

**2011 Region 9 Summer Meeting  
Galveston  
GMO Reports**

**Alamo Dressage Association**

**Membership:** 113 members

**Board of Directors:**

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**Horse Shows:**

**April** show was very successful with over 100 horses. Waiving late entry fees generated a lot of last minute entries.

**September 10-11** San Antonio Fall Dressage I&II.

Show will feature a **“Ride for the Cure Dressage Team Championship”** on the 10th. Rules modeled after PVDAs Ride for Life. ADA partnered with Rally for the Cure, an affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Dover Saddlery donated 4 embroidered dress sheets and 4 embroidered saddle pads. Additional prizes donated by Boerne Stage Saddlery and Rally for the Cure sponsors. SmartPak donating a SmartPlaid halter and lead for raffle/silent auction.

**How it works:** Teams of 4 riders each will ride test 2 of their level (FEI – TOC) and scores are averaged. Then one percentage point is added to their score for every \$100 they raise. Awards ceremony at 6pm. Cancer survivors invited to help present awards.

**Schooling shows:** February and July schooling shows moderately successful. We plan our shows in the months not to conflict with a very popular local show. August Junior Benefit show very successful. Prix Caprilli classes have been added and seem to be catching on.

**Schooling show Championships:** Scheduled for December 11 at the San Antonio Rose Palace. Will run a schooling show in conjunction with Prix Caprilli classes as well. Open to all riders. Sue Malone-Casey is judging.

**Community Support:**

Supported ADU/Region 9 Judges Education program.  
ADA donates money and provides complimentary advertising to Triple H Equitherapy and SaddleLite Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship.  
ADA members volunteered at the Regional Championships and at the CDI in Houston.

**Junior/YRs:**

Juniors have been very active this year. They elected a board (Kassidy Peacock is president) and they have monthly meetings.

They assist by volunteering at the recognized and schooling shows. They held a silent auction at April recognized show.

They organized and ran their own Junior Benefit Show and raised \$1,400.

They are having a community service day at Triple H Equitherapy on August 19th followed by a movie night at the home of one of the juniors.

**Education:**

February - Scribe Clinic with Kat Kyle "r".

July - Safe Trailering and CPR Certification – featured a State Trooper who gave a power point discussion on highway safety and trailering horses. This was immediately followed by a local High School Athletic Trainer who trained and certified eight ADA members.

October 7-9 - Joanie Bolton and Alfredo Hernandez Riding and In-Hand clinic at Cindy Dix Weathersbee's Silver Oaks Farm. ADA members receive a discount on riding.

November 19 – seminar with Sandy Venemann, PhD: "Why Does My Horse Do That?"

Yoga for Riders with Judy and Rick Urban, dressage trainers and certified Bikram Yoga Instructors. Bikram studio opened up for members to try this unique yoga experience followed by a talk on how yoga can benefit riding. Rescheduled to December 3, 2011 due to heat.

Still offer "Cash Back for Education" program where members get a \$50 reimbursement per year for attending a clinic or education program.

2012 – Looking at organizing a Freestyle clinic and Adult Camp.

**Awards:**

Annual awards banquet and silent auction held at Biga on the Banks. Members loved the slide show of all the photos from the year's events played in the background.

**Other:**

August 14th Picnic cancelled due to heat.

Annual membership meeting held in conjunction with a Halloween Party in 2010.

Gave prizes for best costumes.

**Brazos Association of Classical Horsemanship**

2011 Board of Directors

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BACH ended 2010 with our annual Christmas party and awards dinner hosted by Cynthia Werner. Awards were presented to winners of the College Station Schooling Show Series sponsored by both BACH and Topsider Farm, as well as the winner of the BACH Dressage awards. The champions received embroidered saddle pads and the reserve champions received engraved halters. Everyone seemed to enjoy and appreciate the prizes which will be continued this year.

We will co-host 5 schooling dressage shows this year with Topsider Farm. At the end of the year, participants that have attended at least three of the shows will be eligible for the year end awards.

Our latest excitement has been receiving the bid to host the USDF Adult Clinic Series with Lilo Fore next spring. The clinic will be held in March at Stormin G Ranch in College Station, Tx. The

clinic will be a two day event with catered lunch both days and ample opportunities for auditors to participate.

### **Central Texas Dressage Society**

2011 Board of Directors:

President: Tina Zehnder  
Vice President: Grace Harris  
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Mini-Show Manager: Jessica Wright  
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#### **Awards:**

CTDS started the year with our annual awards banquet in January held at Maggiano's restaurant in Austin. Recognized were all of our competing and supportive members. A successful silent auction was held in conjunction.

#### **Mini-Shows:**

We have scheduled 6 mini-shows (schooling) March, May, June, August, October and November. These have been an idea venue for schooling of both inexperienced horse/rider and an inexpensive way for our members to prepare for the rated show.

#### **Bluebonnet Classic rated show:**

In April CTDS hosted the Bluebonnet Classic I and II Dressage and Sporthorse show. It was the first time CTDS hosted both Sporthorse and Dressage. It was very well received. We already have April 14/15, 2012 reserved for next years Bluebonnet Classic I and II Dressage and Sporthorse show.

#### **General information:**

CTDS currently has 86 members.

CTDS sent several members to assist with the CDI this spring.

### **Fort Worth Dressage Club**

President - Barbara Harty  
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Historian - Peggy Seleske  
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Awards Chair and Region 9 Liaison - Leslee Covington

#### **Education**

FWDC had a speaker on gastric ulcers in horses at one of its monthly meetings.

Anthony Schmitz, head trainer at Southern Comfort Farm in Aubrey, presented a long lining clinic at Southern Comfort. Anthony demonstrated how long lining can benefit any horses training by using several horses at different levels of training. Afterwards auditors were treated to a pot luck lunch.

Horse Shows - FWDC held our Recognized shows at Los Colinas June 4 & 5. This was our first show in two years and we were very pleased how well received we were - almost full and exhibitors very complimentary on how well run and organized and friendly show was.

Schooling Show - FWDC held a schooling show in May that also did well.

Adult Camp - FWDC held an Adult Camp last year at Proud Meadows - which donated their facility to our club for 4 days. We had 10 riders and brought in Nancy Later as our clinician. We do this camp to reward our members who have volunteered through out the year and with help from Region 9 and Dressage Foundation strive to make it as affordable as possible - and have been successful with facilities donating to us to make that possible. We are planning an Adult Camp this Fall with Noble Champions donating their facility to FWDC.

Awards Banquet - FWDC held its annual Awards Banquet and Silent Auction in January and had a wonderful turn-out. Year end awards were handed out and also many special awards - Most Improved, Horse Husband of Year, In Memorium, Bravest Rider. Our Silent Auction was very successful with funds going into our Scholarship Program.

Scholarship Fund - FWDC has a scholarship fund for members who volunteer - monies awarded based on volunteer hours.

Video Library - FWDC has a large video library from which members can rent videos and we are always buying and updating our list.

Other Activities -FWDC has a newsletter that comes out two to three times a year. We keep our members updated with weekly group e-mails with what is going on in our club and also any clinics, schooling shows or other dressage activities in our area. We also have a monthly column in the SW Horsetrader with FWDC activities and pictures of our members at events

In July we will be having our annual pool party at one of our members house - we started this last year -pot luck and Club supplies the meat and everyone else brings a dish. We had such a great turn-out and everyone enjoyed themselves so much we have decided to make this an annual event - in place of our monthly meeting.

Scribing Clinic - one of our members hosts a scribing clinic yearly at her house, has copies of tests and On the Level Videos, has handouts on how to scribe, what makes a good scribe, and also cooks a gourmet meal.

Membership - 55 members which is a little bit above normal for us this early in membership year.

## **Houston Dressage Society Year In Review - December 2010 – August 2011**

### **◆ HDS 2010 – 2011 Administration**

President:	Kathy Jones
Vice President:	Leslie Rohrer
Secretary:	Charles Saltzer
Treasurer:	Margaret Dhont
Membership:	Karen Peacock
Recognized Show Chair:	Kathy Jones

Schooling Show Chair: Lynda Langston  
Historian: Sheila Hautamaki  
Education: Vacant  
Awards: Sandy Venneman  
Special Events: Amanda Bruce  
Vendors and Sponsors: Jaye Dunbar  
Juniors: Bernadette Payne  
Volunteers: Jane Holman  
Publications: Jeanette Snow

Elections for half of the board will be held in September. Offices in the election include Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Recognized Show Chair, Education, Volunteers and Publications.

The HDS Juniors are now under the leadership of Bernadette Payne. The Juniors are taking over the HDS store at the HDS shows and have initiated a used tack sale at the shows. Following are the current Junior Board Members:

President	Anna Campbell
Vice President	Julia Handt
Secretary	Courtney Bauer
Historian	River Johnson

#### ◆ Education

HDS sponsored a clinic with sports psychologist Jenny Susser at Paragon Farm in February. The clinic was a tremendous success and Paragon Farm is planning to bring her back later in the year to help the riders before championships.

