



ODS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Dressage Enthusiasts,

I have loved these beautiful days for riding. Falls in Oklahoma are fabulous.

Erin Boone, Patty Couch, Pamela DeVore, Amanda Edwards, Robin Hessel, Marty Hunt, Traci Jackson, Anthea Kin, Kristin Knutson, Marie Maloney, Tamera Mayo, and I are headed out on Tuesday for Katy, TX to compete at the Region 9 Championships. We are grateful for all the well wishes and support. All the riders want to thank Tamera Mayo for organizing many arrangements like the ODS hospitality area. We appreciate Susan Peacock sharing her sponsorship so that ODS can promote at the championships ODS's Spring I and II shows located at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. (See the brochure designed by Amanda Edwards showcasing the facility.)

ODS board members are still exploring educational opportunities. Currently ODS board members are communicating with Jenny Susser, a highly regarded (US Olympic team's) sports psychologist. If you subscribe to "Dressage Today," you will find articles written monthly by Ms. Susser. The board members look forward to other suggests, as our desire is to host 2 educational events per year. Email any board member or Roberta Clark at 55rclark@gmail.com.

Amanda Edwards and Diane Smith are organizing a fabulous AGM location for our meeting, dinner, awards and auction. Be sure to mark your calendars for this wonderful evening with your friends, children, and spouses. There is even shopping besides our silent auction. See information enclosed.

Respectfully,
Roberta Clark
President of ODS

Attention OKC Area Dressage Enthusiasts

Members in the OKC area are organizing monthly meetings/gatherings. They will be informal social and educational non-structured get-togethers and held on the second Tuesday of each month. The first one was September 8 at Lee Ann Alf's home in OKC. We talked about future meetings. It was suggested that a vet might talk about ulcers, a feed rep to talk about current recommendations on feeding and a "chili cookoff" for the January or February meeting. Great doorprizes were given. Janelle Williams husband, Alan, won a saddle pad for his wife as did Joy Quinn's husband, Roger. Other prizes were boot zipper lubricant and a Laurel horse theme cosmetic bag.

The next get-together will be October 13 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Joy Quinn's home in Edmond. The address is 5811 Georgetown Rd., Edmond. Call or email Joy for directions. All dressage enthusiasts are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend (ODS membership not required). RSVP not required but it would be helpful to give Joy a call (341-1478) or email (joyq@cox.net) to let her know how many are coming. Pizza and salad will be served.

(The November meeting will be November 10 at Lee Ann Alf's house tentatively with a Purina Feed rep. Doorprizes again?)



Great Plains Chapter News

GPC had a crazy busy September. It all began with a schooling show and recognized show on Labor Day weekend with Thomas Poulin "S" judging both shows. He stayed for a 2 day clinic to finish out the long weekend. Just ten days later, Robin Hessel "L" judged a huge schooling show at the Oklahoma State Fair with 91 rides (including some group classes). The climax of the recognized show season occurred less than a week later with the GPC recognized show championships with Dolly Hannon "S" judging. She stayed for another 2 days of clinic including a "Ride A Test" workshop.

At the end of all this activity, GPC had two new USDF medalists. Debbie Nutt earned her silver medal and Sierra Phipps earned her bronze medal. What made these accomplishments even more fun was the fact that their mounts were brother and sister. Ddreamweaver and Skip Along Callie were both bred and raised by Debbie Nutt. For complete results including high points, photos, and class results, please go to www.greatplainsdressage.com or www.horseshowconsulting.com.



Green Country Chapter News

None Reported



North Central Chapter News

The NCC had its first show in several years on Sept. 12th. We maybe a small group but we know how to have some fun.

We were small on horse numbers but LARGE on the fun! It was really good to see some of the people that we hadn't seen for a while. We had a very special new Lead line rider in September. Her name is Sophie Wright. She rode her momma's horse Money or Quick Fortune to a first place in Lead Line judged by Lyn Francik. Now Sophie is 1.5 yrs old and her little feet just fit into the stirrups when they were posted. (we also locked them in place). Money, Jenna Dickison Wright's horse, has just recovered from eye cancer and did 2 first level tests at our first show. What is so great about watching these horses is to see how well they truly love their jobs. Money was a barrel racer's horse when Jenna fell in love with him. Took forever to

slow that boy down, but you never would have known that when Sophie was up there. As Sophie addressed her reins Money picked up his head ready for his job. I would say that Sophie has a natural seat like her mother and grandma, but Dad Tucker rides too. You could tell Sophie rides a lot with her Mom and Grandma as when Jenna entered the ring for her 1st. Level tests Sophie could be heard in the background saying "RIDE" RIDE" ! So we all had fun watching the newest equestrian in our area on her debut~! We also had another new girl Lysbeth Stephens who also rode Money in the Walk/Walk test. I would say our President's Jenna Wright's horse Money was our biggest competitor that day! Lysbeth did more of a walk equitation at the direction of Lyn Francik and did a wonderful job on Money and got her first show and those first time butterflies out of her system. I believe that we will be seeing more of these girls as they continue on their equestrian careers.

We had some western riders as well as our traditional Dressage riders. I like seeing the difference that it makes in each discipline.

A Thanks to Bob Mayne and Danielle for bringing over Colt and Pavo and showing us some good Western Dressage moves.

Well if this sounds like fun to you maybe you better come to our next show on Oct. 17th starting around 10 am so lots of time if you need to drive up or down. Watching and enjoying a show is so much pleasure when you know we are supporting the sport, maybe not in large numbers, but we are supporting our group. Anyone interested in our Oct. show just call 580-761-7951 for more information. See ya at the shows!

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Clinics, Clinics, Clinics

There are several clinicians that are coming to Oklahoma on a regular basis. Some clinics are closed and some are open. *If you are organizing clinics, please contact the newsletter editor (leeannalf@gmail.com) to list the information.* Tai Chi for Equestrians clinic regularly. Contact Kay Kamish 918-341-5974 or 918-808-6128 Sarah Martin -Contact Sherry Guess 918-640-1204 Lurena Bell -Contact Lee Ann Alf (leeannalf@gmail.com) next clinic Dec. 10-13

Congratulations To
New SILVER MEDALIST
Debbie Nutt
On
Ddreamweaver

And

New BRONZE MEDALIST
Sierra Phipps
On
Skip Along Callie



Oklahoma Dressage Society
Spring Dressage Show
 May 7-8, 2016
 Tulsa Expo Square
 Tulsa, OK
 USEF Level 2 Competition - SWDC Qualifier
Judges
 Sue Mandas "S"
 Dorie Vlaten-Schmitz "S"
 Joyce Hardesty - TD
Featuring:
 Premium Facility
 2 - Warm Up Rings
 \$1000 Freestyle Competition
 Friday Night Welcome Party
 Champion & Highpoint Awards
 Saturday Evening Competitors Party
 Silent Auction
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Horse Terminology....

- Event Prospect = Big Fast Horse
- Dressage Prospect = Big Slow Horse
- Sporting Prospect = Short Fast Horse
- Endurance Prospect = Fast Horse which will turn sometimes.
- Trail Prospect = Pretty Color
- Flashy = White Socks
- To Loving Home = Expensive
- To Show Home Only = Very Expensive
- Needs Experienced Rider = Potentially Lethal
- Elegant = Thin
- In Good Condition = Foundered
- Free Moving = Bolts
- Quiet = Lamé in Both Front Legs
- Dead Quiet = Lamé in All Four Legs
- Good in Traffic/Bombproof = Lamé all Round
- Deaf and Blind
- Loves Children = Kicks and Bites
- Pony Type = Small and Hairy
- Arab Type = Looks startled
- TB Type = Looks Terrified
- Quarter Horse Type = Fat
- Draught Type = Big and Exceedingly Hairy
- Easy to Catch = Very Old
- All Offers Considered = I am in Traction for 6 months



The following really reflects the Editor's philosophy and how I plan to keep going!



"YOU JUST DON'T LET THAT ROCKING CHAIR TAKE OVER. YOU GET UP AND GO EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO"
 Constance Reeves,
 102-Year-Old Cowgirl
 GrowUpGibber.com



Climate Controlled Warm-Up arena

The Mustang Arena

This arena, pictured above, is 125 ft. by 225ft. allowing us to offer more than enough warm-up space for both FEI and national level riders.

This facility is known for its excellent footing and competitor friendly layout.

Outdoor riding and lunging area is also available.



Excellent Stabling

Tulsa Expo has worked hard to attract quality equine events by remodeling their entire facility with premium stalls all of which are well ventilated. We also have the luxury of offering double stalls for our larger competitors.



**For Entry information
and more details please
visit ShowSecretary.com**

ODS Spring Shows May 7-8, 2016

Tulsa, OK



Everything Under **ONE** Roof!!



Judges are
Sue Mandas "S" and
Dorie Vlatten-Schmitz "S"



Climate Controlled Show Arena

The Oklahoma Dressage Society would invite you to join us May 9 & 10, 2016, for our Spring Shows. We have moved our event to the Tulsa Expo Center. This new facility offers many amenities including spacious climate controlled warm-up and show rings.

We will be using the Ford Truck Arena, pictured above, for our show rings. The arena accommodates two full size rings allowing all classes will be ridden in a full sized arena.

We are very excited about this venue. We have booked this facility through 2018 and have plans to expand the show to a Level 3 in 2017, allowing us to offer JR/YR and Young horse qualifying classes in the future.



For the Competitor

- Friday Night Welcome Party
- Saturday Night Exhibitor's Party
- Vendors
- VIP Tables
- Coffee Bar
- Silent Auction
- Everything is under ONE roof
- Convenient parking
- Excellent RV hook-ups



Sponsorship & Vendor Opportunities are available.

Please contact
Amanda Edwards at
rideforward@cox.net for
details.



2015 ODS AGM & Awards Banquet

January 16, 2016
Tulsa Summit Club
15 W. 6th St., Tulsa OK

Join us for an evening of fun! Our annual meeting at 3:30 pm will be followed by a cocktails, dinner, awards presentation and silent auction. Spouses, friends and significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend!

We are pleased to announce that Equiventure Tack and Apparel will not only be sponsoring our HOY award but they will also have a booth available for shopping!

Finally, our host hotel is Aloft Tulsa Downtown at 200 Civic Center, (918) 947-8200. They are offering two queen beds or a single King bed for \$89/night. Please reference the Oklahoma Dressage Society AGM when you make your reservations.

Questions? Contact Amanda Edwards at rideforward@cox.net