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Letter From The President

I hope everyone is staying healthy through this heat and humidity! Make sure you are also taking good care of your horses in this heat. Don't push it! Heat exhaustion is no picnic. I have been there!

ODS continues to prosper. We have grown to 168 members and are still financially in great shape.

We would like to get some volunteers to serve on our financial committee. We need to make some decisions on how to invest our money to provide for the future of ODS and its members. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact me or any board member.

Final reports are in for the Spring symposium. We

received mostly favorable comments. As always, there were things that didn't go as planned. Sound systems can be so difficult no matter how much you test them. And clinicians can go off script. But for the first time we made a profit! Not a huge profit, \$188, but we didn't lose anything! This was mostly due to the wonderful turn-out of auditors! Thank you to all who attended. Kay Kamish is already beginning to work on next year's symposium!

Summer meeting is coming up soon. See the announcement in this newsletter for more information. It will be in Tulsa this year.

As always, if you have any suggestions for anything concerning ODS, please get them to me or any board member.

Stay cool!

Happy Riding,
Pamela DeVore
President, Oklahoma
Dressage Society



Pamela DeVore on Fauston NAF at the Anne Gribbons Symposium

DID YOU KNOW...? OLYMPIC TRIVIA

- Britain is the only nation to have won at least one gold medal at every summer games.
- Former Olympic equestrian events that are no longer held include the horse high jump, horse long jump, vaulting and polo.
- Equestrianism at the Olympics can be traced back to 682 BC, when a four-horse chariot race was run at the Hippodrome at Greece's 25th Olympiad.
- More athletes than spectators attended the 1900 Paris Olympics.
- The 1908 Olympics had just two polo teams, England and Ireland, with the English winning gold.
- The sport of eventing made its Olympic debut in 1912 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- From 1912 the equestrian disciplines were those we know today, but there was no dressage team medal until 1928.
- In 1912 the dressage competition included a jumping test of four obstacles up to 1.10m in height.
- The 1924 Olympics were the first at which equestrian competitions were held under the authority of the FEI.
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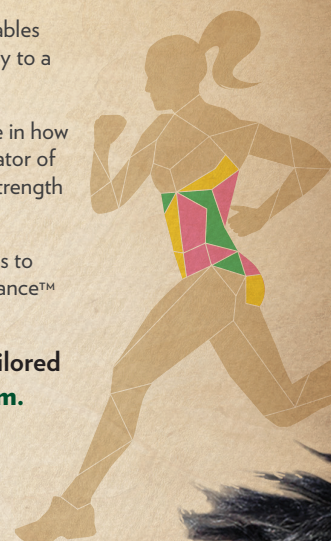
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Successful trainers often refer to the importance of the horse's happiness. Riders must remember that the horses' emotions are not influenced by an occasional carrot or by the rider's exuberance after a good ride in the ring.

It is important not to treat a horse as a human friend who will understand periods of separation, silence and excuse our frailties. The horse's happiness depends on the daily routine and the environment. Most important is the balance of demand and reward in the training period. We must be patient, repetition must be measured and reward must be frequent with every sign of progress.

Treated with balanced requests during training sessions and relaxed rides around the property or in the country, the horse will be happy. It will show signs of joy that make a "good ride" brilliant.

— Dr. Rudolf Vlatten,
USEF "S" Dressage Judge

(reprinted from the ODS Newsletter, June '13)

ODS Directories

Dear Members,

As I'm grabbing my ODS directory, I always think as I am using it how nice it is! I would like to thank Diane Smith for one of the nicest directories that ODS members have had. Thank you, Diane, for all the hard work of putting it together! It is very beautiful as well as informational.

-Roberta Clark

New Horse Registrations

Welcome! These horses are the newest horses to be registered in Oklahoma Dressage Society.

- #2453 Wyatt (Dana Vaden)
- #2454 Bernadotte (Susan Mohler)
- #2455 Denali (Victor Glunt)
- #2456 Max's Kissin Kate (Cheryl West)
- #2457 Trialby Fire (Cheryl West)

USDF's Your Dressage Publication

The USDF publishes a human-equine e-mag called Your Dressage. Read the latest issue where you'll find interesting stories covering things like rescuing Thoroughbred racehorses, youth happenings as well as shows and clubs features from around the country.

Go here on your web browser to read all about it! <https://www.usdf.org/Publications/yourDressage.asp>

Region 9 T-Shirt Contest in Final Stretch

If your design is selected at the USDF Region 9 Summer Meeting, it will appear on the T-shirts available for purchase prior to our 2018 Region 9 Championships, your name will be splashed across our website, and you receive a free t-shirt! Artists may submit up to two designs. Send your submission to Regional Director Sherry Guess by JULY 15, 2018. For further information contact Sherry at guessdrsg@aol.com

Get Money For Educational Events!

Is there an upcoming educational clinic, symposium or lecture (dressage or otherwise) that you want to attend? Would you like to receive some funding to offset the cost? Contact the ODS Scholarship officer, Robin Grain-Walkup, to learn more about applying for scholarships for an educational event at heidigrain@hotmail.com.



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A Special Word Of Thanks, From 2018 Spring Show Chairperson

I would like to thank everyone who helped volunteer to make the ODS Spring I and II the premier dressage show of Oklahoma. The riders loved the friendly faces and the lovely facility. I would like to thank those who helped **behind the scenes** who made my job possible. Without this village of helpers, this show would not be the premier show for which it is known.

Thank you!

Susan Peacock: Show Secretary donated her services. Susan has donated her services in honor of her parents, Bee and Bob Pape, not only for this year, but years past.

Sherry Guess: Who contacted and organized the volunteers. Without Sherry and all the volunteers, this show would not be possible.

Melissa Furman: Melissa was my go-to person. She professionally developed our new ODS forms for sponsors, vendors and advertisers. Melissa sought sponsors and developed their personal advertising pages. Her beautiful newsletter was a source of getting information to the membership.

Diane Smith: Who gave valuable input and ordered all the awards.

Stephanie Peck: Who developed the beautiful printed show program.

Beth Haist: Owner of Horse of Course, who helped sponsor our exhibitors' party and donated the high score coolers.

Sue Twitty: For her help with getting the word out via emails.

A big "Thank You" also goes to those who secured sponsorships: Diane Smith (Nutrena \$1000 Free Style), Pam DeVore (Zoetis), Brian Rogge, Robin Grain, Roberta Clark, Melissa Furman and all who donated silent auction items.

- Roberta Clark
Show Chairperson





Announcements

All Members Invited to ODS Summer Meeting in Tulsa

All ODS members are invited & encouraged to attend the annual Summer Meeting to be held in mid-August in Tulsa. A complimentary lunch will be provided for attendees after the General Membership Meeting. The General Meeting will have discussion regarding the policies & procedures of ODS, future plans for the club as well as discussion about requests or suggestions from members, either from the floor or pre-submitted. After lunch, there will be an educational presentation (details are being finalized).

ODS Summer Meeting

August 18, 2018

Check-In @ noon; Meeting Begins @ 1:00pm

Tulsa County Extension Center
(located @ the Tulsa Fairgrounds)
4116 E 15th Street
Tulsa, OK 74112

Coming soon to the ODS website and July newsletter will be the sign-up for the summer meeting with FREE lunch. Look for more details soon! For more information,





Announcements

ODS Bylaws Change Regarding Officers Up For Vote

At the 2018 ODS Summer Meeting, the following proposed Bylaws change will be voted upon. All ODS members are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote upon these changes. The wording to be considered for revision is highlighted in red below.

Article VIII Officers

Current wording:

Section 2: Duties and Authority

B. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties and have the authority of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and/or the Board of Director's may assign. ~~The Vice President is the President-elect for the following year. The Board reserves the right to re-elect the President and Vice-President for a second term if agreed to by the President and Vice-President. (Reviewed 2017)~~sdf sdf

{The text above in red with strike-through will be replaced by the green text below:}

Proposed Changes:

Section 2: Duties and Authority

B. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties and have the authority of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and/or the Board of Director's may assign. *No one should be president unless they have served on the board for at least one year.*





Congratulations to Nikki Weitzenhoffer Earning Gold Medal!

At the ODS Spring Shows in Tulsa in early May, Nikki Weitzenhoffer, of Norman, OK, earned her USDF Gold Medal on her horse Ali Baba!

Nikki Weitzenhoffer (3rd from left) is pictured celebrating with her family.



Vote Now!

Vote today for the Participating Member (PM) Delegates you would like to represent your region! Voting ends on June 30. Visit the USDF website (www.usdf.org) and log in to place your vote. If you would like to request a paper ballot be sent to you in the mail, email (nominations@usdf.org) or call the USDF office.

TDF Awards Grant from the Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence



(June 1, 2018) The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that Margaret Neider of North Hill Farm (NY) has received a grant from TDF's Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence.

The Elysium Farm Fund for U.S. Breeder Excellence, established at The Dressage Foundation in 2011 by Abbey Henderson, then owner of Elysium Farm (MA), provides financial assistance to breeders to pursue educational opportunities related to breeding that will advance their careers, promote sound breeding practices and further enhance the quality of U.S.-bred dressage horses. North Hill Farm was awarded \$2,500 to attend the Oldenburg Winter Meeting Breeder's Course in Vechta, Germany in December. The experience includes a tour of famous training centers in Northern Germany along with lectures and practical trainings with field experts. "I am thankful for the clients that have supported North Hill Farm, their belief in our horses and faith that we will continue to improve our breeding program," said Margaret. "However, most thanks goes to The Dressage Foundation and contributors to the Elysium Farm Fund. This grant is making one of my biggest dreams a reality and would not be possible without this financial assistance."

Applications will again be received in 2019, with a due date of May 1st.





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TDF Establishes Para-Equestrian Dressage Grant Fund



May 17, 2018

The Dressage Foundation's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the creation of a new Grant Fund to provide financial assistance to para-equestrian dressage riders. Donations to establish the Fund include a generous gift from the Lowell Boomer Family Charitable Remainder Unitrust.

The purpose of the Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund is to provide financial support for para-dressage riders to attend educational events, such as clinics at the USEF/USPEA Para-Equestrian Centers of Excellence (COE). One goal of the Fund is to reach and help grassroots and lower-level riders. As the Fund grows, future grants may also be available for instructors of para-dressage riders.

"This Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund has been in the works for a long time so we're especially excited to see it up and running soon," said Beth Baumert, TDF President and CEO. "As the details develop, we hope that donors will find this as exciting as we do. As always, TDF tries to help people at the grassroots as well as at the top, and this Fund will follow suit."

"USEF is extremely appreciative and excited about the development of TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Grant Fund," shared Laureen Johnson, USEF's Para-Equestrian Director. "With the official launch of the USEF Para-Dressage Coach Certificate Program at the USEF/USPEA COEs, the timing couldn't be better to offer the athletes an opportunity to apply for funding through The Dressage Foundation to assist with expenses to attend the educational programs provided by the COE."

Hope Hand, President of the United States Para-Equestrian Association, said, "Thank you, TDF, for this great opportunity to spotlight Para-Dressage along with the well-established dressage grant programs the Foundation has supported over the years. Including Para Dressage under the Foundation's umbrella shows how Para Dressage is truly "Paralleled" in every phase. These grants will help afford and encourage more riders to learn and enjoy the sport of Para-Dressage."

To ensure that grants are available for many years, The Dressage Foundation is organizing an online auction this summer to benefit the Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund. TDF is seeking donations of goods or services, and a variety of items are welcome! Please contact Jenny Johnson at (402)434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org if you would like to participate in the auction or would like to make a cash or stock donation directly to TDF's Para-Equestrian Dressage Grant Fund.

TDF Awards Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Grant

May 18, 2018

The Dressage Foundation is pleased to announce that the 2018 Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Grant has been awarded to Penny Krug of Hilliard, OH.

Penny will use the \$400 grant to shadow and train with the show management at the KDA Fall Classic I & II at the Kentucky Horse Park in October. "I want to thank The Dressage Foundation and the generous supporters of the Lloyd Landkamer Fund for this gift," Penny said. "I am excited to use this grant to further my education and experience in dressage show management. The dressage community continues to grow and I am honored to be a member of this sport. I look forward to the educational opportunities ahead and can't wait to share the results."



The goal of the Lloyd Landkamer Show Management Development Fund is to provide financial assistance to show management (including managers and/or secretaries) to aid in their development and to help them move up the levels of management. Grants typically range in the amount of \$250 - \$500, to be used for costs associated with completing mentoring and apprenticeship requirements, including expenses for travel to shows. Attendance at other educational events, such as USDF Show Management seminars, will be considered as well.



Events

Region 9 Summer Meeting Set For August 4

Everyone is welcome to join us in Fort Worth, TX for the Region 9 summer meeting.

Fort Worth Dressage Club is hosting the Region 9 Summer Meeting. There will be a welcome party in the hotel lobby Friday evening Aug 3 at 6 pm.

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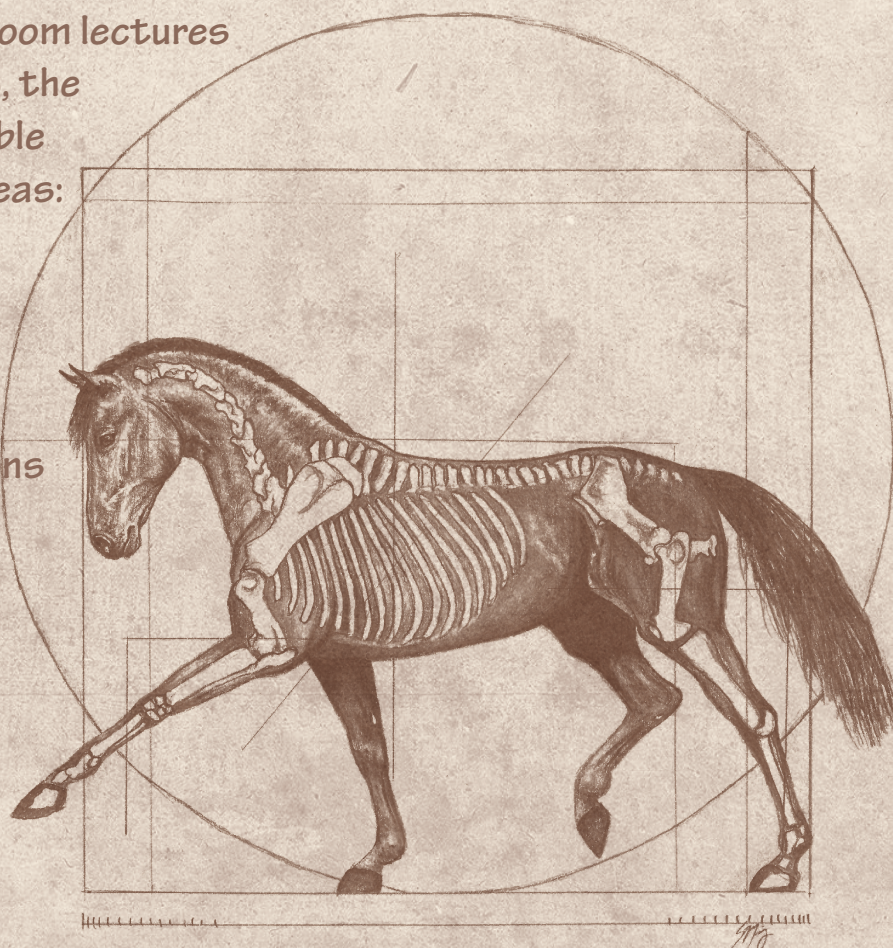
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The "Spanish" part of its name stems from the Spanish horses ' the ancestors of the Lipizzaners ' which were much sought-after in the royal court at that time.

The equestrian Haute École dates back to the classical art of riding practised in Greece, which was rediscovered at the end of the 15th and in the early 16th centuries. With the Renaissance came a whole new lifestyle in the dynasties of Europe, which naturally included a new equestrian style different to that which had been practised in the Middle Ages.

From about 1562, Spanish horses were bred systematically by the Archduke Maximilian, who later became Emperor Maximilian II. This Habsburg ruler founded the first Imperial Stud in 1564 at Kladrub in Bohemia. Archduke Karl II, a brother of Emperor Maximilian, was also very interested in breeding Spanish horses and founded the Imperial Karst Stud near Lipizza in 1580.

Although it is still not known when exactly the first "Spanish Riding School" was built, various documents indicate that this may have been in the year 1572. However, it was more than 100 years later, between 1729 and 1735, that Emperor Karl VI commissioned Josef Emanuel Fischer von Erlach to build the baroque Winter Riding School which is world famous today and which has remained the home of the Spanish Riding School. This magnificent hall has a varied and interesting past, and was not only used for riding and training the white stallions. After the death of Karl VI in 1740, it was a perfect setting for jousting contests, carousels, and masked balls. During the Vienna Congresses particularly (1814-1815), the Spanish Riding School inspired an



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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-D own ☐

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:

Signature: _____ Dated: _____ (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039.

Email: [Laura.Custer](mailto:Laura.Custer@okdressage.org), Phone: 405-314-3931 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

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.

July

15 GPC

Schooling Show & Saddle

Fittings @ Royse Ranch, The Redlands Community College - El Reno, OK

21 Feather Creek Farm

Schooling Show in Norman, OK

August

11 Feather

Creek Farm Schooling Show

in Norman, OK

Sept

8 West

Equestrian Schooling Show

@ West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK

15 High Hill

Schooling Show in Luther, OK

Oct

14 GPC

Schooling Show @ Gallery Farm in Noble, OK

20 GCC

Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK

Nov

3 GCC

Schooling Show &

Championships

@ Joyful Noise Farm in Pryor, OK

Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members



Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend in person or to call in to the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Stroud Police/Fire Department starting at 6:30pm.

You may call in to attend virtually by dialing 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).

Next ODS Board Meeting:
July 11
@ 6:30 pm.

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