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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

We are a little late in getting this issue of the newsletter out because we've had a busy end to April and a very busy beginning to May. The last weekend in April we hosted Anne Gribbons for our annual symposium. We are still working on a final report so stay tuned! Then the first weekend in May was our two ODS spring shows. Both events were very successful. We had over 60 auditors at the symposium and a full horse show!

The next recognized shows are the Green Country Chapter's two shows in June. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the many schooling shows that are also coming up this year.

A huge "thank you" goes out to all the volunteers for both the

symposium and the horse shows. Events like these cannot happen without your help. We can always use lots of volunteers, so please help out the club and get involved.

The next ODS event will be our summer meeting. The date will be announced soon. It will take place in the Tulsa area.

If you have registered a horse online, please be sure to send in payment if not paid online. I have a list of those who have registered their horse(s)

online but have not paid for them. If your horse(s) are not listed in the new horses list in any newsletter, that is because we have not received payment.

I hope everyone has the opportunity to get out and attend many of the clinics, shows and events in store for this spring before the weather gets too much warmer!

Happy Riding,
Pamela DeVore
President, Oklahoma
Dressage Society



Pamela DeVore on Fauston NAF at the Anne Gribbons Symposium

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George Williams	2010-Present

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A FOCUS ON TRAINING: THE THOUGHTFUL RIDER

Positive Training: Creating the Spark & Enthusiasm from wishing your Horse

Many times in retraining a horse ultimately it is the ingredient of enthusiasm that is missing and the only way to attain it is with forward riding. Get away from the exercises you are performing and get back to them once you have attained the spark. Then the exercises will have the true purpose of development.

During the stage of forward riding reduce the length of the ride to roughly the 15-20 minutes with the goal being a little cluck cluck from the voice and to have all the eagerness that is available. In order to do this first we must get the balance so he is not on the forehand. It is not hard to do. The neck needs to be with the poll as the highest point. You need to feel his center of gravity become located more under you and more to the quarters. For this to be successful both the rider and the horse must be awake. Horses will respond; they are good souls. This attitude should be there from the onset; otherwise we only warm-up inefficiently without preparing the horse for the possibilities. And so between you and your horse it is building the fire.

Energy: without it what is there? The goal needs to be finding where the edge is and going beyond it. Once you know where the edge is then all you need to do is back off a little bit. The horse's mind will guide you. All this needs to be done in short bursts and not sustained ones. Think and act as if you are training him for the thoroughbred races and put dressage on the backburner. Excitement from you and him is the task at hand.

Work 15-20 minutes with the breaks included with no segment lasting more than 5 minutes more or less. Praise him plenty as he begins to awaken up and takes the bit from his quarters. This is done with light seat positioning from the rider and positively no sitting trot. But remember this will not work if he is on the forehand so you must change his center of gravity first before going only more forward.

When the spark and enthusiasm is within the horse and you can feel it even before mounting then it's time for the next phase of education in positive training. Your horse will be grateful and happy for the joy you are presenting him. Without joy there is no real dressage and there never will be true beauty.

- Hector Carmona, Jr., FEI Trainer

Texas Dressage Master Class with Isabell Werth

October 12-14, 2018 at Haras dos Cavaleiros in Magnolia, Texas: The Dressage Showcase starts Friday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m with a 1-on-1 live streamed interview with the UK's Eleanore Kelly. Werth will explain her training methods and the stepping stones she takes in bringing a young horse up the levels to the highest level of dressage - the Grand Prix.

"This promises to be an historic occasion and we are so honoured to be able to bring dressage fans in the U.S. this unprecedented opportunity to learn first-hand from one of the greatest riders in our sport's history," Forbes said. "Coupling this with the chance to see the best horses and riders in Texas. This clinic guarantees everyone who attends an experience that they will truly never forget!"

For details, including rider application or auditor registration, go to <https://www.usdf.org/e-news/may18/region9.asp>.



New Horse Registrations

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

- #2447 Avalanche's Prince Firestorm
- #2448 Diogenes
- #2449 Pennies From Heaven
- #2450 Snowbird SP
- #2451 Kabilorj Mar




USDF Regional Adult Amateur Equitation Program

Recognizing Adult Amateurs Competing in Equitation

USDF Adult Amateur Equitation Regional Finals classes are held in conjunction with the Great American/USDF Regional Championships.



