

## **ADA President's Report for 2022 AGM**

I would like to sincerely thank my executive and the entire ADA board for all their work in 2021. For a good portion of the year COVID again kept us all pretty close to home, but thanks to our regular ZOOM meetings, we were able to get several new initiatives off the ground and up and running.

The first initiative, the ADA Medal Awards Program, was launched in January and by the end of the 2021 show season we had a handful of applicants with one rider, Lindsay Seidel-Wassenaar, receiving a Gold medal this year. We hope the program continues to grow in popularity and with a busy show season upon us I am confident we will see more applicants in 2022. The medals are beautifully framed; and for more information on the program I encourage people to visit the ADA website.

The second initiative was the recognition program launched in the Fall of 2020 that saw us give out 14 awards, seven Lifetime Recognition Awards and seven Lifetime Achievement Awards, in 2021 to an impressive list of individuals who have significantly impacted the sport of dressage in Alberta over the past twenty-five years. Thank you to all of the area groups for the nominations that truly came from every corner of the province! The awards were presented at Provincials in September. To take a look at the list of individuals and their profiles please visit the ADA website under Awards. A huge thank you to the committee that worked on getting these programs off the ground, Sheri Dumonceaux, Lorraine Hill, Carol Porteous and Audrey Kokesch. I encourage all ADA members to nominate deserving individuals for 2022. The deadline for submission is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other initiatives important to mention are the success of AJYR's Youth Development Program, the commitment of funding to several non-area group shows, sponsorship support of the Jamie Irwin Clinic Series, and CADORA's Stephen Clarke clinic; and the hosting of the 2021 Provincials by the Calgary and Area Dressage Association (CA/ADA). Big thanks to the CA/ADA for all of their work to put on an amazing weekend that saw 93 competitors. We look forward to being in Calgary again for the 2022 Provincials.

With a full list of shows on the horizon, some new area groups directors and volunteers to welcome to our board, and new programming to support; as we step into 2022 I feel there is a heightened awakening and sense of excitement of things to come for this year.

Thank you again to all ADA members for your continued support of dressage in Alberta.  
Happy Riding!

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