



# ODS NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2015

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### *President's Message*

Dear Dressage Enthusiasts,  
Welcome returning members and new members to 2015! It is going to be a busy year. Have you gotten your new calendars out yet? Are you adding the dates from the ODS website, newsletter, and Chapter news concerning the activities that will be happening right around the corner. I do not enjoy the winter weather, but I enjoy the time for "winter training" projects. Like my "to do list," I never get everything accomplished what I think I will. My winter training projects are basically going back to the basics! Connection, connection, connection. More self-carriage.

Whether you show or not, knowing the dressage tests and reading "The Purpose" of each level shows the progression of training. And this year one of the key additions to "The Purpose" on each test is "confirms that the horse demonstrates correct basics." ODS has the perfect visual demonstration coming to Valley View Farm in Stillwater. It is the "New Test Symposium." Again, whether you show or not, knowing the tests will help you to know the progression of training for your horse. You will get to see examples of the tests being ridden and an expert, Melissa Cheswich, giving commentary on the demonstration of a correct, balanced movement. Melissa will explain directives of how a test movement or your exercise at home helps to correctly bring your horse. There have been changes to the submission and rider areas of the collectives. Come see and hear about the new tests and how to use the tests as a guide to developing your training program. There is also the opportunity to ride as a demonstration rider to get personal comments and directives. See more information in this newsletter and on the website. This is just the first activity of the year! Again, read your newsletter (thank you, Lee Ann, editor) and the website (thank you, Jeanie, web designer) for all the upcoming activities. Best of all, come spend time with people who enjoy what you enjoy - beautiful horses!

*Roberta Clark*  
ODS President=

ODS has increased their dues for 2015 to \$50 for an individual. However, if you renew for the next year before December 1, you will receive a \$5 "early bird" discount. Makes sense(cents?) to renew early, huh?

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### **The 2015 New Dressage Tests Clinic & Symposium with Melissa Creswick**

(USEF 'S' Dressage Judge, 'r' Sporthorse Judge, USDF Gold Medalist)  
Will be held Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Auditor forms are included in this newsletter. Be sure to send yours in. This promises to be a very interesting and informative event. FLASH—Junior/Young riders (under 20) are discounted 50% from the individual fee. See application form.

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Welcome to the new ODS Board members. They are Amada Edwards, Tamera Mayo, and Diane Smith. A huge thank-you for the retiring board members, Rainee Boyd, Sherry Guess, Marta Koenig—they are much appreciated for their service.

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The ODS Spring Show is really going to be great. Lots of fun activities planned and a wonderful facility. See the show committee report in this newsletter.

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**ATTENTION MEMBERS:** At this time, the newsletter is only available electronically. If you wish to receive a mailed copy, please contact Lee Ann Alf ([leeannalf@gmail.com](mailto:leeannalf@gmail.com)). There will be an additional charge for a mailed copy of \$12/year to cover the extra cost of printing and postage. When the ODS treasurer receives your payment, you will start receiving your mailed copy. Mailing requires quite a bit of extra time on the part of the editor.

THANKS for understanding.

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## Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic coming to Region 9

“Creating a Winning Partnership with Your Horse” hosted by the Houston Dressage Society, featuring Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner, will take place at Windy Knoll Farm in Magnolia, TX, on April 11-12, 2015. Rider applications are now being accepted. Interested in auditing? Check out the new group rates and plan ahead to save. Visit the [USDF website](http://www.usdf.com) for more information.

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## Welcome New Members

(add to Directory)

Emily Moser  
2636 Truffula Circle  
Norman OK 73069

Kathy Atkins  
6175 Plumtree Lane  
Edmond OK 73034

Amanda Atkins  
6175 Plumtree Lane  
Edmond OK 73034

Kelsey Loven  
1100 Park Manor  
Edmond OK 73166

Tammy Stutzman  
2301 SE 38th Street  
Moore OK 73160

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The 2015 ODS Directory was handed out at the AGM and the remainder were mailed 2/6/15. If you haven't received one and are a 2015 member, please contact Lee Ann ([leeannalf@gmail.com](mailto:leeannalf@gmail.com))

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### Membership Stats

Current membership numbers are:

2015 members	142
2014 non-renewing members	101
2013 non-renewing members	68

(2/1/15)

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## Horse Terminology....

- Event Prospect = Big Fast Horse
- Dressage Prospect = Big Slow Horse
- Sporting Prospect = Short Fast Horse
- Endurance Prospect = Fast Horse which will turn sometimes.
- Trail Prospect = Pretty Color
- Flashy = White Socks
- To Loving Home = Expensive
- To Show Home Only = Very Expensive
- Needs Experienced Rider = Potentially Lethal
- Elegant = Thin
- In Good Condition = Foundered
- Free Moving = Bolts
- Quiet = Lameness in Both Front Legs
- Dead Quiet = Lameness in All Four Legs
- Good in Traffic/Bombproof = Lameness all Round
- Deaf and Blind
- Loves Children = Kicks and Bites
- Pony Type = Small and Hairy
- Arab Type = Looks startled
- TB Type = Looks Terrified
- Quarter Horse Type = Fat
- Draught Type = Big and Exceedingly Hairy
- Easy to Catch = Very Old
- All Offers Considered = I am in Traction for 6 months



There are Horse Crazy people  
and then there are  
Crazy People with Horses,  
know the difference!



# SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

## 2015 Show Committee:

Diane Smith - Chair      Roberta Clark      Jan Cibula  
Amanda Edwards      Traci Clark      Lyn Francic  
Rainee Boyd

## NEW LOCATION



## VIP LOUNGE - Generously sponsored by: Kim Kulczycki



This year the VIP Lounge is available to everyone at no-charge. Located under the awning of West Covered Arena - Ring 1, there will be pub tables for those of you who want to watch the competition or rounds with chairs to sit and visit with your friends. For a fee of \$50 you will

receive a wrist band that will give you hospitality benefits within this lounge and a catered lunch both Saturday & Sunday. Hospitality benefits include beverages and snacks. This option must be pledged by Friday evening at 8:00pm in the show office. A menu for each lunch will also be posted in the show office.

**FUNDRAISING:** - Fundraising is always an important part of any horse show campaign and this year we are asking for your support once again. Our show needs sponsors and donated items for the silent auction. If you know potential sponsors or donors, please send them the sponsorship information included in this newsletter. Contact Diane Smith – [dsmith@varsitymrtg.com](mailto:dsmith@varsitymrtg.com) or 405-641-1718 for any help or guidance that you may need.

## ENTER OPPORTUNITY CLASSES – TRAINING & 1ST LEVEL

You can enter these Opportunity Classes to get into a recognized show ring at discounted prices! Opportunity Classes are a USEF program to encourage riders to step into the recognized show arena. You do not need a USEF number or pay a non-member fee in addition to the drug fees. This program allows riders who enter only opportunity classes to do so without these fees. Should you have any questions please contact Stacia Wert-Gray - [gtgray@aol.com](mailto:gtgray@aol.com).

**\$1000 PRIZE MONEY FOR FREESTYLES:** Toes will be tapping this year to our Musical Freestyle competition. If you do not have one, there are many opportunities through Chapters this year to create a freestyle. Check Chapter calendars for upcoming freestyle clinics. \$1000 for prize money will be given away this year. \$500 FEI Freestyle prize money and \$500 National Levels Freestyle prize money. First Place - \$350 • Second Place - \$150 • Third Place - \$150

**OKLAHOMA BARN PARTY :** We anticipated you would be hungry after moving into the show – so come, sit, eat, relax and enjoy yourself in our Hospitality area next to the West Covered Arena (Ring 1). We will be serving complimentary hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages at our “Oklahoma Barn Party”. Come as you are - starting at 5:30 pm.

**SATURDAY NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY / GAMES & PRIZES** –This year’s party is going to be the best one yet! A FEI Freestyle Competition, Armadillo Racing with Armadillo Jim, and over \$200 worth of prizes to be won in our “Let’s Make A Deal” game. Come as you are - everyone welcome! Each competitor and ODS volunteer will receive a complimentary ticket for Saturday’s festivities. Additional tickets can be purchased for \$10 (open seating) or a Reserved VIP Table of 6 for \$100.00.

