



ODS NEWSLETTER

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President's Letter

Another wonderful Oklahoma Dressage Society show was presented at Shawnee OK on May 10 - 11. This show boasted the most entries above second level that we've ever had, with three at Grand Prix. You really need to start attending to see how our riders have advanced.

Highlights included 48 amazing gourmet cupcakes made by Amanda Edwards. They were sold for \$5 apiece and included a spoon with a number on it. Saturday night, a number from 1-48 was drawn and the lucky winner was Sue Twitty! The accumulated \$240 was split between Sue and ODS.

Another 'feature' of the show was Rainee Boyd working the arena footing on a regular basis, flying around the arena on Lyn Francik's tractor doing her best to manage the footing.

Once again the Show Committee composed this year of Rainee Boyd, Jan Cibula, Roberta Clark, Lyn Francik, Diane Smith, and Cheryl West, came up with fun, games, decorations, and food for the Saturday night festivities. Laurie McDonald had members riding tests on foot with another member as the horse. And rather poorly behaved horses many of them were -- running off, kicking, bucking, missing lead changes or even leads! Without volunteers working the show, it wouldn't happen. We saw both younger members and some charter members this weekend, as well as a parent or two pressed into service. Two of our Century Club members Nancy Litsch and Joy Quinn were also workers. Very many thanks to all of those who made it possible to present this show ---

Arena set-up: Marilyn Bassett, Pamela Byers, Beth Circle, Connie Coker, Patty Couch, Sherry Guess, Camille Fuller, Marta Koenig, Veronica Moody, Sharon O'Banion, Sara Scott, Nancy Trait-Lira. Even though no names were taken, just as many thanks to all those who helped restore it to the trailer Sunday afternoon!

Scribes- Deena Moore and Judy Rivers. Gate and bit checkers - Deryn and Paul Stewart, Victoria Dammen, and Nancy Trait-Lira. Announcers -Janice O'Melia, Pamela Byers, and Rainee Boyd. Scorers - Carrie Bertrand and Pam Hogg. Runners - Krissy Henderson, Kari Nichols, and Emily O'Melia. Tack sale and kids crafts - Connie Coker, Nancy Litsch, Veronica Moody, Joy Quinn and Clydette Womack

Make sure to spend at least a part of Mother's Day weekend at the ODS show next year at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.

Sherry Guess

ODS President

GCC CLAREMORE SHOW JUNE 14-15, 2014

Hi Guys

We again need help with our upcoming show in Claremore. Let me know if you would be willing to help Friday, Saturday, or Sunday and in what capacity. We need scorers, runners, gate and bit check, scribes, and arena set-up help. If you're showing this year, perhaps you will have helpers coming with you that might be interested and able to help. If you can think of anyone else you might be willing to be involved, please let me know and I will contact them as well.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Sherry

CHANGE OF REIN

If you noticed a new format or time frame this issue, it's because our newsletter has changed hands this month. After a year and a half as editor, increasing work and family demands have necessitated that Carol Miller step down. In addition to sifting through all the news items coming from various sources to keep you up to date on USDF matters as well as those of ODS, Carol found a way to send the newsletter to each member's computer, so being aware of and reading our newsletter became a much easier matter. We greatly appreciate the time and effort Carol has spent on our behalf.

Lee Ann Alf has graciously agreed to take over this time-consuming job and this June issue will be her first. It takes many hours each month to produce the newsletter and we thank both Carol and Lee Ann for donating their time to this effort !

Sherry

SPORT OF KINGS CHALLENGE-JUNE 21-22

(ed. Note: sorry this is late. A flyer but not the entire prizelist is attached. See website for more info. LA) Attached is a prize list and some information about this unique competition! Anyone who turns their entries in by June 2nd will be eligible to win a free place in the Stuart Pittman Clinic on June 21st!

People interested can follow us on Facebook – Sport of Kings Challenge or go to our website <http://www.sportofkingschallenge.com/>

Thanks,

Wendy Thompson, CPA

Senior Supervisor of Transportation Accounting

Loves Travel Stops

Arkansas Dressage Society has set up a fund for long-time member Patty Hale. Her Valley View Farm in Vilonia, AR was hit by a tornado April 27 and her barn

and arena were destroyed. The house, family members, dogs, and horses all survived. Patty is a past president of ADS, trainer, and frequent competitor. Her farm has frequently been the sites of clinics she organized for members. The website for contributions is

<http://www.gofundme.com/8q33k8>

New Horse Registrations

2187 Zie Shooting Star Pamela Byers

2188 Landstrider Anthea Kin

2189 Lacey's Sure Thing Amy Lovett

2190 Myst d'Avalon Deedee M. Moore

2191 Summer Deedee M. Moore

2192 Little Dolly B Charlene Short

Good luck to dressage rider, Marsha Cullen and her horse, Latte, who qualified and is going to the ParaEquestrian Nationals in Gladstone. The competition is this month. BEST WISHES!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION DRAWING:

Names of volunteers were put in a drawing to win 2 pieces of Lia Sophia jewelry, kindly donated by Kristin Knutson. Sat night we drew names and Marta Konig and ??(one of the tack sale girls) won.

