



NEWSLETTER

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2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention

The United States Dressage Federation celebrates 40 years at the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention. This year, the convention will be held in Lexington, Kentucky, a city known for its beautiful horse country.

Start each day with an interactive exercise class and prepare for the many educational opportunities that will be available throughout the week. Don't miss this opportunity to listen to USDF Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductee Charles de Kunffy share his insights on dressage. Top veterinarians in the industry will share the latest information and technology on stem cell therapy, embryo transfer, current technology for rehabilitation, joint therapy, the evolution of nutrition, neurological concerns related to the dressage horse, lameness, saddle fit and many other topics.

The convention will be held December 4 through December 8 at the Hyatt Regency Lexington, conveniently located downtown.

The Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, December 7 at the Hyatt.

Register now. **Online registration ends November 29.**

For registration, hotel reservations (USDF group rates start at \$131), convention agenda, and more, please go to www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp.

Save the Dates - March 22-23, 2014

Save the dates of March 22-23, 2014 for the **2014 ODS Educational Seminar, "Improve Your Collective Scores" with William "Bill" Solyntjes.**

Bill Solyntjes is a U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) bronze, silver and gold medalist, a USDF "S" judge, "R" Sport Horse judge and is a member of the USDF "L" program faculty. Bill has trained and shown several horses to Grand Prix. Based in Hamel, Minn., he operates Brandywine Farm, a dressage training and breeding facility that has produced many year-end award winners both in hand and under saddle.

More seminar details to follow in subsequent newsletters and on the ODS web site.

Time to Renew Your ODS Membership

It's time to renew your ODS membership for 2014! The membership year runs from December 1 to November 30. The application can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Message from the President: The Value of Challenge

I spent two weekends recently watching brave riders. Not because they were doing something death-defying, but because they were tackling something that was definitely out of their comfort zone. At the Region 9 Championships in Texas, I saw a lot of nervous people who were not sure they could achieve their goals, but willing to try. At the Adult Clinic with Hilda Gurney, there were both amateurs and professionals allowing themselves to be examined in front of an audience so that all could learn. Certainly these riders were not in their comfort zone!

I think it's safe to say that all of us involved in dressage would like to improve. We would like to develop and refine our riding and move through the dressage levels while becoming more and more proficient. Challenging yourself to do something 'uncomfortable' each day will help you make that progress. Stretch yourself to do something that is slightly beyond your current ability. It can be something as simple as trying out a test that's slightly harder than you think you can accomplish. It could be cantering a horse that scares you; getting on the horse before lunging him; or trying a movement, even though you may fail to get it 'right'.

I don't want you to be foolhardy, but if we always do things within our comfort zone, we make little progress. Our horses are incredibly forgiving. As long as what we try isn't something likely to hurt them, they really aren't concerned if we're not perfect.

Try to do something each day that is in the 'stretch zone' -- a bit uncomfortable. While you're involved in finding one thing each day that's a challenge, you're also going to find that you're enjoying your life more and just maybe your dressage riding will start taking leaps ahead.

Sherry Guess

Region 9 Youth Selected by USDF to Compete for USEF Award

Region 9's **Anna Campbell** was recently selected as USDF's national nominee for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award. The goal of this award is to identify future leaders in the equine industry and to recognize youth for their achievements. Candidates should demonstrate an ongoing commitment to the sport, serve as a positive role model for their peers, be involved in community activities, and exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles.

Anna has served as the Houston Dressage Society youth board president for three years, is an active volunteer in equestrian and community activities, and has represented Region 9 at three NAJYRC competitions and three USEF Festival of Champions.

We wish Anna the best of luck as she competes with candidates from the other National Affiliates for the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award.



THANK YOU, ROBIN HESSEL, for teaching us!

Your new bronze medalists,
Kim McKenzie and Chris Cashel

2014 ODS Board Election

Editor's Note: *The Oklahoma Dressage Society will have three (3) board positions open at the close of the 2014 Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2014. For your consideration, the biographies of three candidates follow. Any additional biographies and the absentee ballot will be published in the December 2014 ODS Newsletter. Election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2014.*

Beth Circle

I have been an active ODS member for over 10 years, performing the ODS membership duties since 2005. I currently own two dressage horses; one recently retired. I show at ODS recognized shows and participate in ODS symposiums. We just moved to Mounds in May. Coupled with a new horse and no dressage arena (yet) I've missed showing this year, but plan to make up for it in 2014!

