



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2013

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## Amendment to ODS Policies and Procedures

The Oklahoma Dressage Society Board of Directors has made an amendment to the ODS Policies and Procedures. The revision is as follows (supplementary verbiage underlined):

The Nominating Committee shall consist of Chapter Presiding Officers and at-large members selected by the ODS President. In the event that a Chapter Presiding Officer is unable to serve (i.e. would like to run for the ODS Board), the Chapter Presiding Officer may designate another Chapter Board Member to serve on the Nominating Committee in their stead. The ODS President shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairman from this Nominating Committee.

The revision was made to clarify ambiguous language that would have prevented non-chapter members from serving, which, clearly, was not the original intent.



## Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring Hilda Gurney

The **Nutrena/USDF Region 9 Adult Clinic Featuring Hilda Gurney** will be held **November 2-3, 2013**, at Willow Draw in Weatherford, Texas. Willow Draw is located just west of Fort Worth (approximately 225 miles from Oklahoma City and 330 miles from Tulsa).

This year's adult clinic series is all about harmonizing with your horse. For more information, please visit [www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Region9GeneralInformation.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Region9GeneralInformation.pdf).

**Auditor pre-registration ends on October 18, 2013.** To register on-line, please visit [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp) and select "register now" under auditor registration for Region 9. **If you miss the pre-registration deadline, walk-ins will be accepted on 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. This year, you can take advantage of our special "**early bird**" offer. All "early birds" who renew their membership on or before November 15 will be included in a drawing for a free membership. Avoid the rush—submit your membership renewal now!

## Message from the President

It is astonishing, but everything that happens in Oklahoma Dressage Society is done by volunteers! From depositing checks to determining our taxes, keeping track of memberships, website and newsletter -- it is all done by volunteers.

It's time to find volunteers to run for the ODS Board, and you might be just the person we're looking for. If you would be interested in running, please contact me (guessdrsg@aol.com) or one of the members of the Nominating Committee: Carrie Bertrand (carrie@pldi.net); Robin Hessel (robin@hesseldressage.com); Jeanie Eaton (eatonfam@tds.net); or Carol Miller (carol\_lee\_miller@yahoo.com) so you can be added to the list of nominees.

Board members are elected for a three-year term. They are expected to attend most of the telephone conferences and ODS activities throughout the year. Each member helps out with various events, depending on their abilities and preferences.

If a three-year commitment is more than you feel comfortable making, how about contacting me to help with fund raising or record keeping? Graphic artist abilities -- yes ! How about computer graphics -- yep, we need that too. We always have extra work that needs helping hands.

Please contact us if you might be interested in doing something for dressage here in Oklahoma.

Sherry Guess

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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.

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](http://www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp).

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## Preparation is the Basis of the Extended Trot

When your test calls for an extended trot on the diagonal, you must prepare your horse on the short side. Try to engage your horse a little more by riding well through the corner with the inside leg firmly on the horse and the outside rein giving support and balance. After the corner, the horse should be straightened and a half halt should precede the first extended stride.

Once the horse executes the extension, you must move your hands a little forward to permit the neck to stretch and to give more freedom of the shoulder. Keep the rhythm in your hands. Watch that your horse does not fall on the forehand or start running. Give a half halt when crossing the center line to avoid these problems.

Dr. Rudolf Vlatten, USEF "S" Dressage Judge

## US Dressage Finals

Dressage competitors from across the country will be stepping onto the national stage at the US Dressage Finals. Top qualifiers from across the country will be competing in a national head-to-head championship that showcases competitors in adult amateur and open divisions, at Training Level through Grand Prix.

Held at the prestigious Kentucky Horse Park, November 7-10, 2013, the US Dressage Finals is a Level Five Competition, the highest level of competition under United States Equestrian Federation rules. At least \$50,000 in prize money, great prizes, and national bragging rights will be up for grabs.

For more information about accommodations, ticketed events, seating, etc., go to [www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/event/index.asp). For information on competitors, go to [www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/competitors/index.asp](http://www.usdf.org/usdressagefinals/competitors/index.asp).

**Nomination deadline for riders in Region 9 is Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at midnight ET.** Closing date for ALL entries is October 24 at midnight ET.

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## Young Rider Graduate Program

The next Young Rider Graduate Program will be held January 18-19, 2014 in West Palm Beach, Florida. **Applications are due October 30, 2013** and are available at [www.usdf.org/docs/education/young-rider-graduate/YRGradApp.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/education/young-rider-graduate/YRGradApp.pdf). The USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program is made possible with funding support provided by The Dressage Foundation. For more information, contact the USDF office at [youth@usdf.org](mailto:youth@usdf.org).

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## Dressage Today Magazine to Launch My Dressage Light Bulb Moment Contest

*Dressage Today* celebrates those moments of clarity during dressage training with a new monthly contest sponsored by Markel. Tell us about a "light bulb" moment you had while doing dressage and you could be featured in *Dressage Today* magazine and win a great prize.

To enter, write an essay describing a time when you had an "aha!" moment in dressage. Essays must be 500 words or less. Simply submit the essay with a photo of you and your horse to be entered for a chance to win an EquiMedic Economy First Aid Kit, courtesy of Markel.

"We all have our challenges during our dressage journey," says Managing Editor Jennifer Mellace. "That's what makes those moments where everything clicks that much sweeter. We're excited to celebrate those moments with this new contest thanks to Markel."

Each month, a winner will be chosen to be featured in the magazine and to receive an EquiMedic Economy First Aid Kit. The kit, which features 29 different products and 86 items, can meet most of your emergency needs with your equine companion.

**Entries will be accepted through December 18, 2013.** To enter, go to [www.DressageToday.com/MarkelContest](http://www.DressageToday.com/MarkelContest).

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## Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic

The Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic, featuring **Jeremy Steinberg**, will be held February 1-2, 2014 at Twinwood Equestrian Center in Simonton, Texas. USDF is currently seeking riders ages 14 to 21, at all levels, to participate in the clinic. **Applications to ride are being accepted now through December 20.**

For more information or to apply to ride in the clinic, please visit [www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/dates-locations.asp](http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/dates-locations.asp). Auditors of all ages are welcome and pre-registration can be completed online! Contact the USDF office for more information.



## Events and Opportunities

### October 19

Rocking C Stables Schooling Show  
Inola, Oklahoma  
Contact: psychorse@aol.com

### October 26

Great Plains Chapter Recognized Show  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: hesselra@gmail.com

### October 26-27

James Shaw Ride From Within Clinic  
Claremore, Oklahoma  
Contact: aspenell@aol.com

### October 27

Green Country Chapter Schooling Show  
Inola, Oklahoma  
Contact: mstbdo@yahoo.com

### October 27-28

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

### October 27-28

Tom Poulin Clinic  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: hesselra@gmail.com

### November 1-3

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

### November 9

West Equestrian Ranch Schooling Show  
Sand Springs, Oklahoma  
Contact: westequest@yahoo.com

### November 9-10

Laurie Hedlund Clinic  
Ada, Oklahoma  
Contact: ladw23@yahoo.com

## Horse Registrations

Through September 28, 2013

Number	Horse	Owner
2172	Racing Wrangler	Leigh Ellen Lafferty
2173	D'Artagnan	Dolores Due
2174	Piaggio	Joanne Eberstein

## Win a FREE County Saddle!

Thanks to the generosity of County Saddlery, Inc., The Dressage Foundation is excited to announce that a County Perfection Saddle will be given away in a free drawing!

Gene Freeze, President of County Saddlery, has been described as the world's leading saddle designer and has designed saddles for many of the world's top riders from all three Olympic disciplines. Edward Gal rode in a County Perfection saddle when he and Totalis achieved a new world record of 92.3% in 2009.

"I have always felt, both as an individual and as the owner of County, that it is important to give back to the industry that has given so much to me," said Mr. Freeze. "People like Judith Noone and all the dedicated people at The Dressage Foundation inspire me to continue doing so."

The free contest will run from July 15 through December 5, 2013. The drawing will be held at the USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, in December.

U.S. residents 19 years of age and older are eligible to enter the contest. **To enter, visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).** Full contest rules and additional information are also available on TDF's website.

## Apply for the OHJA Scholarship

The OHJA Scholarship is available to any OHJA member pursuing a college or graduate degree. To download your application, go to [www.okhunterjumper.com](http://www.okhunterjumper.com) and click on the "Scholarship" link. For more information, contact Beth Nellis at [bnellis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bnellis@sbcglobal.net) or call Beth at 918.299.4725. **Deadline for submission is December 1, 2013.**

## 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](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, 19705 So 43rd W Place,, Mounds, OK 74047 - [bcircle@rentechboilers.com](mailto:bcircle@rentechboilers.com)

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF