

**Alberta Dressage Association Area Group Annual Reports
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Alberta Junior/Young Riders / ADA

Alberta Junior/Young Rider Report 2019

- 9 members
- 4 members represented Canada at the North American Youth Championships at Old Salem Farms in New York. Our Young Rider team consisted of 3 riders, Annie Coward, Chase Robertson and Claire Robinson and were joined by a Quebec rider and finished 5th overall!! Our Junior member Kathryn Robinson rode as an individual finishing with a great score placing her 8 overall for her freestyle.
- The club held a silent auction in September at the Rocky Mountain Show Grounds during the combined Jumper/Dressage show
- We were unable to fill our Janine Little Clinic that was scheduled for the fall and therefore cancelled it.

Calgary Area / ADA

CA/ADA 2019 Review

When I took over as President in February 2019, there were 14 members. 14 members in a once thriving community. We had low members, low interest and the club was very much in danger of folding.

Pulling together an entirely new executive, we were able to re-vitalize the organization and we were quite selective on what initiatives we took on that might draw interest and support our goal of attracting members. We offered membership perks for sign up through some local tack stores (The Dressage Boutique, EquiProducts & TruStori). We introduced a schooling day in June at RMSJ that was incredibly well received and had over 60 riders from multiple disciplines. We awarded the Irene Hill Memorial Bursary to junior rider Tai Copperthwaite in order for her to further pursue her education in dressage, and finally, we held a wild rose and gold show in September, in conjunction with a jumper show, which not only had good attendance, but actually sold out with 75 riders entered.

At the end of the year, we finished off with 94 members, which is a fantastic increase, and we hope that this will continue to grow and develop. Huge thank you to my executive team, Carla Link, Shari Coward, Erin Miles, Lindsay Westren and Karen Mercier. We all hold full time jobs, ride when we can and have outside interests that occupy our time. When I asked, they all stepped up to the board to volunteer their time, because they share a passion for dressage and wanted to ensure that the club had a chance to thrive.

For 2020, things are obviously on hold with the pandemic, but our goal of attracting and retaining members remains the same. As it stands now, we are planning another Gold/Wildrose show in September at RMSJ. We originally had a schooling day planned for May, but that has been delayed until autumn. In addition, we are also looking at revitalizing our education program, to provide education assistance for all riders of every level and are tweaking our Irene Hill Bursary program to have it inclusive for all riders. We look forward to continue engaging with our Calgary dressage community!

Kayla Andrusiw
CA-ADA President

Chinook Country / ADA

Annual Report 2019 for ADA's AGM
Presented by president Lorraine Hill

1. AGM & Winter Lunch Party Jan.26th at LTRA
2. Clinics
 - a. Working Equitation Obstacle Day – Feb.23 at Edgewood Stable

- b. Test Riding Day – Apr.13 at Edgewood Stable
 - c. May 4 – Scribe Clinic with Chris Collins & Jan Simmond
 - d. Oct.5/6 – Sandra Sokoloski “Riding Through Body Awareness” at Edgewood Stable
3. Shows
- a. 1-Day Wild Rose shows – May 5 & Aug.24 at Edgewood Stable
 - b. 2-Day Wild Rose show – May 18 & 19 at Dunsmore Equestrian Centre, Medicine Hat
 - c. 2-Day Bronze & Wild Rose show – June 15/16 at Claresholm Agriplex
4. Represented at SAEC’s AGM Mar.17
5. CC/ADA was represented at the 2019 ADA’s AGM, general meeting & conference calls
6. Mane Event Apr.26-28 -- members volunteering to work at the ADA booth on Apr.28
7. ADA Casino – Dec.3/4 in Calgary with club members volunteering
8. General meetings: Jan.26; July 18; & Nov.30
9. CC/ADA has club memberships in: SAEC & AEF
10. CC/ADA directors’ insurance & event liability insurance is paid by ADA. Coverage runs from Apr.1st to Mar.31st of the given year.

The commitment to share your time and expertise as directors and volunteers is greatly appreciated as we conclude another busy and successful year.

