



ODS NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

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Dear Membership,

I hope you have survived the recent rain and cold weather after the wonderful stretch of unseasonably warm and dry. This is my time of year as I have stated before where without a show around the corner that I concentrate on the basics while moving forward toward my goal for the upcoming spring show season. On the bad days, a good time to watch educational videos!

Our AGM and Awards Banquet are right around the corner. Please mail dinner reservations immediately as Amanda Edwards must have the check in her hand on **Thursday, January 7th**. Summit Club requires final count. ODS canNOT take reservations without a check. The Summit Club serves delicious food in a beautiful setting. Besides sharing the evening with your horsey friends, be sure to include your spouse or significant other. It will be a delightful evening.

At the AGM you will receive your membership directory. I would like to thank Veronica Moody for handling the advertising. Fran Ferrari, for a second year, has collected, entered, and organized the information for the ENTIRE directory. Bless you, Ladies! The directories are a valuable tool for the membership.

Many of our members are getting an award. This newsletter has the lists of winners. I would like to thank Stacia Wert Gray for figuring the recognized show awards and Rainee Boyd for determining the School Show winners. Due to Rainee, ODS has been the recipient for several grants, one of which benefits these awards. Thank you, Ladies!

I am grateful to Lee Ann Alf, newsletter editor and Jeanie Eaton, web designer. If you are reading this, it is because of their handiwork.

Happy New Year,

Roberta Clark

ODS President

Oklahoma Dressage Society Annual General Meeting January 16, 2016 Tulsa Summit Club, Tulsa, OK

3:30 Registration

4:00 Meeting called to order

1. Summer Meeting minutes- Amanda Edwards
2. President's report-Roberta Clark
3. Treasurer's report-Tamera Mayo
4. Education report-Pamela Byers
5. Chapter reports
 - a. North Central Chapter-
 - b. Great Plains Chapter-
 - c. Green Country Chapter-
6. Schooling Show report-Diane Smith in place of Rainee
7. Show Committee report including report of 2016 show – Diane Smith and Amanda Edwards

New Business

1. 2016 Educational meeting suggestions
2. Election of new officers-nominations from the floor
3. Volunteer of the Year
4. Winner of free membership
6. Announcement of new ODS Board members

Social hour/Shopping

Dinner

Awards

Silent Auction winners



Great Plains Chapter of ODS

Great Plains Chapter is ready for 2016. Our website is updated for the new year. Please visit www.greatplainsdressage.com for

information on all our activities.

We kick off the year with a winter schooling show and clinic on February 20. Our judge and clinician is Melissa Creswick "S". The schooling show prize list is available on our website as is clinic information and year-end award program rules. Our recognized show prize list is finished and will be posted as soon as it is approved by USEF/USDF.

New this year, Great Plains is hosting an Arabian one-day sport horse show in May. This should help our members who ride Arabians and Arabian cross horses to qualify for their regional championship without having to travel all over the southwest.

Our specific activities for 2016 include the following:

Feb 20	Schooling Show-Melissa Creswick "S"
Feb 21-22	Clinic
March 19	Schooling Show-Paula Lacy "S"
March 20-21	Clinic
April 16	Spring Recognized Show-Michael Osinski "S"
April 17	Clinic
May 14	Arabian Sport Horse One Day-Melissa Creswick "S"
May 15-16	Clinic (open to all)
June 25	Summer Recognized Show-Thomas Poulin "S"
June 26-27	Clinic
July 16	Summer Schooling Show-Lurena Bell "L"
July 17-18	Clinic
Sept 3-4	Labor Day Recognized Show-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez "S"
Sept 5-6	Clinic
Sept 10	Last Chance Recognized Show-Sue Kolstad "S"
Sept 11-12	Clinic
Sept TBA	OK State Fair Schooling Show-Robin Hessel "L"
Oct 29	Schooling Show Championships-Paula Lacy "S"
Oct 30	Recognized Show Championships
Oct 31	Clinic
December	AGM, Party and Year-end Awards presentation

Stacia Wert-Gray

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Green Country Chapter News

None Reported



North Central Chapter News

None Reported.

From Show Secretary;

Returned home from the 2015 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention. I have a few items that may be of interest:

-The US Dressage Finals will be held in Kentucky "until such time that the western USDF regions -- 5, 6, 7, and 9 - can come forth with a proposed venue site and dates that the four regions agree are appropriate to host the national finals."

-At Federation licensed competitions, horses entering the grounds must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables. See USEF rule GR845 for specifics.

-FEI tests have been UPDATED for 2016. The update for the most part is how the errors are handled. It is no longer points to be deducted, it is percentage points being removed and on some tests, 2nd error is elimination. Check the updated FEI tests prior to your first show.

-USDF will hold a Sport Horse Materiale Championship. Scores of 72% or higher are needed to qualify.

-USDF Adult Amateur Clinics are being canceled for a lack of participation. However, they are looking to support this area in other ways.

-A fund has been created through the Dressage Foundation for Veronica Holt. This fund will present funding to Technical Delegates working to gain their large R ratings. Please consider donating to this fund. Veronica was one of my mentors and put in countless hours helping to create the safe, fair and "equal" environment we have to compete in today.

-A new national award has been created. It is the Member of Distinction Award. It will be awarded to a member that shows strength in a region but not necessarily in the nation.

-The Connections magazine will print old "nameless" photos they have found in the archives with the hopes that members can notify USDF of the names of the riders and/or horses in the photos.

-With the introduction of Intermediate A and B, Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 are no longer consecutive levels. Therefore, Intermediate 1 (and Int 1 Freestyle) and Intermediate 2 can not be shown at the same show. And Intermediate 1 and Intermediate 2 cannot be ridden together at a Regional Championships. There is no plan to hold an Intermediate A/B championship class at this time (unless you can donate \$18K towards the level?) This is not new, but I reminder for those of you planning your qualifying year.

FEI updates:

-Protective Headgear has to be worn by Children, Pony Riders, Junior and Young Riders at Horse Inspections

(Jogs) at FEI competitions. (CDI's, etc.).

-For FEI competitions (CDI's, etc.), Ear hoods are permitted for all Events (the outdoor word was removed). Ear plugs are not permitted but someone suggested that hoods with extra material sewn permanently into the ear portion of the hood (foam?) are permitted. But please reference FEI article 428.7.2 for further information.

Many other items were discussed but these were the ones I found of interest in the meetings attended.

Thank you,
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From Premier Dressage:

Tom Poulin Clinics:

Feb 27-28
April 23-24
Aug 20-21
October 22-23
For information please contact:
Carolyn Hoekstra
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Another one-day show possibility!

Green Country Arabian Horse Association will host their Green Country Spring Fling April 1-3
There will be an USDF Open dressage show held: April 1, 2016
Tulsa Expo, OK
Both classical and western dressage will be offered.
Susan Posner, judge
For more information; www.gcaha.org

Board Meeting Conference Call Tuesday Evening--Dec. 5th 8 PM

Call in number is 712-432-3900
Conference Access Code: 535614#
To MUTE: *6
To UNMUTE: *7 (or use MUTE on your cellphone)

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR AGM

There will be a silent auction at the AGM. If you are donating items, please try to get them there early so they can be organized.

Attention Thoroughbred Owners: Thoroughbred Incentive Program Award

Contact Information –
Email tjctip@jockeyclub.com; for any emails with attachments, please copy tjctip@gmail.com. Fax 859-296-3045; Phone – (859) 224-2720.

The following table shows shows/classes being offered at the ODS Spring Shows.

Class/Award	Show Name	Prize (blank = No)	Date	Prize Money
FEI Levels Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I	Yes	5/7/2016	\$0
First Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I	Yes	5/7/2016	\$0
Introductory Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I	Yes	5/7/2016	\$0
Second/Third/Fourth Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I	Yes	5/7/2016	\$0
Training Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I	Yes	5/7/2016	\$0
FEI Levels Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring II	Yes	5/8/2016	\$0
First Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring II	Yes	5/8/2016	\$0
Introductory Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring II	Yes	5/8/2016	\$0
Second/Third/Fourth Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring II	Yes	5/8/2016	\$0
Training Level Dressage High Point Award	Oklahoma Dressage Spring II	Yes	5/8/2016	\$0

Stall in small private barn available to lease. 12x12 stall with pen - daily pasture turnout and outdoor arena (with limited lights for night time riding). Could exchange feeding/cleaning a nights or mornings each week for reduced rate. Pass this on to anyone you know that might be interested. Email or call for details. – susan@showsecretary.com – 405.760.0135

Oklahoma Dressage Society
2015 Recognized Show Year End Awards

Introductory Level Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Amateur - Introductory Level	D'artagnon	866	Marylou Kultgen	Chris Cashel	64.687
Reserve Amateur - Introductory Level	Noah B.E.H.	2160	Annie Houhin	Annie Houchin	61.719
3rd Place Amateur - Introductory Level	Millennium Wind	554	Christina Harmon	Christina Harmon	60.625
Champion Vintage - Introductory Level	D'artagnon	866	Marylou Kultgen	Chris Cashel	64.687
Training Level Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - Training Level	Oreo's Tornado	802	Lisa Yost	Lisa Yost	65.682
Reserve Open - Training Level	By Invitation Only	2204	Michelle Lundy	Mary Shappee	61.926
3rd Place Open - Training Level	Asgaard	2320	Richal Flannery	Annie Houchin	58.739
Champion Amateur - Training Level	Basil the Great	1085	Marta Koenig	Marta Koenig	64.091
Champion JR/YR - Training Level	Wradiant Ruler	2111	Nicole Bossler	Nicole Bossler	65.909
Champion Vintage - Training Level	None (no repeat winners from 2014)				
First Level Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - First Level	Deacon	2198	Carolyn Hoekstra	Carolyn Hoekstra	67.235
Reserve Open - First Level	Gallant Prince von G	2157	Patty Couch	Patty Couch	64.412
Champion Amateur - First Level	Mi Ddreamweaver	581	Ruth Korver	Ruth Korver	64.118
Reserve Champion Amateur - First Level	Mantreh	2183	Tamera Mayo	Tamera Mayo	63.588
3rd Place Amateur - First Level	Valley Boy	550	Sara Scott	Camille Fuller	58.359
Champion JR/YR - First Level	Fauston NAF	2134	Kailey Devore	Pamela Devore	67.5
Reserve Champion JR/YR - First Level	Zoey's Dark Thunder	1062	Hannah Bossler	Hannah Bossler	64.265
3rd Place JR/YR - First Level	Colour Me Not	1061	Nicole Bossler	Nicole Bossler	63.309
Champion Vintage - First Level	Deacon	2198	Carolyn Hoekstra	Carolyn Hoekstra	67.235

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Second Level Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - Second Level	Finnian	1027	Anthea Kin	Anthea Kin	65.152
Champion Amateur - Second Level	Jurgen fan Bluffview	665	Anne Furstenwerth	Rita Glen	63.103
Reserve Champion Amateur - Second Level	Clair NAF	2000	Tamera Mayo	Tamera Mayo	61.586
Champion JR/YR - Second Level	Colour Me Not	2110	Hannah Bossler	Nicole Bossler	58.293
Champion Vintage - Second Level	Finnian	1027	Anthea Kin	Anthea Kin	65.152
Third Level Awards	Horse		Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - Third Level	Vashti	220	Kristin Knutson	Kristin Knutson	67.628
Champion Amateur - Third Level	Rock Chalk	853	Nancy Litsch	Nancy Litsch	60
Champion JR/YR - Third Level	Skip Along Callie	583	Sierra Phipps	Robin Hessel	62.308
Champion Vintage - Third Level	Rock Chalk	853	Nancy Litsch	Nancy Litsch	60
Fourth Level Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
None submitted					
FEI Awards	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - FEI	Casaro	2348	Kristin Knutson	Kristin Knutson	65.723
Reserve Champion Open - FEI	Divino	2119	Roberta Clark	Roberta Clark	65.063
3rd Place Open - FEI	Wersache	2130	Shelly Williams	Shelly Williams	62.763
4th Place Open - FEI	Wolkenwand	619	Anthea Kin	Anthea Kin	62.75
5th Place Open - FEI	Waterfront	873	Robin Hessel	Robin Hessel	60
6th Place Open - FEI	Titanium	584	Janelle Williams	Janelle Williams	58.685
7th Place Open - FEI	Falstaff	677	Martina Miner	Martina Minor	57.616

