



Region 9 Report: August 2017-August 2018

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Education:

Post Show clinic on May 6, 2018 with Bobbie Paulk, R judge.

Post Show clinic on June 3, 2018 with Bill Woods, R judge.

An Equine Bodywork Symposium and Demonstration Lunch and Learn was held on May 19, 2018. It was a combined lecture/demonstration event. The practitioner uses myofascial-neurological techniques to release tension, improve flexibility, and improve communication and partnership with your horse. After a brief lecture, participants were able to practice what they learned on a horse provided by one of our members.

TSDS is hosting a "Ride a Test" clinic with Barbara Lewis scheduled for September 29, 2018. TSDS was awarded a USDF National Education Incentive Grant, which allows us to provide the clinic at a significantly reduced cost to members.

Charitable Contributions:

TSDS donated \$100.00 to The Dressage Foundation's Century Club.

Horse Shows:

Schooling Show #1: March 10, 2018

Schooling Show #2: May 5, 2018 – added Prix Caprilli Tests

Schooling Show #3: June 2, 2018 – added Lead Line Classes

Schooling Show #4: September 29, 2018 – adding Lead Line Obstacle Course

TSDS has added a Show Participation Raffle for members at each horse show and are eligible for the Grand Prize drawing to be held at the Annual Year End Awards banquet.

TSDS has added Volunteer Raffle that will be awarded at the Annual Year End Awards banquet. For every 4 hours volunteered, the member gets one ticket entered in the raffle.

TSDS has reduced the required volunteer hours for Year End Awards eligibility to 2 hours from 4 hours.

Publications/Communications:

TSDS maintains a website where members can find useful information.

TSDS maintains a Facebook page where information regarding shows, clinics, newsletters and other information can be disseminated to members.

A President's Message is sent out after each General Membership meeting informing the members about what was discussed at the meeting.

Our publicity chair is writing and submitting articles and photos from shows and various TSDS events to local newspapers and the Louisiana Equine Council Newsletter to increase our visibility to the general public, as well as the local equestrian community.

Junior/Young Riders:

We have added Youth Representatives to the Board.

In an effort to support and encourage junior/young riders, TSDS is establishing a scholarship program. Funds may be used for educational purposes and dressage shows at the regional level or higher.

Recognitions:

In January 2018, TSDS held its Annual Year-End Awards Banquet. Hand painted personalized equestrian plates were awarded for division Champions and monogrammed stall guards were awarded for division Reserve Champions. Additional prizes were awarded for third through sixth places for all divisions.

Yvette Harrell, Adult Amateur, and her pony, Paedar, were Champion in SWDC 1st Level Pony and 9th USEF 1st Level Pony.

Grace Sharplin, Junior, and her horse, Double Dutch, were 4th SWDC and 14th GAIG-USEF Training Level.

Membership:

TSDS currently has 60 members.