



ODS DISPATCH

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Happy May! If the old saying “April showers bring May flowers” is true we should have just tons of flowers in May. My back yard still feels like you’re walking on a sponge.

Did you miss the April show? Boy did we have an interesting time. Bad weather in Atlanta and the eastern US delayed planes all over the US. We got word Thursday afternoon that Lee’s plane was delayed then canceled. He didn’t give up though. Neither did the rest of the show management team. He was finally able to get on the last plane from Florida to Atlanta Thursday night. There he slept on the floor waiting on the first planes out on Friday. Robin would get his call saying he was standby on a flight leaving at ..., then he’d call and say well didn’t make that one, but am now on a ... flight. This went on until 5:15 pm Friday. A loud cheer went up when Lee called and said he was on the plane. Robin Grain now knows all the USEF rules about getting a show started on time and what to do if you can’t. She also knows about the fines levied when you break those rules. I still don’t know how many we broke. Don’t worry though. Since it was all an act of Mother Nature and beyond our control we won’t be fined. Yes there are fines for not getting the show started and finished on time.

We looked at all possible options. Other judges, Lee tried to rent a car, no cars available, cancel the show, and merging the show with the workshop on Saturday. USEF would not approve moving the show to Saturday. Yes, USEF permission is required to change dates. So we kept at it. Lee kept telling Robin he would be ready to judge whenever he got there, don’t cancel the show. Just about all riders agreed to hang on and ride when we could get things going. We just prayed that we could get it all in before midnight. We did not have USEF permission to go past midnight. Lee finally arrived and we got the show started at 7:15 PM. Last ride was before just before 11:00 PM after a couple of scratches. Crazy but true! Lots of tack got cleaned, we all learned a lot about each other, and made new friends. Talk about bonding. We did come up with a new name for next year, the Faux Show.

Then we all drug ourselves back in early Saturday morning for a wonderful workshop. Lee was once again pushing all of us to let go! Push your hands forward; pat your horse with both hands, half halt, sometime hard, but always let go! Other take away themes, no matter the rider or horse, quality control, determine what should be normal, always expect and work for normal. If your horse has the tendency to look, don’t let them. For downward transitions just relax and quite moving. That was amazing to watch. No matter the rider or horse, he worked us on that one. It was amazing to watch that once the rider sat down and relaxed the horse did the downward transition. No reins needed! Sunday Lee pushed the themes home, let go, quality control, and what should be normal. He is a clinician not to be missed. He communicates with humor and wonderful stories in order to drive his point home. Some are talking about trying to get him back to Oklahoma for more. He is well worth the money and well worth auditing.

A huge thank you to many for making the week end a successful event. Lee Tubman for his tenacity, Robin Grain for her patience with everyone and her ability to keep cool even under the most trying times of being a show manager. Talk about trial by fire! She continues to deserve her title of Volunteer of the Year. Diane Smith, who was working with Lee in the background trying to find a way to get him to Tulsa. Susan Lang our amazing TD who thought she’d be home that night and for hanging on and helping out where she could. Tamera Mayo for taking on the Day Secretary duties and staying longer than she thought she had to. And of course all the competitors who stayed until after their bedtimes to ride a dressage test or two. Robin did a great job of communicating with everyone and keeping everyone informed. Next time you see Robin Grain give her a big hug. She deserves it.

Now on to the May shows.....

Pamela DeVore

President, ODS

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Feedback from the Lee Tubman Workshop:

"The Lee Tubman show and workshop was definitely one to remember. Although the show had an unexpected delay, it was still a great time. Lee is always so much fun to show under because of the helpful comments he leaves on the score cards. He gives great constructive criticism! My favorite part of the event however, was the workshop. Even though I did not ride in it, I learned so much from the workshop. If I had to pick one thing that stuck out to me the most, it would be the point he brought up about how if your ride one movement poorly, just finish it and get over it- don't let it affect other movements. This really made sense to me! Lee Tubman is always fascinating to listen to, and this event was no exception." – Lily Rhodes

Auditor Feedback:

