



ODS Newsletter

Oklahoma Dressage Society

March 2005

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From the President

ODS members and friends,

News from the General meeting:

New board members: Kaye White, Grace Klinger, Deryn Stewart, each for a three year term.

Brock Melton will be the secretary, Librarian, Show Manager and Property manager.

Deb Bailey will coordinate the sponsors, vendors, fundraising and volunteers for the May show

Grace Klinger will handle sales of shirts and other promotional materials, and be the chapter coordinator.

Amanda Edwards will handle education, schooling show recognition and year end awards

Kathryn McKinney will continue to be the Treasurer

Kaye White will handle the website and newsletter; Charlotte Razook will help with the newsletter.

Sherry Guess will continue to do horse registration and liaison to outside groups

Beth Circle is the membership coordinator.

Stacia Wert-Gray is the Show chairperson.

Deryn Stewart is handling the year end banquet next spring

Schooling Show managers are asked to include the horse registration number on entry forms and with final scores.

Simply print the list from the ODS website for a reference if participants do not know their number. This will help with year end award procedures.

Schooling show managers may use the standard entry form included in the newsletter. Just send show information and show recognition application and fee. Forms are or will be available on the website.

Schooling scores will be available for review on the website.

Riders or Owners are responsible for sending all validated scores by December 31 to Amanda Edwards.

Riders are responsible for score corrections by

notifying Amanda prior to December 31.

If your horse is not registered with ODS, you will not qualify for year end awards. The horse application is available on the website.

The award year for 2005 will be the calendar year: Jan 1 to December 31 of 2005. Any scores in December of 2004 will also be included in 2005.

The 2005 year end awards banquet will be sponsored by North Central Chapter in Jan or Feb of 2006.

All chapters are reminded to submit quarterly financial statements to Kathryn.

Volunteers for the May show need to contact Deb Bailey.

Entries for the March camp are due now and should be sent to Amanda Edwards. Application forms are available on the website.

Entries for the May show should be sent March 1 as we expect this show to fill quickly. Entry forms are available on www.showsecretary.com.

A change to the bylaws was made to allow new chapters to have the option to incorporate or not incorporate.

A change to the bylaws was made to allow absentee ballots instead of Proxy ballots.

The new Stillwater Dressage Chapter of ODS announced hosting of a statewide schooling show championship and team competition.

The financial statements for year end 2005 for ODS were reviewed. The club had a small loss for 2004; however, the financials did not reflect chapter balances or activities. Cash assets for ODS of \$12,849.51 were reflected on the balance sheet.

After much research by Grace and Kathryn, clarifications were explained for proper reporting of ODS and chapters for IRS purposes.

Robin Hessel, President

Oklahoma Dressage Society

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Quotes on Horses

"There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man." Sir Winston Churchill

"The horse is God's gift to man" Arabian Proverb

For information about ODS, please check the website at www.oklahomadressage.org

Tips from the Top Hat

I wouldn't say that this is the most frequent question that I am asked by new students but it is the question that I receive the least satisfactory answers to. Do you use half halts? If so, what are you hoping to achieve and exactly how do you combine your aids to perform them?

First of all, I would like to say that I believe the vast majority of riders should concentrate on putting their horses truly "on the aids" before they dream of attempting to half-halt. Which brings me to the pre-requisites for performing a half-halt, you must be able to:

a. Send the horse forward from your leg and seat. This means that when you close your legs your horse responds by going forward immediately with lively impulsion. A sluggish response is not good enough. Imagine you are riding in front of a judge or rider that you really admire, what would they think of the halt-walk or walk-trot transition that you just made? Practice until you can make prompt energetic upward transitions. Always use escalating aids i.e. start with the smallest signal (slight squeeze combined with tightening of the abdominal muscles) if you receive no response quickly squeeze harder and tighten your stomach again. No response, tap or bump the horse with your leg, tighten your stomach and tilt your pelvis backwards (suck your navel towards your spine). No response, use the whip directly behind and at the same time as your leg and really tilt your pelvis backwards. In this way you are always inviting the horse to become more responsive instead of creating a less responsive horse by continual nagging (repetition of the same signal) or always using overly strong aids. Only repetition of correct responses will improve the horses training. Practicing badly for 2 hrs will teach your horse nothing. If you want a really responsive horse you must be a thinking rider, apply all your aids (signals) with a specific purpose in mind, know what you want and how you are going to go about achieving it. For the next month consider the response that you get every time you use your leg using the escalating aids I described, and I mean, every time. If you do, I guarantee that your horse will start moving forward more promptly. How often have you walked around the arena squeezing with your legs at every stride and getting no response? What is that teaching your horse? That it is acceptable for him to ignore your leg aids. As soon as your horses' response improves try to make your transitions at particular points in the arena, this will ensure that you can really make the transition when you want it.

