

Southern Eventing and Dressage  
Association 2025

GMO report Region 9 Summer Meeting

July 2026 Southern Eventing and Dressage (SEDA) Board Members:

President: Natasha Fernandez  
Vice President: Gerlinde Beckers  
Treasurer: Lydia Chiasson  
Secretary: Marilyn Kulifay  
Juniors: Danielle Aymond  
Dressage: Judy Dauterive  
Eventing: Emily Embree  
Membership: Marie Cobb

We had an actual election for Vice President since two people ran for that position. Gerlinde Beckers was the winner with a large majority of the vote. This was the first election held in years.

Membership:

We are at 162 members as of June 2026. This includes family memberships. This is an increase of over 11 from last year.

Schooling shows:

December Fleur de Leap show: (schooling horse trials, CT and dressage) - Once again, this show had great turnout. We had our "sponsor an award" with over 13 special awards that were sponsored. This time around we had some fun award names like the road less traveled for the oldest lesson horse, perfect pinto, you have grand style award for lowest dressage score CT plus a most spectacular unplanned dismount. Our sponsors continue to be creative and funny. We include a fancy ribbon and a small prize with each sponsored award and the competitors love them. This show wasn't as well attended as usual since we had the equine virus scare so many of our competitors decided to stay home.

Spring Fleur de Leap (schooling horse trials, CT and dressage) - No special awards were offered but this doesn't effect turnout since it's always a favorite to attend. This show had a huge turnout so was very profitable.

Recognized shows:

Le Bon Temps I: This show is offered in mid-November. This to only a one ring show and only one show for the whole weekend. We had solid attendance for this show but quite a few competitors decided not to show due to the equine virus scare. We decided to do stricter

protocols because of this. All horses temperatures were checked before they hauled to the show grounds and we had all competitors check temps twice a day and the temps were recorded on stall cards. No health issues reported and we were able to break even on this show.

Fleur de Leap show: This is our single recognized eventing show. The course was completely updated to go through the woods so a bunch of dirt work was needed plus some ditch work. Because of this, we decided to do some fundraising. We received approximately 18k in donations from our wonderful sponsors. Because we raised so much we were able to replace most of the cross country jumps that had not been redone the previous year. The competitors loved the new course and we had record breaking turnout for this show. I think it was larger than usual since some competitions in our area have decided to shut down and we are the only Eventing show in Louisiana now.

Le Bon Temps II: We decided to also offer another one ring one show recognized dressage show in May that also offered a Sport horse breed show. We had wonderful attendance for this show and a few babies showed up for the breed show. We also had a couple of AA's do the Adult Amateur handlers class which was fun to see. We were actually able to make a bit of profit for this show which was exciting.

We are excited that in 2026 we will have a Juniors only show in June. This will be our first juniors only show in quite a few years plus we are doing a clinic for adults with the dressage judge for the Junior show. Very excited to report on that next year.

#### Clinics -

While we didn't sponsor any clinics this year, we did sponsor the Saturday gathering for the D4K clinic that was held at Kalie Beckers Dressage.

#### Other activities:

Yearly award banquet: We chose Covington Country Club this year to have our banquet. Our theme this year was "Solid Gold" since it was our big 50 year gold anniversary. We handed out great prizes and ribbons to the winners. The ribbons of course all had gold embellishments on them and the tables had gold decorations on them as well. Each member received a beautiful glass coffee mug with the SEDA logo in gold. Also, all 1st place winners received a gorgeous wooden grooming box with the SEDA logo on it. We also had a new "still kicking" award for highest dressage show over 60 years old. Plus, a new young rider volunteer of the year award. In addition, we had over 20 + raffle baskets that our members donated and quite a few prizes that were raffled as well. We always try to keep this banquet affordable to attend and this year we had a full banquet once again with over 160 tickets sold.

Newsletter: We send out a newsletter called the "Bleep" routinely to all our members and post this on our SEDA Facebook page and website.

Scholarships for AA/JR: We had three scholarship winners this year for our Senior/JR scholarship fund. The scholarships are \$200 for each winner and are given out twice a year. This upcoming year we increased it to \$350 in hopes of getting more applicants.