

Region 9 Annual Report
Central Plains Dressage Society
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Central Plains just passed the half way mark in our first year! We officially began our Club in November, 2017 although we were approved as a GMO by USDF in August, 2017.

Membership:

We have topped 135 members and continue to attract new people.

Activities:

So far, we have hosted three 2-day recognized shows, one lite recognized western dressage show, an Arab sport horse show, five schooling shows in the west region and four schooling shows in the east region. Still to come are two more recognized shows, three more lite recognized western shows, one B rated working equitation shows, three more schooling shows in the west and 2 more in the east. Schooling shows will be capped off with a championship show as will the recognized shows.

A comprehensive wellness day was well supported and another is planned for September. These wellness days allow an opportunity to learn about new therapeutic techniques, check saddle fitting, learn about nutrition and catch up on routine vet needs.

The live streaming of recognized shows is gaining popularity and as one who has used the service it is a wonderful opportunity to watch and support our competitive riders. The Year-end awards ceremony and Freestyle Fiesta will also be live streamed this year.

The Junior Camp was supported by a Dressage Foundation Grant and was small but great fun! Introduction to vaulting, braiding, riding lessons, quadrille practice were included. In August, an Adult Camp will be held in conjunction with our summer meeting. A fashion show of the latest show wear, a humorous review of fashion faux pas will be conducted by Melissa Creswick, an S judge from California, yoga, riding will be highlights.

There is a new test seminar in the fall with Janet Foy. A Grant will support this important clinic.

Account: We currently have about \$9000 in the bank because of success with shows. We are waiting for final approval of our 501-C-3 status. There are several grants waiting to be distributed to us once that happens. Most of the money will go back to members in the form of Year-end awards and for paying recurring bills for 2019 like porta-potties, Insurance and travel for judges.

We are focused on goals and moving from one to another with enthusiasm! We will review this year and evaluate programs for next year. The addition of Working Equitation and Western Dressage has brought in new members who enjoy spending time with their horses in a supportive community. It is a growth area where non- traditional horse enthusiasts are learning about dressage and training techniques that benefit horse and rider.

I am so proud of where we are and where we are going. We really believe by offering opportunities for people to enjoy time with their horse is key. We believe in supporting interests and people as they pursue their own goals. We try to do this a friendly and forward looking way. I have been very happy that there are pop-up groups getting together to practice quadrilles,

freestyles, etc. Members are having enough show opportunities to earn medals. So far, we have one gold, two silver and a bronze medalist this season.