



Centerline

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

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Letter From The President

A unique leadership opportunity awaits you!

Looking for a way to improve your leadership skills, your management skills, something to add to your resume? Okay, I know many of you are retired or about to retire. So how about just wanting to be more involved in ODS. What is the opportunity? That

is up to you. ODS has many volunteer opportunities.

Each year we need three new board members, who are volunteers to help with event planning (symposium and shows), and many other opportunities. ODS cannot survive and thrive without everyone's help.

Please consider what you can do for ODS! If you

have something in mind give any of the Board members a call. Their contact information is on the last page of this newsletter. Thank you in advance for supporting ODS!

Stay cool! & Happy Riding,

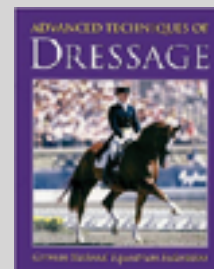
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RECOMMENDED SUMMER READS

Summer is a perfect time to kick back and relax while the thermometer soars. Here's a list of page-turning and informative books that ODS members give a top-star rating and recommend for other horse enthusiasts to pick up and enjoy. Find more recommendations by ODS members on page 17.

Advanced Techniques of Dressage - by German National Equestrian Federation

Germany has won more championship medals in equestrian competitions than any other country in the world. Their success in so many disciplines, including dressage, must be largely due to their training systems, which are applauded the world over as being clear, logical and thorough. *Advanced Techniques of Dressage* is translated from the official instruction manual of the GNEF. It provides an instruction course in advanced level dressage for horse and rider. It describes in detail the criteria governing each stage of dressage training - from transitions and extensions to piaffe and passage - giving aids and training methods to be used for each movement or exercise.





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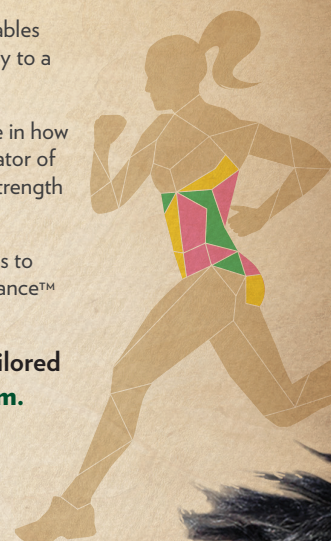
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In training, we must strive that we are finishing our rides with a content and fresh horse. Which means we need to allow the free walk during breaks be a clear indicator of how the training is progressing. Straightness, and long, relaxed, full ground covering strides become a byproduct of quality training that can be influenced with minimal effort from the rider. If this is lacking, it is vitally important that the training is conducted with those ideals as a goal. Until this becomes clearer, I find it best and more suitable to hand walk as a cool down after the ride instead of either a plodding or rider-involved walk. Ultimately, it leads to horse who is pleased in his effort with the rider on his back during the cool down phase.

—Hector Carmona, Jr., FEI Trainer

(reprinted from the ODS Newsletter, Aug '13)

New Horse Registrations

Welcome! These horses are the newest horses to be registered in Oklahoma Dressage Society.

- #2458 Seppe van't Molenhuis (Sheila Reynolds)
- #2459 Constantijn (Katie Edsall)

USDF Instructor Trainer Program Events

Workshops:

- Teaching Workshop: August 11-12 (Ghent, NY)
- Lungeing Workshop: October 27-28 (Salisbury, CT)

Pre-Certification:

- October 28-26 (San Tan Valley, AZ)
- April 27-28, 2019 (Saratoga Springs, NY)

Certification Exams:

- October 26-28 (Potosi, WI)
- November 16-18 (San Tan Valley, AZ)

Continuing Education in Dressage Judging Programs

Approved for USDF "L" Graduate Continuing Education:

- Upgrade Your Judging Eye II, with Stephen Clarke
 - October 27-28, Dripping Spring, TX
- A View From C, with Ida Norris
 - July 18, Glendale, NY

Congrats, Bay Greenhill!

Bay Greenhill, a professional from Siloam Springs, Arkansas, received scores for her USDF Silver Medal at the Green Country Chapter Show. Way to go, Bay!

Bay Greenhill, pictured left, celebrates with Roberta Clark.