b. Make and keep your horse straight. In other words the horses hind feet must track in alignment with his front feet. In order to achieve this you must be able to position the horses' shoulders between both reins so that he is traveling in a balanced way and not putting more weight on either shoulder or drifting to either side of the intended track. You must also be able to control the haunches with your legs and seat. I am assuming that you know if your horse is traveling straight, if

you are not sure make use of an observer or mirrors. If you have completed the requirements in (a) you can drive the horse forward. To keep him straight you must also have lateral control, that is, you must be able to move your horses hind legs away from your inside leg at the girth and stop them from deviating to the outside with your outside leg behind the girth. At the same time you must be able to channel that drive between the reins. Excellent exercises for promoting this control are turn-on-the-forehand and leg yields. Practice these exercises carefully, it is not sufficient for the horse to rush away from your leg, become over-flexed or unbalanced. He must flex to the inside rein and move away from your inside leg (pressing at the girth) into a receiving outside rein and leg, at which point you should be able to release the inside rein slightly without losing the bend. If you cannot stop the exercise at any point without the horse losing his balance you are not using the correct amount of either leg or hand. Make sure that you are not leaning forward and lightening your seat, rushing the horse too much or using a pulling hand as opposed to a receiving hand. When you can perform these exercises well at the walk you should have sufficient control to keep the horse straight. Whenever your horse is not bending around your inside leg on a curved line or moving into your outside rein on a straight line go back to the turn-on-the-forehand to reinforce your aids.

c. Keep a consistent light contact with the horses' mouth. This should be self-explanatory. If your reins are intermittently tight and looped either your hands are moving inappropriately or the horses head is moving. You should develop a following hand at the walk and canter and a still hand at the trot. Be consistent with your hands and drive the horse forward into them with your leg and seat. If the contact is still not steady you may have problems with your position that are not encouraging an independent seat and hand.

Maintain a steady tempo. The rhythm of the walk, trot and canter (4,2 or 3 beat) should be repeated regularly. The majority of good riders normally have a background in music, dance, or have talent in some other area that requires a good sense of rhythm and tempo. If you are not naturally talented in this area try singing while you ride, counting, playing music, or using a metronome (you can now purchase the wrist variety). You must be able to maintain a regular tempo through circles, turns and changes of direction. After every transition you should immediately produce your working tempo, not need several strides to work up or down to it. Work in this area will also put you in good standing for creating a musical freestyle.

When and only when, you can fulfill the above requirements you should have your horse on the aids and ready to work on half-halts. Next month I will cover the purpose of half-halts and exactly how they should be carried out.

Another Quote: "The horse, the noblest, bravest, proudest, most courageous, and certainly the most perverse and infuriating animal that human ever domesticated." The Lady (1987), Anne McCaffrey (1926 -)



ODS Calendar 2005

March

5-6 Sherry Guess Clinic, Gallery Farm, Noble, OK Pamela@galleryfarm.us or 405-872-7342.

5-6 Gerhard Politz Clinic Proud Meadows Farm, Sally Hogle Sallyjh2@hotmail.com

12 Crosstar Series H/J Show (McCorkle) Gia Dawn www.easyjstables.com

12-13 - Jochen Hippenstiel Clinic, Norman/Purcell area, location TBA, contact Corinne Young, 405-417-6567 or theathletichorse@aol.com

18-20 ODS Shawnee Camp/Schooling Show, Shawnee, OK. www.oklahomadressage.org

26 GCC Schooling Show, Prairie Lane Stables, Collinsville, OK. Judge: Lee Ann Alf

26 -Schooling Horse Trial- Crosstar, Gia Dawn Madole www.easyjstables.com

26-29 Eckart Meyers and Hannes Muller "Unique Seat Symposium at Los Colinas, Dallas, TX www.equestrianeducation.org

April

1 Stillwater Dressage Chapter Organizational Meeting; 6:30 Hideaway Pizza, Stillwater, Deb Bailey flashy2bar@hotmail.com

1-3 Felicitas von Neumann-Cosel, Stoney Meadow Farms, KS, Maggie Stonecipher 913-908-6992

2 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK Judge: Allyson Wilson www.stillwaterdressage.org

