

**--- Instructor Showcase ---**

Want a Free Lesson?  
 (Learn, Learn, Learn)  
 More information on  
 pages 3 & 4 of this newsletter!  
 ODS Event!

**--- GMO Challenge ---**

Chance to earn \$500 for your GMO.  
 Region 9 Adult Education Clinic.  
 See details on page 2 of this newsletter!

**--- NAJYRC ---**

“Declaration of Intent” deadline is  
 1 March 2012!  
 See details on page 5 of this newsletter.

***Early March Events:***

**1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** U Tom Poulin Clinic  
 Valley View Equestrian Center  
 Stillwater, OK  
[www.hesseldressage.com](http://www.hesseldressage.com)

**3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** U GCC Schooling Shows  
 Claremore Expo Center  
 Claremore, OK

**3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** U Region 9 Clinic with Lilo Fore  
 College Station, TX

**10<sup>th</sup>** U ODS Trainer Presentation  
 Lily Pond Estate  
 Kellyville, OK

*Detailed calendar & forms  
 available on the ODS website:  
[www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)*

**ANNE KUHNS NAMED  
 REGION 9  
 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

All of us in Oklahoma Dressage Society realize what a spectacular worker Anne Kuhns has been for our club, and now she has been recognized by the entire region.



For years Anne has managed the Green Country Chapter dressage show in June. She has been the ODS Education Chair for the past several years and has made our Dressage Camp a success throughout the area. Anne brought Luke, the horse simulator, to Oklahoma; has presented an educational symposium each spring; and this past year also put together three sessions of the “L” program.



Anne has put in endless hours contacting people to make sure our programs fill, ordering shirts and having our logo embroidered, securing awards (more embroidery), remembering all the

rules and regulations to make our May show flow more smoothly, and keeping everyone on track with what comes next. Anne does all this without ever losing her even disposition. She is endlessly patient and can always figure out a way to make things work.

She has also become the USDF Reg 9 Youth Programs Committee member.

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Her technical knowledge, combined with her historical knowledge of everything that has gone on in ODS for the past few years, made her invaluable for the running of our club.

Anne has just recently told us that she and her husband, Bill, have decided to move to Kentucky, and will be leaving at the end of March. This is going to leave a huge void in our membership and we will miss her endless smile.

**WE WILL MISS YOU, ANNE!**

The new 1/2 points have gone into effect as of Dec 1, 2011. These half points can be very useful for: (1) some movements that include two elements such as the two 10 meter circles in First Level Test 3 and one is a 7 and one is a 6, or (2) when a judge/L Grad is really between two scores or a big modifier such as a down transition in First 3 from the canter lengthen would warrant a half point. The Judges' Committee panel indicated that half points should be used sparingly.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Your scribe must write .0 after every whole number you give, so it would be helpful for your scribe if you say 7.0 and 6.0, etc. If the .0 is not on the test, scorers are supposed to send it back to you to complete.

**GMO Challenge:**

As all are hopefully aware by now, Region 9 is very fortunate to have the opportunity to be hosting the Adult Education Clinic this year with top clinician Lilo Fore. Lilo is a gifted teacher and all in audience will gain a tremendous amount of knowledge from Lilo's eye, teaching techniques and from what a judge and breeder are looking for.

We would like to encourage a huge audience and participation in this clinic to show how much dressage is important and supported in our Region. USDF recently implemented a National Dressage Championship and being located Centrally in the country we would like to be looked at as a mecca all can come to for dressage participation and support.

So we would like to challenge ALL Region 9 GMO's to encourage their members to come audit and participate in this exciting and educational clinic. The GMO that has the largest amount of auditors will be awarded \$500.

The clinic is March 3-4, 2012 in College Station, Texas. Centrally located to all, please see <http://www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/dates-locations.asp>.

ODS member Lindsey Hankins from Piedmont, OK has been selected to ride in this Clinic. Lindsey will ride her Oldenburg, Alecander.

Riders had to submit an application, including their show record and a DVD tape, to the selection committee in order to be considered for a spot in the clinic.

**"Presidents Day"**  
20 February 2012



## Dressage Instructor Showcase

**\*\*Free Lesson for Three Auditors\*\***

**Date:** March 10 (March 31 bad weather date) **Time:** 9:00am to 4:00pm  
**Location:** Lily Pond Estate, 18182 W. 141<sup>st</sup> St. South, Kellyville, OK 74039

This educational event is open to anyone, regardless of their knowledge of Dressage.

