



Centerline

A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.

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Check out the new ODS website for the latest up-to-date information. This will become every member's go-to resource for news, information and communications.

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Letter From The President

Thank you to all the members who attended the Annual General Membership Meeting, Banquet and Year-End Awards Ceremony. The Tulsa Country Club was a beautiful setting and their staff was great to work with. The food was excellent! Thank you to Pam Rhodes and her parents who obtained permission for us to use the facility.

A big thank you to Diane Smith who organized the AGM, including the awards. As usual she came up with some nice awards: jackets for the Recognized Show Champions, vests for the Schooling Show Champions, captain's chairs for Reserve Recognized Show Champions, and the saddle pads for the Schooling Show Reserve Champions. We welcome members' input and ideas for next year's AGM and awards ceremony. The AGM will be in the Oklahoma City area next year and is being organized by Marilyn Coffey.

We have a couple new board members. Brian Rogge's appointment to the board was confirmed by the membership. He will serve to the end of this year. Marta Koenig was elected for a new 3-year term. Emily Nelson and Marilyn Coffey were elected to 3 year terms. I remain President, Marilyn was elected VP, Robin Grain-Walkup is Secretary, and Marta will continue as Treasurer.

We also have a new newsletter editor, Melissa Furman. Thank you, Melissa, for volunteering.

There are many other positions we need to fill. Some positions are for the Spring Show, some are to help the ODS Board by doing some of the leg work we need prior to some decisions making. Check out the Volunteer page on the website. Available positions are updated frequently. It is easy to sign up online.

We look forward to an exciting year with many activities being planned by the Chapters and the ODS Board. We are always looking for ideas. They don't all have to be horse oriented. A few fun, horseless activities would be great also. Please let us know if there is something you would like to see happen under the ODS umbrella.

Happy Riding,
Pamela DeVore



Pamela DeVore (right) accepts her winnings from Diane Smith at the Annual General Meeting in January.

**A FOCUS FOR TRAINING:
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

*(republished from the
Oct 2013 ODS Newsletter)*

**New ODS Website
Launches for 2018**

The new ODS website www.dressageoklahoma.org is up and running and is full of useful information. It will continue to build and grow to become a robust resource tool for Oklahoma Dressage Society members' utilization.



Members can renew memberships or interested riders can join the club. Registrants can select two payment options. Payments are encouraged to be made online via credit card for an instant, accurate registration process and green-earth paperless efforts. Payments may also be made via check. Checks are to be mailed in with the invoice that the system emails directly to them after registration is filled out. After renewing or registering for the first time, members can then set up an account which enables them to publish personalized information about their horse, showing, etc. This is a great way to build a fun, friendly community of classical & Western dressage riders!

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**Welcome, Newly
Registered Horses!**

Virtually every month, new horses are registered in the ODS database. Horses can be registered annually or for a lifetime membership. Look below to see if you know any of these Oklahoma horses.

- #2438 Howie -- Peggy Sue Blair
- #2439 Indygo -- Roberta Clark
- #2440 My My Frosty -- Janelle Williams
- #2441 Dalto -- Jennifer Brittain
- #2442 Diamond Dan -- Corinne Bridgeman
- #2443 Colorado Fancy Free -- Victoria Dansby
- #2444 Constatijn -- Katie Edsall
- #2445 Plesant Picasso -- Melissa Furman

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- Calendar Event: Free (ODS members) or \$20/ mo (non-member)
- Classified Ad: Free to ODS member or \$5/ mo (non-member)
- Website Banner Ad: \$30/ mo or \$160/yr
- Web Calendar Listing: Free to ODS members

**USDF Region 9's
Evie Tumlin Memorial
Fund!**

The goal of the Evie Tumlin Memorial Fund is to provide financial assistance to Adult Amateur riders who currently reside in USDF Region 9, to aid in their development in dressage. Grants will typically range in the amount of \$250 – \$750, to be used for educational experiences that will further the applicant's knowledge of dressage and are in addition to the applicant's typical training plan. These events may include camps, clinics, riding lessons, etc. Additional consideration will be given to riders who also participate in eventing, as well as to those who have a history of volunteer work related to dressage and /or eventing. The Dressage Foundation oversees this fund.

For more information or to apply, contact USDF Region 9 via the "Contact Us" tab at usdfregion9.org.

**Volunteers Needed at
ODS Events**

The success of ODS events depends so much on the availability and commitment of volunteers. There are many opportunities throughout the year to help ODS offer events like horse shows. Every member is encouraged to help in whatever way possible, in big or little capacities. This is a perfect opportunity for ODS members' high school students who need volunteer hours for school or clubs to get hours logged!



Sign up today! Put it on your calendar now so you can look forward to making a difference and making a positive impact on your dressage club. To sign up, go to dressageoklahoma.org and click on the Volunteering tab. There you will find the opportunity that fits your calendar. THANK YOU in advance for volunteering!



Announcements

Stay tuned to the news and information specific to your area & region.

