



ODS NEWSLETTER

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Hooray for ODS Riders !

Last year, Roberta Clark was the lone entry from Oklahoma in the USDF Region 9 Championship show. This year at least 16 riders will be joining her ! Other than the years when we actually hosted the Championships, I believe this is the largest number of riders we have had representing us.

Many things have contributed to this large field of competitors. Not the least of which is the fact that we currently have seven recognized shows in our state at this time, with at least one more planned for next year. The one-day recognized shows in Stillwater have allowed people to test competing at this level of competition and that has bolstered the numbers at our ODS May show and the June GCC show.

From the lower levels and smallest horse (pony) to the FEI level and tallest horses, we wish them the best.

Hopefully many of you will decide to attend the championships show in Katy, TX Oct. 9-12, 2014. If you are interested in volunteering, Houston Dressage Society will provide you with a room and transportation from the room to show grounds. Our own Cheryl West cherylgcc@gmail.com has agreed to coordinate volunteers. Robin Grains has already looked into the possibility of a bus ride to/from and found that it is cheaper than driving, although if a group is going, that would change things. If you think you might be interested, let Cheryl know as soon as possible, so she can make the connection with the HDS volunteer coordinator.

This will be an exciting year and we should all show support for our group of riders!

Sherry Guess

2015 ODS Membership

CHANGE

A late fee of \$ 5.00 will be assessed for all 2015 memberships received after November 30, 2014. The new membership year begins December 1, 2014.

If you don't want your membership fee to increase – **RENEW EARLY ! !**

Limited time offer! Region 9 T-Shirts

USDF Region 9 will have a commemorative T-shirt available for a short-time, special offer for this year only. Deadline to order is September 15. It would be great for those who will be attending the 2014 Region 9 Championships, as only a very few will actually be available for sale there.

It's a very attractive design, created especially for Region 9 ... likely to be one of the favorites in your closet for years to come! *Order form is in this newsletter* or click on the link below for the order form and image.

<http://usdfregion9.org/images/2014Region9TshirtOrderForm.pdf>

CLASSIC COMBINATION HIGH SCORE (FORMERLY VINTAGE RIDER)

Horse Rider combination in AA and Open Divisions. Award is figured by the highest combination of the age of rider + age of horse + the % score in a SWDC Championship ride.

Also in 2014, SWDC will have an Intro (Walk / Trot) Junior Championship.

Great Plains Chapter News

Hi everyone!

I hope summer has been filled with fun for you.

Our fall horse show schedule begins with a recognized show Sept. 6. It should be full.

So...I am asking you to volunteer again. People arrive Friday afternoon and the show is all day Saturday. Your assistance makes the shows go smoothly and gives us the reputation of super volunteers. Please let me know either yes or no if you can help. If not this time, do not worry, there are several more chances to help this fall!

Schooling Show- Oct. 4

Recognized Show- Oct. 25

Schooling Show Championships- Nov.

Cris Cashel

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GPC President

North Central Chapter News

None reported.

Green Country Chapter News

None reported.

The State Fair Schooling Show has been designated as the benefit schooling show for the Dressage Foundation Challenge

The Dressage Foundation has issued a donation challenge. The state with the largest amount of donations will receive a free clinic with Michael Poullin. ODS plans on putting on a schooling show with all proceeds going toward this. Additional, personal donations are needed. Laurie Hedlund, our state representative for the Dressage Foundation, will be the contact person at hedlunddressage@att.net

The Dressage Foundation has regularly supported our educational meetings and Century Club rides. They are a non-profit organization that exists solely on donations

2015 Educational Meeting

Bill Solyntjes will be returning this spring for the ODS Education Symposium. Site, date, format details are still being worked out but will be publicized as soon as they are. Bill will be introducing the new tests.

ODS is sponsoring a hospitality stall at the Region 9 Championships next month. Stop by and visit if you are attending the Champs.

The ODS Website has been nominated for an award from USDF. Hurrah for Jeannie!!

Championship 9 Volunteer Organizer –Cheryl West has agreed to handle this.

Nominating Committee – Beth volunteered to chair the committee. Sherry, Marta, and Rainee are going off the board. There is a concern about a future treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Board or know someone who is interested, please contact Beth Circle.

From Tamera Mayo (ODS coordinator for Championship participants)

Hi to all;

We are getting close to opening date for USDF Region 9 Championships. Be sure you have your entry in the mail or faxed on Friday, Aug. 15.

Even if you have not qualified for the championships yet, send in your entry for the open classes and add extra championship classes later when you are qualified. That's the best way to ensure you can stable with the ODS group.