Cold Lake / ADA

Cold Lake ADA President’s Report

2019 in review:

Held our AGM followed by the regular meeting Jan 17

Continued with our ever popular ride days at CLAS arena

Members volunteered at CLAS Bullaramas and other functions

Hosted a ride a test day

Hosted and sponsored a youth only clinic with Suzanne Le Gars she was liked by everyone. Teaching our French speaking children in French was a lot of fun

Jenifer Parks returned for 3 clinics which were well enjoyed. A few of our western members joined in

Our members travel out to some shows where they represented Cold Lake well by bringing home ribbons

Hosted our two day Wildrose show in July. Once again the show grew bringing more out of town riders in as well as locals

Four of our members traveled down and worked the casino

Held our year end party out at Cowboy Town once again enjoying the great wagon ride and trails as well as a fire and hot dog roast and treats

Our club grew tremendously with youth and western dressage interest most of who have ventured out and are now hoping to get into regular dressage as well

Proud of all the people in our club that are willing to step forward and help in any way

Edmonton Area / ADA

Edmonton Area Alberta Dressage Association – President’s Report

2019 was another good year! We have maintained our standing as the largest area group in Alberta, and I know I can speak for the executive when I say we are proud of what we have accomplished and grateful for the support we have received from our 2019 members.

We found our 2018 AGM to have been very helpful in determining how we would proceed for 2019. The members present, confirmed that we were on the right track in terms of what we were offering and they offered us a few new suggestions going forward in 2019.

We stayed the course with our Roving Lecture Series – this series has proved how important it is to continue to offer opportunities for our members and interested riders in our community. We need to continue to get together to ride, learn, discuss and have a few laughs in order to keep uniting our community.

This year we were able to support quite a few clinics either through our Clinic Subsidy Applications or through direct EAADA sponsorship. We feel as a club it is our responsibility to support local initiatives whenever possible. Please do not hesitate to ask us for support.

The MANE Event was our next big commitment, the EAADA along with our sister club Cold Lake redesigned and set up the ADA booth... and it looked fabulous! This year we acquired a mannequin named “Helen” which will remain at Horse and Rider in Sherwood Park until next year’s Mane Event. The booth will display the latest dressage fashions which will be displayed on “Helen” who by the way was donated to us by our very own Helen Parker.

Another feather in our caps was the fact that our club had seven riders chosen to demonstrate quality dressage at the MANE EVENT clinic with Jaimey Irwin: Aspen Norman, Kathryn and Claire Robinson, Carolynne and Katie Champigny, and Sanna MacFarlane. These riders did a wonderful job of representing our club and dressage to a very appreciative audience.

Each of our riders also sent a thank you to the ADA for sponsoring them as riders as well as an overview of their experience at the Mane Event.

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, Massage Therapist writes very informative articles, Sylvia Rapaj keeps us entertained with her always unique perspectives on dressage and we always welcome various contributors who continue to make the newsletter worth reading.

Family Day at the Races was to be held at the Century Mile Racetrack—August 11th with guest speaker Dr. Steve Smith was unfortunately cancelled due to lack of horses for the race cards- but we had reached our goal in terms of numbers and it would have been a great day.

During our 2018 AGM, our members gave us feedback as to what they would like us to try for our 2019 Sparkle and Spurs Bronze, Gold and Provincial Show and consequently, we used that feedback to reduce show fees quite substantially. Here is the breakdown for the 2019 Sparkle and Spurs Bronze, Gold and Provincial Show:

All in all there were 324 rides down centerline for 2019. We totaled 84 entries and one non-compete entry.

Twenty people competed in the Bronze Show , 63 in the Gold show. Forty-seven entered the Gold Championships, 51 in the Provincial Championships. This year, we had 18 Provincial Champions, and 8 Reserve Champions. Training and First level attract the highest number of competitors, followed by FEI and this year as in most years, 2nd, 3rd and 4th were our lowest attended classes. We gained in the Bronze show and lost in the Gold and Provincial divisions.

The Rising Star addition was not as well attended as we had anticipated and we will look to making some changes.

One of our goals was to offer activities for the entire family to enjoy so we included the Dog and Horse Costume classes. These classes were organized and prizes secured by our very own Helen Parker. RBC table offered face painting, coloring and financial guidance.

We were fortunate to have a Massage Therapist onsite and boy was she busy with horses, volunteers, spectators, and competitors.

We added an EAADA Members Lounge to show our members how much we appreciate them the lounge was stocked by our very own Kathryn Marshall.

Guest Lounge volunteers included Joanne Billington, the EAADA executive, all-around volunteers Marjorie Phillips, Sylvia Rapaj, and Rakeya Moussa.

We also had our ADA Casino this year- all seven area groups that offer shows rely heavily on the financial assistance we are given. This year we outdid ourselves again by having the highest number of volunteers of any area group. I want to thank the following volunteers: Terry Armstrong, Caroline Champigny, Robert and Phyllis Erickson, Diane Forbes, Jaline Munkholm, Eileen Poole, Ingrid Schulz, Betty Seidel, Christina Siedel, Lyndsay Seidel-Wassenaar, Robert and Phyllis Erickson.

What can you look for in 2020? More of the same with a few new twists and turns, and please let us know what you feel you need as a valued EAADA Member. Thank You.

Parkland Area / ADA

2019 Report from the Chair

PAADA started off 2019 welcoming some fresh faces to the board - some new and one returning, as well as renewed commitment from our existing board members. Departing board members were thanked for their many years of time and commitment given to PAADA.

The Dressage Daze shows continued in 2019 but unfortunately, they saw lower than average entries due to the extremely cold weather in February and March. PAADA said goodbye and thank you to Shelagh Holm for managing these shows over the past several years as Shelagh had decided to step back from managing, to lighten her schedule.

During rebranding discussions, PAADA decided to drop the February show and hold a March 2-day show. It is now known as PAADA's 'Spring Into Dressage Show' and is managed by myself (Suzanne). The Ponoka venue has PAADA wait-listed for an early to mid-April weekend in hopes of adding a 2nd show.

In April PAADA was well represented at the Mane Event! Members could be found helping at the ADA booth, in attendance at the ADA AGM as well as riding and watching the dressage sessions with Jaimie Irwin. With the weather less than stellar and our close proximity to the venue, PAADA members also were able to step in for booth volunteers unable to get there and even become a clinic session rider last minute!

New boxed drinking glass sets were designed with the PAADA logo and purchased this year for the purpose of giving a gift of thanks to those who have helped PAADA in a significant way. Outgoing board members Arlene Mackenzie and Jenni Imeson were presented with a set each as well as Shelagh Holm.

2019 saw the sale of one ring and the purchase of another! The 5-board style dressage ring was sold to the Aurora Arabian association – who had been renting the ring for their shows over the past several years. The decision to sell was made due to the extra time and energy required for set-up and take-down of a 5-board system ring as opposed to a 1-board system dressage ring. The new ring arrived late November, in plenty of time for PAADA's Spring Into Dressage show in Ponoka, March 14-15, 2020.

PAADA's annual flower fundraiser was again a big success with many members & their friends taking advantage of receiving beautiful, colourful baskets and herbs while helping a very worthwhile cause!!

With 2 major clinicians coming to Central Alberta this year, Robert Dover for Dressage Canada and Belinda Trussell for the AEF, PAADA put the planning of a clinic with a well-known clinician on hold. Planning discussions will resume with the new board.

A PAADA Christmas Social was graciously hosted by PAADA Vice-Chair Agnes Van den Tweel at her farm residence and attendees enjoyed a great time socializing, with wine and snacks as well as some shopping with Equestrian Fashion Outfitters and door prizes! This should become an annual affair!!

The 2019/2020 PAADA board, finished off the year with a new, revitalized membership brochure. The attractive, bright pamphlet carries a wealth of information and the electronic form boasts being 'fillable' and has a new 'e-transfer payment' option, so members can now choose a paperless membership (renewal) process!

As I turn to managing the Spring Into Dressage show, I step back from my position as Chair and thank the board and membership for your help and support this past year.
To your success this season!

Happy trails, Suzanne

Peace Region / ADA

Presidents Report 2019 PRADA (for AGM 2020)

Hello ladies, we had a busy year!!

In April 5 volunteers went to the mane event in Red Deer to work the ADA booth and I went to the ADA meetings.

PRADA/ADA donated \$500 to 3 dressage shows

- Valleyview horse show/June
- South Peace horse show/July
- Beaverlodge Lite horse show/August

PRADA hosted 3 dressage clinics

- Janine Little
- Lindsey Stroh
- Janine little

PRADA had 4 conference calls throughout the year

PRADA had 4 volunteers go to Calgary to work the casino which was a blast!! And is so important!!