Green Country Chapter



The Year-End Awards and Annual General Meeting were successes! Everyone had a great time and a great big "THANK YOU" goes to Holly Fisher for creating beautiful horse shoe bookends for four of our year-end champions to enjoy. "THANK YOU" also goes to Teresa Boling for donating the delicious cake! The Horse Of Course helped by sponsoring a good portion of the gift certificates given to the rest of the year-end champions and reserve champions.

GCD Leadership

Jessie Korver — Chair

Elizabeth Richards — Secretary

Great Plains Chapter



If you live in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area, Stillwater area or southern Oklahoma, this is the chapter for you! Join the Great Plains Chapter of Oklahoma Dressage Society and build the community of dressage riders in your area. Local events, social and educational, are planned each year for GPC members. For more information, visit dressageoklahoma.org and click on the Chapters tab.

North Central Chapter



The North Central Chapter of ODS is hosting a clinic with Rainee Boyd at her "Little Bit of Heaven" place in Newkirk, Ok. on March 24th & 25th. This clinic is for riders from beginners through 2nd level. Clinic rides consist of one 45-min ride in the morning then another 20-min follow-up ride in the afternoon. Lunch for riders will be served both days while Rainee is conducting a theory lesson.

Clinic cost is \$100 per horse/ rider combo for Saturday & Sunday or \$65 for one day. Auditing is \$15 for the weekend and does not include lunch.

Spaces are limited. To reserve your spot, contact Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 or rainee.m.boyd@p66.com or Jenna Dickison Wright at 580-763-7211 jenna.n.wright@gmail.com.

This is just one of the fantastic informative clinics that the NCC will be hosting throughout the year. Join us for the first NCC clinic of 2018!

Annual General Meeting Report Scholarships

Congratulations to the newly elected Board members! During the January 20th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Tulsa Country Club, several Board positions were voted upon and now are filled with enthusiastic volunteers. Thank you to those who are serving ODS with their time and talents to make our dressage experience in Oklahoma all that it can be.

Here is the list of newly elected officers:

Brian Rogge
Emily Mosser
Laura Custer

See some of the photos taken at the event on page 13 of this newsletter issue.



Pamela DeVore presided over the Annual General Meeting at the Tulsa Country Club

At the January 20th Annual General Meeting, Diane Smith reported about ODS



scholarships being available to its members. Each year, \$600 of the ODS budget is allocated for scholarship awards. Members can apply for up to \$150 in scholarship funds that may go toward educational opportunities that members plan to attend. Members can receive scholarship monies every 2 years. To apply, contact Diane Smith (dsmith@varsitymrtg.com) for an application and info, or go online to dressageoklahoma.org. Each application must list a specific educational event (equestrian or non-equestrian related).

See page 16-18 of this newsletter issue for the scholarship forms.

Oklahoma Dressage Society

Spring Dressage Symposium

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in the Progression of Training"



Anne Gribbons

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Named President of the Ground Jury for 2018 WEG -
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Former Chef d'equipe / National Coach / Technical
Advisor to the United States Dressage Team
2010 - 2012

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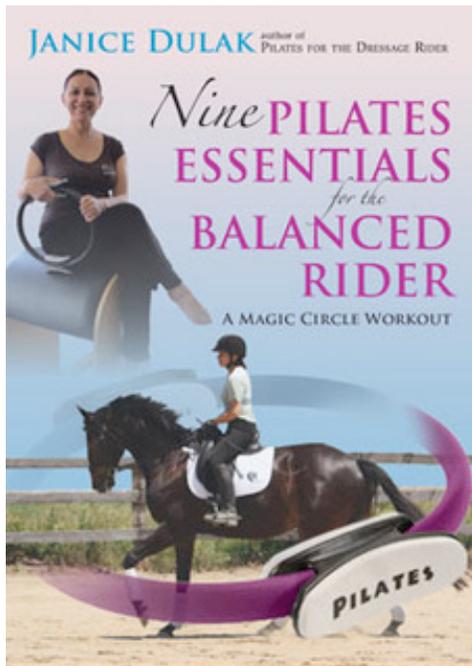
Anne has trained and shown multiple horses to
Grand Prix - nine of which have been long listed to
the US Team

Janice Dulak Symposium

March 9-11, 2018 @ Joyful Noise Farm in Pryor

Do you want to communicate better through a more balanced seat? Come participate in Nationally renowned Dressage Pilates Instructor Janice Dulak's Pilates symposium March 9-11 in Pryor, OK at Joyful Noise Farm. Janice will begin the symposium with an informative presentation which was presented at the 2016 USDF Convention. The lecture will focus on the Dressage Seat and the problematic muscle imbalances that lead to a problematic seat and interferes with correct biomechanics. Mornings will include Pilates for Dressage Riders. The symposium will continue with mounted lessons on position and correct biomechanics mainly at the walk and trot. The camp is for 12 adult amateurs and auditors are welcome. Registration must be postmarked by March 2.

For more information contact: Jess Korver at jesskorver15@gmail.com or Roberta Clark at 55rclark@gmail.com.



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10 reasons to make a new year's resolution to become a better partner for your horse.....Ridermanship® and learn how your Psoas, abdominals and gluts work together—or don't, for proper riding.

2. Be prepared to change. This course is about changing your "way of going." Stop being a pedestrian on a horse and begin to retrain your body to move in a different way! After all, if you do what you have always done, you will get what you always get.
3. You will learn that dressage is not a mystery. A half halt is just the reorganizing of your self-carriage. But do you know what rider self-carriage is?
4. Learn to self-carry like a dancer. You will develop your body to have the presence and grace of a dancer, or the elegance of an FEI rider.
5. You will learn exercises...but you will learn to do them in a way that will CHANGE your posture. Getting fit is ok, but it doesn't help change the way you carry your skeleton around. Doing exercise without being "through" is like doing shoulder in without being on the bit. It is just movement. Learning HOW to do the exercises while being through, on the bit, engaged in the haunches correctly is key to changing how you self-carry.
6. Are you tired of your seat leaving the saddle and bouncing on your horse? Go watch a video of yourself—if you see space between your seat and the saddle, you are banging on your horse's back with every stride. Think about what that does to your horse. This course will give you the tools to change your riding position and biomechanics to stabilize your spine while being able to open and close your hips freely, much like a saloon door will swing open and close...only it will be your horse swinging through your hips. Only then will your full seat breeches help you stay in the saddle :)
7. Frustrated your horse goes beautifully with your trainer, but you can't seem to get him to move that way? It's not because you are not capable. It is because you have never been taught how to use your body that invites the horse to move underneath you. Dressage trainers are not body experts—they are horse experts. Very few have the same expertise in how the human body works to be able to troubleshoot your physical issues.
8. You owe it to your horse. If my husband and I wanted to do ballroom dancing, and he took lessons to learn how, but I just showed up on the dance floor without any training...how fair is that? I would block his progress with my untrained movements.
9. You will do anything for your horse. Buy it a new saddle, get the best saddle pads, the best bridle. How much would you pay to make your horse comfortable?
10. It is the right thing to do. It is hard to face yourself. I know. As a dancer I faced myself every day in the studio in a leotard and tights. It is not easy to realize it's not your horse, but it's you. It is a brave rider who will look at themselves and commit to change.



**Green Country Chapter Adult Camp with Janice Dulak
March 9-11, 2018**

Janice Dulak, a former professional dancer and now a nationally renowned Dressage Pilates Instructor, will begin the camp with an informative power point on the Dressage Seat which was presented at the 2016 USDF Convention. The lecture focuses on the muscle imbalances that lead to a problematic seat and interfere with correct biomechanics. Mornings will include Pilates for Dressage Riders in which auditors are encouraged to participate. The camp will continue with mounted lessons on position and correct biomechanics mainly at the walk and trot. This camp is suitable for riders of all levels and both Amateur and Open riders.

Spaces for the camp will be filled on a first come, first serve basis according to postmark. Registration is not considered complete until registration form is submitted along with fees paid in full. Postdated checks will not be accepted. Please make checks payable to GCC of ODS. Please mail registration to Roberta Clark, 16 E. 26th Pl., Tulsa OK 74114. For additional information or questions please contact Roberta at 55rclark@gmail.com.

Participant Registration Closing Date: **Riders: Postmarked by Feb 23 / Auditors: Postmarked by March 2**

Location: Joyful Noise Farm, 3166 S. 432 Rd., Pryor OK 74361

Camp Schedule:

Friday: 3:00 pm move-in, 6:00 pm meet and greet, casual dinner, and presentation.
 Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 am Pilates exercises (auditor participation encouraged), 11:00 am lunch, 12:00 pm begin participant lessons.

Fees: **Participant**--\$350 includes: 2 lessons, Friday-Sunday stall, shavings, and lunches.

Auditor (GCC/ODS member)--\$30/day, \$45/weekend, includes lunch.

Auditor (non-member)--\$40/day, \$65/weekend, includes lunch.

Registration:

Participant \$350

Rider Name: _____ GCC Member: Yes No

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Horse Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: _____ Height: _____ Sex: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Date of Negative Coggins: _____
(Proof of negative Coggins required.)

Auditor

Name: _____ GCC/ODS Member: Yes No

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Day: Saturday/Sunday (circle one) \$ _____ Weekend \$ _____

Donation to GCC of ODS \$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____**

Registered Participant & Auditor communication will be through email.