Anyone can come. There is a good open show run in conjunction with the championships. Even if you come just for the open show it is a great opportunity to learn and maybe qualify for next year. Open show classes are everyday. Just check the show premium

(www.showsecretary.com) for which classes are on which days. Not every day is the same.

This is the largest dressage show in our region. Some of the horses competing go on to Florida for the winter and compete there on through the spring. It is definitely a larger pond than we commonly have here in Oklahoma and for this reason it is a great opportunity to improve your competition skills and expand your horizons. Tell your friends. It is an awesome show.

When you send in your entry be sure to remember:

For Stable Group put: ODS / contact: Tamera Mayo 405-334-8843 to be stabled together.

We've had a lot of positive response of riders wanting to go. Currently there are 17 ODS horses planning to go, with more planning to if they get that last qualifying score. We have also had help from donors for hospitality stalls. We will actually have 2 stalls across from each other at the end of our aisle in Barn B...giving us plenty of room to party ;-))))

Marie Maloney of Thera Plate is donating a hospitality stall and helping to reserve a great spot near where she will set her plates up...a definite plus for us!

The ODS board has also been great to provide us with a hospitality stall to promote the club. We will hang the ODS banner and let everyone know Texas isn't the only state in the region!

Be sure to thank Marie Maloney and the ODS board members for the hospitality stalls when you see them next. We plan and hope to be in Barn B, which is a great location. We will be near the 'nice bathrooms', kitchen, show rings, and away from possible rain. We will do our best to get these...but please bear in mind that anything could happen.

To see where we hope to be:

<http://www.gswec.com/downloads/sitemap2013b.pdf?issu=ignore>

Note on tack stalls: Let me know if you want to share a tack stall with someone.

Now, putting my veterinary hat on over my organizer hat:

1) A health certificate and current original copy of your coggins report will need to travel with your horse to Texas. The health certificate is good for only 30 days and your vet needs time to send it in to be stamped by the State Dept of Ag. I suggest you make an appointment with your vet now for the week of Sep 8.

2) Coggins: for the show it needs to be within 12 months of show date, but to enter Texas it needs to be within 6 months.

3) Vaccinate your horses for flu and west nile virus. These vaccines are only good for 6 months, meaning the one you gave in the spring is no longer effective. The number of cases of WNV always peak in Oct. I suggest you vaccinate by Aug 15 to be good for all the fall shows.
TRANSPORT

If you are interested in sending your horse on the commercial truck leaving from Stillwater. Contact Person: Robin Hessel 405-747-7121. Cost is \$450 for the round trip. Dates are tuesday Oct 7 to driving home Monday Oct 13. Equine Express is the commercial hauler.

New Horse Registrations-Entered 5/28/14

- 2014 Charmed I'm Sure Kara Garde
- 2164 Love the Footwork Joy Quinn(change of ownership)
- 2193 Sacred Gracey Julie Adams-Simmons
- 2194 Guy Sheila Bond
- 2195 Fuerst Prince Lindsey Dix
- 2196 Baron Von Bling Sarah Field
- 2197 Slew Dazzle Richal Flannery
- 2198 Deacon Carolyn Hoekstra
- 2199 Paradigm SHF Golden Spike Angela James
- 2200 Vashti Kristin Knutson
- 2201 Captain Magic Merlin Jean and Jessie Korver
- 2202 Cascade Carson Audrey McKenna
- 2203 Michelle's Mojo Man Audrey McKenna
- 2204 By Invitation Only Mary Shappe and Gert Shuckhart
- 2205 CBMF Fully Loaded Mary Shappe and Gert Shuckhart
- 2206 Commador LNF Dede Wasemiller
- 2207 Wintergreen Replica Ayaka Takahashi Weitzenhoffer
- 2208 Hylee's Curious George Nikki Weitzenhoffer
- 2209 Comet Cheryl West

ODS News Alert!!

Starting in 2015, there is a ODS membership late fee of \$5.00 for 2015 memberships received after Dec. 1. Get those memberships renewed early!!

A free membership will again be awarded to one person, drawn from those who renew their ODS membership by Nov. 15. Memberships received after Nov. 30 (the end of the USDF membership year) will be required to pay \$5 more as a late fee.

Miscellaneous This and That

A "Ride From Within" clinic with James Shaw is schedule on November 1-2, 2014. Contact:

Kay Kamish
Rivendell Farm
918-808-6128

Gallery Farm is having a Combined Test and Schooling Dressage show on Sunday, Oct. 5th. It is ODS recognized. Contact:

Pamela Byers
Gallery Farm
8900 Cemetery Road
Noble, OK 73068
405-990-8963
Pamela@galleryfarm.us
www.galleryfarm.us

From the Editor: If you are scheduling clinics or other dressage activities, let me know and I will include them in the newsletter if possible.

Thanks!

Lee Ann

No Tack Stall? No Problem!

It's horse show season! This will likely generate a mix of excitement, butterflies, massive planning attempts, and possible total frustration if you need to work out of your trailer.

Liv Gude of Professional Equine Grooms knows that if you take some time before your show to get your equipment in order and develop a plan you can make your trailer an awesome home base for your horse.

Let's work our way through a few scenarios:

- You are hauling in for the day, you don't have a stall, and your rig needs to serve as tack room, rest area, grooming station, and stall for your horse. First, your horse needs to be comfortable being tied to your rig. Use some sort of safety release so that if your horse tries to pull back, he won't just tighten the knot and panic more. Using a piece of baling twine to secure the lead rope to the trailer and using panic snaps on your lead rope can prevent major accidents.

Your horse also needs to be able to eat from a hay net hung high from your trailer—no hooves in low hanging nets allowed. If you are not comfortable with hay nets, try a large muck tub that can rest on the ground. For muck tubs that are designated as feed bins, I always cut the rope handles so no lips, halter pieces or feet get stuck.

Bring along a bucket or tub that you know he will drink his water from. Be sure you have figured out a way to secure it to your trailer (perhaps another breakaway system?) to avoid the dreaded stuck-leg-in-a-bucket scenario. This will cost you another trip to the faucet lugging a heavy bucket at best, a call to the vet at worst.

Also think about what you are going to do with your horse if you need to run to the restroom or show office. Having an extra set of hands with you to supervise your horse while you are away from your trailer is ideal. For a bonus, make sure those extra hands also enjoy mucking manure!

Organizing your equipment in the tack room of the trailer before you leave home is the key. Hang your bridle in easy reach from the door, have grooming tools in a container you can pull out quickly, and make sure everything you need for the day is easily accessible.

Enjoying a horse show while using your trailer as base camp for the day can be great fun, and it's super easy to get your horse ready. Your grooming supplies and tack are right there! Even if your trailer's tack room looks like a tornado hit it, you are not lugging things across the show grounds. Be sure your trailer's tack room door can be secured while open so it doesn't catch some wind and smack you or your horse.

- If you have a stall for your horse, but your trailer will be your base camp for the shows, you have a few more variables.

You can still groom and tack up from the trailer, but you need a way to lug food, mucking supplies, and miscellaneous other items to and from your rig.

Your standard round muck tub can be fitted to a dolly with wheels so it becomes a rolling muck tub of convenience. Rig your own dolly, or find one that is specially designed for use with muck tubs. Use elastic tie downs or baling twine to secure your pitchfork, shovel, and rakes to the handle of the dolly as you tote them along.

Alternatively, you could use a wheelbarrow you bring from home. Sometimes the smaller ones are easier to pack into your trailer and maneuver at the show grounds.

If you want to carry hay, baggies of grain, and other horse supplies to and from, you can use the same wheelbarrow or tub as the manure if you add a liner

of some sort. Old feed bags, your cranky roommate's pillow case, you get the idea.

If you are using multiple muck tubs, they easily stack so you could have one for input (hay and grain) and one for output (manure). Add wheels to make your show days easy!

- If you have a stall, but you can't use your trailer as base camp, and there is no grooming or storage stall, you have a lot more lugging around to do, and some things to install around your stall.

This is also a situation when adding wheels (or more hands) will help you. You can find a rolling tack caddy, which will help you move saddles, bridles, pads, and maybe even a bucket or two from trailer to stall. As a bonus, these also serve as storage outside of your stall during the day. It's easy to clean your tack with them, and there's no chance of your horse knocking your saddle from the stall door.

In the stall, you may want to consider installing cross-ties that can be taken down when not in use.

Some facilities have separate cross-tie areas available, but that's not always the case.

Hanging hooks are great for helmets, bridles, halters, and even buckets with grooming supplies. Hang them out of reach of your horse, of course!

It's also a great idea to organize your items well before show day. Using labeled buckets to contain grooming supplies, wash rack supplies, tack cleaning supplies, etc., will save time, keep you on track, and make it easy for you or your helper to find what you need.

Clean out your trailer before a show! The collection of blankets and old saddles can stay at home for the day to reduce clutter and make your trailer's tack area easily accessible.

Pack a large trash bag and a laundry bag, too. Even if you are only going for a day, having a place to toss trash and pile your dirty laundry makes unloading the trailer fast, and you won't need to clean everything if your dirty boots mix with your clean saddle pads. Most laundry bags have a drawstring that fits nicely on the bridle hooks in your trailer.

For multiple-day shows, consider organizing a pair of horse boots, a fly bonnets, a saddle pad, your polo wraps into separate containers for each day. You could label them Day 1, 2, 3, or even "schooling," "show," "awards ceremonies." This makes it possible for you to grab the bin labeled Day 2, instead of sifting through the bins for saddle pads, boots, bonnets, etc., to pick out what you need.

Don't forget to pack duct tape, baling twine, your veterinary kit, and a spare halter and bridle for parts, just in case. Horse showing is fun—make it easy by staying organized and having a plan!

<http://www.chronofhorse.com/article/no-tack-stall-no-problem>

Upcoming from Great Plains Chapter and Valley View Farms

Sept 6:

Great Plains Chapter Recognized 1 day show And Clinic

Great Plains Chapter of ODS 2014 Recognized Shows

USEF Level Two Competitions

Official Qualifying for:

Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships

SWDC Championships

AQHA Program

ODS Year End Awards Program

Featuring:

Clinic with the Judge after the competition

Excellent footing

Indoor show arena

Opportunity Classes

Para-equestrian Classes

Facility:Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater, OK

Judge: Thomas S Poulin "S"

TD: Bob Cooper

Following the 1 Day recognized show at Valley View is a 2 day Clinic with Thomas Poulin.

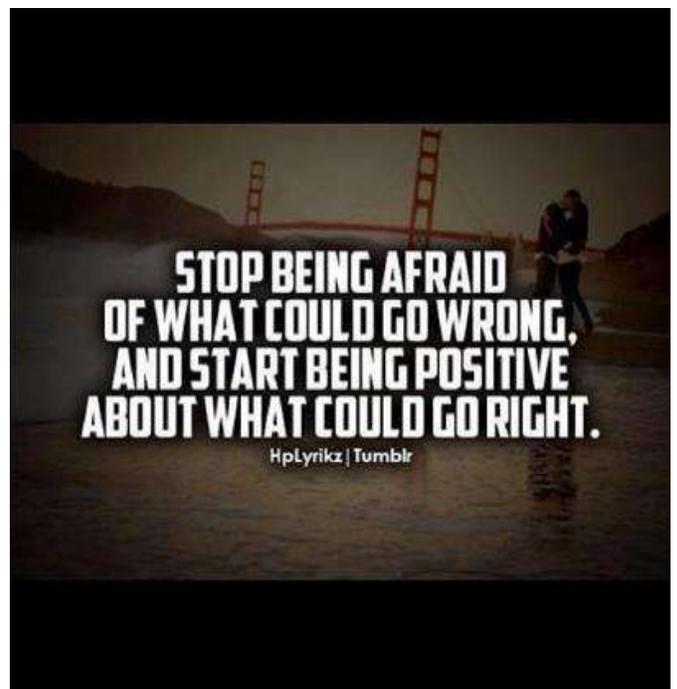
September 7-8 with Thoms Poulin "S" at Valley View Equestrian

September 6 and 8 with saddle fitter Bob Cooper at Valley View Equestrian

Oct 25th: GPC Rated Show with Debbie Riehl Rodrigues "S" followed by a clinic.

Visit www.dressageoklahoma.org for more details and prizelist on our calendar.





USDF Region 9 T-shirts

Limited Edition!

Available by pre-order only

All proceeds benefit USDF Region 9



Shirt is heather gray with black graphics.

Four Step Easy Order Process

Step 1. Select your t-shirt size(s) and quantity:

Adult: ___S, ___M, ___L, ___XL, ___XXL

Child: ___S, ___M, ___L

Step 2. Provide your contact information:

Name: _____

Mail Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Step 3. Calculate your amount due:

T-shirts ordered _____ x \$15 each \$ _____

Pick-up at USDF Region 9 Champs Show \$ 0

Shipping*: # of shirt(s) _____ x \$4.50 per shirt \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____

**Will receive by mail mid to late October*

Step 4. Provide Payment: **ALL ORDERS DUE BY 9/15/14**

Make check payable to **"USDF Region 9"**.

Mail order form and payment by **9/15/14** to:

Sherry Guess

USDF Region 9 Director

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