



ODS NEWSLETTER

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Annual Report (submitted to Region 9)

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY 2014

2014 BOARD MEMBERS

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The ODS Board holds monthly meetings via teleconference. Additionally we have both an Annual General Meeting in January and a Summer General Meeting in July. For the past three years we have had an average of 210 members, up from 189 in 2011.

EDUCATION

This spring we held "Improve your Collective Marks" presented by Bill Solyntjes at LilyPond Estates in Kellyville. He combined an easy-going manner and attention to detail that improved both horse and rider. He was so well received that we have asked him to present next year's New Test symposium.

Our Summer General Meeting was held at the Historical Museum in Chandler. Dr. Jay Craig spoke on the biomechanical needs of riders.

Our Chapters continue to hold educational offerings and camps for all members.

SHOWS

ODS holds only two shows, this year May 10-11 in Shawnee, OK. For the second year in a row, the show had a profit--- this year approximately \$2,800, up from \$800 last year. For the four years previous to that we had been losing money each year. Our show committee raised an additional \$13,000 !

Green Country Chapter holds their recognized show in June in Claremore. Additionally, Great Plains

Chapter holds three one-day recognized shows and plans to add a fourth next year.

Our chapters provide up to 25 schooling shows throughout the year in a variety of locations to service as many areas of the state as possible.

GRANTS

ODS provided a \$500 grant to help Marsha Cullen to attend the USEF Para-Equestrian Dressage National Championship June 6, at the USET Foundation Headquarters in Gladstone, NJ. Marsha was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy for personifying the high standards and virtues of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, courage, team spirit, good temper and unselfishness. She also took fifth place in the Grade II division aboard her own Latte' with scores from 64.05 % to 61.863%.

GOOD IDEAS

Our show committee has focused on making our show a 'grand event' and succeeded handsomely. They have held silent auctions and provided VIP seating areas. They have found a large variety of sponsors and vendors. They continue to come up with fun game ideas for the Saturday night Competitors Party that includes everyone who attends. They also promoted a cupcake sale where the proceeds were split between ODS and a drawing winner. Not only have they provided a wonderful party atmosphere, but last year raised approximately \$10,000 and this year approximately \$13,000.

A new idea for next year comes from our Great Plains Chapter who will be holding a schooling show on Saturday and a recognized show with the same judge on Sunday, followed by a clinic on Monday. This will be repeated four times throughout the year. They hope to not only provide more recognized shows, but an easy entry into recognized showing for those who have previously only felt comfortable at schooling shows.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Guess, ODS President*

Regional Championship Stabling Requests
The management of our Reg. 9 Championships has requested that those wishing to stable together have one person submit all the names of those to be included in their group.

Tamera Mayo has agreed to be the coordinator for those wishing to stable in the ODS group. Tamera is also looking into hiring a hauler to transport competitor's horses. Contact her if interested.

Tamera may be contacted at:

tamera.mayo@gmail.com

VOTING RESULTS FOR PM (Participating Member) DELEGATES

Results have been tallied and the individuals listed below have been selected by Region 9 PM members to represent us at the USDF Convention in Boston this December.

Paul Kathen, Jan Colley, Arlene Gaitan, Kat Kyle, Janet Tornelli-Mitchell, Jennifer Jarvis, Cecilia Cox

Nominations are being accepted for Region 9 Horse Person of the Year for 2014. Please see the Region 9 USDF website for criteria.

Nomination should include:

1. Name and brief biographical background.
2. Current position/activity.
3. Description of most significant contribution and/or services to dressage in the region.

Please think about the people who in your experience have made significant contributions to our Region. Then write a brief nomination and submit.

Please submit by August 20th to:

Carolyn VandenBerg
vandenber@gytc.com or
112 Eden Ranch Dr.
Canyon Lake, TX 78133

Michael Poulin has generously donated a 2-day clinic to the state that raises the most new

donations for The Dressage Foundation (TDF) by the end of 2014.

At the end of the year, final totals will be tabulated to determine the state that has raised the most new donations. The figure will include fundraising events held in each state, new donors, and donations that are earmarked toward each state's goal. The winning state will be announced in early 2015, with the clinic to follow based on schedules and Mr. Poulin's availability. The clinic can include up to ten 45-minute rides per day (maximum). Mr. Poulin has waived the instructor fees for a 2-day clinic; travel, accommodations, and meals will be the responsibility of the clinic organizer/group. So if ODS held some sort of fundraiser or if individuals within OK set up a fundraiser, those totals would count. Also anyone from OK who makes a first-time donation to TDF would count towards the total (whether it was because you asked them or not - they could have simply seen a brochure at a local show or heard about us in some other way).

ODS is planning on producing a benefit schooling show to support this challenge, headed by Beth Circle. We have not yet located the place or date, but will keep everyone updated on our progress.

Laurie Hedlund (hedlunddressage@att.net) is the state representative for TDF and will help with this endeavor, as well. Make sure that the private donations are earmarked for the Poulin Fund.

