



DRESSAGE SOCIETY

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RENEW ODS MEMBERSHIP NOW! 
 Membership expired on Nov. 30th!
 Late renewals may miss some issues of USDF Connection and may not be included in the ODS roster. Form included in this newsletter. 

ADVERTISE IN ODS 2012 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY!
 DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15TH!
 SEND AD TO FRAN FERRARI AT FM4RE@COX.NET(AD SHOULD BE IN PDF OR JPG OR GIF);
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IT'S A FULL YEAR'S WORTH OF ADVERTISING FOR YOUR BUSINESS FOR JUST A FEW DOLLARS.

--- Mark Your Calendar ---
 AGM WILL BE HELD @ FREDDIE'S IN SAPULPA ON 21 JANUARY 2012!
 COME JOIN ODS FOR GREAT FOOD, COMARADERIE, AND LOTS OF FUN!
 (FORM INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!)
 ALSO
 IT IS TIME FOR SOME BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS (BIO'S AND ABSENTEE BALLOT INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER).

December Calendar of Events:

4th U Schleese Saddle Fitting
 Graceful-E Farm
 Glenpool, OK

10th U GCC Awards Banquet

Detailed calendar & forms available on the ODS website:
www.dressageoklahoma.org

President's Column
 By Sherry Guess

This year has been a whirlwind of activities starting with the Lilo Fore New Test Symposium, followed by our May show in Tulsa, the Dressage Camp in Claremore, and the first three sessions of the USDF "L" Program.

We have experienced more than an 8% growth in membership this year and although our show again lost money, we had covered that with the income from the "L"

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program. It was felt that it was important to continue to offer a rated show during the spring in our area, and next year we are hoping to provide enough advertising and sponsorships for the May show that it will not be a financial burden.

Sue Twitty has volunteered to produce our newsletter and will provide regular information to you. Our website, compliments of Jeanie Eaton, continues to give you current information and access to records, forms, and our Board minutes.

I hope you have been pleased with the work our current Board has produced and will consider running for office next year. We will have four openings to fill. There is an Absentee Ballot provided in this newsletter and we still have an opportunity to add your name!

So many people have volunteered this year to fulfill a variety of needs: Jeanie Eaton and Sue Twitty for our website and newsletter; Jean Korver and Paula Walker who became our Dressage Promotion Committee; Fran Ferrari for producing our Directory; Pam Armstrong, Rainee Boyd, and Deryn and Paul Stewart who, through their efforts, secured a donation from Conoco to help defray the expenses of our May show; Judith Brown and Lee Ann Alf for providing our scribing clinic; Veronica Moody for handling our merchandise; Sharon O'Banion produced maps to lead you to our events, Linda Powell for

providing copies needed for all our events; and, Margaret Kobos provided the wording for our new liability waiver.

Our 2011 ODS Board has been a delight. Everyone has worked to provide support and insight into the various projects that occurred during the year. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation on January 21, 2012.

We all wish you a happy holiday season and prosperous new year!

Rainee Boyd, Beth Circle, Sherry Guess, Lisa Jewell, Marta Koenig, Anne Kuhns, Clydette Womack

Be aware that effective 12/1/11 all half marks from 0.5 to 9.5 may also be used both for movements and collective marks, at the discretion of the judge.

USDF Information

LOWELL BOOMER PASSES AWAY

G. LOWELL BOOMER OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, DIED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011. HE WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE UNITED STATES DRESSAGE FEDERATION (USDF) IN LINCOLN IN 1973, AND SERVED FOR SIXTEEN YEARS AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IN 1989, HE ESTABLISHED THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA "TO CULTIVATE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF DRESSAGE." THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS PERMANENTLY ANCHORED IN LINCOLN.

THE FAMILY SUGGESTS MEMORIALS TO THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION, 1314 'O' STREET, SUITE 305, LINCOLN, NE 68508 AND/OR CEDARS HOME FOR CHILDREN, 6601 PIONEERS BLVD, LINCOLN, NE, 68506.

BIOGRAPHIES FOR ODS 2012 BOARD ELECTIONS

Sharon O'Banion

Like many young girls growing up was totally horse crazy. Unfortunately, when young, riding lessons were sporadic at best. Then life and career happened. But learning to ride and having a horse was the number one item on my "bucket list". Four and a half years ago, at age 52 I started taking riding lessons, after not being on a horse for nearly 35 years! One thing led to another, a horse at the barn was for sale, and I thought "not now, someday when I retire, I can own a horse, etc". My husband intervened saying the most Romantic words: "Honey, you have to do it now! If not this horse, then another one." So four plus years later, with patient instructors, a great boarding facility, wonderful horse friends, improved physical condition on my part and a very supportive husband: the majority of rides on my horse are so fulfilling, and I just love being with him and fussing on him (the horse, well the husband too!). I have been so impressed that Oklahoma Dressage Society has so many quality educational events every year. I have audited several educational events, done behind the scenes paperwork, put myself in the spot-light as a demo-rider (!), attended Dressage camp (fun!), and have helped with show arena set-up and take down (setting some new speed records). The career pursuits that delayed my horse dream included being a computer programmer, college instructor in a university engineering department, business owner, and most recently 14 years as administrator of multi-physician medical practice. Currently I am semi-retired. I would like to assist ODS in continuing its legacy of promoting quality dressage education in Oklahoma.

Marta Koenig

I am a CPA and ODS member. I have served as ODS treasurer for the last three years. I would be privileged to continue in that capacity for another term if the membership feels that is in the club's best interest.

Sherry Guess

I have served on the ODS Board for the past three years, and as President for the past year. I would like to see our club continue to grow in educational activities, membership, and financial security. I am an enthusiastic supporter of all aspects of dressage, including volunteering. Being involved in dressage for more than 30 years, I have volunteered in many capacities on the chapter, state, and national levels. Over the years I have been a show manager, newsletter editor (back when it was type, cut & paste -- for real!), president of my local chapter in CA, Education Chair for CDS, and Chair of the USDF GMO Council for 12 years.

Absentee Ballot on Page 6 of this newsletter!



Carole and Confettis Ricochet went to the Arabian Sport Horse Nationals in Kentucky. He won 4 Top Ten Awards: 1 in Training Level, 2 in First level and 1 in the Show Hack class.

He also did well in the USDF Year-end All-Breed Awards. In the All Breed Arabian Horse Association for Half Arabians he won Champion at Training Level Adult Amateur, Champion at Training Level Vintage Cup, Third Place First Level Adult Amateur and Champion First Level Vintage Cup.

In July he also won four championships and one Reserve Championship at the Arabian Sport Horse Region 9 Show.

Congrats Carole & Confettis Ricochet!

\$500 DONATION TO ODS

Showsecretary.com donated \$500 to ODS for the work of ODS members at the recent National Morgan Show at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds. ODS members filled all the volunteer positions for the dressage show at this event. Thank you to all those who donated their time !

Peggy Blair
Rainee Boyd
Chris Cashel
Laura Custer
Sarah Denton
Tom Denton
Fran Ferrari
Sherry Guess
Robin Hessel
Callie Jarmon
Nancy Jarmon
Marta Koenig

Anne Kuhns
Chantel Leiker
Bob Mayne
Julia Peacock
Carole Purdy
Ann Robl
Sue Twitty
Sandy Thompson
Elizabeth Vernon
Vicky Yahn
Clydette Womack

Classified Ads

FOR SALE: Windsong, 6 yr old 16.1. hh bay Oldenburg mare by Welcome S. Successfully competed in recognized shows this year, placed first or second in all classes but 1, scores mostly upper 60's to 72%. Won largest class of the day in Tyler, Texas against stiff opposition with a score of 72%. Windsong is a pleasure to work with, she has a lovely temperament, is kind and not marish. Windy is good for Farrier, Vet, to trailer and is calm and willing at shows, she receives 8's on gaits is sound and has never had any illness. Windy showed Training level this year but is schooling first and second level and has started flying changes. More information on Windsong and other horses I have for sale can be found on my website, www.brambletyefarm.com. Call or text 918/232-0752, e-mail Antheakin@gmail.com

FOR SALE: WonderWomen aka Bella: Registered AWB - 1/2 Hannoverian, 1/4 Trak, 1/4 Mustang. Sire: Wagins - (Weltmeyer) Hann. Dam: Mighty Max out of Macht. Foaled: April 21, 2004. Height: 16-1/2" hands. Color: Light Bay; Temperament: Awesome! Discipline: Dressage and some jumping. Life time USDF Registered. No Vices.

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Welden, registered RPSI. Sire: "Wake Up" Hannoverian out of Wagins (Weltmeyer). Also the 6 year old National Dressage Champion of 2011. Dam: "Rolex" Registered KWPN Dutch. Out of E'Sops Fable & Foaled: April 12, 2011. Color: Chestnut. Temperament is Awesome! No vices.

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Rolex, Registered KWPN-Dutch, Sire: E'Sops Fable-Dutch, Dam: Hoyte Flower - Reg. Approved Thoroughbred, Foaled: April 26, 1998, Color: Dark Bay, Height: 15.1-1/2". Temperament: Wonderful. Discipline: Dressage and some jumping. Vices: Doesn't like needles. Lifetime USDF Registered (Nov 2011) Contact Stacey Morrison at (479) 366-2218.



**AGM and Awards Banquet Reservation Form
Saturday, January 21, 2012
Freddies BBQ & Steakhouse Banquet Facility
1425 New Sapulpa Road, Sapulpa, OK 74131**

\$25/person

9:30 Registration and set up silent auction

10:00 Annual meeting

Noon dinner (buffet with both chicken and beef choices)

1:00 continuation of meeting and Year End Award Presentation

Name _____

Number in party x \$25 each = total enclosed \$ _____

Please make reservations by Tuesday, January 17th, 2012.

**Make checks payable to ODS and send reservation form and payment
to: Beth Circle, 5433 Oak Leaf Drive, Tulsa, OK 74131**

Reservations can also be made via PayPal on the ODS website:

www.dressageoklahoma.org

**Help us raise money for the ODS Endowed Educational Fund by
donating an item(s) for the SILENT AUCTION. *We appreciate your
support!***



Absentee Ballot for January 21, 2012 AGM

*You must have renewed your membership for 2012 in order to vote.
The membership year begins on December 1, 2011.*

There are four 3-year terms open.

Nominees:

Sherry Guess _____ Marta Koenig _____ Sharon O'Banion _____

(Please make sure any write-ins are willing to serve)

Write-in _____

Write-in _____

PLEASE MAIL YOUR BALLOT TO:

Beth Circle
5433 Oak Leaf Drive
Tulsa, OK 74131

Ballots must be received no later than January 14, 2012 to be counted.
Please place your ballot in a blank sealed envelope. Please place the blank envelope within the mailing envelope. Your name will need to be on the mailing envelope so we can verify membership. The sealed envelope will be separated from the mailing envelope and will remain sealed until the day of the meeting.

Absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the votes submitted at the meeting.

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 and www.usdfregion9.org and 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
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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