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FORT WORTH DRESSAGE CLUB

NEXT MEETING:

February 27, 2006

Szechuan Chinese Restaurant

4750 Bryant Irvin Road 817-346-6111

Board and General Meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m

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Newsletter of the Fort Worth Dressage Club— January and February , 2006



President's Message By Barb Harty

We are busy preparing for our Recognized Spring Show—dates are April 8 & 9, 2006. Our judges are Lois Yukins and Marlene Schneider. Both are “S” judges and are highly regarded in the dressage world. Our technical delegate is Bob Cooper, show manager Ed Lavallee and show secretary Susan Peacock. A recognized show takes a lot of work and effort on the part of our Club. But, the benefits are worth it. Besides being a fund raiser, the show keeps our name out in the dressage community and gives us a chance to let people know who we are and what we are capable of doing. Our annual show is known as a very relaxed, friendly show with lots of “extras” for the exhibitors. It is also a great way to see some fantastic rides and visit with other members. A big thank you to those member who have volunteered and if you have any time at all that weekend, please let me know. We also need set-up help for Friday afternoon before the show.

FWDC is also developing a Junior/Young Rider (Jr/YR) program. Kendra Menzies has volunteered to be chairperson for this program. To start, we need a list of Jr/YR in the Club so please let me know if you are one! Kendra would like to organize and provide clinics for the Jr/YR for all levels of riding. And she is even looking at weekend camps focused on dressage and developing relationships between the members. Kendra would also

assist each member with the development of a free-style at their level. These are just a few of the ideas to get the program going. So, if you know a young person who might fit the group, get them to join the club and get involved!

FWDC is now an affiliate member of Southwest Horse Trader. Everyone should have received their February issue with our first article in it.. Check it out on page 37. We will have an article in each issue with information about our Club and what is going on. A BIG thank you to SW Horse Trader!

FWDC is also planning our very first Adult Dressage Camp. What we are looking at is a 3 day camp. Grants have been applied for from The Dressage Foundation and USDF Region 9. The camp would consist of group lessons in the morning, afternoon private lessons, lectures on theory based on the training pyramid, a “How to Lounge Safely” session and guest lecturers. Possibilities are an equine dentist, a feed specialist and a saddle fitting session. Sunday afternoon will be a mock show with riders doing the test of their choice. We are taking 8 riders. We are already full with a waiting list. Our instructor will be Meg Flemming and facility will be Willow Draw. Participants will be expected to stay all 3 days and leave their horse at the facility. Auditors will be needed and welcomed. The Dressage Foundation requests that auditors be charged to offset the grant so we are determining a reasonable fee. This is still in planning stages and will depend on if we get the grants. So, everyone keep your fingers crossed!! This would be a great activity for all of the Club and quite a learning experience. Dates are June 16, 17 and 18.

Again, please let me know if you can volunteer for the show. It is all coming together but it can't be done without volunteers!



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Sites and Sounds



It's a Quilt!

And it is finally with its new owner, Kendra Menzies, who bid for it at the Christmas Party. The long arm quilter who did the quilting got seriously bogged down before Christmas and didn't get it back to me until the holidays were over. At any rate, the quilt, matching pillow shams and pillow cases are now residing at Caballo Ranch in Grandview. Thank you Kendra for supporting our annual fundraiser.

Now, all of you know how I love to quilt and that I do look forward to the challenge of coming up with a new design each year with the horse fabric that is available. But, this year I'd like some help with color selections...let me know what you would like to see color-wise from the next project and I'll see if I can't work out something that will go perfectly in your home.

I hope that you have been able to get some productive work done with all this dreary weather. It's not very good for horse work but it is ideal for quilters to sit and stitch....especially if the Olympics are on and you have nothing else to do. A pot of soup simmering on the stove and even a nap would make that time complete for me. I hope that you all have been able to make good use of the recent fowl weather...we'll probably be wishing for it back along about August when we are sweltering in the heat.

