



# NEWSLETTER

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## From Our President

Throughout our nation, people have reacted to the series of tornadoes that have struck our state. Here we see the devastation on a much more personal level. Most of us know someone who has been injured in some way by the recent destruction. The loss of life, homes, and businesses leaves us all feeling helpless and unsure about how we can make a difference for those who have lost so much.

For horses owners, little is more frightening than being unable to protect your animals during these events. Many horses were separated from their homes and badly injured. Veterinarians in the area have stepped up and taken in horses whenever needed. Some had to be put down and their bodies disposed of. Many require drugs and long term treatment. Some are still waiting for owners to claim them. All have needed to be housed.

ODS is collecting funds to help defray the costs incurred by these local veterinarians. You can send a check for this cause to our ODS Treasurer, Marta Koenig at 1033 East 34th Street, Tulsa, OK 74105 or go to our website at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org) to see a list of clinics in the area that need our help.

Thank you for your support of horse owners throughout the state.

Sherry

## ODS Summer Meeting Scheduled

Come into the cool! Our ODS Summer Meeting will be held in air conditioned splendor at the City of Edmond Public Library, 10 South Boulevard in Edmond. John Muldoon, a farrier for Oakridge Equine Hospital, will talk about the new approaches to hoof health starting at 1:00 p.m. Our summer meeting will follow. Find out all about the new *hoof wear* and what's going on with ODS. Help us plan for the upcoming year! Look for the agenda and directions in next month's newsletter.

## Horse Registration Fees Increase

As of December 1, 2013, ODS horse registration fees will increase:

Lifetime — \$30

One Year — \$20

Change of Ownership — \$10

## Nominations Now Being Accepted for Region 9 Horse Person of the Year for 2013

It is time to submit nominations for the Region 9 Horse Person of the Year for 2013. Nominations will close on August 20 due to USDF Regionals being moved to October. Please check the USDF Region 9 web site at [www.usdfregion9.org/RegionalBusiness/HPOYGuidelines.html](http://www.usdfregion9.org/RegionalBusiness/HPOYGuidelines.html) for criteria and previous recipients. Send your nomination, supporting reasons for the nomination, and your USDF membership number to Carolyn Vandenberg at [vandenberg@gvtc.com](mailto:vandenberg@gvtc.com).

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### Region 9 Education Event Featured in *Dressage Today*

The February Region 9 Symposium *Dressage Through the Levels* is featured in *Dressage Today*. This Houston Dressage Society event featured Janet Foy and Steffen Peters and many Region 9 riders including **Kay Kamish** from ODS. More than 250 auditors gathered at Tex-Over Farm in Conroe, Texas, to watch these two make dramatic changes in horses and riders. To read more about the symposium, please see the entire article at <http://blogs.equisearch.com/readersreport/2013/05/15/region-9-usdf-symposium-through-the-levels>.

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### 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championship Dates and Locations Selected

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) has selected the dates and locations for the 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, presented by SmartPak and supported by Merial.

Region 1 - October 2-5 at the Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, NC

Region 2 - October 9-12 at the Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

Region 3 - October 16-19 at the Jim Brandon Equestrian Center, W. Palm Beach, FL

Region 4 - September 5-7 at the North Iowa Fairgrounds, Mason City, IA

Region 5 - September 18-21 at the Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO

Region 6 - September 18-21 at the Idaho Horse Park, Nampa, ID

Region 7 - September 25-28 at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center, Burbank, CA

Region 8 - September 18-21 at HITS on the Hudson, Saugerties, NY

Region 9 - October 9-12 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center, Katy, TX

These championships recognize the outstanding efforts of riders in each USDF region and provide an excellent opportunity for spectators to view the top competitors in their respective regions. Additionally, the top amateur and open riders at each of the championships, who have submitted a declaration of intent, will receive an invitation to compete at the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, to be held November 6-9, 2014, at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Competitors qualify for Great American/USDF Regional Championships by competing in designated qualifying classes throughout the year at USDF-recognized competitions. For more information on the regional championship program or the US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan, visit [www.USDF.org](http://www.USDF.org).

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage. For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org), e-mail [usdressage@usdf.org](mailto:usdressage@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

## **Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler Returning to Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference**

The United States Dressage Federation announced today that Olympian Steffen Peters and USEF National Young Dressage Horse Coach Scott Hassler will return to headline the 2014 Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference. The conference will be held January 20-21, 2014 at Mary Anne McPhail's High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, Florida. During the 2014 conference, Peters and Hassler will focus on the critical stages of development and training. Peters will, again, be hands-on with FEI-level horses, spending time in the saddle as he identifies where riders 'get in trouble', and showcasing his techniques as he works through 'real life' issues as they relate to the Pyramid of Training. Peters and Hassler will also engage attendees in peer-to-peer discussion throughout the conference, as they evaluate each situation.

Steffen Peters is one of the most sought after trainers and clinicians in the world and is known for his correct and sympathetic approach. In addition to his training credentials, Peters has a highly decorated international competitive career. He recently made history in having the number one and number two horses for the 2012 US Olympic team. Peters earned an Individual and Team Gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games, earned an Individual Bronze medal in both the Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special at the 2010 World Equestrian Games, won the 2009 World Cup, placed fourth individually in the 2008 Olympic Games, earned a Team Bronze medal in the 1996 Olympics, has been named as USEF Equestrian of the Year an unprecedented three times, and has won six USEF National Grand Prix Dressage Championship titles.

Scott Hassler, a well sought after clinician, is one of our country's most respected all-around horsemen and is an internationally respected and accomplished trainer and educator. Hassler's straightforward and simple training and coaching techniques have been used to successfully develop horses of all ages through the Grand Prix level, as well as helped achieve the best US result to date at the World Championships for Young Horses, with a fourth place finish in 2005. Hassler's visionary impact and dedication to the sport is further illustrated in the Young Dressage Horse Trainers Symposium, which Hassler initiated while he was at Hilltop Farm. This meaningful event is entering its eighth year and is heralded as a model for successful educational forums of the nature Hassler and Peters intend to deliver. A member of the USEF Dressage Committee, the USEF Strategic Planning Committee, the USEF Young Horse Steering Committee, and the USDF Sporthorse Committee; Hassler was named USEF National Young Horse Coach in 2006 and is based at the renowned Riveredge Training Facility in Chesapeake City, Maryland.

Kathie Robertson, Senior Education Programs Coordinator, stated, "After the overwhelming response to Steffen and Scott last year, we couldn't be happier that they have agreed to return for this year's conference."

For more information on the Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference, including criteria for attendance, please contact the USDF office at [trainersconference@usdf.org](mailto:trainersconference@usdf.org) or at (859) 971-2277.

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## **Looking to Complete the "L" Program or Re-Test?**

The Alamo Dressage Association has been approved to host "L" Program Part 2 (Candidate Evaluation). The program starts with D1 on September 7-8. For more information or to reserve a space, please contact organizer Carolyn VandenBerg at [vandenberg@gvtc.com](mailto:vandenberg@gvtc.com).

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## **Instructor Funding Available**

The Dressage Foundation has several grant opportunities for instructors who are seeking Instructor Certification. For more information, please visit [www.dressagefoundation.org/Help\\_For\\_Dressage\\_Instructors.htm](http://www.dressagefoundation.org/Help_For_Dressage_Instructors.htm).

# USDF Annual Convention

The 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmartPak, will be held in Lexington, Kentucky from Wednesday, December 4 through Saturday, December 7.

There are a couple of opportunities for financial assistance to attend the convention:

One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, KY. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31. To access the application, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/clubs/gmos/RAGrantApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/clubs/gmos/RAGrantApplication.pdf).

Check out the Youth Convention Scholarship opportunity open to all USDF Youth members, Application deadline is August 15. Scholarship application can be found at [www.usdf.org/docs/awards/other-awards/scholarship/USDFYouthConventionScholarshipApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/other-awards/scholarship/USDFYouthConventionScholarshipApplication.pdf).

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## Volunteer of the Year Awards

Nominations are now open for the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award and the USDF Volunteer of the Year Award.

The **Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award** is designed to recognize outstanding volunteer efforts at the local level. One GMO volunteer is recognized in each of the nine USDF regions. Nomination forms must be completed and submitted by the president or designee of the president of the GMO for consideration. Download the nomination form at [www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/web/Forms%5CRegionalGMO\\_VOYAward.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/GMOFlash/web/Forms%5CRegionalGMO_VOYAward.pdf).

The **USDF Volunteer of the Year Award** is a prestigious award of national scope that annually recognizes USDF's most outstanding volunteer who has demonstrated exceptional commitment toward carrying out USDF's mission: "dedicated to education, the recognition of achievement, and the promotion of dressage." The nomination form can be found at [www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/awards/service/VOYApplication.pdf).

Nominations for both awards are due by August 31.

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## From the Judge's Point of View

### The Happy Horse

Successful trainers often refer to the importance of the horse's happiness. Riders must remember that the horses' emotions are not influenced by an occasional carrot or by the rider's exuberance after a good ride in the ring.

It is important not to treat a horse as a human friend who will understand periods of separation, silence and excuse our frailties. The horse's happiness depends on the daily routine and the environment. Most important is the balance of demand and reward in the training period. We must be patient, repetition must be measured and reward must be frequent with every sign of progress.

Treated with balanced requests during training sessions and relaxed rides around the property or in the country, the horse will be happy. It will show signs of joy that make a "good ride" brilliant.

Dr. Rudolf Vlatten, USEF "S" Dressage Judge

## ODS ADVERTISING RATES

### Newsletter Advertising

Basic Ad Rates:

Full Page - \$40

Half Page - \$20

Quarter Page - \$10

Business Card - \$7.50

Schooling Show or

Clinic Announcements:

First Insertion - \$20

Additional Months - \$15

*Advertising Deadline:*

*Copy and payment submitted*

*by 7th of month*

*(Newsletter publishes mid-month)*

### Website Advertising

Banner Ads:

3 Months - \$30

6 Months - \$60

1 Year - \$120.00

*Placement at the discretion of  
webmaster; includes site link*

Schooling Show or Clinic

Announcements:

\$20 - First Insertion

Additional Months - \$15

Calendar Listing:

Free (as space allows)

Non-Commercial Classified Ads:

Members - Free

Non-Members - \$5

*May be modified if space is limited*

**Great opportunity for trainer** to lease part of beautiful 120 acre equestrian facility at Woodridge Farm, Claremore. We have available 12 stall training barn with tack rooms and laundry; shared use of indoor and outdoor arenas and 10 stall barn for clinics; negotiable amount of acreage/paddocks/runs for turn-out; 3 bedroom/2 bath house with sunroom, garage, and additional storage building. Would also consider leasing house only. For those who know the farm, this is the house my parents built. Call Vanessa at 918-629-0814.

AVIATOR - 4-year-old bay Hanoverian Gelding by the Elite Hanoverian stallion, Arrian; out of Hanoverian mare, Vi Dora Tia.

LANDOLET- 2-year-old bay filly by the Elite Hanoverian stallion, Lankonig; out of Hanoverian mare, SO-LEI.

Please call Joanne Eberstein at 918.633.1023 for more information.

PEPPY SUE ZAN (Goldie) is available to raise your next sport/dressage horse. She is a 15-year-old registered QH/Palomino and is a wonderful broodmare and 'mom'. She has raised four big foals sired by Belgian and Percheron stallions. \$1,800

JUNO is a beautiful buckskin QH/Percheron mare. She stands 16 hands and will turn four-years-old in May. She was imprinted as a foal and has some basic ground work. \$3,200

Photographs of both horses are on my Facebook page at Lonesome Dog Photography. For more information, contact Debbie Fimple at 918-244-6627 or lonesomedogstudio@hotmail.com.

Whispering Willow Stables in Mounds, Oklahoma, currently has **openings for boarding**. Whispering Willow Stables is a private, gated equestrian facility located on 80 lush acres. Amenities include 12 x 12 stalls with mats, indoor wash racks with hot water, tacking stalls, security code tack rooms, fly spray system, day turnout paddocks and free flow exerciser. We offer three arenas: a 100 x 200 covered lighted arena; a 120 x 240 all-weather outdoor arena; and a 280 x 150 outdoor arena. Full board or pasture board (limited availability). Please call Teresa at (918) 364-5009 or (918) 770-5900 for further details.

EYORE - 14.2hh bay gelding, approximately 16 years old. This first level horse has an extensive show career in three-day eventing. Owner no longer has time to show. \$2,500 to approved home. Call Lora Shipley at 918.760.6750 for more details.

## Don't Forget to Renew Your ODS Membership

Your ODS membership provides the following benefits:

- A group membership (GMO) in the USDF that includes the USDF monthly magazine *USDF Connection*
- Region 9 Annual Omnibus that provides detailed information on recognized shows throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana
- The on-line ODS newsletter that includes upcoming events statewide, dressage-related articles, show results, news, information, and advertisements, as well as news from the ODS board activities and meetings
- A web site that provides late breaking news, forms, etc., at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Optional membership in the local dressage chapter of your choice
- Statewide annual membership directory
- ODS supported USEF/USDF recognized shows, ODS recognized schooling shows, clinics, and other educational events and programs
- The Junior/Young Rider Program that includes special activities for riders aged 21 or younger. (Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- You have the opportunity to participate in shows, share your insights, and make new friends!

The Oklahoma Dressage Society's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer leaders who truly care about the future of dressage in Oklahoma and Region 9. We are planning activities for this year, hoping that we meet the majority of our members' educational and competitive needs, including yours! To renew—or join—please see the membership application elsewhere in this newsletter.

## OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ODS is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and belongs to Region 9  
See also [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) and [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

New Membership     Renewing Membership     Information Change Only

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (for Invitation Use) \_\_\_\_\_

USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30. Apply this membership to year 20 \_\_\_\_

ODS Membership – Select One Category. *For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both Family and Add third family member.*

\$45 Senior / Adult / Vintage     Open     Amateur     Vintage

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and members with lifetime memberships)

\$35 Junior - Under 18 as of December 1 of current membership year \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date  
*For example, for 2013 membership, must be under 18 on December 1, 2013, even though membership year begins in 2012*

\$55 Family (for two family members) - Name of second family member \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Add third family member - Name of third family member \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please include birthdates for junior family members*

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

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?

Scribing     Scoring     Organization/Management     Accounting     Spreadsheets     Website

Photography     Fund Raising     Other \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, its 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 below:*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(If Junior Rider, this form must be signed by parent or guardian)*

Mail this form with appropriate check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to  
Beth Circle, 5433 Oak Leaf Drive, Tulsa, OK 74131 - [bcircle@rentechboilers.com](mailto:bcircle@rentechboilers.com)

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF