



ODS NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

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Dear ODS Members,

The spring and beginning of summer is always busy. Between the Lee Tubman Symposium, ODS Spring I and II, GPC's shows and clinics, and most recently GCC's June show, there has been much horsing around. I am so proud of ODS members, our chapters, and our volunteers as this spring and summer was so successful for both education and show experiences.

The heat is on and there must be care taken to ensure not only that we stay hydrated doing our horsey chores, but our partners have the care they need. With my horses working during the summer mornings, I feed electrolytes each day. It is important to know when it is appropriate and when not to work our horses and how much work is appropriate concerning the heat and humidity. There is so much good information on the web to help us know when the heat and humidity are too much and the warning signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Of course our love for our horses creates the desire to ensure they never experience either of the above.

Come avoid the heat and experience another ODS learning opportunity. On August 13th at 2 pm at Remington Park in Oklahoma City, come participate at the ODS Summer Meeting during lunch followed by presentations: TD Susan Lang on bits and Laurie McDonald on saddle fitting. In Dressage Today Magazine, there is a page written by well-known dressage riders/judges on looking back and if only I had known. If I were writing, two of the

areas would be what a difference the right bit and saddle makes for each individual horse. Bits effect the connection and saddles effect the horses' movement, right after riders' hands and our balance in the saddle. See registration form in this newsletter.

Roberta Clark
President of ODS

From: Christina Harmon, ODS Membership Coordinator.

As a reminder...memberships take 4-6 weeks to process. If you are planning on showing, please remember to get your membership in at least 6 weeks before the show in order for your scores to count. Also, the 2016 membership form is the only form that will be accepted for the remainder of the year. Memberships received after August 1st will be processed for the 2017 year. Incomplete applications will not be processed until complete information is received (i.e. phone number and/or an email address) and returned to sender for additional information, which will cause a delay in processing. Thanks!

New USDF Medals
Kari Nichols-Bronze Medal
Nikki Weitzenhoffer – Bronze Medal
Cheryl West – Bronze Medal
Marie Malonie-Gold Medal

Congratulation to longtime member Deryn Stewart and D'Erin on their Grand Prix debut. They scored a 60% and are ¾ s of the way to their USDF Gold Medal.



Summer Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Remington Park, Ran Ricks Room

One Remington Place
Oklahoma City, OK 73111

11:00 am	Registration
11:30 am	Meeting
12:15 pm	Presentation: Bits, Susan Lang
1:00 pm	Presentation: Saddle Fitting, Laurie McDonald

Don't miss this opportunity to help shape ODS and socialize with other dressage enthusiasts! Learn what ODS has in store for the membership for the remainder of 2016 and what is in the planning stages for 2017. We need your input and participation to continue making ODS a success.

This year's event will be held at Remington Park's Ran Ricks Room located in Oklahoma City. We will be serving Chicken Cordon Blue for lunch. Our guest speakers are Susan Lang, presenting on the history of bits and biting and Laurie McDonald, presenting on Saddle Fitting.

Registration Form

Must be submitted by all attending the meeting.

RSVP by August 3

Name: _____

Current Member (2016): ☐Y ☐N

☐ **Attending the meeting only** (information needed to insure enough seating)

Number to attending: _____ x \$0 = FREE!

☐ **Attending the meeting and lunch**

Number of Members attending lunch: _____ x \$20 = \$_____

Make checks payable to ODS and mail reservation form and payment to:
Erin Nelson, 3409 NW 20th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73107

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



Great Plains Chapter of ODS

Great Plains just wrapped up an awesome recognized show with Mr. Thomas Poulin. He followed it with a positive and productive clinic for several of the riders. Through his patience and experience has really helped raise the level of riders and

competitors in our area. He is especially good at improving a riders competition skills.

Our next big event is a Schooling show and clinic with Gold Medalist and L Judge Lurena Bell on **July 16, 17, 18**. Lurena is a fun judge and clinician who teaches from the trainers perspective. She has clear training and teaching techniques for all levels of riders and horses.

This July show is very helpful if you keep in mind that schooling shows, in addition to providing a measure of competency and recognition of achievement, are also for real **schooling** and working out those show ring glitches so the big shows in the fall will go smoothly. (Recognized shows: September 3,4 and 10 all qualify for Regionals) (Yay!)

In addition it is an excellent opportunity to bring along a new horse in a safe environment. Or for riders wanting to get started or step up to a little bigger show the July Schooling Show is perfect. Everything is done to promote dressage education through showing, lessons and friendships. Join us in this effort.

The Great Plains Chapter encourages your participation to help Dressage continue to grow in our area. See www.greatplainsdressage.com or www.horseshowconsulting.com for entry information.

Robin Hessel

Great Plains hosted a recognized show with Thomas Poulin as judge. The show was webcast live with a relatively large audience tuning in to watch throughout the day. The weather was hot but competitors were able to cool off prior to their ride from the mist system installed at the ingate. In addition to webcasting, competitors and volunteers enjoyed shopping at the Majic Stables tack trailer, brisket salads from the World Cup Cafe, and saddle fit evaluations from Bob Cooper on Friday and Sunday. The clinic was educational with 9 riders ranging from first level to FEI participating. Two riders earned their final scores for their USDF bronze medal as well. The following is a list of high point award winners. For complete class results, please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com.

Introductory Level

Overall: CBMF Fully Loaded / Elizabeth Ontiveros-71.250%

Training Level

Amateur: No Cameras Please / Emily Moser-70.277%

Junior/YR: LR Ami Twilight / Delanie Beavers-68.077

Open: Bravo / Heather Gelvin -71.731

First Level

Amateur: Beyond Flashy's Jet / Jessica Harrison -67.471%

Junior/YR None

Open: Leonidis Diamod / Heather Gelvin -69.531

Second Level

Amateur: Mantreh / Tamera Mayo-63.293%

Junior/YR None

Open: Checkers / Richal Flannery -65.244

Dover Medal : Tamera Mayo-63.293

Third Level

Combined: Charisma / Nikki Weitzenhoffer -66.282%

Fourth Level

Combined : Vashti / Kristin Knutson -67.222%

FEI Level

Combined: Daphene / Marty Hunt-67.000%

Pony High Point

Combined: Cartwheel's Belle Star / Kari Nichols-59.744%

Stacia Wert-Gray

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Green Country Chapter News

None Reported



. North Central Chapter News

The NCC met on June 11th at the Perkins restaurant in Ponca City at 6pm. After dinner a program on starting the young horse and helping a horse with the transitions from one discipline to another was given by Rainee Boyd. We had a question and answer time and quite a bit of participation from our group on this subject. The next meeting will be on July 9th Location to be announced. Everyone is asked to share their favorite horse story at the meeting (we will try to keep it down to 5-10 min. each). So be thinking about your favorite horse story to share that evening. As always are meetings are open to the public and anyone who has a love of the horse. If you're interested in more about the NCC please call Rainee at 580-761-7951.

Thanks

Rainee Boyd

OKC Area Get-Together

Lee Ann Alf is planning to host the next "social" on August 9 at 6:30 pm. It is planned to be a "make a beaded browband" activity. Most materials will be supplied but you are asked to bring the beads of your choice. Measure a browband and bring enough beads to measure that length minus 4 inches. You can purchase beads at Hobby Lobby or bead shops. Chips and dips and water will be served.

HORSE REGISTRATION ENTERED MAY 28, 2016

2378 Bella Tracy Collingsworth
2379 Bushido Laura Custer
2380 Bravo Sarah Field
2381 Gwil Katrina Geren
2382 Razzmatazz Kelly Guile
2383 Affirmed Faith Patti Otto

Member News:

I just wanted to share an interesting tidbit for the ODS Newsletter.

I was so pleased to see all of the wonderful prizes Horse of Course offered at the ODS show in Tulsa. I heard many compliments about the show, management, etc. Everyone said it was a lovely event.

To my pleasant surprise, one of the beautiful awards from Horse of Course went to one of my homebreds, Zuni Sunrijse with owner/rider Lynn VandenBerg at Fourth Level. But a double surprise when another one of my homebreds won the Horse of Course High Score Award at the Centerline Event of the HITS on the Hudson in Saugerties, NY! This time it was Eye Candy and her owner/rider Amy Gimbel. So one in Oklahoma and one in New York. The homebred, Del Mar, won High Score Third Level Amateur at the Del Mar National Show with owner/rider Rimma Paul but, sadly, no lovely prize from Horse of Course! At least the east coast and middle of the country were well represented.

Since during my breeding days I averaged only one foal a year, I think this is very interesting! All from a tiny farm in Arkansas - who knew!!! And many thanks to Beth and Marty Haist for all of their recognition in the dressage community.

Cheers/*Judy Barrett*

More Member News:

I have been blessed to have had some amazing horses. I have rescued horses for about 15 years. I was honored to ride a rescued Hanovarian, General, who is 32 today and retired. A beautiful Oldenburg, Aleron Lunar, who is deceased but taught me much, despite his lymphangitis that kept him partially lame at times. My most recent rescue is a lovely Rhinelander named Comet. He was found by a close friend. She called me up and said we must go see this horse. So we did. He was located in a little town in South Oklahoma. When we got there at this huge western facility he was thin, hyper and a bit frantic. The young lady that had him just wasn't sure he would work at their facility. He had already caught his leg in a fence and cut his leg, thru the coronary band. He had a prior Dressage background, including a therapeutic run. I had my doubts; this didn't look like a dressage horse, and he was definitely lame with a suspensory injury. We got on (by practically jumping up at a trot) and managed to get a ride in. By all accounts I probably should have walked away, but God said, "take him", and I did. We loaded him up, and rode him that day. He was hectic and fast, but willing. Over the last two years, he learned: not to run me over, to back out of my space, to stand still to mount, and to put his head down for the bridle. We have had lots of discussions, some tears, a dump or two, and recently in January, a broken foot. He is not a "free" horse. I have him on supplements, and spent plenty getting him sound. He is high maintenance, but he is mine, and he looks to me now for guidance, and nickers at me when I'm near. We have come to an understanding, and he has taught me a lot about patience, clear cues, timing, and steady contact, with softness. He recently gave me the greatest gift, a Bronze Medal Sat July 2nd, and if he and God are willing we will go for silver!

Cheryl L. West

Connected Riding

High Scoring Oklahoma Dressage Riders Awarded by Hometown Favorite Tack Shop, The Horse of Course

Claremore, OK (June 24, 2016) — Claremore, Oklahoma-based tack shop The Horse of Course, Inc. showed up in full force at the Green Country Dressage Classic I & II at the Claremore Expo Center this past weekend. The

company presented The Horse of Course High Score Award to the eight top-scoring junior, amateur, and open level horse and rider combinations. As an official sponsor of the local Green County Dressage Classics, The Horse of Course was thrilled to give back to the show. Show profits went to benefit the Bit by Bit Therapeutic Riding Program, the American Therapeutic Riding Center, and the Coyote Ridge Reins from Above therapeutic program.

The Horse of Course is based in Claremore, Oklahoma, and is equipped with a mobile unit that travels the country to present its signature High Score Award at elite competitions such as the Adequan Global Dressage Festival and Dressage at Devon. At the Green Country Dressage Classic I & II, the highest-scoring pairs each received an embroidered cooler from The Horse of Course for their excellent performance and notable marks.

First to win a blue ribbon and receive her Horse of Course High Score prize was Lily Rhodes and Details At Last in Introductory Level. Junior rider Simona Forsyth won with Eiresown Fenagh in Training Level test one, and amateur rider Emily Moser with No Cameras Please won Training Level test two. Taking home the blue ribbon and cooler for First Level was open rider Claudia Coley and Dimetrius. In Second Level test one, junior rider Kailey Devore with Fauston NAF and amateur rider Holly Luke with Lust In The Wind earned the highest scores. Third Level test one went to Jonni Allen and FWF Princess Juniana as the highest-scoring open combination. The Horse of Course concluded by awarding open rider Emily Miles and Floretienne for their win in the FEI Prix St. Georges.

Emily Moser and No Cameras Please, better known as "Blake," were thrilled to win The Horse of Course High Score Award, as this is one of their first USDF rated competitions. "We are having a blast, and meeting some really nice folks," Moser said. "I'm so grateful to The Horse of Course for the High Score Award cooler; it is very sharp! Blake's brow-band is actually from The Horse of Course—I love it and we get lots of compliments on it."

Winner Lily Rhodes with Details At Last was also proud to be rewarded for her high score. Rhodes said, "It was really a great way for us to see how hard we had worked together for the past few months for the show. We were successful and had a great time. Winning the cooler was just the cherry on top! I'm sure I will be shopping at The Horse of Course again soon!"

After rewarding so many worthy equestrians in its home state, The Horse of Course mobile tack shop is continuing on touring the country. Next on the itinerary is the Dressage At Lexington Show at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, and then the Dressage At Santa Fe Show in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The Horse of Course is the one-stop-shop for all riders, and has recently been outfitted with an extensive line of products for male clientele. The Horse of Course supplies

popular brands such as König, Pikeur, Vespucci, Cavallo, Passier, and Sommer. The shop's knowledgeable staff is happy to help customers find exactly what they need quickly in between classes, so riders can spend less time shopping and more time in the saddle. For more information about The Horse of Course and the company's complete travel schedule, visit www.thehorseofcourse.com or call 888-494-6773.



The Horse of Course awarded Emily Moser and No Cameras Please with the High Score Award embroidered cooler at the Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Photo courtesy of The Horse of Course).

RIDER'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

(submitted by Anthea Kin)

I must apologize for not keeping up with my monthly articles, too much to do and too little time. So this month is socks and I have to admit I am not into the flashy thin boot socks so if anyone has favorites please chime in. My favorites are for winter smartwool socks, they come in many weights and I prefer the Hike light crew socks which work year round but they also come in medium and heavy weight. All smartwool socks are made from merino wool which is really warm for the winter but also wicking in warmer weather and it is naturally odor absorbant, you can wear these socks for days and they don't smell, [not that any of us have smelly feet] they also have great cushioning. Smartwool also has a line of socks for running which I wear in the summer, they are lightweight and cool. For a great sock to wear under riding boots I recommend "Swiftwick" socks, I love the Performance Four sock, chemically free wicking, thick footbed, medium compression, 3 point arch support, large toe box so no pinching or big toes making holes in the socks and the best of all a double cuff which protects your ankle and Achilles tendon from rubbing and bruising in paddock or tall boots. The "four" refers to the height of the sock and they come in many heights but the four inch is my favorite for underneath riding boots. These socks are designed for athletes and I am so glad to see that more and more manufacturers are actually marketing athletic clothing for riding. Happy riding

GCDC High Score and Breed Awards 2016

SATURDAY

Amateur Tr-1st	70.769	Training 2	No Cameras Please	Emily Moser
Amateur 2nd-4th	61.463	2nd 3	Lust in the Wind	Holly Luke
Jr/YR Tr-1st	65.435	Training 1	Eiresown Fenagh	Simona Forsyth
Jr/YR 2nd-4th	64.39	2nd 3	Fauston NAF	Kailey Devore
Open Tr-1st	74.074	1st 1	Dimetrius	Claudia Coley
Open 2nd-4th	73.59	3rd 3	FWF Princess Juliana	Jonni Allen
FEI	71.053	Intermediate I	Floretienne	Emily Miles
Introductory	67.5	Intro B	Details at Last	Lily Rhodes

Breed Awards

FHANA Friesian	Teske van G and Stephanie Rafferty-Wilson			
Friesian Horse Society	Faustian and Kailey Devore			
Georgian Grande	Princess Julianne and Jonni Allen			
Hanoverian	Wolkenwand and Anthea Kin			
Oldenburg GOV	Finian and Anthea Kin			
Oldenburg NA	Wievbkka and Mimi Benton			
Thoroughbred	Captain Rocket and Anne Landers			

SUNDAY

Amateur Tr-1st	69.808	Training 2	Landstrider	Amanda Edwards
Amateur 2nd-4th	65.303	2nd 1	Lust in the Wind	Holly Luke
Jr/YR Tr-1st	68.088	1st 3	Licelliano	Hannah Bossler
Jr/YR 2nd-4th	63.846	2nd 2	Fauston NAF	Kailey Devore
Open Tr-1st	68.409	Training 3	Bravo	Heather Grady
Open 2nd-4th	75.976	2nd 3	Java Dulce	Emily Miles
FEI	74.412	Dev PSG	Sir Sherlock	Emily Miles
Introductory	68.5	Intro C	Details at Last	Lily Rhodes

Breed Awards

Thoroughbred	Captain Rocket and Anne Landers			
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Brambletye Farm Dressage

Anthea Kin

We are an 80 acre equestrian facility catering to the dressage enthusiast. Located just south of Tulsa, OK. We offer a variety of amenities including:

- Well maintained arenas, indoor has GGT footing and mirrors, outdoor with sandy loam footing.
- Daily turnout in large paddocks with shelters & heated water tanks
- Master Farrier, Olaf Batt, attends to horses every other week
- Regular clinics with International Trainer
- Owner lives on property



Oldenburg gelding "Rousseau" bred, trained and ridden by Anthea. 76% at Training Level, Great Plains and Open Training level Champion.



Anthea's Credentials

- 3 years full time professional training and certification in England
- Chief instructor at several prestigious Equestrian Centers in England
- USDF Gold Medalist
- CLS Five Star Rider
- USDF L Program Graduate "with distinction"
- Many of her students have earned USDF Bronze & Silver medals
- 48 years experience teaching & training
- Two Students in 2014 and 2015 invited to compete at the US Dressage Finals

Anthea & Wolkenwand's Recent Achievements

- 2005 Champion Prekm 5 year old test World Championship Selection Trials
- FEL 5 year old Championships 5th in the Nation
- USDF HOY 5th at 1st level & 4th at 2nd level
- USDF All Breeds Champion 2nd level & Reserve Champion 1st level
- 2006 FEL 6 year old National Championships 11th in the Nation
- USDF All Breeds Champion 3rd level
- 2008 National Developing Horse Championships 6th in the Nation PSG
- National Developing Horse Championships 9th in the Nation
- 2010 Gold medal Int I SWDC and Region 9 Champion
- 2015 Region 9 Res Champion GP Freestyle, 3rd place GP Open, SWDC bronze medal GP open, 11th place US Dressage Finals



Oldenburg Gelding "Finian" bred, Trained and ridden by Anthea pictured at the US Dressage finals where he placed 6th, Region 9 2nd level freestyle Champion and SWDC Gold Medalist scoring 73%

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