

The RAPPORT

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ADA OFFERS SUMMER CLINIC WITH ROZ KINSTLER

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
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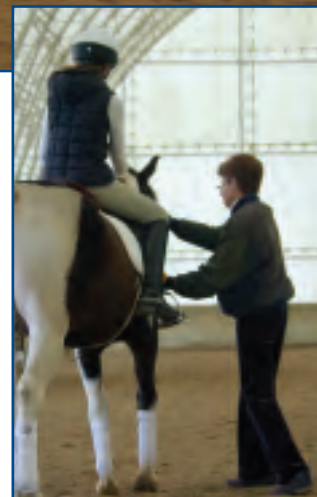
The ADA is pleased to welcome back clinician Roz Kinstler for a clinic to be held at Centennial Acres Equestrian Center in Holland. Roz has over 25 years of teaching experience and holds a USDF Bronze and Silver medal. Her students have competed through the Grand Prix Level. She teaches with kindness and has an excellent ability to see both strengths and weaknesses and to suggest exercises that benefit horse and rider. The clinic is offered for both adult and junior members. If you are interested in riding, please fill out and return the rider application form as soon as possible. Depending on the response, riding slots may be available both days, so if you would like to ride twice, please indicate so on the rider form. Rider application can be found on page 10.

Location: Centennial Acres Equestrian Center, 4350 61st St, Holland, 49423.

For more information contact: Gini Nolan at (231) 889-0889.

Rides begin at 8 a.m. each day. Auditing fee is \$10 daily for ADA members and \$15 daily for non-members. No auditor pre-registration, walk-ins welcomed. Lunch will not be provided on the grounds so bring your own or enjoy one of the eateries close by.

There will be a special drawing for ADA members who attend! Please join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and educational clinic!



Photos by Stephanie van de Ven

Something for everyone at the ADA 24th Annual Show at Thomet Stables, July 26th and 27th

The Team Challenge is new this year, and a great way to get friends and riding pals together for a little extra competition! It's easy and free!

Gather together a team of 2 to 4 people. You don't need to all be riding the same level or division. You ride your normally scheduled tests during the show, one day, or both days. Your team members scores are averaged and the team with the highest average WINS! You may sign up at the show throughout the weekend... and there are NO entry fees!

Create a unique and fun team name. You may show your team spirit by wearing matching colors, creating team t-shirts, etc., however during your test you must wear show apparel.

Team Challenge Champions and Reserve Champions will be awarded at the end of the show on Sunday, and they'll be recognized at the ADA Year End Awards Banquet!!

**TEAM
SPIRIT!**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ADA Members,

I hope you find yourselves enjoying your summer! It is going by so quickly. We've already completed four shows on our schedule, all of which have been successful! I want to thank Windy Ridge Farm, Thomet Stables, Northwest Michigan All Dressage Club, and Rockford Equestrian Center for their time, effort, and diligence in running excellent shows to the highest of ADA standards.

We will be having our 24th Annual Show at Thomet Stables on July 26 & 27. We are all very excited as we have new things planned this year. Firstly, we will be having a complimentary Exhibitors Pizza Bash on Saturday evening at 5:30. We will have pizza, drinks, and of course the ADA camaraderie that makes us who we are. In addition, we are having a new class this year, called the Team Challenge! This class is free, and you can sign up at the show. You can find details further in this *Rapport*. We hope to see you all there!

As we proceed with our show season, we are looking ahead to our Summer Clinic. While we were unable to host a Spring Clinic to due clinician injury, we are grateful that returning 2007 Fall Clinician Roz Kinstler has agreed to do a two day clinic held at Centennial Acres. More information as well as the Rider Application can be found within these pages.

Finally, Secretary Janine Holmes, has resigned from the Board as she assumes several very exciting and new adventures, including her beautiful new baby girl, as well as the undertaking of Prairie Farm! Board member Leigh Ann Warren will be taking over secretarial duties for the remainder of 2008. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Jenny Counterman has agreed to become a Board Member, and has taken on the Sales Committee. Welcome, Jenny!