HDS will be applying to USDF to host Part 2 of the L Program in 2012. Oklahoma Dressage Society is currently hosting Part I and has asked HDS to sponsor Part 2. The D1 and D2 sessions are proposed for the HDS Winter Show in January and the HDS Spring Classic in April, respectively. The final exam is proposed for the Summer Show in June.

#### ◆ Philanthropy

HDS will sponsor the Battle of the Barn Baskets at the 2011 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships. Proceeds from this event will be given to the Region 9 FEI Junior and Young Riders. The contributor of the Basket that sells for the most money will win a free tack stall to a non-championship HDS show in 2012. In 2012, the proceeds will also be given to the FEI Junior and Young Riders. In summer 2011, the HDS board donated \$1,000 to the Region 9 FEI Juniors and Young Riders.

At the 2010 Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships and the 2011 Region 9 CDI 1\* and HDS Spring Classic, HDS sponsored a silent auction that contributed half of the proceeds to the GMO's in the Region that assisted with volunteers at the show and contributed the other half to Region 9 for sponsoring the show. HDS will sponsor the silent auction again in 2011.

In 2011, HDS is providing free vendor space at all shows to groups sponsoring therapeutic riding programs as well as other non-profit organizations.

#### ◆ Horse Shows

HDS will have hosted five shows in 2011: the Winter Show in January, the Region 9 CDI 1\* / Spring Classic in April , the Summer Show in June, the Laborious Day Show in September and the Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic in November.

In 2012, HDS will again host five shows, including the Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic. The USEF Dressage Committee has once again approved the HDS application to host a CDI 1\* at its annual Spring Classic Show. Judges for the show will be Joan Macartney, Lilo Fore and Lois Yukins. HDS has also applied to host a CPEDI 3\* (para equestrian CDI) that will be a qualifier for the 2012 Olympic selection trials. HDS would also like to submit to upgrade the CDI to a 3\*.

HDS will again host Extreme FEI Freestyles at the Saturday dinner at the 2011 Championships. \$7,000 in prize money will be offered. In addition, HDS will provide \$3,000 in prize money for the National Level Freestyles.

HDS has applied to have its 2012 Winter Show, Spring Classic, Summer Show and Great American/USDF Region 9 and Southwest Dressage Championships as qualifiers for the NAJYRC and/or the developing dressage horse programs in 2012. In addition, the 2011 Championships are a NAJYRC qualifier.

In December 2010, HDS held the Second Annual Schooling Show Championships at Sienna Stables in Missouri City, Texas. Dinah Babcock and Sue Malone Casey were the judges. \$1,000 in prize money was offered. HDS will host the third annual schooling show championships in December again at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy.

#### ◆ **Recognitions**

In 2011, HDS held its annual awards banquet at the Sam Houston Race Park. Entertainment included live thoroughbred racing. Awards included chairs embossed with the winner's name for the Champions and embossed jacket bags for the Reserve Champions.

In 2011, junior Allison Cyprus was the recipient of the Charlotte Raisbeck Good Sportsmanship Award.

Cyndi Craig was awarded the Bushager Memorial Scholarship. The Bushager Memorial Scholarship was established in 1989 by the widow of Joe Richard Bushager, Lauralyn Bushager, in honor of late husband. Joe Bushager was one of the original founders of the Southwest Dressage Championships. He was dedicated to bringing dressage to the southwest region of the country. The Bushager Scholarship is given annually by HDS to an individual that has shown and continues to show a dedication in the pursuit of training and excellence in dressage.

In 2010, Margaret Dhont, HDS Treasurer, was nominated as HDS's GMO Volunteer of the Year.

#### ◆ **Membership**

At the close of 2010, HDS had 413 recorded members. HDS currently has 374 members in 2011.

## **OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY**

This has been a very full year for ODS. Our membership currently stands at 205, which is 8.5% more than last year's 189 members.

Organized by Education Chair Anne Kuhns, our New Test Symposium with Lilo Fore was well attended by approximately 50 people. Demonstration rider and auditors alike were able to view the new tests, plus given pointers on how to perform some of the more difficult movements at each level.

Our fourth Dressage Camp had 24 campers. Even with high temperatures, everyone had a great time with our USDF Certified Instructors: Sarah Martin, Gigi Nutter, and Cathy Zappa. We use the dormitory at Rogers State University and each group of campers had their own apartment. Claremore Expo Center was the site of the arena work, and with the Green Country Chapter recognized show two weeks later, it gives the campers a chance to familiarize their horses with the facility.