Events

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 - Qualify for regional championships

USDF Dressage Seat Medal Semi-Finals

- Riders 18 and under
- Held in conjunction with regional championships
- Eligibility:
 - Score 70% or higher in a dressage seat equitation class* **or**
 - Qualify for regional championships
- Serves as qualifier for USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals

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Volunteer at the 2018 WDAA World Show in Sept. in Guthrie

If you have been curious to find out what Western Dressage is all about, the Western Dressage Association of America World Show to be held Sep 27-30 at the Lazy E in Guthrie is the place to go! The top Western Dressage riders from across the nation will be competing for Championship titles from Introductory Level to (new this year) Level 4. They are expecting around 200 horses and even if it's just for half a day, they can use all the help they can get! Volunteers are needed to help set up/tear down the rings, hand out awards and ribbons, assist with Officials Hospitality and the Press Room, coordinate the vendors and other smaller jobs. More detailed descriptions can be found on the WDAA World Show Website Volunteer application: <http://www.wdaaworldshow.org/2018-western-dressage-world-championship-show-information/2018-western-dressage-world-championship-show-volunteer-application/>

WDAA World Show - Sept. 27-30, 2018 - Lazy E Arena - Guthrie, OK





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Announcements

All Members Invited to ODS Summer Meeting in Tulsa

All ODS members are invited & encouraged to attend the annual Summer Meeting to be held in mid-August in Tulsa. A complimentary lunch will be provided for attendees after the General Membership Meeting. The General Meeting will have discussion regarding the policies & procedures of ODS, future plans for the club as well as discussion about requests or suggestions from members, either from the floor or pre-submitted. After lunch, there will be an educational presentation (details are being finalized).

ODS Summer Meeting

August 18, 2018

Check-In @ noon; Meeting Begins @ 1:00pm

Tulsa County Extension Center
(located @ the Tulsa Fairgrounds)
4116 E 15th Street
Tulsa, OK 74112

Coming soon to the ODS website and July newsletter will be the sign-up for the summer meeting with FREE lunch. Look for more details soon! For more information, contact Kay Kamish at aspenell@aol.com.





ODS Bylaws Change Regarding Officers Up For Vote

At the 2018 ODS Summer Meeting, the following proposed Bylaws change will be voted upon. All ODS members are encouraged to attend the meeting and vote upon these changes. The wording to be considered for revision is highlighted in red below.

Article VIII Officers

Current wording:

Section 2: **Duties and Authority**

B. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties and have the authority of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and/or the Board of Director's may assign. ~~The Vice President is the President-elect for the following year. The Board reserves the right to re-elect the President and Vice-President for a second term if agreed to by the President and Vice-President.~~
(Reviewed 2017)sdfdsf

{The text above in red with strike-through will be replaced by the green text below:}

Proposed Changes:

Section 2: **Duties and Authority**

B. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties and have the authority of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as the President and/or the Board of Director's may assign. *No one should be president unless they have served on the board for at least one year.*





High Score Results from Green Country Dressage Classic

Congratulations goes to these horse and rider teams who earned high scores at the Green Country Dressage Classic in Claremore, OK on June 16-17.

GCDC High Score and Breed Awards 2018				
Saturday Level Awards				
Amateur Tr-1st	71.471	First level 3	Black Velvet	Mikelle Roeder
Amateur 2nd-4th	60.641	3rd level 2	Fauston NAF	Pamela DeVore
Jr/YR Tr-1st	71.471	First level 3	High Lander	Nicole Bossler
Jr/YR 2nd-4th	68.049	Second level 3	Fauston NAF	Kailey DeVore
Open Tr-1st	71.136	Training 3	Wreign HGF	Dallas Sweat
Open 2nd-4th	69.231	Third level 3	QI Gong TF	Katie Shellenberger
FEI	68.235	FEI PSG	FWF Princess Juliana	Jonni Allen
Introductory	69.062	Intro B	Kabilora MAR	Erin Sisson
Saturday Breed Awards				
AHA Arabian	64.135	Children's Team	AAH Jabaskaset Star	Joslyn Allen
Friesian Horse Society	67.308	Training 2	Danzatore	Diane Scott
Georgian Grande	68.235	PSG	FWG Princess Juliana	Jonni Allen
Green Country Arabian	64.135	Children's Team	AAH Jabaskaset Star	Joslyn Allen
Hanoverian/Ger or US	70.909	Training 3	Landstrider	Amanda Edwards
Morgan	65.455	Training 3	Spirit of Phantom	Ashlea Turpin
Oldenburg NA	65.294	First level 3	Happy Go Lucky	Holly Fisher
Sunday Level Awards				
Amateur Tr-1st	73.182	Training 3	Landstrider	Amanda Edwards
Amateur 2nd-4th	62.561	Second level 3	Avalanche's Prince Firestorm	Lisa Miller
Jr/YR Tr-1st	68.846	Training 2	Details at Last	Lily Rhodes
Jr/YR 2nd-4th	65.976	Second level 3	AAH Jabaskaset Star	Joslyn Allen
Open Tr-1st	70.682	Training 3	Maitreyi	Dallas Sweat
Open 2nd-4th	67.308	Third level 3	QI Gong TF	Katie Shellenberger
FEI	65.735	PSG	FWF Princess Juliana	Jonni Allen
Introductory	70.938	Intro B	Kabilora MAR	Erin Sisson
Sunday Breed Awards				
Green Country Arabian	65.976	Second level 3	AAH Jabaskaset Star	Joslyn Allen
Thoroughbred (TIP)	66.765	First level 3	Sky Full of Stars	Gretchen Aycock
		overall	Sky Full of Stars	Gretchen Aycock



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Events

Region 9 Summer Meeting Set For August 4

Everyone is welcome to join us in Fort Worth, TX for the Region 9 summer meeting.

Fort Worth Dressage Club is hosting the Region 9 Summer Meeting. There will be a welcome party in the hotel lobby Friday evening Aug 3 at 6 pm.

Fairfield Inn & Suites
1505 S. University Drive, Fort Worth TX 76107
Ph 817-335-2000

\$144 double occupancy. Cut off date is 7/13/18 for hotel reservations, but you DO NOT need a reservation to attend the meeting.

The meeting itself will be 10 am - 4 pm at the **Cowgirl Museum!** There is free entry and parking. Just 10 min from the hotel, you will be free to wander the museum before and after the meeting.



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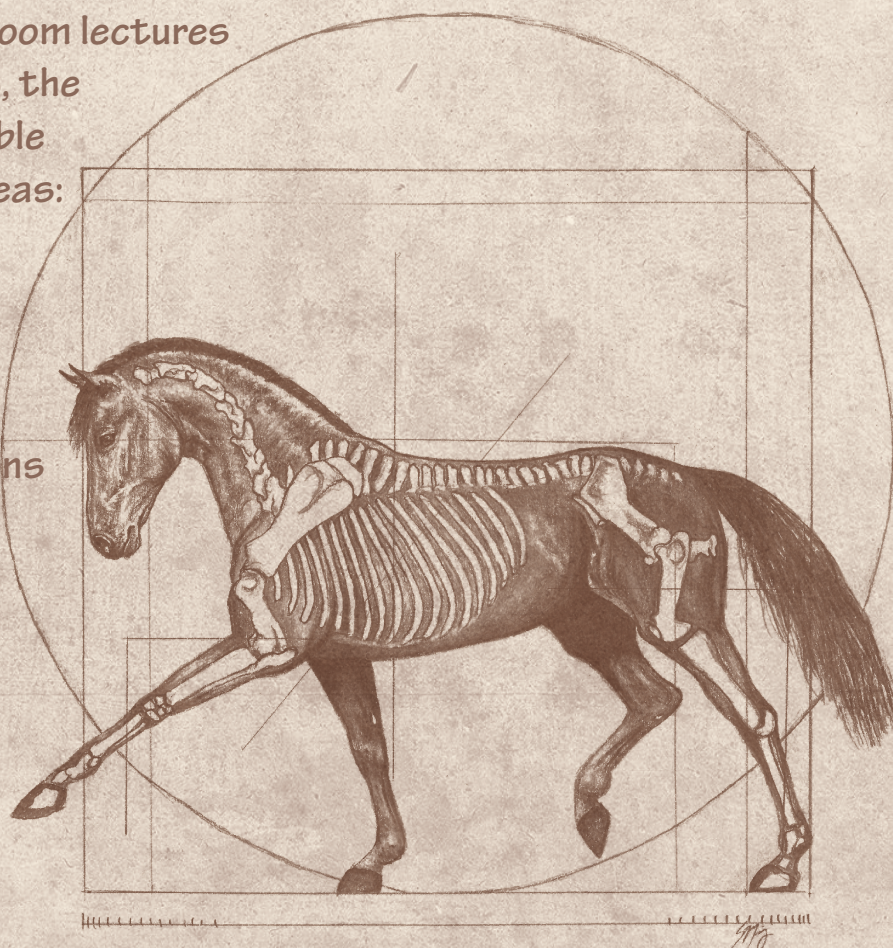
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- Breeding Stock Selection Considerations
- Show Ring Strategies
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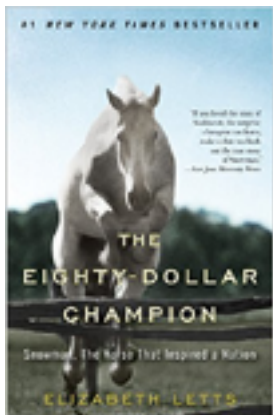
GOOD READS

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME BOOK TITLES THAT HORSE-CRAZY PEOPLE MIGHT ENJOY ON A LAZY SUMMER DAY.*



The Perfect Horse: The Daring U.S. Mission to Rescue the Priceless Stallions Kidnapped by the Nazis - by Elizabeth Letts

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the author of *The Eighty-Dollar Champion*, the remarkable story of the heroic rescue of priceless horses in the closing days of World War II



Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation - by Elizabeth Letts

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Harry de Leyer first saw the horse he would name Snowman on a truck bound for the slaughterhouse. The recent Dutch immigrant recognized the

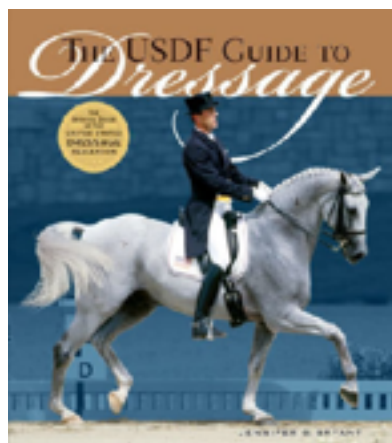
spark in the eye of the beaten-up nag and bought him for eighty dollars. On Harry's modest farm on Long Island, he ultimately taught Snowman how to fly. Here is the dramatic and inspiring rise to stardom of an unlikely duo. One show at a time, against extraordinary odds and some of the most expensive thoroughbreds alive, the pair climbed to the very top of the sport of show jumping. Their story captured the heart of Cold War-era America—a story of unstoppable hope, inconceivable dreams, and the chance to have it all. They were the longest of all longshots—and their win was the stuff of legend.

The Power to Win: Achieving Peak Performance with Hypnosis and NLP - by Laura Boynton King

One of the more frequent challenges faced by equestrians is how to improve their performance. They express frustration that they often possess identical-if not superior-physical

attributes to their competitors, yet they're consistently being out-performed by that competition. In many cases, the problem is rooted in self-doubt, which limits their levels of performance.

Using self-hypnosis, and Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), Laura Boynton King teaches the reader how to identify and accept self-doubt. Once this is achieved, she explains how to stop dwelling on past failures and other negative feelings and images through stress-reduction techniques, positive imagery, and concentration-focusing skills.



USDF
Guide to Dressage: The Official Guide of the United States Dressage Federation - by Jennifer O. Bryant

Whatever your primary equestrian discipline, dressage is an ideal way for you to increase your riding awareness and enhance your relationship with your horse. Providing an overview of basic techniques and a series of helpful training exercises, Jennifer O. Bryant

stresses the tenets of harmonious communication between horse and rider as she guides you through the graceful movements of dressage. With suggestions on how to find qualified instructors and information on necessary equipment, this comprehensive guide will inspire you to explore this exciting and rewarding world.

DO YOU HAVE A BOOK YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND TO CENTERLINE READERS? EMAIL YOUR PICK TO THE EDITOR AND WE CAN INCLUDE IT IN FUTURE NEWSLETTER ISSUES:
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Name of third family member _____ Birth Day Mth ____ / Yr ____ \$ _____

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\$10 North Central Chapter (NCC) \$ _____

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

July

~~15 GPC Schooling Show & Saddle Fittings @ Royse Ranch - El Reno, OK (Canceled)~~

21 Feather Creek Farm Schooling Show in Norman, OK

28 "Hot Summer Nights" Clinic w/ Fran Dearing-Kehr

"S" Judge at High Hill Farm

August

11 Feather Creek Farm Schooling Show in Norman, OK

18 ODS Summer Meeting in Tulsa

Sept

8 West Equestrian Schooling Show @

West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK

~~15 GPC High Hill Schooling Show~~ in Luther, OK (Canceled)

27-30 WDAA World Show in Guthrie, OK - Volunteers Needed

Oct

14 GPC Schooling Show @ Gallery Farm in Noble, OK
20 GCC Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK

Nov

3 GCC Schooling Show & Championships @ Joyful Noise Farm in Pryor, OK

Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members



Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend in person or to call in to the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Stroud Police/Fire Department

starting at 6:30pm.

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

**Next ODS Board Meeting:
August 1
@ 6:30 pm.**

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