

MARK YOUR CALENDAR— DON'T FORGET!

**FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB
NEXT MEETING:**

August 22, 2005

**Szechuan Chinese Restaurant
4750 Bryant Irvin Road 817-346-6111**

**Board and General Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Always the 4th Monday of the Month
Always informative, good food and good fun!**

**FWDC
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Newsletter of the Fort Worth Dressage Club— July and August, 2005



Presidents Message by Barb Harty

Hope this finds everyone taking it easy and beating the heat!

Our most exciting news is our new trailer—to be delivered August 6th. We are buying it from Dallas Dressage Club—a 16 foot long and 6 foot high cargo trailer which our rings and our FWDC show “stuff” should fit in nicely. A big thank you to DDC for giving us a great deal and also for even delivering it to me in Weatherford. FWDC has been needing a trailer for a long time so we are very happy about finally finding one—and an even bigger thank you to the anonymous donor for paying for 1/2 of the trailer and the other anonymous donor for paying for a full years covered storage for the trailer. We plan to get our logo and Fort Worth Dressage Club in big letters on both sides of the trailer ASAP.

FWDC is planning a Fall Schooling Show October 9th at Willow Draw in Weatherford. We should have the entry form on our website soon with the judge to be announced. Please get the word out as this is another fund raiser for us and we will need a few volunteers. A big thank you to Chris Juhasz (taking the time as she is a new mom also!) for agreeing to do

our scheduling for us and Teresa Deeter for putting the schedule on our website. Be expecting some extra calls and email for volunteering (goes to the scholarship requirements) and plan to attend our schooling show!

Dyanna Lawson’s scribing clinic will probably be over by the time you receive this email. It is always a success and great time as well as a super home cooked meal for attendees.

We are planning a Purina Equine Feed Specialist to speak at our September meeting on “Feeding the Performance Horse” so plan to attend and learn about this important topic.

The Region 9 Summer Meeting as always had a great deal of information and always good to touch base with others in our Region. Biggest news is Houston Dressage Club is offering a percentage of money from their Silent Auction to each Club that sends volunteers. They are trying to make the Regional championships truly Regional. There are 3 of us going already—great way to get away and see some great rides and earn money for our Club. Houston will pick up hotel bill and some meals for every 6 hours of volunteering. Think Dyanna is going to make one of her fantastic baskets for the Silent Auction from FWDC. Let me know if you are interested in going with us. Don’t forget to let us know of any clinics you want advertised so we can get the word out...important for those who want to audit also. Last, we need two members or more to volunteer to run our Silent Auction—Diane and Cathy will give advice—for our Christmas Party on December 11th. Please consider it as it take all of us volunteering to get thing done for our club.



The Fort Worth Dressage Club is a Group Member Organization of the United States Dressage Federation, Inc. and this organizations’ members are automatically USDF Group Members.

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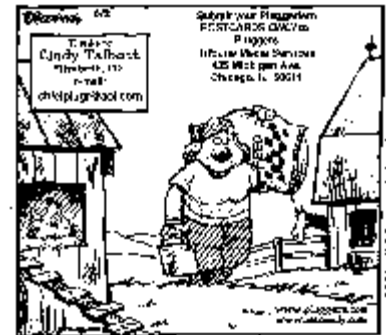
Amazing things happen to you when you clean....I was looking through a stack of papers that I routinely set aside for possible use in the newsletter (Teresa has seen my desk!) and while shuffling through the stack for this issue, a cartoon floated out and down to the floor. I used it once before some years ago...but I thought it might be new to someone in our group.

And how true this is! Anyone who takes care of a horse(s) knows that there is a certain amount of physical effort involved in the everyday routine of making sure that big animal has everything it needs to be happy and healthy. That doesn't even include the

riding, training and so on that goes along with ownership. Before I had horses I had no muscles. Truly! Now I have strong legs and a back that the chiropractor says is like shoe leather. Now, I don't know if that is a good thing or not, but I'm not a weakling anymore. Years of toting feed sacks, hay bales and feed buckets will make you stronger....in body and spirit.

I know several horse friends who tell me that cleaning stalls is mentally relaxing...a good way to de-stress from the rest of life. I do know that it will give you great shoulders, more strength in your arms and overall flexibility. Grooming horses will do a similar job on your upper body. To say nothing of what it will do for the relationship you share with your horse. You are creating a bond that both of you can feel. Most people look at "barn work" as something to be endured and gotten through in order to have the privilege of riding their horse. Next time, center yourself, take a few deep breaths, and then look for the peace and quiet that is found in a barn. Listen to the sounds....nothing is more peaceful than horses eating hay...just listen....

PLUGGERS



A pluggers' morning workout doesn't require spandex and aerobic shoes.

