



ODS DISPATCH

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Dear Members,

I want to thank the outgoing Board members, Roberta Clark, past President, Amanda Edwards, past Vice President, Erin Boone, past Secretary, and Pamela Byers, for their services to ODS. Even though they are no longer on the Board of Directors (BOD), they have all offered their continued support of the BOD. Thank you, ladies, for your service!

We elected 4 new BOD members, Michelle Beckes, Kay Kamish, Laura Custer, and myself. As Amanda resigned with one year remaining on her 3yr BOD term, Michelle was elected to fulfill the one-year term. The other 3 of us will all serve 3- year terms ending in January 2020. 2020!!!! Yikes, I remember when we were all “freaking out” over 2000!

After the awards ceremony, the new BOD held a quick meeting to elect officers, sorry to those who left before we could catch you. Here are the new BOD officers: President: myself, Pamela DeVore, Vice President: Diane Smith, Secretary: Michelle Beckes, Treasurer: Tamera Mayo. A huge thank you to Tamera for agreeing to continue as Treasurer, a tough job she is excelling at.

We also have a new newsletter editor, Michelle Beckes, and a new website editor, Janet Cagle. Thank you both for volunteering to fill these positions. Please have any articles or ads for the newsletter to Michelle at huskershell@yahoo.com by the 28th of the month.

Please make sure you become familiar with the ODS Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy and the Policies and Procedures that are in your Memberships Directory. Everyone, particularly the Chapter board members, should make sure you are familiar with the ODS Bylaws that are available on the ODS website. All Chapters should make sure they are operating in compliance with the Bylaws and the Policy and Procedures (P&Ps). Chapters are sub-organizations of ODS. While they have their own money, their own Boards, they must operate as outlined in the ODS Bylaws and P&Ps. A Chapter can add new P&Ps, but they must be submitted to the ODS Board for approval. As a not-for-profit organization, we must make sure if the IRS, or anyone else were to ask for minutes of meeting, AGM and Board, we can provide them. As Roberta said we are beholden to the IRS.

There are several items in Policies and Procedures on the website that need to be updated. Those found in the Directory are the updated versions.

ODS had a great 2016, with a new educational event with Lee Tubman. He is returning this April for a show and clinic. He is a great clinician. Not only for the riders but he takes the time to make sure the auditors also understand what he is saying and asking from the riders. This year he will be at the Tulsa State Fair Grounds (Expo).

The ODS Spring Shows were well attended in 2016 and will be at the Tulsa Expo again this year. Bring your hats for the Kentucky Derby hat contest.

The 2016 summer meeting was well attended and heard lots of great comments about the subjects. We are still working on dates, location, and educational ideas for the 2017 summer meeting.

The Chapters were hard at work in 2016, with many shows, both recognized and schooling shows and educational events and 2017 is even more packed. Make sure you keep checking the calendar.

The AGM this year had the most attendees and the most silent auction items ever! We raised \$650 for the Scholarship fund! The 2018 AGM will be in the Tulsa area. Hope to set more records. Details for all these events can be found in ODS newsletters, past and future.

ODS is always looking for new ideas for educational events, the summer meetings, shows, and the AGM. Please see the list of standing committees in the Directory, on the website, and information in the newsletters on who to contact.

In 2017 we have a new educational scholarship program. There are certain volunteering requirements. If you are interested, check for information in the newsletter or contact Diane Smith.

We also have another new program, the ODS Academy Awards, sponsored by Cheryl West and West Equestrian. If you were at the AGM, you saw the beautiful plates she had custom made for these two awards. Check the newsletter or contact Cheryl for any further details.

ODS continues to grow and provide more show and educational opportunities for our members. Let's keep it up!

Schooling show season is almost here. Check out the GPC website for the February 18th show and following clinic. Good luck to those showing.

Please consider volunteering to help at all shows this year or consider serving on an ODS committee. See a list of all committees on the 1st page of the Directory. Contact any BOD member or person listed in the Directory for more information. ODS and all chapters are non-profit and depend on volunteers to survive.

Happy volunteering!

Pamela DeVore

ODS President

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Upcoming ODS Board Meetings:

March 7th 6:30pm Stroud City Hall

March 28th 6:30pm Stroud City Hall

April 25th 6:30pm Stroud City Hall

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WANTED! Volunteers for EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Kay Kamish is the newly elected leader of educational efforts for ODS. She is seeking volunteers to help guide the future of education provided to ODS members. If you are interested in helping, please email Kay at: Aspenell@aol.com. Thank you for your consideration!

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Horses newly registered with ODS:

(as of January 28, 2017,)

2400 Corona Lee Ann Alf

2401 Rowan Nancy Burba

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Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet



Remington Park was the place to be January 21, 2017 for the ODS Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet. Approximately 96 people registered to come. I think it is safe to say that the 3:00pm start time was a big hit! The Remington banquet staff delivered a delicious meal of salads, bbq brisket, baked beans, roast chicken, and an assortment of desserts.

Welcome newly elected Kay Kamish, Laura Custer, Pam DeVore and Michelle Beckes to the ODS Board of Directors. A big thank you to our outgoing board members Roberta Clark - President,

Erin Nelson-Secretary, Amanda Edwards-Vice President and Pam Byers.

Congratulations to all our award winners. Recognized show champions and reserve receiving an ODS embroidered jacket and saddle pad, respectively. Schooling show champions and reserve receiving an embroidered duffle bag and grooming tote, and ribbons to 6th place were also presented.



Horse of the Year Award was presented to Laura Custer and her beautiful horse Bushido LNF. Their median score of 72.308%. Laura received a beautiful custom halter with name plate generously donated by EquiVenture, 602 E. Main Street, Jenks OK.

Volunteer of the Year Award

was presented this year to Robin Grain. Robin spent countless hours volunteering for most of our recognized and schooling shows. You may have seen her face checking bits, greeting you at the in gate, or even tearing down or putting up dressage rings. Where ever you have seen Robin, she was busy helping anyone and everyone with just about everything! Thank you to Robin for your dedication to ODS.



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Chapter News:

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Great Plains Chapter of ODS News



Great Plains Chapter of ODS officially kicks off our 2017 season with a schooling show and clinic on February 18. The judge and clinician is Melissa Creswick "S" who will be traveling from California to work with Oklahoma riders three times during the year. For those of you building WDAA Lifetime points, this show does qualify for that program. The show is currently still open with room for about 15 more horses. And, the clinic has slots for two additional riders. You can find information for all the GPC activities by visiting www.horseshowconsulting.com/great-plains. Click on the Feb 18 show to see the exhibitor list, prize list, clinic information and a biography of the judge.

Mark your calendar for the return of Spa Days on March 10. The event will occur in conjunction with the FEI and Freestyle Friday. You are invited to bring your horse and receive all the services needed for showing at a USEF recognized show including coggins testing and vaccinations. Additional services will also be available including dental exam and chiropractic evaluations. Please refer to the [GPC website](#) for information on how to schedule your horse's spa day and the costs associated with each service.

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Green Country Chapter News



Green Country Chapter kicked off 2017 with its annual meeting and year-end awards presentation for the 2016 season on January 14, 2017 at Riverbend Arena in Inola, Oklahoma. New board members were appointed at the meeting; the 2017 slate of officers includes: President: Annie Houchin, Treasurer: Camille Fuller, Secretary: Stephanie Peck. Members At Large: Patty Couch, Marsha Cullen, Richal Flannery, Peg Gaines, Rita Glen, Laurie Hedlund, and Trista Milliman. The Jaime Orban Perpetual Memorial Award was awarded to junior rider Sienna Busking. Sienna's artwork earned her a \$50 scholarship to be used for dressage lessons or a clinic, as well as an award to keep, and a place on the perpetual trophy. A complete list of the year end award winners can be found on the GCC website at www.greencountrydressage.com/2016-year-end-award-winners.

GCC is excited to offer a volunteer educational event on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at Rocking C Stables in Inola. This event will cover all aspects of volunteering at a dressage show, from warm up ring steward to scribe. Attendees can RSVP via the GCC Facebook page or directly to Annie Houchin at ahouchin@midcon-energy.com.

Other upcoming events include GCC's wildly popular Adult Rider Camp March 3-5 at Riverbend Arena in Inola and a two-arena schooling show on March 11.

For the full calendar, entry forms, and other information, visit the GCC website at www.greencountrydressage.com.

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OKC Metro Dressage News

Kathi Porter is excited to offer a new schooling show series targeted toward entry level dressage and western dressage riders in the OKC Metro area. The shows are to be held at High Hill Farms which is a lovely 80-acre facility located roughly five miles north of Route 66 and a few miles east of I-35. The initial show is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017 and features Donna Meyer "r" and WD "R" as judge and clinician. The show will count for WDAA lifetime points and our judge will be available on Sunday for lessons before returning to her farm in Texas. Some stabling is available for those traveling longer distances or staying for the Sunday clinic. OKC Metro Dressage offers a series championship that spans the five shows. For information about the series, individual shows, clinics, judges' biographies, and to view photos of the facility, please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com/okc-metro-dressage.

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North Central Chapter News



None reported.

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2017 ODS Board Members

President: Pamela DeVore**

Vice President: Diane Smith

Treasurer: Tamera Mayo

Secretary: Michelle Beckes**

Education: Kay Kamish**

Membership: Christina Harmon

Chapter Coordinator: Pamela Rhodes

Volunteer Coordinator: Robin Grain

Show Committee: Laura Custer**

**= newly elected to ODS board

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Free to a good home:

I have a beautiful pair of black Konig dressage boots. Like new. NO ZIPPER. Need to find a home for them. The foot measures 12 inches on bottom- tip to tip. 13-inch calf. Hard to find (1) someone they fit and (2) someone who doesn't demand a zipper. Will gift them. It is shame for them to sit on the shelf. Contact Deryn Stewart at stewarts3415@cablone.net or 580-765-8648.

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For information about all upcoming shows please visit the [ODS Calendar of Events](#)

Green Country Spring Fling

A Region 8 & 9 Qualifying Show (USEF and USDF approved)

March 31st --- April 2nd, 2017

At the Tulsa State Fairgrounds - Tulsa, OK

Presented by [Green Country Arabian Horse Association](#)



ODS Jump Start into Show Season Show and Lee Tubman Clinic

Show: April 7, 2017
Workshop: April 8 & 9, 2017
Tulsa Expo Square, Tulsa OK

About Lee Tubman

FEI dressage rider and “S” judge, Lee Tubman is a Saskatchewan native and brings his kind, thoughtful approach to teaching in his clinics. Lee brings theory and practical application. A great opportunity to see what a top-level judge is looking for and improve your scores before the show season. Lee is appropriate for riders of all levels who are wanting to get better quality work from their horse and improve their skills for any discipline.

Important Details

The show is a Level 1 and a Great American qualifier for 2017 and the Dover Medal. We are offering classes Intro-Grand Prix, material, and equitation. Entry forms are available on showsecretary.com. **First preference to ride in the Workshop will be given to horse and rider teams competing in Friday's show.** Opening and Closing dates apply to both the workshop and show. Workshop riders will be selected on a first come first served basis according to postmarked. All applications must be postmarked. Hand delivered or e-mailed workshop applications will not be accepted. Riders with multiple horses must note a first and second choice horse. If space allows both horses will be accepted, otherwise only the first horse will be accepted.

Opening date: March 3, 2017

Closing Date: March 24, 2017

<http://showsecretary.com/>

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Spring Dressage SHOWS



May 6 & 7, 2017

Tulsa Expo Square

Tulsa, OK

USEF Level 3 Competition

Judges:

Dolly Hannon "S" & Charlotte Trentelman "S"

TD: Carolyn Vandenberg "R"

Featuring:

Premium Facility - 2 Warm Up Arenas

\$1000.00 Freestyle Competition

Friday Night Stall Crawl

Champion & High Point Awards

Saturday Evening Competitors' Party

Silent Auction

Official Qualifying Competition for:

2017 Great American / USDF Region 9 Championship

2017 Southwest Dressage Championship

2017 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program

AQHA Dressage Program

Also Featuring:

Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017 Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North; 2017 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2017 AGCO/USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships; and the 2017 USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championship presented by Dressage Today. Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017; Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships.



Recognized by:
United States Equestrian Federation (#1461)
United States Dressage Federation (#4944)
Southwest Dressage Championships / Oklahoma Dressage Society



www.showsecretary.com

www.dressageoklahoma.org

Opening Date: March 1, 2017

Closing Date: April 21, 2017

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ODS Academy Awards Sponsored by Cheryl West and West Equestrian

Mission Statement: To find the ultimate lesson student who is capable of riding multiple horses, and to find the ultimate school horse who willingly carries and teaches all riders.

ODS Academy Horse Award Requirements:

- *A minimum of 5 scores with 3 different riders*
- *Must be ridden in USDF test at Intro level or above*
- *The rider cannot be the owner of the horse*
- *Horse can be unpapered, but must have an ODS registration number*
- *Horse must be part of an active riding or lesson program*
- *Horse must be 5 years old or older*
- *Recipient is determined by median score*
- *Award will be presented to the program that owns the horse*
- *Scores can cross all levels*

ODS Academy Rider Award Requirements:

- *A minimum of 5 scores on 3 different horses*
- *Must have ridden a test at USDF Intro level or above*
- *Rider must be a member of ODS*
- *Scores can cross all levels above Intro*
- *Recipient is determined by median score*
- *Rider cannot be the owner of the horse*
- *Horse must have an ODS registration number*

A line will be added to the schooling show entry forms to indicate that the horse is an Academy horse so that the horse and rider are eligible for the award.

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NEW Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship

The Oklahoma Dressage Society will be presenting \$150 Educational Scholarships to four worthy ODS members this year.

That is right, we are giving away \$600 in Scholarships!

Have you been a member of ODS for the last 2 years?

Do you have a background in attending and volunteering at ODS events?

If the answer is YES, then take a peek at applying for this scholarship.

Scholarships will be awarded twice a year:
once at the summer meeting and once at annual general meeting.

All scholarship information and the application
can be found on our ODS website www.dressageoklahoma.com.

All completed applications should be sent to:

Diane Smith-ODS Scholarship Coordinator
912 Glen Eagles Dr.
Edmond, OK 73013

*If you are interested in helping with the Scholarship Committee,
please contact [Diane Smith](#).*

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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.
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, Educational Practice Shows, etc.).
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 etc.
3. Dressage clinics 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 an advertised clinic 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 at ODS Summer Meeting

May 16 - November 15

Scholarship(s) to be awarded at ODS AGM

The Scholarship Committee will announce the recipients at each ODS general meetings.

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours counting towards Scholarships include:

1. ODS sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded 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.

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.

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.

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2017 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).

\$50 Adult Please check any that apply. Open Amateur _____ Vintage (50+) _____

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships) \$40

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)

\$60 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 DISCOUNT for memberships received before 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 ___ USDF Rider Performance (training, 1st, 2nd)

___ "L" judge ___ USDF Instructor Certification

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as its 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: Christina Harmon, PO Box 33231, Tulsa, OK. 74153. Email: chrissilynn@att.net phone: 918-406-7173 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.