Anne has also provided us with the first three segments of the USDF "L" Program. Our first session had 22 participants from literally all over the nation: New Jersey to Florida to California, as well as five ODS members. Additionally, there were 22 auditors. Due to the extreme heat, the decision was made not to use live horses for the demonstration and instead Lois Yukins presented videos of the movements. Session B will be September 10-11 in Sperry, OK and Session C will be October 22-23 in Kellyville, OK.

We have sponsored our first USDF Instructor Workshop at Southerly Winds Farm in Harrah, OK, run by Blane and Denise Laigle. Two segments have been completed and the third was interrupted by 'weather', and will be finished in Sept. Plans are already under way for the Pre-Certification Testing.

We had two recognized shows this year. One organized by ODS in May at the Tulsa Expo, and the other organized by the Green Country Chapter of ODS in June. Our May show lost \$1,000, which was half the amount lost the year before, held at Lazy E in Guthrie. It is felt that the economy has reduced the numbers of people showing, since even our schooling shows are finding that they aren't filling the entire day. Hopefully, next year's show will prove to be a financial success. We are also exploring the possibility of returning to the Shawnee Expo center the following year, if suitable dates can be secured.

In the past, our shows have made enough money to fund our educational activities. With losses the past two years, we are going to have to be more creative with those activities. We also hope to find more sponsorships for the show. Budgeting carefully has become the watchword this year!

As usual, there is an abundance of schooling shows, with more than ten that are ODS approved. Again, weather reared it's ugly head, with some shows succumbing to rain and others to heat.

Our Membership Chair Beth Circle came up with a great idea for a low cost educational event. The idea is to use three local trainers to demonstrate a lesson they would like to teach, on any topic, to their own student. Then the three instructors will give a lesson to three pre-selected individuals who have brought their horses. All the lessons will be taught with the auditors in mind.

All instructors will be asked to donate their time and students for the event. Anyone interested in being part of the second teaching segment, will submit their names and three names will be drawn. We already have a site that will donate their arena and stabling. There would be a minimal charge for auditing to cover lunch. We hope to produce this during the fall or winter.

Sadly, ODS recently lost one of its founding members, Bee Pape. There has been a Memorial Fund set up in her name to benefit riders of USDF Region 9. Bee was a great asset to our GMO and to the Region, and she will be deeply missed.

Submitted by Sherry Guess, ODS President

### **2011 SEDA SUMMER REPORT**

Established in 1975, the **Southern Eventing and Dressage Association** is a non-profit, educational organization founded to foster an interest in, and understanding of, the equestrian sports of Dressage and Eventing.

Each Year SEDA hosts/recognizes the following events:

1. Serenity Farms and Amen Corner Farm each offer 2 recognized shows in the Folsom area. Last Dance Dressage is coming up Sept 17-18.
2. 7 Schooling Dressage Shows.
3. 2 Horse Trials are offered by SEDA. Fall Fleur De Leap in Sept 10-11 is coming up.
4. We offer a Juniors only schooling dressage show with clear round jumping and prix caprilli .
5. An Adults only dressage show which is coming up Oct 1-2. This show will feature a Ride a Test clinic with Linda Strine.
6. Several dressage clinics are offered throughout the year. This year we had the following clinicians: .Leif Sorensen, Rodrigo Matos, Heather Blitz and coming in Nov 12-14 is Charlie Hutton.
7. SEDA offers a Junior and Adult scholarship twice a year towards a clinic of the recipients choice.
8. We have begun planning for the 2012 USDF Convention in New Orleans. Any help would be appreciated.
9. Schleese Saddlery clinics
10. Year end awards Luncheon
11. Pilates night, with a certified pilates instructor

SEDA currently has 170 members. Our News letter Offcourse, received the GMO award for best newsletter layout and design.

### **Tri-State Dressage Society 2011 Annual Report**

Tri-State Dressage Society began the year with an extravagant awards banquet on January 22. We scheduled four schooling shows and clinics with a distinguished array of judges, three of which have been held successfully to date: March 19-20 with Evie Tumlin and Bess Reineman, May 7-9 with Bill Woods and Debbie Cinotto, and June 18-20 with Bobbie Paulk. We look forward to our championship show with Sally O'Connor and Diane Rochau, September 24, as well as to the clinic with Sally on September 25-26.

We were deeply saddened this summer by the loss of one of our board members, Jackie High, who passed away from pancreatic cancer. Jackie was an irrepressible and loyal volunteer whose infectious good cheer made any job easier. We will miss her.

George Newtown

President