



# Oklahoma Dressage Society Newsletter

## June/July 2009

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jun 20 NCC Schooling Show  
[www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Jun 27 GCC Schooling Show-Wind Valley, Chelsea  
[www.greencountrydressage.org](http://www.greencountrydressage.org)
- Jul 18-19 Rocking C Schooling Shows-2 Days/2 Shows  
[www.rockingstable.com](http://www.rockingstable.com)
- July 25 ODS Summer Meeting  
[www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Aug 8 NCC "Under The Stars" Schooling Show  
[www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Sep 6 OKE/GCC Schooling Show  
[www.greencountrydressage.org](http://www.greencountrydressage.org)
- Sep 13 NCC Schooling Show  
[www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Oct 3 GCC/ATRC Schooling Show  
[www.greencountrydressage.org](http://www.greencountrydressage.org)
- Oct 11 OKE/GCC Schooling Show  
[www.greencountrydressage.org](http://www.greencountrydressage.org)
- Oct 17-18 Lazy E Classic Dressage I & II  
[www.showsecretary.com](http://www.showsecretary.com)

### **ODS SUMMER MEETING JULY 25, 2009**

More information inside and at:  
[www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

### **Next ODS Board Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 PM Stillwater**

*(Contact a board member for further information)*

### **ODS Announces The 2010 Spring Educational Event**

J. Ashton Moore will be returning to Oklahoma on March 27-28, 2010 (location: TBA) for a continuation of his biomechanics of horse and rider seminar. Mark your calendars. More information later.

### **Graphic Artists??! Creative Minds??!**

ODS is having a logo contest. Start designing and get your entry in to:

**Michael Colclasure**  
2818 Liberty Lane, Enid, OK 73703 or  
[Michaelcolclasure@gmail.com](mailto:Michaelcolclasure@gmail.com)

Dear ODS Member,

It has been a fun filled last two weeks...the Adult Camp in Claremore was such a success! We had 28 campers, many returned from last year and 8 auditors. Everyone loved the instructors, the facility and THE FOOD!!! What a wonderful time to just to devote all your attention to the passion of dressage. Thank you to every camper for supporting this event. We couldn't do it without your support. We hope to continue this tradition of excellence in education with the '10 camp!! If you weren't able to come this year please keep this in mind for 2010.

The GCC show was a great success! It was wonderful to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this show. Congratulations to the show management for doing such a great job!

We are looking forward to the summer meeting on July 25th in Stillwater at the OSU Veterinarian Clinic. We will have tours, lectures and lunch...not to mention a great time visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. Please make plans to join us for this meeting!

Sincerely,  
*Debbie Nutt*  
ODS President

### **Congratulations To ODS Member**

### **Marty Hunt**

Marty fulfilled the requirements of her USDF Silver Medal this last weekend at the GCC Classic on her first attempt at PSG.



## **GCC MAY NEWS**

(June 1) Wow. Nobody can say there isn't anything going on in the dressage world in Green Country during the month of June. Almost every weekend is filled to the brim with all kinds of activities that are sure to capture the fancy of dressage enthusiasts in our corner of the world.

First there is ODS Dressage Camp. Scheduled for June 4-7 at the Claremore Expo in Claremore, OK, it looks to be a fun-filled educational event for those planning to attend. Three top-notch instructors, great food, lectures, massages, and yoga sessions are only a few of the great things coming up at this year's camp.

The very next weekend, June 13 and 14, is GCC's recognized show, The Green Country Dressage Classic. It will again be held at the Claremore Expo in Claremore, OK. News from the organizers indicate that this will be a well-filled show. Volunteers are needed! Anyone interested in working a few hours should contact Volunteer Coordinator, Sherry Guess, at [guessdrsg@aol.com](mailto:guessdrsg@aol.com).

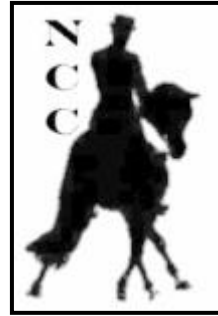
On June 27, the Green Country Chapter will host a schooling show at Wind Valley Farm in Chelsea. This show will replace the rained-out May show. The prizelist should be available for download soon on the GCC website. Lee Ann Alf will judge. Schooling Show Coordinator Jolie Pressler needs volunteers to help at this show. Hours worked, if properly verified, will count towards the volunteer requirements for the GCC year-end awards program. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jolie at [cwgrldressage@aol.com](mailto:cwgrldressage@aol.com).

Finally, at 6:00 p.m. on July 12, GCC will sponsor a pot-luck dinner for all members at Nightmare Meadows in Chelsea, OK. In addition to the opportunity to gab with like-minded friends, this will also be an educational event since professional trainer, Laurie Hedlund, will be speaking on the Dressage Training Scale or Pyramid. More details will be forthcoming. Check the GCC website in the coming weeks for information and directions or contact GCC's Educational Coordinator, Marsha Cullen, at [daughterofthedancingarabian@yahoo.com](mailto:daughterofthedancingarabian@yahoo.com).

(June 15) I know most of you are still catching your breath after a busy weekend at the big GCDC last weekend, but I just wanted to remind you that there is a GCC schooling show fast approaching. The Wind Valley Schooling Show will be held on Saturday, June 27, at Sandy and Mike Thompson's lovely farm in Chelsea. THE PRIZELIST IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD ON THE GCC WEBSITE ([www.greencountrydressage.org](http://www.greencountrydressage.org)). Schooling show coordinator Jolie Pressler is looking for entrants AND volunteers to help on the day of the show. 'Still need to log some volunteer hours? Here is a great opportunity to get them out of the way. If you can help, please contact either Jolie at [cwgrldressage@yahoo.com](mailto:cwgrldressage@yahoo.com) or Sandy Thompson at [sthompson@claremore.k12.ok.us](mailto:sthompson@claremore.k12.ok.us). Jolie has also mentioned having a leadline class at this show. If you have a little one who would like to show in this class, let Jolie know. The class is NOT on the prizelist, but would probably be held over the lunch break. Maybe we should call this class "Potential Olympic Threats" or perhaps "Future Green Country Dressage Champions". . . . or maybe we should just stick with . . . .Leadline. :-)

(May 9) You will remember that close to two weeks ago I reported that one of our fellow members, Becky Benjamin, had been involved in an accident with her horse, Ike, and was in the hospital with a collapsed lung. Becky spent better than a week in the hospital (with a chest tube, which I understand is just excruciating) while they waited for her lung to reinflate and stay inflated. She was home briefly, but was troubled with a persistent and very painful headache which, upon a trip to a specialist, turned out to be a subdural (sp?) hematoma that was traceable to the blow on her head (yes, she did have on a helmet) she received during the accident. So, it was back into St. John's for Becky! After suffering a mild seizure yesterday, Beck is, at this writing, stable, on anti-seizure meds. and beginning to feel better. She is, I believe, in room 580 in St. John's Hospital in Tulsa. Sadly, it was necessary to euthanize her horse, Ike, as he was experiencing severe neurological problems following the accident. Please keep Becky and her family in your prayers as she begins the long road back to recovery. She will appreciate them so much. And, . . . let's all be careful out there.

*Liz Logan*  
GCC President



## **NCC NEWS**

(June 1) Well, with our first show being a great success and under our belts we are all looking forward to the June 20th NCC schooling show that will be held at "A Little Bit of Heaven" in Newkirk, Ok. With Denise Laigle judging.

Everyone had a good time at "Halt at X" Stable in Ponca City at the first show so we are going to try to repeat the fun again on the 20th.

Our thanks to all of those that participated and our new members from Kansas and Oklahoma that came and supported our efforts. We can have the in hand classes at the show on the 20th if there is enough interest. SO PLEASE contact Raine Boyd if you are interested in showing in hand so that she can plan the room that it takes to do this. Also if there is enough interest we may even bring back the Prix Caprilli for those that are interested. Just call Raine Boyd or Michael Colclasure at 580-761-7951 or Mike at 580-478-6036.

On a darker note it is with great sadness in our hearts that we said goodbye to a long time member of the NCC and a good friend to all of us. Chad Robinson left this earth for greener pastures on May 27th, 2009. For many years you would see Chad along the sides of the arenas taking pictures at all of the shows. Chad was a great photographer, and a friend to everyone. Chad will be greatly missed by all of his friends at the NCC.

(June 16) The NCC of ODS has been resting for the month of May from the schooling shows BUT we are back into the swing with our show this coming Saturday June 20th at "A Little Bit of Heaven" in Newkirk, Ok. We will be starting around 10am unless entries warrant us starting up sooner. It maybe warm but we will have cool shade lots of cool drinks and if I remember right we really know how to flap the breeze around a show. So come on out and show or just come on out to watch and have fun with us. Hope to see you there. For more information contact Raine at 580-761-7951 <http://www.ncc.dressageoklahoma.org/>

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## **RCC NEWS**

***NONE  
Reported  
(dead chapter???)***

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Jochen Hippenstiel will be returning to Denise Laigle's Southerly Winds Farm in Harrah on June 26/27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Friday/Saturday clinic. For more information, contact Denise at: [southerlywindsfarm@cox.net](http://southerlywindsfarm@cox.net)

Lurena Bell-Stanley Dressage Clinic-August 8-9, 2009  
Contact: Lee Ann Alf [leeannalf@gmail.com](mailto:leeannalf@gmail.com) for more information.



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## DRESSAGE ARENA FOR SALE

ODS will be auctioning off the old dressage arena. It is a full-sized arena. The sides are 4 meter sections with multiple rails similar to the picture. The sections have legs that support the section or fold flat for storage. The arena is in good condition with some red staining (from the Oklahoma red clay). It comes complete with a full set of pyramid letters similar to below. The plan is to open the auction on-line and run it for approximately 2 weeks. Notices will be sent out by email but check the web site for final information.



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*(These articles appeared in the Arizona Dressage Association newsletter about 20 years ago. Still timely? LA)*

### DON'T RIDE BACKWARDS

*Rolf A. Vlatten M.D.*

This was a comment often heard in a clinic given by a certified German riding teacher. What he was referring to was the position of a rider who was leaning his body far back while asking his horse for wxtended gaits.

Leaning back and therefore shortening the reins hinders the horse in lengthening of the stride and frame. Increased pull on the bit with increased leg and back pressure will cause shorter and faster stredes and a horse cramped in the neck; spastic at the poll and tense in the back. Increased speed will decrease engagement of the hind legs and thereby make it impossible for the horse to maintain impulsion.

When asked to lengthen the stride, to ride medium or extended gaits; sit up straight; let your mount stretch slightly more into the bit and give him a chance to carry himself more forward. This is what the word impulsion means.

### RIDING FORWARD

*Rolf A. Vlatten M.D.*

I judged a show in a state where few experienced riders are located and riders have no exposure to the better horses and riders. Judging the rides one suspected that some of the horses and riders were half asleep while others were in the state of anxiety. Rides were too fast, rushed and unbalanced with horses falling over the inside shoulder on circles and in turns. The sleepy riders were too slow; not forward enough with horses nearly asleep in the walk. The sleepy horses needed too much time to cover the ground.

A well ridden test on a good horse will be forward with engagement of the hind legs producing impulsion and resulting in ground covering, animated strides.

Avoiding short and rushing strides is one of the main goals of basic training. A good forward moving horse is neither anxious nor sleepy.

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Marty Hunt      2<sup>nd</sup> Level Test 4      Open

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*Thank you for your generosity:*

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Nursery & Angel Ozer for your contributions.***

*The board of the Green Country Chapter wishes to extend their thanks to the  
following for their services:*

Shipman Veterinary Services, Craig Stark, Zach Rowell, TJ Potts, Jeanie  
Eaton, Susan Kretzer, Sherry Guess, Susan Peacock & Beth Haist

*We couldn't pull this off without you!*

## Green Country Dressage Classic Dream Team 2009

It appears that changing the annual Green Country Chapter recognized dressage show to June from September proved to be a good move. There were several reasons to move the date away from September, and we decided over the winter to change. It took a miracle for all contracted parties to be able to make the change, but everyone was able to reschedule. We added the Region 9 Youth Team Regional Competition and had three teams compete. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GCC's show. To celebrate, our first place prizes were cobalt blue, and we had an anniversary cake at our Saturday wine and cheese awards ceremony.

So many people wanted to enter that we had a waiting list, set up temporary stalls, and limited the tack stalls so as to accommodate the maximum number of horses. We want to thank everyone for being so flexible and respectful of fellow competitors. We know the barn was bursting at the seams.

The staff at Claremore Expo Center was a pleasure to work with; they attended to our every request, and even went beyond our expectations in attending to details. Our volunteers as always were a Dream Team in making the show run like a well-oiled machine.

### DREAM TEAM

PERRI BURNETT	KYRA BETH HOUSTON
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RITA GLEN	KATHY WINKLER
LINDA POWELL	

Thank you to Sherry Guess for rounding up the volunteers; Patty Couch, Larry Couch, and Rita Glen for being barn managers; Kathy Burrows for setting up the wine and cheese party; Laurie Hedlund and Liz Logan for purchasing refreshments and keeping them replenished; Nicole Burris for making award arrangements; Susan Fraley-Mohler for organizing the pizza on Friday; Christina Harmon for setting up the silent auction; Jolie' Pressler for taking on the job of day manager; Cindy Ramsey for picking up the judges; Marta and Joe Koenig for taking the judges and TD to dinner on Saturday; Jeanie Eaton for putting together a first rate program again; Sandy Thompson for getting our T-shirts; Cheryl West for delivering the lovely shrubs and the scrumptious cake; Linda Powell who helped do the final clean up after the show; Beth Haist for donating the high score awards; and Susan Peacock for her secretarial skills. And a final thank you to all volunteers, competitors, and sponsors for making this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary show one of the best ever ☺ We are scheduled for June 19-20, 2010, we hope you'll join us then.

***GCC Dressage Classic Volunteers Recognized!***

Greetings

I'd like to thank all of you for volunteering your time at the show. It certainly takes a lot of people to make things run so smoothly. Our TD remarked that shows in their area were a tremendous burden on just a few people since they were always having to beg for help. She was greatly impressed when I told her that we had more volunteers than spaces to fill !

We had several juniors who worked in a variety of positions. We even had one junior who hadn't signed up to work who came to the paddock and asked if they would train her how to fulfill the position so she could do it at future shows. She worked for two hours.

This is a wonderful club with an enormous volunteer base and I truly appreciate the efforts of you all. You make my job both easy and rewarding.

Thank you for being so generous with your time.

*Sherry Guess*

Volunteer Coordinator

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**ODS 2008 SCHOOLING SHOW REPORT**

ODS had 15 sponsored Schooling Shows across the state in 2008

The count for the years schooling shows of 2008 break down this way:

Intro horses numbered 78 for the year with 40 Juniors, 30 Amateurs, and 9 Open riders.

The count for the Training Level horses was 48 with 20 Juniors, 22 Amateurs, and 10 Open riders.

First Level horses were counted in at 14 with 2 Juniors, 9 Amateurs, and 3 Open.

Second Level was 2 horses with both riders being Open.

We did have one Third Level horse with an Open rider also that year.

Total for all was 143 horses in the state of Oklahoma participated in the ODS Schooling Shows and 148 riders.

We had one state Schooling Show Championship with 31 horses and 27 riders participating.

Respectfully Submitted

*Rainee Boyd*

ODS Schooling Show Coordinator and Awards Secretary

## ODS Dressage Camp 2009

For the second year ODS hosted a Dressage Camp at the Claremore Expo Center with lodging at Rogers State University. A total of 28 riders participated. Eight of those riders were also present last year. Those who attended again are: Katrina Geren and Soleil, Elizabeth Eaton and Bey Bey, Lee Manuel and Amigo, Marta Koenig and Chasqui, Karen Taylor and Tullamohr, Sonja McDanel and Grandlee Lorien, Jan Cibula and Mateo, Anne Kuhns and Camille. ODS members attending for the first time were: Nancy Coss and Mandy, Patty Couch and Dante, Susan Field and Cherokee Chief, Richal Flannery and Duvalier WF, Wendy Curlis and Sonny, Debra Girlinghouse and Shebee Dancin Fame, Liz Logan and Latte, Terry McElroy and Desi, Carol Miller and Nana, Sharon O'Banion and Staas, Mikelle Roeder and Bocelli SG, Susan Rush and Bubba, Denise Stanley and Tater Dee, Christiana Vogel and Ardemus, and Diana DuPont and Blackie. We also welcomed the following nonmembers: Margaret Campbell and Clifton, Nicola Gagliardo and Fergy, Suzy Smith and Frodo, Sandee Steiner and Manny, and Margaret Hart and Ranger. Susan Fraley-Mohler attended as a nonriding camper and we had nine auditors.

We started our camp by serving wine and cheese before dinner. Many thanks to Karen Taylor setting up the food and Marta Koenig for making the Sangria☺ Thursday evening after dinner everyone introduced themselves and told us what famous character their horse was like. We had quite a range from Sylvester the Cat to Fabio. Our returning camp instructors were Louise St. Amour and Sarah Martin. Our new instructor this year was Dolly Hannon from CO who recently graduated as an "S" judge. Louise again led us in Yoga each morning, Sarah lectured on Development of the Horse's Frame Through the Levels, and Dolly's lecture topic was Judging Methodology and how to Improve your Scores. Our lunch time lectures were by Sherry Guess Riding from the Seat of your Pants, and Tracy Martino of Oklahoma Thermal Imaging. Sonja McDanel again gave massages between her rides. I saw many campers with that contented look strolling down the barn aisles after they emerged from the "Massage Stallon."

New this year each camper got a camp T-shirt, and we all wore our shirts on Saturday and got our picture taken. We were fortunate to have Joel Bernstein of Midnight Productions video all lessons of nine of our riders. He also videoed the lectures and those are available from him. He is also putting together a short highlight video to show at a future ODS meeting or to put on the website.

I also wish to thank all the following for their help. Linda Powell made all the copies and put the clipboards together. She also helped check everyone in on Thursday. Sherry Guess, Linda Powell, Marta Koenig, and Jolie' Pressler all provided airport transport for the instructors. Cindy Ramsey and Diana DuPont assembled the camp survival tote bags and donations were made by Pam and Steve Hogg, Bailey Medical, and Utica Park Clinic. Suzy Smith gathered all the keys afterwards and turned them to RSU. The Claremore Expo Center did a lovely job in getting the facility ready for us. And thanks to everyone who helped in every way to make camp a great experience for all. You are all such a lovely group and a pleasure to work with. *—Anne*

Below are comments from some of the campers:

**From Terry McElroy:** Twenty four women and 3 lovely teens came together at this year's ODS Adult Camp out of desire to be better riders for the horses we love. The only soul I knew was Anne Kuhns, but by Sunday afternoon I felt I had many, many new friends. What a wonderful group we were, cheering for magnificent Mateo and encouraging 5-year old Artie who didn't know how to connect all his parts. Anne Kuhns deserves recognition for her tremendous organization! For riders to show up and have the weekend run without a hitch was an amazing feat – Thank you Anne! We soaked up every opportunity, from early morning yoga to eating wonderful dinners each night. And, we had fun. I haven't laughed so hard in a long time as I did at Camp.

Each of the 3 clinicians provided unique insight and guidance on how to improve our horses and ourselves as riders. I loved Dolly Hannah's presentation on Judging & the Training Pyramid. I've seen that TP chart before in The Connection and Dressage Today, but Dolly was able to get through to us what an important tool it is. After all, how can I be a better rider and know how my horse is progressing unless I am aware of her rhythm, relaxation, connection, impulsion and straightness? The TP provides "physical development through progressive conditioning." Last but not least, we "Adult Campers" learned a secret word: Hip Excursion. Ask us!

**From Nicola Gagliardo:** The camp was fabulous! I had so much fun and will come back next year.

**From Susan Field:** Wow. I enjoyed the camp immensely. The instructors were first rate, the camaraderie was great, and the food was satisfying. I couldn't wait to get home to practice what I learned. I am ready to sign up for next year!

**From Denise Stanley:** the experience for my first Dressage Camp was extraordinary. All the advice for the instructors was very helpful, this camp help my horse become more balanced in three days. I can not wait to see what kind of balance he will be in next year with all the advice. I hope if we have the same instructors. I wish that they will be pleased with the progress that I hope that we will have made. Thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity :)

**From Margaret Campbell:** I enjoyed camp very much and even made new friends! Thanks for a wonderful time. It was very well run.

**From Jan Cibula:** I want to thank you, so much, for the wonderful job you did organizing and overseeing dressage camp! It was wonderful. The three women who taught us this year were, to me, first rate. I learned something from each one of them. They were great communicators, had great eye for detail and worked us really hard! I am excited to put into practice what I learned this past week and am already looking forward to next year's camp!!

**Classified.....**

For Sale; TOP HAT; brand new with tags; Christy's dressage top hat; 4 ¼ " crown; marked sz 7 but is smaller (6 ¾ -6 7/8 ). \$185 firm.

Contact: Lee Ann at [leeannalf@gmail.com](mailto:leeannalf@gmail.com) (4/09)

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Retired Dressage show horse available for lessons; "Mystic" has retired here in OK from Chicago; he is well traveled, has won awards thru USDF and shown all over and is great at longe-line lessons; he is owned by my Mom; to the right person he is available for shareboard. For more info contact Laurie at [hedlunddressage@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hedlunddressage@sbcglobal.net)(03/09)

Sinister Crane, 9 yr. old 17h TB, competing at training level, scores in the 60s as well as schooling 1<sup>st</sup> level. Smooth gaits, 4-5 prof. dressage training. 2 yrs under instruction. High point first recognized show, reserve champ 2007 schooling shows. life time USEF \$4,000 Todd Ralstin 405 630 5363 [gtrsq@coxinet.net](mailto:gtrsq@coxinet.net) (02/09)

For the ODS website: 1) Size 7 Field-type riding boots. Narrow foot, cap toe. Excellent condition. \$50 2) Registered Belgian mare. 7 years old. 18-1hh and 1900 lbs. Just started this year under saddle. Shown before in cart. leggy and up-headed. Also would make good brood mare for WB's. Good color, sweet disposition, but spirited. \$4500. (Daughter of the mare I have shown dressage on, "Becky"). [wpperri@wmconnecy.com](mailto:wpperri@wmconnecy.com) (02/09)

**ATTENTION ODS MEMBERS!!**

*Be sure to check the ODS WebSite at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org) for more and current classified ads. Some ads are sent to the webmaster and some are sent to the newsletter editor and it is sometimes difficult to keep both areas updated. Look at both areas for ads and if you are wanting to send an ad in, be sure to include both the webmaster and newsletter editor with the request. THANKS!!*

**Horse Registrations From Sherry Guess**

ENTERED 4-28-09

- 2009 Wonder World Cheryl Tessman
- 916 Gayleen Nancy Coss
- 917 Ghypsy Peggy Sue Blair
- 918 Jet Barbara Koenig/Cross Timbers Eq Center
- 919 Latte Liz Logan
- 920 Alouetja Clydette Womack
- 921 Jasmine Rita Glen

ENTERED 4-30-09 (should have been entered 2-26-09)

- 2009 Ms. Tender Lil Marsha Cullen
- 2009 Capone Marshal Cullen
- 922 Alleged Slew Laurie Collins
- 923 Lakota Rietta Miller
- 735 Dalwhinnie Rachel Polson - change of owner

ENTERED 5-30-09

- 2009 Delilah Suzette Cunningham
- 2009 Giorgin Paula Maras



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## REGION 9 NEWS

**Region 9 Website:** We are very excited !!!! The new website is up and running...please take a look and let us know what you think !!!! We have added some new features... more to come in the future.

[www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org)

### **Demo riders needed for Jan Brink Symposium – Dec 5-6 following the USDF National Convention in Austin, TX**

For more information or to submit applications, see [Symposium Flyer \(pdf\)](#) / [Symposium Application \(pdf\)](#)  
A resume/BIO and a DVD/Video tape should be submitted to the USDF Office by August 1st, sent to Katherine Robertson. All levels of riders will be considered. This is a symposium and there will be hundreds of people watching and this is for the auditor benefit. For questions, contact Katherine L. Robertson: 859-271-7877 fax: 859-971-7722.

Nominations open for the **2009 Region 9 Horse Person of the Year.**

<http://www.usdfregion9.org/RegionalBusiness/HPOYGuidelines.html>

Deadline to submit nomination: Sept 19 to Burnis Foy [FOYBMARIE@aol.com](mailto:FOYBMARIE@aol.com)

### **USDF REGION 9 ANNUAL TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The vast majority of prizes and awards are won at horse shows by top competitors.

Occasionally a trainer/instructor can apply for and receive a scholarship or grant for continuing education purposes. It is time to recognize those who teach well.

The goal is to develop initial, one-time financial donations, as well as annual donations from individuals. Ongoing annual contributions may continue until the fund is fully endowed (approximately \$100,000+). This award will total \$5000/year. The Dressage Foundation is enthusiastically supportive of this award and willing to manage the endowment, and help it grow.

A dressage instructor may be nominated by students or peers, by letter emailed or mailed (include address & phone # of nominee) to the Region 9 Director: Bess Reineman [reinemanb@gmail.com](mailto:reinemanb@gmail.com)

Once received, the nominee will be notified, and may submit a completed application, by the deadline date of Sept 1st.

Criteria & application available on the Region 9 Website: [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) or on The Dressage Foundation Website: [www.thedressagefoundation.org](http://www.thedressagefoundation.org)

*Other awards / scholarships are offered by The Dressage Foundation. An updated schedule of due dates for those grants/scholarships is now available on their website at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org)*

### **Region 9 Summer Meeting - August 14-16, 2009**

Spring Hill Suites Marriott in Grapevine (outside of Dallas/ Fort Worth - near DFW Airport)

2240 W Grapevine Mills Circle

Grapevine, TX 76051.

Ph #: 972-724-5500.

Rooms: \$109 per night.

**August 14** - Friday nite social and program.

**August 15** - Saturday

Bring items for Silent Auction - to benefit Region 9 Bench Fund

Regional Business meeting 8-3;

GMO Roundtable 3-5 pm.

Saturday nite social.

**August 16** - Sunday morning? Or the day on your own... for site seeing and shopping.

Contact: Bess Reineman

### **2010 Omnibus – Advertising Form**

Advertising in the 2010 Omnibus **deadline is Sept 19, 2009.**

Advertising form on the Region 9 Website: [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org)

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[www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)