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Letter From The President

Hello, Friends.

Spring is well upon us with Summer right around the corner. Yay, no more cold weather ~ Boo, flies are out! But who doesn't love the longer days when we have time to get more done? Good thing as it seems there is more to do and I am sure we are all filling our days, weeks, even months ahead with plans and events. Let's go!

It seems lately I've been explaining how to do things a lot lately. Whether it is new barn help (how to feed, turn out, clean up), farm help (how to mow, trim, pick up poop), a new aspect of riding to a student, and especially new and more complicated test movements to my own Danny. At times this feels daunting, explaining a big task to anyone, and in particular to our beloved horses, who don't share our language, or certainly not our vision of the future performance goals. Have you ever stopped to think how senseless some of our requests must seem to the horses? Go sideways, now straight, now make a flying change in the corner, go here, do something else that makes no sense in terms of balance, and then change gaits all of a sudden. What???

I'm sure many of you have been asked by people unfamiliar with horses, "how do you get them to do all that?" Great question, and one any of us who have started young 3 year olds who can barely stagger around the arena following an open rein fully understand!

How DO we get them from that stage to where they are doing the complicated, advanced and highly balanced movements of the upper levels and even FEI? One baby step at a time.

I worked for many years with a wonderful trainer from Germany, Melissa Simms, who had an uncanny patience with horses (more so than with the riders she had to teach!) and she would say: if you can't get it in canter,



Danny & Kay showing at the World Equestrian Center

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NEWS

ODS New Horse Registrations

2564 - Pico Chulo - Trista Milliman

Reminder!

Show season is now underway, for both Recognized and Schooling shows! Remember that if you want to be sure to be eligible for Year-End Awards, your horse must be registered with ODS! This can be either for one year, or your better bet is to do a Lifetime registration. Check out the ODS website at dressageoklahoma.org for further information.

USDF "L" Program Update

The ODS "L" Candidates have a little breather until **June 17-18** when they will reconvene again in Iowa for the D Session of Part 2. This is a very time consuming endeavor for them, because in addition to the training sessions, they also must accrue a certain number of hours of scribing, as well as sitting with a willing "S" Judge and cooperative show management at a Recognized Show. And it is not just sitting; they must observe 20 rides at each level of Training, First, and Second level, plus be expected to make comments! Talk about experience and great training!



****Special note:** check out the ODS Schooling Show info below for an exciting opportunity for our candidates! Many thanks to the local Shows at the ODS Spring Shows, GCDC in June, as well as the opportunities from our collaborator in this effort, CPDS, for providing many opportunities! Thanks again and again to **Sherry Guess** for her outstanding organizational skills that keeps track of their requirements and progress. Thanks in advance to ODS friends at **KDEA, Marie Maloney, and Susan Lang** for offering to give assistance for the Iowa session!

****Special Announcement For Schooling Shows****

The Schooling Show Committee and the ODS Board discussed and agreed to an addition to the list of requirements for Judges at ODS shows. To offer an opportunity for experience to our "L" Candidates, ODS will now allow candidates who are *currently enrolled and active in Part 2 of the USDF training* to serve as judges at ODS Schooling shows! These folks are as up-to-date and full of information as anyone out there, so riders will be under very well trained eyes if they ride for an "L" candidate! This is a win-win for everyone. It gives future "L" Graduates some valuable experience while also providing more selection of people who can serve as judges for the shows, something that will greatly aid the committee in filling that position.

Note: Entries for future schooling shows may be made through:

GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com

For more information, please contact Laura Taylor: lktaylor@gmail.com

ODS Schooling Shows information can be found throughout this issue, and on the Events Calendar on the last page.

Update: ODS Spring Symposium With Janet Foy

What an education-filled weekend the Spring Symposium was! Watching (and riding for) Janet was a real treat as she addressed each pair as unique individuals who brought their best effort out on display. Janet praised the good and gently corrected the areas that could improve in such a way that riders felt supported and assisted in understanding how their rides could be better. **Laurie Hedlund** submitted a report on the weekend - see inside this issue for her reflections.

2023 Summer Annual General Meeting

Plans are rolling forward for the Summer AGM to be held in Tulsa this year. Save the Date!~~ **Saturday, July 15**. We will be meeting at the Tulsa County Extension Center at **4116 E. 15th Street in Tulsa**.

As usual for the Summer Meeting, we will hold a brief Business Meeting, present a catered lunch, and have an Educational Offering. What else can you do in the heat of summer but enjoy the company of good horsey folks in air conditioned comfort, and eat?!? Mark your calendars and come join us! More details will be announced soon.

2024 Spring Symposium

It's never too early to start planning the next ODS Symposium! The ODS Board has been in touch with **Shelly Francis** from Ocala, Florida, and she has agreed to come work with the club next year! For those who aren't familiar with her, Shelly has been on several USEF International Teams including the team that went to World Equestrian Games in Rome in 1998, the World Cup in Paris in 2018, and was the U.S.A. alternate rider at the Rio Olympics in 2016. Most recently she and her mount, Danilo, were on the Gold Medal Team at the FEI Dressage Nations Cup. She went to Germany when she was young and worked with Johann Hinnemann, an experience she says was "life changing."

Shelly has brought many horses from start up to Grand Prix, and her focus is to train horses, and to teach others to train horses in a humane way. She believes that by nurturing a willingness in horses through a relationship based on trust and fairness, the horse will give you its all.

Shelly is watching the CDI Schedule in Florida, and then will provide dates in April of 2024 for her visit to Oklahoma. Keep an eye out for details as plans develop!

Paid Opportunity for Scribing in Guthrie at WDAA World Champs This Fall

Many of you are aware that Oklahoma is host to the Western Dressage Association of America (WDAA) to hold its World Championship Show in Guthrie every fall. This Show has grown to enormous proportions over the few years of its history, and draws competitors from literally across the Nation with hundreds of entries. The WDAA has reached out to ODS for a little help this year.

Vivien Van Buren from the Board of Western Dressage of America is the Show Coordinator of our 2023 Western Dressage World Championship Show at the Lazy E Arena in Guthrie OK **September 26 - 30, 2023.**

She is looking for 2 experienced dressage scribes. They pay \$150 per day plus per diem, mileage, and hotel room if needed. If you are interested in being part of this event, please contact Vivian at: 303-883-6560 or vnviv@gmail.com

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ODS Schooling Show Year End Awards

Virtual Showing Opportunity

Gail Matheus, of Starlight Horse Shows, the Virtual Show organization, recently announced that the entries for the first of two shows that ODS is sponsoring, the Cabin Fever Show, has 30 entries just prior to the closing date! As you might recall, for every entry, regardless of membership, ODS will receive \$10.00 which is put towards Year-End Schooling Shows Awards! If you ride in either of these two sponsored shows, you may count **one score** toward your year-end collection of scores.

REMEMBER: if you choose to use a virtual score *YOU* are responsible for submitting it to Pamela DeVore for it to count towards year-end awards. She has no way to capture scores from the Virtual shows, so be sure to turn one in if you want it to count! Virtual tests are a great way to ride before an “S” rated National judge from the comfort of your own home barn! It is an easy way to get great feedback on the quality of your ride without the struggle and effort of hauling to a show. It is available for all levels. Give it a try!

Entries for the next ODS Sponsored Virtual Show will open May 26. Look for the flyer in the newsletter!

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Letter From The President (cont'd)

do it in trot; if you can't get it in trot, come to walk; if you can't get it in walk, halt. Halt? Yes ~ sit still and *feel* in your own body what you have to do to communicate with your horse.

I literally just went through this with Danny, broke down part of the canter tour into little bits he could do successfully. Can you go sideways in walk? Yes. Can you go sideways in trot? Yes. How about canter? Yes, if I can practice a couple of times. Now how about straight after the sideways? When he could answer 'yes' to everything, the whole movement became

smoother, whereas when I tried to present it as a whole it fell apart. Slow down, take time to patiently explain it in pieces to your audience (your horse, spouse, kids, employee) in ways they can comprehend. Then we ALL get to feel successful ~ and isn't that what we are all after!
Now, I'm off for a ride ~ hope your rides are successful!

Hugs and blessings to you all ~
~ Kay

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Janet Foy Spring Symposium Reflections & Lessons

By: Laurie Hedlund

Every year my students and I look forward to the ODS Spring Symposium. Every year the club brings in one of the top notch people in Dressage to Oklahoma!

This year they invited 5* Olympic Judge, author and clinician Janet Foy. The focus was the new 2023 Dressage Tests plus pointers on Musical Freestyles from a judge's point of view.

My ride this year was my client Shiela Reynolds' PRE gelding "Legendario" aka "Rio." I was to demonstrate 3rd level #1 and #2.

"Rio" is an absolute delight to have in our stable. When we got him, he could do some very quick moves... spins and go the other way! Teaching him to stretch over the back into an elastic contact has been our main focus. He has really blossomed in his training and we were so proud of the confidence he had in himself at his first clinic and public appearance.

Janet's main focus was his walk pirouettes. Rio is a quick thinker and a mind reader so he takes over in the turns. In his mind, faster is better! Janet had several approaches. On Saturday, she had me go up and down the centerline and use 1/2 steps before the turn to make him sit more. On Sunday, we focused on firm outside rein half halts to help him wait for the turns and to turn as slow as possible. Janet also gave me tips for the show ring to help me make him wait for the flying changes.

Not knowing what to expect, as Janet just came from judging the World Cup in Omaha, she treated every horse and rider combination with the same enthusiasm. She was candid, honest and helped each pair improve on common problems as well as involving the auditors in the process. The club had a great variety of horse and rider combinations to learn from.

I had the pleasure of driving Janet to the airport on Sunday. We talked about her Ballroom Dancing and I learned that she is quite the cook as she went to the Cordon Bleu in England! While she was in England, she started her formal Dressage training. We chatted about my time with Alf and my training on his Lipizzaner Stallions and I learned that her Grandfather was Austrian. He was enamored with the Spanish Riding School and it was him that drove Janet and her sister every Saturday morning to their riding lesson in Colorado Springs. Her Grandfather was her great support.

A big thank you to ODS for another great symposium, Southern Hills Riding Academy for hosting, the volunteers that make this happen and Pamela Buyers for her great organization!

-Laurie Hedlund



Tidbits To Remember.....

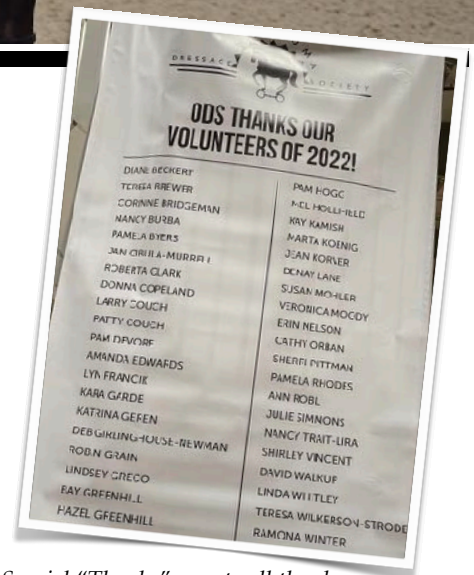
Corners!!! Ride them! Use them! Don't cut them!

- * Halt.... Like a snowflake... not an avalanche!
- * Do not stop if your horse makes a mistake
- * inside rein does not come back... it opens.
- * Geometry is the single easiest and FREE lesson to learn - you should not be giving away points there
- * Take away impulsion to get submission if needed

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ODS Spring Show In Pictures

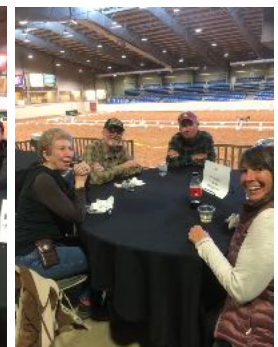
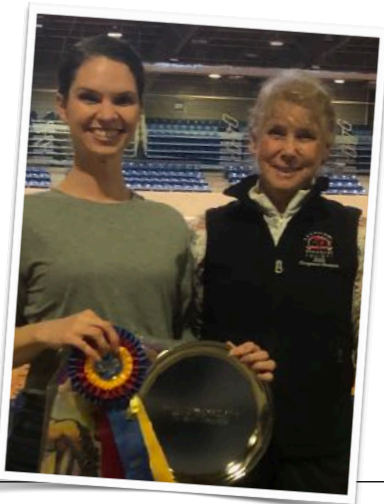
Shown here are a few of the winners from the ODS SPRING DRESSAGE SHOW in April receiving awards from ODS President Kay Kamish and Breed Awards Coordinator Pamela Rhodes.



