

## Region 9 Report

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### ***2012 Spring Executive Board Meeting, April 27 – April 29 Lexington, KY***

The region and GMOs have a busy year planned...we are coming off a wonderful attendance for the 2011 Great American/USDF Region 9 & Southwest Dressage Championships and HDS Autumn Classic, held in Katy, Texas. Another record number of horses and riders turned out for the event. It was the best championship ever, as weather was great, facilities were recently updated, arena footing was improved, and management came together to hold a superb show.

We are hoping for the same success for the NTEC CDI 1\*; Katy CDI 3\*; Katy CPEDI 3\* and HDS Spring Classic Open Show, to be held April 27 – 29, 2012 in Katy, Texas. The Houston Dressage Society is again hosting this CDI, in conjunction with its Spring Classic Open Show. Kai Handt is the named sponsor for the CDI 1\*, and many others are stepping up to the plate to help with sponsorship. A lot of fun activities are planned for the competitors and spectators, including a \$10,000 Dressage Derby. The region is looking forward to a great show.

Houston Dressage Society is also gearing up for the 2012 Great American/ USDF Region 9 Championship at Katy, in Nov. 1 – 4, 2012.

A few seminars and symposiums that offer our members continuing education:

- In January, the Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic with Jeremy Steinberg, held at North Texas Equestrian Center, in Wylie, Texas. It was outstanding. Despite the cold weather, the riders and auditors enjoyed a very positive and educational presentation by Jeremy.
- Austin Dressage Unlimited recently held a continuing educational judges seminar with Hilda Gurney. This is the third judge's seminar held by ADU, and all have been a roaring success, with over 75 attendees.
- BACH just hosted the Farm Vet/USDF Region 9 Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore, held at Stormin' G Ranch in College Station, Texas. Riders and owners came away with only positive remarks.

We want to thank Gloria Beduhn and Bruce Lawrie for their dedication and work in publishing the 2012 Region 9 Omnibus.

Our new Region 9 FEI Jr/YR Representative, Ed Lavalley, has a lot planned for the year, so please check the Region 9 website for news. Several benefits are being planned for the Jr/YR's to help fund the cost of participating at the Jr/YR National Championship this summer in Lexington, Kentucky.

A new program available for Region 9 Youth is the Youth Schooling Show Challenge. This program offers an opportunity for youth to earn a certificate or a patch for competing in schooling shows! Thanks to Anne Kuhns for organizing the program. Read more about it on the Region 9 website.

The Region 9 website continues to improve, offering banners for advertisers,

a Region 9 Facebook page, and new pages (with photos) to help keep the regional members informed. Nicole, the webmaster, sends out the monthly regional e-news using Mail Chimp. And she is also the Region 9 Historian.

Region 9 has a new addition to the Regional website. This addition is a way for Instructors who continue to keep up with their education to get recognition, even if you are not certified. Also, this addition will be a way for clients to see which instructors might best be able to help them by the courses attended. Check out the Region 9 website for more information. Thanks Vera Muckleroy, Region 9 Instructor/Trainer Liaison, for thinking of, and implementing this new program.

The Bee Pape Scholarship Fund is in honor of Bee Pape, who was a foundation stone for dressage in Region 9, and a wonderful, kind, and generous lady, was always there to help. She gave countless hours to all of us, and to this sport we love. Bee's daughter, Susan Peacock, and her family asked that memorial donations be made to the "Bee Pape Scholarship Fund" for use in Region 9. Bee was a great supporter of grass roots dressage, and Susan asked that a fund be set up to help our grass root members. We are thrilled about this opportunity for our regional members. We truly appreciate the generosity of Susan and her family. And of your donations to a much needed scholarship. Information is on the Region 9 website.

The 2012 Omnibus 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition is now available for purchase and as a pdf on the Region 9 website. Thanks again to Sue Casey for her generous sponsorship of the new USEF and USDF Test pages.

PM Delegate nominees are signing up for upcoming elections. Six delegates will represent the participating members at the annual convention in San Diego in December. Later the GMOs will be sending in delegate proxies. Those delegates will represent their respective GMO members.

#### News of Note:

- New Region 9 Nominations Chair - Sherry Guess. Thanks Sherry for stepping up and volunteering!!! And thanks Kat Kyle for serving as the Region 9 Chair for the last four years. Kat is the new USDF National Nominations Chair - Congrats Kat!!!
- Thank You Houston Dressage Society for giving back to Region 9...\$1900 from Championship Show Sponsorships. And for many years of giving back through sponsorships, silent auction proceeds, and more!
- Congratulations to Carolyn Vandenberg, new USDF At-Large Director Carolyn Vandenberg, of Canyon Lake, Texas, who was elected as USDF's At-Large Director representing the Technical Council.
- Congratulations to Gifted Fund winner Cean Embrey...the Dressage Foundation announced the recipients of the Gifted Fund Scholarships for Adult Amateurs. ADU member, Cean Embrey, is this year's Region 9 winner!
- Congrats to Region 9 "L" Program Graduate Gerlinde Beckers, Louisiana. TD's Sally S. Chionsini and Sandra Marx retired as USEF Technical Delegates.\_
- The Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award, managed thru The Dressage Foundation, is in its fourth year, with the nomination period now open till July 1. This prestigious award is gaining momentum, and more instructors are stepping

up their skill level to be eligible.

Read about regional events (including the upcoming 2012 Region 9 Summer /August Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. hosted by ODS), news, and award recipients, on the Region 9 website: [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org)

Last but not least...the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention  
is headed to New Orleans  
*“Laissez le bon temps rouler” – Let the good times roll!*  
*Hope to see you there !!!!*

It takes a village of volunteers giving hundreds of hours to keep our region running smoothly. Thanks to all for their time and dedication.