Tamera Mayo

My husband and I are native Oklahomans but have lived other places including several countries overseas. I've ridden English since I was 5 and have always had horses no matter where we lived or what I was doing. I started riding dressage at 14 and spent a summer working under Robert Hall in the UK when I was 15. My training has been classical, here and in the UK, France and Portugal. I evented up to intermediate level doing the Kentucky CCI. I earned a BHSAI in the UK and a DVM at OSU. Currently I am the owner, trainer, rider, vet, groom and stable hand for our new business, Golden Maple Friesians, LLC. You can see me at the shows riding my sweet and generous Friesian mare, Clair.

Relevant experience:

- Past board member for Greater Houston Combined Training Association
- Organizer of recognized horse trial that won Region 9 best event of the year
- USPC DC & RS
- Treasurer for Fannie Bay Equestrian Club, Darwin, Australia

Now that we are back in Oklahoma I hope to become more involved in the local dressage community and add my experience and abilities to ODS.

Cheryl West

Cheryl L. West was born in Australia in 1971. She moved to the States in 1976 and attended Oxford Private High School in Los Angeles. Starting at 13, she rode Western. At 19, she enlisted in the US Army, and while serving, rode rodeo in Georgia and studied eventing on the east coast. She has also successfully competed in competitive trail and coached her son to a National Championship. She is an CHA Clinician Master Instructor, certified in English flat, Jumping, Western and Therapeutic and is a PATH Registered instructor. She is very educated in many farrier styles and specializes in a balanced, well trimmed hoof. She ran a successful farrier business until a car accident slowed that down in 2010. In September of 2008, Cheryl accepted a position at American Therapeutic Riding Center where she was instrumental in developing their horsemanship program and successfully mentoring PATH instructors. She worked with ATRC for 6 years before returning to focus on her own facility again, serving an average of 35+ students a week. She is currently working to start a Horses for Heros program. She coaches and manages the showing schedule of 12 to 16 riders during the year, as well as 4 to 6 shows at her facility. She mentors instructors for successful certification with the Certified Horsemanship Association. She has rescued and successfully retrained several rescues—and matched them with riders—that are currently being shown dressage or rehomed. She has been showing dressage in Oklahoma since she came 13 years ago, and studies under Robin Hessel. Currently serves as secretary on the Great Plains Board, and served as president of the Green Country Chapter. She is dedicated to the sport of dressage, and bringing young riders (and all ages) into the sport.

Sherry Guess Garners 2013 GMO Award

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to congratulate all of the winners of the 2013 GMO Awards, which will be presented during the Board of Governor's General Assembly at the 2013 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, presented by SmartPak, in Lexington, Kentucky.

These awards are given annually to recognize outstanding achievement within USDF's GMO community. Recognition is given in the following categories: GMO amateur photograph, website user experience, and newsletter first person experience and general interest articles. USDF also recognizes outstanding volunteers at the regional level along with the recipient of the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund grant.

Our own **Sherry Guess** received an Honorable Mention in the General Interest Article category for her article, *The Learning Process*, which was featured in the May 2013 edition of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Newsletter.

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

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 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.

Rider applications are being accepted through December 1. For more information, visit www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/trainers-conference/index.asp.

New FEI Tests Released

On October 31, FEI announced the release of two new FEI Tests, Intermediate A and Intermediate B, along with revisions to the Intermediate II, Grand Prix, and Grand Prix Special effective January 1, 2014. The updated tests are available for download on the FEI website.

Please note that the rest of the FEI tests, including the Prix St George and Intermediate I tests, published in the 2014 USDF Member Guide are current for the 2014 competition year. The Grand Prix and Grand Prix Special have changes to the coefficients but the movements remain the same. Refer to the FEI website for the new Intermediate A and B, the revised Intermediate II, Grand Prix, and Grand Prix Special.

Instructor Education Opportunity

There will be an opportunity to attend an Instructor/Trainer Workshop hosted by the Arkansas Dressage Society on December 14-15 at Diamond TR Ranch in Little Rock, Arkansas. Instructor for the workshop, "Lungeing of the Horse and Lungeing of the Horse with Rider," will be USDF faculty member Sarah Martin.

