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A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.

NOVEMBER

ODS News

There's so much going on, a whole page and more is needed! Check out details inside. Pg 2, 3, 7

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ODS 'Outside The Box' - New Feature!

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Letter From The President

Hello Friends,

Welcome and many thanks to Teresa Brewer who has offered to step into the Treasurer's position on the ODS Board! She will be working closely with Marta Koenig for the rest of the year to make the smooth transfer of duties. We are so grateful, Teresa!

November already?! It seems we were just feeling the heat not so long ago, and today I was under about four layers while getting horses for the farrier, who was also in layers and grateful for the new radiant heater I have in the barn aisle. This was its first use, and I know I'll be grateful for it this winter!

Gratitude, that seems to me to be the word for November, and one of the reasons I like this month so much. It gives all of us (hopefully) a reminder to be grateful for the many good things in our lives ~ be that friends, family, career, home, health and most of all the opportunity we have to share our lives with horses. Having the joy of owning and keeping my own horses on my own beloved farm is something that by now is just a "given" - it is what I do, what we all do and have. I know that is a special privilege, and I also never forget that I don't have to look very far outside my own life to see the people who seem to have fewer things that they can be grateful for. It sparks in me the desire to share what good fortune I have, in whatever way seems appropriate. Maybe we can all look to see how we can share our relative abundance! (The horses vote for more abundant carrots, please!)

As for ODS, as our year winds down a bit in terms of horsey events, we are still planning things for the future. We are busy putting together the 2023 Directory, courtesy of Melissa Hollifield, so think about supporting that effort with an ad or listing.

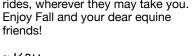
There is a lot of planning going into the January AGM to be held on January 21 in OKC. Mark your calendar, bring out something for the Silent Auction, and come join us for the business meeting and awards ceremony, not to mention great food! Check out the calendar

for more ODS events in the planning stages. And remember, the World Cup rolls into Omaha on April 13 -16, only a 6 hour drive away. If you haven't been to a World Cup, give yourself a treat and make plans for this one. It draws international level riders and their horses are a sight to behold.

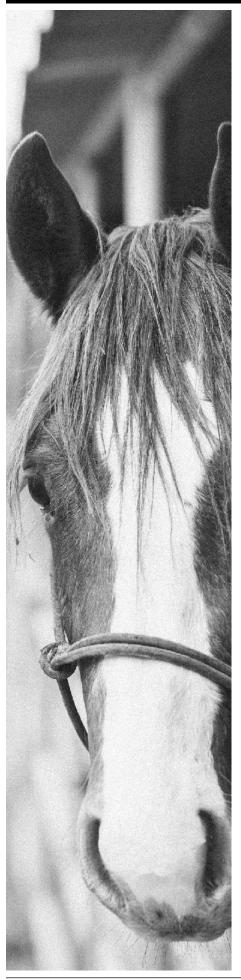
So much to do ~ we are so lucky to have so much available!

Here's hoping you are all having great rides, wherever they may take you.





~ Kay





ODS New Registered Horses

2546 Fuerst Dukat AF (Nichole Riffe)

2547 White Diamond Dancer (Nichole Riffe)

2548 Yes I Kan (Nichole Burris)

2549 Pavatea (Kristin Knutson)

ODS Facebook Page Revamped and Rejuvenated

Thanks to **Teresa Brewer** who stepped forward and offered to tackle getting the ODS Facebook page back running actively again! It will be so good to have ODS active on social media once again. Many thanks Teresa!

ODS 2023 Membership Now Open For Registration

Registration for 2023 ODS Membership is open! You can find a registration form on the website, and at the end of this newsletter. Membership totaled 130 this year, almost a 30% gain from last year! ODS Strong! New members, thank you for joining us! And return members, welcome back!

ODS Bylaws Revision Complete & Released

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of **Pam DeVore**, **Kat Gruebel**, **Lyn Francik**, and **Amanda Edwards**, the By Laws were reviewed and revised. The Board has made their final review and the Bylaws will be posted on the ODS website. Also, watch your email for a message from ODS President **Kay Kamish** for members to review the Bylaws and the opportunity to comment or provide feedback.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact any Board member (see last page for a list of names and contact info). ODS members will be voting to pass this revision at the January AGM.

ODS Treasurer Position Filled

Welcome and many thanks to **Teresa Brewer** who has offered to step into the Treasurer's Position on the ODS Board of Directors! She will be working closely with **Marta Koenig** for the rest of this year to make the smooth transfer of duties. We are so grateful to Teresa for her service and expertise. Please help us welcome her in this role.

ODS Board Members Update

Three Board members will be coming to the end of their terms: **Kay Kamish**, **Erin Nelson**, and **Lindsey Greco**.

Both **Kay** and **Erin** have declared that they would like to run for another term. **Lindsey** will step down from the Board to attend to her increasingly busy work schedule, but will continue as ODS **Webmaster** and general tech-expert!

Nominations are open for Board positions, so if you have ever thought about serving on the board, please contact any Board member and let them know you are interested to get the process started.

Three positions are open: Kay and Erin will be candidates, and we need one more person to fill out the entire Board. If more than three candidates present themselves, there will be vote at the AGM. At that time, members will also officially vote Teresa Brewer in as Treasurer.

Correction to ODS Membership Renewal Address

Please note that the address for ODS membership renewals should be: PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039, ATTN: Marta Koenig. To renew membership you may use the correct form in this newsletter or via the email reminder sent by ODS, however, please be sure checks and forms are mailed to this corrected address in Kellyville. Thank you for renewing your membership early!

ODS Membership Directory Updates Needed

The **2023 ODS Membership Directory** is currently in production, thanks to **Melissa Hollifield** who kindly volunteered to help ODS out with that!

IMPORTANT Please review your information in the 2022 directory to be sure it is correct!!

To be as accurate as possible, and to give credit and accolades where due, if you have earned an award, medal, or other important achievement, please let Melissa know so she can make additions in the new Directory.

Directory advertising is available! There is an advertising form in this newsletter for anyone who would like to put in any size ad, from business card to full page, there are many options. Members can help increase advertisers (and thus club financial support) by asking any local businesses (veterinarians, feed stores, horse health workers) who might be interested in advertising in the ODS directory.

TRAINER ADVERTISING: If you put in an ad, your name and phone number will automatically be added to the Trainers List page. If you do not want to place an ad, but would like your name on the list, it will be \$10.00. This is a valuable resource, as we are often contacted by people new to the area who are looking for an instructor, and this list is the reference we give to them.

For all ODS directory questions or to submit information updates or print-ready ads, Contact Melissa: melisitouch@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR ADS is DECEMBER 20

Year-End Awards

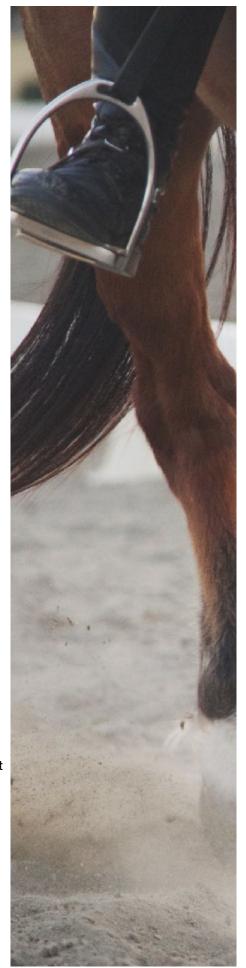
Pam DeVore has once again offered to compile scores and tally up the Year-End Awards. She has become a master at doing this, but you can help by going to the USDF Website and making sure you are listed on our roster!

Here are the easy website navigation steps: USDF website: >Members/Horses > GMO in your area >Region 9 > ODS

Below the ODS selection is the roster. Be certain your name is listed. If it is, Pam will get scores from USDF and you do not need to do anything else. If you are not listed, please contact Membership: **Marta Koenig martakoe@yahoo.com**

Remember requirements for receiving ODS awards:

- ODS Member (on the date of the ride)
- · Horse registered with ODS (on the date of the ride)
- Minimum of 5 scores/ 3 different judges
- At least one score from highest test of level (excluding Intro)
- At least 2 scores from ODS Shows (Intro-4th)
- At least 1 score from ODS Shows (FEI Levels)



USDF Region 9 Volunteer Incentive Program

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of its members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer. Contact USDF to request the log chart.

NEW! USDF Rider Medals with Distinction

Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals with Distinction are now available. This recognizes current medalists who meet the medal requirements with scores of 67% or higher. Full details will be available in the 2023 USDF Member Guide. For details, visit: https://www.usdf.org/awards/performance/rider-awards.asp

USDF Annual Convention News

Lexington, Kentucky will play host November 30-December 3 for the 2022 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention: Take The Reins. Full details are available at www.usdf.org/convention.

USDF is happy to announce the return of the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet to this year's convention! The 2022 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Lexington, in Lexington, KY with Friday night hosting the gala event. It is so nice to be back in person and to provide the well-deserved



recognition to all of the USDF honorees and award recipients. While the virtual awards ceremonies and all-breeds presentations of the past couple years served as a great alternative, being able to invite these individuals to participate in the convention, be recognized on stage at the banquet, and to have their awards presented to them provides an unparalleled level of prestige and excitement that lacks in virtual events.

The Annual Awards Banquet segment will include many USDF perpetual trophy presentations such as the Adult Amateur Grand Prix Trophy, the Sunshine Sport Horse Association Trophy, the Traveling Trot Trophy, the Hilltop Farm Trophy, The StallionExpo Trophy and the prestigious Colonel Thackeray Trophy, which recognizes the Adequan®/USDF Grand Prix Dressage Horse of the Year.

All Adequan®/USDF Year-End and All-Breeds champions and reserve champions, at each level and award category, have the opportunity to walk across the stage to receive their award and be recognized for their achievement.

At the 2022 Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, USDF will be inducting Janine Malone into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, presenting Lisa Gorretta with the USDF Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing Bonna McCuiston as the USDF Member of Distinction and awarding the USDF Volunteer and Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards. USDF Rider and Breeder of Distinction Awards will also be presented to recipients on stage, in addition to the retuning Adequan®/USDF Year-End and All-Breeds Awards.

For more information visit www.usdf.org/convention.

To register and purchase tickets to the Salute Gala & Annual Awards Banquet, visit: https://web.cvent.com/event/16076f09-6baa-4863-a047-936870ab54f7/summary





ODS Schooling Show Championships Wrapped Up 2022 Season

GCC held their final Schooling Show on the morning of November 5 with Gail Matheus as Judge. In the afternoon, another set of Championships classes were held for their final year end gathering. Plans are underway to set a place and date for their AGM and Awards Ceremony. Stay tuned for details, and watch for it on the newly revitalized ODS Facebook Page!

ODS Spring Symposium

Janet Foy has sent us a proposed schedule for the **Updated Tests Symposium** on **April 22-23, 2023**. Saturday will address the adjustments in our National tests, Training through Fourth Levels. On Sunday she will be looking for Freestyles rides, so put on your dancing shoes and give musical rides a whirl! These do not necessarily need to be polished, show-worthy rides, so if you are thinking about venturing into this realm of riding, come play and show her your ideas. Watch for emails from our Education Chair, Pamela Byers or email her at pbyers.ods@gmail.com for more details!

ODS Annual General Meeting & Awards: Quick Info

Be sure to mark your calendars NOW for the **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) to be held **January 21, 2023** from **11am-3pm** at the Cattleman's Steakhouse Event Center (1328 S. Agnew Avenue, OKC). See below for details.



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INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Saturday January 21, 2023 11:00 to 3:00 *Cattleman's Steakhouse Event Center Banquet Cash Bar 1325 S Agnew Avenue OKC Year End **Proposed Agenda** 11:00 - 11:30 Registration, mix and mingle * 11:30 - 1:00 **Business Meeting** Vote on By Laws Elections Volunteer Recognition * Any time Check out the Silent Auction! * 1:00 - 1:45 Luncheon * 1:45 - 3:00 Presentation of new Board **Awards** Silent 2023 AuctioDirectory Surprise ODS

Reservation Form ~ *Please RSVP by January 15*

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JANET FOY SYMPOSIUM 2023 DRESSAGE TESTS APRIL 22/23, 2023

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Janet Foy is not only a USEF "S" dressage judge, but a FEI 5* (Level 4) International Judge as well. In addition to judging at all the major shows in the United States and Canada, she has been on the Jury for the 2019 Pan American Games (Peru), the 2018 World Cup Finals (Paris) and the 2019 European Championships (Rotterdam). She has been honored to judge many top CDI-@ and CDI 5* shows world wide, including at the famous Aachen 5*. A crowning achievement was judging at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games! 2022 will be keeping her traveling as she will be the FEI Technical Delegate for the World Dressage Championships in Denmark, as well as for the Central American Games and the Bolivian Games in South American, and finally the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the Netherlands.

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All this ~yet she will be generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Somehow in her "spare time", Janet has managed to write a most excellent and encouraging book titled <u>Dressage for the Not So Perfect Horse</u>. Encouraging because don't we all have those not quite so perfect horses, who we dearly love in spite of the fact they aren't likely to be cantering down any Olympic centerline? Janet has that rare quality of being able to judge the horses that is in front of her while not unfairly comparing it to those world class equines.

NEW Feature: Riding 'Out Of The Box' How ODS Members Enjoy Horses Outside Of The Dressage Arena

Here is a little collection of our members doing different things with their horses! Or, just doing different 'horse-y' things.

Two ODS members recently visited the Spanish Riding School in Vienna! Read Cathy Orban's report of her visit on the next page. Jennifer Brittain, also visited the classical riding academy with her daughter Nora, whose SRS photos are featured in this issue.

Kay Kamish hosted visitors from Germany who are expert carriage drivers and had lessons honing skills with long lines; it's amazing to work with horses this way. As an extension of that, they visited Becky Benjamin, a skilled carriage driver in Claremore and Kay got to drive her Jesse through a cones course. What a very different perspective of a working horse! Plus the joy of just going on a trail ride, peaceful in nature.

Who else out there is doing different things with their horse or in the diverse sport of horses? Let us know about it! Email the newsletter editor with your photos to be featured in future issues: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.

Winter Is Coming... Body Clipping Inspiration

Can't decide what type of body clip to do on your horse this year? A full clip, or trace clip or maybe a blanket clip? Hmmm. Maybe these fun clip designs will inspire you to 'up the ante' and clip creatively to chase away any wintertime blues...





















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The Story of a Racehorse Named Thanksgiving

Mary Hirsch trained Anne Corning runner to 1938 Travers Stakes victory.

Max Hirsch was a titan in the sport. He won the 1934 Travers Stakes with Observant. He trained Bold Venture, winner of the 1936 Kentucky Derby and Preakness. He was well on his way to a Hall of Fame career. He trained horses for some of the richest and most powerful Americans, including Arnold Rothstein, the wealthy gambler and infamous fixer of the 1919 World Series. In 1934, he had recently become the trainer for the King Ranch, which would soon be one of the most successful stables in America.

That year Hirsch's daughter, Mary, made some horse racing history herself. She was the first woman in the country licensed to train Thoroughbred racehorses. Mary had grown up around horses, naturally, and rode jumpers before deciding to try her hand at training. Owners gladly handed horses over to her despite any biases against her gender because, according to the New York Times, "her father thinks enough of her judgement to consult with her."

One owner who had no such biases was Anne Corning, wife of Congressman Parker Corning from the politically powerful Corning family in upstate New York. Parker was a horse racing fan and owned a number of horses that he kept under his wife's name. Anne developed a passion for the sport herself, taking an active interest in them and their careers on the track. Mrs. Corning asked Mary Hirsch to train one of their horses, a bay colt named Thanksgiving.

They stabled Thanksgiving with Max Hirsch's horses at Saratoga Race Course in the summer of 1937 in preparation for the start of his 2-year-old season. That July, before the beginning of the meet, a lightning storm wreaked havoc on the barn, striking several of the horses, including Thanksgiving. Max Hirsch felt the lightning strike his foot as he sat in his kitchen near the barn eating lunch. He looked over at the chef, who had collapsed. Hirsch knew what was happening and sprung from the table and raced to the barn. When he arrived he saw his horses stumbling around; some falling over. Thanksgiving was on the ground and out cold.

Thanksgiving would recuperate from the lightning strike and make it to the track that summer, and even showed a little promise as a 2-year-old, winning two of five starts, including a sprint on a muddy track he won by four lengths. But as a 3-year-old he struggled, not winning a single race by June. He didn't compete in any of the Triple Crown races, instead running in races on the East Coast at New York tracks as the star 3-year-olds chased each other across the country in (future) grade 1 races. Despite not winning, Thanksgiving was raising some eyebrows all the same. Joe Palmer listed Thanksgiving among the year's best horses. Elizabeth Grinnell agreed, writing in Country Life and the Sportsman, "Although he may not be the fastest,



I think Thanksgiving may be the most interesting of the lot. Within five weeks this smallish bay colt, in four successive starts at three different tracks, has equaled two track records and broken two others without winning a single race."

It was true. Thanksgiving had run third in the Yankee Handicap at Suffolk Downs, but at a speed that equaled the track record, which was broken by the winner of the race, Cravat. In July, in the Empire City Handicap in Yonkers, N.Y., Thanksgiving raced against Stagehand, one of the most popular horses in the country, and the winner of the Santa Anita Derby. Stagehand won that race, but Thanksgiving was only a half-length behind him, and both horses broke the track record. Later in the Butler Handicap, this time against older horses, Thanksgiving would beat all other 3-year-olds in the race but lose by a length to the winner, Esposa. Again, the top three finishers all broke the previous track record. Then in late July at Saratoga, Mary Hirsch would once again

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ODS Member Reflects on USDF 'L' Program Experience

By: Bay Greenhill

Professional Bay Greenhill from Siloam Springs, Arkansas, an ODS member, participated in the 3-part USDF 'L' Program that ODS helped organize throughout 2022. Thanks to partial funding by the ODS Scholarship fund, Bay was able to expand her experience and training with reduced worry about the financial commitment required in the world of dressage. Here is her reflection of her experience, for all to enjoy and learn from.

Last year, when it was announced that there would be an L Program close by, I was super excited! When I learned that it would be a collaborative effort between ODS, CPDS, and KDEA I was even more thrilled because almost all of my favorite "horsey-friends" are in one of those three groups. I immediately signed up, not quite knowing what I was signing up for, but willing to take the plunge because not only would I get to learn with some of my favorite people, I knew that what I learned would help me in my goal to become a better rider, trainer, coach, and dressage nerd in general.

I reviewed the schedule, cost, and requirements, then sent in my application. The timing seemed perfect because my personal horse was rehabbing from an injury, and the other horses I was working with were taking the year off from showing to focus on training. What I didn't realize at the time was that the one weekend in July that I had booked coincided with Session B. I was a little distraught at the idea of not being able to do the program, but luckily made a few calls to USDF, Sherry Guess, and an organizer in Georgia and was able to join a different group for the B Session. The only folks I knew in Georgia just happened to live 10 minutes from the barn where the program was to take place, so it seemed fated to be!

Session A, in Claremore, was daunting at first. Between the homework, navigating the website, printing a myriad of things, organizing all those things, and then pretending I knew what I was doing, I was feeling a little overwhelmed. Once I got to the classroom however, the group was just as fantastic as I had expected and Joan Darnell was even better. Her methodical instruction made sense of all the elements to the program, and very quickly I found myself learning to see a little with her eyes. The next day the demo riders beautifully illustrated what we had learned and I gained confidence in my ability to train my eye to see from a judge's point of view.

As I said, my Session B took place in Georgia under the expert guidance of Kathy Rowse. Again, I went into the weekend apprehensive, not unlike the grade school dream of forgetting your homework or showing up not dressed appropriately, if dressed at all. The fact that I also knew not a single soul had me questioning my life choices. Kathy, like Joan, was an amazing guide, walking us through the material and really pushing us to put our knowledge to work. That first day we did classroom work until lunch and then were immediately thrown into the fire, having to score and scribe full tests on our own, then state and defend our scores using 5 words or less. Truth be told, I was ¼ of the way through judging my first test, feeling like I was running to keep up but not getting anywhere, and ready for a glass of wine. Kathy gently, but firmly, pushed us out of our comfort zones and really opened our eyes to the complexities of judging dressage. The second day was better, I felt slightly more confident and ready to exercise the brain muscles I had only found the day before.

The third session had me back craving more wine. I walked in thinking I was ready, and was quickly humbled by the feeling like the boat was leaving and I hadn't even bought my ticket yet. I was feeling overwhelmed by the fact that we were moving onto other levels when I felt like we could do an entire session for each level and still not have it all down! However, like before, things got better as the day went on, and I remembered how to flex those dressage brain muscles again. This time, there was also the comfort of the wonderful group of friends and colleagues, and the knowledge that we were all treading water in there together. Kathy Rowse was an instructor again, accompanied by Dolly Hannon. The combination of the two was lovely, because it was another judging perspective, and while they were both similar in their scoring and comments, it added variety to the wording and occasionally highlighted the fact that there is often no singular "right answer" and that that is okay! I ended the weekend incredibly thankful for the program in general, the amazing instruction, the wonderful group, and the amazing organizers.

As Part 1 drew to a close and I had 4 hours on the road to reflect upon my experience, I felt encouraged. I love this sport and I love learning more about it. I have an entirely new perspective and a huge respect for those that have committed their life to bettering the sport by becoming a judge (I bow to you in thanks and in awe). I felt gratitude for the horses we ride, the group of committed friends, USDF, the demo riders, the instructors, and the organizers. I also felt a deep appreciation for the union of the three GMO's that made the program happen in the first place. By working together they paved the way for the rest of us to get to work and better our sport. I am especially grateful to ODS for granting me a scholarship that enabled me to participate. With a full time desk job, a training/riding business, and three kids (not to mention a pile of vet bills to pay off), I would not have been able to make the financial commitment required to be a participant this year. So, thank you ODS!!!! I hope that I can continue with Part 2, but either way I am so thankful to have had this opportunity and I know that already I am a better rider and trainer because of what I learned in Part 1. I look forward to what the future holds, and am excited to see what ODS (and friends) can dream up next!



Bay Greenhill asking a question during one of the USDF 'L' Program sessions

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Life After...

It is probably safe to say that most of us who have attended any of our recognized shows over the years have come to recognize the Baggett Family, daughter Gwyneth and her good mare Renzi. Gwyneth was in her young teens when they found Renzi sort of loafing around, not really in active training. Over the years, with the help of their beloved trainer, Dallas Sweat, the pair went from an unsure couple tentatively showing at First Level to the confident pair we all enjoyed seeing moving up the levels. Renzi stepped up to the game, became a beautiful dressage horse, and Gwyneth worked hard to become an accomplished and poised rider. The two of them earned a Bronze Medal and peaked their careers at Prix St. Georges! This Fall Gwyneth embarked on another adventure, moving to the Missouri University of Science and Technology, studying Engineering Management. She has been accepted onto the University Cheerleading team and joined Chi Omega Sorority. She misses riding terribly, but is very busy with classes, activities, and even a boyfriend! Congratulations Gwyneth!



Renzi with Gwyneth (above) and Tricia (below)

And what of Renzi? She is retired from major competitions and the family has promised she never has to teach another rider about flying changes. Tricia Baggett, Gwyneth's wonderful and supportive Mom, has taken over the ride on Renzi, calling back her younger years as a rider! They are just walking and trotting so far, and Tricia says that as long as her minions groom her and provide plenty of sugars Renzi is happy with the low-pressure rides. She likes having a job. There may be some romance in the future, as Tricia is considering breeding her in 2023.

See? There IS life after a career of competition!

The Story of a Racehorse Named Thanksgiving (cont'd from pg 9)

enter Thanksgiving in a handicap race against older horses, the American Legion. The winner of that race, Airflame, broke a track record that had stood for 18 years. Thanksgiving, who finished a head bob behind the older Airflame, would break the record as well, but once again miss the winner's circle.

While the top 3-year-olds were putting up inconsistent finishes throughout the year, Palmer and Grinnell saw in Thanksgiving something that betrayed the horse's pitiful win record. Thanksgiving was consistently there among the winners in each and every race, no matter how fast those winners happened to run. And Thanksgiving's races that summer proved that if you wanted to beat him, you'd need to run very, very fast.

Mary Hirsch and Anne Corning entered Thanksgiving in the 1938 Travers Stakes at Saratoga. He'd have an opportunity to run at his past foes, this time all in one race, as Stagehand, Cravat, and several other 3-year-old graded stakes winners were entered in the field of nine. Bull Lea, winner of the Kenner Stakes at Saratoga, was the favorite at 6-5. Stagehand was the second choice at 7-2. The bettors sent Thanksgiving off at 4-1, largely on the horse's popularity as an underdog and a local product of upstate New York, no doubt.

Thanksgiving broke well and led the field around both turns, but the fans weren't convinced he could keep the lead. Stagehand was known as a deep closer, frequently rallying from the back of the pack, which is exactly where he was at the top of the Saratoga stretch. But as he began his rally, he was joined by Jolly Tar, a 60-1 longshot who had also been trailing the field and was now coming up the rail. Thanksgiving, for his part, picked up his pace in the stretch as well. He had set such a fast pace the first five furlongs that the other horses began to tire. But his jockey, Eddie Arcaro, knew that Thanksgiving wasn't finished running, urging him forward. Thanksgiving would finish six lengths ahead of the rest of the field, with Jolly Tar making it up for

second ahead of the rest of the star-studded field. Once again Saratoga kept its reputation as a graveyard of favorites. Mary Hirsch made history as the first female to train a winner of the race. The Jockey Club would receive a flood of applications for training licenses from women in the wake of Mary Hirsch's success. And Thanksgiving would prove once and for all that lightning can indeed strike in the same place twice.

Editor's note: This story was originally published in November 2017 and has been updated.

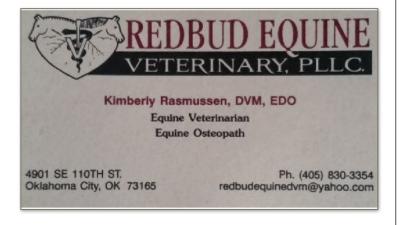
[source: By David Hill/America's Best Racing & www.truenicks.com]

Announcements

Championships Results: Green Country Chapter ODS Champs Show (Nov 2022)



Pictured left to right: Susan Mohler and Baldomero; Susan Stoker and Too Sauced to Leap; Kym Popp and Tequila; Laura Taylor and Lionheart; Tiffany George and Condor





Pine Ridge Equine Hospital, PLLC is a full service equine hospital that provides 24/7 surgery, medical, ambulatory, & emergency care. Our veterinarians are experienced in all types of conditions and treatments. Beyond first rate horse care, we make our clinic comfortable, friendly, and a very calm environment so your horse can relax and look forward to meeting his or her own veterinarian.

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Announcements

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Matching Gift Challenge

Young Rider pream Program

Thanks to the generosity of Margaret Duprey and Cherry Knoll Farm, The Dressage Foundation is thrilled to be able to boost the strength of its Young Rider Dream Program.

Beginning in October 2022, the funds raised for the Program—up to the \$100,000 mark—will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Duprey.

1+1=2Xthe impact

TDF's Young Rider Dream Program: An Educational Experience of a Lifetime

A TDF Program Since 2000

The Dream Program was created by Olympian Michael Poulin to give top young U.S. riders an introduction to international-level dressage through a tour of European training facilities and competitions. In 2022, the Dream Program was held in Wellington, Florida. It was a resounding success and will return to Wellington in 2023.

Building the Next Generation of Excellence for U.S. Dressage

Since its beginning, the program has given 69 young riders the chance to be immersed in the international dressage scene. Over 81% of the past participants are now dressage professionals, including Olympian Adrienne Lyle.

A Unique Opportunity

Participants meet with the best-of-the-best in American and international dressage, plus participants get a behind-the-scenes look at world-class facilities and events.

NEW! Donations Matched For YR Dream Program Up To \$100k

Have you been thinking about supporting The Dressage Foundation financially? Now, when you donate to the Dressage Foundation's Young Rider Dream Program, your monies wil be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000 in the fund.

For more information, to make a donation online or to find a printable form to donate by check, visit,

www.dressagefoundation.org/matchingchallenge

For information about additional ways to give, including through donor-advised funds, stock gifts, or IRA contributions, please contact Jenny Johnson, TDF's Executive Director, at (402) 434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org.

To apply for a grant for yourself, visit to see

www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/ orant-calendar.html

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How You Can Help

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Specific Funding Opportunities

\$5,000 - To provide housing for YRDP Participants

\$3,000 - To sponsor one Young Rider's Dream Program

\$1,500 - To provide YRDP transportation to barns and shows

\$750 - To sponsor the flight for one Young Rider

\$250 - To help pay for food expenses

\$100 To provide important support for the YRDP

Remember! Every donation will be doubled with matching funds!

Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage members to further their dressage education.



Criteria for Eligibility:

- 1. This ODS Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
- 2. The candidate must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS). In addition, the applicant must have been an ODS member for at least the 2 previous years.
- 3. The candidate must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non-ODS dressage educational events will be considered as additional input.
- 4. The candidate must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least one (1) ODS committee or have accumulated five (5) hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ODS dressage related events will be considered as additional input.

Criteria for Use:

Scholarships may be used toward the registration/entry fees for the following types of dressage educational events:

- Acceptable activities will include ODS and its affiliated chapters educational events, USDF Region 9 and USDF educational events. Additionally, any educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, or USDF Medalist.
- 2. Scholarship candidates must receive ODS Scholarship Committee approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event <u>prior</u> to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

Application Deadline:

The ODS Education Scholarship committee will meet a minimum of two times per year. Each scholarship application must be received by the following schedule:

January 1 – May 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15.

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

May 16 - November 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15.

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is after the award date.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours counting towards ODS Education Scholarships include:

- Volunteering at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored shows, clinics, educational
 events, fundraisers, etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS
 Education Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS
 Volunteer Coordinator from each event.
- 2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.
- 3. Consideration will also be given for attendance at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored activities or functions. (ex: Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational events).

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the

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approved dressage educational event with <u>validation of the attendance</u>; and, the <u>submission to ODS of the required post report</u>. An amount of \$200 will be awarded. Scholarship winners must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.

The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the candidate's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.) Scholarships must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in ODS general funds. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$200 must remain in this account at all times. The funds generated by the silent auction at any AGM will be placed in the ODS Education Scholarship fund. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

Additional Information:

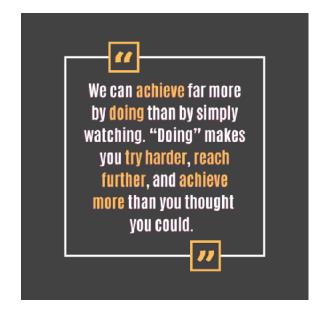
Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year by the corresponding deadline.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year (June & December) to review all applications received up to that point and make the decisions about its awards. The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee may award zero (0) scholarships, or may award more than two (2) scholarships at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four (4) Scholarships may be awarded each year. Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Education Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per twelve (12) months period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given twelve (12) months, a candidate may not apply again within that same twelve (12) months period. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible candidates who have <u>not</u> received an education scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least one (1) current ODS Board Member. The committee must consist of a total of three (3) to five (5) ODS members in good standing. The committee shall not exceed five (5) members.







Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form. **Be as specific as you can.**

Date of Application:	
Name of Applicant:	
Address:	
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Email:	
Are you an ODS Member in good standing? Yes No Status: Junior Amateur Open	
Do you compete in dressage? No Yes If Yes, Please check all applicable below. Schooling Shows Recognized Shows Locally Regionally Nationally	
Who is your current riding instructor?	
Name and date of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:	
Fell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend. Please attach any printed material / flyer and a copy of your completed application to event).	
How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?	



Meet Ms. Rocket: ODS's Honorary Editorial Staff Member

Please welcome Ms. Rocket, the new ODS Newsletter columnist who is ready to answer any of your burning questions (horse and farm -or mouse- related of

course!). Ms. Rocket will answer your questions here in the ODS newsletters, so be on the lookout for them! If she doesn't know the answer, she will creatively make one up. This might be "interesting!" Send her your comments or questions you'd like her to answer...who knows...you could end up hearing more of her cat "paw-losophies!"

Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: **ntraitlira19@gmail.com**. She's looking forward to hearing from you!



Your Stuff

HERE!

Brrrr...

This last week has been a great start to my favorite time of year; one that makes me so glad that I don't live outside with the rest of my four-legged family. Did you see the snow the other night? SNOW! COLD! Doesn't that make you just want to curl up in a soft, warm, big lap? I'm definitely not going outside to get my petite little toes frozen in that white stuff. When it starts getting cold and dark outside, my two-legged slaves begin coming inside earlier and have taken to burning wood in the wood stove. It's heavennnn......

It's the time of opportunity; to have nothing keeping you from stretching out and sleeping all day, soaking up the warmth produced by the stove with the wood burning hot in its belly. A little warm milk might be nice to keep the bellies warm and full, too. So sad that the horses only get blankets thrown over their backs. How about inviting them inside to experience the warmth? Keep in mind that it can be such a thrill to see all the cats and horses indoors, on the warm tiles, sprawled in a 5 meter circle around that fiery source of heat. See? You can do dressage during the winter time.

Remember to have fun out in the cold as you are riding those 20 meters circles. Dress you and your horses in furry layers. Get inside when it gets dark so you can keep your own cats warm and cozy. They will thank you for it.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Sell your horse, trailer, tack, property or other equine related items here in the ODS newsletter classified ads.

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Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

To advertise, email the editor: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



NEW! Advertise Your Items For Sale Via ODS Membership E-Blast & Facebook!

Now, you can sell your horse-related items by way of an advertisement emailed to all members of ODS, PLUS an ad on the ODS Facebook page all for a \$50 donation to ODS! To secure your ad space, send \$50 to martakoe@yahoo.com and copyready artwork to newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



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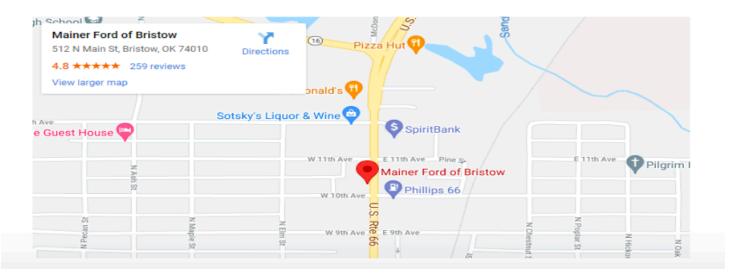
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ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

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Address	City/State Zip		
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Oklahoma Dressage Society

Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



Ladies & Men's Contrast Stitch Micropique Sport-Wick Polo \$35.00

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Please contact Pamela DeVore with any questions (303) 902-6181 or email pamelad68@aol.com



Events Calendar

Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Lindsey Greco at webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

Nov 30-Dec 3 USDF Annual Convention (Lexington, KY)

2023

January 21 ODS Annual General Mtg & Awards Banquet 11am-3pm

(Cattleman's Steakhouse, 1309 S Agnew Ave, OKC)

April 13-16 Dressage World Cup (Omaha, Nebraska)

April 22-23 Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Location TBA)

April 29 & 30 ODS Spring I & II Shows (Level 3) (Tulsa Expo Square)

June 10 & 11 Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Level 3) (Claremore Expo Center)

August 19 & 20 ODS Summer Oasis (Level 1) (location change TBA)





Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members

Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend via phone the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the **second** Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

You may call in to attend virtually by dialing 712-432-3900 (conference code #535614).

Next ODS Board Meeting: Dec 14 @ 7:00 pm.





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