This is an excellent opportunity to observe the teaching style, methods, and areas of concentration of several local instructors. You can talk with them, as well as other instructors in attendance, which may be helpful when selecting a dressage instructor.

**The morning** will feature three ODS Dressage Instructors, selected through a random drawing from a group of 20 instructors. Each of the instructors will present a lesson with one of their current students, on a topic of their choice, which will be directed to auditors, as well as the rider. A sound system will be set up so everyone can hear the instructor.

**After lunch**, the same three instructors will present a lesson with a pre-selected auditor who can bring their own horse. The selection of the afternoon riders will be determined by a drawing from those auditors who indicate they are interested in this opportunity. They will be notified before March 10<sup>th</sup> if their name has been drawn.

**What is Dressage?:** The word dressage comes from the French word "dresser", meaning "to train". Dressage is both an Olympic equestrian sport and an art. Dressage principles are a logical, step-by-step progression from simple to increasingly complex movements. Dressage requires the horse and rider to combine the strength and agility of gymnastics with the elegance of ballet. The training of even basic Dressage movements can greatly improve the physical condition of a horse used in any discipline, as well as increasing the focus and ability of the rider. There are Western Dressage classes at a lot of the shows.

### Featured Instructors:

**Kay Kamish** began her dressage training while living in Connecticut by working with Michael Handler, son of the late Gen. Hans Handler, Director of the Spanish Riding School. While in Connecticut she also attended the American Dressage Institute in Saratoga Springs, NY for multiple workshops and was a working student. She worked in clinics with Charles de Kunffy from 1987 ~ 1992. Over fifteen years Kay has studied with Melissa Simms, a top rider at the Egon von Neindorff Reitinstitut in Germany. For the past 7 years she has worked with James Shaw in his 'Ride From Within' clinics, where the principles of Tai Chi, are applied to riding. Kay currently works with Sarah Martin during her clinics in Oklahoma. Kay owns a lovely farm south of Claremore, OK, where she trains her two Dutch WB geldings, occasionally takes on outside horses for training, and gives lessons. Her philosophy in training both riders and horses is that the well-being of the horse must take precedence. The rider must first spend time developing a correct and balanced seat. Only from that secure place can one ride in a way that does not interfere with the horse's movements. Kay holds the USDF Bronze and Silver Medal, and is a USDF "L" Graduate with distinction.

**Denise Laigle** started as a gymkhana and western pleasure rider, then progressed to hunters and jumpers. During college she would gallop race horses before classes. Denise graduated college with a BS in Nursing. She joined the Army Reserve Nurse Corp and began to focus her equestrian pursuits on Dressage. Denise owns Southerly Winds Farm, 15 minutes from OKC. Denise, an FEI trainer, teaches with an emphasis in classical Dressage. In her show career Denise has placed in the FEI Young Horse Regional and National Championships as well as placing in 2<sup>nd</sup> Level horse of the year under USDF and RHPSI. Denise is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist, a USDF "L" Judge "with distinction".

**Stacey Morrison** began riding lessons when 12 years old and enjoyed showing and was successful in competition. At fourteen, she began dressage lessons with Margot Huelke, a student of Erik Herbermann, trainer and author of several dressage books. Stacey found her passion with dressage and spent four years training with Margot, and worked for her in the summers. After a 20 year break from horses to attend college and raise seven sons with her husband, Stacey once again began riding and earned her "Master Instructor" Certification through Certified Horsemanship Association. Stacey started Equus Manor Riding School in 2001 and has the only Accredited CHA facility in Arkansas. She takes horses in for training and teaches lessons year round. Her goal is to have riders learn to become one with their horses. She regularly attends dressage clinics with top clinicians throughout the country and is the founding member of the NW Arkansas Dressage Club.

**Directions: From Tulsa** I-44 West (Turner Turnpike). Exit at #211 (Kellyville/Drumright). Take a left toward Route 66, then turn right at the signal onto route 66 (toward Kellyville). Go 2 miles. Turn left at signs for Schlumberger and Kellyville rodeo arena onto W. 141<sup>st</sup> St. South. Go one fourth of a mile, look for a black welded fence on the right, entrance soon after. **From Oklahoma City** I-44 East (Turner Turnpike). Exit at #211 (Kellyville/Drumright). Turn right, then right again at the signal. Then follow directions above (Go 2 miles...).

# INSTRUCTOR SHOWCASE

## Auditor Registration Form

Registration Deadline: Wednesday March 7th

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Auditing fee (includes Rib Crib lunch) \$25 x number in party \_\_\_\_\_ =\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to ODS.**

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**What would you like to see the instructors teach as their demonstration?**

How to ride accurate circles? Exercises that lead to roundness?  
Leg yielding? How to ride a test? How to correct position problems?  
Posting exercises?

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Would you like to have a free lesson in the afternoon with one of the instructors?**

All riders eligible regardless of level of horse or rider.

**YES!!!! I am interested in being included in the drawing for a free afternoon lesson.**

If you are selected, your auditor fee will be refunded. All riders (morning and afternoon) will be provided free admission, free stall with bedding, and free lunch!!

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Horse's breed, age, training level \_\_\_\_\_

Your riding ability and discipline \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Horse owners/riders must present proof of Negative Coggins\*\*\***

**What to bring:** This event will be held in an unheated indoor arena. Bring enough clothing suitable for the weather, a lawn chair and note pad if desired.

**For further information:** [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org), or email [skob@tulsacconnect.com](mailto:skob@tulsacconnect.com)

**Registration Deadline, Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Send registration form and payment to: Sharon O'Banion, 724 S. 85<sup>th</sup> East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74112**

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# NAJYRC

Newsletter

## FEI Junior and Young Riders!

*It's Time To.....*

- Complete your horse's FEI passport
- Complete FEI registration for you and your horse
- Seek sponsors for the team
- Plan and support team fundraisers



## USED TACK SALE NAJYRC Fundraiser

Texas Dressage Classic  
March 23-25, 2012

Bring your used tack and apparel items that are in good, clean condition to sell at the TDC show in Tyler including helmets, bridles, girths, boots, pads, reins, saddles, etc. Riders need to plan to spend time manning the "sales booth" during the show. Email [Lisa Uhlir](mailto:Lisa.Uhlir) the week prior to the show for scheduling.



## Budget Update

Expenses for the 2012 NAJYRC are expected to be \$14,000. This amount covers rider entry fees, chef d'equipe expenses, and the rider stipends. Expenses for team gear such as shirts, jackets, and bags are in addition to this. If you know of a business or individual who would like to be a team sponsor please contact [Ed Lavallee](mailto:Ed.Lavallee).

## Special Clicks of Interest

- [Click here](#) for 2012 Region 9 NAJYRC Qualifying Competitions.
- [Click here](#) for the 2012 NAJYRC Qualifying Criteria.
- [Click here](#) to view the Region 9 2012 NAJYRC Qualifying Brochure.
- [Click here](#) to view email from Jeremy Steinberg to FEI Pony, Junior and Young Riders.

## NAJYRC Declaration of Intent Deadline March 1, 2012!

2012 [Declarations of Intent](#) for NAJYRC are due in the USDF office by March 1, 2012, with a declaration fee of \$50.<sup>00</sup>. Declarations received after March 1 but received by April 1 will be charged a declaration fee of \$300. No declarations of intent will be accepted after April 1, 2012! Contact [najyrc@usdf.org](mailto:najyrc@usdf.org) or [Ed Lavallee](mailto:Ed.Lavallee) for more information.

## USDF/Platinum Performance Region 9 Clinic

Region 9 and North Texas Equestrian Center welcomed clinician Jeremy Steinberg and eight of the region's top junior and young riders to the USDF/Platinum Performance Jr/YR clinic on January 28-29<sup>th</sup>. This clinic series which is supported with funding from The Dressage Foundation, features annual clinics in each of the nine USDF regions and targets young dressage talent in riders ages 14-21. This year the guest clinician was USEF Youth Dressage Coach, Jeremy Steinberg, who engaged both riders and auditors with his animated teaching style, humor and creative analogies. The clinic had several local sponsors that made the weekend lots of fun as well as educational. Many thanks go to Kai Handt at NTEC for donating the stabling and the use of the facility free of charge. Beth Haist at The Horse of Course donated many beautiful door prizes for the enjoyment of the auditors and Susan Johnson at Dover Saddlery in Dallas donated gift certificates to each of the riders and a beautiful cooler as a door prize.



2012 USDF Jr/YR Clinic - Region 9



## 2012 ODS Schooling Show Applications

**NO SHOWS will be but on the Website UNTIL we have received your \$20 fee.**

1. Use an ODS Approved Judge. (Use ODS's list of approved judges for your schooling show)
2. Show proof of event and/or facility insurance if you are an ODS Chapter.
3. Submit the fee of \$20 and the ODS Schooling Show Application at least 45 days prior to the show. A judge does not have to be determined when the application is submitted.
4. Full approval of the show for year end awards purposes only will follow, when judge is established and insurance is verified.
5. Send results via email to ODS Webmaster and Newsletter Editor ([webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org](mailto:webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org) & Sue Twitty, [twittyhome@mcloudteleco.com](mailto:twittyhome@mcloudteleco.com))
6. **A full set of results including the horses registration number need to be sent to the Awards Secretary. Raine Boyd, [raineboyd@gmail.com](mailto:raineboyd@gmail.com) and/or [raine.m.boyd@conocophillips.com](mailto:raine.m.boyd@conocophillips.com)**
7. Include the following statement on the show entry form: **"ODS Approves This Show For Awards Purposes Only"** Contact the Schooling Show Coordinator if you have any questions.

The Newsletter editor must receive all information for the Newsletter by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month. You must be a reg. member of ODS and have a reg. Horse ID with ODS to qualify for the "ODS Schooling Show Championships" and the "ODS Year End Schooling Show Awards".

SHOW SPONSOR	DATE	JUDGE	LOCATION	CONTACT

**YOU MAY APPLY FOR UP TO 4 SCHOOLING SHOWS ON THIS ONE FORM. OVER 4, USE ANOTHER FORM.**

**Send Application to: ODS Schooling Show Coordinator:**

Raine Boyd 580-761-7951 email: [raineboyd@gmail.com](mailto:raineboyd@gmail.com)

Send application to: 9251 N W St., Newkirk, Ok. 74647

**PLEASE send your schooling show results**

**INCLUDING The ODS Horse Registration Number to:**

**ODS Schooling Show Awards Secretary:**

Raine Boyd 1-580-761-7951

Email [raineboyd@gmail.com](mailto:raineboyd@gmail.com)

Email [raine.m.boyd@conocophillips.com](mailto:raine.m.boyd@conocophillips.com)

**Office Use Only:**

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Received: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Verified: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF), and belongs to Region 9. See also [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) and [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

New Membership       Renewing Membership       Information Change only

Paypal Transaction # \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (for Invitation Use) \_\_\_\_\_

USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30. Apply this membership to year 20 \_\_\_\_

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both boxes for that section.

\$45 Senior, Adult, Vintage       Open       Amateur       Vintage

\$20 Charter / Life

\$35 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate  
*(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2012 for 2012 membership, even though membership year begins in 2011.)*

\$55 Family (for two family members) Name of second family member \_\_\_\_\_

\$10 Add third family member Name of third family member \_\_\_\_\_  
Please include birthdates 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 New Stillwater/Central Oklahoma Area Chapter (Final name still under consideration by members)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed

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?

Scribing       Scoring       Organization/Management       Accounting       Spreadsheets  
 Website       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 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If Junior Rider, this form must be signed by parent or guardian)*

Mail this form, with appropriate check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to:  
Beth Circle, 5433 Oak Leaf Drive, Tulsa, OK 74131      [bcircle@rentechboilers.com](mailto:bcircle@rentechboilers.com)  
Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing.

## ODS ADVERTISING RATES & OPPORTUNITIES:

### NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING BASIC AD RATES:

Full page: **\$40**  
Half page: **\$20** | Quarter page: **\$10**  
Business Card Ad: **\$7.50**

Schooling Show or Clinic  
Announcements | News & Web:  
**\$20** for the first insertion  
**\$15** per month thereafter

***Deadline is the 15th  
of the preceding month.***

**Calendar listing: Free**

*Depends on space allowed.*

**Non-commercial classified ads:**  
Members: **Free** | Non-members: **\$5**  
*Classified ad length may be  
modified by the editor if space is limited.*

### WEBSITE BANNER ADS:

Placement at the discretion of the  
webmaster & include a link to their site.  
3 Months: **\$30** | 6 months: **\$60**  
1 year: **\$120.00**

*Links on the calendar are free as space allows.*

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