

## **FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB**

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### **MEMBERSHIP**

FWDC currently has 64 members.  
We ended 2014 with 76 members.

### **EDUCATION**

**Scribing Clinic** – Held in August sponsored by member Dyanna Lawson – use of the new On the level video's – sample tests, etiquette of scribe, abbreviations. Dyanna serves a gourmet lunch, the participants use sample tests and watch videos and learn how to scribe. These participants have scribed at Eventing shows, Andalusian Championships, Region 9 Championships and other dressage shows.

### **Monthly Meetings with Speakers**

FWDC holds its monthly meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month. We have had one of our professionals talk about how to fill out an entry form for a recognized show, a member who went to Germany for certification speak on what was involved, and a vet speak on keeping your horse safe in hot weather and other topics requested by members.

### **LOW COST CLINIC**

FWDC puts on a low cost clinic with a local professional each year for its members. This year we used Mary Mahler –USDF Medalist and “L” judge. Members David and Tricia Scott donated their excellent facility – Four Friends Farm – with valet parking and free stalls for the day. Everyone brought pot luck for lunch – we had many auditors and all levels of riders. Mary donated her time and expertise for a full day of lessons – it was a great learning experience for all.

### **RECOGNIZED SHOW**

FWDC puts on one recognized show a year (actual two shows over one week-end). This year we were full with a waiting list. Saturday was Wear Red for Wings of Hope and we donated a check of \$500 to Wings of Hope. Rides who wore red were entered in to a drawing and received prizes –and we had some very

imaginative wearing of red! We held our annual Friday night reception done by members Renee Smith and Pat Senn and had a long waiting line for great food and beverages. Many compliments from judges and exhibitors what a well organized show and friendliness of volunteers. Sunday turned bitter cold but we had plenty of volunteers who stayed till the last ride and then stayed to pack up. With Los Colinas closed we will be having our Spring show March 26 and 27 at Somerville Expo in Glen Rose. We will have two rings and everything including warm-up is under cover.

### **SCHOOLING SHOW**

FWDC held a June schooling show at Willow Draw in Weatherford that was full. We had gaited, western and eventing dressage also represented.

### **ADULT CAMP**

FWDC held its annual adult camp in October at Noble Champions owned by Charles Scott. Charles donates his beautiful facility every year for our camp and also his video room for our Saturday evening pizza and video watching session. Our clinician was past Region 9 Teacher of the Year Whit Watkins. Ten riders attended and received private lessons on Friday and Saturday and a small group lesson or Ride A Test on Sunday. For the price of \$300 members received their lessons, lunches, stabling and all lectures. We received a grant from The Dressage Foundation and Region 9 Education Fund. The camp was very successful and we are doing again with Lurena Bell this October. This camp is for members who have volunteered throughout the year.

### **Awards Banquet and Silent Auction**

FWDC hosted its annual awards banquet and silent auction to benefit our Scholarship Fund in January at Blue Mesa Grill in Fort Worth. We had a great turn-out –had actually moved to a bigger room and are planning more expansion next year – gave out lots of awards, and made good money for our Scholarship Fund.

### **Summer Pool Party**

We held our annual summer pool party in August at member Geoffrey's beautiful home and pool. Members brought pot luck and everyone cooled off and visited. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon swimming with great food and companionship.

### **Scholarship Fund**

FWDC offers members who volunteer funds to further advance their dressage training. We have been very fortunate to have plenty of volunteers for our activities and like to reward them for their time and effort.

### **Video Library**

FWDC has a large video library from which members can rent videos.

### **Other Activities**

FWDC sends out weekly group e-mails to all members with updates and other happenings in the dressage world.

FWDC has a monthly column in Southwest Horse Trader. Activities and encouragement to see what dressage is all about is written in this column – along with pictures of members at our many activities.

FWDC has many members who volunteer each year at Region 9 championship – we go as a group and enjoy seeing the best horses in the Region compete. We appreciate HDS donating portions of Silent Auction to GMO's who send members to volunteer.

FWDC donated \$100 to the The Dressage Foundation's Century Club.

Our website is [www.fortworthdressageclub.com](http://www.fortworthdressageclub.com)