



ODS DISPATCH
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Seems like the show season just started and here it is September already. We are into the final month of the competition year.

At a later date, we will post the preliminary standings for ODS year end schooling show awards as soon as all scores for the final schooling shows are received by Laura Custer. Please make sure you check your scores to make sure we have everything correct.

Recognized show scores will be pulled from the USDF website. You do not have to send your scores in. Please make sure you check to make sure all your scores are posted and accurate.

We have had a couple of Board members resign recently, Tamera Mayo and Christina Harmon.

Vacant Board positions during the year are filled by appointment from the board. They serve for the remainder of the year and then can run for the remainder of the term at the AGM.

Marta Koenig has stepped forward and volunteered to fill one of the vacant positions and be our Treasurer. Thank you Marta.

Laura Custer has agreed to fill the Membership coordinator position for the remainder of this year. Thank you Laura.

The other Board position is still vacant. If anyone would like to fill that position for the remainder of this year please contact any Board member.

Good luck to all those competing this month in the final shows.

Pamela DeVore

President, ODS

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Horses newly registered with ODS:

None reported this month.

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Upcoming ODS Board Meetings:

September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, & December 6th.

All members are welcome to attend in-person at the Stroud Police/Fire Department, or call in via the conference call phone number.

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Calling all tech-saavy members!

ODS is still looking for a webmaster to begin ASAP.

We have been without a webmaster since May.

(This would also help qualify you for ODS educational scholarship application status!)

If you are interested, please contact Pam Devore, ODS President, at pamelad68@aol.com

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ODS is looking for someone to help with the membership directory and to fill the open membership position on the ODS board.

Looking for a way to give back to your nonprofit organization?

Want to have a say in how it is complied, designed, and delivered?

Here's your chance!

Email Pam Devore, ODS President, at pamelad68@aol.com

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Now Taking Applications for \$150.00

ODS Educational Scholarships



The ODS Scholarship Committee is now taking applications for the Fall (2nd round) of the Educational Scholarship Award. Eligible candidates are encouraged to apply by November 15th 2017. Information about this scholarship is on the ODS website http://dressageoklahoma.org/?page_id=2758.

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GCC Unmounted Fun!

On August 26, the Green Country Chapter of ODS hosted a free Pilates for Dressage Riders class. Lisa Coffee-Smith, of Total Pilates of Tulsa, taught our group a mat class on how to isolate and access muscles essential to improving our core strength and how it relates to our riding. We used a tool called the magic circle for several of the exercises which was versatile and created positive tension. We learned how Pilates helps our riding with a balanced body in the following ways:

- Lengthening the spine and strengthening the core
- Create a deeper seat and enhance the suppleness of the lower back
- Increase leg and body length
- Strengthen the abdominals

Besides being informative, the class was fun and there were many laughs! Lisa was very knowledgeable and although she doesn't ride, she studied with Janice Dulak, the author of Pilates for the Dressage Rider. She was very personable and made the class very relevant to our needs.

After the class, we had lunch at Charleston's featuring a discussion with Marsha Cullen and Lily Rhodes on Para-Dressage. They discussed some of the obstacles they face while riding and how they problem solve. They also discussed the process to become classified as a Para- Dressage rider.

GCC had a terrific turnout for this event. It was fun to try something new and spend time with horse friends in a different environment.

Pam Rhodes, ODS Board Member & GCC Chapter Member



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Chapter News:

Great Plains Chapter of ODS News



Great Plains is in the middle of a busy fall season. Labor Day weekend saw a recognized dressage show on Saturday and a recognized western dressage show on Sunday. Judge Melissa Creswick "S" stayed for a clinic following the shows. Scores and high points are available on www.horseshowconsulting.com.

Sept 9-11 is our weekend with Olympic judge Lilo Fore. Saturday is a recognized show with clinic on Sunday and Monday. The clinic is full, but auditors are welcome. All GPC shows live stream if you would like to cheer on your friends. Access the live stream from the home page of www.horseshowconsulting.com.

September 18 is a schooling show at the OKC State Fair Park. The judge will be Robin Hessel "L" and entries are open.

Our next educational activity is a working equitation clinic scheduled for October 14. This is an exciting new discipline which combines dressage with obstacles to test the relationship between horse and rider. Tamera Mayo is leading the workshop. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

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Green Country Chapter News



No news reported. More information can be found at www.greencountrydressage.com/news.

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OKC Metro Dressage News

No News reported.

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North Central Chapter News



No news reported.

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Texas Friends Affected by Hurricane Harvey

MORE NEWS AND UPDATES FROM HOUSTON DRESSAGE SOCIETY

WE HAVE HAY FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

HDS has acted as a triage center until the larger organizations could activate and get some distribution points to act as a larger recovery operations. We have hay for immediate distribution. IF YOU NEED OR KNOW OF SOMEONE IN NEED call Vincent 832-205-2285 or Chris 832-418-3787. Pickup points, West, North and Sam Houston Racetrack.

DONATIONS

From here on forward there are centers set up to take donations of supplies. [Examples - Equine Express is coming down with three loads of feed, buckets, halters and other supplies from the Dallas area, Tennessee is sending shavings and Pony Up Rescue in Seattle is sending fly spray, fly ointment, halters and other supplies by UPS]. The following are some nearby contacts:

- 1) Great Southwest Equestrian Center - 2501 S. Mason Road, Katy, TX 77450 Contact Amy Uniss 281-978-0767
- 2) Lone Star Expo Center - 9055 Airport Rd, Conroe, TX 77303 · (936) 538-8000(general line) Cats, dogs and horses
- 3) Wharton, Fort Bend to be updated.
- 4) Sam Houston Racetrack - 7575 North Sam Houston Parkway West Houston, TX 77064 281-807-8700 ext.4 (note if leaving goods you may have to leave trailer - call ahead)

TEVA (Texas Equine Veterinary Association) has also created a list of information and donation centers that will then be distributed to the communities hard hit.

TEVA has specified donation hubs located around the state of Texas. If you would like to donate please take feed supplies, feed, buckets, halters, shavings etc. to your nearest hub and we will get those to victims and shelters in the Houston area as soon as the water allows us to do so.

Please view this list of the facilities helping those in need:

Austin Area:

1: Austin Equine Hospital
20640 Highway 150
Driftwood, TX 78619

2: Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals - Salado
1920 FM 2268
Salado, Texas 76571

3: Elgin Veterinary Hospital
600 Hwy 290 W
Elgin, TX
512-285-3395

Dallas/Fort Worth Area
4: Animal Imaging
6112 Riverside Drive

San Antonio Area

5: Retama Equine Hospital
17555 Old Evans Road
Selma, TX 78154
210-651-6375

West Texas

6: West Texas Equine Clinic
311 Vinson Road North
Abilene, TX 79602

Greater Houston Area

7: Brazos Valley Equine Hospital - Navasota
6999 Highway 6
Navasota, TX 77868

8: Town and Country Animal Hospital

Irving, TX 75039

2710 Junction Hwy
Kerrville, TX 78028

The Texas Animal Health Commission Hotline Number is the best number right now if there are trapped horses that need help. 512-719-0799 at the Animal Response Operation Coordination Center (AROCC). If you receive a call with someone looking to volunteer, donate, wanting to offer shelter for animals, reporting live or dead animals you can pass them along to the Harvey Hotline.

Texas Equine Veterinary Association is accepting cash/monetary donations. Please go to: <https://texasequineva.com/hurricane-harvey-relief/> to donate via the Texas Equine Veterinary Association. The Board of the TEVA Foundation will be distributing that money at their discretion to Hurricane Harvey victims.

Thank You,

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ODS Academy Awards Sponsored by Cheryl West and West Equestrian

Mission Statement: To find the ultimate lesson student who is capable of riding multiple horses, and to find the ultimate school horse who willingly carries and teaches all riders. **ODS Academy Horse Award Requirements:**

- A minimum of 5 scores with 3 different riders
- Must be ridden in USDF test at Intro level or above
- The rider cannot be the owner of the horse
- Horse can be un-papered, but must have an ODS registration number
- Horse must be part of an active riding or lesson program
- Horse must be 5 years old or older
- Recipient is determined by median score
- Award will be presented to the program that owns the horse
- Scores can cross all levels

ODS Academy Rider Award Requirements:

- A minimum of 5 scores on 3 different horses
- Must have ridden a test at USDF Intro level or above
- Rider must be a member of ODS
- Scores can cross all levels above Intro
- Recipient is determined by median score
- Rider cannot be the owner of the horse
- Horse must have an ODS registration number

A line will be added to the schooling show entry forms to indicate that the horse is an Academy horse so that the horse and rider are eligible for the award.

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2018 OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____
Address _____ City/State Zip _____
Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____

USDF membership year is Dec 1 through Nov 30. Membership dues are late after November 30th.

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

- \$50 Adult Please check any that apply. Open _____ Amateur _____ Vintage (50+) _____
- \$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships)
- \$40 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year _____ Birth date _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)
- \$60 Family (for two family members) Name of second family member _____
- \$10 Add third family member Name of third family member _____
Please include birth dates for junior family members

Chapter Membership – Check which chapter you would like to join. Chapter membership is not required, but is required to participate in the Chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or a family.

- \$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)
- \$10 North Central Chapter (NCC)
- \$10 Great Plains Chapter (GPC)

_____ OPTIONAL donation to ODS. ODS is a tax exempt 501.c organization.

_____ **\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th.**

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

___ Gold Medal ___ Silver Medal ___ Bronze Medal ___ USDF Rider Performance (training, 1st, 2nd)
___ "L" judge ___ USDF Instructor Certification

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets? Please circle all that apply. Scribing Scoring

Organization/Management Accounting Spreadsheets

Arena Set-up/Tear-Down Photography Fund Raising Other _____

I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, it's officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club.

I agree and sign: Signed: _____ Date _____ (Parent/guardian must sign for Junior)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to: Marta Koenig, P.O. Box 1101, Kellyville, OK, 74039. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.