Waiver of liability: *I understand that the sport of Horse Riding is a high-risk sport and that my participation in this educational activity may also involve participation in an "equine activity" as defined by applicable laws and is wholly at my own risk. I understand that my participation involves all inherent risks associated with the dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including but not limited to, the property of equines to behave in ways which may result in injury, harm of even death to humans and other animals around or near them; the unpredictability of equine reaction to sounds, sudden movements, smells, and unfamiliar objects; persons or other animals; hazards related to the surface and subsurface conditions; collisions with other equines or objects; and, the potential of a participant to act in a negligent or unskilled manner which may contribute to injury to the participants or others, including falling or inability to maintain control over the animal. By participating in this activity I agree to assume responsibility for those risks, and I release and agree to hold harmless, GCC of ODS, its event organizer, management, staff, instructors, participants, and auditors or anyone associated with the facility, liable for any injuries to me or my horse.*

Participant/Auditor Signature: _____ Date: _____



Education

Learning is a journey not a destination.

North Central Chapter Clinic



The North Central Chapter of ODS is hosting a clinic with **Rainee Boyd** at her 25-acre "Little Bit of Heaven" ranch in Newkirk, Ok. on March 24th & 25th.

This clinic is for riders from beginners through 2nd level. Clinic rides consist of one 45-min ride in the morning then another 20-min follow-up ride in the afternoon. Lunch for riders will be served both days while Rainee is doing a theory lesson.

Clinic cost is \$100 per horse/ rider combo for Saturday & Sunday or \$65 for one day. Auditing is \$15 for the weekend and does not include lunch. The clinic will be held at Rainee's ranch located at 9251 North "W" St., Newkirk, OK 74647.

Spaces are limited. To reserve your spot, contact Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 or raineeboyd@gmail.com or Jenna Dickison Wright at 580-763-7211 jenna.n.wright@gmail.com.

This is just one of the fantastic informative clinics that the NCC will be hosting throughout the year. Join us for the first NCC clinic of 2018!

IN FOCUS: CLINICIAN RAINEE BOYD

I started my career on horses as was the youngest member of a drill team at the age of 5, riding a polo pony that my dad had purchased. I rode every event that I could get to without a horse trailer. My sister was a trick rider! My parents took me to everyone that said that they were an instructor. Let me tell you where my legs were on the last one, they were almost to the middle of my horses shoulders. I will never forget that because when I met Neil Mannenbach at my first lesson my legs hurt so bad I could barely move them. Of course Neil, my first "Dressage" instructor, helped me get them back in place. I met Neil when I was 13 and I saw him on a horse called "Elegant Sam." Sam was a 17.2 hand Chestnut Anglo Arab with a blaze and 4 white stockings. They were so awesome to watch. That is when this girl decided that is what I want to do -- ride for the rest of my life. I started riding with Neil from then on. Of course when I moved to Oklahoma (from Illinois) no one rode "Dressage" or an "English Saddle" so I got asked a lot of questions about my saddle and why my horse was going sideways. I did a Dressage Exhibition at a rodeo and during my canter zig zags I heard a man in the crowd say loudly "that horse is drunk he can't even go in a straight line." My heart was broken that others didn't see Dressage as the beautiful sport that I saw it as. My horses that I have ridden have all been retired now, and due to health issues I am not competing much anymore but I absolutely love teaching! Back in "the day," when Neil suggested that I should teach, I nearly started that very day, eager to spread what I had learned from him! I absolutely love seeing a rider "get it" when they discover they can do it TOO! I call "Home", my 25-acre geriatric horse ranch in Newkirk Ok.

I'm hosting a clinic for beginners through 2nd Level March 24-25. Please contact me to register for the clinic or to schedule lessons: Raineeboyd@gmail.com or call at 580-761-7951.

I wish you many happy transitions! -- Rainee

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Carolyn Hoekstra

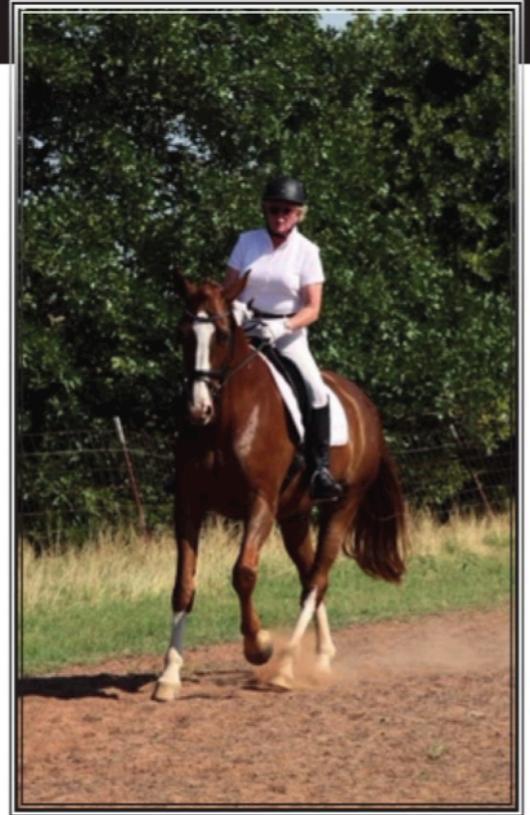
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Prize Money Announced for Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships

Lexington, KY (January 25, 2018) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) and Great American Insurance Group are pleased to announce that prize money totaling over \$180,000 will be awarded at the 2018 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships. This prize money will be divided evenly among the nine regions and 35 divisions that are offered, allowing each region to present competitors with over \$20,000 in prize money and awards. Champions in each region and division will receive \$350 in prize money, an engraved silver tray, and an embroidered jacket and gift certificate provided by SmartPak, official supplement feeding system of USDF. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive \$233 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships.

“It is with great pleasure that we continue to provide recognition to these outstanding competitors through our sponsorship of the regional championship program,” stated Kathy Sedlak, Great American Insurance Group Assistant Vice President of the Equine Division.

“We're so pleased that through the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to see this program continue to grow and be so well received by USDF members,” adds Stephan Hienzsch, USDF Executive Director.

The Great American/USDF Regional Championships are presented by SmartPak, and supported by Platinum Performance and Boehringer Ingelheim. For more information about the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org, or contact the USDF office at regchamps@usdf.org.

Founded in 1973, the United States Dressage Federation is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to education, recognition of achievement, and promotion of dressage.

For more information about USDF membership or programs, visit www.usdf.org, e-mail usdressage@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277

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USDF Announces Sport Horse Education Programs for 2018

Lexington, KY (January 30, 2018) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce three exciting and diverse opportunities for sport horse education in 2018. In regards to the upcoming opportunities, Kristi Wysocki, co-chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee says, "We are very excited about the programs planned for 2018, in various parts of the country, and are thrilled to be working with some new venues, in addition to venues we've worked with many times before. We will have programs in both the south and the northwest this year, areas that have not held sport horse educational events for quite some time. There will be multiple opportunities for members, and non-members alike, to partake in a variety of sport horse related events."

The 2018 Youth/Young Adult Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Seminar will be offered for participants ages 14-27, and will be held June 22-24, at the beautiful Oak Hill Ranch in Folsom, LA. This exciting educational opportunity will be led by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judge Susan Mandas, with the support of Regina Milliken. Participants in this course will have an orientation on Friday evening, followed by two full days at Oak Hill Ranch, where lessons specific to mare and stallion management, as well as handling and training young horses, will be presented. Attendees will also be given the unique opportunity to observe an inspection held by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society North American Division of the GOV.

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Seminar, to be held in conjunction with the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic, has been scheduled for August 5-6 at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford, CA. The event will be instructed by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judges Kristi Wysocki and Hilda Gurney, and will serve as a prerequisite for becoming a USEF-licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judge. This seminar is also an outstanding opportunity for riders, breeders, owners, and trainers to learn about the roles that conformation and movement can play in a horse's competitive success, as well as how to evaluate horses for their dressage sport horse potential. USDF President George Williams sees this seminar as a unique opportunity for attendees and "another great example of how USDF can work closely with US Equestrian. By holding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic in conjunction with the USDF Sport Horse Seminar, it recognizes the importance and quality of the education and training provided at these events." For additional information regarding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic component of the event, which is scheduled for August 6-7, 2018, please contact US Equestrian via Bailey Bianco, at bbianco@usef.org.

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum has been scheduled for October 20-21, at Sonnenberg Farm in Sherwood, OR. USDF is excited to be able to bring Scott Hassler and Michael Bragdell back to serve as the instructors for the forum, where riders and auditors will learn correct training strategies and building blocks for training the young dressage horse. This forum is open to anyone with the goal of developing a consistent training foundation for sport horse prospects. For more information about USDF's sport horse education offerings, contact the USDF office at sporthorse@usdf.org, or call (859) 971-2277.

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Announcements

Exciting Breaking News!

Shortly before press time, the USDF had just given approval for the Anne Gribbons Symposium (April 28-29 in El Reno) to count toward Continuing Education hours for USDF "L" Program graduates. Graduates will need to sign up as an auditor (also available to riders) to be eligible for these hours. There is no extra fee for receiving USDF Continuing Education credit. Please see the ODS website information or email Kay Kamish to receive an application directly (kkamishods@aol.com).

Thank You, USDF!

The primary objective of the **USDF National Education Initiative (NEI)** is to create and support new and affordable programs to engage members. GMOs hosting NEI Programs can be confident they are delivering high caliber instruction and educational content consistent with classical principles of dressage and the Pyramid of Training. NEI Events are USDF University accredited and members who attend automatically earn University credits.

Participation in the National Education Initiative demonstrates commitment to providing quality educational opportunities and the promotion of classically correct dressage training at all levels and in all locales.

ODS has been approved to receive a \$1000 grant to apply toward the Anne Gribbons Symposium! This comes from the National Education Initiative from USDF. These grants are designed to help support GMOs as they bring educational opportunities to their members. The generosity of USDF/NEI is significantly helping ODS keep prices down for both riders and auditors participating in the symposium. If you have a moment, please send a word of thanks to the kind, supportive folks at USDF!

Thank You, Green Country Arabian Horse Association!

ODS sends a big "Thank You" to our friends at the Green Country Arabian Horse Association for their generous donation of \$500 that will go toward providing breakfast snacks and lunch at ODS's upcoming Symposium with Anne Gribbons being held April 28-29 at The Redlands in El Reno, Oklahoma. We are so grateful, and look forward to our two organizations working together to further the beauty of Dressage. In fact, two of our ODS professionals will be scribing for GCAHA at their upcoming recognized show to be held at the Tulsa Fairgrounds on March 30 and April 1.





Announcements

US Equestrian Lettering Program

You don't have to be a record setting quarterback, point guard or track star to letter in junior high or high school sports anymore. The US Equestrian is writing a new chapter in the recognition of student athletes – one that honors Equestrians.

The US Equestrian Athlete Lettering Program is open to equestrian athletes in all breeds or disciplines who are currently members of US Equestrian or become US Equestrian members. Students participating in the program need to record 100 hours of riding or training and three competitions of any level or type to complete the requirements for that year. The program runs from June 1-May 31 of each year and will honor those who document their training and competition involvement by awarding emblems and pins.

Students may apply retroactively for previous years if they are still in grades 5-12 and can provide verification for each year. Seniors must submit all documentation by June 15 of their graduating year.

To learn more, visit usef.org and click on the Youth Programs option under the Start Riding tab. Questions? Email lettering@usef.org or call 859-258-2472

ODS Website: Registration Links Available & Profile Updates Needed

Many ODS members have already utilized the new website for registrations and information and have found that it's easy to use. Sue Twitty and Brian Rogge have worked diligently to build a robust website for ODS members so that useful information is readily available and event registrations are only a click away.

If you haven't already renewed your ODS membership for the new year, please do so now before show season begins. Show points only count for renewed memberships. Registration links for shows and clinics are also available online, through the Event Calendar.

Also, please update your profile online. This will aid in keeping accurate information in the member database, and allows for other members to reach you when needed. In your profile you can post photos and opt to provide information such as email and phone numbers.

New Rule To Know For 2018 Recognized Show Awards

There is an update to the rules for recognized show awards in 2018. Score requirements now includes: ***At least two scores must be from Oklahoma Dressage Society shows.*** See the full list of rules online at dressageoklahoma.org.



Announcements

Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet A Fun Success!

On January 20th for the Oklahoma Dressage Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Banquet, the Tulsa Country Club spoiled ODS members with their gracious hospitality, fabulous facility and breathtaking views. A big shout out to the Tulsa Country Club for helping make this such a great event! A special "Thanks" goes out to the ODS Board for helping with the event, and especially to members Diane Smith and Pam Rhodes who worked tirelessly on organizing a fantastic evening.

Additional "Thanks" goes out to Red Earth Feed & Tack for providing gift certificates and a big "thank you" goes to the individuals and companies who donated items for the silent auction including Mike Corcoran Saddler, Pamela DeVore and Laura Custer. Your support helps make ODS a super success!



Finally, but certainly not least, "Thank you" goes to Equiventure Tack & Apparel for sponsoring the Horse Of The Year award which was given to Erin Nelson and her mount Sister Sara SF. Sister Sara will be sporting a new personalized leather halter courtesy of Equiventure.



< Congratulations to Erin Nelson and her mount Sister Sara SF who won Horse Of The Year!

Photos courtesy of Lisa Jewell ArthyJewell.com



Winning smiles from a fantastic 2017 show year!

Program Available for Region 9 Youth: Youth Schooling Show Challenge

This awards program for Region 9 Youth offers an opportunity to earn a certificate or a patch for competing in schooling shows! Thanks to Anne Kuhns for organizing the program.

To participate in this program, print and complete the form below.

Region 9 Youth Schooling Show Challenge

A certificate program offered to the Youth of Region 9.

Award:

A customized certificate featuring all five Region 9 states with the Youth's state highlighted will be e-mailed at no cost. In addition, an embroidered patch can be purchased for \$15 if desired.

Requirements:

- Region 9 Youth are eligible for one certificate per level per year (December 1-November 30)
- Must be under 21 during the current membership year in which scores were earned
- Must be a current member of a Region 9 Group Member Organization (GMO) **or** live in Region 9 and be a member of a GMO in another region if that GMO is closer to the youth's home.
- Scores must be earned in one membership year
- Scores may be earned on one or multiple horses per level
- Four (4) minimum scores from schooling shows only with at least one score being from the highest test of the level from three different judges (L graduate or above)

Levels and minimum scores:

Intro 64%

Training 62%

1st 60%

2nd and above 58%

How to apply:

Send copies of front of each test showing Youth name, date, location, score, and judge's signature to the Region 9 Youth Programs representative. The tests must be from schooling shows, not recognized shows. The tests can either be sent by mail or scanned and e-mailed. A separate form must be sent for each level achieved. Contact information for the Region 9 Youth Programs representative can be found on the Region 9 webpage www.usdfregion9.org. If a patch is desired, send a check payable to Region 9 Youth Fund to the Region 9 Youth Program representative along with the application. Please send application by December 31 or notify the Region 9 Youth Programs representative if application will be coming shortly afterwards.

Youth application:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Age _____ Level _____ GMO _____

Horse name(s) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Parent/Guardian phone and/or e-mail _____

Updated 1/2014

Green Country Dressage Perpetual Award

Attention Junior ODS members! Here's your opportunity to earn a scholarship that can be used toward furthering your dressage education and experience. Simply read and complete the form below for your chance to win in 2018!



Green Country Chapter of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Jaime Orban Perpetual Memorial Award

The Jaime Orban Perpetual Memorial Award is awarded each year to a junior rider within the Green Country Chapter of the Oklahoma Dressage Society. The award honors the memory of Jaime Orban and her many contributions to the Green Country Chapter. The winner will be presented the Perpetual Award along with an award of their own to keep. The winner will also receive a \$50 scholarship to be used for an ODS/GCC clinic or with an instructor of choice.

The eligibility requirements for this award are as follows:

- Applicant to have not reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the membership year.
- Applicant to have ridden in at least two (2) Green Country sponsored or approved schooling shows (please present documentation by way of copies of score sheets).
- Applicant to have volunteered for at least four (4) hours of service at GCC sponsored schooling shows or functions. (Please furnish documentation by way of signed note from schooling show manager or program coordinator).
- Applicant will present some sort of creative effort for consideration. This may be in the form of a poem, short story, art work, an original free-style, etc. done solely by the applicant.
- Applicant will release the creative effort to be posted on the GCC or ODS website.
- Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2018.

Please send application packet to Jess Korver at 19156 E. 111th St. S., Broken Arrow OK 74011. Packets must include an application, supporting documents, and creative efforts.

Recipient will be awarded at the GCC Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Application Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Release of Intellectual Property for Website Use:

I, _____, release my creative effort to be posted on the GCC page of the ODS website as stated in the Jaime Orban Award application requirements. In the event I am the recipient of the award I consent to have my picture posted on the GCC of ODS website.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



Oklahoma Dressage Society
Education Scholarship
 Information & Application

The ODS Educational Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage members to further their dressage education.

Criteria for eligibility:

1. This ODS Athlete Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
2. Must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society. In addition, applicant must have been an ODS member for at least 2 previous years. Current ODS Board Members are not eligible.
3. Must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non - ODS dressage educational events will be considered in addition.
4. Must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least 1 ODS committee or have accumulated 5 hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non - ODS dressage related events will be considered in addition.

Criteria for using this ODS Scholar Athlete Education Scholarship:

Scholarship may be used toward the registration / entry fee for the following types of dressage educational events:

1. ODS educational events (ex. Judging Seminar, Workshops, Symposiums, Educational Practice Shows.)
2. USDF sponsored educational programs (ex. USDF Adult or Junior Clinics, "L" Program, USDF Certified Instructor Program, USDF Convention or Symposium, USDF - University approved programs)
3. A educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, USDF Gold or Silver Medalist. Clinics must be advertised and must be open to all ODS members. Standard lesson rates must be applied.
4. Scholarship winner must receive ODS Scholarship Committee pre-approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event, prior to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

Application Deadline:

The ODS Educational Scholarship committee will meet twice a year. Each application must be received by the following schedule.

January 1 – May 15	Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15 th and will be presented at the ODS Summer Meeting
May 16 - November 15	Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15 th at will be presented at the ODS AGM

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is after the award date.

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours counting towards Scholarships include:

1. ODS sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Co-Coordinator from each event.
2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.

Consideration will also be given for attendance at an ODS activity or function. Examples being the Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational event.

ODS Scholarship Funds:

Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in our general funds financials.

All silent auction proceeds from the ODS Annual General Meeting will be used to generate funds for this account. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the approved dressage educational event with completed attendance and the submission to ODS of the required post report. An amount of \$150 or the amount to participate in the event, which-ever is less will be awarded.

Scholarship winner must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.

The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the rider's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.)

Scholarship must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

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Additional Information:

A maximum of four \$150 scholarships will be awarded by ODS to eligible applicants each year. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$150.00 must remain in this account at all times.

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year. ODS Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times a year (June & Dec) to review all applications received up to that point. The Educational Scholarship Committee may award "0" scholarships, or may award more than 1 scholarship at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum 4 of Scholarships may be awarded each year.

Not all allotted scholarships may be awarded in a single year if Scholarship Committee does not deem enough applicants meeting minimum eligibility. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per 12 month period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given year, applicant may apply again another year. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible applicants who have not received a scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least 1 current Board Member. The committee must have a total of 3 or 5 ODS members in good standing. The committee cannot exceed 5 people.

ODS Education Scholarship



Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form. **Be as specific as you can.**

Date of Application: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Cell): _____

Email: _____

Are you an ODS Member in good standing? Yes No Status: Junior Amateur Open

Do you compete in dressage Schooling Shows
 Recognized Shows Locally Regionally Nationally

Who is your current riding instructor? _____

Name and date of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:

Tell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend.
(Please attached any printed material / flyer and completed application to event).

How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?

ODS Education Scholarship (cont.)

Would this scholarship allow you to do what you would be unable to do otherwise: Yes No

Describe and list the ODS volunteer work you have done in the past? Start with the most current.

2017 _____ Capacity _____

2016 _____ Capacity _____

2015 _____ Capacity _____

Other _____ Capacity _____

List the ODS educational events and meetings you have attended in the past years and at what capacity:

2017 _____ Capacity _____

2016 _____ Capacity _____

2015 _____ Capacity _____

Tell us why you should be selected for this scholarship:

Applicant Signature

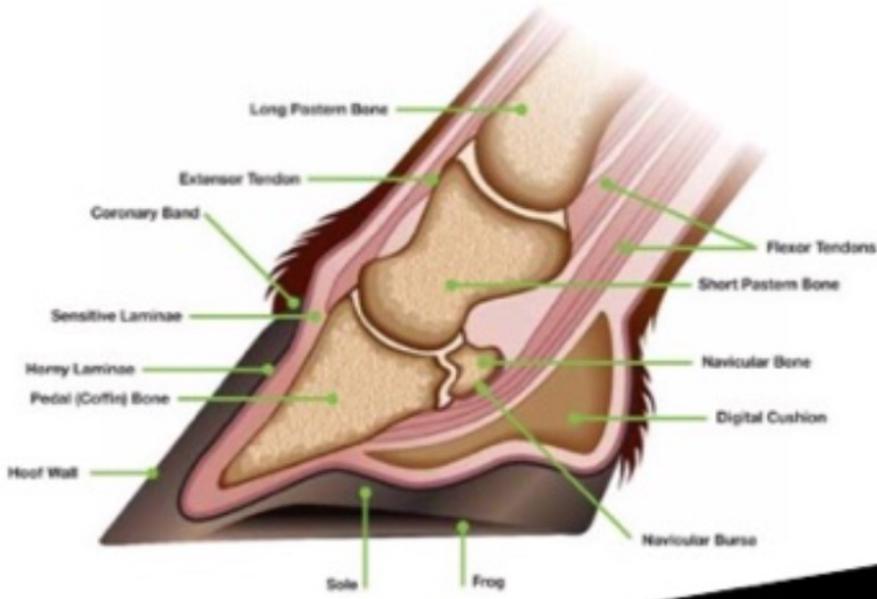
Date

Please send all applications to:

*Robin Grain-Walkup – Scholarship Committee Chair
2836 NW 13th St. Oklahoma City, OK 3107*

Committee Notes:

Date Received: _____



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Clinician- Dr. Jenni Kristek
This will be a hands on clinic, please contact John Muldoon if you would like to dissect a leg so there will be enough limbs available. This clinic is approved for Continued Education from the American Professional Farriers Association.



04.20.18
9:30 AM
6675 E WATERLOO RD EDMOND OK

CONTACT JOHN MULDOON
#405-222-8506

Calendar

Horse Shows | Meetings | Clinics | Symposiums | Social

Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are also available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Sue Twitty at webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. Up-to-date event listings will be posted online.

- March**
9-11 Adult Camp with Janice Dulak - Pilates Clinic - Hosted by Green Country Chapter @ Joyful Noise Farm in Pryor, OK
24 High Hill Schooling Show in Luther, OK
24-25 Rainee Boyd Clinic in Newkirk, OK
25 Clinic with Fran Dearing @ High Hill Farm in Luther, OK

- 25 Schooling Show** @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK
30 GCA Spring Fling Show @ Tulsa Fairgrounds Recognized, Day 1 of 2)
April
1 GCA Spring Fling Show @ Tulsa Fairgrounds (Recognized, Day 2 of 2)

- 14 High Hill Schooling Show** in Luther, OK
14 GCC Schooling Show @ Rocking C Stables in Inola, OK
20 Oakridge Equine Anatomy Clinic/Lab @ 9:30am
28-29 Symposium with Anne Gribbons @ Royse Ranch, The Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK

- May**
5-6 ODS Spring Show (Recognized)
12 GCC Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK
June
9 West Equestrian Schooling Show @ West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK
16-17 Green Country Dressage Classic I & II @ Claremore Expo

- Center in Claremore, OK (Recognized)
July
15 GPC Schooling Show & Saddle Fittings @ Royse Ranch, The Redlands Community College in El Reno, OK
Sept
8 West Equestrian Schooling Show @ West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK

Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members



All ODS members are invited and welcome to attend the monthly ODS meetings. Meeting are usually held the first Wednesday of each month at the Stroud Police/Fire Department. You may attend in person or via telephone

conference by calling 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).

Why should you attend? To be the first to learn what's going on in Oklahoma dressage circles, ask questions and to help make this organization the best that it can be!

Next Meeting:
March 7 @ 6:30 pm.



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