



# Oklahoma Dressage Society Newsletter

## June 2008

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 7	Southerly Winds Farm Schooling Show www.southerlywindsfarm.com
Jun 13-15	Jochen Hippenstiel Dressage Clinic www.southerlywindsfarm.com
Jun 14	GCC Schooling Show www.greencountrydressage.org
Jun 21	NCC Schooling Show Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 www.nccdressage.org
Jun 21	OKE Schooling Show Anne Kuhns, akuhns@atlasok.com
Jul 12	GCC Schooling Show www.greencountrydressage.org
Jul 13	Schooling Show Patty Couch Psychorse@aol.com
Jul 24	ISR/OLD NA Mare and Foal Inspections Woodridge Farm, Claremore, OK
Jul 26	<b>ODS Summer Meeting</b> Philbrook Museum
Aug 2-3 (NEW DATE)	Lazy E Classic I and II \$4000 Musical Freestyle Stake Classes www.showsecretary.com
Aug 16	Schooling Show Patty Couch Psychorse@aol.com
Sep 14	GCC Schooling Show www.greencountrydressage.org
Sep 20	NCC Schooling Show Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 www.nccdressage.org
Sep 21	Gallery Farm CT and Dressage Show www.galleryfarm.us pamela@galleryfarm.us
Oct 8	American Hanoverian Society Inspections Woodridge Farm, Claremore, OK
Oct 11	NCC Schooling Show Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 www.nccdressage.org
Oct 17-19	<b>GAIG/USDF Region 9 Championships</b> <b>Lazy E Arena, Guthrie, OK</b>
Oct 25	GCC Schooling Show www.greencountrydressage.org
Nov 1	NCC Schooling Show Rainee Boyd at 580-761-7951 www.nccdressage.org
Nov 15-16	Stephan Kiesewetter Dressage Clinic Robin Hessel, 405-747-7121 robin@stillwaterdressage.org

### **ODS Summer Meeting—July 26** **Philbrook Museum--Tulsa**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Charlotte Kin, DVM  
Contact: Anne Kuhns  
(akuhns@atlasok.com)

*More information and registration form  
will be in the July Newsletter*

**ODS BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, June 11 at 6:30 PM  
Stillwater, Ok

Contact a board member for more information

Dear Dressage Members,

Show season is upon us. In light of the Regional Championships being in Oklahoma this year, many of us are chasing the scores to qualify. ODS's Spring I and II were a success due to Judy Rivers, Stacia Wert-Gray, all the volunteers who scribed, scored, ran, and the competitors who without we would not have a show. Horse of Course hosted a wonderful wine and cheese party with Terri Tupman earning the Bob Pape Memorial Trophy. Our next big show that ODS will host will be the Regional Championships in October at the Lazy E in Guthrie.

In order to host the Regional Championships, ODS needs board members and membership to secure sponsorships, donations, and advertisements. Remember the worthy charities that will benefit from our hosting the Championships. Angel Ozer, Judith Hankins, and Darrell Reed recently did their part by showcasing Dressage and the therapeutic riding programs for the New Members Club of Edmond. Angel and Loki demonstrated dressage movements and then performed their fabulous freestyle to an interested and appreciative audience. A huge thank you goes to Angel for taking the time and gas (which is no cheap deal any more) to perform their lovely demonstration, Darrell who organized the event, Judith who was the voice and shared personal experiences, plus Lee Ann Alf and Debbie Nutt who assisted. Thanks to these gracious volunteers, you will find new faces in the stands at the championships.

Since it is too hot to ride in the afternoon in July, come spend a delightful afternoon in the coolness of Philbrook Art Museum learning from Dr. Kin about the latest advances in treatments for horses. ODS will be hosting their summer meeting with food, fellowship with other horse enthusiasts, and an educational lecture. This will be a perfect time for you to reach your goal of \$250 for sponsorships, donations, and advertisements, thus earning a free stall at the championships. Other prizes will be awarded. And for all those desertaholics like myself, there will be desert and coffee after lunch. It does not get better than this during hot July.

USDF has several deadlines coming up. June 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day for you to submit the survey concerning the potential upcoming changes to showing in the future. On ODS's website designed by Jeanie Eaton, you will find a link. [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org) Submissions for the Artist's cover for the Directory, plus Newsletter and Volunteer of the Year nominations are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant provides a \$1000 grant for someone to attend the USDF Convention. The deadline for this application is also August 31<sup>st</sup>. August 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for the applications by youths for the grant to attend the convention. As you can see, there are many reasons to visit the USDF website. You might be the recipient of a grant if you apply.

Enjoy the warmer temperatures and good luck to all those who desire to pursue the qualifications for the championships. Congratulations to all those who have qualified already!! See you in July.

*Roberta Clark*  
ODS President

## *Reflection on Jeff Ashton Moore (ODS's Seminar March 29-30)*

### ***Demo Rider Charleen Short:***

In a nutshell I found JAM to be articulate, funny, well informed about biomechanics of both horse and rider, and not afraid to present his knowledge. He challenged a lot of the current wisdom we have come to know and accept about the sport of dressage. He challenged the written word of the "Rule Book". And he stated that judges don't always judge within the confines of correct biomechanics. He presented all this within the confines of scientific biomechanical knowledge which then made it logical, and in turn, believable. I liked what I saw and I liked what I heard. However, I'm very novice so don't hold a lot of "established truths" to be overridden. I did feel a little bit conspicuous as a well fed, middle aged female when he made comments about "water balloons" housed in lycra. On the intellectual side though I do understand that as a rider I have an obligation to keep fit and toned in order to be a good partner for my horse. As a demo rider he quickly pegged me as a crotch sitter with noisy legs which he fixed fairly quickly. He also said my "bum" went backward which I'll need my coach to help me with since that seems to be the way it's attached to my body. Of my horse I believe he liked the development of the neck musculature and that he stretches over his topline just all the time. He did not find my horse to be very elastic. He did improve the trot though by having me do the "trampoline bounce". He also noticed immediately that my very right handed horse sits me way over to the left, something I've never known before. Of the two of us, I believe he told the auditors that he kept waiting for one of us to assume the role of leadership. I found this to be most incredible since by my own admission (unknown to him) that both my horse and I are natural born followers which gets us into a lot of trouble especially when jumping. Because I was a demo rider, I missed part of his lecture each day and I really hated missing even a minute of it. He did give us good handouts which I will be reading and absorbing the content of.

Now for the "trampoline bounce". First I've got to tell you when I read that I was encouraged to bring a whip, a long piece of baling string, and a trampoline...well, you can imagine the raised eyebrow and fantasies that crossed my mind. I was envisioning a much younger, more lithe body, running down a runway, leaping gracefully onto the trampoline, and landing gently onto the back of my waiting steed with my magic wand (whip) in hand. The reality was much different. Jeff had us sit on the trampoline, bend the knees to raise the feet, balance on one's "bum", keep arms at side (or in a neutral riding position) and use the stomach muscles to bounce. It was quite a feat to get the mass to move. On the horse it was the same exact feel except that the horse helped establish the bounce. Unfortunately, Jeff wanted the rider to initiate the bounce first so as to land at the right time (not late). Horse initiated bounce made for a late rider landing. Not good.

In summary I'd like to thank the Anne Kuhns for putting this wonderful symposium together and would encourage anyone who has not experienced Jeff Ashton Moore to go and listen to him if the opportunity should present itself. He'll definitely give you food for thought.

### ***Demo Rider Lyn Francik:***

Many horses in Oklahoma are happier today because of what their owners learned at the ODS Symposium. It was a

wonderful weekend, packed with a LOT of information. Jeff is not afraid to challenge old school thinking with modern science, and he shared his knowledge freely. Plus, he kept us laughing while we learned. "Bouncing" on the mini trampolines and then applying that feel to my horse was a real eye opener for me. We were taught to listen to our horses when we used our bodies in new ways. It was exciting to see how much the horses improved, no matter what the task, just by making changes in the riders. I particularly appreciated the instant improvement in my walk pirouettes, just by moving my seatbones. It was also quite interesting to feel the improvement in Gladstone's balance on the leg yield when, contrary to "traditional" riding I was asked to sit away from the direction of travel. And, I will never think of riding circles again; my new image is a polygon.

While there was a good turnout, it was disappointing that it wasn't much greater. What a loss for the horses whose owners didn't attend.

### ***Demo Rider Sherry Guess:***

This was a wonderful opportunity to have such an astute eye point out asymmetries and dysfunctions in the way we use our bodies while riding, along with the knowledge to explain how to resolve the issues. Of course, that leaves you with the problem of changing your old patterns.

As demo riders we tried to make the changes as requested, however awkward it may have felt. Moore pointed out that when changing an existing pattern, it can be useful 'over do' the position change for a while until your body begins to acclimate to the new use. When the interior of your body is functioning correctly, the change will be almost unnoticeable on the outside.

### ***Reflections from our Auditors:***

"At first I thought perhaps it might be something that would not be for me as I still struggle with the basics and sometimes even going around in a 20 meter circle on the bit is quite an accomplishment for me. I was a little intimidated at first from the sound of the demo riders qualification requirements for the symposium selection, so I was quite pleased to see a lot of regular riders.....not just those with the most expensive horses. It's nice to see not only the riders with polished show horses, but those that have problems or young horses or horses and riders that might go less than perfect. The lecture demo rider combination was good. Jeff was quite knowledgeable on Biomechanics and I came away thinking about my own body position and perhaps that is why I struggle so with some of my own riding issues. I have plans to try them out this week!"

"Jeff Ashton Moore was super. I would love to see him brought back for a lengthier session/workshop/camp. His riding biomechanics make sense to horse and rider."

"Jeff Ashton Moore proved to be an informative and entertaining speaker. He is a natural teacher with a wealth of information gathered over many years of observation. Our demo riders perfectly complemented his teachings from the morning lectures. ODS is very appreciative of all who participated and of The Dressage Foundation who helped us with a generous grant."

—Anne Kuhns

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## 2008 Camp Summary *(submitted by Anne Kuhns)*

After many years, ODS hosted an Adult Dressage Camp at the Claremore Expo Center, May 29-June 1. The following 19 riders attended with their horses: Patty Bradley and Major, Susan Fraley-Mohler and Tino, Anne Kuhns and Camille, Katrina Geren and Star, Sandy Thompson and Miss Fancy Soul Mate, Barbara Koenig and Ed, Kelli Rogers and Deuce, Elizabeth Eaton and Flomotion, Laurelyn Drescher and Sheba's Little Missy, Lee Manuel and Amigo, Marta Koenig and Chasqui, Karen Taylor and Tullamohr, Sonja McDanel and Grandlee Lorien, Kathy Winkel and Bold Bret, Kathy Kersgieter and Colby, Jan Cibula and Mateo, Laura Custer and Debutante, Lyn Francik and Gladstone, Kim Kulczycki and Whyatt. Two non-riding campers, Jolie' Pressler and Cathy Coker also attended as well as daily and dinner auditors.

GCC started our camp by serving wine and cheese before dinner. Many thanks☺ The camp format consisted of three instructors and two members who did lunch time demonstrations. The instructors were Paula Kierkegaard from Redmond, WA, Sarah Martin from Blanca, Co, and Louise St. Amour from Whitehall, MI. Each rider rode twice each day in a group and a private lesson with one instructor. Riders rotated to a different instructor each day so they rode a total of six times. NCC member Sonja McDanel gave a demonstration on horse massage and showed some basic techniques we all can do to help our horses relieve tension. GCC member Laurie Hedlund showed three types of cavessons and proper fit of each. She also talked about bridle, saddle and girth fit, what to look for in saddle pads so the withers don't have added pressure. After dinner each instructor gave a lecture. Louise lectured on Yoga for Riders and led us through Yoga exercises at breakfast time and showed us how Yoga enhances our balance, suppleness and alignment (sounds like dressage doesn't it!). Paula lectured on rider position and emphasized the importance of equitation and how that helps the horse. Sarah did a long-lining demonstration on three different horses to show how that work can develop connection to collection over time.

The ODS board wants to thank everyone for their participation. This was a big undertaking but was well worth the effort. We saw a lot of ear-to-ear grins around the barn throughout the weekend. Campers were given a "Camp Survival Totebag" filled with goodies (yes, even including T.P.!) from the following sponsors: Herbalife-Lisa Jewell, Roberta Clark, Dr. Steve and Pam Hogg, Linda Powell, Debbie Nutt, City of Claremore, Horse of Course, Oklahoma Tack and Supply.

We are getting feed back from the campers and already making plans for next year.

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### CAMP QUOTES

*Sandy says.....I thoroughly enjoyed it and definitely took away some good instruction and I'm already saving for next year!*

*Camp was great!! It was an opportunity to make new friends and spend time with old ones who enjoy the same passion. It was a time to be away from the day-to-day responsibilities of life and hang out with my horse! The format of camp was good. We had theory every day and a couple of incredible instructors. I am already looking forward to next year's adult horse camp. -Jan*

*I had a wonderful time at camp. I want to come again next year.-Patty*

*I love the experience of different clinicians in one weekend, because it is hard for some of us to get the opportunity to work with different ones, we have a limited "pool" in our area. We love them but a different perspective can give those lightbulb moments...Lee*

*This weekend was everything I was hoping it would be. I liked the format, for me the instructors did seem to blend well with the things I wanted to work on. The dorm set up was great, common area to sit in and socialize but privacy for sleeping. I thought Claremore expo improved things a lot from last year. I liked the footing and they were clearly trying hard to keep improving it. -Karen*

*This proved to be a valuable learning tool in my continued practice of the art of Dressage. I look forward to participating again next year. -Laurelyn*

*Thanks for the super weekend! We are looking forward to next year! -Kelli*

*Camp was a wonderful experience, and was as good as everything I remembered from previous camps. While we all may have had our "favorite" instructor, I felt like I got something worthwhile from each of them. The food was wonderful (and riders love to eat!) and the company was great. It was good that the instructors mingled with the riders during meals, too. Our group was enthusiastic about the entire experience, and can't wait to do it again. -Lyn*

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**Skipalong Callie**-14 yr Half-Arab mare; 15'1 1st level schooling 2nd, great trail horse, wonderful ground manners, expressive gaits. This mare is a 1/2 sister to Mi Dreamweaver - my 4th level horse. I don't have time to devote to this mare and she is so athletic. \$7500 firm. Debbie Nutt 405-567-1636 [de\\_nutt01@hotmail.com](mailto:de_nutt01@hotmail.com) (03/06)

For Sale: 17.5 inch Passier Grand Gilbert; 4 years old; no longer fits horse; \$1800. Contact: Jan (03/08)

Michelle Mason of DarkHorse Photography took pictures at the ODS Spring Show. They can be viewed at [www.ods2008.photoherald.com](http://www.ods2008.photoherald.com) For questions or if you don't see your picture, please contact Michelle at [darkhorsephotography@yahoo.com](mailto:darkhorsephotography@yahoo.com) 405-414-7529

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- ♦ 12 tickets for Saturday evening dinner & dance

**Gold \$2000**

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- ♦ Banner display in either the show arena or stabling (sponsor's choice)
- ♦ Premium vendor location or 2 stalls for show
- ♦ Competitor packet inserts
- ♦ Presentation of awards during one ceremony
- ♦ PA announcement throughout show
- ♦ 8 tickets for Saturday evening dinner & dance

**Silver \$1500**

- ♦ One full page B&W ad in show program
- ♦ Banner display in either the show arena or stabling (sponsor's choice)
- ♦ Vendor location or one stall for show
- ♦ Competitor packet inserts
- ♦ PA announcement throughout show
- ♦ 4 tickets for Saturday evening dinner & dance

**Bronze \$1000**

- ♦ One 1/2 page B&W ad in show program
- ♦ Banner display in either the show arena or stabling (sponsor's choice)
- ♦ Vendor location or one stall for show
- ♦ PA announcement throughout show
- ♦ 2 tickets for Saturday evening dinner & dance

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- ♦ PA announcement throughout show
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**Level Sponsorship \$100**

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**Breed or Division Sponsor: \$75 + Trophy or Award**

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**Class Sponsorships \$50**

- ♦ Name & personalized comments listed in the program by the class sponsored.
- ♦ PA announcement during the sponsored class.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**Region 9 Junior Team Champions**  
**Team: "Enjoy 2 Arabians and a Snickers"**  
**Wild West I and II**  
**Tulsa Expo, Tulsa,OK**

From Left to Right:

Rebecca Strader: Team Manager

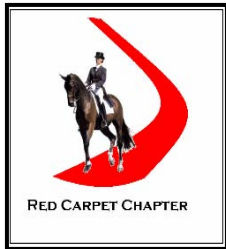
Ashley Walker riding Sshalisse

Rebecca Roman riding Snickers and High Point Champion

Elizabeth Eaton riding Flomotion and Reserve Champion

Julia Peacock riding Enjoy





### RCC Chapter News

RCC has had some interim board changes and an opening for Secretary on the board.

The Chapter will be meeting in the next few

weeks to plan activities - All members are welcome - Please watch the RCC website for details. *Submitted by Darrell Reed*



### GCC NEWS

#### June GCC President's Message

Early Summer is in full-swing and with it comes many activities for horse folks. GCC's June show will be held at Mike and Sandy Thompson's Wind Valley Farm

in Chelsea. We are offering a full slate of classes with two, count 'em, two judges, so each exhibitor will receive two sets of scores for year-end purposes! It's like a "two for one" sale! Woo hoo! Keep your fingers crossed that the weather is cooperative so we don't have any more rain-outs!

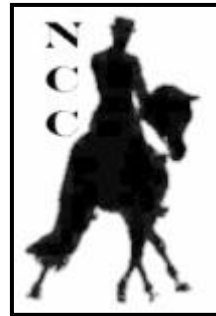
Our poor ill-fated "summer educational event" has again fallen on hard times. This concept has had a tough time getting off the ground because of scheduling problems from the get-go. The current glitch is that its date, August 2, falls during the same weekend of the new dates for the Lazy E Classic, which are August 2 and 3. Two of the three trainers originally planning to participate in our little event will not be able to due to this date change, in addition to probably many members who might otherwise attend. Because of these stumbling blocks,, we are currently tabling this event with the hope that we can again re-schedule it for some future date.

Patty and Larry Couch's Rocking C Stables in Inola will host two additional dressage schooling shows. Tentative dates for these shows are July 13, which is the day following the GCC fun show (also at Rocking C), and August 16. Mark your calendar and watch the GCC website for more information about these shows.

Speaking of the GCC Fun Show (Saturday, July 12), have you checked out the prize list on the GCC website? This is a new idea for GCC and we hope it will be well-received. Instead of the standard tests offered at the regular schooling shows, we are experimenting with some "fun", diversionary things that members have suggested to lighten things up a little. For instance, we are offering "dressage trail", headline, COSTUME (even for adults! Wow!), and the wild and crazy "cowboy dressage" (yes, we are going to give it a try!). We really want everyone to come out and have fun at this one. Yes, it will be warm out by then, but the arena is covered and the pace will be relaxed and easy. Plan on coming; we promise you'll have GREAT TIME!

'Hope to see you soon!

*Liz*



### NCC Chapter News

Well, here we are again in rain season. How do I know that? Because every time NCC plans a show we get RAIN!! Even with the rain we had a good show and get fun with each other laughing about the endless rain on our Parades.. We had a pretty good show slated, but when the rain set in Bob and Katie along with Sigred couldn't get out with their horses. Neither could Cathy Coker. But not to have our spirits

rained upon we donned our buckets cleaned up the arena and away we went with the show. Since when we called our judge, Lee Ann Alf, she was almost already in Newkirk, we decided to go on with the show. So with buckets in hand away we went.... Special thanks to our bucket brigade of Rainee, Susan Rush, Natalie, Raelene and Mike. Without all of us there wouldn't have been any show at all. And I almost forgot to mention Perry Badley for raking out all of the rough spots so that we could go ahead and start. Thanks to all of you, you made YOUR show a success! Even with the bad weather and people not being able to get out we still had 8 horses to ride. It was really quite nice after Perry raked it all flat. Oh and a real big THANK YOU to Rick Boyd who worked all evening Friday getting weeds and grass out of the arena. Now you didn't see much of Rick on Saturday because he threw his back out doing it and was in the house on crutches. Joanna Dickison jumped in and cooked the hamburgers in the house and they were GREAT!! We really were hungry after all of that bailing. Now not every club has bonding moments like that one, but our group came through just like they always have and get the job done. We did start the show rather late though. We were supposed to start at 10 but then we decided 12 might let the arena dry some, but we really didn't get started until around 1pm. This might have been Natalie Goodwin's last show with Russkie and the NCC. Natalie, her mom & dad are moving to Madison Wisconsin. NONE of us are happy about that and they will GREATLY be missed. We do however wish them good luck in their move. We would however like to have them back every summer from now on since they are such a big part of the NCC family. You guys will be missed more than you will ever know. Our next rain date hahahahaha I mean show date is June 21st and Lyn Francik is going to be our judge. Lyn has just recently finished the "L" judges program and we are happy that she could come and judge for us in Newkirk.

We are going to be having a used tack sale at the June 21st show, the contact person for the tack sale is our own Cowpa Mayne, known to those of you who don't know him well as Robert Mayne of Deer Creek. Contact Bob anyway you want or even Rainee and just let us know what you are wanting to consign to the sale. We will be happy to help you sell your stuff for a small fee of 10% for the NCC. We also have a new Website up thanks to Jeanie Eaton. Look for the link on the ODS website. Anyone who registers with the website can post things on it and make comments on it. Come on let's use this thing. If this works well for us I can see it as a good learning tool. In July they are having the horse, dog, and mule races in Anthony, Kansas. Bob, Katie, Rick and myself are going and would like to invite all of you to come along. It really is great fun. You can bet on them and just have a great time. Look for more up and coming things on the new NCC Website.... <http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org/>

Come with us and have a great time. You can even come incognito with your sunglasses on and no one will even know your there.

Happy Transitions

*Rainee B.*

Pres. NCC of ODS 2008

From the Editor: Please send me news items (email is preferable). All news or information will be considered. If it is interesting to you, maybe others will enjoy it.

THANKS! *Lee Ann*



## Southerly Winds Farm II Schooling Show

June 7, 2008

Judge: Lee Ann Alf

(ODS Recognizes This Show For Award Purposes Only)

**Show Manager/Secretary:** Blane Laigle 405-821-8750

**Mail Entries to:** Blane Laigle, 201N Luther Rd, Harrah OK, 73045

**Closing Date:** June 5, 2008 Concessions Available

**Contact:** Denise Laigle at [southerlywindsfarm@cox.net](mailto:southerlywindsfarm@cox.net)

More information at [www.SoutherlyWindsFarms.com](http://www.SoutherlyWindsFarms.com)

## GCC JUNE SCHOOLING SHOW (Double Judges) June 14, 2008

Wind Valley Farm, 9405 S. Hwy. 28, Chelsea, OK 74016

**Judge:** Kay Kamish at "C", TBA at "E"

**Managers:** Liz Logan, Susan Fraley-Mohler

**Closing Date:** June 11, 2008

**Mail Entries to:** Liz Logan, 901 West South Ave. Vinita, OK 74301, [elizabethlogan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:elizabethlogan@sbcglobal.net)

**Payable to:** GCC of ODS Entry Fees: All tests with "C" judge \$15/ \$10 with "E" judge, group \$10; Late - \$20 fee

**Awards:** Ribbons 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place, high-point awards, separate divisions for O, Am, Jrs. (12-under, 11-17).

**Details:** Riders must ride with hard hats and footwear with heels. No in-hand classes.

For more information and entry forms: [www.gccdressage.org](http://www.gccdressage.org)

## NCC SCHOOLING SHOW

June 21, 2008

**Judge:** Lyn Francik ("L" Judge Graduate)

**Location:** "A Little Bit of Heaven" in Newkirk, Ok.

More Information at [www.nccdressage.org](http://www.nccdressage.org) or [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

Contact: Rainee Boyd 580-761-7951

## OKE COMBINED TEST & DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW

Prairie Lane Farm 12221 N. 97<sup>th</sup> East Avenue Collinsville, OK 74021 (918-371-1767)

ODS AND GREEN COUNTRY Approved for awards purposes only

**Date:** Saturday, June 21, 2008 **Start Time:** 8:30 A.M.

**Judge:** Denisel Laigle, "L" graduate **Information:** Anne Kuhns (918) 272-4789 [akuhns@atlasok.com](mailto:akuhns@atlasok.com)

Marta Koenig (918) 748-4364 [martakoenig@yahoo.com](mailto:martakoenig@yahoo.com)

**Entry fees:** \$15 per dressage test; \$30 per combined test **Awards:** Ribbons will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place

**Closing date:** Wednesday, June 18, 2008. **Ride Times available:** Thursday, June 19, after 7:00 pm

More Information at [www.gccdressage.org](http://www.gccdressage.org) or [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

*(Editor's Note: The USEF Dressage Committee has proposed standards for riders wishing to compete above Third Level. There has been much controversy and several revisions have been submitted.)*

The most recent update of the USEF Dressage Performance Standards proposal is available for viewing at:

<http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>

There is an online survey where you (and your members) can submit feedback on this draft. The deadline for submission is June 15. This will allow time for the survey feedback to be tabulated and summarized, so that it can be discussed at the meeting of the Dressage Committee in Cincinnati on July 1-2.

***It is very important to get feedback prior to June 15. Note that ONLY current USEF and USDF members will be allowed to submit the online survey.***

*Condolences and sympathy to Anthea Kin and family and friends of Jose Cuerdo who passed on recently. Jose was well know in the area as one of the first home-trained Grand Prix horses in Oklahoma. Anthea earned her USDF Gold Medal in 1996 on Jose and was one of the first Gold Medalist in Oklahoma. Many students have benefitted from Jose's training. He will be missed.*

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