

Nominees for Tucson Dressage Club Board Positions 2023

Position: Secretary

Janet de Avecedo Macdonald

Janet with Legacys Renoir+



Hello. I'm **Janet de Acevedo Macdonald**. I'm running for the Tucson Dressage Club Secretary position. I was appointed to this position in early 2021 and would like your vote to continue serving for another year.

Professionally, I worked in public relations & communications with nonprofits and public broadcasting for 20+ years. As a new recipient of Social Security benefits, I suppose I'm retired, but I still love volunteering and watching what can be achieved when people come together with both passion and purpose. Not one to slow down, I manage a four-acre Arabian Sport Horse farm that my husband Ian and I own in Hereford, Arizona. I compete as an adult amateur in both open and breed shows, and freelance as a travel writer. I also blog about the equestrian lifestyle and dabble in popular

social media platforms. I lend a hand with TDC's publicity needs; writing profiles for the newsletter and posting to its Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Position: Member at Large

Kelly Kreiselmeier



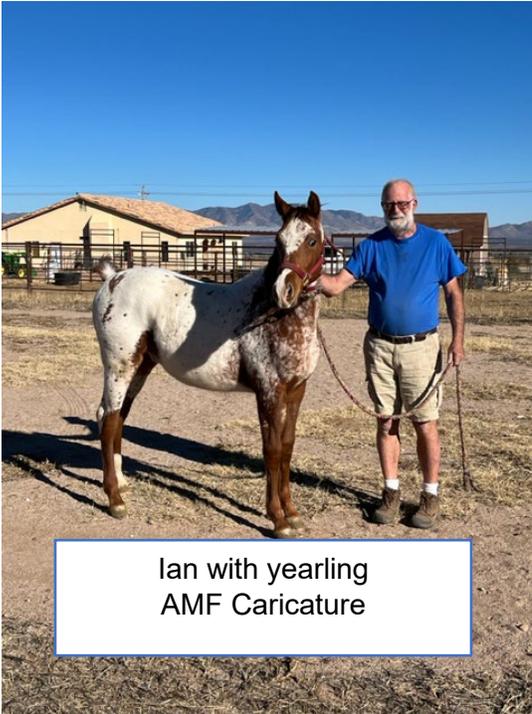
Kelly and Mocha

My name is **Kelly Kreiselmeier**. I'm running for a member-at-large position on the Tucson Dressage Club Board. I live in Tucson with my husband, Manfred, three cats, and our 17-year-old Arabian/Paint gelding "Iced Mocha at Sunrise" aka Mocha. I currently train and ride Western Dressage under the coaching of Pat Baker Shirah. Mocha and I had a successful season in 2022 with both virtual and schooling shows at level one Western Dressage.

I've lived and breathed horses with my mom, Barbara K. Rector, who co-founded TROT (Therapeutic Riding Of Tucson) here in Tucson.

I look forward to being more actively involved with the Tucson Dressage Club, riding, showing, volunteering, and being a board member.

Ian Macdonald



Ian with yearling
AMF Caricature

My name is **Ian Macdonald**. I am running for a member-at-large position on the Tucson Dressage Club Board. I live in Hereford, Arizona, on a four-acre horse farm where my wife Janet and I raise Arabian Sport Horses.

I came to the sport of Dressage a little later in life than many equestrians. I compete as an adult amateur. I've done a lot of In-Hand showing and competed in lower-level Dressage classes. In my younger years I was an athlete and spent many hours building a strong foundation so that I could perform at my best as a long-distance runner and cyclist. I believe Dressage is not only a sport but should also be embraced by all as a foundation for any equestrian discipline.

When not at home, out in the barn or at a horse show with Janet, I get to work for a living. I am a freelance consultant coaching businesses to be more efficient and at the same time maintain a productive and respectful work environment! I love what I do, but some days it's easier being in the barn or at a show.

Meghan Murillo



My name is **Meghan Murillo**, I'm 45 years old, and I live in Sierra Vista. I'm running for a member-at-large position on the Tucson Dressage Club Board. I compete as an amateur adult and have enjoyed showing with TDC this past year and would be honored to serve as a participating board member.

I am a mom to two boys, ages 12 and 8, the wife to a Customs and Border Protection helicopter co-pilot, and a horse mom to a 7-year-old OTTB name **Gloria**. I have worked as a Mortgage Loan Closer at various companies for 20+ years. Since COVID, there has been an increase in work-from-home positions within the mortgage industry, and it has been very favorable for me.

My love for horses started when I was around 8 years old when my family and I lived in Saudi Arabia. During the summers, the American kids would take frequent field trips to experience the local culture firsthand. One cultural outing was to an Arabian horse farm. It was love at first sight for me, but my older sister was terrified. She would not let me get too close to any of the horses or go for a ride. So, when we got back home, I cried to my parents about it and my dad promised me that when we moved back to America, he would get me riding lessons. He kept that promise.

When I was 12, we moved to Virginia, and during our first summer my dad signed me up for riding lessons. He found a schoolteacher who owned two horses and taught riding lessons during the summer. Her name is Elena Prokos and she remains a mentor to me to this day. I rode with Elena in the summers and enrolled at the Bayberry Riding Academy during the school year. Riding with Elena was much more casual and relaxed than riding at Bayberry, which was more structured and stricter.

At Bayberry we took lessons in show clothes (minus jackets). Our horses and tack were inspected before lessons, and we had to clean all our tack after each lesson. While rigorous, it's also where my talent for riding began to excel. I began competing every other weekend at Hunter Jumper shows and was selected to be a member of the Bayberry Riding Team. It was a fantastic learning experience.

I have owned two horses in my life, both being OTTBs. The first was Luci, a gray, 17h mare in my 20s, and now Gloria, a bay, 16.2h mare that I have owned for the past two years. Gloria led me into the world of Dressage. I had been on a 10-year riding hiatus to raise my boys when serving as vice president for their PTO I met another mom who also rode. She introduced me to the facility where she rode, and my passion was ignited once more. I took a gamble and purchased Gloria from Turf Paradise in Phoenix (coincidentally, where Luci was purchased) and the gamble paid off!

I board, train, and show with Heather Nehs of Narrowgate Sport Horse in Sierra Vista. Heather has discovered Gloria's incredible talent for Dressage. So now Gloria is teaching me.

Wyatt Weeks



My name is **Wyatt Weeks**. I was born and raised in Benson, AZ. I have ridden horses my whole life. I was involved in 4-H for 12 years; starting when I was seven while in 4-H I was my Clubs treasurer, vice president, and president. I showed in the dairy cattle project and the horse project. I still have my precious Jersey dairy cows that I showed in 4-H, I hope to have a small dairy one day. I'm a college student at Cochise College majoring in Business Management. I want to become a Saddle fitter and bridle/bit fitter in the future. In 2022 I had an amazing opportunity presented by TDC to be a competition manager, which gave me a lot of experience on the dos and don'ts of managing a business and competition.

Wyatt with Queen on the Green aka
Freya and Alf

We are excited to have this group running to serve the Tucson Dressage Club community. If you are wondering how you can still get more involved, we need help on committees! Do you like writing? We need help with newsletter submissions! Do you want to help with the recognized competitions? Join the Show Committee! Do you like putting together events? We can use help preparing for the clinics/symposiums, socials, & schooling shows! Are you craving more social activities for club members? We would love a small committee of people that organize social events! Do you like to be more on the tech side of things? Perhaps helping maintain the website would be of interest! Let us know how you would like to support dressage in our community through volunteering with Tucson Dressage Club. Contact us with your enthusiasm at tucsondressageclub2@gmail.com or bobbi@amadoequine.com