

FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB

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Membership:

FWDC currently has 68 members.

Education:

Scribing clinic - held in August sponsored by Dyanna Lawson – use of On the Level videos- sample tests, etiquette of scribe, abbreviations.

Members who have taken Dyanna's course also help out at Eventing shows, Andalusian Championships and other local dressage shows.

We now have a new Education coordinator who is also a "L" graduate!

Kristin Currie has plans for video nights with University credit.

We are also planning a ½ day educational event at a member's house for August to include an equine massage therapist, farrier, and other horse related specialists.

Monthly meeting speakers – FWDC holds monthly meeting 4th Monday of every month. So far this year we have had a vet speak on ulcers in

horses and a Nutrena feed specialist on best feed for your horse. Both meetings very well attended.

Low Cost Clinic – FWDC puts on a low cost clinic for its members each year. This is a chance for members who do not always get to ride with a professional due to cost to get that chance. This year we decided on Grand Prix rider Gretchen Aycock as our clinician. Gretchen donated a full day to FWDC members and was very well received. A big thank you to member Tricia Scott and husband David for volunteering their beautiful facility at no cost to FWDC. They also offered free stalls and valet parking of trailers! It was a great opportunity for riders and the many auditors to learn from a professional and we had many levels of horses and riders.

Recognized Show – FWDC puts on one recognized show a year (actually two shows over one week-end) in March. We were full with a waiting list. Saturday was Wear Red for Wings of Hope and we donated a check for \$350 to Wings of Hope. Riders who wore red were entered in a drawing and received prizes –very imaginative wearing of red – on saddle pads, horse’s manes, riders clothing. We had a Friday night reception organized by several members that had a long line for all the great food and beverages. What worked best for us were the volunteers – compliments from exhibitors and even the judges commented how friendly, welcoming and the great team spirit our group had.

Schooling Show – FWDC held its schooling show in June and was full. We offered gaited classes and did have gaited riders come.

Adult Camp – We held our annual Adult Camp with Lurena Bell at the donated facility of Noble Champions owned by member Charles Scott. Ten riders attended with two private lessons – one Friday and one Saturday, and then a small group lesson on Sunday. For the price of \$275 members received the lessons, stabling, lunches and a Saturday pizza night with lecture from Lurena . We received a grant from The

Dressage Foundation. The camp was very successful and we are doing it again in October with Lurena Bell.

Awards Banquet and Silent Auction – FWDC hosted its annual banquet and silent auction to benefit our Scholarship program in January. We had a great turn-out, gave out lots of awards, and made money for our Scholarship fund.

Summer Pool Party – We held our annual July summer pool party at Renee Smiths house and her and husband Abb cooked up a great meal with participants bringing their own special dishes. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon swimming and enjoying margaritas, sangria, 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 reward them for their time and effort.

Video Library – FWDC has a vast video library and has added new DVD's for members to check out.

Other activities:

FWDC has meeting the 4th Monday of every month and meetings are well attended. We have speakers at several of our meetings.

FWDC has a monthly newsletter – also weekly group e-mails to let members know what is going on in our club and dressage activities in our area.

FWDC has a monthly column in SW Horsetrader. This has brought in new members and gives us a chance to talk up dressage in our area. We put pictures in of our members at our activities.

Many members volunteer for Region 9 Championships and have for many years.

Holiday get together – members attended a local pub for gag gifts, great food and companionship.

Web-page – Our newly designed web-page is www.fortworthdressageclub.com