



NEWSLETTER

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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!



Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring Hilda Gurney

Time is running out! We don't want you to miss the opportunity to attend the upcoming **Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring Hilda Gurney**.

Two-time Olympian and 2007 Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductee, Hilda Gurney, has had an enormous positive impact on US dressage over the past several decades. She is a dedicated teacher, instructing a generation of students from the grass roots to international levels. The names of her many students could fill a book, including Debbie McDonald, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, Kathleen Raine, and David Wightman.

The Region 9 clinic 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). For more information about the clinic, please visit www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Region9GeneralInformation.pdf.

To pre-register as an auditor, please visit www.usdf.org/docs/education/clinics/adult/Pre-RegistrationForm.pdf for a hardcopy of the registration form. To register on-line, please visit www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp and select "register now" under auditor registration for Region 9. **Auditor registration ends on October 18, 2013.**

USDF University Credit Now Available for DressageMeetingOnline.com

View live webinars with instructors and judges such as Steffen Peters, Gary Rockwell, Christoph Hess, Charlotte Bredahl and Lendon Gray. These weekly programs allow you to speak directly with judges and trainers. Each webinar you attend is eligible for USDF University credit. To apply for form for credit, go to www.usdf.org/docs/education/other/DCuniversitycreditform.pdf. For the schedule of events, please visit DressageMeetingOnline.com.

DO IT FOR YOUR HORSE!

No, not the pretty new saddle pad or that wonderfully balanced whip (like he would think THAT was a good idea). One of the very best things you can do for your horse is to become better educated about our sport of dressage. There are many reasons, but the best is that a more educated rider makes better training decisions.

So how do you become better educated? There are soooo many ways and opportunities. Without having to travel to Florida, you can experience international clinicians right here in our region!

Hilda Gurney is coming to Texas the weekend of November 2-3 for a two-day clinic aimed at educating the audience as much as the riders. This USDF Adult Education offering is in Weatherford, Texas, just west of Fort Worth. In addition to being an international level judge, Hilda Gurney's competition record is unsurpassed: an Olympic Team bronze medal in 1976; an individual gold and silver, and three team gold medals at the Pan Am Games; six USET National Grand Prix Championships on the legendary Hall of Fame member, Keen; 15 USDF Horse of the Year titles, and a team gold medal at the North American Dressage Championships. With more than 40 years as an instructor and trainer, she knows how to explain what you need to know at every level. Some of her students include riders such as Debbie McDonald, Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, and Kathleen Raine -- all of whom have competed in the Olympics. To register for the Hilda Gurney Region 9 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic on-line, please visit www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp and select "register now" under auditor registration for Region 9. Auditor registration ends on October 18, 2013.

How about the Austin Dressage Clinic offering February 15-16, 2014? ADU is presenting their 5th Annual Judging Seminar with **Stephen Clarke** of Great Britain. Clarke will explain how horses should be judged at all levels. Clarke, the British judge who was President of the Ground Jury at the London 2012 Olympic Games, has been unanimously elected as the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) Dressage Judge General. Not a judge? It doesn't matter. You need to know what judges are looking for and why it's important. If you don't understand what makes the movements and qualities of the dressage horse correct, how are you going to know what to teach your horse? The 5th Annual ADU Judging Seminar will be held at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. More details will follow on the ADU web site at www.austindressageunlimited.org. Also, refer to future ODS newsletter publications for information on how you can benefit from this educational event.

We also have lots of opportunities within our own state. Each year, ODS provides an educational offering. This year, **Bill Solyntjes** will be giving a two-day clinic aimed at enlightening the audience called "How to Improve your Collective Marks". Solyntjes is a USDF "S" judge, "R" Sport Horse judge, a member of the USDF "L" faculty, and also chairs the test writing committee. Having trained several horses to Grand Prix, he understands the qualities necessary at each level. Additionally, he is a humorous, entertaining speaker.

There are a variety of clinicians who come to the state to teach, and auditing is always available, some free and some with a low fee. Watch your ODS Calendar at www.dressageoklahoma.org for constant updates. Also, we have approximately 20 ODS instructors who are available for lessons and will be happy to include auditors (check your ODS Directory).

Want to stay home, but still improve your understanding of dressage? Hit the internet. There are tons of articles. If you don't know where to start, go to www.usdf.org. Their e-TRAK program not only has articles on all sorts of topics, but even has mini-courses you can read through, take a very short test, and earn USDF University credits! Through your ODS membership, you are already receiving the USDF Connection magazine. Dressage Today is another magazine dedicated strictly to our sport. Countless books are available on the topic. If you are a beginner and don't know where to start, order the USDF Guide to Dressage. It not only gives you an overview of dressage, but also explains things from the very beginning: what equipment is used, what the arenas are like, what to expect during a lesson, what the movements are and how they're performed. It even provides a list of books -- from the old classics to more contemporary writings. There are also educational offerings that address rider fitness, rider's body use, sports psychology, and horse health.

With all these opportunities to become a better rider though increasing your education, how can you not do it? If not for yourself -- DO IT FOR YOUR HORSE!

Sherry Guess, ODS President

Houston Dressage Society CDI3* Chosen as Site for Midwest

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has revamped the selection criteria for the 2014 FEI World Breeding Championships for Dressage Young Horses. Seven Markel/USEF Selection Events will be held at CDI competitions throughout the United States. Combinations wishing to compete at the FEI World Breeding Championships for Dressage Young Horses need to compete in at least one Markel/USEF Selection Event and one Markel/USEF Qualifying Competition.

Markel/USEF Selection Events for the FEI World Breeding Championships for Dressage Young Horses include:

Palm Beach Dressage Derby CDI-W/Y/J/P/U25/YH, February 27-March 2, 2014, Loxahatchee, FL

GDF 5*/CDI5*/3*/1*/Y/J/P/YH, March 26-30, Wellington, FL

Houston Dressage Society CDI3*/1*/Y/J/P/U25/YH, April 24-26, 2014, Katy, TX

Del Mar National CDI3*/1*/Y/J/U25/YH, April 24-27, 2014, Del Mar, CA

ESDCTA Memorial Weekend Dressage CDI3*/Y/J/YH, May 22-24, Allentown, NJ

Paragon Dressage CDI3*/Y/J/P/U25/YH, May 22-25, 2014, Estes Park, CO

KDA Annual Dressage CDI3*/Y/J/P/U5/YH, May 22-25, 2014, Lexington, KY

Dressage at Flintridge CDI1*/Y/J/YH, May 22-15, 2014, La Canada-Flintridge, CA

The list of the Markel/USEF Selection Events for the FEI World Breeding Championships can be found at usef.org/documents/disciplines/dressage/2014MarkelUSEFSelectionEvents.pdf.

The Thoughtful Rider

Life Force Energy

Energy is so crucial in our daily lives. In addition to helping us make sense of the entire universe, the story of our lives revolves around how to harness and understand this energy and the relationship of how its philosophy and mechanics work. This living force or energy is the same for dressage horse and if harnessed there is unimaginable grace and power in the flow of energy. And within the different exercises it is that life force energy that is transformed from one form to another.

It is for this very reason that modern dressage, with its shortened necks and neck manipulations as a form of elasticizing the horse makes no sense and goes contrary to every principle known with the rest of life. Instead, it locks the poll and the horse is unable to turn its head left or right. It prevents the aids and impulsion to go through, creating stiffness in other parts of the body as well as numbness and tension in the mind.

The neck belongs to the horse in its entirety with a soft poll to allow for a swinging back and for the hind legs to step under the center of gravity. The idea is the harnessing of energy in the partnership with the horse and not of submissiveness and dominance. We need to get back to riding the horse from the hind legs, where the energy is found, to the front, where the energy is harnessed.

Hector Carmona, Jr., FEI Trainer

2013 Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductees and 2013 USDF Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient Named

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that **Charles de Kunffy** and **Anne Gribbons** will be inducted into the **Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame** (HOF) at the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet, on December 7, 2013, during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, KY. Induction into the HOF is an honor bestowed on individuals and horses that have made outstanding contributions to dressage in the United States.

Charles de Kunffy has become known as a lifelong educator, prolific author, and charismatic instructor, and has had a resounding impact on dressage in America. For more than fifty years, he has dedicated his life to teaching classical dressage and sharing his passion for training and riding with horses and riders from all walks of life. His work as a national and international teacher, lecturer, and clinician has taken him throughout Europe, Africa, Australia, Canada, and the United States. Charles has published over seven books, including two autobiographies, as well as contributed his expertise to publications such as *Dressage and Combined Training*, *The Chronicle of the Horse*, *Dressage Today*, and *USDF Connection*. A retired FEI "C" (now 3*) and USEF "S" Judge, Charles has also served in various roles for several groups, including the Training of Teachers of Tomorrow Trust, USDF "L" Education Program, and International Dressage Judges Club. Of deKunffy, USDF President George Williams said, "Charles is one of the most eloquent ambassadors of dressage in our lifetime. There is no doubt his writing and teachings will continue to inspire many more generations of dressage enthusiasts to come."

Anne Gribbons has been a driving force in all facets of dressage in the United States. Her profound career has spanned over four decades and has made a considerable impact on the sport. During her time as an international rider, Anne represented the United States at the 1995 Pan American Games, in which the United States dressage team won the silver medal. She has also ridden and trained numerous horses to Grand Prix, including Kristall, Leonardo II, Tappan Zee, and Metallic, who was a member of the 1996 Olympic Bronze Medal Team. As an FEI 5* dressage judge, Anne has judged numerous CDIs, Olympic and Pan American trials, and FEI World Cup Finals. Anne's extensive involvement with USDF and USEF has resulted in the development of the American Dressage Pipeline, which was implemented during her tenure as USEF Dressage Technical Advisor and National Coach. She also served as a presenter for the 2010 USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program and the 2011 Adequan/USDF National Symposium. In 2010, Anne was elected to serve as a member of the FEI Dressage Committee through 2013. Whether as a breeder, competitor, trainer, writer, or judge, Anne Gribbons has always been a strong advocate for dressage in the US. USDF President George Williams said, "Anne has never stood still . . . [she] has been a major force in the development of dressage in our country."

Marilyn Heath will be presented with the **2013 Lifetime Achievement Award** at the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, on December 7, 2013, during the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, KY. Award winners are those who have shown a lifetime of dedication to USDF through volunteering, and developing programs, projects, and committees that have contributed to USDF's mission. They also have a long history of membership in USDF.

Marilyn Heath, of Naples, FL, has been a long and faithful volunteer to USDF through her dedication to judge education and involvement with USDF's "L" Education Program and the Delaware Valley Combined Training Association (DVCTA). After becoming a USEF "S" Judge in 1989, Marilyn could have worked towards becoming an FEI dressage judge. She chose, instead, to focus on judge education and became an "L" faculty member in 1992. As the co-chair and chair of the "L" Education Program, Marilyn exhibited strong leadership in updating the program and its materials, promoting consistency among other judge education programs, and providing accessibility to judge education to a wider audience. The DVCTA has also recognized her devotion to the sport, by creating the Marilyn O. Heath Judges Education Fund, in honor of her enthusiastic commitment to improving dressage judging education in America. Marilyn's passion for judging, personal integrity, and leadership have positively impacted USDF's judge education program, USDF's education mission, and the development of consistent and correct dressage education for all. USDF President George Williams said, "In her quiet unassuming way, Marilyn Heath oversaw the USDF "L" Program with a diligence and expertise that ensured it remained one of the best judges' training programs in the world."

US Dressage Finals Declared Horse/Rider Lists Now Available

The US Dressage Finals has already received over 1,000 declarations! A full list of all declared horse/rider combinations is now available on the US Dressage Finals website. The list is sortable by region and by level/division, and can be viewed by visiting the US Dressage Finals website.

Also, **there is still time for those of you in USDF Regions 1, 3, 4, and 9** to declare. The process is easy, there is no fee, and no commitment. It simply ensures that you will remain eligible, so do it today!

Deadlines for Declarations:

Regions 2, 5, 6, 7, & 8: CLOSED

Regions 3 & 4: September 16, 2013 (midnight ET)

Regions 1 & 9: September 23, 2013 (midnight ET)

Please note that each horse/rider combination entering a regional championships class that would qualify for the US Dressage Finals is required to file a Declaration of Intent.

For more information about the US Dressage Finals visit www.usdressagefinals.com.

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.

For more information, visit www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/trainers-conference/index.asp.

Denise Laigle Named USDF Certified Instructor

ODS's own **Denise Laigle** was recently named by USDF as a Certified Trainer/Instructor Training Through First Level. The USDF Instructor/Trainer Program is designed to educate amateurs and professionals who wish to further their education in the classical system of dressage. Congratulations to Denise on her accomplishment!

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. Auditors of all ages are welcome and pre-registration can be completed online! Contact the USDF office for more information.

Great Plains Chapter of ODS Summer Show

August 31, 2013

Judge: Melissa Creswick "S"

High Point Awards

Introductory Level

Junior	Skip Along Callie	Sierra Phipps	60.750%
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Training Level

Amateur	Lust in the Wind	Holly Luke	70.000%
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Junior/YR	Ranger	Hannah Wolansky	65.800%
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Open	Alexander	Brooke Devore	69.000%
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First Level

Amateur	Casanova Kiss	Charity Weaver	68.871%
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Junior/YR	Ranger	Hannah Wolansky	61.896%
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Open	CD's Fantasy	Heather Grady Crabtree	64.189%
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Second Level

Amateur	Manchet Montana	Laurie Ryan	65.263%
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Junior/YR	Nubar Amigo Shine	Parker Ross	60.000%
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Open	Lechuza	Brooke Devore	67.381%
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Dover Medal	Devine Miss Magic	Kathleen Cannon Pittman	63.690%
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Third Level

Combined	Drosselmeyer	Susan Peacock	71.052%
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Fourth Level

Combined	Wolkentar	Erin Boone	65.256%
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FEI Level

Combined	Promenade	Carolyn Hoekstra	61.470%
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Vintage Rider

Amateur	Drosselmeyer	Susan Peacock	71.052%
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Open	Promenade	Carolyn Hoekstra	61.470%
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For complete show results, please see showsecretary.com

Join USDF in Celebrating 40 Years

Join USDF for their 40th anniversary 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. For more information on the convention and a schedule of events, please visit www.usdf.org/convention/index.asp.

2014 Region 9 Omnibus Advertising Form

All ads must be postmarked by **September 30, 2013**. A \$35 late charge will be assessed. Put the name to be listed in the Omnibus under Business/Competition name. If no name is listed under the Business/Competition name, the Contact name will be used. All USEF Judge, TD, USDF "L" Graduate, and USDF Instructor listings are free and no form is needed. We reserve the right to change the size of the ad without notification to fit the space paid for. At our discretion, ads may either (1) be separated into categories or (2) placed randomly throughout the book. **One** complimentary Omnibus is offered to each advertiser, regardless of number of ads purchased.