"Never forget that the basic principles of cutting are left-stop-right-stop. You've got a cow with no brains trying to get back to the herd, and all you have to do is stay even with her."

Chubby Turner, quoted in Training and Showing the Cutting Horse by Lynn Campion

Our People and Places— News For & About Our Members

It's Ours!



Barb is so proud of our new, well slightly used, trailer! With good reason...as it has taken us a couple of years to get the funds together for the purchase and to find one in good condition at a reasonable price. It will go soon to a trailer repair place in Weatherford to be gone over to make sure that nothing is needed to be completely road ready. Teresa Deeter is taking care of securing large magnetic signs for both sides of the trailer with the FWDC name and logo on it. We have storage secured at Wills Ranch for at least a year. The plan is to lock it with combination locks so that members can access the supplies for shows without having to hunt down a key. Thanks to Jennie Bohart from DDC for making it available when they decided they needed a larger trailer. Not only that, she delivered it to Barb's house in Weatherford. Well, Barb did take her to lunch at the Mesquite Pit...the best barbeque for miles around....and that was ample persuasion. Looks like this club is on a roll...now, what's next???? If you have a goal in mind for the club, share it with the board. It might just be the next project we take on.....



Private Video Clinic with FEI International Dressage Judge Natalie Lamping

This ran in the last issue but I thought it was worth repeating.....

Our member Cathy Alexander submitted this article for the newsletter recently. It sounds like an idea whose time has come. Thanks Cathy, for sharing with all of us.

“At the conclusion of the FWDC Spring Fling I & II, I had the pleasure of driving Kem Barbosa and Natalie Lamping to the airport. I enjoyed listening to the judges as they ‘decompressed’ after being confined to a judges booth during the competition!

One of the topics mentioned by Natalie Lamping (well renowned for her objective, fair and constructive judging) was a Video Clinic campaign that she is launching. This campaign provides an opportunity for riders of any level to submit a thirty-minute video for analysis and critique(without incurring the constantly rising costs of traveling to and riding in a traditional clinic).

Natalie suggests submitting a typical work session with your horse, a horse you are considering for purchase, or even competition footage. Include a brief explanation of your short and long-term goals. Here is an opportunity to get the help needed to fix a problem, select a dressage prospect or refine your show-skills!

The video will be reviewed several times by Natalie, and summarized in a written critique. A private clinic with FEI “I” Dressage Judge, Natalie Lamping for only \$100.00!

Natalie can be contacted by phone at (630) 213-5711 or fax at (630) 213-5719.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Alexander”

Meeting Dates for 2005
You have no excuses to miss the date
....keep this list!

August 22 September 26
October 24 November 28
No Meeting in December
Christmas Party in Place of December

New Scribes Are Ready to Practice!

Members Leslie Covington, Hollie Carron, Teresa Deeter and Wilma Talsma are the latest trained scribes for FWDC! They came to Dyanna Lawson's home on August 6th for an afternoon of learning in addition to enjoying a good meal...and dessert. After a hearty lunch, the group settled down to learning the etiquette of working with judges, what rules they need to be aware of and how to fill in a test as the judge dictates the comments and scores to them. Beginning with an introductory test, the four students quickly worked their way up to Fourth Level and were eager to get some "real" experience at a show....a schooling show, that is. I expect to see their faces at the judges table at our fall schooling show. They were wonderful students and a credit to our club!

More on the Zettl Clinic with Craig Cameron

Wow! More news on what is happening with this really unique clinic! Susannah Cord writes that Pat and Linda Parelli have requested the opportunity to ride in the Walter Zettl Dressage and Reining Clinic on September 24 & 25th at Stargate Sport Horses. This will bring together three significant aspects and their representatives of horsemanship...Dressage, Reining and the swiftly advancing Natural Horsemanship. Pat will be riding as a reiner and Linda will stick to her roots as a dressage rider.

Walter Zettl's videographer and book agent, Heidi Vorn, will be present with her crew to film the event. They are in the process of transferring Zettl's training videos to DVD...the new ones will include a section on reining and moments from this clinic will surely be included.

The Saturday evening dinner will benefit NARHA (North American Handicapped Riding Association). The caterer has graciously donated his time and full proceeds will go to the association.

It is announced that Smith Brothers (western riders outfitters) and their brother company, Dover Saddlery, have come onboard as sponsors. They will help to spread the word and goodies as well. Other prospective sponsors are in the talking stage and more are expected as the word about this fascinating and unique opportunity spreads.

Susannah hopes that the turnout will be large since we all have a common interest...the love of the horse.

Thanks to Susannah for keeping the club up to date on the progress of this special event. We wish them all the success in the world!

Could This Be Our Newest Member?



It might just be....this little charmer is Paul Joseph Juhasz, son of our own member, Chris. He is named for his father, Paul and grandfather Joseph but at home is known as P. J. Proud mom Christ says she could just go on and on about him but sent some of the vital statistics for us.

As you recall, he arrived on the scene well ahead of time....10 weeks early! on April 26. At that time he weighed a whopping 3 pounds and 3 ounces and was 14 3/4 inches long. He stayed in the NICU until June 15 and has been thriving since his early arrival. On August 3, he weighed in at 9 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Way to go, P. J.

Chris would like to thank everyone who offered to help with the horses and other chores during the hospital stay and early birth. She says that it's likely that he will be needing a pony soon.....

USDF Annual Convention and Symposium

The USDF will hold its National Convention & Symposium November 30 through December 4, 2005 in Los Angeles, California. The 2005 Convention will be held at the Hilton Burbank Airport & Convention Center which is located across the street from the Burbank Airport. A complementary shuttle service is provided to and from the Hilton and the Burbank Airport.

If you are considering attending, make reservations soon. A limited number of airlines serve the Burbank Airport and flying there as opposed to LAX may have a big difference in costs. The Los Angeles Equestrian Center is located about 10 minutes from the Hilton. It is much closer to the Burbank airport than to LAX.

Highlights of the Region 9 Summer Meeting

From Kathryn Kyle – regional director

First I'd like to thank Leigh Olejer for organizing the meeting and HDS, Bit Fingerhut and Sherry Guess for sponsoring the coffee breaks. Stacy Ellis organized and opened her home for the FEI youth fundraiser and BBQ that was held on Saturday evening. Thank you Stacy.

Bess Reineman gave an update on the nominating council and explained a number of points including:

1. Proxies are mailed to all GMO's in Sept... And must be returned to the USDF office in Oct. A membership list is due into the USDF office by Nov 1st... To determine the number of votes each GMO can carry. If your GMO has no one attending the convention, then please contact me, and I will help you find a delegate. The proxy must be assigned in WRITING... for someone to carry it. If your GMO delegate does not show for the convention...then you will be getting a call and will need to fax a letter to the convention, assigning the proxy...by Wednesday nite !!!! Proxy's can no longer be assigned at the last minute, or right before the BOG !!!! If no proxy is assigned then Region 9 loses votes !!!!
2. PM and GMO are expected to attend 100% of BOG. If you can not attend 100% of the time... please let me or Kat know ASAP. Your time serving as a delegate is much appreciated... all of Region 9 depends on your service, and thanks you. PM Delegates can apply for \$200.00 reimbursement from the region. And some GMO's are also reimbursing their delegates.

Evie Tumlin's Adult education report included a new program for adults – Learn by teaching. For more information on this program please contact Evie etumlin@cedarwindfarm.com

Mary Wetzel's youth report included a program she is working on developing for the youth - "Region 9 youth Challenge" for more information on this program please contact Mary chsmrdowfrm@aol.com

The omnibus was a major topic of discussion. The following was decided:

1. Advertising and show page fees would not be raised for 2006
2. A section for services (stables, farriers, etc) would be added. This will be like the instructor/trainer and breeder listing. The cost will be \$50.00 and Leigh Olejer offered to be the contact point for this new listing.
3. the cover for 2006 will be a light blue
4. The price to purchase a Omnibus will be increased to \$15.00
5. The omnibus would be available for quantity prepaid orders at a cost of \$6.00 per book and actual shipping. This would have to be a minimum order of 10 books and the orders would have to be placed prior to the omnibus going to the printers.
6. if a member moves (changes addresses) **prior to November 1st and does not notify USDF of the new address**, they will have to pay the normal cost of an omnibus \$15.00 to have one sent to the new address.
7. The show not the omnibus are responsible for mailing copies to the competition officials

The following council/committee chairs have asked to be replaced. Please remember that these positions are totally appointments by the regional director. If you have questions as to what they entail please contact the person who is currently in that position, noted in () after the positions. I would welcome suggestions of people who are or might be interested in the position.

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1. Instructor/Trainer Council (Marie Morgan MMorgan525@aol.com) – Evie Tumlin (etumlin@cedarwindfarm.com) has expressed an interest but that would require a person taking over the Adult Education Council position.
 2. GMO council – this is two positions one for large GMO's (Sue Casey dressagehorizons@aol.com) and the other for small GMO's (Tammy Glenn Tglenn@cableone.net)
 3. Regional Newsletter Editor (Arlene Gaitan arlenegaitan@ev1.net)
 4. Technical Delegate Council – (Sally Chionsini sallyschionsini@cebridge.net) – this must be a T.D.
 5. Horseperson of the year – (Tavia tm2@sbcglobal.net)

There was discussion about the USDF Capital Campaign and what each GMO is doing. HDS has pledged \$8,000.00 and is hosting an event at the Championships; most of the other GMOs are planning to send a check at some point.

Regarding the Capital Campaign Bess Reineman suggested that Region 9 purchase a bench which would carry the Region 9 name. The decision was that Bess would coordinate this and the region would match the funds raised by individuals. Watch for more information on this.

Austin was the location chosen for the 2006 Region 9 summer meeting with CTDS hosting. The dates are July 15 and 16, 2006.

HDS presented a profit sharing plan for GMOs that send volunteers to the Championships. This was already in their bid for 2006 but they will be starting it for 2005 as well. Please watch for information about this plan directly from HDS.

On Sunday morning Sally Chionsini organized and chaired a panel discussion on the USEF rules. This turned into a very informative exchange of information. Thank you Sally, Julie, and Sean for being on this panel.



Scenes from the Region 9 Summer Meeting

The Crowne Plaza Hotel was the location of the meeting for this year. It's a very nice hotel at the north end of the riverwalk. As usual the meeting was scheduled pretty tight so we didn't have much free time to explore the river. Much of the discussion this year was concerning the Omnibus. Kat reported that most regions do a similar project and it is a major fund raiser for the region. There is still discussion with the USET

that all show entries be separate from the Omnibus. We agreed that the process we have in place is the best way for us. A demo was planned by the young riders for Saturday night along with a BBQ dinner and silent auction in a nice setting. The daily rains nixed the rides but the dinner was great and the silent auction netted over two thousand dollars for the young riders. A lot of valuable networking and conversations about shows added a lot to the overall quality of the meeting.

FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB SCHOOLING SHOW
October 9, 2005
WILLOW DRAW FARM

Rider: _____ **Horse:** _____
Address: _____ **City:** _____
Phone: _____ **Jr./Sr./Open(Circle)** _____
Enclosed Fees: _____ **Circle Classes Entered:** _____

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| • Entry - \$15/class | \$ _____ | USDF Intro Test A | Second Level Test 1 |
| • Office Fee - \$5/Horse | \$ _____ | USDF Intro Test B | Second Level Test 2 |
| FOTAL | \$ _____ | Training Level Test 1 | Second Level Test 3 |
| | | Training Level Test 2 | |
| | | Training Level Test 3 | Second Level Test 4 |
| | | Training Level Test 4 | Enter Test of choice |
| | | First Level Test 1 | not listed: |
| | | First Level Test 2 | _____ |
| | | First Level Test 3 | _____ |
| | | First Level Test 4 | _____ |

Time: 0830 A.M.
Judge: TBA

Ribbons: 1st-6th place
No ribbons Open classes

Closing Date: October 3rd

Entry fee must accompany entry form. Fees will be refunded, minus office fee, if cancellation is received before closing date. Make checks payable to FWDC.

Mail entries to:
Barbara Harty
440 Valley Road
Weatherford, Tx. 76087

Ride times will be available Friday October 7th after 6 P.M. on our web-site www.fortworthdressage.com or call Barbara Harty 817-441-7820.

Please Note

- 1. Classes will be ridden in order listed above**
- 2. A negative Coggins is required for all horses within the last 12 months**
- 3. Entries are limited and will be accepted in the order in which they are received.**
- 4. Directions to Willow Draw Farm can be obtained at willowdrawfarm.com**

Responsibilities:

All entries are accepted with the understanding the Fort Worth Dressage Club (FWDC) and Willow Draw Farm will not be responsible for any loss, personal injury or damage to horses exhibited; or for any article or any kind of any nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. All horses are solely at the risk of the exhibitor who will be responsible for any loss, damage or injury to any loss, damage or injury to any person, animal or property occasioned by him or his agents or employees or by any animal owned or exhibited by him and shall indemnify FWDC and its members/representatives and Willow Draw Farm and its owners/employees/representatives against any and all loss, damages and liability thus occasioned including but not limited to any and all legal costs, including attorney fees which may be incurred as a result thereof. The submitting of an entry form to the show secretary constitutes an acceptance of the provisions herein set forth.

Riders Signature _____

Parents Signature (if under 18) _____

AQHA & USDF Work Together

On July 15, 2005 the USDF and the American Quarter Horse Association announced that they will extend the a joint initiative to support and encourage the use of the quarter horse in dressage.

To address growing demand for dressage recognition, AQHA announced a one-year trail program to evaluate the number and scores of AQHA horse competing in dressage at approved USDF or USEF shows. The period has been extended another year to fine tune the scoring system. No points will be awarded during this time period. The amount of participation during this trail period will determine the future of the program.

The AQHA strongly encourages dressage participants to turn in their test scores now. "We are excited to have the program in place and hope the level of participation grows to secure the recognition dress competitors and American Quarter Horses deserve," said Bill Brewer, AQHA Executive Vice President.

In order to make the process of providing scores to AQHA as easy as possible, owners of USDF registered horses can visit the USDF web site at www.usdf.org/scorecheck/scorecheck.asp and download

their scorecheck, which will include all rides for the current USDF competition year. This score check can be sent to AQHA in lieu of individual score sheets. In addition, USDF will be providing detailed data to AQHA's show committee to evaluate the number of American Quarter Horses participating at USDF/USEF competitions and the scores being attained at the various levels.

In the past, American Quarter Horses that have excelled in dressage have received limited recognition. AQHA's Best of America's Horse Program recognized the top performers competing outside AQHA approved shows. Competitor receive prizes but no points. AQHA also has participate in USDF's All-Breed Award Program for many years. This is the first time since 1994 that the issue of formalizing dressage recognition within AQHA has begun to move in a positive direction.

"As a sport enjoyed by riders of all ages and horses of all breeds, we encourage all American Quarter Horse owners to learn more about dressage and USDF," said Cindy Vimont, USDF Senior Director of Member Services.

Contact USDF or AQHA for more details.

Nominations for 2005 USDF Region 9 Horse Person of the Year Are Now Being Accepted

Nominations must be received on or before Thursday, September 22, 2005.

Nomination guidelines and selection process info are available at the Region 9 website or you may contact Tevia McLaren directly.

No nomination will be made public except for that of the final award recipient.

Please direct all nominations – including your USDF number and supporting reasons for the nomination -- to:

Tevia McLaren, HPY Committee Chair
3618 Overbrook
Houston, TX 77027
email: tm2@sbcglobal.net

Yes, it does says 2003 but it's really for 2005!

2003 USDF Region 9 Horse Person of the Year Guidelines

Selection criteria for the USDF Region 9 Horse Person of the Year Criteria need to be broad and flexible. For one thing, we will be considering persons whose contributions are quite different and cannot be measured well against each other. They are not nearly so easy to compare or measure as home runs, touchdowns high jumps, etc.

The committee will consider persons who have influenced the development, growth, quality and popularity of dressage in a meaningful positive measure. The honor should be awarded to the horseman or woman whose has demonstrated superior sportsmanship, dedication, and the pursuit of excellence in the Region 9 dressage community for the current year.

The selection guidelines that may be used are as follows.

The person:

1. Contributed significant service,
2. Has made significant contribution,
3. Promoted dressage in some manner,
4. Promoted the Region by volunteering their time, expertise, or resources, and/or
5. Made a unique or creative contribution.

Persons to be considered and evaluated should fit into at least two of the following categories in which they have demonstrated creativity, originality, vision and sustained effort:

- Teaching riders and/or instructors
- Assuming positions of leadership in major dressage organizations
- Volunteering
- Judging
- Writing of books, articles or periodicals
- Acting as Technical Delegates and educating TDs
- Speaking at seminars, symposia, major meetings
- Competing at high International and National levels
- Assisting and inspiring youth and acting as role models
- Training and coaching

Priority will be given to persons who are nearing the end of their careers and those who are no longer active. Although deceased persons who should be remembered may also be considered, thought must be given to whether that person will be recognized with a memorial as well.

Nominations: Members of Region 9 make nominations via mail, Fax or email. Only one nomination per member is allowed. Multiple nominations for the same person will not influence the final selection.

Deadline for Nominations: 45 days before presentation date.

Fort Worth Dressage Club 2005 Scholarship Application Form

As stated in Article II of the by-laws of the Fort Worth Dressage Club, the purpose of the Club is to promote dressage in Fort Worth and the surrounding area. In furthering this goal, the club shall offer clinics, seminars, educational programs, competitions and other educational programs and training opportunities. To this end, the Club has established a scholarship program to assist members who wish to further their riding careers through educational opportunities which may become available.

This program is funded by the auction proceeds of the annual club Christmas Party. Scholarship applications will be printed in the newsletter in the December and January issues. All members wishing to apply for scholarships should have their applications in to the committee no later than February 1, 2002. The supervising committee will meet in February 2002 to determine how many awards (one scholarship per family, per year) may be made and to make recommendations as to the recipients of those awards. To be eligible for an award, the applicant must be a member in good standing of the Fort Worth Dressage Club and agree to fulfill a service commitment to the club during the coming year.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number & email address: _____

Age (if under 18) _____

Please attach your responses to the following questions. You may respond at whatever length you feel appropriate.

1. Please describe your dressage career. How long have you been riding? Do you compete?
Do you receive instruction, from whom and how often? Do you participate in Pony Club or 4-H Club? Do you instruct others?
2. How have you participated in FWDC activities?
3. How will you use the awarded funds?
4. Why do you feel that your intended use meets the stated objective of the FWDC for engaging in educational activities to foster amateur equestrian sports with a particular emphasis on dressage?
5. How would you like to fulfill your service commitment? Possible service could include writing an article for the newsletter about your project, volunteering at club shows or clinics, assisting with fund raisers, serving as a club officer or working committee member, etc.

**Thank you very much for your application, we wish you success and safety in pursuit
of your equestrian goals !**

Proposed Guidelines for FWDC Scholarship Program

1. Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account and can only be withdrawn by majority vote of the governing board. The Scholarship Committee, composed of three members of FWDC will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the board for their vote. The governing board will select members to sit on this committee for a period one year and that committee will meet as determined necessary.

2. The scholarship fund is for the purpose of:

Providing financial assistance to FWDC members to further their dressage education through participation in instructional lessons, clinics with professional clinicians or other educational events.

Participation in shows, recognized and schooling, which serves to demonstrate the advancement of understanding of dressage.

Representing the FWDC at region and national meetings to help maintain a constant communication link between the club and the governing bodies of the USDF.

Other uses deemed appropriate by the scholarship committee and the board of officers of the FWDC.

3. It is intended that funds be allowed to build up in this account. The committee may not allocate more than \$500.00 to any individual and that the amount of money in the fund never drop below \$100.00. Nor would it be allowed to award funds which would cause the balance to fall below \$100.00.

4. A person may only receive funds for the Scholarship Fund once every two years.

An equal number of young/junior riders and adults will be awarded monies each year as determined by application.

Only one person per family will be awarded monies per year.

5. Requirements for eligibility to apply for monies from the scholarship fund:

Must be a current member in good standing with the FWDC of one or more years and must have attended at least 4 meetings during the year applied.

Must have documented a minimum of 15 hours of volunteer service to the club. Serving as a board member, committee chair or on show committee qualify as service.

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6. At time of application, must show an estimated budget for proposed use of funds and that the person is willing to give back to the club some form of use of the knowledge gained through the award such as, but not limited to, speaking to club about how monies were used, writing article for newsletter, giving a demonstration of what was learned.
 7. The scholarship monies are **not** to be used for the purpose of putting on a show or subsidizing any show or competition, including those put on by FWDC. Nor are they to be used to subsidize any clinic, seminar, etc. which benefits financially the organizer, with the exception of FWDC, of the event.
 8. The Scholarship Chair has these responsibilities:

They are an active member in good standing of the FWDC

They maintain the records of the scholarship fund. These are the records of any allocations of funds to an individual or incoming funds to this account. Serves as the co-signer of the account with the President provided that the two are not related in any manner.

Receives and investigates and verifies any requests for funds, then passes the same on to the board for voting.

May suggest the use of funds for educational programs.

May suggest and develop ideas that will provide income to this fund.

Must supply financial records to the club treasurer for incorporation in annual federal tax forms.

Meet Bob Cooper

Most of us know who Bob Cooper is....he's that fellow with the handsome mustache who is the TD at our recognized shows quite often. Well, he's much more than a well schooled TD....he also is a longtime tack repair specialist and saddle fitter. He is also the area representative for County Saddlery, a company that makes very

nice and comfortable dressage saddles. Bob very generously gave his time to present a saddle fitting clinic for our club recently. Those of us who attended came away with new appreciation for the art of making a saddle fit a horse's back correctly. There are so many tiny little adjustments that can make big differences in how it feels to the horse and those in turn can effect the performance of that horse hugely.

Bob is very generous with information...did you know for instance, that you can show a horse in a recognized show without any saddle pad at all? You can. It's not uncommon in Europe for horses to ridden without pads even though it's thought required in this country.

If you have a saddle with a problem, give Bob a call... he can make it right for you or tell you what you need.

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**Minutes of FWDC Meeting
June 27, 2005
Szechuan Restaurant**



Barbara Harty, President, presiding
Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

1. Treasurers' Report: Paula Sutton reported that we have a balance of \$10,163.30 of which \$2,695.00 is the scholarship fund.
2. Membership Report: Teresa reported that we have 54 members, no change from last meeting.
3. Quadrille Report: July practice is to be at Willow Draw. This enthusiastic group, with a core of 6 rider/horse combinations, were proud to announce that they even cantered this last practice. How about that!
4. Trail Ride: Was rained out AGAIN! Anyone needing rain should call to see when these events are planned. It will be too hot for a July ride, so none is planned. Christy Tull sent word that her place would be great for one in the fall.
5. Ride-A-Test: Tentatively planned for October. There is a possibility that we will need an L judge. Several names from the DDC were mentioned.
6. Scribing Clinic: Last Call...if no interest is shown it will be canceled.
7. Region 9 Summer Meeting: In San Antonio, July 15-19. Dyanna and Barb will be going. Contact Barb if you are interested as there is room for two more.
8. Recognized Show: Barbara reported that Ann Gribbons is not available for our show. An "I" judge is needed. Other names discussed were: Janet Brown and Lelo Fore. Carol Sewell asked that we try to get a judge who can work past 3 o'clock. Past judges wanted to leave at that time on Sundays. This makes for a challenging scheduling.
9. Old Business: Barb reported that the DDC trailer is available for sale. Jenny Bohart is to let us know the price. Someone is needed to go inspect it. It seems to be the size that we need, to keep and our show equipment. Brochures need to be updated and advertising is needed, as well. The USDF building has begun construction. We voted at the previous meeting, not to send money for this. This means that we will not have our club's name on one of their bricks. Carol Sewell reported that the Braiding and Driving Clinic cannot be held as she will be out of town.
10. Christmas Party: Cathy Alexander and Diane Richey have again volunteered to plan the party. They did an excellent job of it last year. The venue will be the same as we need that large room to hold the silent auction, as well as the dining tables. Los Vaquerros on the North side is the name of the restaurant.
11. New Business: Speakers for August and September are needed. The Purina man would like to again, Dr. Putnam also. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, please share it with Barb. Chris Juhasz' baby is not home as yet, but off the ventilator. Carrie Ferrer owes us a free clinic for our sponsoring her, perhaps to be held in September. Scholarship forms for August are available. Diane Richey is the contact. Informal discussion followed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
Eleven members in attendance

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Meeker

**Minutes of FWDC Meeting
July 36, 2005
Szechuan Restaurant**



Barbara Harty, President presiding
Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Treasurers Report: Paul Sutton reported that we have a balance of \$10,163.30 of which \$2,695 is in the Scholarship Account.
2. Membership: Teresa Deeter, membership chairman reported that we have a total of 57 paid members.
3. Quadrille: Barb Harty reported that they generally have 4-6 riders for the practices and that they are having a lot of fun and doing great.
4. Recognized Show for 2006: Both judges have been secured for the show.
5. Fall Schooling Show: October 2, 9 or 30 to be chosen. Venue will be at Willow Draw, on a Sunday. Chirs Juhaz will do the schedule. It was decided to have the show on October 9th, with a closing date of October 1st. The schedule will be available on the Friday before by calling Chris or can be found on our web site. Janet Book's Willow Draw stable has 15 day stalls at \$20 each. Barbara Lewis is to be contacted to be the judge. Volunteers will be needed and should contact Barbara Harty soon.
6. Old Business: Barb announced that we now have a trailer to store our rings, etc. The trailer will be looked over to see if anything needs to be done. It will then be stored at Wills Ranch for \$20 a month. In anyone has anything to be stored in the trailer, let Barbara know. The cost of the trailer was \$2500 with half of that paid by an anonymous person. That left \$1250 to be paid by the club. Many thanks to that anonymous person. The trailer will be delivered August 5, 2005. Summer camp for adults will be a priority next year. August 15th is the deadline for scholarship applications. These may be made online to Diane Richey. August 31st is the deadline for USDF application for newsletter (individual issues) awards as well as awards for volunteer's.
7. New Business: Scribing Clinic is to be August 6 by and at Dyanna Lawson's home. No cost to attend, but must let her know you are going. Carrie Ferrer's clinic will be a Sunday in September. It will cost \$30, with \$20 for the club and \$10 for the use of the stable. There can be 6 or so rides, depending on how many people want to ride. It will be started at 7:30 in the morning and a long break during the heat of the afternoon. Barb reported that Scott Campbell of Purina will be the speaker in August. He will discuss nutrition.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Informal Session: BarbaraHarty, Dyanna Lawson and Carol Sewell, about the Region 9 meeting, which was held in San Antonio.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Meeker, Secretary

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What About The Dog in Emergencies?

Seems like all horse owners are also dog owners. I recently got this from Purina's online column called DogAge. They recommend to have a plan in place... just in case. Of course, this could apply to cats, birds or other pets.

Store bottled water, a leash, and at least a week's supply of dog food and any necessary medicines in a dog transport crate. Keep them in the area of the house you plan to retreat to during emergencies, such as severe storms, tornadoes, and earthquakes. Practice collecting your pets to the area quickly, using treats to soothe them.

When I read that I thought, "What about the HORSE(S)" Wouldn't the same apply to them? Can you get to your trailer quickly...? Can you store a weeks food for them in it or close at hand? Can they be sheltered in a safe way in your barn if you can't move them to safety? Can you store a barrel of water for them? Lots to think about here. Most of us don't have a plan....well, we kind of know what we would have to do but maybe it isn't really well thought out and committed to paper.

It is always recommended that you have a list of con-

tacts for your animals posted...just in case you can't take care of them. And if the worst should happen, who you would appoint to take over for you in caring for your animals. Sometimes in emergencies the animals are left to fend for themselves. That is generally when bad things happen to them that you as the owner and caregiver would never allow if you were in charge. Don't just leave their fates to the neighbors. They might not have any idea what needs to be done. And, if you haven't updated your will in a long time, add directions for the animals when you do. It will give you a lot of mental peace to know that you've made the arrangements for the animals you love.

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USDF Announces First High School Letter Recipient Through USDF High School Dressage Club Program

USDF is pleased to announce that Kenny Piguée, 15, a sophomore at Whittier Christian School in Brea, California, has been recognized as the first student to receive an athletic letter from his high school through the USDF High School Dressage Club Program. ~

The USDF High School Dressage Club Program allows students to receive recognition for their athletic endeavors in dressage similar to the traditional high school sports such as football and basketball. Students may either form a dressage club within their school or may obtain permission from their high school to earn recognition as an individual. Because Kenny is the only student in his school that competes in dressage, his school established certain criteria he needed to meet as an individual in order to earn his athletic achievement letter.

The program is designed so that parents, trainers, and students work with their individual school to establish goals and criteria that should be met in order for a high school letter to be granted. The United States Dressage Federation announced this program in 2005 to provide a structure for parents and groups seeking recognition for their high-school students' achievements in the sport of dressage. With this new program, riders may also earn high-school athletic achievement awards through involvement and activities sponsored by their supporting GMO. In addition, dressage lettering pins are ~~will be~~ available through USDF for those students who qualify through their school for their athletic achievement.

USDF is dedicated to providing opportunities for students to achieve recognition for their athletic and academic achievements. This program is just one example of the many opportunities for youth members available through USDF. For more information on this program, contact Sheila Forbes, USDF Director of Programs, at 859-271-7879 or sforbes@usdf.org.

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of the sport of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit www.usdf.org, e-mail usdressage@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.

Watch for Ticks—Don't Get Ehrlichiosis

Ehrlichiosis is an infectious disease that can be passed to humans by ticks. It causes fever, chills, headache (often severe), general ill feeling (malaise), nausea and vomiting, and a purple or red rash. Symptoms usually start from 1 to 21 days, average of 7 days, after the tick bite. Ehrlichiosis is usually treated with prescription medication. The disease most frequently occurs in the southern and south-central United States, especially in Georgia, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma.

We all know that ticks are bad critters but this is one of the diseases they spread that we most often associate with dogs and not humans. Well, guess what. We can get it too. I got an email detailing the experience

of a man in another state with this. He went from thinking he was getting the flu to very ill in several hours. Despite two trips to the emergency room, it was not diagnosed correctly. At one point it was thought to be Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, also a tick borne disease. It wasn't until a spinal tap, a CT scan and blood being sent to the CDC that it was found that he was suffering from ehrlichiosis.

More blood work and more antibiotics after a week of absolute suffering and the symptoms began to ease. He is now out of the hospital but continues under a doctor's care for the immediate future.

Be aware that ticks can make you very ill. Lyme disease is in this area also.



The Clinic Corner

Please send me information as you have in the past on the who, when and where and I will make sure it is included. Here is what I have to date.

Meg Fleming Clinics—Melissa Weiner announces that the upcoming clinics with Meg will be held at the Willow Draw facility on North Bend Trail, Weatherford. Contact her at 817-346-8224 home or 817-929-8224 cell

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Nancy Hinz Clinic—September 10 & 11. Call for location. Private and semi private available
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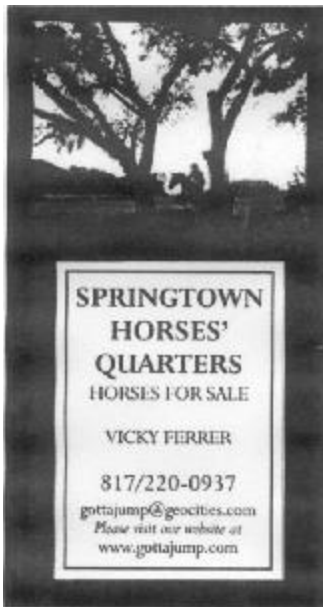
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