FROM THE EDITOR

First, I'd like to say that it feels good to be contributing to ODS again. I do enjoy the newsletter and since retirement, I have ample time to work on it. Second, I'd like to apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. Some things are a little dated. I should become more efficient in the next couple of months as I get more organized and familiar with the routine. Finally, I'd like to thank Carol Miller for the great job she has done with the newsletter and the help she is giving me in the transition period—I really appreciate it.

I will be contacting the chapters to get their individual news. I am planning on attending board meetings to keep up with the club activities. Send me your news, items of interest, or anything pertaining to dressage and Oklahoma.

My email is leannalf@gmail.com

ODS SUMMER MEETING JULY 26, 2014 1 PM - 5 PM

The meeting will begin at 1:00 with our speaker, Dr. Jay Craig, followed by our summer meeting. His point of view comes from being not only a chiropractor, but also a rider, and the husband of a dressage rider. He shared the following regarding the need for correct rider biomechanics.

What on earth is biomechanics and what does it have to do with dressage?

Dressage riders require a strength and fitness that is subtle to the unknown eye. Every single movement of a rider affects the way in which a horse carries itself and how it moves. To be great at riding it requires the rider to be in the right position for the horse to express themselves. If you were to get two horses of the same breeding and put a top rider on one and an unfit, unstable rider on the other, the picture would be very different. You see the top rider has something that the unstable rider doesn't have and that is not only the skill in training a horse but you will see their posture and the way in which they carry themselves on the horse is quite different. In order for a horse to be able to become elastic, round, expressive, relaxed and forward it needs to be able to move without tension and without stress. That's the reason why we as a rider have to make this happen by making sure our riding isn't negatively affecting the way in which the horse moves. You want your riding to bring out the best in your horse. This all starts from a strong and stable base so that you can positively influence your horse. This comes down to how well you ride your position, your strength, your seat and your experience.

The way, in which you position your limbs, how stable you are and how you are able to influence your horse is done through the biomechanics of your body.

“Biomechanics in sports, can be stated as the muscular, joint and skeletal actions of the body during the execution of a given task, skill and/or technique. Proper understanding of biomechanics relating to sports skill has the greatest implications on: sport's performance, rehabilitation and injury prevention, along with sport mastery,” Wikipedia

Every minute movement of your body affects the outcome of the horse. How well your muscles work in order to keep you balanced and supple. Dressage riders require a unique amount of strength and suppleness in order to stay in balance and positively affect the horse. Poor biomechanics will create a poor result in the horse; great biomechanics will create a great result.

**LOCATION : VFW Hall
860020 S. 3460 Rd.
Chandler, OK 74834
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Directions from Turnpike I-44: Take a right after getting off Turnpike onto Hwy 18 and go south. At the Phillips 66 Station take a right. Follow that road, it will turn into gravel. The VFW will be on the left.

Directions from Hwy 18 going North from I-40: at the T, take a left onto Hwy 66/18, stay on Hwy 66, when speed limit goes up to 65 mph, look for Archery/Pawn Shop, take a right after it onto gravel road, go ¼ mile and VFW is on the right.

Enter from side door



2014 Feed in a Drum Western Dressage Futurity

\$1000 Added Money

The **Western Dressage Association of Oklahoma** invites you to join us for our first ever **WDAOK Futurity sponsored by Feed in a Drum and Permissive Will Ranch**. The Futurity is designed to offer young horses a place to get started. The Futurity is open to 3 and 4 year old equines who have not yet been shown under saddle. The Futurity class will be held at the Green Country Chapter Schooling Show Championships, November 8, 2014, in Claremore, OK. Nomination and membership required. Make us part of your journey with your young horse!

<http://wdaok.org/>
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SPORT OF KINGS CHALLENGE



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Schedule of Activities

Friday, June 20

Noon Show office opens. Located in Clocker's Tower on backstretch
Move into stabling
Welcome packet distribution

7:00 PM Show office closes

Saturday, June 21

6:00 AM Open schooling on main track to remain open throughout the day
7:00 AM Show office opens
7:00-9:30 AM Complimentary donuts, coffee and juice in stabling area
7:30-10:00 Barrel racing Grandstand arena
8:30 AM Clinic with judge Stewart Pittman in backstretch arena
9:00 AM Flat classes Infield arena Judge:
Judge: Maggi Moss
Flat class will run continuously and in order except Leading which will be the last class of the day.

5:00 PM Show office closes
6:00 PM Charity dinner and silent auction fundraiser.
Location to be provided in competitor's packet at check-in.
Flat class and barrel race awards presentation.

Sunday, June 22

6:00 AM Open schooling on main track to remain open throughout the day
6:30 AM Show office opens
7:00-9:30 AM Complimentary donuts, coffee and juice in stabling area
7:00-8:00 AM Warmup hunter (class 23) and warmup jumper (class 23)
Non-judged Fences (7'-7'2" fence height)
You will need a warmup ticket from secretary

8:00 AM Dressage tests begin - Infield arena
Judge Robin Weibel

8:00 AM Jumper classes begin - Grandstand arena
Judge Stewart Pittman
Green Hunter classes begin - Grandstand arena
Judge Stewart Pittman
Hunter classes begin - Grandstand arena
Judge Stewart Pittman

5:00 PM or 30 minutes after last class Awards presentation for hunter, jumper, dressage, western dressage divisions and overall I.J.P. awards. Final class show office closes



Oklahoma Dressage Society Spring I and II
 May 10-11, 2014
 Judges: Doreen Horsey and Sandi Chohany
Special Awards

Saturday High Points

<i>Introductory Level</i>	
Combined: Paradugn Golden Spike/Angela James	70.625%
<i>Training Level</i>	
Amateur: Dazzlemeister - Hailey Delay	64.375%
Junior/YR: Wintergreen Replica - Nikki Weitzenoffer	61.458%
Open: Genna - Richal Flannery	66.250%
<i>First Level</i>	
Amateur: Ulyssia - Taryn Walker	69.19%
Junior/YR: Wannabee - Jillian White	70.484%
Open: Gettysburg - Jenna Jones	70.484%
<i>Second Level</i>	
Amateur: LPV Hot Shot - Luan-I Jackson	60.658%
Junior/YR: none	
Open: Zuni Sunrise - Lynn Vandenberg	72.368%
Dover Medal: none	
<i>Third Level</i>	
Combined: Like A Rock - Nicole Burris	64.868%
<i>Fourth Level</i>	
Combined: Allouette - Amanda Edwards	67.026%
<i>FEI Level</i>	
Combined: Waterfront/Robin Hessel	69.079%
Bob Pape Memorial - Ulyssio - Taryn Walker	69.194%

Sunday High Points

<i>Introductory Level</i>	
Combined: Cobridge El Dorado - Jordan Collie -	69.250%
<i>Training Level</i>	
Amateur: Basil the Great - Marta Koenig	69.600%
Junior/YR: Wintergreen Replica - Nikki Weitzenoffer	67.708%
Open: Genna - Richal Flannery	71.400%
<i>First Level</i>	
Amateur: Ulyssia - Taryn Walker	67.742%
Junior/YR: Wannabee - Jillian White	66.081%
Open: Clair NAF - Tamera Mayo	71.613%
<i>Second Level</i>	
Amateur: Call Me Callahan - Kimberlee McKenzie	67.143%
Junior/YR: Fauston NAF - Kailey Devore	63.857%
Open: Zuni Sunrise - Lynn Vandenberg	70.718%
Dover Medal: Call Me Callahan-Kimberlee McKenzie	67.143%
<i>Third Level</i>	
Combined: Tango - Kailey Devore	69.211%
<i>Fourth Level</i>	
Combined: Allouette - Amanda Edwards	68.919%
<i>FEI Level:</i>	
Combined: Daphene - Marty Hunt	65.106%

Show Champions (covers both shows)

Junior/YR: Wannabee - Jillian White 74.310%
 Vintage - Clair NAF - Tamera Mayo 71.613%
 Overall Open - Zuni Sunrise - Lynn Vandenberg 72.368%
 Amateur Rider: Basil the Great - Marta Koenig 69.600%

Breed High Points

Thoroughbred Incentive Program - Dazzlemeister - Hailey Delay 64.375%
 Overall Pony - Genna - Richal Flannery - 71.40%

For a complete listing of class results, please visit showsecretary.com

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