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Website (one only): _____

Business/Competition Name: _____

Service(s) offered (max 14 words per service; each listing requires separate fee):

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

- All Omnibus advertising (including business cards) must be **CAMERA READY, the correct size**, and in Windows-compatible EPS, JPEG, TIFF or GIF format. NOTE: PDF files require extra handling and may not export well.
- **If any work is done**, including size adjustment, to make copy camera ready there will be a \$35 charge.
- Digital copies of ad are required and may be emailed to omnibusregion9@gmail.com or sent to the address below. Payment, this form, and a hard copy of the ad **must** be sent to: **Bruce Lawrie, P.O. Box 832872, Richardson, TX 75083.**

Description/Size <small>All ads are sold on a first-come/first-served basis</small>	Cost		Paid
	Color	B&W	
Outside back cover: 7 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide (includes 1 listing)	\$600	\$525	
Inside front or back cover: 7 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide (includes 1 listing)	\$485	\$400	
Note: If covers are not available, payment will be adjusted accordingly.			
Full page: 7 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide	\$350	\$255	
Competition full page ad: 7 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide	\$200	\$130	
Half page: 3 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide	\$250	\$155	
Quarter page: 2" tall X 4 1/2" wide	\$150	\$95	
Business card: 2" tall X 3 1/2" wide	\$130	\$80	
GMO Membership ads: Full page 7 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide Half page 3 3/4" tall X 4 1/2" wide	\$180 \$120	\$100 \$75	
Listings (all listing groups are presented alphabetically) ___ Breeder ___ Competition ___ Instructor ___ Services	\$60 per category		
Late fee (ads postmarked after September 30)	\$35		
Edit or adjust ad	\$35		
GRAND TOTAL			



Events and Opportunities

September 21-22

Laurie Hedlund Clinic

Ada, Oklahoma

Contact: ladw23@yahoo.com

September 28

Rocking C Stables Schooling Show

Inola, Oklahoma

Contact: psychorse@aol.com

September 28-29

Lendon Gray Clinic

Celina, Texas

Contact: kcampb9@attglobal.net

September 29

West Equestrian Schooling Show

Sand Springs, Oklahoma

Contact: westequestrian@gmail.com

October 6

Gallery Farm Schooling Show

Noble, Oklahoma

Contact: pamela@galleryfarm.us

October 11

Sarah Martin Clinic

Claremore, Oklahoma

Contact: guessdrsg@aol.com

October 12

Great Plains Chapter Schooling Show Championships

Stillwater, Oklahoma

Contact: hesselra@gmail.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

Horse Registrations

Through August 28, 2013

Number	Horse	Owner
2154	Platinum von Rappenhof	Deborah Corff
2155	Finnegan	Tracy Collingsworth
2156	Little Rock	Patty Couch
2157	Gallant Prince Von G	Patty Couch
2158	Ezekeils Clu	Amy Engle
2160	Noah BEH	Annie Houchin
2161	Salem Revelation	Emily O'Meilia
2162	Kismet	Cathy Orban
2163	Meteo R	Mindy Roland
2164	Love the Footwork	Campbell/Parker Ross
2165	Saw My Magic Talent	Parker/Campbell Ross
2166	Hammers Skippo	Angela Stokes
2167	PWR Mischief Managed	Angela Stokes
2168	PWR Obviously Frosted	Angela Stokes
2169	PWR Smart Alex	Angela Stokes
2170	PWR Smart As Soloman	Angela Stokes
2171	Galaxy Paint Design	Cheryl West

Giving Opportunity

The United States Para-Equestrian Association has established the **Jonathan Wentz Memorial Scholarship Fund** in honor of the young para-equestrian who placed fourth in the London Paralympics in September 2012. Just a few weeks after the competition, Jonathan passed away from an uncommon heart condition. One of Jonathan's goals was to grow the Para-Equestrian discipline through encouraging young disabled athletes to participate in the sport he loved. In 2013, the Jonathan Wentz Memorial Scholarship Fund was created so young Para Equestrians may continue to fulfill their own dreams in the equestrian sport. Scholarship funds awarded will help offset competition expenses for Para-Equestrians up to \$1,000.00 per competition to help cover entry and other fees including stabling and/or shipping.

For more information about the Jonathan Wentz Memorial Scholarship and how you can make your gift, please visit www.uspea.org/september-3-2012-jonathan-wentz-memorial-scholarship-fund/.

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

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 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 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
- 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
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