

GMO Reports
Aug 2010

Alamo Dressage Association

2010 Board of Directors:

President:	Arlene Gaitan
Vice President/Sponsors:	Denise Moore
Secretary:	Karen Silvers
Treasurer/Rec. Show Chair:	Bill Eash
Member-at-Large:	Cel Cox
Membership:	Linda Pedde
Education:	Liz Moser
Juniors	Jill Amman
Newsletter:	Vicki Krebsbach
Awards:	Susan Hancock/Lee Ann Leise

Education:

ADA hosted a ride-a-test in January, an open schooling at the San Antonio Rose Palace in April, and are planning a symposium in November featuring Walter Zetl.

The "East Meets West" symposium will demonstrate how dressage can be used in the training of horses in various disciplines including western riding. The symposium will be over two days and will feature demo rides from english and western riders as well as demonstration from a natural horsemanship trainer. Vendors will also be on-site for early Christmas shopping.

GMOs may participate by donating \$150 and their members can attend at the ADA member price.

Juniors:

The ADA Juniors had a "play day" in April, are planning a membership activity at the August show and an overnight trail ride at the Hill Country Natural Area in Bandera in November.

Horse Shows:

ADA will have hosted two recognized shows in 2010 – Spring Dressage I & II in March and Fall Dressage I & II in August. We return to our traditional April/September dates in 2011.

ADA also hosted its first schooling shows in 2010. The first show was held in June and featured a Wacky Tie contest in honor of Father's day and the second in July at Ft. Sam Houston Equestrian Center. We had entries from a number of military kids who take lessons on base who had never shown dressage before. ADA plans on hosting at least one more schooling show in 2010.

ADA will be hosting a schooling show championship in October of 2011 with prize money. Members and non-members are eligible to participate and can qualify at most schooling shows. Rules will be posted on our website later this month.

Awards:

ADA held its annual awards banquet in January at Biga on the Banks on the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Other Events:

ADA held its annual picnic in August at Rio Cibolo Ranch. The picnic featured guided trail rides (bring your own horse), fishing, games, dessert contest and door prizes.

Donations:

ADA has supported the USDF, sponsored a break at the USDF convention, and donated to ADU's Gary Rockwell clinic.

Membership:

127 members as of August 1, 2010.

Fort Worth Dressage Club

The **Fort Worth Dressage Club** had a busy past year.

After co-hosting the last summer meeting with DDC, we proceeded with a scribing clinic put on by one of our members - Dyanna Lawson - which she does yearly, a gourmet lunch and reviewing On the Level videos with copied tests - we have been able to supply scribes to our own schooling shows, Recognized shows, eventing shows and Region 9 championships.

Kendra Menzies Kent hosted a clinic at her Caballo Ranch and a cook-out for members -we were full and also had auditors.

FWDC put on a Fall schooling show at Willow Draw in Weatherford - we had a great turn-out - we had members come in the night before show for a trail ride and one of our club members husbands - Renee Smith and her husband Ab - brought in his cooking crew and we had great meals Friday and Saturday for all exhibitors.

Our Year End Christmas Party and silent auction brought out a large number of our membership for a wonderful evening. Money from the silent auction went to our Scholarship Fund. We also voted in our 2010 Board. We had many special Year End awards - including our In Memory picture frames with horses who have past away this past year, Most Supportive Significant Other, Most Improved Rider and Horse of the Year.

Southern Comfort Farm and owner Pegge Kinslow hosted FWDC for a low cost clinic with their head train Anthony Schmitz - clinic was full with lots of auditors. One of our members husband - David Scott - did a bar-b-que for everyone and it was a great learning experience and fun day.

FWDC put on a summer schooling show at Willow Draw in June and we were full - Trinity Valley Pony Club provided concessions and we drew in the eventing crowd and even offered gaited classes.

FWDC is planning a pool party and cook-out in place of its monthly July meeting at one of our members houses.

One of our members, Leslee Covington -did an interview on Dressage Daily Radio about our club.

FWDC has plans to put on a Jr/YR clinic at Caballo Ranch with Kendra Menzies Kent.

FWDC has plans for an Adult Camp in October at Proud Meadows.

FWDC has a vast video and DVD library for its members -and we buy new DVD's we feel will benefit our members.

We also offer a Scholarship Program for members based on volunteer hours.

Some of us will travel to Houston to volunteer for the Championships like we have done for several years.

FWDC finished the year financially sound - thanks in part to members in the Dressage community who have donated their facilities and time to our Club.

Houston Dressage Society

December 2009 – August 2010 HDS Year In Review

◆ HDS 2009 – 2010 Administration

President:	Kathy Jones
Vice President:	Cal Eller
Secretary:	Charles Saltzer
Treasurer:	Margaret Dhont
Membership:	Karen Peacock
Recognized Show Chair:	Kathy Jones
Schooling Show Chair:	Lynda Langston
Historian:	Karen Roepke
Education:	Karen Sannan
Awards:	Laurie Jackson
Special Events:	Sylvia Workman
Vendors and Sponsors:	Nisse Pedigo
Juniors	Sandra Kinkead
Volunteers:	Jane Holman
Publications:	Jeanette Snow

Elections for half of the board will be held in September. Offices in the election include President, Vice President, Schooling Show Chair, Historian, Special Events, Vendors and Sponsors, and Juniors.

The HDS Juniors have been active under the direction of Sandra Kinkead. The Juniors have taken over the HDS store at the HDS shows and have initiated a used tack sale at the shows. In September, the Juniors will be running a schooling show at Sonesta Farms. Proceeds from the show will go toward Junior education. The Juniors are also planning on doing a cookbook. A new Junior Board will be elected in the fall. Following are the current Junior Board Members:

President	Audrey Jones
Vice President	May Nommensen
Co – Vice President	Toni Gee
Secretary	Janet Ashley
Education Chair	Jessica Turner
Awards Chair	Kelsey Ray
Publications Chair	Ashley Daniels
Show Mentor	Julia Peacock
Co – Show Mentor	Kakay Halle
Volunteer Chair	Kassidy Peacock

◆ Education

HDS hosted Janet Foy at Rice University in February for a seminar that highlighted the changes to the 2011 dressage tests, training issues and squeezing out the extra points during tests the shows.

In August, HDS is hosting Trenna Atkins for a two-day seminar at Rice University focusing on Musical Freestyles, particularly Pas De Deux and Quadrilles.

HDS has agreed to host a vendor space at Championships for the mechanical dressage horse. In addition, HDS will supplement travel expenses for the vendor.

◆ **Philanthropy**

HDS will sponsor the Battle of the Barn Baskets at the 2010 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships. Proceeds from this event will be given to the Region 9 FEI Junior and Young Riders. The contributor of the Basket that sells for the most money will win a free tack stall to a non-championship HDS show in 2011. In 2011, the proceeds will also be given to the FEI Junior and Young Riders.

In summer 2010, the HDS board donated \$1,000 to the Region 9 FEI Juniors and Young Riders.

At the 2010 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships, HDS will sponsor a silent auction that will contribute proceeds to the GMO's in the Region that assist with volunteers at the show.

In 2010, HDS provided free vendor space at all shows to groups sponsoring therapeutic riding programs as well as other non-profit organizations

◆ **Horse Shows**

HDS will have hosted five shows in 2010: the Winter Show in January, the Spring Classic in April (High Performance Qualifier), the Summer Show in June, the Laborious Day Show in September and the Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic in October/November.

In 2011, HDS will again host five shows, including the Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic. The USEF Dressage Committee has approved the HDS application to host a CDI 1* at its annual Spring Classic Show. Judges for the show will be Janet Foy, Brenda Minor and Bill Warren.

HDS will again host FEI Freestyles at the Saturday dinner at the 2010 Championships. \$7,000 in prize money will be offered. In addition, HDS will provide \$3,000 in prize money for the National Level Freestyles.

HDS has applied to have its 2011 Winter Show, Spring Classic, Summer Show and Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships as qualifiers for the NAJYRC and/or the developing dressage horse programs in 2011. In addition, the 2010 Championships are a NAJYRC qualifier.

HDS hosted the Adult Team Championships at the Summer Show in June of 2010. In 2009, HDS sponsored its first annual Schooling Show Championships. The show was held at Sienna Stables in Missouri City, Texas. Dinah Babcock and Sue Malone Casey were the judges. \$1,000 in prize money was offered. HDS will host the second annual schooling show championships in December again.

