

Christine E. M. Collins ADA Lifetime Achievement Award Presented in 2021

Participation 25+ Years:

Christine (Chris) Collins has been involved in dressage in Alberta for close to 60 years - starting as an enthusiastic student and graduating up to competitor, coach, judge, mentor. Chris competed at Canadian Equestrian Federation (CEF) before it became Equestrian Canada sanctioned competitions, in Calgary and the Edmonton Area. In the 1960s she won a CEF National Dressage Championship on Mo's Driftwood, and a CEF National Basic Seat Equitation Award. Chris also showed at Arabian shows.

FEI Achievement:

She showed Mo's Driftwood to PSG.

Contributions to the sport of dressage:

Chris has been an active volunteer involved with 4-H preparing their English riding version for their clubs and judged 4-H Provincial Competitions. She has been involved with Pony Club as a rider, coach, examiner, judge; and she received a National Award from Pony Club a few years ago for her service. Over the past 35 years or more of coaching and instructing, Chris has coached it all -- Pony Club, 4-H, therapeutic riding, para-dressage, dressage enthusiasts, 3-day eventers, jumpers, reiners, endurance riders, trail riders, recreational riders, Arab competitors, Morgan competitors, Tennessee Walker competitors, with many of her students attending Provincial, National and International competitions.

Chris is an Equestrian Canada (EC) Basic Dressage Judge, an EC Level 3 Three Day Eventing Official Judge, and an EC Eventing Jumper Judge. Chris has also been an EC Combined Driving Official and an Eventing Technical Delegate. Chris has travelled throughout Alberta, to various sites in BC, Saskatchewan, Manitoba as well as to New York, Idaho and North Carolina in either a judging role or as a clinician. Chris' commitment to dressage judging went above and beyond when she filled in last minute at a Gold Show in Edmonton when one of the judges broke her arm and couldn't make it.





Ambassador for Dressage:

Chris has mentored and sponsored a number of people pursuing their judging cards. She has also developed scribes on her own time, as well as taught scribing clinics.

Other Contributions:

Chris was a member of the national board for eventing and was the owner/operator of Collins Tack and did custom work for the Canadian Team.