*"Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps;
for he is the only animal that is struck with the
difference between what things are and what they
ought to be."*

William Hazlitt

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News of Our Members and Friends....

Sporhorse Breeding Shows Set

Russell Oden has set the dates for an open breed show which is a qualifier for the Southern Series Championships. The date is June 3rd and 4th, 2006.

Judes for the show are Dietrich Felgendreher "R" and Merijane Malouin "r". The show will be held at Proud Meadows. Contact Jan Colley for more information at 512-845-2545 or JTColley@aol.com

A Job For Everyone!

It will be here before we know it...that show in Glen Rose that we put on each year. Shows can't be put on without the work of our volunteers. Fortunately, the only job that requires prior experience is scribing. That is taught at our summer scribing clinic but that is also in August. Not time to learn before this year's show. Not to worry...the other jobs are easy to do and require no prior experience. Here is a list and the duties of each. Read them over and see if there isn't one that you would like to try or even parts of more than one that you feel you can make a special contribution to.

Scorer: This job requires being able to use a calculator to score the tests as they are received in the office. We will need several people as we need 2 people to score per ring and a person to post the scores in the barn area.

Gatekeepers: These people open and close the arena entrance as the horses enter and depart. They also do bit checks and we have a picture sheet of the allowed bits.

Paddock Masters: These folks keep everyone going from the warm-up ring to their ring to ride at the scheduled times. They will have walkie talkies to communicate with the gatekeepers.

Runners: This person takes the completed tests to the scoring area to be completed and scores awarded.

The job can be done by anyone, including youngsters, but it does require a bit of walking since it is a large facility.

Set Up and Take Down Crew: On Friday before the show the rings have to be set up and judges stand assembled. The hospitality table in the barn is set up and goodies for early arrivals set out. Signs need to be hung all around the facility. We need someone who can help direct people to their stalls and get the settled. Also we will have people arriving that will need directions to the show office and so on.

Hospitality: The judges will have to be picked up at the airport on Friday afternoon. Fortunately they are arriving close to the same time. Also, they will need to be taken to the airport on Sunday afternoon. There are always snack baskets for the judges stands and helpful baskets in the rest rooms. It's always good to make our competitors feel welcome and appreciated....because, they are! Without them, there wouldn't be a show.

One thing we want to add this year is a volunteers area near the office with cold drinks, chairs for resting tired feet and sign-in opportunities. You'll hear more about that part later. Contact Barbara Harty to sign up for a volunteer slot. now! You can reach her at 817-441-7920 or bharty@sbcglobal.net. With slots in 4-hour shifts

Ads For Show Program

Please contact any business you now that might be interested in advertising in our show program. Rates as: Inside/outside cover, \$125, 1/2 page \$50 and business card \$25. Camera ready ads need to go to Teresa Deeter.

Additionally, if you are interested in sponsoring a class, that will be \$25 per class. You can sponsor a class in honor of your favorite horse, horse person or just because that is your favorite test to ride.



Meeting Dates for 2006

You have no excuses to miss the date
....keep this list!

February 27.....March 27.....April 24....
May 22.....June 26.....July 24....August 28...
September 25....October 23....November 27

No Meeting in December
Christmas Party in Place of December

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**Minutes of FWDC Meeting
January 23, 2005
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No Minutes from December...Annual Christmas Party replaces monthly meeting.