- Extremely thorough when evaluating a rider's/horse's attributes, abilities and strengths.
- Points out how to increase their capabilities to meet the requirements for "the bottom of the dressage test."
- Found his approach to be genuine and focused on the horse and rider enjoying their job.
- Many examples and visuals given - stories that you would be able to remember at home.
- Kind, even tempered advice for riders and horses.
- Made you want to go ride and try advice right away.
- Detail was good and current. Speaker was clear in delivery and to the point for each level.
- This was one of the most helpful programs I have attended. Mr. Tubman has such an acute grasp of biomechanics and most importantly has an amazing grasp of the psychological aspect of the horse and rider in regards to the learning process.
- He was clear on the "whys" and "why Nots" and expressed the same things in different ways to keep those same ideas fresh hour after hour.
- Emphasis was on being organized, accurate, and disciplined in an empathetic way.
- Facility was well-lit, clean, modern restrooms, good footing and abundant seating.
- ODS was great on hospitality - lunch and drinks!
- Not only learning for riders, but for the auditors as well.
- Best that I have ridden with! Would like to see Lee Tubman as a clinician. Comfortable venue
- Awesome instructor and conveys the messages very clearly and in a kind and understandable "doable" manner.
- Great, calm presentation. Excellent feeling for horse and rider
- Mr. Tubman was very straightforward in his teaching and entertaining to watch.
- Got to meet many new riders and network with different trainers.
- Everyone gets to learn in a fun, understandable way. Great with both riders and auditors.
- Mr. Tubman was very good at breaking down all aspects of each area of concern.
- He identified the main issues and explained how each issue effects the training of the horse for now and the future.
- He adapted to the level of the horse and what the horse could accomplish.
- Appreciated the discussion of the training scale and breaking down the elements of what judges expect as well as the resulting score.
- Loved the discussion on "half Halt" effectiveness and how it was displayed on various horses.
- Used good analogies and examples that explained the point he was trying to make.
- Very applicable to my riding. Loved the way this clinician explained things. Loved his analogies. Correct basics.
- Outside perspective that we normally don't get.

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Horses newly registered with ODS:

None reported this month.

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Membership Information:

"Have a change of address? Earned a new performance award? New phone number or email? If so, be sure to fill out a new membership form and mark "information change only" and mail to Christina Harmon, P.O. Box 33231, Tulsa, OK 74153.

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Upcoming ODS Board Meetings:

May 16 th	6:30pm	Stroud City Hall	July 11 th	6:30pm	Stroud City Hall
June 6 th	6:30pm	Stroud City Hall	August 8 th	6:30pm	Stroud City Hall

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**Save the Date! ODS Summer Meeting-
July 29th, 2017 at Oklahoma State University**

Topic: Horse Health and Vaccinations, presented by Zoetis
**More Information to Come! Your ODS Education Committee and
Board Members are Finalizing Details for this Educational Event!**

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Chapter News:

Great Plains Chapter of ODS News



GPC of ODS hosted back-to-back USEF recognized shows on April 22-23. The first show was USEF/USDF recognized and featured Tom Poulan as judge. With over 70 rides, it was a long but encouraging day and included one rider making her Grand Prix debut. The Sunday show was USEF/WDAA recognized and included 5 hours of western dressage rides with Melissa Creswick judging. Both shows were live streamed with over 200 viewers watching for an average of 29 minutes each! The weekend continued with a Sunday through Tuesday clinic with Mr. Poulin sharing his knowledge on tactics to improve test scores.

The next scheduled GPC activities include a weekend with Melissa Creswick "S". May 13 includes an Arabian recognized one day show in the morning and an open schooling show in the afternoon. A clinic is scheduled for May 14 and 15. Entries for both shows and the clinic are now open. Please visit <https://www.horseshowconsulting.com/may-13-2017>.

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Green Country Chapter News



GCC had to reschedule the April 29th two-ring schooling show due to torrential rain and flood warnings. This schooling show will now be held on June 10th at the Rocking C Stables, also in Inola, OK. Kay Kamish will be the judge. All checks sent for the April 29th show will be destroyed.

All show information for GCC can be found at www.greencountrydressage.com.

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OKC Metro Dressage News

OKC Metro planned to host its second show and clinic of the year on April 29 at High Hill Farm. But the weather forecast was not cooperative. Because of safety concerns, show management decided to postpone the show to May 27. All entries will be transferred to that date. The judge and clinician, Melanie Michalak "L," who specializes in designing musical freestyles was able to move her flight to the new date. Entries for the show and clinic will reopen. We are offering dressage, western dressage, and USEA tests. To view entry information and a judge's biography please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com/okc-metro-dressage.

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North Central Chapter News



We are having a "Ride a test Day" on Sunday April 30th, at "A Little Bit of Heaven" in Newkirk at 9251 N W St. if anyone would like to attend you are more than welcome to come. Since this is on a Sunday we will start at 2 and go until 5 or so. This is a good opportunity for those with a young horse that needs to travel and for newer riders that are not confident in their tests yet. We will have our April/May meeting after our rides around 5pm. It is open to all that are interested. If you need more directions please just give me a call. 580-761-7951 is my cell. Of course a current Coggins is required for all horses. Come on out and have some fun with us this coming Sunday!!

Rainee Boyd

NCC Sec./Treas.

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Thank you to the Sponsors of the April Lee Tubman Workshop and ODS Show!

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ODS Academy Awards Sponsored by Cheryl West and West Equestrian

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

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

ODS Academy Rider Award Requirements:

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

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

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NEW Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship



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

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

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

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

If the answer is YES, then apply for this scholarship.

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

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

All completed applications should be sent to:

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

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Did You Know?

USDF University is a program that allows members to participate in educational events, and acquire official USDF credits toward different levels of achievement.

Learn more at: <https://www.usdf.org/education/university/>.


ODS events, such as the April Lee Tubman Workshop, allow participants to accrue credits simply by attending.

USDF University Program Levels of Certificate Recognition

Recognition Level	Former credits required	New credits required (2008)
Certificate	15 credits	15 Credits
Diploma	30	30
Bronze	60	45
Silver	120	60
Gold	180	75
Platinum (new level)	n/a	90
Diamond (new level)	n/a	105

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News from Our Region 9 Friend, Sherry Guess ☺

Join the American Horse Council's Time to Ride Challenge!

Mon May 1, 2017 8:17 am (PDT) Posted by: [melissa_holzwarth](#)

USDF will be partnering with the American Horse Council again in 2017 on its largest program, the Time to Ride Challenge! Join the Challenge to grow your club, attract beginner riders, and businesses who introduce non-riders to horses and riding. Visit the Time to Ride Challenge website for detailed information on criteria and prizes. <https://www.timetoride.com/time-to-ride-challenge/> <https://www.timetoride.com/time-to-ride-challenge/>

USDF is excited to offer additional recognition at the 2017 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, KY, JUST for members of USDF who compete in the Challenge! Join the Challenge to grow your own club, attract beginner riders, increase participation in dressage, and compete for amazing cash and prizes. Registration is free. The Challenge takes place May 1-September 30.

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2017 OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____

Address _____ City/State Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

USDF membership year is Dec 1 through Nov 30. Membership dues are late after November 30th.

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

- ☐ \$50 Adult Please check any that apply. Open _____ Amateur _____ Vintage (50+) _____
- ☐ \$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships)
- ☐ \$40 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year _____ Birth date _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 membership)
- ☐ \$60 Family (for two family members) Name of second family member _____
- ☐ \$10 Add third family member Name of third family member _____

Please include birth dates for junior family members

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

- ☐ \$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)
- ☐ \$10 North Central Chapter (NCC)
- ☐ \$10 Great Plains Chapter (GPC)

_____ OPTIONAL donation to ODS. ODS is a tax exempt 501.c organization.

_____ ***\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th.***

_____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

____ Gold Medal ____ Silver Medal ____ Bronze Medal ____ USDF Rider Performance (training, 1st, 2nd)

____ “L” judge ____ USDF Instructor Certification

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote Dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets? Please circle all that apply.

Scribing Scoring Organization/Management Accounting Spreadsheets

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I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, it's officers, members, employees and agents from any liability and all claims of every kind, including costs, expenses, or attorney fees that might result from damages, injuries, or losses resulting directly or indirectly from the negligent act or omissions of the officers, members, employees or agents of the Oklahoma Dressage Society Club. I agree and sign below:

Signed: _____ Date _____ (Parent/guardian must sign for Junior Rider.)

Mail this form, with check payable to “Oklahoma Dressage Society” to: Christina Harmon, PO Box 33231, Tulsa, OK. 74153. Email: chrissilynn@att.net phone: 918-406-7173. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.