



NEWSLETTER

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Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet

Reserve the date on your calendar for the 2014 Oklahoma Dressage Society Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet. The event will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at Freddie's in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m. There will be a buffet luncheon at noon followed by the presentation of awards. The event will also include a silent auction, so bring your items. The full agenda is included on page six of this newsletter.

Improve Your Collective Dressage Scores with Bill Solyntjes

Make plans to be part of the 2014 ODS Educational Symposium, "Improve Your Collective Dressage Scores" with William "Bill" Solyntjes. The symposium will be held March 22-23, 2014, at Lily Pond Estates in Kellyville, Oklahoma.

The symposium will feature a lecture presentation on how judges judge including determining base score; adding criteria focusing on the essence and factoring modifiers; the biomechanics of horse, rider and gaits; and the collective marks. The symposium will also incorporate rider demonstrations with constructive critique and instruction, and several question/answer sessions with the clinician.

Bill Solyntjes is a U.S. Dressage Federation (USDF) bronze, silver and gold medalist, a USDF "S" judge, "R" Sport Horse judge and is a member of the USDF "L" program faculty. Bill has trained and shown several horses to Grand Prix. Based in Hamel, Minn., he operates Brandywine Farm, a dressage training and breeding facility that has produced many year-end award winners both in hand and under saddle.

Registration forms will be made available on the website and in the newsletter in January.

Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic

The Platinum Performance/USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic, featuring **Jeremy Steinberg**, will be held February 1-2, 2014 at Twinwood Equestrian Center in Simonton, Texas.

For more information, please visit www.usdf.org/education/clinics/jryr/dates-locations.asp. Auditors of all ages are welcome and pre-registration can be completed online! Contact the USDF office for more information.

Message from the President

I recently attended the USDF Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, and was continually impressed by the number of people willing to volunteer their time and efforts to continue supporting dressage throughout the nation. Our current USDF President is George Williams, a former Olympian (aboard Rocher, that lovely mare with the floppy ears), full-time trainer, and member of the USEF High Performance Committee, as well as the USEF Dressage Committee. He certainly makes me feel like a slacker!

Surveys of Adult Amateurs show that although many like to compete, their overriding reason for joining USDF was to become involved in the dressage community. One of the best ways to do this is to participate in the activities of your local dressage group.

The Oklahoma Dressage Society, as well as its chapters, provides a variety of events where you can come and mingle with others who are similarly afflicted with the "dressage bug." The next ODS event will be the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, January 25. (You will find the agenda and reservation form in this newsletter.) The meeting, which begins at 10 am, is open to all members of ODS. We definitely want your input in the following areas:

- Voting for the new members of the Board of Directors (if you want to be included on the ballot, send your bio to Carol Miller at carol_lee_miller@yahoo.com by January 7)
- Naming of the first ODS Volunteer of the Year (You can still submit names for consideration. Look for the article elsewhere in this newsletter that lines out the criteria for the award and how you can make your nomination)
- Discussion of venue changes and possibly a change in the time of year for our ODS recognized show (also be thinking of judges you would like to place on our list of "desired judges" for future shows)

Please plan on attending, becoming more involved, and meeting more of our dressage community.

Sherry Guess

ODS Volunteer of the Year

Do you know someone who has made a major contribution to our organization this year?--someone you would like to see recognized for all of the time and effort they have spent influencing the development, growth, quality, and popularity of dressage in a meaningful and positive measure?

Nominees for ODS Volunteer of the Year may have:

- Contributed significant service
- Promoted dressage in some manner
- Promoted ODS by volunteering their time, expertise, or resources in a way that reflects positively on our club
- Made a unique or creative contribution
- Through their effort, increased the image of ODS

Please submit the name of your candidate for ODS Volunteer of the Year award and indicate how that person's attributes and activities have fulfilled this criteria. A committee will review the nominations and the final selection will be announced at the AGM in January. Please note that ODS Board Members are not eligible for this award.