Meeting was called to order by President Barb Harty at 6:35p.m.
13 members present

1. Treasurer's report was given by Paula Sutton, Treasurer
 2. Membership Report by Teresa Deeter. There have been 45 new or renewing members since the beginning of 2006. The copies of the new pamphlet made by Chris Juhasz were handed out to all present and Barbara asked everyone to pass them out at their barns, tack shops, etc.
 3. Planning for the 2006 Recognized Show.....
 - a) Will be held April 8th and 9th in Glen Rose. Volunteers are needed on Friday, as well as Saturday and Sunday. Will schedule in 4-hour blocks and will work around anyone who is riding.
 - b) Dr. Crabtree has agreed to be the vet and the farriers and EMT's are lined up, as are both judges, the TD, show manager and show secretary.
 - c) The Lodge is full, but the new hotel just down the road is offering a good deal on rooms.
 - d) No Pro-Am Show this year, so the condition of the ground is a concern, but it will be addressed with the arena manager.
 - e) Saddle pads, for awards, have been ordered and will have our logo on them.
 4. Old Business:
 - a) Louisa Zai is giving the Club space to advertise by doing a write-up of our events in the "Southwest Horse Trader" magazine, in part to encourage other clubs to do the same. It will help get information out about our club and hopefully increase membership. The first 50 members will receive free copies.
 - b) Video Library...Diane Richey has taken over for Cathy Alexander and intends to bring them to each meeting, \$5.00 rental fee charged per month per video. Also discussed using some of the club funds to purchase new DVD's for the library.
 5. New Business:
 - a) Adult Camp...will be last weekend in June (Friday, 23rd, Saturday 24th and half day Sunday the 25th) at Willow Draw in Weatherford. Barb has already spoken with Meg Flemming. Will have about 8 riders with group lessons in the morning and shorter private sessions in the afternoons. Also, Meg will give some lectures on theory and other speakers are being sought, i.e. equine dentist, farrier, yoga for riders. Barb will apply for funding from USDF and the Dressage Foundation and should be able to get enough financial aid to cover costs. Registration fees have not yet been set. More information will be forthcoming from Barb by email.
 - b) 2006 Activities...Plans are to have some trail rides later in the year; Dyanna Lawson will host a scribing clinic in August, recognized show in April, fall schooling show; saddle fitting clinic was proposed as it was successful last year' Kendra Menzies offered to host some events at her Caballo Ranch in Grandview.
 - c) Kendra also mentioned a clinic taking place at Caballo Ranch on February 4th and 5th with Linda Zang, only US "O" judge. Anyone who would like to audit is welcome.
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Fort Worth Dressage Club Junior/Young Rider Questionnaire

The FWDC is developing its junior and young rider program. We need information on all the JR/YR's in the Fort Worth area. This information will be used to prepare a list of members as well as determine the needs of our JR/Yrs. We are also actively recruiting JR/YR to the FWDC to increase the involvement of young riders in dressage. If you know of any young rider (any age or any level of riding) interested in dressage, please forward a copy of this questionnaire to them. Our goal is to provide our young riders in our area with plenty of opportunities to learn, meet others and enjoy the sport of dressage.

If you are a junior or young rider or a parent with a young rider, please complete the following information:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

FWDC member: Y or N

Contact Information: Phone# _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

How long have you been riding horses? _____

How would you describe your level of riding? Beginner ____ Intermediate ____ Advanced ____

How long have you been riding dressage? _____

Have you competed in a dressage show? _____

If yes, what is your highest level you have competed? _____

Do you own your own horse? _____

If yes, please provide the following information about your horse”

Horse;s name: _____

Age: _____ Highest level trained to _____ Breed _____

Mare or gelding? _____

Do you currently own the book “The Principles of Riding”.... Y or N

German National Equestrian Federation Handbook

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JR/YR Questionnaire Continued.....

Which of the following would you be interested in attending? You may circle as many as you want:

Clinics

Camps

Participating in "Fun" shows

Developing Freestyles

Fundraisers

Monthly meetings with educational topics

Trailrides

Please add any other ideas, interests, needs in the following section:

Please complete and return to:

Kendra Menzies
634 Low Water Road
Grandview, TX 76050

If you have any questions, you may contact: Kendra Menzies
817-866-3968
Kendra@hpnc.com

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d) Young Riders Program...discussion about FWDC sponsoring a JR/YR program to focus on lower-level riders who have thus far not had much opportunity to become involved. Kenda Menzies offered to volunteer time for training and suggested the club could provide financial help and volunteer time for teaching, help at camps, etc. Also purchase and distribute copies of "Principles of Riding" to each rider. Suggested contacting the USDF Region 9 JR/YR coordinator for assistance and to put the information on the Region 9 website. Also looking for donated FEI-level horses to give some fo the young riders the ability to learn on a schoolmaster.

