

FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB

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MEMBERSHIP

FWDC currently has 59 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.

We had a speaker from Purina speak on Nutrition for Horses. She had handouts and was very informative. We had a great turn-out!

We had a vet from Equine Sports Medicine and Surgery speak on Heat related issues for horses in Texas summers. She also answered many general questions.

Monthly Meetings with Speakers

FWDC holds its monthly meetings the 4th Monday of every month.

We have had one of our professionals Lindsay Cooper speak on her experiences at the Young Dressage Horse Trainer's Symposium in Maryland hosted by Hassler Dressage and Harmony Sporthorses. This Symposium is by invitation only!

LOW COST CLINIC

FWDC puts on a low cost clinic with a local professional each year for its members. This year we used Lindsay Cooper – 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. Lindsay 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).

Our Spring show was March 26 and 27 at Somerville Expo in Glen Rose. We had two rings and everything including warm-up is under cover. This was Easter weekend and we were not quite full. Another challenge is since facility is so far from airport judges left earlier than we would have liked. There were other added expenses we did not have at Los Colinas – final financials were a gain of approximately \$1,000. However we had members sponsor classes to help out and we had \$1,000 in sponsorships. FWDC will be putting on a show in 2017 and hope for a full show and a better understanding of costs.

Saturday was Wear Red for Wings of Hope and we donated a check of \$250 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 Kim Charney and Donna Claunch 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.

SCHOOLING SHOW

FWDC held a June schooling show at Willow Draw in Weatherford. We offered gaited, eventing and Western Dressage.

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 Lurena Bell. 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.

Lurena Bell is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medalist. She has been long listed 5 times with Olympic USET and has competed in 3 USA Olympic Festivals where the team won Gold and Bronze and he was an Individual Silver Medalist.

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 will hold our annual summer pool party in August at member Geoffrey's beautiful home and pool.

Members bring pot luck and everyone cools off and visits. Everyone enjoys 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 Region 9 YR/JR riders.

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

FWDC had a ring cleaning day at member Renee Smith's house. Pot luck and swimming were included!

Our website is www.fortworthdressageclub.com

