

Report for Region 9 (2015)

The Southern Dressage and Eventing Association has 158 members. The majority of our membership is located in Louisiana, with a few members in Mississippi and Texas.

In 2015, we offered:

- Our Christmas-themed schooling dressage and combined test (December 2014 for the 2015 show season).
- Two one-day recognized dressage shows (Le Bon Temps). This show included a breed show. This was a small event, but in 2016 we are planning to make these shows a level 3 competition! Hopefully, we will have a larger turnout.
- Our annual Junior schooling dressage and combined test show with equitation and fun classes.
- One schooling horse trials took place in March, and a second schooling horse trials will take place later this fall.
- In September, we will be offering our first USEA-recognized horse trials since Hurricane Katrina ten years ago! We are very excited to be able to offer this competition and are hoping for a good turnout. We plan to offer another recognized horse trials next spring.
- Four scholarship awards – 2 to adults and 2 to junior members – to be used for further education.
- Our newsletters and weekly e-news for continue to be sent out for communication with our members. Based on member feedback, we rescheduled our newsletters to be produced only three times per year, with enhanced content added to our website and Facebook page.
- We continue to maintain our award-winning website.
- We are hosting an equine photography clinic with master photographer Marie Cobb in August. Last year this clinic filled up and had a waiting list, so we are hoping for a similar response this year. It's a different type of opportunity for our members.

2015 is an election year for SEDA. We will be holding our elections this fall and should have a new Board installed early in 2016.