6. Since there were several new members in attendance, everyone introduced themselves and shared their experience and information about their horses and other interests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslee Covington
Acting Secretary, FWDC

 <p>Enhancing the Quality of Life</p>	<p><i>Classes include reining, trail, barrels, poles, flags, stakes, western pleasure, hunter, showmanship, halter and more! ★ Jackpots classes for Barrels, Poles, Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure! ★ Stick Horse Barrel Race and Leadline class for the youngsters (6 or under)</i></p>
<p>Texas Cooperative Extension Tarrant County Horse Committee presents</p>	<p><i>Prizes include Trophy Halters for winners of each class ★ Ribbons through 6th place ★ Neck Ribbons for Grand & Reserve Halter Horses ★ Buckles for High Point Champions and Trophy Sheets for Reserve High Point</i></p>
<p>19th Annual Horse-O-Rama OPEN ALL-BREED HORSE SHOW March 24, 25 & 26, 2006 Will Rogers Complex Fort Worth, TX</p>	<p>Clinics ★ Drill Team Exposition ★ Vendors</p> <p>Also Featuring: Stock Horse of Texas (S.H.O.T.) Clinic & Show Clinic - March 24 Show - March 25 & 26 Ranch Cutting Horse Association Show March 24th</p> <p>For More Information, Entry Forms, Class Schedule & Rules: http://tarrant.tamu.edu/ag/ag.html (click on the HOR logo) Ken Johnson ★ (817) 884-1946 • Kim Glass ★ ks-johnson@tamu.edu VENDOR SPACE & SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE</p>

Is Your Horse in Pain?

Cynthia Collins of Luna Tunes Freestyles discusses her experiences with horses with TMJ problems, which can seriously effect their desire to work and to perform at their best. Space limits my using her every word and I will have to break up the information to get all of it to you.

Dressage horses frequently have TMJ problems because of the frame in which we ask them to move. How do you know if that is your problem? Symptoms may include being heavy in your hand, pulling reins out of your hand, stiffness in the neck or back, having difficulty in half-passes, flying changes and/or pirouettes, refusing to collect especially in the piaffe and passage work. The main cause of TMJ problems start with dental work. Your horse MUST have its teeth floated by a veterinarian using a speculum because natural wear and tear and growth of teeth makes this necessary. However, just having the jaw placed in the speculum can cause the TMJ to become sore and get out of its natural alignment.

TMJ is the Temporal Mandible Joint. It is the hinge of the lower jawbone (largest bone in the horse skull) with the temporal bone of the horse, located just above the eye.

To see if your horse has a sore TMJ, look where the browband meets the cheek piece of the bridle and gently press on the nerve you can feel running over the two bumps at this juncture. No reaction means no pain in the joint....be warned however that your horse could react quickly or even violently, jerking or flinging his head to escape the pain and pressure. Be very cautious when doing this!!

If your horse reacts to this test, contact your vet and discuss what action to take to help the horse. This joint can be injected with a combination of Legend and cortisone or if you have a good equine chiropractor, they can do adjustments that will often relieve the pain. Cynthia says that the injection is usually a one-time thing and quite effective.

At one of the Region 9 summer meetings, we were treated to a session with the head of the equine dentistry department at A & M. He told us that at least 90% of riding problems originate in the mouth of the horse. He went on to explain how a tooth with a hook could prevent a horse giving his neck to the rein and then becoming stiff in the body as a way to protect himself. The problem starts in the mouth but doesn't stay there and soon is blamed on something totally different when simply having the teeth checked and done as needed would have prevented the problem.

Online Magazine for Horselovers

Susannah Cord had sent this to me some time back and it had languished under a stack of paper on my desk. Sorry about the delay! [Www.horsesforlife.com](http://www.horsesforlife.com) has articles about dressage written by the masters of the sport and others. The magazine is grounded in a love for dressage and is more about how dressage and love of horses apply to us all and all our horses. It is a great source of information and inspiration. Check out www.horsesforlife.com and let Susannah know what you think of it.

Horse Cents Has Moved!

Barb and Ray Torres have re-located their tack store to Cleburne. They are now located at 118 Williams Avenue in north Cleburne. They have a new phone number of course. It's 817-645-7646. Even though they aren't as close to many of us as when they were located in Benbrook, Barb wants everyone to know that they ship daily, both USPS and UPS. They will be having a grand opening celebration soon so look for notification.

Horse Production Classes Online

A new online course for horse production and management is now offered through partnership of Texas A & Ms Office of Continuing Education and Public Outreach and Dr. J. Warren Evans, Retired TAMU professor. The course explores production and management techniques necessary for successful operation of a horse enterprise. The material presented in this course will be introductory to intermediate in nature. Participants should have a general knowledge of horses and experience riding and caring for horses. The online self-paced program offers continuing education credits through TAMU.

For more information and to register visit:

<http://cecoe.tamy.edu/specialty/horse/>

Or contact: Carrie Paxton-Lamke, Marketing Coordinator, Office of Continuing Education and Public Outreach, Texas A & M University, 208 Heaton Hall, 4222 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4222.

Want To Contact Another Newsletter?

Say you want to place an ad in another GMO's newsletter in Region 9. Go to the website for the Region and look for the listing for the newsletter editors. There is a list with both mail and email addresses.

"It is no disgrace to start all over. It is usually an opportunity." George Matthew Adams



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

March 11-13—Legendary Horseman Ray Hunt will conduct a clinic on Colt Starting and Horsemanship in conjunction with LOPETX. Contact lynn@lopetx.org or 512-565-1824 for details on registration, costs and other information. (Editor's note: I watched this man at a clinic at West Fork Ranch several years ago. He is nothing short of amazing!

Jane Savoie— March 11 and 12...Contact www.silverbitranch.com

Jochen Hippenstiel—March 11 and 12 at Donna Wrights and Kendra Menzies Contact Donna at 817-295-0790 or Kendra at 817-866-3968.

Sherry Guess—March 18 and April 22, Springtown Horses Quarters...Contact Nina Chambers karlme@earth-comm.com

Walter Zettl—March 18 and 19 at Silver Oaks Farm, Kerrville, TX Contact dindydix@kct.com

Gerhard Politz—March 25 and 26...Pyramid of Training and Why Does My Horse Do That? With Dr. Sandy Venneman Contact Vera Muckleroy at dmdp@flash.net

Heather Blitz—April 3 and 4...Contact www.silverbitranch.com

Schooling Show—April 30 and June 25 Rose Hill Stables Combined Tests and Dressage Shows Contact info at www.rosehillstables.com

New Contact Information for Meg Fleming

Meg has moved. Her new address is: Meg Fleming, 951 Longview Circle, Dripping Springs, TX 78620
Telephone: 512-633-8296 or email at: meg2flemming@yahoo.com

Mounted Shooting???

That's right....shooting. Seems that this is one of the fastest growing equestrian sports in America right now. It's a combination of a fast paced equestrian sport with shooting two .45 caliber single-action revolvers loaded with special blank ammunition. Competitors ride a variety of courses requiring precision control of the horse. At the same time, riders must be ready to shoot 10 balloon targets as fast as they safely can.

Scoring is based on time running the course, plus a five-second penalty for each target missed or 10 for one knocked over. Competitors are grouped in classes based on experience and wins, with classes for men, ladies, seniors and older children.

The Lone Star Regulators, a cowboy-mounted shooters club, held their first official match on November 5, 2005 in Fort Worth. 45 horses and riders competed.

The Mounted Shooters of America held its 2005 Arizona State and World Finals Shoot on October 14-17, 2005 at the Casino of the Sun in Globe, Arizona. More than \$16,000 in money and prizes was awarded. The winner of the Ladies 20X title was Diana Olsen and her appaloosa gelding, Omegaloosa Splash. Not only is her Splash fast on the course and completely oblivious to gunfire, he holds a certificate of achievement from the ACAAP for his ability. He holds the honor of being the first mounted shooting horse to be in the top 10.

So, next time you are looking around for something new to do with your horse, you might consider getting into the mounted shooting competitions. Course, you may want to start the shooting from a long ways off...

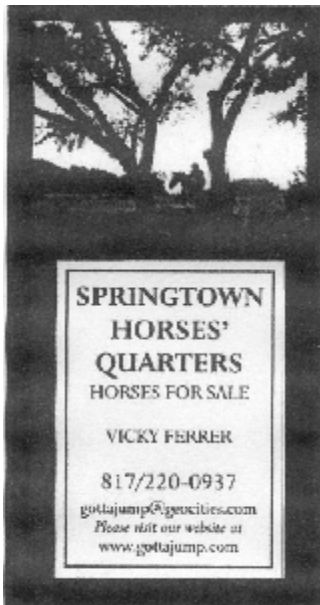


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Gorgeous TB mare, chestnut with chrome. 15.3 H, coming 5 y/o. Amazing athlete with nice gaits and great natural jumping talent. Her pedigree includes greats like Hemen, Secretariat, Native Dancer. Energetic, but sensible with personality plus. Green broke. \$4800. Must Sell! Will consider offers from great home. Contact Louisa at 817-291-8499 or louisa-horses@mesh.net (2)

Faux Warmblood! 8 year old QH, bay gelding, 15.1 hh, training level, easy going but sensitive and forward, unusually big beautiful mover, puppydog disposition, ties, trailers, great on trail, solid in groundwork. \$5,000.

Dapple grey QH gelding, 8 years old, 15.1 hh, training level and started O/F, great on trails, also used in lessons, takes care of rider. Groundwork solid. Pretty and smooth mover, hunter jumper pros-

pect or just great all around horse. Sweet disposition. \$5,000.

Contact Susannah at 940-372-0326 or smokyboye@mindspring.com (2)

Tack For Sale

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Saddles for Sale: Horse Cents has a number of used saddles!

Call to arrange test ride on these saddles at Horse Cents, 817-645-7646, hctack@sbcglobal.net or see photos on our eBay store, eBridles

18" Isabell dressage saddle, black, fully adjustable, Cair, includes all gullets, exc. condition. \$1400. Have pics to email (Houston area) Contact Mary at: 713-653-8708 or Mary.martin@tklaw.com (2)

Miscellaneous

1997 S & H two horse slant, bumper pull trailer. Very good condition, steel construction. Rubber axles, electric brakes, new spare. 6'8" tall, removable dividers, mats and many extras. Horse outgrew his trailer! Asking \$3000. Contact Beverly at 817-297-8564 (1)

Hay for Sale: Excellent quality Colorado Timothy Grass Hay. 60-65 lb bales \$10.00 each. Contact Susannah at 940-372-0326 or smokyboye@mindspring.com (1)

Timothy hay from Colorado, 55 lb bales at \$13.00 each. Contact Janet at 817-448-8885 (1)

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Four locking metal saddle racks...these were donated by a member to go to the Silent Auction in December but didn't get there. You can have them for a donation to the club. See them at my barn or I can email a photo if you like. Contact Dyanna at 817-596-9501 or at dyledo@aol.com (1)