Please email your nomination to Christina Harmon at chrissilynn@att.net. **Deadline for submission is January 10.**

ODS 2014 Board Candidate Biographies

Editor's Note: *The Oklahoma Dressage Society will have three (3) board positions open at the close of the 2014 Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2014. For your consideration, the biographies of five (5) candidates follow. Any additional biographies will be published in the January 2014 ODS Newsletter. Election will be held at the Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2014. Biographies are presented alphabetically.*

Beth Circle

I have been an active ODS member for over 10 years, performing the ODS membership duties since 2005. I currently own two dressage horses; one recently retired. I show at ODS recognized shows and participate in ODS symposiums. We just moved to Mounds in May. Coupled with a new horse and no dressage arena (yet) I've missed showing this year, but plan to make up for it in 2014!

Roberta Clark

Born with the "horse" gene, I have owned a horse since high school. Growing up in Indiana, I came to dressage through the backdoor of eventing. After earning a BS degree from Indiana University in Elementary Education and Math, and working as an elementary teacher, I married and moved to Oklahoma. In the early 80s, I discovered ODS and immediately became an active member while teaching, working on my master's degree, and, then, becoming a principal. I worked hard to convince our two daughters the joy of riding, only to have them pick indoor hobbies. I began my riding career with the sweetest Saddlebred mix that I showed through third level to my current mounts showing Intermediate 1 and 3rd and 4th level.

Style of leadership: the love of involving others through an open communication while working together for the common good. Qualifications include:

- Past board member of approximately 9 years with the majority being president
 - During my presidency, ODS hosted one combined Regional and SW Championship for Region 9 and one individual Regional Championship
 - Past manager and/or secretary for ODS Spring Show
 - "L" graduate
 - Co-chair for the development of Bartlesville's Therapeutic Riding Program
 - Bronze and Silver Medalist
 - Owner/Maintenance worker of a small boarding barn, trainer, and instructor of competitive youth eventers
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Lyn Francik

A founding member of ODS, Lyn has served several terms on the Board, and as ODS president. A lifelong dressage enthusiast, Lyn is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist, and is an L graduate. Projects accomplished for ODS include the rewriting of the most current ODS bylaws and establishing written policies and procedures. She currently serves on the ODS show committee. If elected to the board, Lyn's goals for ODS include a desire to grow membership, provide activities for all levels of riders and to provide both short and long term planning for the organization.

ODS 2014 Board Candidate Biographies

Tamera Mayo

My husband and I are native Oklahomans but have lived other places including several countries overseas. I've ridden English since I was 5 and have always had horses no matter where we lived or what I was doing. I started riding dressage at 14 and spent a summer working under Robert Hall in the UK when I was 15. My training has been classical, here and in the UK, France and Portugal. I evented up to intermediate level doing the Kentucky CCI. I earned a BHSAI in the UK and a DVM at OSU. Currently I am the owner, trainer, rider, vet, groom and stable hand for our new business, Golden Maple Friesians, LLC. You can see me at the shows riding my sweet and generous Friesian mare, Clair.

Relevant experience:

- Past board member for Greater Houston Combined Training Association
- Organizer of recognized horse trial that won Region 9 best event of the year
- USPC DC & RS
- Treasurer for Fannie Bay Equestrian Club, Darwin, Australia

Now that we are back in Oklahoma I hope to become more involved in the local dressage community and add my experience and abilities to ODS.

Cheryl West

Cheryl L. West was born in Australia in 1971. She moved to the States in 1976 and attended Oxford Private High School in Los Angeles. Starting at 13, she rode Western. At 19, she enlisted in the US Army, and while serving, rode rodeo in Georgia and studied eventing on the east coast. She has also successfully competed in competitive trail and coached her son to a National Championship. She is an CHA Clinician Master Instructor, certified in English flat, Jumping, Western and Therapeutic and is a PATH Registered instructor. She is very educated in many farrier styles and specializes in a balanced, well trimmed hoof. She ran a successful farrier business until a car accident slowed that down in 2010. In September of 2008, Cheryl accepted a position at American Therapeutic Riding Center where she was instrumental in developing their horsemanship program and successfully mentoring PATH instructors. She worked with ATRC for 6 years before returning to focus on her own facility again, serving an average of 35+ students a week. She is currently working to start a Horses for Heros program. She coaches and manages the showing schedule of 12 to 16 riders during the year, as well as 4 to 6 shows at her facility. She mentors instructors for successful certification with the Certified Horsemanship Association. She has rescued and successfully retrained several rescues—and matched them with riders—that are currently being shown dressage or rehomed. She has been showing dressage in Oklahoma since she came 13 years ago, and studies under Robin Hessel. Currently serves as secretary on the Great Plains Board, and served as president of the Green Country Chapter. She is dedicated to the sport of dressage, and bringing young riders (and all ages) into the sport.

