

Central Plains Dressage Society Annual Recap

We continued our breakneck pace in 2025-26. We hosted 4 USDF recognized dressage competitions and 8 WDAA western dressage competitions. The western dressage shows were upgraded from lite shows to local shows to enable our participants to earn more points per ride with the WDAA. This has been appreciated by our competitors but has added to the expenses per show so the profit margin is about the same for both English and Western dressage – break even.

Our schooling shows, roughly 1 per month, are very popular. We have new riders at each show and are starting to see some migrating from English to Western and back. We encourage our riders to try something new even if they need to borrow equipment or attire. A few have made it a permanent change.

We have added a regular clinician, David MacMillan, to our calendar who has become quite popular. He works with both English and Western riders and has valuable insights for both. We plan to continue with regular clinics throughout the rest of this year. He seems to be a good fit for the majority of our members who want to advance their skills. At the present time, the clinic is open to all, but CPDS members receive priority if the clinic oversubscribes.

Like all the clubs in the region, we have several riders targeting the USDF Region 9 championships with hopes of going to nationals. And we have a strong group of riders who plan to compete in the WDAA World Show. The Morgan Grand National is in OKC each year and several of our local riders are earning qualifying dressage scores to compete there.

We continue to innovate our management system with paperless scoring and livestreamed events. The competitors love that and we had an internet outage at a recent show, and we were briefly plunged back into the “dark ages.” It’s the future of dressage and we want to be part of it.

Respectfully submitted,

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