



## Alamo Dressage Association

### Region 9 Report – August 2014-August 2015

**Membership:** 144 members at end of 2014 126 currently in 2015

#### Board of Directors:

Jennifer Delmer, President  
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#### Horse Shows:

##### Fall Dressage I & II and Ride For The Cure.

RFC has raised over \$40,000 over the past four years. Look forward to another successful event with a goal to reach \$50,000 in 2015. Dover Saddlery has again donated 4 embroidered dress sheets and 4 embroidered saddle pads. Donors for third and fourth place include Bridle Suite and The Tack Shop at In the Irons. .

**How it works:** Teams of 4 riders each ride the test of their choice and scores are averaged. Then one percentage point is added to their score for every \$100 they raise. Awards ceremony to be held after the last ride of the show on Saturday. Cancer survivors are invited to help present awards.

##### Spring Dressage I & II: April 5-6, 2015.

70 horses. Held an Easter Bonnet Contest sponsored by ADA. Easter Sermon on the Mount and a Saturday evening session with Dr. Lew Sterrett where he put the first ride on a young horse were sponsored by ADA member Amy Allen.

#### Schooling Show Championships:

This year to be held November 21-22, 2015 at the San Antonio Rose Palace. 2014 required two rings so we are expecting two rings again. Betsy Gosling "R" from Louisiana will be judging. Need to secure a second judge. We will also offer Western Dressage This is a great opportunity for competitors to show at the Rose Palace without the cost of a recognized show!

## **Summer Schooling Show and Junior Team Competition-June, 2015**

### **16 riders - 4 teams**

In addition we held a stabling contest, turnout contest and dressage jeopardy. Five riders were awarded USDF "Shining Stars" for good sportsmanship.

Following the competition we had a pizza party and "L" grad, Dr. Nancy Murray discussed "Overcoming Show Nerves".

Since our show was on Father's Day weekend, we held a Father's Day essay contest on Sunday. Winning Essay/Dad won a Yeti cooler. Two runners up won Bass Pro gift cards.

### **Community Support:**

ADA members volunteered at the Regional Championships. Raised money for Susan B. Komen for the Cure. We have raised \$44,000 so far and our goal is to go over \$50,000 with our fall Ride for the Cure. The juniors held a volunteer day at Triple H Equitherapy.

### **Junior/YRs:**

- They have organized and run their own benefit schooling show.
- Junior clinic held with Volker Brommann
- ADA Juniors donated to HDS Symposium and volunteered at Regional Championships
- Awarded 1 Scholarship in 2015: Charlie Sokolov. She received \$500 towards her college expenses.

### **Education:**

- April 2015-group of ADA members traveled together to the Adult Amateur series at Windy Knoll Farm.
- August 7-9, 2015 – Offering a three day symposium with Volker Brommann, "Harmonizing with Your Horse". Demo rider spaces are full. Auditing is \$30/day for ADA members, \$20 for ADA juniors and \$40 for non-members. Discount for auditing more than one day.

Rides from Intro level to Grand Prix. The symposium will be held at the San Antonio Rose Palace.

- Still offer "Cash Back for Education" program where members get a \$50 reimbursement per year for attending a clinic or education program.

### **Awards:**

- Added Freestyle and Western Dressage year-end awards.
- Annual awards banquet and silent auction annually held at The Petroleum Club in January.

**Other:**

- Annual membership meeting to be held in November in conjunction with the Schooling Show Championships.
- Last year, ADA members Cel Cox and Amy Allen attended their first USDF convention. Two ADA members were elected as PM Delegates: Cel Cox and Arlene Gaitan.
- ADA member, Arlene Gaitan, won the USDF Region 9 Volunteer of the Year award.