



Austin Dressage Unlimited

Region 9

2016 Annual report

Membership for 2016 has held fairly steady with a slight increase over last year. We are continuing to press forward with increased visibility in the community and actively seeking new methods of retaining current members.

Our board and membership continue to brainstorm new and creative ways to advance dressage education. Among our current "hot ideas" are a new system of awards and incentives for riders, and the addition of unique shows to our calendar.

Our Educational activities have been varied as usual.

Judging Seminar

In January, our Annual Judging Seminar featured FEI 5* Judge Katrina Wuest. Ms. Wuest is highly sought after as a speaker as she is noted for her expertise not only in Dressage in general, but also her specific knowledge in Freestyle, both judging and choreographing. We had a wonderful turnout and excellent reception.

Our speaker for the 2017 Seminar has not yet been confirmed.

Dinner and DVD

Our continuing DVD discussion series has continued with 4 events scheduled for 2016. One was held in the spring, while a second early summer event was postponed. It and the other two remaining will be held in the last two quarters of the year.

Clinic Lecture

In July, ADU, in conjunction with Susan and Richard Howard, are putting on the annual lecture demonstration at Reiterhoff Austin featuring Christian Bachinger of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna. This year's topic will be "Moving from Second Level to Third." Mr. Bachinger will demonstrate the specific challenges presented the horse and rider in moving beyond Second Level using clinic attendees.

Recognized Shows

This year, July 2-3, ADU was pleased to host our first recognized show, "The Blue Hair Special." The show was held at Dripping Springs Ranch Park, was well attended and well received. We look forward to hosting the BHS next year, date TBD.

ADU's "Freestyle Gala and Tailgating Party" was not held as a recognized show this year, which turned out well, as we were rained out. A rain date has been set for December 3.

Practice Shows

Breaking with our tradition of scheduling shows during rain storms, our initial practice show was a success. We have a second show planned for the fall, but date and place are TBD.

General Membership meetings

Our end of Year celebration will be held Abel's North in Austin, tentatively scheduled for November 19.