ABSENTEE BALLOT
Oklahoma Dressage Society
Election of Board of Directors

As a 2014 member in good standing of the Oklahoma Dressage Society, I hereby cast my absentee vote for the following persons to serve as Director of the Board of the Oklahoma Dressage Society for a period of three (3) years commencing on January 25, 2014, and ending at the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Dressage Society. *Please select three (3) persons to serve.*

- ☐ Beth Circle
- ☐ Roberta Clark
- ☐ Lyn Francik
- ☐ Tamera Mayo
- ☐ Cheryl West
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Other _____

As a 2014 member in good standing of the Oklahoma Dressage Society, I hereby cast my vote for the continuation of the two-year appointment of Rainee Boyd to serve as a Director of the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Dressage Society ending at the date of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Dressage Society.

- ☐ Approve
- ☐ Disapprove

To cast your absentee vote, please complete and mail this page to:

Christina Harmon
PO Box 33231
Tulsa, OK 74153

Please include your name on the outside of the envelope. Your ballot will be opened and counted at the Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2014.

Your ballot must be received on or before Friday, January 24, 2014.

Oklahoma Dressage Society Annual General Meeting Agenda

January 25, 2014

Freddie's Bar-B-Q and Steak House
1425 New Sapulpa Road
Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order

- 1) Summer Meeting Minutes - Lisa Jewell
- 2) President's Report - Sherry Guess
- 3) Treasurer's Report - Marta Koenig
- 4) Education Report - Sharon O'Banion
- 5) Chapter Reports
 - a) North Central Chapter - Rainee Boyd
 - b) Great Plains Chapter - Chris Cashel
 - c) Green Country Chapter - Richal Flannery
- 6) Schooling Show Report - Rainee Boyd
- 7) USDF Convention Report - Sherry Guess
- 8) Show Committee Report

Old Business

- 1) 2014 Show Venue Shawnee
- 2) Addition of Desired Judges

New Business

- 1) 2015 Show Venue
- 2) 2015 Educational Meeting Suggestions
- 3) Election of New Officers - Nominations from the Floor
- 4) Announcements

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Presentation of Awards; Announcement of New ODS Board Members; Silent Auction Winning Bids





AGM Awards Banquet Reservation Form Saturday, January 25, 2014

**Freddie's Bar-B-Q and Steak House
1425 New Sapulpa Road
Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066**

Lunch - \$25.00 per person

9:30 a.m. Registration and Silent Auction

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

12:00 p.m. Lunch (Buffet featuring Chicken and Steak)

1:00 p.m. Year-End Awards Presentation

Name _____

Number in party _____ x \$25.00 (per person)

Total enclosed _____

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, January 15.

Please make checks payable to ODS and send registration form and payment to:

Beth Circle
19705 S. 43rd W. Ave.
Mounds, OK 74047

Help ODS raise money for the ODS Endowed Educational Fund by donating items for the silent auction. We appreciate your support!

Steffen Peters and Scott Hassler Returning to Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference

Olympian **Steffen Peters** and USEF National Young Dressage Horse Coach **Scott Hassler** will return to headline the 2014 Succeed/USDF FEI-Level Trainers' Conference. The conference will be held January 20-21, 2014, at Mary Anne McPhail's High Meadow Farm in Loxahatchee, Florida.

During the conference, Peters and Hassler will focus on the critical stages of development and training. Peters will, again, be hands-on with FEI-level horses, spending time in the saddle as he identifies where riders 'get in trouble', and showcasing his techniques as he works through 'real life' issues as they relate to the Pyramid of Training. Peters and Hassler will also engage attendees in peer-to-peer discussion throughout the conference, as they evaluate each situation.

For more information, visit www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/trainers-conference/index.asp.