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Anne Gribbons Symposium Highlights

Topic: The Use Of Exercises Through The Progression Of Training

Over sixty auditors and sixteen horse and rider pairs traveled from Arkansas, Texas and across Oklahoma to Royse Ranch, the Redlands Community College's fantastic equestrian facility in El Reno, OK. Anne Gribbons, a preeminent judge, rider, trainer, advisor (and more!) shared her vast knowledge with everyone who went home more confident and skilled in the world of dressage.

A huge "thank you" goes out to the volunteers who helped make this event a wonderful experience for all! Your time, energy and smiles make events like this symposium first-rate!



Emily Moser on No Cameras Please



Laurie Hedlund on Pleasant Picasso



Bay Greenhill on Licelliano



Kay Kamish on Double Agent WF



Dallas Sweet on Wreign



Gwyneth Baggett on Renzi



Nikki Weitzenhoffer on Ali Baba



Marilyn Coffey on Trial By Fyre



Events

“Thank You” To ODS Spring Show Sponsors, Vendors, Volunteers!

A huge “THANK YOU” goes out to the following companies and individuals who sponsored the ODS Spring Horse Show! Generosity such as theirs helps our organization host first rate events!

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Audi Tulsa



Tulsa ODS Spring Recognized Show

“Thank You” Wonderful Volunteers & Donors!

Although we think of the show occurring on the weekend, the real preparation starts the year before and the arena preparation starts at least two days before. Robin Grain-Walkup and her husband David joined the management team to welcome and settle in the early arrivals. A crew of eight (Marilyn Bassett-Coffey, Patty Couch, Frankie Craig, Lynna Gilstrap, Sherry Guess, Kay Kamish, Marta Koenig, and Nancy Trait-Lira) were there to set up the arenas on Thursday and Pam Rhodes brought a trailer full of beautiful flowers to decorate the arenas.

Jan Cibula and Connie Coker set up the Silent Auction on Saturday morning and worked until late in the evening, taking money from purchasers, and removing items that were to be picked up the next day. Jan even returned Sunday to close out the auction, while Connie returned to scorer and run tests all day Sunday.

Our scribes Pam Hogg and Veronica Moody risked terminal hand cramps from writing the copious notes our judges dictated. The judges were thrilled to have the same people both days since that makes their job much more comfortable and they were very complimentary of their scribes' skill!

Our scorers -- Connie Coker, Katrina Geren, Lynna Gilstrap, Susan Mohler, Alaina Orban, Laura Taylor --toiled away in the office and even helped with running on Sunday.

The smiling greeters handing out tests and awards were David Walkup, Donna Copeland and Teresa Wilkerson. Any number of people helped with running, including Lisa Jewell, who for once didn't have her camera, and Cathy Orban. Risking the loss of fingers as bit checkers were Holly Fisher and Nancy Trait-Lira, who also helped Patty Couch and Lynna Gilstrap with warm-up arena chores.

The end of the show brought a flood of volunteers to load up the arenas and close up the office and I'm afraid I shirked my list-making duties, but their help is greatly appreciated !

Workers include, but definitely not limited to --- Marilyn Bassett-Coffey, Jan Cibula, Connie Coker, Donna Copeland, Patty Couch, Frankie Craig, Holly Fisher, Katrina Geren, Lynna Gilstrap, Robin Grain-Walkup, Pam Hogg, Lisa Jewell, Kay Kamish, Marta Koenig, Susan Mohler, Veronica Moody, Alaina and Cathy Orban, Pam Rhodes, Brian Rogge, Laura Taylor, Nancy Trail-Lira, David Walk-up, Teresa Wilkerson.

Apologies to anyone left off this list! I know this list doesn't include many others behind the scenes who helped make this show a success. There was so much work done that went into organizing the management, the activities, the social events, awards, housing the judges, ordering awards and tj-shirts, sponsorships -- etc etc etc! ODS appreciates you all!

A special shout out “thank you” goes to all those who gave toward the silent auction. Many gave their time, money and “treasures” that all went toward raising funds so we can host the show in a fantastic facility. The silent auction earned just shy of \$2000! Way to go!

--- Sherry Guess, Volunteer Coordinator



NOTE: If you left a Disney jacket at the May recognized show in Tulsa, contact Roberta Clark to claim it: 55rclark@gmail.com

Events

A Super GCC Schooling Show!

Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK played host to the Green Country Chapter's schooling show on May 12th. Horses and riders in Western dressage, classical dressage and Prix Caprilli classes showed their best on a very windy day. Even several hunter/jumper horse and rider pairs joined in the dressage show experience!



*Juliet Bell, Earned High Point on Lionheart!
Doris Degner-Foster, an awesome Paddock Master!*



These fun show office volunteers make it look easy!



Olivia Chatron aboard SGF Lily's Dixie



Linda MacDonald aboard Odie



We know who's in charge!

Notes from the Recognized Spring Show

In early May, the Tulsa Fairgrounds served as "home away from home" for many horses and riders from around the region.

The many sponsors of this ODS show made for a first class experience. From the beautiful coolers provided by Horse Of Course to the sleek Audi Q7 display, the delicious breakfast spread by Oakridge Equine Hospital and the many individual and family sponsorships. Thank you to all who pitched in with their time, energy and funding to make the spring shows I & II a fantastic success!





Announcements

Congrats To The 2018 Oklahoma Dressage Spring I Breed Registry Winners!

American Hanoverian Society

Laura Custer/Bushido LNF

Friesian Horse Association of North America

Jamie Knight/Teske van G.

Friesian Sporthorse Association

Pam DeVore/Fauston NAF

KWPN-Dutch

Kathleen Stanek/Passe Partout

ISR Oldenburg N.A.

Mimi Benton/Dior WF owned by Holly Luke

Oldenburg Horse Breeders Society- German Oldenburg Verband

Happy Go Lucky/Holly Fisher

Georgian Grand/IGGHR

FWF Fires of Fame/Kathleen Stanek

IALHA Andalusian/Lusitano

Teodoros Milagro/Gail Abele

Trakehner

Vashti HP/Kristin Knutson

Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Saturday

Training level and Overall- Felix Felicis/Addison Keen

First Level- Red Poll/Elizabeth Crowder

Thoroughbred Incentive Program (TIP) Sunday

Training level and Overall- Felix Felicis/Addison Keen



Congrats To All Top Performers At The Spring Horse Shows In May!

Oklahoma Dressage Society Spring I High Score 5/5/2018						
Level	Score	Class	Division		Horse	Rider
INTRO	67.188	INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST A	JR/YR	450	FALORIA GCH	EVYN DUNCAN
FIRST	68.382	2015 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	351	BLACK VELVET	MIKELLE ROEDER
FIRST	71.029	2015 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	403	COUNT CHRISTO	GAIL ABELE
FIRST	60.882	2015 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	383	RENZI	GWYNETH BAGGETT
THIRD	66.515	2015 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	374	MADOC ALL DUN	JULIE MADRIGUERA
THIRD	61.061	2015 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	391	RUBIN'S PASSE PARTOUT	KATHLEEN STANEK
TRAIN	71.136	2015 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	395	LANDSTRIDER	AMANDA EDWARDS
TRAIN	68.636	2015 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	318	FELIX FELICIS	ADDISON KEEN
TRAIN	78.864	2015 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	413	FORTUNE COOKIE SCF	GAIL ABELE
SECOND	67.273	2015 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	359	SISTER SARA SF	ERIN NELSON
SECOND	66.538	2015 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 2	Open	354	SANDRINO	GAIL ABELE
SECOND	63.293	2015 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	369	RICCI ROBINSON	OLIVIA PATTON
FOURTH	65.405	2015 USEF FOURTH LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	408	FINIAN	ANTHEA KIN
FEI	67.5	2018 FEI YOUNG RIDER TEAM	JR/YR	379	APACHI	TILLIE JONES
Bob Pape Award						
	71.136	2015 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	395	LANDSTRIDER	AMANDA EDWARDS
Bee Pape Award						
	68.636	2015 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	318	FELIX FELICIS	ADDISON KEEN
PONY						
	67.821	2015 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Pony	374	MADOC ALL DUN	JULIE MADRIGUERA

Oklahoma Dressage Society Spring II High Score Results 5/6/2018						
Level	Score	Class	Division		Horse	Rider
INTRO	67.188	INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST A	JR/YR	450	FALORIA GCH	EVYN DUNCAN
FIRST	74.706	FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	403	COUNT CHRISTO	GAIL ABELE
FIRST	63.594	FIRST LEVEL, TEST 2	JR/YR	446	NUBAR AMIGO SHINE	MACKENZIE KESSLER
FIRST	69.706	FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	359	SISTER SARA SF	ERIN NELSON
THIRD	60.152	THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	355	RULON	RENEE SMITH
THIRD	66.061	THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	374	MADOC ALL DUN	JULIE MADRIGUERA
TRAIN	71.591	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	413	FORTUNE COOKIE SCF	GAIL ABELE
TRAIN	72.826	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 1	JR/YR	318	FELIX FELICIS	ADDISON KEEN
TRAIN	70.385	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	Amateur	395	LANDSTRIDER	AMANDA EDWARDS
SECOND	64.512	SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	369	RICCI ROBINSON	OLIVIA PATTON
SECOND	70.897	SECOND LEVEL, TEST 2	Open	354	SANDRINO	GAIL ABELE
SECOND	65.758	SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	415	BUSHIDO LNF	LAURA CUSTER
FOURTH	65.946	FOURTH LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	408	FINIAN	ANTHEA KIN
FEI	69.265	FEI PRIX ST. GEORGES	Open	336	GATINO VAN HOF OLYMPIA	JAMI KMENT
OVERALL SHOW HIGH SCORES FROM BOTH SHOWS COMBINED						
	78.864	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	413	FORTUNE COOKIE SCF	GAIL ABELE
	72.826	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 1	JR/YR	318	FELIX FELICIS	ADDISON KEEN
	71.136	TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	395	LANDSTRIDER	AMANDA EDWARDS



Events

USDF Youth/Young Adult Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Seminar Featuring Susan Mandas

Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24, 2018

at Oak Hill Ranch in Folsom, LA

Participants (\$175 each) must be between the ages of 14 and 27. A guardian (\$85 each) is required for people under 18. All participants can have one guardian if they choose, regardless of age.

Register by June 8, 2018.

Details @ <http://www.oakhillranch.com>



2019 GAIG/USDF Regional Championships Details Determined

Region 9: October 3-6, 2019 at Great Southwest Equestrian Center

Regional Championship Owner Membership Update:

Effective for the 2018 regional championships, owners must have a USDF Participating or Business Membership and a USEF membership (Junior Active, Senior Active, Life, or Recorded Farm (with Active Farm Owner)). If the horse has more than one owner, at least one owner must have both active USEF membership and active USDF Participating or Business Membership. For a business or farm to be the valid owner under this requirement, it must be listed as an owner of the horse with both USEF and USDF.

Attention Competitors & Judges! Be Aware Of New USEF Rule Changes

USEF 'R' Technical Delegate and Co-chair of the US Equestrian Dressage Sport Committee Lisa Gorretta explains the newest USEF rule changes in **episode 176** of the USDF Official Podcast.

Attention Youth Riders - Mark Your Calendars!

The USDF Region 9 Jr/YR Clinic, featuring George Williams, will be held June 23-24, 2018, at WV Dressage LLC, in Waller, TX. The rider deadline is May 11, and auditor preregistration ends June 8. More information on this clinic can be found on the USDF website.





Events

Dressage Elevated — The 2018 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention

USDF invites you to attend the 2018 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention, November 28 through December 1, in Salt Lake City, Utah!

Nestled between the basin of the Wasatch Mountains and the Great Salt Lake, Salt Lake City claims a bounty of outdoor recreation and metropolitan culture. The host hotel, the Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, is directly connected via skybridge to the City Creek Center, which boasts over 100 stores and restaurants. Conveniently located within walking distance is the Temple Square (home of the Utah Symphony and Tabernacle Choir), where you can enjoy local events, architecture, and gourmet dining. Be sure to check out the amazing cultural museums and historical sites as well.

The "Ski City" slopes of Park City (which held the 2002 Winter Olympics) are just 28 miles east of Salt Lake City, and host wonderful skiing and many other winter activities. You can also travel just 19 miles to the west and see the Great Salt Lake. Both locations offer convenient shuttles from several downtown Salt Lake City locations.



2018 US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan® Returning to the Kentucky Horse Park

Lexington, KY (May 4, 2018) - The US Dressage Finals presented by Adequan® will be returning to the Kentucky Horse Park, November 8-11, 2018. In its sixth year, this year's event boasts prize money totaling \$100,000, the most ever. Created as a national, head-to-head competition to showcase top adult amateur and open competitors, the US Dressage Finals also plays host to some of the top officials in the sport. This year's invited officials are judges Janet Foy, Anne Gribbons, Gary Rockwell, Kristi Wysocki, William Warren, Sue Curry Shaffer, Joan Darnell, Janet Hannon, Elizabeth Kane, Kari McClain, Kathy Rowse, and Dorie Vlaten-Schmitz, and technical delegates Fran Cross and Jean Kraus.

The US Dressage Finals represents the best of the best, from across all USDF regions. In order to make attending the event more affordable for those furthest away, travel grants are made available to riders from applicable states, including Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, and Colorado.

US Dressage Finals Organizing Committee Chair and USDF Vice President Lisa Gorretta added "We are excited to return to the Kentucky Horse Park for the 2018 US Dressage Finals and are thrilled to be able to offer \$100,000 in prize money! Building upon five successful years, we look forward to the opportunity to again showcase and recognize the top talent from each of our nine Great American/USDF Regional Championships, which serve as qualifiers for the head to head competition at the Finals."

For more information about the US Dressage Finals, or the Great American/USDF Regional Championships, please visit www.usdressagefinals.com and www.usdf.org, respectively. The prize list for the event will be available June 1, with declarations opening July 1 and nominations opening September 6.



Events

Houston Dressage Society Hosts CDI Small Tour Showdown

The Houston Dressage Society's (HDS) Texas-sized clash of the Small Tour horses at the Shoofly Farm CDI and Houston Dressage Classic I & II in Katy, Texas, was a battle for the books.

Adult Amateur Bonnie Canter and professional trainers Nancy Hinz and Marta Renilla duked it out and each took home a win in the CDI2* Prix St. Georges, Intermediaire I and Intermediaire Freestyle April 27-29 at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center.

Canter led the class of 12 competitors in the April 27 CDI2* Prix St. Georges, where she and her own Fifinella GCF captured the win with a 68.824 percent followed by Hinz on Carzanola with a 67.843 percent and Renilla on Rhustler with a 66.569 percent.

It was the 8-year-old Fifinella's first Prix St. Georges. Canter wasn't keen to start the mare's Small Tour career with a CDI, but she was persuaded to do so in order to support HDS and to be a part of the only CDI in the state of Texas.

"It was all my husband's idea," she said of her husband Doug, a member of the HDS board of directors. "But the CDI was a great experience. It was fun to watch all the talented pairs at work, particularly since many of them are good friends. We are lucky to have a super well-run show like this, with this level of competition, in our own backyard. A big thank you to HDS, Shoofly Farm and the other sponsors."

Canter has owned Fifinella, a 15.1-hand, Connemara/Hanoverian cross (ES Fred Astair-South Ridge Bliss) since she was 2 and has trained the mare up the levels herself. In the last two years, they have won a championship at Second Level and two reserve championships at Third and Fourth Levels at the US Dressage Finals.

"I was happy with the ride and really, really proud of Fifi. Looking at the video you can always see things that you'd like to do better. She is just 8 this year so it's the very early days for her."

Since the mare has just started competing at PSG, they did not enter the other Small Tour classes at the Shoofly CDI. Instead they entered the Developing PSG class where the pair earned a 68.897 percent on April 29.

"I hope to nudge her up to I-1 toward the end of the year," she said. "At this point, she needs the strength and we need to tidy up the loose ends before we move up a level"

Small Tour Showdown Continues with Intermediaire I

On April 28, with 11 in the class, the standings changed and Renilla claimed the blue ribbon in the CDI2* Intermediaire I on Rhustler with a 68.725 percent to edge out Hinz by a quarter of a percentage point.

"Rhustler is a horse that is just getting stronger and stronger," Renilla said of her 9-year-old American Hanoverian gelding (Rosseau-Rheporter, Royal Prince). "He's taking longer than other horses. He can do everything Grand Prix but now he's starting to show off his power in the small tour."

The pair has represented Spain twice in the Nations Cup in Wellington, Florida, and in 2017, they earned a team bronze medal there. She said he got a tune-up in late March while in Florida, where she trains with Conrad Schumacher.

"I had Nations Cup and then I was able to have the clinic with Conrad," she said. "That brought me even more feel of what I am looking for and then at the show I had a plan. Rhustler is a horse who needs his mama. When I'm on his back, the world can explode but he has mommy on top. I think when you have that partnership with your horse, it's very special. I feel very grateful that he gives me his best every time I ride him."

Renilla said she will continue training the Grand Prix and enter some recognized shows at that level.

"Canter pirouettes are very easy for him and canter zig-zags are a piece of cake," she said. "He's very talented for everything. He can do the tempis for Grand Prix effortlessly. He has big suspension and big gaits but he has to learn to get shorter and quicker behind in the piaffe. Because his gaits are so huge, he's boing, boing. He's a dancer. He doesn't know how to trot average."

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Freestyle Shoot-Out

On April 29, the tables turned and Nancy Hinz edged out the others in the Intermediaire Freestyle on Carzanola, her own 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding (Lanola-Tuschinski, Wellington) with a 71.808 percent. Renilla took second place with a 69.933 percent.

"It was really fun," Hinz said. "It was fun for me because it was good competition. Everybody had good rides and the numbers were close. I had been working really hard to get him ready for the PSG and I-1 and everything paid off. What I like best about that horse is, personality-wise, he is very consistent so I can count on him to do the work he knows how to do. Wherever I take him, it doesn't matter if it's inside or outside or noisy or quiet, he's not reactive to the environment."

Hinz was quick to praise the HDS for consistently putting on an organized show.

"It's an amazing group of people. There are a good number helping out and the volunteers are just wonderful. We have some people who don't even ride who come and learn how to be a ring steward. A mother of one of my students pitches in and she's not really an animal person and she was happy to run tests to the judges."

Hinz is particularly fond of the camaraderie of the other professionals at the show and she's thankful for the support of the competitors as well as her clients. One of her junior riders, Sarah Evans, earned her USDF Bronze Medal at the show on her new horse, Winterstolz.

"She just got him in January and it was her first time competing on him," Hinz said. "This was her first third level experience. It was just a very exciting weekend for all of us."

Long-time show sponsor Kimberly Rathmann of Shoofly Farm also had praise for the competitors, show organizers and volunteers.

"It was a great show," she said. "As always, it was run to perfection. The volunteers work behind the scenes to make it happen and it's always lovely. We have a wonderful lot of great riders - people coming up to different levels and willing to try things. There's a lot to be proud of in this group of people."

Rathmann's own 16-year-old KWPN gelding (00 SEVEN-Nilzefonda)

Valentino captured blue ribbons in the Grand Prix on both April 27 and 28 with Andrew Phillips aboard.

She was quick to point out that other USDF Group Membership Organizations (GMO) in Region 9 helped contribute monetarily to the show

"The most important thing about this show is the team of people who put it on," she said. "They just get it done and it is better every year. We have the most wonderful group of volunteers who work tirelessly - just super-duper nice people. I appreciate HDS. They are just awesome. It's such a joy to watch people move up and really dance with their partners. I can't wait until next year."

Editor's Note:

We are so fortunate to have a CDI in Region 9, thanks to the efforts of Houston Dressage Society and the many brave competitors, volunteers and sponsors. There were 12 PSG entries in the CDI and an additional 18 in the open show. That's THIRTY PSG horses at this show. We've come a long way! Entries in the CDI were up about 5 from last year. The best news is that with the additional sponsor revenue from four GMOs, the CDI broke even. This is the first time EVER that this CDI has had positive net income. Here's to continued growth in our Region!



Marta Renilla and Rhustler in the CDI2 Intermediaire I. Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*



Nancy Hinz and Carzanola in the CDI2 Intermediaire-I Freestyle. Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*



Bonnie Canter and Fifinella in the CDI2 Prix St. Georges. Photo by Susan J. Stickle.*

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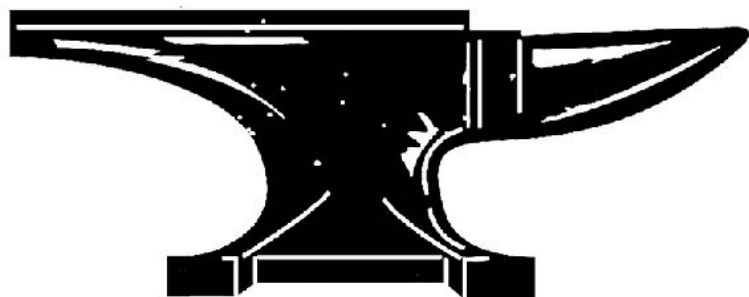
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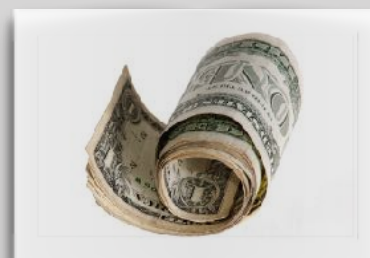
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The Dressage Foundation Chooses Four Young Riders for 2018 International Dream Program

May 9, 2018

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Four young riders have been selected for the 2018 International Dream Program that sends top U.S. young riders to Europe for an intensive dressage experience. The program is administered by The Dressage Foundation (TDF) and funded by generous donors, led this year by Margaret Duprey and Cherry Knoll Farm.

Hannah Irons (MD), Callie O'Connell (MA), Amanda Perkowski (NJ), and Emma Smith (MN) were selected to participate in this year's program. The selection committee based their decision on candidates' essays, competition scores, recommendations, videos of their riding, and signs of commitment to the sport of dressage.

The program, conceived by Olympic medalist and TDF board member, Michael Poulin, will be led this year by chaperones Charlotte Bredahl (CA) and Meaghan Byrne (VA). Beth Baumert is serving as administrator as she has since the program's inception, and Eliza Sydnor Romm is assisting her. Poulin believes TDF's International Dream program helps young American riders reach their potential by fueling the "power of the dream" for participants. Michael hopes the program will help them "develop a sense of proportion, a sense of themselves and of being proud of who they are and what they're doing."

The group will depart for Germany on July 16, where they will attend the World Equestrian Festival CHIO Aachen to watch some of the top riders in the world train and compete. They will have the chance to sit with judges, discuss training with coaches and riders, and watch the warm up as well as the competition rides.

While traveling, the young riders will record their observations in daily journals and chronicle the events with photos and video to share with their home dressage organizations.

Primary chaperone, Charlotte Bredahl, was a member of the 1992 US Olympic Team. She is a FEI 4* judge, has traveled and trained extensively in Europe, and is the USEF Assistant Youth Coach for dressage. Meaghan Byrne is a USDF Certified Instructor through Second Level, a teaching faculty member at Averett University in the Business Department, and has led student groups on European tours.

To learn more about the Program and bios for each rider, visit <http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/young/dream.html>

Stay up-to-date with the latest on TDF's International Dream Program Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Dressage-Foundations-Young-Rider-International-Dream-Program-100308486091/>

The Dressage Foundation of Lincoln, NE is pleased to announce that the participants of the 2018 Young Rider International Dream Program have been chosen! Please join us in congratulating the following individuals:

Hannah Irons, Callie O'Connell, Amanda Perkowski, Emma Smith and chaperones Charlotte Bredahl and Meaghan Byrne!

Photographs and biographies can be found here:

<http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/young/dream.html>



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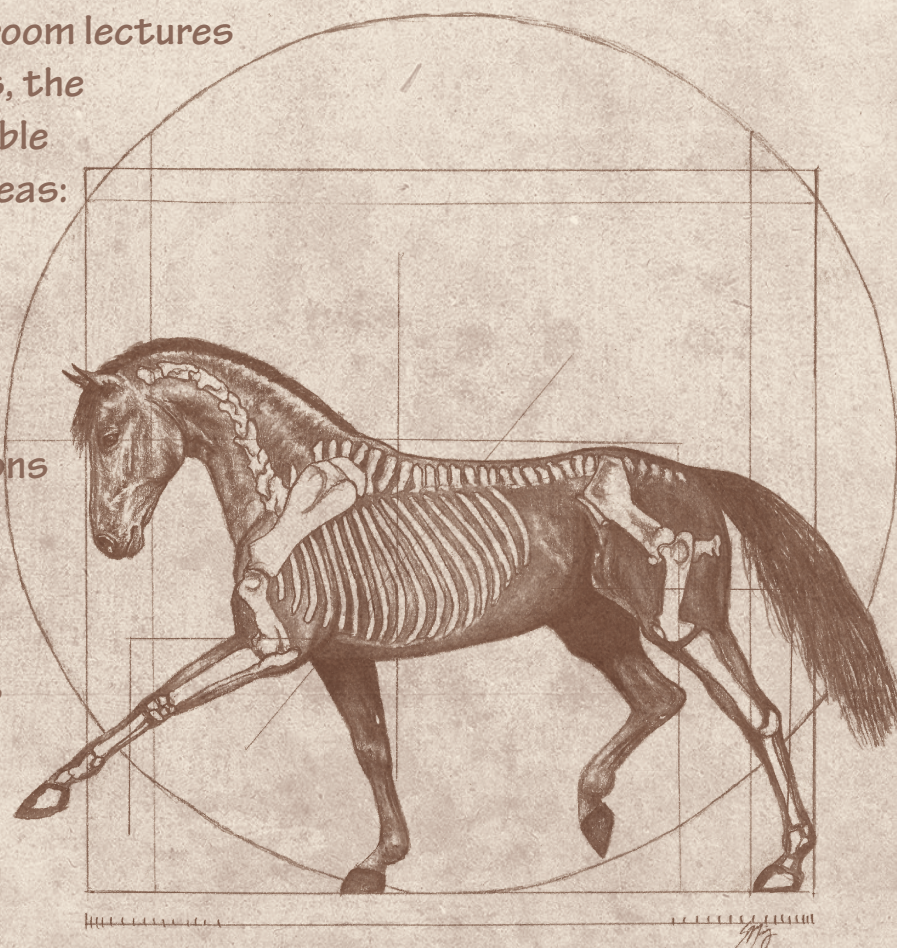
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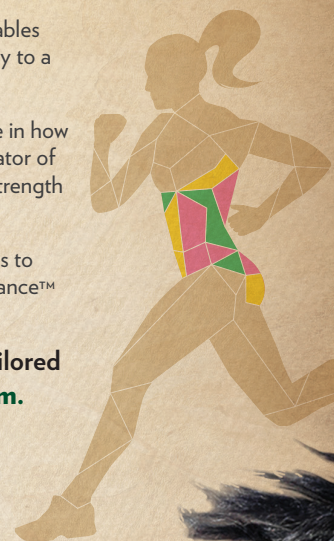
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May

5-6 ODS Spring Show (Recognized)

12 GCC Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK

June

2 SSMHA Schooling Show in Purcell, OK

3 GPC Schooling Show @ Gallery Farm in Noble, OK

9 West Equestrian Schooling Show @ West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK

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16-17 Green Country Dressage Classic I & II @ Claremore Expo Center in Claremore, OK (Recognized)

July

15 GPC Schooling Show & Saddle Fittings @ Royse Ranch, The Redlands Community College - El Reno, OK

21 Feather Creek Farm Schooling Show in Norman, OK

August

11 Feather Creek Farm Schooling Show in Norman, OK

Sept

8 West Equestrian Schooling Show @ West Equestrian in Sand Springs, OK

15 High Hill Schooling Show in Luther, OK

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14 GPC Schooling Show @ Gallery Farm in Noble, OK

20 GCC Schooling Show @ Sonrise Stables in Broken Arrow, OK

Nov

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