North Central Chapter News

On the side of the NCC we hope to host 2 schooling shows this fall. More news on this to come. Also a hamburger cookout to be planned in September for all members and families. Watch the newsletter and the NCC website for more information.

Great Plains Chapter News

GPC is planning 3 recognized shows for 2015. The plan is to hold a schooling show on Saturday, the recognized show on Sunday, and then a clinic on Monday and maybe Tuesday. All using the approved judge. The dates are April 25, September 5, and October 3.

Green Country Chapter News

Just a quick reminder about the GCC Dressage Futurity. We have decided to extend the deadline to enter (October 15th) and also open up the age limit to any horse 3 years of age or older.

- The Futurity class will take place after the Green Country Schooling Show Championships on Saturday, November 8th
- Horse must be 3 years or older and have never placed or scored in a canter class or test of any kind.
- All ages and categories of riders will compete against each other in the USEF 2011 Training Level Test 1.
- \$50 per nomination. \$750 winner takes all!

The entry form is included in this newsletter.

The current ODS membership form is included in this newsletter. Please note that there is a \$5 late fee for current members who submit their 2015 renewals after December 1. ***Please renew before December 1.*** All early renewals will be eligible to be put into a drawing for a free membership.

Best wished for a speedy recovery to Rainee Boyd who is having shoulder surgery in August.

2015 spring show update. Judges are Melonie Kessler and Margaret Freeman. TD is Debbie Moloznik.

Summer Meeting Report

Our summer meeting updated members on what was happening with ODS --

---the 2015 show will be at the OKC Fairgrounds on May 9-10. Judges will be Melonie Kessler and Margaret Freeman

---the 2015 educational seminar will be on the new tests. Bill Solyntjes, who taught on "How to Improve Your Collective Marks" this year, will again be our presenter. His knowledgeable but easy-going manner made everyone comfortable, while producing results in both horse and rider. Date and place have not yet been determined.

---We will have many riders attending the USDF Region 9 Championships this year. Tamera Mayo tamera.mayo@gmail.com should be contacted if you wish to stable with the ODS group. Those who wish to volunteer to work at the championships will receive a free room for each full day of work. Contact Sherry Guess guessdrsg@aol.com if you wish to do this.

---A free membership will again be awarded to one person, drawn from those who renew their ODS membership by Nov. 15. Memberships received after Nov. 30 (the end of the USDF membership year) will be required to pay \$5 more as a late fee.

---The Dressage Foundation has issued a donation challenge. The state with the largest amount of donations will receive a free clinic with Michael Poullin. ODS plans on putting on a schooling show with all proceeds going toward this. Additional, personal donations are needed. Laurie Hedlund, our state representative for the Dressage Foundation, will be the contact person at hedlunddressage@att.net The Dressage Foundation has regularly supported our educational meetings and Century Club rides. They are a non-profit organization that exists solely on donations

Dr. Jay Craig gave a very informative and entertaining talk on the biomechanics of the rider. He emphasized stretching both before and after any exertion and exercise to keep the soft tissues supple and prevent injury. He also emphasized lining up your vertical posture. Correct posture and evenness can improve your riding. Hmm, straight, supple rider, straight, supple horse?

Thanks Dr. Craig!

What does riding horses give us?

An escape from the world

Exercise in fresh air

Adrenaline rushes

Healing through the bond

Goosebumps from perfect harmony

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GREEN COUNTRY DRESSAGE CHAPTER
DRESSAGE FUTURITY JACKPOT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 2014
CLAREMORE EXPO

***Futurity class to immediately follow the Green Country
Schooling Show Championships**

Please contact Trista @ 918.559.2209 or trista.milliman@yahoo.com

- ◆ Horses must be nominated by October 15th, 2014.
- ◆ \$50 per nomination.
- ◆ Horses must be 3 years or older and have never placed or scored in a canter class or test of any kind.
- ◆ One rider per horse.
- ◆ All ages and categories of riders will compete against each other in the USEF 2011 Training Level Test 1.
- ◆ \$750 winner takes all!

GCC Dressage Futurity Jackpot Entry Form

Rider: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Horse: _____ ODS Horse # _____

ODS member? Y N

GCC member? Y N

Please make checks payable to: Green Country Chapter.

One entry per horse/rider combination.



2014 OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

- \$45 Senior. Please check any that apply. Open _____ Amateur _____ Vintage (50+) _____
- \$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships)
- \$35 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year _____ Birth date _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)
- \$55 Family (for two family members) Name of second family member _____
- \$10 Add third family member Name of third family member _____

Please include birth dates for junior family members

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

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

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

_____ \$5 late fee for memberships received after November 30th.

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

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

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

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

Scribing Scoring Organization/Management Accounting Spreadsheets
Arena Set-up/Tear-Down Photography Fund Raising Other _____

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

Signed: _____ Date _____ (Parent/guardian must sign for Junior Rider.)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to: Beth Circle, 19705 S. 43rd W. Place, Mounds, OK 74047 bcircle@rentechboilers.com Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.