For details, please visit www.arkansasdressage.org/uploads/USDF_Trainer_Instructor_Info.pdf.

Great Plains Chapter of ODS Fall Show

October 26, 2013

Judge: Thomas Poulin "S"

High Point Awards

Introductory Level

Junior	None		
Adult	Carnoski	Richal Flannery	69.065%

Training Level

Amateur	Lust in the Wind	Holly Luke	72.781%
Junior/YR	Love the Footwork	Campbell Ross	71.042%
Open	Genna	Richal Flannery	68.600%

First Level

Amateur	Call Me Callahan	Kimberlee McKenzie	65.968%
Junior/YR	None		
Open	Clair NAF	Tamera Mayo	67.258%

Second Level

Amateur	Tango	Chris Cashel	63.286%
Junior/YR	Tango	Kailey Devore	64.762%
Open	None		
Dover Medal	None		

Third Level

Combined	Divino	Roberta Clark	70.000%
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Fourth Level

Combined	Dark Surprise	Beth Springer	68.378%
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FEI Level

Combined	Lazulite	Marie Maloney	68.158%
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Vintage Rider

Amateur <i>National Level</i>	Shaman's Chance	Kimberlee McKenzie	67.105%
Amateur <i>FEI</i>	Lazulite	Marie Maloney	68.158%
Open	Clair NAF	Tamera Mayo	67.258%

For complete show results, please see showsecretary.com

Three ODS members earned the scores they needed to qualify for the USDF bronze medal. Congratulations to Nicole Burris, Chris Cashel and Kimberlee McKenzie.



Events and Opportunities

November 22-24

Melissa Creswick Clinic
Stillwater, Oklahoma
Contact: hesselra@gmail.com

December 7

Lyndon Rife Clinic
Coweta, Oklahoma
Contact: premierdressage@aol.com

December 14-15

USDF Instructor/Training Workshop
Perryville, Arkansas
www.arkansasdressage.org

January 25

ODS Annual General Meeting
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Contact: GuessDrsg@aol.com

February 1-2

Jeremy Steinberg JR/YR Clinic
Simonton, Texas
Contact: www.twinwoodequestriancenter.com

March 1-4

Jeff Moore Biomechanics Clinic
Houston, Texas
Contact: www.equestrianventures.com

March 22-23

ODS Educational Seminar with Bill Solyntjes
Improving Your Collective Scores
Contact: skob@tulsaconnect.com

Circle of Friends

In celebration of USDF's 40th anniversary, contributors making a gift of \$500 or more before March 31, 2014, will have the option to inscribe a brick that will be placed at the USDF National Education Center. Contributors of \$50 or more by December 31, 2013 will be recognized in the March 2014 issue of USDF Connection.

Youth Competition Age

Attention! Your age for competition purposes may be different than your membership card.

Age of a competitor is calculated as of the calendar year. It is not based on the type of membership that a competitor has with USEF or USDF. While you may be considered an adult for Dressage competition purposes, you still may be eligible for Youth Participating Membership.

Beginning January 1, 2014, anyone born in 1992 will turn 22 and is considered an adult for the purpose of competing in a Dressage Competition.

USEF DR119.3 states the following:

For purposes of competition in the Dressage Division: Individuals are eligible as Juniors until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 18. Individuals are eligible as Young Riders from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16 until the end of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 21. Competitors shall compete as Adults from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 22. Individuals possessing current amateur certification are only eligible as Adult Amateurs from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22.

Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic

The USDF Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic will be held on Friday, December 6, during the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.

The clinic is required for apprentice Technical Delegates but is open to all and is an excellent resource if you are interested in learning about what a Technical Delegate does.

Topics to be covered will include how to become a Technical Delegate, dressage attire, tack and equipment, and USEF and USDF forms and publications.

Register online through November 29 at www.usdf.org/Convention.

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

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

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 Milli Kliewer at (918) 364-5009 or (580) 660-0823 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

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
- 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 1st.)
- 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 and www.usdfregion9.org and 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, 19705 So 43rd W Place,, Mounds, OK 74047 - bcircle@rentechboilers.com

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF