibly hosting a “ride a test” day or clinic this fall and we are brainstorming some exciting new ideas to grow our member base and reward our members for 2023.

Chinook Country

CC/ADA President's Annual Report 2021 for ADA
Submitted by CC/ADA president Lorraine Hill

1. In 2021, Adult membership was 27; Youth membership (under the age of 25) was 2. Youth members are automatically members of AJYR/ADA (Alberta Junior/Youth Riders/ADA)
2. The CC/ADA 2021 AGM via Conference Call was on Jan.30th
3. General meetings: Jan.30th, June 26th, Sept.19th, Dec.6th using various methods: outdoor "lawn" venues in summer; teleconference calls when social gatherings were limited
4. CC/ADA was represented by Lorraine at SAEC 2020 AGM conducted by teleconference.
5. The Medicine Hat Dressage Group held a Wild Rose Dressage Show August 21-22 with financial support of the CC/ADA casino funds
6. CC/ADA is an active area group of the Alberta Dressage Association
7. CC/ADA is an AEF Club Member benefiting from AEF supporting programs.
8. Participants in "on-horse" CC/ADA activities requires individuals to have AEF membership.
9. CC/ADA directors' insurance and event liability insurance is paid by ADA. Coverage runs from Apr.1st to Mar.31st of the given year.
10. 2021 Educational Opportunities:
 - a. Webinar with Equus Physio (Sandra Oxtoby) July 8
 - b. Ride-a-Test Clinic with Doreen Horsey July 24
 - c. Trailering Clinic with Roger Lewis October 16
11. A CC/ADA Member Participation Reward Program was approved for 2021 to encourage volunteerism in the club.

Plans for educational opportunities and shows were limited as governed by Covid-19 guidelines. A newly organized Educational Committee formed in mid-summer with several great ideas to support equine education; personal development; and horsemanship. The format included on-line virtual presentations and in-person clinics. Unforeseen circumstances postponed several of these opportunities until 2022.

On behalf of the members of CC/ADA, the commitment of the directors and volunteers is greatly appreciated as we conclude the "year 2021". As president, my personal thank you to everyone for volunteering their time, patience, and expertise. As president of CC/ADA since 2000, I thank club members, volunteers, and directors for their commitment to supporting CC/ADA and dressage in Southern Alberta. We have supported a passionate group of riders committed to the dressage discipline. As I pass the "torch" to our 2022 directors, I will support the process of mentorship as Past President wherever needed.

Lorraine Hill
President CC/ADA 2021

Cold Lake

CL/ADA President's Report for 2021

We had an excellent year.

Held our club ride days at the local ag with anywhere from 8-14 attending

Held a couple of ride-a-test days which were well attended with a couple newbies coming out to give it a try.

Had outsiders offering to learn to read the tests.

We were blessed with a youth camp put on by AJYR. It was awesome and we drew a few new children in.

We held a few clinics which were great and had new people coming to ride with us which was great.

Our show was great and we drew in a few out of towners and they are returning to do clinics and are going to come to our show.

Thanks ADA for the support

Winter hit us early and with a vengeance so our planned ride days didn't always materialize as who hauls horses in -30 with three feet of snow. Lol.

We are anxiously awaiting warmer weather and our lingering snow to leave.

Thankful we have the CLAS arena so we can do some riding and do our clinics.

Carol

Edmonton Area

EA/ADA President's Report – Deb Meraw

What can I say about 2020? We all reluctantly inherited a couple of new phrases.

“Wear your mask”. “You are cordially invited to a Zoom meeting”. (with or without wine)

So far, we have survived 2020 and we did not let our circumstances alter our attempts to keep our EAADA members connected and informed- we even squeezed in a few EAADA Executive meetings and clinics before and between lockdowns!

We have maintained our standing as one of the largest area group in Alberta, and I know I can speak for the executive when I say we are proud and grateful for the support we have received from our 2020 members during this unique period in time.

We started 2020 with high hopes.

Our 2019 AGM featured speaker Dr. Jodi Santarossa, the topic was “The Basic Athletic Plan.” This was a very informative topic; follow-up questions and a handout were available.

Our second Roving Lecture was held March 15, 2020 and was held at the Strathcona Community Center. This venue boasts of many beautifully appointed conference rooms with all the technology, bells and whistles any presenter would want to have at their fingertips. Our presenter Kim Knull is a well-respected psychologist and has been trained by Brene Brown. Her

presentation, "Dare to Lead" gave us many insights. You can find Kim regularly being interviewed on our local television stations about COVID related coping strategies. We had a great turn out and we all walked away with a number of strategies and a wonderful handout provided by Kim.

Our Roving Lecture series has proved how important it is to continue to offer opportunities for our members and interested riders in our community. We hope that in the future we can continue to get together to ride, learn, discuss and have a few laughs in order to keep our community strong and united.

In light of COVID restrictions which made offering Roving Lectures impossible, we were delighted when Delaney Veterinarian Services started offering Zoom presentations and invited our members to join in. We sent out each Delaney Zoom invitations to all of our members in hopes that we could stay somewhat connected. These presentations were successful and fortunately are continuing in 2021.

We hated to cancel our beloved Sparkle and Spurs Show; however, we did not want to jeopardize our financial status as well as stress the limited number of volunteers we had on hand. The executive felt it was the most logical decision we could make in these uncertain times. We really struggled with the decision and our executive was divided for the first time in terms of how to proceed.

Surprisingly, we were still able to support a few clinics through our Clinic Subsidy Program. We supported the Jaimey Irwin Clinic Series organized by Donna Tribe and Helen Parker and kindly hosted at North Park Stables. Due to COVID restrictions one of the four clinics had to be cancelled. We were also able to give out some Education Subsidy money as well this year.

An Adult Amateur and Youth Clinic taught by Lindsey Stroh, was hosted at Secret Stables and organized by our newest EAADA member and arena owner- Crystal Fulcher. Unfortunately, one clinic day had to be postponed and will hopefully take place in the near future.

Although the EAADA did not host a show, we sponsored the Art of Dressage Show held at Amberlea Meadows. We feel as a club it is our responsibility to support local initiatives for our members to enjoy and get involved in whenever possible. Please do not hesitate to ask us for support in 2021.

Our newsletter remains an interesting way to share information pertaining to our sport. We have included many article series: First Aid by Delaney Veterinarian Services, Maria Mc Dowell, a popular local massage therapist continues to write very informative articles, and Sylvia Rapaj keeps us entertained with her always unique perspectives on dressage. We always welcome and look forward to reading about various contributors who willingly share their dressage experiences. We have articles written by contributors who offer their insights through the Rider, Trainer and Arena profiles - these volunteers make the newsletter worth reading. For a

few years now, we have had an EAADA Facebook page which also includes a few interesting updates, shared articles, and quotes.

Thanks to the efforts of Caroline Locke we are able to keep you connected and up to date thanks to our EAADA Website eaada.ca Our EAADA coaches have shared their contact information – so be sure to let riders who are looking for a coach know about our website. Advertising is free and very welcome!

Claire Robinson has also kept our Instagram page updated with the latest news and links - be sure to check out *edmdressage*

To keep our members safe during COVID, we ordered and sold 40 EAADA masks with our famous logo (created by Jan Simmonds) embellished on the right-hand side. Thanks to our members for supporting this initiative!

What can you look for in 2021? The 2021 EAADA Executive will continue to offer an optimistic approach despite what circumstances throw at us – you can take that promise to the bank!

Parkland Area

PAADA ANNUAL REPORT 2021

2021 was another year impacted by Covid but we were committed to finding ways to promote dressage in central Alberta within the limits of the pandemic. The board reviewed the ideas from our brainstorming session on the Issues/Barriers to Participation in Dressage that was held at the 2020 AGM and have tried to keep these issues and proposed solutions top of mind when planning activities and events.

We were very pleased to relaunch the PAADA newsletter and hope you have all been enjoying it. A big thank you to Pam Vust for taking this on!

Spring saw us run the annual flower fundraiser which was very successful. A big thank you to Lynne Wassick for organizing this! I am pleased to say that we will be running the fundraiser again this year.

PAADA became a member of AEF and that enabled us to apply for funding which was granted and was used towards our virtual schooling shows. We hosted our first Virtual Ride a Test Day in November and we had 7 entries from a range of rider ages and levels. We had some youth participation with our youngest rider being 8 years old. We were able to have a prize draw for participants and gave out some fun PAADA swag. A big thank you to Rebecca Cade for judging and Pam Vust for scribing. Plans are in the works to host more virtual ride-a-test days in 2022.

We were thrilled to have two longtime PAADA members recognized with the ADA Lifetime Recognition Award which is designed to honour and recognize those individuals who have supported, promoted, and/or volunteered in the sport of dressage in Alberta. A big

congratulations to Mary Jean Duckering and Christina Seidel-Wassenaar and also a big thank you to them both for all they have done for PAADA and the sport of dressage! I was very pleased to be able to watch and cheer as they received their awards at the reception held during Alberta Dressage Provincials in Calgary.

Covid once again prevented PAADA from hosting our annual spring show but we are so excited to announce that the show is back on for 2022 with an exciting new venue and date. The 2022 PAADA Spring into Dressage Show will be held May 13-15 at the Westerner Grounds in Red Deer. The show will be a Gold/Wild Rose level show with the return of the Iron Horse Cup and Prix Caprilli classes and we hope to see so many of you there. A big thank you to Suzanne Hanley-Hawkings for organizing!

Thank you to all the members of the 2021 PAADA board for being such a wonderful and positive group of people to work with! Here's looking forward to an outstanding year for dressage in Alberta in 2022!

Peace Region

PR/ADA President's Report for 2021

PRADA had a great learning year in 2021. PRADA had 24 adult members and 6 juniors. It was PRADA's 10th year anniversary. We gave away a hat and a bag from monthly Facebook draws; which, in the process, made the public more aware of us and encouraged checking our Facebook page (always a plus). Also, at four of our clinics we gave away either a lesson or a quarter-sheet.

I attended the ADA AGM in April which was online. ADA gave \$2300 to PRADA from Casino Funds to help pay for arena rentals, which helps lower the costs for clinics in the Peace Country.

PRADA hosted five clinics throughout the Peace County:

- two Eiren Crawford clinics
- one Mary Ellen Laidlaw clinic
- two Lindsey Stroh clinics

It was challenging trying to bring in clinicians; having to deal with flight changes, COVID rules at venues and finding venues. But, with all that, we were still able to fill the clinics with enthusiastic riders!!

PRADA also had six Microsoft Teams meetings throughout the year where we were able to plan out our year.

Thank you to all the volunteers, members and ADA – PRADA couldn't run this well without out your support. Excited for 2022!!

President

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