Generously Sponsored by:  
Danny & Amanda Edwards - Holmes Organisation  
Eugene & Kathy Boeckman - The House of Healing



The Holmes Organisation



**50/50 CUPCAKE RAFFLE:** *Generously Sponsored by: Amanda Edwards*

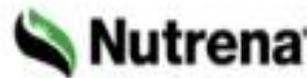
If you have never tasted Amanda Edwards' world famous cupcakes – here is your chance! These cupcakes will not last long. Buy your delicious lucky cupcake when moving in on Friday and you could be the winner of our 50/50 raffle. Only 48 lucky cupcakes will be available. Each lucky cupcake is \$5.00 each and will have a number from 1-48. Drawing will take place Saturday evening. Cupcakes will be available on Friday in the show office during move in. Good Luck!

**NUTRENA HOSPITALITY TENT & SHOW OFFICE** – Look for the big white tent and you will have found our show headquarters this year. Nutrena is generously sponsoring the hospitality tent. It is located outside and just south of the West Covered Arena (Ring1). The Nutrena Hospitality tent will be home base for the show office, results, and our hospitality breakfast for competitors.

Show Office, Judges Lounge, Results and Hospitality Breakfast for Competitors will all be inside this tent.

**Show Office Hours:**

<i>Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>12:00 pm to 8 pm</i>
<i>Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7:00 am to 7 pm</i>
<i>Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>7:00 am</i>



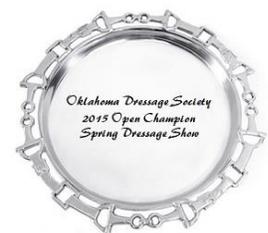
**MOTHER'S DAY HAT CONTEST SPONSOR** – Feathers, Apples, Birds, Martinis, Sugar Cubes even Foxes. Almost anything can be found adorning the bonnets of the contestants at the Mother's Day Hat Contest, Saturday Evening. All ladies in fancy hats will receive a bag filled with goodies. A local Celebrity Judge will be on hand to judge our imaginative and creative contestants.

**AWARDS:** This year our awards are something to talk about.

**High Points Awards: Chrystal Horse Sculpture**

Awarded for each show with a minimum score of 60% required. Saturday high point awards will be presented at the Saturday Night Cocktail Party. (unmounted)

- Introductory Level : No divisions
- Training Level: Adult Amateur Rider, Junior/Young Rider & Open Rider
- First Level: Adult Amateur Rider Junior/Young Rider Open Rider
- Second Level : Adult Amateur Rider Junior/Young Rider Open Rider
- Third Level : Combined divisions
- Fourth Level: Combined divisions
- FEI Level: Combined divisions



**Bob Pape Memorial:** This grand perpetual trophy will be awarded to the high point amateur rider competing on Saturday. This trophy will be awarded at the Saturday Night Cocktail Party. (see picture above) Your name will be prominently displayed on the plaque.

**Champion Awards: Arthur Court Silver Plates** - Awarded to the highest percentage single score across both shows at any level, no minimum score needed. 3 Awards - Junior/Young Rider, Open Rider, Amateur Rider

**High Point Pony Award: Leather Pony Bridle** - *Generously donated by Larry & Jan Cibula*

This beautiful leather bridle will be awarded to the pony with the highest percentage single score across both shows at any level.

**Ribbons:** Ribbons to 6th to be awarded in all classes - (No separate awards for qualifying.)

**Breed Awards:** Ribbons from the breed organizations will also be awarded. Make sure you read all the criteria for these breed awards.

Trakehner	Hanoverian	Thoroughbred
ISR / Oldenburg	Arabian	Morgan

**OFFICIAL HOST HOTELS**

A block of hotel rooms have been reserved for our Spring Show. At this rate they will go fast, so do not wait to reserve your stay. **Use Discount Code DSG.**

**SILENT AUCTION & BASKET CHALLENGE**

Every year our auction is a great fundraiser used to offset our horse show expenses. This year it is even more important. The Oklahoma State Fair is a state of the art facility, but it is a lot more expensive than the facility in Shawnee. We would like to ask everyone to contribute to this silent auction this year. We are also having a Basket Challenge – so challenge you friends, fellow chapter members etc. Get in on the fun! Whether you are donating an item or bidding on the wonderful items our membership brings in. The silent auction will be set up Saturday morning and will end Saturday evening at 7:30pm.



**RING #1**



**West Covered Arena** – approx. '140 x 400' Arena includes Big Ass Fans, translucent panels that provide natural daytime lighting & premium footing.



**West Covered Arena** - front view  
Awning leads into stabling area and Ring #2.

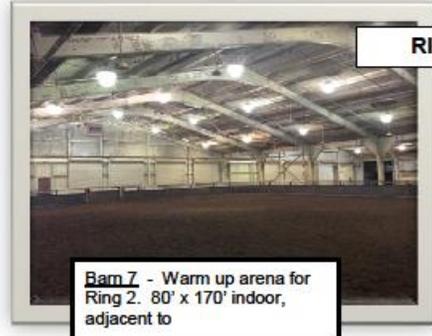


**Stalling** – 10 x 10 permanent stalls located in Barn 8



**Wash Stalls** - Temperature controlled just outside Barn 8

**RING #2**



**Barn 7** - Warm up arena for Ring 2. 80' x 170' indoor, adjacent to



**Barn 8** – Show Arena 130' x 255' indoor, climate-controlled ring & seating for 500

Use Discount Code  
**DSG**

**Official Host Hotel**

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4521 SW 15<sup>th</sup> (at Meridian)  
Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
405-604-3223 phone

**\$89.00/Night**

Complimentary Hot Buffet Breakfast • Free Parking  
Close to area restaurants • Free High Speed Internet Access  
Guest Laundry & Valet Service • Indoor Pool / Whirlpool  
Fitness Center

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4601 SW 15<sup>th</sup> (at Meridian)  
Oklahoma City, OK 73108  
405-600-9988 phone

**\$99.00/Night**

Relax at feel at home in this extend-stay hotel.  
Fully equipped kitchen • High-speed Internet access  
Pet Friendly – No Extra Fee

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Every year, you, our incredible volunteers make this show a success! The biggest requirement is a sunny personality and a smiling face. Whether you can help for a few hours, a day or the entire show, we need you! As a volunteer, you will receive a volunteer shirt, a ticket to our Saturday Exhibitors Cocktail Party, and a chance to win exclusive volunteer prizes.

Please contact Sherry Guess  
[guesdrsg@aol.com](mailto:guesdrsg@aol.com) or (918) 640-1204



## ODS Membership, 2015 Who are our members?

Type of Membership	Number of Members Identifying a Type*	Percent of All Membership (n=235)
Amateur	140	59.57%
Charter	5	2.13%
Family	62	26.38%
Junior	43	18.30%
Life	2	0.85%
Open	39	16.60%
Vintage	65	27.66%

\*NOTE: Adds up to more than total members since several types of membership status can be chosen.

Chapter	Number of Members Identifying a Chapter*	Percent of All Membership (n=235)
GCC	105	44.68%
NCC	10	4.26%
GPC	111	47.23%

\*NOTE: Adds up to more than total members since several Chapter memberships can be chosen.

States Represented by ODS Members	Number of Members	Percent of All Membership (n=235)
AR	8	3.40%
KS	4	1.70%
KY	1	0.43%
MO	3	1.28%
OK	216	91.91%
TX	3	1.28%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100.00%</b>





## New Dressage Tests Symposium

with

# Melissa Creswick

USEF 'S' Dressage Judge

Be Ready for Shows in 2015!



Sign up Now!

**Clinic (2/27) & Symposium (2/28 & 3/1)**

Symposium Demonstration Riders eligible to ride in clinic

Location: Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater, OK



Melissa Creswick is an USDF Gold, Silver, and Bronze medalist and is currently competing at the FEI levels. She is the past president of the Region 7 California Dressage Society and hold USEF "S" dressage judge and "R" sport horse breeding judge licenses. She was the head trainer at Clovis Training Center until it was sold in 2009. Melissa is a positive teacher with a good understanding of the competitor's and the judge's perspectives in the show ring. She loves to teach and enjoys bringing understanding of classic riding.