8-10 Lena Wedenmark clinic at Claremore

9 Open x-country Schooling- Crosstar – Gia Dawn Madole www.easyjstables.com

16 GCC Schooling Show, Oakbrooke Farm, Claremore, OK Judge: Kay Kamish.

16-17 Dallas USDF Dressage Classic, Dallas

20-24 Las Vegas World Cup, Las Vegas

4/30-05/01- ODS USDF Show, Shawnee, OK. www.showsecretary.com

30 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole, www.easyjstables.com

May

7 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK www.stillwaterdressage.org

14 USDF Jr./Young Rider Regional Team Championship, Irving, TX. Contact Dallas Dressage Club.

14 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole www.easyjstables.com

21 Southern Hills Schooling Show, Tulsa OK

21-22 TAI CHI for Equestrians, Kay Kamish Aspenell@aol.com

28 GCC Schooling Show, location TBA

June

4-5 KDEA Recognized Dressage Show, Hutchison, KS. elkhntns@gte.net, or www.kchorseshow.com

11-12 ODS Wild West I and II, USDF Region 9 Jr/Young Rider Regional Team Championship, and USDF/State Line Tack Adult Team Championship. Contact: Mary Wetzel chsmidowfrm@aol.com

18 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole, www.easyjstables.com

26 GCC Schooling Show, location TBA.

July

9 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK. www.stillwaterdressage.org

16 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole, www.easyjstables.com

August

6 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole, www.easyjstables.com

13 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK www.stillwaterdressage.org.

14 Dancing with Horses—Ponca City

27 Southern Hills Schooling Show, Tulsa, OK.

September

3 GCC Schooling Show, location TBA

10 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK www.stillwaterdressage.org

17-18 USDF Yellow Rose Show, Dallas, TX

October

1-2 Green Country USDF Show, Claremore, OK www.showsecretary.com

8 - Affaire of the Horse sponsored by the Spirit of the Sport Dressage Club, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, Norman, OK. Pamela Byers pamela@galleryfarm.us

15 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK www.stillwaterdressage.org

29 GCC Schooling Show, Oakbrooke Farm, Claremore, OK Judge: Roberta Clark.

November

3-6 Region 9 Championships, Houston, TX

12-13 ODS Dressage Symposium, Ponca City, OK www.oklahomadressage.org

19 SDC Schooling Show Championships

19 Crosstar Series H/J Show, Gia Dawn Madole www.easyjstables.com

20 GCC Schooling Show, Prairie Lane, Collinsville, OK. Judge: TBA

29-12/4 2005 USDF National Convention and Symposium, Los Angeles, CA

December

3 Southern Hills Schooling Show, Tulsa, OK.

10 Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater, OK www.stillwaterdressage.org

2005 ODS Board Meetings

(for more info, contact the President)

March 19 6 pm Shawnee Camp

April 30 6pm Shawnee USDF show

June 11 6 pm Wild West Show, Tulsa

July 9 3 pm Valley View Schooling Show, Stillwater

October 1 3pm Claremore USDF show

November 12 6pm Ponca City ODS Symposium

ODS Oklahoma Spring I & II April 30-May Shawnee Expo Center

Get your registrations in now for the ODS Spring Show as we have already heard that many riders have this show on their 2005 schedule. For more information, contact Stacia Wert-Gray at 405-341-3946 or email gtgray@aol.com See page 8 of this newsletter!

Live" USDF Year-End Award Rankings Available on USDF Web

Do you want to know where you currently rank in the various USDF year-end award programs? Now you can check on the USDF Web site's "2005 Preliminary Award Standings" at www.usdf.org/programs/awards/2005/index.asp.

This newest Web site service for competing USDF members will help track their progress toward year-end awards throughout the year. Once a horse/rider meets the eligibility criteria, they will appear in the ranking list. Median scores and rankings will be available weekly as the results from competitions are entered into the USDF database. Members can view overall rankings as the season progresses, which will allow them to know where they stand throughout the year, rather than having to wait until the end of the season.

With members having ample time to review both this ranking list and the current-year scorecheck, any discrepancies can be addressed on an on-going basis throughout the year, and prior to the deadline of October 15, 2005. USDF recommends that competitors access their score checks at www.usdf.org/scorecheck/scorecheck.asp to verify that the shows where they have received eligible scores have been entered, and then contact USDF Competitions Department staff if they have questions.

For more information on this new Web capability, please contact Krystina Firth at (859) 271-7895 or kfirth@usdf.org.

AQHA Recognizes Dressage Competition

(Over 800 score sheets were sent to AQHA during 2004. These score sheets are currently being compiled and will be sent to the 2005 AQHA Convention in St. Louis, Missouri for review.)

AQHA has spent the past year researching for a program to recognize AQHA horses competing in Dressage events. A series of conference calls with the AQHA Dressage Strategic Task Force resulted in a program to recognize AQHA horses and AQHA members competing in USDF events.

Eligible competitors must have a current AQHA and USDF membership and must comply with all membership requirements. We will accept results on:

1. American Quarter Horses with properly updated ownership records with AQHA.
2. American Quarter Horses whose ownership records are not

updated with AQHA but who have a licensed USDF number.

These approved events will initially be held at existing USDF and Canadian Equestrian-approved shows, judged by US Equestrian judges or Canadian Equestrian judges. Please download and complete the score sheet after each Dressage competition you attend and send it to AQHA for processing. AQHA will use a chart to transfer percentage scores to point values. Maximum point values will be set for each level to encourage exhibitors to advance to higher levels. AQHA will keep a database* of these point values and year-end high-point awards will be established from a recognition program currently being developed.

**During the trial and program evaluation period, point values will not be reflected on the permanent show record of your horse.*

USDF Announces New Certified Instructor Faculty Member

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) is pleased to announce that Christine Rivlin Henke, from California, has been approved as the newest member of the USDF Certified Instructor (CI) Program Faculty. Rivlin Henke joins current Certified Instructor Program Faculty members Sarah Geike, Ann Guptill, Vicki Hammers O'Neil, Christopher Hickey, Renate Lansburgh, Rachel Saavedra, and Melanie Tenney.

CI Faculty serve as instructors for the Instructor Certification Workshops, where they demonstrate and teach the concepts of dressage. In order to become CI Program Faculty members, individuals must be Certified Instructors from Training to Fourth Level, and they must show proficiency in scribing, serving as CI workshop apprentices, and presenting various topics relevant to dressage theory.

Instructor certification enables USDF to recognize an individual's achievement and capabilities as a trainer, in-

structor, and rider. Being certified means that the candidate has demonstrated the knowledge and abilities necessary to teach the concepts of dressage and meet specified standards and proficiencies.

USDF has designed a series of educational courses to help instructors gain experience and knowledge and become more effective. Workshop programs provide the theoretical knowledge and practical skills needed by developing dressage professionals in the areas of lungeing, teaching, riding, and training.

If you would like to receive more information about the USDF Instructor Certification Program, contact a USDF Certified Instructor, obtain a calendar of USDF Certified Instructor Workshops and testing sessions, or learn about hosting Certified Instructor Workshops, visit www.usdf.org/Programs/InstructorCertification/index.asp or contact Tamie Parsons, USDF programs coordinator, at (859) 971-2277 or tparsons@usdf.org.



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Dressage Instruction

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18216 S. 397th E. Ave., Porter, OK 74454

NCC Schedules Dancing with Horses Festival

NCC of ODS is working with the Arts and Humanities Council to hold this exciting event this coming summer on August 14 in Ponca City on the grounds of the Marland Mansion. Watch for more details in a future newsletter.

RCC Plans Shows and Scribing Clinic

RCC (formerly SCRC) of ODS is planning 2 shows this year and a clinic on Scribing with Peggy Blair. Watch for more details.

GCC Plans Shows

GCC of ODS has scheduled schooling shows as well as its Recognized Show set for October 1-2. Check the calendar for schooling show dates.

Stillwater Dressage Chapter News

We want to welcome everyone to join our new central chapter. It is a fun group of people already with a passion for riding our horses, enjoying each other's company, and competing. We had our first meeting on January 21st at Hideaway Pizza in Stillwater. We came early to eat (of course!) but stayed to talk about what interested us most in having a chapter.

Several subjects came up; this first was that members wanted to enjoy each other even though our time was limited due to busy schedules. Several people suggested that a trail ride at lake Carl Blackwell would be a lot of fun and a challenge for many of our horses. I heard lots of people saying that they would take their great Quarter horse sitting in retirement out for that one! Others simply wanted a chance to talk to each other about everyday difficulties that we run into while training our horses.

The second subject that came up was a way to give back to the state as a whole. This group will not sponsor a series of shows; it

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will sponsor one show. That show is November 19th, 2005, and it is the Oklahoma Dressage Schooling Show Championships. This will be a head-to-head competition that will be fun and exciting to see who can put their horses together at the end of the season and compete at their best! We are working on the details as the newsletter goes out so please keep looking for more information as it comes available.

The last subject was our future meetings. Again, these members want to have fun so meetings will be as many fun events as there are members to think them up and organize them. Our next fun meeting is April 1st at the Hideaway. Come at 6:30 to order food and chat about horses and 7:00 if you just want to come to the meeting. We will be done with "official" stuff by 8:00. We promise! If you would like to know more please check us out at the following website:

www.stillwaterdressage.org or you can call Deb Bailey at 405 880 5007. See you soon!

Oklahoma Dressage Society Spring I & II Dressage Show April 30 – May 1, 2005 at Shawnee Expo Center in Shawnee, OK

Opening date March 1 closing date **April 14** Recognized by **USA Equestrian Federation (#1461/ #4944)** **United States Dressage Federation (#54106/ #55410)**
Southwest Dressage Championships **NAYRC Qualifying (applied)** **Oklahoma Dressage Society**

Judges: Charlotte Trentleman "S" and Bill Solyntes "S"

Technical Delegate: Susan England Veterinarian and Farrier: To Be Announced

Show Manager Brock Melton 213 W. 11th Stillwater, OK 74074 405-714-0772 half_haltokla@yahoo.com

Show Secretary: Stacia Wert-Gray 3420 SE 40th Edmond, OK 73013 405-341-3946 ggray@aol.com 413-513-0560 (FAX)

Make checks to Oklahoma Dressage Society and send entries to Stacia Wert-Gray. Fax entries must include by Visa or Master Card. All Standard Classes offered. Each show needs a separate entry. For quick communication with secretary use email.

Closing Date is April 14 Entries received or faxed after April 14 will be charged a fee of \$15 post entry fee. All fees minus \$15/show will be refunded prior to the closing date. No refunds after closing date. If oversubscribed, a waiting list will be made and entries accepted from the waiting list on a first come basis.

Hospitality Complimentary coffee, milk, juice & rolls in concession area 6am to 8am Sat. and Sun. Saturday afternoon competitor's party.

Incomplete Entries Incomplete entries will be assessed a \$10 incomplete entry fee which will be collected. Required: Signed entries for each show; payment; USAE membership card for owner and rider (or pay nonmember fee); USDF card (participating, group, or non member) for owner and rider; USDF number (lifetime or HID) for horse. USAE registration for horse if entered in Great American qualifying classes.

Awards A Trophy and 6 ribbons will be awarded in all classes except qualifying. Amateur and Junior classes may be combined. High score awards to the highest percent ride by Open, Amateur, and JR/YR riders at Training through 2nd levels. A combined high score award will be given for Introductory, 3rd, 4th & FEI Level. Special overall High Score Awards to Adult Amateur, JR/YR and Vintage (50+) Riders. Dover Medal to be awarded to the top scoring amateur in second level test four.

Stabling/ RV Information Portable stalls 10x10 on dirt floor with doors. Stall fee includes 2 bags of shavings. More shavings are available at \$6 a bag. Stalls available Friday noon until Monday 6 AM. A few tack stalls are available (no shavings). \$30 grounds fee for horses not stalling. RV hookups are \$15/night.

Arena Sand/clay show rings and warm-up inside. Two show rings. Small ring (20m x 40m) Introductory A and B, Training 1, 2, and 3. All other classes will be in the standard ring. Horses may work in the show rings until 11 p.m. Friday and after the show on Saturday.

Accommodations

[Hampton Inn](#)
405-275-1540

[Days Inn](#)
405-275-6720

[Ramada Inn](#)
405-275-4404

Directions The Expo Center is on the East Side of HWY 177, four miles south of I-40.

Other Every class offered herein which is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules and of the current rulebook will be judged in accordance therewith. NO dogs allowed on the show grounds. No exceptions.

Ride Times/Stalling Chart Entries will be posted on www.showsecretary.com. Look at the site to check your entry and for all show information. Times and the stalling chart available a few days before the show.

Equitation and Suitability	\$30	Stall (4/29 & 5/1)	\$65
Introductory - Fourth Level Tests	\$30	Tack Stall	\$50
FEI Level Tests	\$35	Office Fee per show	\$15
Freestyle 1- 4th Level	\$40	Late Entry Fee	\$15
Freestyle FEI Level	\$40	Change Fee after closing date	\$10
GreatAmerican/USDF Qualifying Fee	\$10	Incomplete entry	\$10
SWDC Qualifying	\$ 6	Horses not competing	\$30
USAE Fee (\$7 drug \$5 fee)/show	\$12	Extra shavings/bag	\$6
USAE Sr. Non-Member Fee/show	\$25	Grounds fee (if not stalling)	\$30
USAE Jr. Non-Member Fee/show	\$20	Class Sponsors	\$15
USAE Discipline Fee/show	\$ 5	RV Hookups	\$15

Entry Fees May Be Paid by VISA or MASTERCARD

Account Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature as it appears on credit card _____



2005 ODS Schooling Show Application

Use an ODS approved judge. (ODS approves judges who are either USDF rated or are a USDF Medalist)

Show proof of event and/or facility insurance.

Submit the fee of \$20 and the ODS Schooling Show Application at least 45 days prior to the show. A judge does not have to be determined when application is submitted. Full approval of the show **for year end awards purposes only** will follow, when judge is established and insurance is verified.

Send results to ODS Awards Secretary/Coordinator no later than 2 weeks after the show so scores can be recorded for year-end awards. (Results sent in after the 2 week period will be subject to a \$5 per week late fee)

Contact the Schooling Show Coordinator if you have any questions.

Include the following statement on the show entry form: ***“ODS Recognizes This Show For Award Purposes Only”***

The \$20.00 fee allows for the show to be listed in the ODS Newsletter under schooling shows for the month. If you wish to print a show bill, it is an additional cost of \$40.00 per month. The Newsletter editor must receive all information for the Newsletter by the 15th of the preceding month.

Chapter/Person sponsoring: _____

Date Requested: _____ Show Manager: _____

Judge: _____ Closing Date: _____

Location of Show: _____

Mail Entries To: _____

Checks Payable to: _____

Entry Fees; \$_____ per Dressage Class \$_____ per group class \$_____ In Hand Classes

Awards: Ribbons 1st – 6th place High Point Jackpot \$_____

Other: _____

Details: GAG offered (1991 versions) In Hand Offered

Other: _____

Ride Times: _____

Standard Entry from states:

Current (12) negative Coggins required and to please send copy.

- Juniors, amateurs, and open riders may ride together but will be placed separately. Show management reserves the right to change ride time when deemed necessary to facilitate timely completion of the show. Entries must be received by closing date at 5:00 p.m. If cancellations are necessary, a full refund will be made if the show manager is notified before the closing date. All fees must be paid by the closing date unless prior arrangement is made with the show manager. In such cases all fees will be due before entering the arena. After closing date, refunds will be made only with a doctor or veterinarian certificate, less \$10.00 office fee. All no-show entries will be billed to the rider.

- **WARNING: UNDER OKLAHOMA LAW, A LIVESTOCK PROFESSIONAL OR LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO A PARTICIPANT IN LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO THE OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT.**

It is understood (as acknowledged by signature below) that the exhibitors and spectators agree to held the show host facility, sponsors, management, owners, and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show. Whether or not such injury or loss directly or indirectly from negligent acts or omissions of said parties.

Contacts:

ODS Schooling Show Coordinator :

Amanda Edwards 918.595.7171 (M-F 8 am—5 pm)

Send application, payment, & proof of insurance to: 1203 S. Florence Ave., Tulsa OK 74104

Email: ride4ward@yahoo.com

April Schooling Shows

Easy J Stables Schooling Show—Note 2 Shows

Show Date: 4/2/05 **Judge:** Janelle Melia **Manager:** Gia Dawn Madole **Closing Date:** 3/29/05
Show Date: 4/3/05 **Judge:** Sue Clark **Manager:** Gia Dawn Madole **Closing Date:** 3/29/05
Location: Easy J Stable, 21701 E. Britton Road, Harrah, OK (call for directions 405.454.6886)
Mail Entries To: Gia Dawn Madole, 21701 E. Britton Rd., Harrah, OK 73045 **Checks payable to:** Easy J Stables
Entry Fees: All Tests \$15—\$5 goes to jackpot ** \$10 Stall Fee Mandatory
Awards: All classes have a payback: 1st-60%, 2nd-25%, 3rd-15% Checks must be picked up day of show.
Details: Warm-Up Arena—Indoor, Show Arena—Outdoor, bandages permitted in the ring. Riders must wear a hard hat and footwear with heels. All tests 2003. **GAG classes are not offered.**

Valley View Equestrian Center Schooling Show

Show Date: 4/2/05 **Judge:** Allyson Wilson **Manager:** Robin Hessel **Closing Date:** 3/30/05
Location: Valley View Equestrian Center 5417 York Rd, Stillwater OK (call or email for directions) www.stillwaterdressage.org
Mail Entries To: Robin Hessel, 5417 York Rd, Stillwater, OK 74074 robin84@cox.net 405-372-0392
Checks payable to: Valley View Equestrian Center **Entry Fees:** All Tests \$15, \$10 per group class
Awards: Ribbons will be awarded 1st—6th place. Separate divisions for O, AA, and Jr Classes. High Point Awards
Details: Riders must wear a hard hat and footwear with heels. Show starts at 9 am. Ride times available on Friday after 5 pm on the website.

NCC Schooling Show

Show Date: 4/10/05 **Judge:** TBA **Manager:** Rainee Junkens **Closing Date:** 4/7/05
Location: Little Bit of Heaven Farm, Newkirk, OK
Mail Entries To: Rainee Junkens, 9251 NW Street, Newkirk, OK 74647 580-362-2177
Checks payable to: North Central Chapter of ODS **Entry Fees:** All Tests \$15, \$10 per group class
Awards: Ribbons will be awarded 1st—6th place. Separate divisions for O, AA, and Jr Classes. High Point Awards
Details: GAG not offered

GCC Schooling Show

Show Date: 4/16/05 **Judge:** Kay Kamish **Manager:** Pam Hog/Liz Logan **Closing Date:** 4/13/05
Location: Oakbrooke, 18275 S. 4190 Road, Claremore OK
Mail Entries To: Pam Hog, 3014 S. Aster, Broken Arrow, OK 74012, pamh@familynet.net
Checks payable to: Green country Chapter ODS **Entry Fees:** All Tests \$15, \$10 per group class
Awards: Ribbons will be awarded 1st—6th place. Separate divisions for O, AA, and Jr Classes. High Point Awards
Details: Riders must wear a hard hat and footwear with heels. All tests 2003. GAG test are 1991 version. Stallions must be attended at all times **In Hand Classes are not offered.** GCC entry form is available in the GCC newsletter & on the GCC website. 1-918-252-0655 Pam Hogg

Gallery Farm Schooling Show

Show Date: 4/24/05 **Judge:** Louise Waring **Manager:** Pamela Byers **Closing Date:** Saturday, 4/16/05
Location: Gallery Farm, 8900 Cemetery Road, Noble OK
Mail Entries To: Pamela Byers, Gallery Farm, 8900 Cemetery Road, Noble OK 73068
Checks payable to:
Entry Fees: All Tests \$15 ** Stabling is limited — \$15/stall ** Late entries-\$15 late fee
Awards: 1st—6th place. Separate divisions for O, AA, and Jr Classes.
Details: No phone entries. Riders must wear a hard hat and footwear with heels. All tests 2003. Original current coggins required. NO COPIES. **GAG and In hand Classes are not offered.**
Ride Times: Friday, April 22 after 3:00 pm—posted to web www.galleryfarm.us or call 405-872-7342

Schooling Show Results

Please check your scores on the ODS website. If there are any errors, please send a copy of the front of the test to Amanda Edwards, 1203 S. Florence Ave., Tulsa OK 74104. The scores on the website are the official scores and will be used to tabulate year end awards.



**2005 OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
STANDARD SCHOOLING SHOW ENTRY FORM**

Competition Name: _____ Competition Date: _____

Chapter Sponsoring: GCC NCC SCRC SDC Other: _____

Rider: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Rider Status: JR AA O V

Are you a member of (check all that applies): **ODS GCC NCC SCRC/RCC SDC**

Would you like to volunteer for this show? Yes No

Horse: _____ ODS Horse Registration Number: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Owner's Address: _____

Is your horse registered with ODS: Yes NO

Current (12 Month) negative Coggins required please send copy.

GROUP CLASSES

- 1. Suitability to become a Dressage horse (horse never shown above first level)
- 2a. Dressage Equitation (WALK/TROT – Rider never show above first level)
- 2b. Dressage Equitation (WALK/TROT/CANTER – Rider never show above first level)

DRESSAGE CLASSES (Year End Awards given for Intro – Second Level Only)

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|----------|------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 3. GAG 1 | 7. Intro A | 9. Training 1 | 13. First 1 | 17. Second 1 |
| 4. GAG 2 | 8. Intro B | 10. Training 2 | 14. First 2 | 18. Second 2 |
| 5. GAG 3 | | 11. Training 3 | 15. First 3 | 19. Second 3 |
| 6. GAG 4 | | 12. Training 4 | 16. First 4 | 20. Second 4 |

21. Test of Choice (Specify): _____

IN HAND CLASSES (not offered at every show)

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 22. Colts/Gelding 2 and under | 24. Stallions/Gelding 3 and over |
| 23. Fillies 2 and under | 25. Mares 3 and over |

Total Number of Classes: _____ **Other Fees:** _____ **Total Entry Fee: \$** _____

Juniors, amateurs, and open riders may ride together but will be placed separately. Show management reserves the right to change ride time when deemed necessary to facilitate timely completion of the show. Entries must be received by closing date at 5:00 p.m. If cancellations are necessary, a full refund will be made if the show manager is notified before the closing date. All fees must be paid by the closing date unless prior arrangement is made with the show manager. In such cases all fees will be due before entering the arena. After closing date, refunds will be made only with a doctor or veterinarian certificate, less \$10.00 office fee. All no-show entries will be billed to the rider.

WARNING: UNDER OKLAHOMA LAW, A LIVESTOCK PROFESSIONAL OR LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES SPONSOR IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO A PARTICIPANT IN LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISK OF LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO THE OKLAHOMA LIVESTOCK LIABILITY LIMITATION ACT.

It is understood (as acknowledged by signature below) that the exhibitors and spectators agree to held the show host facility, sponsors, management, owners, and agents harmless for any injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the show. Whether or not such injury or loss directly or indirectly from negligent acts or omissions of said parties.

Rider's Signature (if under 18, signature of parent or agent.) Date



2005 OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
HORSE REGISTRATION

(Horses must be registered and the rider must be a current ODS member for a test/ride to be counted in the year -end award program.)

HORSE'S NAME: _____ OWNER'S NAME: _____
RIDER'S NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____
ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____
JUNIOR BIRTHDATE: _____ PHONE: _____
CHECK ONE: JUNIOR (DOB: _____) LIFETIME REGISTRATION (\$20): _____
OPEN: _____ ANNUAL REGISTRATION: (\$10) _____
AMATEUR: _____ CHANGE OF OWNER (\$5): _____

Make Horse Registration checks to ODS and Mail to: Sherry Guess, 18216 S. 397th E. Ave., Porter, OK 74454
GuessDrsg@aol.com

RETRACTION – CORRECTION

In last month's article "Preparation for Half Halts" there was a rather important word left out by the typist in section "b". Below please find the section re-printed with the correction which bolded, italicized, and underlined. My sincere apology for this error as it significantly alters the rider's application of aids. AE

Make sure that you are ***NOT*** leaning forward and lightening your seat, rushing the horse too much or using a pulling hand as opposed to a receiving hand.

2005 USEF DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS
INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Locations and Selection Procedures have now been approved for 2005 USEF Dressage Program Championships. For information regarding the 2005 USEF Junior Dressage Team Championship sponsored by Collecting Gaits Farm, the Dutta Corporation, and Performance Sales International, please visit this link:

<http://www.usef.org/content/equestrianSports/disciplines/international/2005-JR-Dressage-Team-Champ.php>

For information regarding the 2005 USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Program, including the USEF/Markel Young Horse Dressage Selection Trials and National Championships, please visit this link:

<http://www.usef.org/content/equestrianSports/disciplines/international/2004-YH-Program.php>

Questions regarding either of these USEF Dressage Programs should be directed to Jennifer Keeler, Sport Manager – Dressage, at jkeeler@usef.org.

World Cup Tickets for Sale—Contact

2 tickets—Judith Hankins Brown 405-314-4128

1 ticket—Pam Hogg 918-252-0655

2005 Oklahoma Dressage Society Advertising Rates and Opportunities

Newsletter basic ad rates are full page \$40, half page \$20 and qtr page \$10. Business card ad is \$7.50 per insertion.

Schooling show/clinic advertisements in the newsletter are \$40. Deadline is the 15th of the preceding month. Calendar listing is free depending on space available.

Non commercial classified ads in the newsletter for members are free.

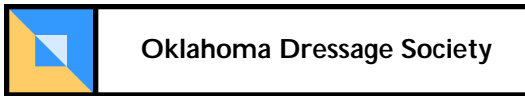
Non members classified or commercial classified ads are \$5 each. The length of classified ads may be modified by the editor if space is limited. This newsletter is provided in hard-copy form to the entire ODS membership of 200 to 300 members on a regular basis. You may view examples of the newsletter on our website at www.oklahomadressage.org.

Recent Horse Registrations

Emily Coleman	Not Even A Zero	624
Marta Koenig	Chasqui	625
Nancy Litsch	Fancy That	626
Catherine Orban	Pico	627
Anthea Kin	Destiny	628
Robin Hessel	Bon Ami	629
Utopia Ranches	Quatro Clabber	2005

Classified Ads

For Sale: Albion Legend K2 Dressage Saddle. 18", wide tree, black. Excellent condition - asking \$1200. Pictures/more information available via email. Julie Williams 918-342-8852, outriding@sbcglobal.net.



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