With many shows still ahead of us, please contact any Board Member if you have questions or need more information throughout the season. We are thrilled with what is to come! Enjoy your summer and we'll see you at the Annual Show!

Jennifer Meyering

ADA 2008 President

We encourage Members to share their horse-related experiences in the *Rapport*. Please contact editors Stephanie van de Ven or Jen Meyering to submit an article.

Note: If you would like to receive future issues of *The Rapport* on line, it will be in full color! It is recommended that you have high speed internet be able to receive a stuffed or .zip file. Please contact Stephanie van de Ven, bliss@intraworldcom.net to sign up.

Don't miss *The COOP TROOP* Freestyle DRILL TEAM Exhibition at the ADA Annual Show Sixteen Horse and Rider Combination

For most people, the mention of mounted drill conjures up images of the famous musical ride of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or the beautiful dressage Drills performed by the Lipizzaners of the Spanish Riding School. No matter what the rider's age, ability or mount, drill team work will sharpen the aids and develop confidence to any horse and rider. It is an activity suitable to persons of all ages, including youth groups such as 4-H and Pony Club.

Although matched horses look best, the ability to work and perform together is paramount. Differences in shapes and colors

tend to disappear with uniform turnout and crisp performances. With rider ages ranging from nine to over sixty years of age, on a variety of breeds and age, the COOP TROOP Drill Team is truly an assembly of diversity.

The COOP TROOP Drill Team originated in the late 90's and has grown from the Pas de Deux (a dance for two) and Quadrilles (4 riders), to a team of sixteen plus riders in 2006.

Performing at lunch time on Saturday, July 26th, at the ADA annual show at Thomet.

ATTENTION ALL AWARD HOLDERS

All plaques, statues, and trophies for the end of year awards need to be returned by September 14th. Please return them to Thomet Stables at the September 13th show, or to a Board member of your choice! Thank you for being timely with this – the 2008 end of season awards will be upon us before we know it!



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Hampton Green Farm announces Summer Dressage Festival

Lendon Gray, Victor Alvarez clinics, and “Chicks in Spurs” party to benefit the Dressage Foundation. August 9th-17th, Fruitport, Michigan

Hampton Green farm will be hosting a week long event celebrating the Art of Dressage. It will be an exciting week of clinics and festivities.

Events to include Lendon Gray and Victor Alvarez clinics

Lendon Gray is a two-time Olympian and long time dressage instructor. She has trained many professionals and has a special interest in working with young riders. She serves on many USEF committees and will become President and CEO of the Dressage Foundation in September, 2008.

Victor Alvarez is the founder of the Center for Dressage and Competition near Barcelona, Spain. He has been a member of the Spanish National Dressage team and has competed internationally for many years. He has been a coach for the Spanish young rider team and is a National-level dressage judge in Spain. He brings his knowledge of the German Training system to the instruction of all breeds.

Hampton Green has generously offered reduced auditing fees for ADA members. The schedule is as follows:

LENDON GRAY WILL BE INSTRUCTING AT THE FARM ON AUGUST 9TH AND 10TH.

August 9th - the clinic will feature Hampton Green Farm riders and it will be open to the public (auditing free of charge).

August 10th - Public clinic with Lendon (auditing \$25 per person/\$20 for ADA members). Lunch included.

VICTOR ALVAREZ WILL BE INSTRUCTING AT THE FARM ON AUGUST 11TH-13TH AND 15TH-17TH.

August 11th-13th - First Public clinic with Victor (auditing \$15 per person/ \$12 for ADA members). Lunch included.

August 15th-17th - Second public clinic with Victor (auditing \$15 per person/\$12 for ADA members). Lunch included.

*Auditing Package for all clinics (Chicks in spurs party excluded): \$100 per person/\$80 for ADA members

CHICKS IN SPURS PARTY TO BENEFIT THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

Monday, August 11th, 7:30p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person (100% tax deductible)

Enjoy Chef Frederic's food, dancing, and riding exhibitions by local riders. Meet Lendon Gray and Victor Alvarez! Tour the Barns!



For Reservations and information, call: (231)856-6000.

The Dressage foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt organization whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage. In 2007 the foundation awarded more than \$112,000 in scholarships and grants. This funding helped hundreds of young riders, adult amateurs, instructors and judges to advance their knowledge and experience in the sport of dressage.

**Clinic riding slots are still available.
Volunteers are needed for all events.
Please contact Hampton Green Farm for
more information at (231) 865-6000.**

VIP tables under the tent are available. Tables seat 10, \$350 per table. Contact Hampton Green Farm to reserve a table.

The ADA collection of books and videos will be with volunteer Loretta Armock.

Her phone number is (616) 285-6788.

Stay in touch with your dressage community!

www.alldressageassoc.org

Your source for show and ADA information.

2008 SHOW/CLINIC SCHEDULE

July 26 & 27 - ADA Annual Show @ Thomet Stables

August 1 & 2 - Centennial Acres (2 shows)

August 16 - West Michigan Equestrian Center

August 29 & 30 ADA Roz Kinstler Clinic at Centennial Acres Equestrian Center, Holland

September 13 & 14 - Thomet Fall Dressage Show

November 22 - ADA Awards Banquet

Gather your friends for the new Team Challenge! This new class has been added to the Annual Show this year. There will be great prizes for the winning team. Look for rules and more information in the Omnibus. Also join us at the Annual Show for the Exhibitors Bash on Saturday night. For specific show schedule information please contact Board member Leigh Ann Warren at phone (231) 830-5654 or e-mail Leigh@warrenreptiles.com.

Volunteers
needed to scribe at the Annual
show (June 26th and 27th).
Please Contact Nelly Cooper to sign up
phone (616) 676-3113.

ADA NEWS BULLETIN

Judge change at Centennial Show:

Judge change: Sue Hughes will now be judging the ADA show at Centennial Acres on Saturday, August 2nd.

We need your pictures!

Members, send your favorite Summer show photos to Jen Meyering (jenmeyering@hotmail.com) so they can be included in the Banquet slide show.

Welcome!

The ADA welcomes new board member Jenny Counterman! Jenny will be working on setting up an on-line store for ADA merchandise.

Forms

All membership, horse registration and horse name change forms must now be sent to Brooke Ludema, 4404 141st Ave., Hamilton, MI 49419.

Please note that the correct dates for the Annual show at Thomet are July 26th and 27th and the correct dates for the fall Thomet show are September 13th-14th, 2008.

Volunteers needed for the ADA information booth at the Hampton Green Farm Summer Dressage festival, August 9-17.

Contact Stephanie van de Ven at (616) 399-7997

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MEMBER HAPPENINGS

ADA Members Shine at United States Pony Club Rally

by Diane McNulty

ADA members Claire McNulty and Sydney Cavanagh, also members of the Holland, MI-Based Macatawa Pony Club, a part of the United States Pony Club, made an outstanding showing at the Great Lakes Region's Mega Rally competition. Mega Rally, which featured riding disciplines of show jumping and dressage as well as horse management responsibilities, took place Jun 29- July 1 at the Nancy G. Held Equestrian Center on the campus of Albion College. The Macatawa Pony Club Dressage Team which included Claire and Sydney as two of the competitors on the team, took first place in the overall riding and horse management

competition. The dressage competition consisted of 15 teams and 75 Pony Club youth participants. Claire and another team member, tied for the individual high-point award and additionally were named the rally's "Dressage Queens".



ADA Members Claire McNulty (far left) and Sydney Cavanagh (far right)

ADA Member, Diane McNulty served as the Dressage Team's coach.

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (USPC) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national



youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including most of our Olympic Equestrian team members, have Pony Club roots. Members range in age from as young as 4 through age 21. Activities are English-riding based, and members ride both horses and ponies, depending on the size of the rider and the discipline in which she is competing. All Pony Club competition is team competition, much like the Olympic games, where members learn the importance of cooperation and teamwork.

There are approximately 12,500 members of USPC in 625 clubs throughout the country. Along with an emphasis on helping its members learn to ride and care for horses, Pony Club promotes teamwork, a sense of responsibility, safety, good moral judgment and self-confidence.