**Demonstration Rider Applications (due 2/10) & Auditor Registration Forms (due 2/20)**

Available by contacting Pamela Byers 405-990-8963 or [pamela@galleryfarm.us](mailto:pamela@galleryfarm.us) or by going to the ODS website at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

*This symposium is partially funded by a grant from the Violet M. Hopkins Fund at The Dressage Foundation. Be sure to visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) to find out how the foundation "helps in so many ways."*



# 2015 New Dressage Tests Clinic & Symposium with Melissa Creswick

USEF 'S' Dressage Judge, 'r' Sporthorse Judge, USDF Gold Medalist

**February 27 - March 1, 2015**  
Sponsored by the Oklahoma Dressage Society

**Symposium Auditor Registration Closing Date:** Postmarked by February 20, 2015  
Late registration fee (postmarked after 2/20): \$5/day or \$10/for 3 days  
(be sure to text or e-mail Pamela if postmarked after 2/20)

**Clinic Schedule: Friday, February 27** - Starting at 8:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm. Lunch at noon. Ten Rides to last 45 minutes each. Riders will be selected from the symposium demonstration riders.

**Symposium Schedule: Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1:** 7:30 check-in, 9:00 lecture followed by watching demonstration riders complete the new national level tests, Training through 4<sup>th</sup> level. The first two tests of each level will be shown on Saturday and the highest test of each level will be shown on Sunday. Lectures and commentary will explain what changes have been made to the 2015 tests, describe how the levels relate to the training scale, and show how movements are scored along with tips to improve a score so that riders gain an understanding of how to ride a more effective test.

**Location:** Valley View Equestrian Center, 5417 York Road, Stillwater Oklahoma 74074

**Directions:** From the middle of Stillwater at the intersection of Highway 177 (Perkins Road) and Highway 51, go south onto Hwy 177 to 56th street. (Landmark is Masons RV on west side of road.) Turn east on 56th and proceed to York Road (almost 2 miles). Go north (left) on York Road to Valley View Equestrian Center.

**Lodging:** Symposium Hotel - Microtel Stillwater, 423 East Hall of Fame Avenue, Stillwater, OK 74075. (405) 372-7100. Book your room ASAP! Room Block will be held until 2/12/15. Let Pamela know if you are looking for a roommate with which to share your room/expenses. Prices for two people per room— Single room - \$69.95, Double room - \$89.95, Suite-\$99.95 (prices do not include tax). Each person added to a room over two - an additional \$5. Hotel offers a complimentary breakfast and a workout room. If you must cancel after making a reservation it must be done prior to 2/19. Ask for ODS rate. List of Stillwater hotels/motels available upon request.

## AUDITOR Registration Form

*(Demonstration Rider Application on separate form. Please print!)*

**Prices do not include lunch, drinks, or snacks as a food truck will be on premises.**

<b>Audit Clinic on Friday, February 27:</b>	Only \$25, Non-Member \$35	\$ _____
<b>Audit Symposium, Saturday, February 28:</b>	Only \$60, Non-Member \$75	\$ _____
<b>Audit Symposium, Sunday, March 1:</b>	Only \$60, Non-Member \$75	\$ _____
<b>Audit Symposium both days (Sat. and Sun.):</b>	Only \$100 for both days, Non-Member \$120	\$ _____
<b>Junior/Young Rider (20 and under) Auditing Discount – 50% off</b>		\$ _____

I would like USDF University Credit or CEUs for Qualified Judges		
(each day is worth 1 credit)	\$5 (one-time fee)	\$ _____

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ODS Member YES NO

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

Phone # (s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to ODS in full by February 20, 2015. Faxed registrations cannot be accepted.**

**Please send your registration/payment to:**

Pamela Byers, Gallery Farm, ODS Symposium Registration, 8900 Cemetery Road, Noble, OK 73068  
405-990-8963 (cell) [pamela@galleryfarm.us](mailto:pamela@galleryfarm.us)

**If you have questions or need additional information please email or text.**

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