



## August 2014 – August 2015 HDS Year In Review

### ◆ HDS 2014– 2015 Administration

President:	Leslie Rohrer
Vice President:	Shannon Eberle
Secretary:	Charles Saltzer
Treasurer:	Jennie Robicheaux
Membership:	Karen Peacock
Recognized Show Chair:	Open
Schooling Show Chair:	Jena Tavormina
Historian:	Flo Edelman
Education:	Chris Renne
Awards:	Susan Heather
Special Events:	Patty Sutton
Advertising/Sponsors:	Kim Parker
Juniors	Joanne Patterson
Volunteers:	Open
Publications:	Malinda Edwards Demata

Elections for half of the board will be held in September. Offices in the election include Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Recognized Show Chair, Education, Volunteers and Publications.

### ◆ Education

HDS hosted a Conrad Schumacher Symposium on February 28-March 1, 2015. There were over 100 attendees from around Region 9. Dawn Chamorro of Isabella Farms donated her facility which allowed the event to nearly breakeven. Participation fees were structured to encourage HDS membership.

On April 11-12, 2015, HDS hosted the Nutrena/USDF Region 9 Adult Clinic Series with Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner. Fran Kehr donated her facility, Windy Knoll Farm, for the clinic. Close to 100 auditors attended. This was the inaugural event for the series and everyone was pleased with the education provided, the positive attitude of the clinicians and the clinic organization.

HDS is trying to organize an ongoing training series with Conrad Schumacher 3-4 times per year. The focus will be on FEI riders who must be HDS members and must submit an application for Conrad's selection. The goal is to provide consistent world class training to riders at the top of the sport across all FEI divisions (Pony, Junior, Young Rider, Under 25, Young Horse, Adult Amateur and Open).

#### ◆ **Philanthropy**

HDS sponsored the Battle of the Barn Baskets at the 2014 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships. HDS will sponsor the event again at the 2015 Championships. Proceeds from this event will be given to the Region 9 FEI Junior and Young Riders.

At the 2014 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships, HDS sponsored a silent auction that contributed proceeds to the GMO's in the Region that assisted with volunteers at the show.

#### ◆ **Horse Shows**

HDS will host six recognized show weekends in 2015: the Winter Show in January, the Shoofly Farm CDI3\*/Spring Classic in April, the Summer Show in June, the Laborious Day Shows in September, the Great American/USDF Region 9/Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic in October and the USEF Para Dressage National Championships/HDS Deep in the Heart of TX shows late in October. A CPEDI3\* is also in discussion with USEF for late October as a mandatory Paralympic selection outing.

HDS added Dressage Sport Horse Breed (in-hand) classes and Pony Cup awards to the Laborious Day Shows. This is the first time HDS has hosted DSHB classes in a long time and the first time ever for Pony Cup awards.

In 2016, HDS Level 3 shows will be the Winter Show I&II and Summer Show I&II which are qualifiers for the NAJYRC, Brentina Cup and/or the Developing Horse programs in 2016. The Spring Classic I&II/CDI2\* is a Level 5 show and also a qualifier for the same competitions as Level 3 shows.

In December 2014, HDS held the Sixth Annual Schooling Show Championships at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, Texas. HDS will host the seventh annual schooling show championships in December 2015 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy. The same weekend is also reserved for 2016.

HDS was awarded the 2016 Great American/USDF Region 9 Championships. The show will be held at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, TX. In 2016, the November HDS Deep in the Heart of TX shows will no longer be offered due to a loss of the show dates at the show facility.

#### ◆ **Recognitions**

In 2015, HDS held its Annual Awards banquet at the HDS Winter Show I&II in January at Great SW Equestrian Center. Awards included gear and boot bags for the Champions and Reserve Champions for recognized shows and schooling shows. For the first time, top HDS volunteers were recognized. The 2016 Awards Banquet will be held at the HDS Winter Show again in January.

In 2015, Dawn Chamorro was the recipient of the Charlotte Raisbeck Good Sportsmanship Award for assisting with the HDS symposium along with other HDS support efforts.

Nancy Hinz (Open rider) and Karla West Dee (Adult Amateur rider) were awarded the 2015 Joe R. Bushager Memorial Scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to fund dressage education/training. The Bushager Memorial Scholarship was established in 1989 by the widow of Joe Richard Bushager, Lauralyn Bushager, in honor of her 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 individuals who have shown and continue to show a dedication to the pursuit of training and excellence in dressage. Applications are received September to December of each year.

◆ **Membership**

HDS currently has around 360 recorded members for 2015.