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Awards Banquet

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**Annual Meeting
Recap & Volunteer
Recognition**

The FRC elves have been hard at work planning the Winter's Delight and Awards Banquet. Everyone is invited to celebrate the riders who are receiving an award for the 2024 show season. Check out page 3 for details. If you are already looking ahead to 2025, the show and cross country schooling dates are on page 4, Be sure to also make your way to page 6 to learn more about the rider featured above!

More seminars and riding opportunities will be announced early next year so this is also your reminder to renew your membership to ensure the newsletter to show up in your inbox each month.

Wishing you much cheer this holiday season!



2025 FRC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership into the FRC is a great idea. Perks include an informative, emailed monthly newsletter, discounts on club-sponsored activities, educational programs, socials with fun people, scholarship opportunities and year end awards! Join now with any one of our three membership options below.

- Individual (\$25)
- Family (\$30)
- Business (\$35) – includes a free business card sized ad in our monthly newsletter!

Name (s): _____

Family Members: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please write legibly! The club is not responsible for members not receiving club communications due to illegible membership forms.

Check ALL interests: Dressage Eventing Western Dressage Working Equitation

Pleasure Riding Endurance Fox Hunting Hunter/Jumper Breeder Driving

Hunter Pace Trail Riding Social member only Other: _____

Ideas for clinics, horse events, educational seminars or social events for 2025:

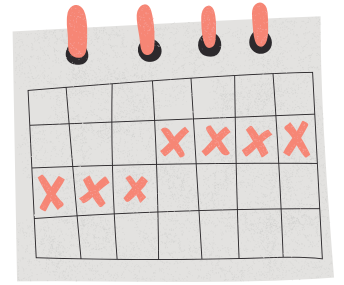
I am available to volunteer for club sponsored events (list volunteer job you would like)

I am available to help set up (usually Thurs) before the show

Make your check payable to FRC and mail to: FRC, P. O. Box 637, Landrum, SC 29356.
If you have chosen to join as a Business Member, please attach your business card with
this application! You can also join on-line at www.foothillsridingclub.org

For questions, please contact foothillsridingclub@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!
Check our website for info, updates & more! www.foothillsridingclub.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



January

1.18 Awards Banquet at Southern Manners

Foothills Riding Club Invites You To Our

Winter's Delight & RIDER AWARDS NIGHT

January **18TH** 6 PM

Southern Manners Restaurant
2915 Hwy 14 E, Landrum, SC 29356

AWARD WINNERS ARE FREE TO ATTEND
ALL OTHER GUESTS ARE \$45 PER TICKET

For Details & Tickets go to <https://bit.ly/frc-awards>

2025 SHOW DATES

March 22nd: Dressage & Combined Training

March 23rd: Dressage & Cross-Country Schooling

April 5 - 6th: Working Equitation

May 17th: Dressage & Combined Training

July 19th: Dressage Only

September 6th: Dressage & Combined Training

September 7th: Dressage & Cross-Country Schooling

October 25th: Dressage & Combined Training

Shows and Cross-Country Schooling will be held at Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center (FENCE)

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MEET A MEMBER



MELISSA COATES

I grew up in NJ and started riding when I was 8yo. I competed in hunters and equitation, from ponies all the way up through the 3'6" equitation. In my early 20's, I sold my horse and moved on to the next chapter of life; marriage, raising kids, career, etc. I honestly thought that I would never make way back to horses.

About 5 years ago, my friend asked me if I would like to go on a trip with her to celebrate a milestone birthday. We decided on a 100-mile trans Wales riding holiday. I was very excited for this trip, but also terrified because I had not ridden a horse in 23 years. In order to prepare for our trip, I found a barn where I could take some lessons. This led to a year lease on a lovely, dressage horse. I honestly didn't think I had it in me to jump or compete again. At the end of the lease, I found my horse, Star (First Drink). From the first tiny jumps we jumped, to AECs in 2023, Star has been my wonderful eventing partner for the past four years. It turns out that buying Star was just the beginning of the current equestrian adventure. My husband and I moved to our farm, Silver Lining Equestrian, last summer. We now have four of our own horses, and we operate a boarding facility that specializes in young horses and retirees. I am truly grateful that the riding trip with my friend, led to our lives fully immersed in horses and the equestrian community.

Favorite think about FRC: FRC provides a safe, friendly and relaxed atmosphere for schooling, training and learning. The shows are a great place to practice and gain confidence. I definitely feel more prepared for the recognized horse trials after I work through dressage tests and practice show jump rounds at a FRC CT.

of Years Membership:
3 (I think)

Discipline:
Eventing

Favorite Food:
Sushi (or anything Asian)

Favorite Music:
Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite Horse Movie:
The Black Stallion - I watched this movie a zillion times as a kid. I came from a non-horsey family and this movie introduced me to the concept people can ride and connect with horses. I was obsessed and pestered my parents for riding lessons.

Favorite non-horsey thing to do:
I LOVE audio books. I am constantly listening to something.

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FRC ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER AWARDS

During the annual meeting members voted on the annual human and animal charity recipients. Samaritan's Purse and The Sanctuary at Red Bell Run were selected to receive \$1,000 each.

Margaret Freeman, Anne Bandes and Kathy McFadden were welcomed as new Board members.

ALL of our fabulous FRC volunteers were recognized during the meeting and ALL volunteers received a terrific Hot/Cold mug reminding them that we thank them for being Awesome! In addition to the mug, volunteers who qualified based on the number of hours worked also received a personal fan, or a floor mat, or a \$50 gift certificate for our online store in appreciation for their many hours of service at our shows and xc schooling days.

What happens if you weren't at the meeting/awards dinner and didn't get your gift?? PICK UP YOUR MUG (and your additional prize, if you qualified) at the MARCH 2025 show



Christie Moldovan - Overall Top Adult
 Baylon Hubbs - Overall Top Youth
 Nancy Hudson
 Lee Griffith
 Peggy Horton



Eddie VanDoren
 Emily Osborne
 Tara Boyce
 Amy Sakovich
 Zoe Kharpertian



Lucy Hooper
 Leena Schembra
 Donna Searby
 Abby Kogler
 Missy Frisch

VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Kellen Anthony
Mallory Beck
Vicky Beilharz
Missy Bright
Sheri Castenon
Yarden Cohen
Roni Davis
Tracey Evans
Shari Golitz
Faye Gregory
Bretton Griffin
Kay Griffin
Jessica Hargett
Gayle Heiring
Jamie Hempen
Sally Herring
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Lilah Kennedy
Nancy Klouda
Krista Leue
Bridget Lewis
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Gwynn Roberts
Kristine West
Lorelai Benkendorf
KC Betzel
Desiree Castenon
Pernilla Dale
Carole Foster
Beth Jones
Kristine McCleod
Betsy McCray
Kathy Nebel
Kathryn Rosback
Alyse Schuver
Dawn Spinola
Elizabeth Stroud
Ariel White
Greenley White
Aleah Wicks
Andrea Young
Deb Zarish
Carly Brooks
Sharon Cargill
Hatsie Goodrich
Megan Malan
Pat Melton
Sophia Duarte

FRC Scholarship Application

FRC is proud to be able to award four scholarships annually. In order to qualify for an FRC Scholarship, you must be a current FRC member at the time of your application. Additionally, your request must be for a rare educational opportunity or clinic or a championship competition purpose directly related to your riding discipline. In exchange, scholarship recipients must give back to the club in some tangible way.

Scholarships are for a maximum of \$250; four awarded yearly

- Scholarships for May, June, July events are due April 1st
- Scholarships for August, September, October events are due July 1st
- Scholarships for November, December, January events are due October 1st
- Scholarships for February, March, April events are due January 1st

If there are more than 4 applicants, volunteer service to the club in the current and preceding membership year will be taken into awarding scholarships.

Applicants will be notified of acceptance after review by the FRC Board.

I wish to apply for an FRC Scholarship for:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Specific Purpose for Scholarship Request (include name, date, place)

How will you benefit from attending this event?

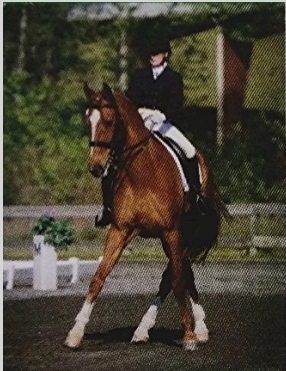
How will you "pay back" your scholarship to the club? Creative ideas welcomed!

Please submit your application to:

FRC President P.O. Box 637 Landrum, SC 29356

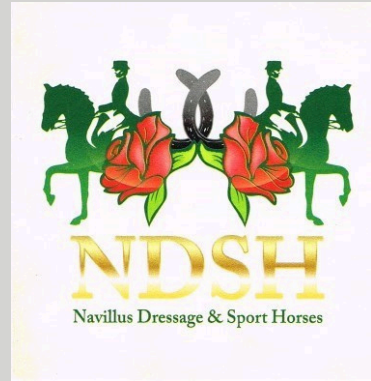
Note: In the event that you are unable to fulfill the scholarship requirements the scholarship money must be returned.

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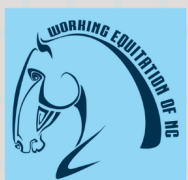
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