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FEI Awards (continued)	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Amateur - FEI	Nessesity	2146	Traci Jackson	Traci Jackson	61.711
Reserve Champion Amateur - FEI	Daphene	634	Marty Hunt	Marty Hunt	61.05
3rd Place Amateur - FEI	Lazulite	2346	Marie Maloney	Marie Maloney	59.024
4th Place Amateur - FEI	Keoliet	2319	Chris Cashel	Chris Cashel	58.553
5th Place Amateur - FEI	Ddreamcatcher	583	Debbie Nutt	Debbie Nutt	58.946
Champion Vintage - FEI	Divino	2119	Roberta Clark	Roberta Clark	65.063
Musical Freestyle	Horse	ODS Number	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion - Musical Freestyle	Finnian	1027	Anthea Kin	Anthea Kin	71.167
Reserve - Musical Freestyle	Gallant Prince von G	2157	Patty Couch	Patty Couch	70.9
3rd Place - Musical Freestyle	Casaro	2348	Kristin Knutson	Kristin Knutson	70.75
4th Place - Musical Freestyle	Reatta	2333	Gail Matheus	Gail Matheus	69.167
5th Place - Musical Freestyle	Mantreh	2183	Tamera Mayo	Tamera Mayo	68.167
6th Place - Musical Freestyle	Clair NAF	2000	Tamera Mayo	Tamera Mayo	66.833
7th Place - Musical Freestyle	Wolkenwand	619	Anthea Kin	Anthea Kin	64.75
Speciality Awards	Horse		Rider	Owner	Percent
Pony - None (no repeat winners from 2014)					
Horse of the Year	Vashti	2200	Kristin Knutson	Kristin Knutson	67.628

Please see dressageoklahoma.org for complete program rules.
 Scores prepared by Stacia Wert-Gray
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RESULTS FOR ODS SCHOOLING SHOWS 2015**INTRODUCTORY LEVEL JUNIOR/YR**

A Gold Rush	Kristen Acevedo	68.25	CHAMPION
Logan's Bedazzling Onyx	Alexandra Wallace	62.313	RES. CHAMPION
Paige Marie	Sydney Berg	61.25	3RD

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL AMATUER

No Camera Please	Emily Moser	69.378	CHAMPION
D'artagnon	Mary Lou Kultgen	68.438	RES. CHAMPION
Noah BEH	Anne Houchin	63.594	3 RD
D'artagnon	Mary Lou Kultgen	Champion/Vintage	

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL OPEN

Leo son of Lion King	Richal Flannery	64.219	CHAMPION
Asgaard	Richal Flannery	63.125	RES. CHAMPION

TRAINING LEVEL JR/YR

Pecan Creeks Br. Shadow	Majorie Brown	67.826	CHAMPION
Blew Me Away	Kendra McDermott	65.018	RES. CHAMPION
Kismet	Ivy Orban	63.913	3RD
Rich N Free	Hunter McConnell	61.355	4TH
Spotted Weapon	Gabby Bledsoe	57.168	5TH

TRAINING LEVEL AMATUER

Easily Uno	Trista Milliman	65.454	CHAMPION
Maggie Matters	Barbara Tull	61.586	RES. CHAMPION

TRAINING LEVEL OPEN

Year Of Jubilee	Mindy Roland	60.909	CHAMPION
Logan's Bedazzling Onyx	Victor Glunt	59.022	RES.CHAMPION

FIRST LEVEL AMATUER

Valley Boy	Sara Scott	61.863	CHAMPION
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SECOND LEVEL JUNIOR/YR

Cartwheels Bell Star	Kari Nichols	65.303	CHAMPION
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SECOND LEVEL AMATUER

Jurgen Fan Bluffview	Anne Furstenwerth	65.454	CHAMPION
Lust In The Wind	Holly Luke	60.455	RES. CHAMPION

SECOND LEVEL OPEN

Jurgen Fan Bluffview	Audrey McKenna	65.549	CHAMPION
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WESTERN DRESSAGE

PWR Smart Alex	Patty Couch	72.414 Western Dressage Champion
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From Rita Glen:

Anne Furstenwerth and FHANA Friesian, Jurgan fan Bluffview received the USDF Amateur All Breeds Championship Award with a 63.532% Anne is the niece of GCC member and my friend Christiana Vogel. I met Anne (from Berlin Germany) about 6 years ago while she was in the states visiting her aunt (Anne was about 17 yrs olds at that time) . Every time Anne would come to visit, Christiana would bring Anne to take a ride on Jurgan.

In the summer of 2014, Anne was back again and this time I took serious notice of how well she rode and how beautiful her seat was on Jurgan. I made the comment to Christiana that Anne needed to come over and compete on Jurgan.

To my surprise, December of 2014 I got a phone call from Christiana asking if I was serious about Anne coming and riding. Woo Hoo , I said you bet I am serious! In January, Anne called with sad news : In Germany they told her that she could not compete in the USA as she was not licensed to ride past training level. After a few calls to USDF we found out differently.

Anne had just finished up her College years and turned in her Thesis papers and by March 18, 2015 was back in the States ready to train and compete on Jurgan.

What is so special about Anne is that she has never had the opportunity to own her own horse. Anne takes a bus 4-5 days a week to a small riding stable and rides a Pony for his owner to keep him in shape . She was permitted to show him in jumping classes and cross country and has only shown in training level dressage. So little to say Anne was given the dream to come to the USA on a three-month visa to compete.

To prepare for the Recognized Shows we entered our first schooling show on April 4 with only two weeks to practice. Anne started with first level test 3 just to see how they would do. Wow they earned a 69.844% - then rode a second level test and scored a 66.364%. This was also Jurgan's Debut riding Second Level. We decided to take lessons to fix some errors and Miss Roberta Clark was the one who we owe so much to. For the next eight weeks Anne and Jurgan learned and accomplished so much from Roberta.

Anne rode her last recognized show on on June 14 and on June 15 was back on a plane to Germany. With Five Recognized Shows - 10 tests later Anne earned the USDF Amateur All Breeds Championship Award with a 63.532%. Anne was also able to compete in the required schooling shows in three months and has earned Amateur Hi-point for GCC schooling shows with a 64.41% average.

Whew - that was allot in just under 3 months!

So proud of both Anne and Jurgan

Owner: Rita Glen



**Congratulations to owner and rider
Ruthie Korver and Mi Ddreamweaver**

This horse was only able to complete for half of the competition year, since he required colic surgery, but still managed to achieve the following awards...



2015 USEF region 9 horse of the year in first level dressage
2015 Arabian horse association region 9 champion first level dressage
2015 Arabian horse association region 9 champion sport horse show hack
2015 inducted into the Arabian horse association legion of honor program



The Nominating Committee has submitted the following to run for the ODS Board of Directors—Pam Rhodes, Christina Harmon, Robin Grain. They are qualified and willing to serve. Their submitted biographies follow.

Board Nominee-Pam Rhodes

My name is Pam Rhodes and I am very interested in becoming a board member for ODS.

I was raised in Oklahoma, where horses have been a very important part of my life. My husband, Steve, and I have been married for nineteen years and we have a fifteen year old daughter, Lily (who inherited my horse-loving gene).

Growing up, I showed Quarter Horses throughout high school and was on the equestrian team at Lynchburg College in Virginia. I was introduced to dressage five years ago and Lily and I became members of ODS soon afterwards. We have been active members for four years. We have shown in local schooling shows and hope to show in recognized shows this year. Lily has a lovely Haflinger gelding.

In 2008, I began volunteering at American Therapeutic Riding Center. I became a PATH, Intl (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International) certified instructor in 2011. I managed the riding program at ATRC until I accepted a position at Bit by Bit Therapeutic Riding Center in September 2015, where I am currently employed. I feel very lucky to combine my love of horses and riders with special needs.

I look forward to serving on the ODS Board and supporting it's mission of education.

Thanks so much,

Pam Rhodes

Board Nominee-Robin Grain

Aloha,

My name is Robin Grain and I am interested in serving as a board member for ODS. I moved from Hawaii to Oklahoma just about 3 years ago

to accept a job offer. During the 2nd week that I was here - and not knowing anyone other than my employer - I attended the ODS show at the State Fair. It was there that I met my first wonderful Oklahoma Dressage enthusiasts who have since become very dear friends.

I have ridden horses for most of my life and in my youth I was involved in the 4-H Horse Program and also rated up to the C2 level in my region Pony Club. I must admit that my first dressage experiences were begrudgingly doing some dressage test required because it was for a Pony Club Rally or as needed to compete in our combined training horse trials. At the time dressage was too rigid, definitely boring, and way too unexciting for someone who tore around on her horse bareback with just a halter and lead rope!

Well, years later after the passing away of my original horses, I acquired a new American Quarter horse. Some of you might know Lemmon Gray aka "Woody", who prior to my ownership was a western roping horse. I went back to square one with Woody, doing ground work and re-training him English style. We had a few years of hard knocks but then we found a very knowledgeable, patient and beloved dressage trainer back in Hawaii. At first every ride that didn't end in a disaster was a triumph and I would mark off each success much like a fighter pilot marks on the nose of his plane after each victory Building upon the stages in the Dressage Training Pyramid my horse and I finally began to "click" and bond together and I looked forward to each ride, truly enjoying my horse. I came to realize the benefits and discipline of dressage training, and also how by educating him (and me) through dressage, his other qualities improved as well. Through dressage, my horse and I have learned to communicate better to each other and he has developed into a fabulous pleasure and trail horse that I can have fun with! We still have quite a journey ahead of us as we are still doing basic and lower level work, but we are also fortunate that Oklahoma has very fine dressage instructors who are very patient and encouraging.

Woody thinks “he’s all that and a bag of chips” and I consider it quite a blessing to have been able to compete and show him during 2014. But I also recognize that there would be no competitions if there were no volunteers. I believe I have a true appreciation for those who work to put on the events, and have tried to put myself in their shoes as much as possible. I am indeed grateful for those who open gates, watch warm-up areas, help with parking and the other duties that are so necessary. And as a “bit checker” I have also found great enjoyment in meeting new people, getting to see all the pretty horses and realizing that congratulations after a nice performance goes hand-in-hand with encouragement after a disheartening ride. As an amateur rider I may also have different perspectives on showing and horse organizations as they relate to all members and would like to encourage more member participation and educational events. I would also like to find more ways to utilize the youth in our organization as I see them as an untapped resource – and most of them can ride the pants off of all of us old farts! I would consider it both an honor and privilege to be involved as an ODS board member. Thank you,
Robin Lee Grain

Board Nominee-Christina Harmon

Like most of us, I grew up having a love and passion for horses from a very early age. I can not ever remember a time that I didn’t have horses on my mind. I had a friend and neighbor that rode Hunter/Jumpers with her little appaloosa gelding and she introduced me to riding along with the sport of Dressage. I was mesmerized by the beauty of the horses in Dressage and decided right then, that was what I wanted to ride. However, growing up in Southeast Kansas at that time it was not a hot-bed for Dressage. It wasn’t until I moved to the Tulsa area, graduated from the University of Tulsa and became settled, that I could make the dream of owning horses a reality. So, a little 2 year-old Arabian mare name Millennium Wind came into my life. (not the best idea I’ve ever

had...but I love her for all of her quirks). Several years ago, a second horse came into my life, named Gold Dust (aka Dancer), that I absolutely love for his steadiness and less quirks! Through both horses, I have learned so much, along with the help of my wonderful trainers!

I have been a member of the Oklahoma Dressage Society for over 15 years. During that time, I have been active in ODS, volunteering and attending numerous events such as symposiums, shows, clinics and educational events. In addition, I have also consistently been active with the Green Country Chapter through the years, regularly volunteering for shows and events and even served on the GCC board in the past.

I feel that education is an important part of learning Dressage and in addition to attending as many of the local clinics I can, I have traveled to the Dallas area to audit clinics with trainers such as Steffen Peters, Conrad Schumacher, Hilda Gurney and Betsy Steiner. By expanding into other clubs and areas to learn, it has given me a new perspective on what some of the other clubs are offering and doing, as well as giving me an appreciation of what ODS has to offer.

My professional background includes pharmaceutical sales and most currently working in the oil and gas industry in both an administrative and executive capacity. I have had to learn how to deal with all sorts of personality types and situations and I can bring those skills to the ODS board. In serving on the ODS board, I hope to positively influence the club with new ideas for educational events and planning. I also want to give back to the community that has been so supportive in my Dressage journey. I am grateful for your consideration for the board.

Christina Harmon



Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Tulsa Summit Club

15 W. 6th Street, Tulsa, OK
30th Floor



3:30 pm	Registration
4:00 pm	Annual Meeting
6:00 pm	Dinner and Silent Auction
7:30 pm	Year End Awards Presentation

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape ODS and socialize with other dressage enthusiasts! Learn what ODS achieved in 2015 and what we have in store for the membership in 2016. We need your input and participation to continue making ODS a success.

This year's event will be held at the Summit Club located in downtown Tulsa atop the Bank of Oklahoma Tower. We will be serving a Chef's choice buffet dinner (\$30) with cash bar and door prizes. Our host hotel is Aloft, located at 200 Civic Center, Tulsa OK, 918.947.8200.



Registration Form

RSVP by January 2, 2016

Name: _____ Current Member (2016): ☐ Y ☐ N

Number of Members attending dinner: _____ x \$30 = \$_____

Number of Non-Members attending dinner: _____ x \$33 = \$_____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____ Number attending meeting only: _____ (no fee)

Make checks payable to ODS and mail reservation form and payment to:
Amanda Edwards, 14534 S. Florence Ave., Bixby, OK 74008

Any questions can be directed to Amanda at rideforward@icloud.com

2016 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 _____
Arena Set-up/Tear-Down _____ Photography _____ Fund Raising _____ Other _____

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: Fran Ferrari, 5624 N. Barnes Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73112 fm4re55@gmail.com Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.