

Northwest FI Chapter

Organized in 2003 and based primarily out of Bay, Jackson & Washington Counties, we have members from all over the Panhandle of Florida and Southern Alabama. Joining our chapter puts you in contact with a large network of people dedicated to increasing their knowledge of and proficiency in dressage, combined training and general knowledge of horses. We are fortunate to have Willow Bend South stables as our "base". We are always trying to bring our members fun, clinics informative programs.

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Events for the rest of 2014

- October 25th 2014 DSDCTA NWFL Fall Schooling Show.
- Dec 6th, 2014 Chapter Awards Party at
- Little Star Stable, Graceville, FL.
- February 2015 DSDCTA Awards



Upcoming Events For 2015

DSDCTA Northwest Florida Classic I-III, 2015

- 1. February 28th 8th Annual St Jude's Benefit Schooling Show
- 2. March 21st, 2015 DSDCTA NWFL Classic I - Dressage Show
- May 23rd , 2015 DSDCTA NWFL Classic II – Dressage Show
- 4. June 20th, 2015 Willow Bend South Summer Open Horse Show
- 5. September 12th, 2015 DSDCTA NWFL Classic III - Dressage Show
- 6. October 24, 2015 Willow Bend Fall Open Horse Show

Membership Rates

Full Membership: \$40.00 per person. Family Membership: \$65.00. Associate Membership: \$30.00

Meetings held at Willow Bend South, First Saturday of every month at 11am.

Year End Awards 2014



Full Membership in our NWFL Chapter entitles you to:

- Group Membership in the USDF (Non-participating.)
- Monthly issues of <u>USDF Connection</u> magazine.
- Yearbook issue of USDF Connection.
- A USDF Group Member card and eligibility to compete at USDF recognized shows.
- Eligible to participate in USDF Rider Awards program.
- Opportunities where you can earn "Volunteer Club Points" that can be used toward club sponsored events, clinics, and more.
- Eligibility to participate in NWFL approved shows for Awards/Clinics.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015 NWFL Chapter of DSDCTA

APPLICANT INFORMATION (print please)

Name:		
Age:	DOB:	
Address: _		

(If new member USDF will assign one)		

Signature: (Parent if under 18).

HORSE INFORMATION

Horse's Name:	
Breed:	Age:

Complete Membership Form & Mail to:

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NORTHWEST FLORIDA CHAPTER AWARDS Rules

GENERAL INFORMATION

 A horse and rider [or handler] combination will constitute a participation in competing for awards.
Participants must be members of the DSDCTA NWFL Chapter at the time scores are earned for awards.

3) Each class is separated into Senior professional [SR] Adult Amateur [AA] and Junior [JR] in Dressage & Combined Training.

4) To qualify for year-end awards, a participant must earn points at no fewer than 3 scores at NWFL chapter-sponsored approved shows with 2 different Judges.

5) Year end awards are in the following categories: Masters (M) – Age 50 and over. Senior (SR) – Open Professional

Adult Amateur [AA] – Amateur rider.

Junior (JR) -21 and under as of Jan 1st current year.

DRESSAGE

All levels of Dressage.

SPORT HORSE IN-HAND

Pony/ Weanling/ Yearlings/ 2yr old/ 3yr old/ 4yrs+ Mares/ 4yrs+ Gelding or Stallions.

Every score will be applied to total average score at the end of the year.

Results will be accepted from show Secretary's. The Awards Committee has the right to combine or expand categories due to the levels of participation in all NWFL Shows.

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL AWARDS

The Volunteer, Most Improved Rider, and Joyce Kuhn Memorial awards will be by nomination from the membership. A written justification must accompany each nomination. The committee will determine the winners based on the nominees' fulfillment of the award criteria. The committee may itself make nominations in the absence of sufficient nominations from the membership. All written nominations will be put on notice board to read they will [be Anonymous]. By October 1st.

VOLUNTEER AWARD this award is given in recognition of an individual member who donates his or her time for the benefit of the club members and in pursuit of the USDF mission to further the sport of dressage. Volunteers may be those who help set up and run clinics, shows, and meetings; who support the educational mission through the presentation of programs; or who perform any of the countless other functions that require devoted attention in order to ensure that club activities go forward.

MOST IMPROVED RIDER this award is given in recognition of an individual rider-member who has demonstrated improved skills, a more comprehensive understanding of theory and technique, and an ongoing dedication to the development of horsemanship. Improved scores may be taken into account, but are not the sole criteria by which the committee may choose. A rider, for instance, that has made progress training a difficult horse might receive the award over a nominee that has garnered improved show scores on a mild-mannered horse

JOYCE KUHN MEMORIAL Sportsmanship Award the committee recommends establishing a perpetual trophy of substantial quality which will be inscribed with the names of the winners and passed from one winner to the next each year; smaller, replica trophies and a certificate of recognition will be permanently awarded each winner. This award will be given to the outstanding nominee who has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to sportsmanship, exhibiting the respect, dignity, humility, courtesy, dedication, and hard work befitting the highest and best tradition of horsemanship and the sport of dressage.