FEI Introduces New and Revised Dressage Tests Effective January 1, 2014

The Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) has announced revised and new dressage tests that will come into effect January 1, 2014. The FEI has revised its Intermediate II, Grand Prix, and Grand Prix Special, which will be applied at the start of the 2014 competition season.

Additionally, a Medium Tour has been announced to assist horse-and-rider combinations transition from the Small Tour to the Big Tour. The Medium Tour will utilize the newly introduced Intermediate A and B Tests and may be offered at either CDI Events and/or USEF/USDF Dressage Competitions.

These new and revised tests will impact USEF and USDF programs and championships as outlined below:

- USEF Dressage Competitions may offer all FEI Tests effective January 1, 2014. CDI Organizers should refer to the updated FEI rules.
- For the USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championships, when ridden in a CDI within the qualifying period, riders may choose to count either the FEI Intermediate II or the FEI Intermediate B towards the ranking list. There will be no changes to the tests ridden at the Championships.
- For the Markel/USEF Developing Horse Grand Prix Dressage National Championships, there will be no changes to the tests that the horse/rider combinations ride in the qualifying competitions or at the Championships.
- To qualify for the GAIG/USDF Regional Championships, horse/rider combinations will need to use either the Intermediate B or Intermediate II test to qualify for Intermediate B (formerly Intermediate II) Championship. At the Regional Championships and US Dressage Finals, horse/rider combinations will ride Intermediate B test.

All FEI Tests can be found at www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/dressage/tests.

Ravel Education Grants

USDF is pleased to announce our new grant program, Ravel Education Grants, supported through proceeds generated by sales of licensed jewelry designs of Ravel, by Jane Heart Jewelry. Developed by the USDF Youth Programs Committee in partnership with Akiko Yamazaki, Ravel's owner, as part of the current USDF Shining Star Award program, this new grant is designed to recognize the most outstanding displays of sportsmanship among USDF youth.

For more information, visit www.usdf.org/awards/other-awards/shining-star.asp.

Editor's Note: The following article was published by The Dressage Foundation. The original article can be found at www.dressagefoundation.org/Lindsey_Hankins_Gifted_Report.htm

A Week at Two Guesses Ranch by Lindsey Hankins

My horses and I have certainly had our share of training challenges. Onyx is an off the track Thoroughbred, who is still occasionally confused at the idea of carrying weight on his hind legs rather than running around stretched out. Alec is an Oldenburg, who spent his first 10 years being a jumper. I also grew up riding hunter/jumpers, but have found a home with Dressage, loving the challenges and rewards that each ride brings.

When I got the news I had been selected to be the recipient of the Carol Lavell Gifted Fund I was speechless. Like so many other riders, I am an adult amateur that juggles a career, home responsibilities, a college education, and outdoor weather with my riding time. I could not imagine an entire week dedicated to nothing other than training, with my wonderful horses!

My trainer, Sherry Guess, has helped me over the past couple years make many positive changes with my horses and, more importantly, my own riding position and effectiveness. However, like most adult amateurs, sporadic riding, due to other obligations, can leave a hole in your training. I knew that an uninterrupted week with Sherry would be invaluable. Sherry and I discussed training plans, goals, and expectations in advance, and upon my arrival we got started. Below are the major lessons from my week at "Two Guesses Ranch".

It is always important to recheck that the basics are instilled in the training, no matter the age of the horse. Horses start their training at many different ages and come from many different backgrounds, but if the horse is not reaching for the bit and accepting of the aids, your training will not progress. Both of my horses began their dressage careers later in their life and as a second career (Onyx at 10 and Alec at 9). There have been times that I have been accepting of poor responses (or no responses), to my aids "because they didn't understand" or "they never learned that". However, Sherry taught me, once your horse does understand the aid, it is ok to expect a response and ask firmer if you do not get one.



Lindsey and Alec

Photo credit: Lisa Jewell (www.artbyjewell.com)

I would ask and continue asking softly, with no or little response. Eventually, this turns into nagging, a leg that waves around, and a horse that ignores you. I learned quickly the importance of only aiding the horse when you truly had a request. My lower leg and core body had to become more solid, so that when they did move, it meant something to my horse! Maintaining a more solid body also changes the way you aid your horse, rather than kicking or shoving, the aids can be smaller and more "a tightening of the muscle", the horse still hears them just as loudly.

Give! Riding an off the track Thoroughbred and an overeager jumper will often instill a bit of defensive riding when you begin training. However, it is important to recognize when you reach a point in your training that you get as much from giving as you do from taking. Trusting in your horse and allowing him to seek the contact, rather than holding him there with your hands, will teach the horse it is ok to consistently be round and to return the trust in you. When Alec or Onyx would become excited and drop contact (mostly by hollowing their back and raising their head) I learned the importance of maintaining a strong core body, simply reminding them how I wanted them to carry themselves, and then the almighty importance of the release when they complied! Sherry explained "If the horse becomes unround and you hold him there, you are simply holding him unround, give him an opportunity to make the change".

A Week at Two Guesses Ranch by Lindsey Hankins

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The art of releasing at the right moment can be tricky. This became evident when we worked at the walk. The walk seems so slow and simple, but yet is very complicated and so easily destroyed. As Sherry watched me walk Alec around the arena we discussed the importance of maintaining the softness and the bend, but most importantly allowing them movement in the neck. The neck must be allowed to move in order for the walk to maintain activity and clarity. I soon discovered that my elbows were stuck and did not move in rhythm with the horse's neck! I learned it takes a great deal of patience to learn to correctly ride the walk without stifling the energy. Alec is grateful that Sherry taught me this.

One of the issues that Onyx struggles with is his canter work. He would still be happy to canter around low and stretched out with no weight on his hind end. Onyx has come very far in his canter work, however my week with Sherry helped this progress. As we worked on the changes needed in my position, to help Onyx be more successful, I saw the importance of making changes slowly. "Just stop and listen" Sherry said to me while we worked on this. While teaching horses, it is extremely important to notice the horse's response to each change you make and adjust accordingly. I often would move to fast and not give Onyx a chance to respond and our canter would break or he would become frightened. Doing things in steps (sit up straighter... weight his outside hind more... slight counter flexion... more bend... etc) with time to notice the response in between gave Onyx an opportunity to adjust, make the change, and learn.

I was blessed that Sherry allowed me to ride her fantastic horses, Finn, Harley, and Gordon. The lessons that a rider can learn from a well-schooled horse cannot be read or preached, they are felt. It is an amazing feeling to get on a horse and, when asked correctly, the horse happily responds. I was able to experience the softness desired in my horses and the aids needed for certain movements. I want to thank Sherry for allowing me that opportunity. Thank you for believing in me and my boys, with you at our side, the sky is the limit.



Lindsey and Onyx

Photo credit: Lisa Jewell (www.artbyjewell.com)

Thank you to the Carol Lavell Gifted Fund and the Dressage Foundation for making this a possibility. This week of training has benefited me and my horses beyond expectations and I am more excited than ever to learn and grow in the art of dressage!

Also, thank you to Lisa [Jewell] and Veronica [Moody] for amazing pictures and videos. These are excellent tools to evaluate training needs and your help is much appreciated!

Editor's Note: For more information about the Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund grant opportunity, please visit The Dressage Foundation web site at www.dressagefoundation.org/The_Carol_Lavell_Gifted_Fund.htm.

USDF "Circle of Friends"

The USDF "Circle of Friends" is essential to the mission of USDF. Your tax deductible gift will have a significant impact in helping USDF provide quality dressage education and programs. Contributors making a gift of \$500 or more before March 31, 2014, will have the option to inscribe a brick that will be placed at the USDF National Education Center. Contributors of \$50 or more, by December 31, 2013, will be recognized in the March 2014 issue of USDF Connection. Contributors making donations after December 31, 2013 will be recognized in the March 2015 issue. Visit USDF's secure online giving site at www.usdf.org or call us at 859-971-7826 to make your contribution.



Events and Opportunities

January 25

ODS Annual General Meeting
Sapulpa, Oklahoma
Contact: GuessDrsg@aol.com

February 1-2

Jeremy Steinberg JR/YR Clinic
Simonton, Texas
Contact: www.twinwoodequestriancenter.com

March 1-4

Jeff Moore Biomechanics Clinic
Houston, Texas
Contact: www.equestrianventures.com

March 22-23

ODS Educational Seminar with Bill Solyntjes
Improving Your Collective Scores
Contact: skob@tulsaconnect.com

USDF University Credit Now Available for DressageMeetingOnline.com

View live webinars with instructors and judges such as Steffen Peters, Gary Rockwell, Christoph Hess, Charlotte Bredahl and Lendon Gray. These weekly programs allow you to speak directly with judges and trainers.

Each webinar you attend is eligible for USDF University credit.

For the schedule of events, please visit www.DressageMeetingOnline.com.



Sally Davenport Named 2013 USDF Volunteer of the Year

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Sally Davenport has been named the 2013 USDF Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes a USDF member who, through consistent and cumulative volunteer activities, has demonstrated exceptional commitment towards carrying out USDF's mission. As the winner, Sally will be presented with a perpetual trophy, established by Lisa Gorretta, which is permanently on display in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, will be featured in the yearbook issue of USDF Connection, and will receive a "keeper" trophy.

Sally, of Scituate, MA, has made major contributions as a volunteer to dressage on the national, regional, and local level. Since returning to New England in 2008, Sally has served on the board of the New England Dressage Association (NEDA) and been responsible for NEDA's continuing education programs. Since taking the reins of their continuing education, Sally has organized and administrated numerous USDF "L" Program sessions, in order to educate and train future judges to fill a growing regional and national need. Each of these programs have been heavily subscribed and very successful by not only program participants, but also by the overwhelming number of auditors attending each program to further their own dressage education.

In addition to her tireless work on organizing these programs, Sally is also preparing to start a USEF 'r' Program soon. All of these training programs are a complex undertaking, with numerous sessions taking place over a year or more, that include classroom activities, instructors and trainers, demo riders, meal accommodations, arrangements for practice judging at recognized shows, and testing. Sally's can-do attitude and her dedication to dressage and dressage education embody all of the best qualities of a volunteer for our sport.

"Sally has made a unique contribution to USDF's mission clearly for the education, but also for the volunteers that help her with each program. She is tireless, devoted, and incredibly competent to take on anything she has an interest to organize and run," stated Lois Yukins, "L" Program Committee Chair.



The Dressage Foundation's donors provide financial assistance to instructors, judges, adult amateurs, young riders, high performance riders, and breeders to build a more accomplished dressage community.

*Join us to keep dressage alive and well in the United States.
Please donate today.*

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Cowtown Dressage I & II

22-23 February 2014

Opening Date: 1 January 2014 - Closing Date: 8 February 2014

USEF/USDF 330295 and 330296

Level 3 Dressage

SWDC Recognition 14024A and 14024B

USDF Regional Championship,
North American Junior/Young Rider Championship (NAJYRC),
and Southwest Dressage Championship Qualifiers
Intro-GP/Para Equestrian/Freestyle/Pas De Deux/Quadrille/
Equitation/Young Horse/Dover Medal
Wings of Hope

Judges

Marlene Schneider (S) and William Solyntjes (S)

Technical Delegate

Sarah Martin (R)

Location: Las Colinas Equestrian Center

600 E Royal Lane

Irving, TX 75039

Tel: (972) 816-6804

Show Secretary: Susan Peacock

837 Glenlake Drive, Edmond, OK 73013

Tel: (405) 760-0135 Fax: 866-487-6624

E-mail: susan@showsecretary.com

Web Site: www.showsecretary.com

Show Manager: Ed Lavallee

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For further information and Prize List visit

www.showsecretary.com

ODS ADVERTISING RATES

Newsletter Advertising

Basic Ad Rates:

Full Page - \$40

Half Page - \$20

Quarter Page - \$10

Business Card - \$7.50

Schooling Show or

Clinic Announcements:

First Insertion - \$20

Additional Months - \$15

Advertising Deadline:

Copy and payment submitted

by 7th of month

(Newsletter publishes mid-month)

Website Advertising

Banner Ads:

3 Months - \$30

6 Months - \$60

1 Year - \$120.00

Placement at the discretion of
webmaster; includes site link

Schooling Show or Clinic

Announcements:

\$20 - First Insertion

Additional Months - \$15

Calendar Listing:

Free (as space allows)

Non-Commercial Classified Ads:

Members - Free

Non-Members - \$5

May be modified if space is limited

PEPPY SUE ZAN (Goldie) is available to raise your next sport/dressage horse. She is a 15-year-old registered QH/Palomino and is a wonderful broodmare and 'mom'. She has raised four big foals sired by Belgian and Percheron stallions. \$1,800

JUNO is a beautiful buckskin QH/Percheron mare. She stands 16 hands and will turn four-years-old in May. She was imprinted as a foal and has some basic ground work. \$3,200

Photographs of both horses are on my Facebook page at Lonesome Dog Photography. For more information, contact Debbie Fimble at 918-244-6627 or

Whispering Willow Stables in Mounds, Oklahoma, currently has **openings for boarding**. Whispering Willow Stables is a private, gated equestrian facility located on 80 lush acres. Amenities include 12 x 12 stalls with mats, indoor wash racks with hot water, tacking stalls, security code tack rooms, fly spray system, day turnout paddocks and free flow exerciser. We offer three arenas: a 100 x 200 covered lighted arena; a 120 x 240 all-weather outdoor arena; and a 280 x 150 outdoor arena. Full board or pasture board (limited availability). Please call Milli Kliever at (918) 364-5009 or (580) 660-0823 for further details.

EYORE - 14.2hh bay gelding, approximately 16 years old. This first level horse has an extensive show career in three-day eventing. Owner no longer has time to show. \$2,500 to approved home. Call Lora Shipley at 918.760.6750 for more

Don't Forget to Renew Your ODS Membership

Your ODS membership provides the following benefits:

- A group membership (GMO) in the USDF that includes the USDF monthly magazine *USDF Connection*
- Region 9 Annual Omnibus that provides detailed information on recognized shows throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana
- The on-line ODS newsletter that includes upcoming events statewide, dressage-related articles, show results, news, information, and advertisements, as well as news from the ODS board activities and meetings
- A web site that provides late breaking news, forms, etc., at www.dressageoklahoma.org
- Optional membership in the local dressage chapter of your choice
- Statewide annual membership directory
- ODS supported USEF/USDF recognized shows, ODS recognized schooling shows, clinics, and other educational events and programs
- The Junior/Young Rider Program that includes special activities for riders aged 21 or younger. (Age as of January 1st.)
- You have the opportunity to participate in shows, share your insights, and make new friends!

The Oklahoma Dressage Society's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer leaders who truly care about the future of dressage in Oklahoma and Region 9. We are planning activities for this year, hoping that we meet the majority of our members' educational and competitive needs, including yours! To renew—or join—please see the membership application elsewhere in this newsletter.

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ODS is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and belongs to Region 9
See also www.usdf.org and www.usdfregion9.org and www.dressageoklahoma.org

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewing Membership ☐ Information Change Only

Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID No _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Business Phone _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Spouse's Name (for Invitation Use) _____

USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30. Apply this membership to year 20 ____

ODS Membership – Select One Category. *For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both Family and Add third family member.*

☐ \$45 Senior / Adult / Vintage ☐ Open ☐ Amateur ☐ Vintage

☐ \$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and members with lifetime memberships)

☐ \$35 Junior - Under 18 as of December 1 of current membership year _____ Birth Date _____
For example, for 2013 membership, must be under 18 on December 1, 2013, even though membership year begins in 2012

☐ \$55 Family (for two family members) - Name of second family member _____

☐ \$10 Add third family member - Name of third family member _____
Please include birthdates for junior family members

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

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

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?

☐ Scribing ☐ Scoring ☐ Organization/Management ☐ Accounting ☐ Spreadsheets ☐ Website

☐ Photography ☐ Fund Raising ☐ Other _____

I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, its 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 _____ Date _____

(If Junior Rider, this form must be signed by parent or guardian)

Mail this form with appropriate check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to
Beth Circle, 19705 So 43rd W Place,, Mounds, OK 74047 - bcircle@rentechboilers.com

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF