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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**

Hello Friends.

You know that old question, 'is your glass half full, or half empty'? I've been reflecting on that lately, and I tend toward that half-full attitude. Believe me, I'm not invincible, and a couple of times that glass has fallen to the floor, shattered and it took me a while to pick up the proverbial pieces. But in general, I'm an optimist and want to see the good side of things. Like, wow ~ nights cooling off into the 60's! That was a delight, and I'm keeping that in mind as we crawl back into days of 100+ degree heat index. Ugh! But, the (annoying to some) optimist in me looks past those few days to later in the week when the night temps will drop off again.

I like looking back and forwards to all the ODS activities, the highly successful "L" Program, with one more session to come, the full and fun Spring Show, and the prospect of three recognized shows in 2023, Symposiums of the past and eagerly looking forward to Janet Foy in 2023, the GCC Schooling Show series and their Championships coming up, our Summer Meeting and the planning underway for the January AGM and Awards Banquet. Yep, I'm thinking that the ODS glass is nicely filled this year! Of course.....if the analogy was a feed bucket, our horses might have a different view!

There are still several things on the calendar: Region 9 Championships are coming up, Schooling Show Championships, National Finals, the final "L" Session C, the USDF Convention ~ there isn't a month coming that doesn't have something to do! I hope you can pick at least one to attend, whether you are riding or not. For certain, the riding venues can always use volunteers, and the

Convention is amazing to attend without the worries of having your horse along.

Keep riding and smiling my friends, and while the glass (or bucket) is half full, take time to settle back and enjoy it, take a breath with your best buddy, be that human or horse, (not to mention the dogs, cats and all else who share our lives) and appreciate what you have. I know something for certain ~ I appreciate all of you!



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## **USDF Region 9 Volunteer Incentive Program**

The USDF Group Member Organizations Volunteer Incentive Program is a fabulous opportunity for recognition of its members that isn't very well known! The Group Member Organization (GMO) Volunteer Incentive Program is a way for current USDF Group Members to earn recognition by volunteering with their GMO(s). Track your volunteer hours using the GMO Volunteer Incentive Program Hour Log and have a current GMO officer or official of record with USDF (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, newsletter editor, webmaster, roster contact) validate your hours with their signature. Once a milestone has been achieved, submit the form to USDF. Hours can be carried over to the following year(s), allowing you to earn recognition as time allows you to volunteer. Contact USDF to request the log chart.

## **USDF Region 9 Omnibus 2023 Now Available For Order**

The NEW dressage tests are available in the just-released 2023 issue of the Region 9 Omnibus, so be sure to order your copy today! Click here to order directly: <u>https://www.usdf.org/online-services/applications/region-cc-processing.asp?region=9</u>

Also, Region 9 leadership is looking for past Omnibus copies (from 1996-2010) for historical records... if you have any that you can share, please send to Bess Bruton <u>bessbruton@gmail.com</u>

# **Sponsorships for Region 9 Southwest Dressage Champs**

Held in conjunction with the Great American Insurance Group/ USDF Region 9 Dressage Championships is held each year in Katy,TX.

The planning committee is working on details for the SWDC and offers sponsorships to help offset the high cost of hosting the show. The SWDC predates the USDF championships as it has been in existence since 1988. Awards costs have increased substantially this year and asks for support through sponsorships which can be considered as a business advertising expense for 2022 tax return. Sponsors will be listed on the SWDC website and in the championship program.

Sponsorships are available for \$500 per level/division. Please quickly contact the Chairman to request a spot to get the level and division desired. Also available are two Classic Combination sponsorships at \$250 per sponsorship. For \$100 businesses and individuals can be listed as a Friend of SWDC. The region will see your name and know that you are helping our regional championship.

Payments can be made via PayPal (processing fees apply) or a mailed check (address below). Please email <u>chairman@swdressage.org</u> for more information, to secure your desired sponsorship or to let the committee know how you want your listing to read.

Thank you for your attention and support of dressage in Region 9, Sarah Jane Martin, PO Box 910 Montgomery, TX 77356, (936) 443-5811

# Katy, TX Champs Show Organizers Asking For Volunteers

**Region 9 Championships** are on the immediate horizon, the weekend of **October 6-9 in Katy, Texas** at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center. As we all know, no event can run without a cadre of volunteers. No experience necessary! Volunteers get perks!

If you would like to help out, please contact Alex at: **volunteers@houstondressagesociety.org** 







# **USEF Visual Guide To Proper Attire**

Are you confused about what is proper show attire you can wear? What is "too much" or just right? Check out the **Visual Guide To 2022 Dressage Attire: An In-Depth Look At The New USEF Rules Pertaining To Rider Dress**. Click <u>https://bit.ly/usdfattireguide</u> to view the guide.

# Attend The Region 9 Fall Zoom Meeting

The Region 9 Fall Zoom meeting will be held **Nov 18, 2022 at 7 pm**. Nettie Olsen will be the zoom host...a link will be announced closer to the meeting date. An agenda will be posted on the Region 9 website during the first part of Nov. There is also an in-person Region 9 meeting scheduled during the USDF Annual Convention, in Lexington, KY, on Dec 2. If you have question. Please contact: Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director, <u>bessbruton@gmail.com</u>.

# Last Opportunity To Earn GCC/ODS Champs Points @ Oct 15th Show

**GCC** is rolling along with their Schooling Show series, having had their last show at Riverbend on September 11. The next regular show will return to the beautiful grounds at YOLy on October 15. This will be your last chance to earn schooling show points before the Championship Show on November 5. So, mark your calendars, come join us and have some fun! As before, **please go to GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com** for entries. **DEADLINE for October 15 show is Wednesday October 12** 

# 2023 ODS Show Calendar Expands With Additional Level 1 Event

New Level 1 Recognized show is now confirmed for **August 19-20, 2023** at Riverbend Arena in Inola, OK! At present the facility has Big Ass Fans in the arena, and there is hopeful talk that by next year the arena will be air conditioned. The ODS Show Committee is in the process of securing a judge. The current plan is to host the show on Saturday and offering a clinic by the judge on Sunday. Stay tuned as plans develop!

# **ODS Annual General Meeting**

Mark your calendar for **January 21, 2023**, **from 11am-3pm** for the ODS Annual General Meeting to be held at the Cattleman's Steakhouse in Oklahoma City. More details will be announced soon.

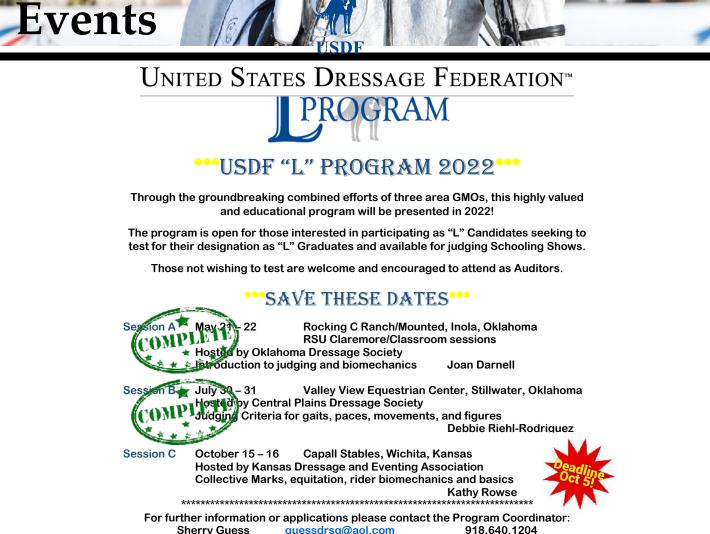
# **2023 Symposium Topics Released**

Janet Foy has submitted her proposed schedule for the Updated Tests Symposium April 22-23, 2023. Here some details:

Saturday will address the adjustments in the USDF National tests, Training through Fourth Levels. On Sunday Janet will be looking for Freestyles rides, so put on your dancing shoes and give musical rides a whirl! These do not necessarily need to be polished, show-worthy rides, so if you are thinking about venturing into this realm of riding, come play and show her your ideas.

Watch for emails from the ODS Education Chair, Pamela Byers, (<u>pbyers.ods@gmail.com</u>) for more details!





**Sherry Guess** guessdrsg@aol.com

\*\*\*IMPORTANT! \*\*\* The deadline to sign up for Session C is October 5th.

# Final USDF "L" Program Session in Oct: Collective Marks

USDF "L" Program has one more session to go! Be sure to make a plan to trek to Wichita for the final Session C on October 15-16, held at Marie Malone's Capall Stables. This session will focus on those elusive Collective Marks, rider equitation and rider biomechanics. Kathy Rowse will be the instructor for the weekend. Contact Sherry Guess for more information (Guessdrsg@aol.com)

# **ODS Volunteer Clinic With Bay Greenhill**

"THANKS" goes out to all the clinic volunteers, planners and riders who made this event an enjoyably valuable and special learning experience!

Remember, those who volunteer in the 2023 show season will also be eligible for the 2023 fall volunteer clinic - it's FREE!







Bay Greenhill with Cathy Orban aboard Buddy and Susan Mohler aboard Baldomero

Bay Greenhill with Ramona Winters aboard Basil

# **Volunteer Clinic In Pictures**



— "I had a great time!" —"Me too!"



Marta Koenig with Claro





# OKS presents USDF "L" Education Program 2022

Central Plains Dressage Society --- Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association --- Oklahoma Dressage Society

### AUDITOR APPICATION - PART 1

Name	USDF #			
Address				
Phone	Email			
CPDS member	ODS member KDEA member Other			
	\$90 per session due two weeks prior to first day of session			
	All sessions may be paid at this time – please indicate sessions you wish to attend *Lunch is included*			
Session ALE	May 21 – 22 Riverbend Arena, Inola, Oklahoma Hosted by Oklahoma Dressage Society Introduction to judging and biomechanics Joan Darnell			
Session BIE	July 30 – 31 Valley View Equestrian Center, Stillwater, Oklahoma Hosted by Central Plains Dressage Society Judging Criteria for gaits, paces, movements, and figures Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez			
Session C	October 15 – 16 Capall Stables, Wichita, Kansas Hosted by Kansas Dressage and Eventing Association Collective Marks, equitation, rider biomechanics and basics Kathy Rowse			
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Make checks payable to ODS and return this form with payment to:				
Sherry Guess 18216 S. 397 <sup>th</sup> E. Avenue, Porter, OK 74454				
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Janet Foy is not only a USEF "S" dressage judge, but a FEI 5\* (Level 4) International Judge as well. In addition to judging at all the major shows in the United States and Canada, she has been on the Jury for the 2019 Pan American Games (Peru), the 2018 World Cup Finals (Paris) and the 2019 European Championships (Rotterdam). She has been honored to judge many top CDI-@ and CDI 5\* shows world wide, including at the famous Aachen 5\*. A crowning achievement was judging at the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games! 2022 will be keeping her traveling as she will be the FEI Technical Delegate for the World Dressage Championships in Denmark, as well as for the Central American Games and the Bolivian Games in South American, and finally the World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in the Netherlands.

#### OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE Society

Pamela Byers ODS Education Chairperson PO Box 915 Noble,, OK 73068 Phone: 405-990-8963 Email: pbyers.ods@gmail.com All this ~yet she will be generous enough to come to Oklahoma and present the New Tests for 2023!

Somehow in her "spare time", Janet has managed to write a most excellent and encouraging book titled <u>Dressage for the Not So Perfect Horse</u>. Encouraging because don't we all have those not quite so perfect horses, who we dearly love in spite of the fact they aren't likely to be cantering down any Olympic centerline? Janet has that rare quality of being able to judge the horses that is in front of her while not unfairly comparing it to those world class equines.



# **Congrats Region 4 Champs Competitors!**

Several ODS members made the journey to St. Louis for the Region 4 Championships, and all had a wonderful and successful time! Competitors were: **Roberta Clark**, **Anna Drogemueller**, **Kristin Knutson**, and **Molly Ralstin**, with **Dede Wasemiller** there as support staff.

Hats off to these intrepid folks who were willing and able to 'put it out there' at a regional level. Just being there counted as a win in terms of their dedication and enthusiasm. Kudos to you all!



Molly Ralston, aboard Wretrograde. 67.125% (4th) in AA Third Level Championship





Anna Drogemueller with Pendragon, career high 70.0% in the Open show; 65.69 in Training Level Champs



Roberta Clark aboard Indygo, 64.313% in Third Level Open Championships

Anna Drogemueller aboard Retro, earned a 61.897% in the Sunday Championships





# **ODS Treasurer Position Open**



If you have ever wanted to be a dynamic part of the leadership of ODS, here is your opportunity! Have your finger on the pulse of the club, know about what's going on in the planning stages, help direct the future of our club and dressage in Oklahoma...Become the next ODS Treasurer!

Marta Koenig generously stepped up to take the club books back temporarily and put them in order. However, Marta is currently also the Membership person and will continue with that task. So this is a shout out to all ODS members.... HELP!!!!...

Someone is needed to step forward and take over as Treasurer! Marta requests that this happen before the start of membership renewals that begin in November, so ideally a new Treasurer needs to be in place by **October 31**. Marta will coach and guide you, and be a fantastic resource as you learn your way.

The ODS books have been kept on QuickBooks up to now. ODS owns and will provide the QB Software for the new Treasurer, and again, Marta has offered to help you become familiar with this.

Duties include: \*Monthly reconciliation of two checking accounts and the savings account

- \*Deposits and payments throughout the year and during any events
- (shows, symposiums, meetings)

\*Profit/Loss statements for events

\*Quarterly Financial Statements presented to the Board

\*Detailed club P&L and Balance Sheet presented bi-annually at the January AGM and Summer meetings

\*Help develop the Annual Budget (with committee)

The position of Treasurer is typically a Board position. However, if you would prefer not to actually serve on the Board, you can still perform the Treasurers' duties and submit reports to the Board.



\*\*\*Please help us!!\*\*\* If this is not in your skill set, think about someone you might know who could do it! If we do not get a member to take this on, our only recourse will be to go outside of our group and actually hire an accountant, which of course means an added expense for the club.

#### Contact Kay Kamish if interested or with questions: kkamishods@aol.com

# Delegate Needed To Rep ODS At USDF General Meeting in Lexington

The **USDF Convention** will held in the gorgeous 'horse capitol' of the USA, Lexington, Kentucky this year from **November 30 to December 3.** 

If you have never been to Lexington, or never attended a USDF Convention, here's your chance to check off two items on your bucket list! Lexington and the Kentucky Horse Park are nothing short of breathtaking for horse lovers. The Convention experience is something any of us should take advantage of at least once in life. It is non-stop activity, meetings, education, seminars, socializing, and all with like-minded people who know what you really mean when you say you ride dressage!

ODS needs to send a Delegate to attend the General Meetings, to cast to ODS vote! If you are planning to attend the Convention, please let the ODS Board know so we can submit your name as the Delegate!



# **ODS Vision Committee Summer Survey - Your Input Is Valuable**

1. What do you see ODS doing in 2023?

In two years? (2024)

In five years? (2027)

In ten years? (2032)

2. What would you like ODS to focus on in the next 5 years?



- 3. What would you like ODS to do for you?
- 4. How can ODS increase its membership numbers?

5. How can ODS increase its participation and assistance basis for all its shows and planned activities?

Every member's suggestions & answers are important to the ODS Vision Committee. Your answers will help to guide the future plans for ODS.

Please send your answers to Nancy Trait-Lira at *ntraitlira19@gmail.com* or 18601 Hickory Hollow Drive, Harrah, OK 73045



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# Apps Now Open for '23 YR Dream Trip to Wellington

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is excited to announce that applications for the 2023 Young Rider Dream Program trip to Wellington, Florida, are now being accepted.

The Dream Program is a fully funded opportunity for riders who are 18-22 years old, riding Third Level and above, and who have never trained or competed in Wellington. The program will take place January 24-29, 2023. Applications are due October 7, 2022, and the application is available online at dressagefoundation.org.

# For Sale: 2020 2-Horse Trailer

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#### OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY

#### **Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application**

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage members to further their dressage education.



#### Criteria for Eligibility:

- 1. This ODS Education Scholarship is open to all Oklahoma Dressage Society Members: juniors, adults, or vintage riders, amateurs or professionals, including ODS member volunteers and committee members.
- 2. The candidate must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society (ODS). In addition, the applicant must have been an ODS member for at least the 2 previous years.
- 3. The candidate must have a background of attending previous ODS dressage educational events. The more ODS event attendance, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Attendance at non-ODS dressage educational events will be considered as additional input.
- 4. The candidate must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least one (1) ODS committee or have accumulated five (5) hours of volunteering at ODS events. The more ODS volunteerism, the stronger the candidate for the ODS scholarship. Volunteerism for non-ODS dressage related events will be considered as additional input.

#### Criteria for Use:

Scholarships may be used toward the registration/entry fees for the following types of dressage educational events:

- Acceptable activities will include ODS and its affiliated chapters educational events, USDF Region 9 and USDF educational events. Additionally, any educational event or clinic given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, or USDF Medalist.
- 2. Scholarship candidates must receive ODS Scholarship Committee approval for the use of this scholarship at a specific dressage educational event <u>prior</u> to the event occurring.

The ODS Scholarship Committee will review applications for funds and make recommendations to the Board for their vote. The Governing Board will select members to sit on this committee for a period of one year.

#### Application Deadline:

The ODS Education Scholarship committee will meet a minimum of two times per year. Each scholarship application must be received by the following schedule:

January 1 – May 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by June 15.

Presented at the ODS Summer Meeting.

May 16 - November 15 Scholarship(s) to be awarded by Dec. 15.

Presented at the ODS Annual General Meeting.

Please note: Your application must indicate an educational event that is <u>after</u> the award date.

Volunteer Hours: Volunteer hours counting towards ODS Education Scholarships include:

- 1. Volunteering at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers, etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded and itemized on the ODS Education Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Coordinator from each event.
- 2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.
- 3. Consideration will also be given for attendance at ODS, its affiliated chapters and Region 9 sponsored activities or functions. (ex: Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational events).

Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the

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#### Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

approved dressage educational event with <u>validation of the attendance</u>; and, the <u>submission to ODS</u> <u>of the required post report</u>. An amount of \$200 will be awarded. Scholarship winners must write a post report article about their educational experience for which the scholarship was used and submit it to the ODS Scholarship Committee within 30 days of the event. This report / article will then be published in the newsletter.



The ODS Educational Scholarship is non-transferable and may only be used for the candidate's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.) Scholarships must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own sub-account in ODS general funds. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$200 must remain in this account at all times. The funds generated by the silent auction at any AGM will be placed in the ODS Education Scholarship fund. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.

#### Additional Information:

Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year by the corresponding deadline.

The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of two (2) times per year (June & December) to review all applications received up to that point and make the decisions about its awards. The ODS Educational Scholarship Committee may award zero (0) scholarships, or may award more than two (2) scholarships at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum of four (4) Scholarships may be awarded each year. Not all allotted scholarships must be awarded in a single year. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Education Scholarship Committee.

An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per twelve (12) months period. Once awarded a scholarship in a given twelve (12) months, a candidate may not apply again within that same twelve (12) months period. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible candidates who have <u>not</u> received an education scholarship previously.

The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least one (1) current ODS Board Member. The committee must consist of a total of three (3) to five (5) ODS members in good standing. The committee shall not exceed five (5) members.

### Just For Fun: What Are Some Weather Records In Oklahoma?

News agency Stacker consulted 2021 data from the NOAA's State Climate Extremes Committee (SCEC) to illustrate the hottest and coldest temperatures ever recorded in each state.

#### Oklahoma by the numbers

- All-time highest temperature: 120° F (Poteau on Aug. 10, 1936)
- All-time lowest temperature: -31° F (Nowata on Feb. 10, 2011)
- All-time highest 24-hour precipitation: 15.68 inches (Enid on Oct. 11, 1973)
- All-time highest 24-hour snowfall: 27 inches (Spavinaw on Feb. 9-10, 2011)





# Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Fund Application Form

Please review the ODS Education Scholarship information before filling out this application form. *Be as specific as you can.* 

Date of Application:
Name of Applicant:
Address:
Telephone (Cell):
Email:
Are you an ODS Member in good standing? I Yes I No Status: I Junior I Amateur I Open
Do you compete in dressage?INoIYesIf Yes, Please check all applicable below.ISchooling ShowsIRecognized ShowsILocally IRegionally INationally
Who is your current riding instructor?
<u>Name</u> and <u>date</u> of anticipated educational event or training you would like to attend:
Tell us about the instructor and / or educational event you would like to attend <u>.</u> (Please attach any printed material / flyer and a copy of your completed application to event).
How do you intend to benefit from attending this educational event? What are your goals for attending this event?

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#### Meet Ms. Rocket: ODS's New Editorial Staff Member

Please welcome Ms. Rocket, the new ODS Newsletter columnist who is ready to answer any of your burning questions (horse and farm -or mouse- related of

course!). Ms. Rocket will answer your questions here in the ODS newsletters, so be on the lookout for them! If she doesn't know the answer, she will creatively make one up. This might be "interesting!" Send her your comments or questions you'd like her to answer...who knows...you could end up hearing more of her

cat "paw-losophies!" 🐾

Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: **ntraitlira19@gmail.com**. She's looking forward to hearing from you!



# "Philosofurrs" - Finding The 'Right' Job For Happiness

We've had a few changes around the ranch-o lately and it's given me a chance to practice more of my cat phil-cat-ophizing. Greater understanding of the purpose in life happens when I have the opportunity to sit and observe the goings on around me. Case in point: It's best for everyone if you find the correct job to make everyone happy.

It's always good to have chores to do around the place to give one a "meaning of life" experience. We've discovered recently that some members of our household take to their assigned jobs and some don't. We've got a household of four canines and five felines along with our big horse buddies. Each of us have our assigned duties to take care of.

The horses' job includes conveying our human around in circles (Hey, there's got to be some kind of reasoning behind it. What it is, I don't know). The horses also take care of manicuring the lawns and fertilizing the plant-life. Their placement isn't always so convenient, but we all deal with it. We know their hearts are in the right place.

The canines make up our security forces and chase the wild ones that often careen through our woods, meadows and skies. Their barks and woofs keep us on alert when there's any stranger around. Their morning assignment includes making enough racket that none of us has need of an alarm clock.

And then, there are the cats......Four out of five of us felines are great with keeping the indoor structures clean and neat. We feel that it's our duty to warm the cushions, snuggle under covers next to human feet to keep warm, and gaze out the windows trilling at the birds and lizards providing musical accompaniment. Our problem? Not everyone loves the job they've been given.

One of our youngest cats entered our quiet family unit requiring a bit of an attitude adjustment. She came in believing she was "The Queen" and all should be humble before her. She was the only feline that found her job description didn't fit with her style. Her coveting of others' cushions caused daily uproars. Her refusal to quietly share snuggle space under the covers led to claws ripping through our humans' feet. Her attempts at music ended in birds covering their ears with their wing feathers and traveling as far away as possible. Her constant complaining finally was evident in her refusal to clean up her messes.

We worked as a team and after a large amount of discussion and analysis, our pack discovered "The Tude" really needed a new job assignment because she wasn't happy where she was. Hey, no one can be happy if they aren't satisfied with their position in life, can they? We all need to have the chores that we can be happy doing and sometimes that takes a change in placement. So, "The Tude" is now being a fifth dog in a cat's body with a cat's attitude outside doing a dog's job and she's LOVING it! And all others in the household are extremely happy she's outside doing the job she loves, too.

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New Membership	Renewing Membership	Information Change only
Last Name	First Name	USDF ID#
Address	City/State Zip	
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#### USDF membership year is Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov 30<sup>th</sup> . Membership dues are late after November 30<sup>th</sup> .

ODS Membership – Select One Category. For family memberships consisting of more than two family members. please check both boxes for that section (Family and Add third family member).

\$54 Adult: Please check which applies:	Open 🗆 Amateur 🗆	Vintage (50+) 🗆		\$
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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.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$	
$\$5$ DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30 $^{th}$ .	- (\$	)
DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt 501.c.organization) OPTIONAL	\$	
\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)	\$	

Please tell us about your USDF/USEF accomplishments by checking any of the following boxes that apply. We plan to publish a list of member accomplishments on the website and in the directory.

□ Gold Medal □ Silver Medal □ Bronze Medal □ USDF Rider Performance (Training, 1st, 2...) □ "L" Judge

USDF Instructor Certification - Level \_\_\_\_\_

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? Please circle all that apply.

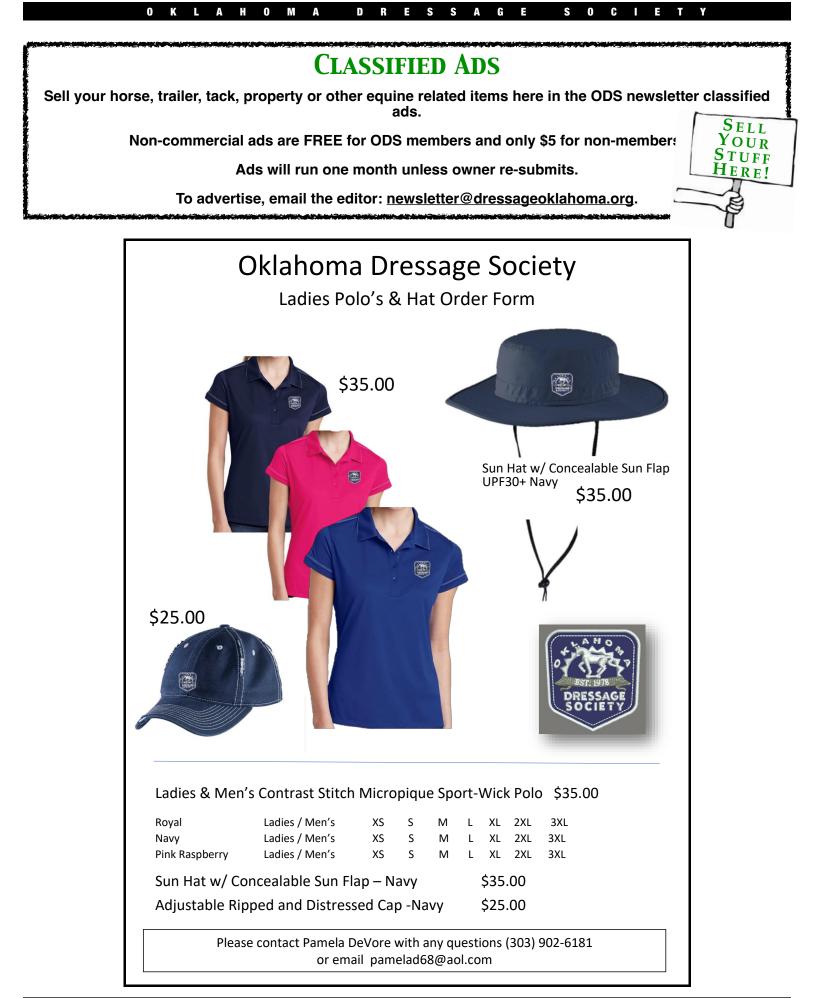
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Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig, PO Box 1101, Kellyville, OK 74039. Email Marta Koenig at martakoe@yahoo.com Phone: 918-232-0675 Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.



# **Events Calendar**

Go to the Events Calendar tab on dressageoklahoma.org for more details about the events listed below. Registration information and forms are available through the Event Calendar tab. To get your event listed on the website, contact the ODS webmaster Lindsey Greco at <a href="mailto:webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org">webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org</a>. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at <a href="mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org">newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org</a>.

The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

Oct 6-9Region 9 Championships (Katy, TX)Oct 15GCC Schooling Show (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)Oct 15-16USDF "L" Program, Session C (Wichita, KS)Nov 5GCC Schooling Show Championships (Riverbend Arena, Inola)Nov 10-13USDF National Finals (Kentucky Horse Park)Nov 30-Dec 3USDF Annual Convention (Lexington, KY)2023April 22-23April 22-23Spring Symposium with Janet Foy (Location TBD)April 29 & 30ODS Spring I & II Shows (Level 3) (Tulsa Expo Square)June 10 & 11Green Country Dressage Classic I & II (Level 3) (Claremore Expo Center)August 19 & 20ODS Summer Oasis (Level 1) (Riverbend Arena - Inola, OK)



# Monthly ODS Meetings Open To All Members

Every Oklahoma Dressage Society member is welcome to attend via phone the monthly Board of Directors meeting, usually held on the **second** Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00pm.

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



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