◆ **Recognitions**

In 2010, HDS held its annual awards banquet at the Sam Houston Race Park. Entertainment included live thoroughbred racing. Awards included embroidered wool coolers for the Champions and embroidered saddle pads for the Reserve Champions.

In 2010, Jane Holman was the recipient of the Charlotte Raisbeck Good Sportsmanship Award.

Emee Ermel was awarded the Bushager Memorial Scholarship. The Bushager Memorial Scholarship was established in 1989 by the widow of Joe Richard Bushager, Lauralyn Bushager, in honor of late husband.

Joe Bushager was one of the original founders of the Southwest Dressage Championships. He was dedicated to bringing dressage to the southwest region of the country. The Bushager Scholarship is given annually by HDS to an individual that has shown and continues to show a dedication in the pursuit of training and excellence in dressage.

◆ **Membership**

At the close of 2009, HDS had 400 recorded members. HDS currently has 386 members in 2011.

Oklahoma Dressage Society

Education: In March we had a clinic with Jeff Moore. The clinic on Horse and Rider Bio-mechanic was very well received. Everyone enjoyed learning how important bio-mechanic are for the rider and horse. We had 9 demo riders and 29 participating auditors. We were able to get a grant to help with this clinic.

In June we had our 3rd Annual Adult Camp. The camp was 3 1/2 days and was such a great chance for people to come and totally focus on their dressage education. Lodging, meals, stall, and lessons were included in the camp price. We had 25 campers and 5 auditors. Two clinicians returned from last year. Sarah Martin and Louis St. Amour. Gigi Nutter was our third clinician and worked extremely well with the other two.

In July at our summer meeting ODS is hosting a continuing education program for judges and "L" graduates. This program is "Upgrade Your Judging Eye" Ida Anderson Norris "S" judge will present this program. We have 31 attendees.

ODS is currently putting together an "L" program for 2011. ODS will host all 3 sections.

Schooling Shows: ODS recognizes 15 schooling shows each year in the state of Oklahoma. These shows give our membership an opportunity to experience a show environment close to home. More than 148 people attend these shows annually. ODS has hosted a Schooling Show Championship for the past three years. Last year this Championship was held in Shawnee, OK. We're proud of our members who participate in these shows and their Championship is as close to a recognized show as we can make it.

AGM Meetings: We have 2 AGM meetings annually. They are in January and July. This year for our Summer meeting we are touring the OSU Veterinarian clinic in Stillwater, OK. There will be several vets on hand to lecture on new technology. Our board meets every 6 weeks to do the everyday business of running a club of this size. This meeting is open to the membership. Our membership numbers run between 210-230 annually.

Recognized Show: We have one recognized show per year and one of our chapters has a recognized show each year.

Southern Eventing and Dressage Association

We kicked off the New Year with our annual awards lunch at Benedict's Restaurant. This year's theme was all Black and Gold. Very timely as our New Orleans Saints made history the next weekend.

SEDA has sponsored 6 showing shows and 2 Recognized shows since January.

This winter we rebuilt and improved our cross country course at Lagniappe Farm (damaged during Hurricane Katrina). We had our first schooling horse trials since 2005. Fleur De Leap Horse Trials was held this spring and we have another scheduled for the fall.

We organized a Freestyle Clinic with Cynthia Collins, a Dressage clinic with Linda Strine and had 2 members ride in the Region 9 USDF Adult Clinic with Charlotte Bredhal Baker.

We awarded a junior and an adult educational scholarship to a deserving SEDA member. We offer this scholarship twice a year.

We continue to put out our award winning newsletter and website.

Our membership as of July 15, 2010 is 156 members.

Submitted by Leslie Morris

Tri State Dressage Society

Thanks to an active board willing to plan and oversee our many activities, Tri State Dressage Society is in the middle of a busy year with 4 club shows, 1 affiliate show, and 4 clinics spread throughout the spring and fall. Judges and clinicians include Betsy Gosling, Diane Rochau, Beth Reineman, Bill Woods, Barbara Lewis, Bobbie Paulk, and Sally O'Connor.

Club Officers:

President: George Newtown
Vice President: Marsha Murray
Secretary: Yvette Harrell
Treasurer: Marty Taylor-Harper

Board of Directors:

Alan Fox
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Submitted by George Newtown, President