The Great Lakes Region of the USPC is comprised of 16 local clubs in Michigan, Northeast Indiana and Northwest Ohio. Members gather to learn about horsemanship, compete as teams and enjoy the company of other HORSE LOVERS.

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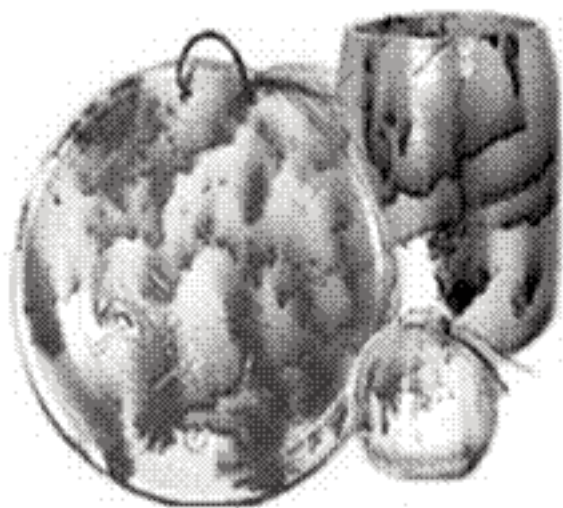
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_____ Saturday, August 30

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_____ Both Aug. 29th and 30th

(if slots are available)

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ADA membership number _____.

(Non members will be included in the clinic only if there are ride times not filled by an ADA member.)

Parent signature _____

(Required if rider is under 18 years of age)

Rider applications must be received by August 11th, 2008.

Riders will be notified by August 15th, 2008.

Clinic fees are to be paid in full by August 22nd, 2008.

Rider Profile:

Age: _____ How many years have you been riding? _____ What is the highest level at which you have shown? _____

Are there any horse/rider issues that you would like to work on in your lesson?

Horse Profile:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Breed _____

Gender _____ Level of training _____

Applications must be received by August 11th, 2008.

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Gini Nolan
8627 Feldhak Rd
Kaleva, MI 49645
Ph. (231)889-0889

Stabling information: Stalls available upon request. A fee will be charged. *Each rider may bring one groom (no audit fee for groom).

A release of liability is also required to be signed by the rider (or their legal guardian if they are under 18 years of age). Please go to:
<http://www.centennialacresdressage.com/images/services/camp/ReleaseForm.pdf>

Download a release form, sign it, and bring it with you to the clinic. Thank you.

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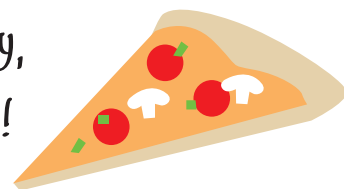
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Dangerous plant found in Southwest Michigan hay fields

Michigan state University is reporting that the toxic plant, Hoary Alyssum, has been found in various hay fields in Southwest Michigan. Horse owners should be on the lookout for this plant in their hay. Ingesting high amounts of this plant can cause horses to experience depression and swelling of the lower legs. Fever and diarrhea may also be present. In severe cases, founder has been observed. For more pictures and information go to: <http://www.canr.msu.edu/vanburen/aghoarya.htm>.



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July 31st - USDF Ludington show
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August 1-2 - ADA show at Centennial Acres

August 2-3 - USDF show at Copper Creek

August 8-10 - USDF show at Waterloo

August 9-17 - Hampton Green Farm
Summer Dressage Festival

August 13th - ADA board meeting, Vic's Restaurant,
Spring Lake

August 16 - ADA show at West Michigan Equestrian Center

August 20-24 - USDF show at Waterloo

August 29-30 - ADA Clinic with Roz Kinstler at Centennial Acres

September 10th - ADA board meeting

Sept 13-14 - Last ADA show of the season at Thomet

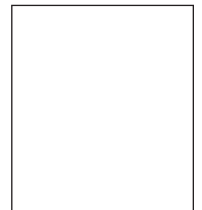
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