Special "Thanks" goes to all the show volunteers who make this show a success!



Congratulations to Charity Weaver who earned her USDF Bronze Medal Sunday at the ODS Spring Dressage Show!



Groups had fun at the ODS Spring Dressage Show awards party!

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Spring Show Results

%	CLASS NAME	DIVISION	#	HORSE	RIDER
68.75	2023 Introductory Level	ALL	448	AMAZING GRACE	TRISHA WATKINS
68.4	2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	475	VOGUE	JOSEPHINE TOLL
73.2	2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	OPEN	438	NTEC BEST BON COEUR	JULIA HANDT
67.4	2023 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	AMATEUR	461	REAGAN	ELIZABETH TRUESDALE
68.148	2023 USEF FIRST LEVEL	AMATEUR	419	LEVI	JOANNE BAUM
67.407	2023 USEF FIRST LEVEL	JR/YR	475	VOGUE	JOSEPHINE TOLL
68.472	2023 USEF FIRST LEVEL	OPEN	441	NTEC RAXUS	GALINA KARPOVA
68.571	2023 USEF SECOND LEVEL	AMATEUR	424	KALIMERO	CHARITY WEAVER
69.15	2022 FEI CHILDREN TEAM TEST= Second Level	JR/YR	477	BAGGINS	SYNNEVA FRICKE
71.714	2023 USEF SECOND LEVEL	OPEN	478	FS NO DOUBT	YVONNE KUSSEROW
66.892	2023 USEF THIRD LEVEL	ALL	440	NTEC CRESCENDO	JULIA HANDT
65.694	2023 USEF FOURTH LEVEL	ALL	406	NIRVANA-H	ISABELLA FIELDER
	PONY CUP WINNER	ALL	416	BUBBA BAILEY	DEN BURDETTE
68.571	HIGHEST AMATEUR & BOB PAPE TROPHY WINNER			KALIMERO	CHARITY WEAVER
73.2	HIGHEST OPEN			NTEC BEST BON COEUR	JULIA HANDT
69.15	HIGHEST JR & BEE PAPE TROPHY WINNER			BAGGINS	SYNNEVA FRICKE
	BREED AWARDS				
	HANOVARIAN			BARN DANCE	JANELLE WILLIAMS
	ANDALUSIAN			WICKED WOLF	ALLISON TRIFFERT
	AMERICAN WARBLOOD			CALI	JESSICA BLACKMON-WHITE
	WESTFALEN			DANDIOS	CHARLOTTE STOTTS
	MORGAN			CBMF TOP PRIZE	CALLIE METZLER
	TIP			SWEET SAMURAI	LORI MULLEN
	OLDENBURG NA				

2023 ODS Schooling Show Series

June 17 Revery Equine Judge Laurie Hedlund

July 29th YOLy (Evening Show) Judge TBA

Aug 26th YOLy (Evening Show) Judge TBA

Sept 23th Revery Equine Judge Sherry Guess

October 14th Revery Equine Judge Gail Matheus

Championships

November 4th YOLy Judge Kay Kamish



Regular Schooling Show Rules

Multiple riders permitted to show one horse, but not to exceed a total of 4 tests/5 classes per horse per day. Horse can be ridden in 2 consecutive levels.

- Entry fees must be paid in full prior to releasing show packets. Entries need to be received by the Wednesday before the show (payment due at packet pick-up)

*No phone, or fax entries will be accepted.

All riders **MUST** wear approved ASTM/SEI helmets while mounted. Boots with a heel, shirt/jacket with collar and sleeves are required. Western Dressage riders must wear show attire, chaps optional.

- USEF/USDF Rules will be observed. Refer to www.USDF.org and www.USEF.org.

- USDF 2023 Dressage Tests used. Refer to www.USDF.org.

- Western Dressage Tests can be found at www.westerndressageassociation.org.

- Prix Caprilli tests are available on the ODS website

DIVISIONS:

- JR/YR—Junior/Young Rider, 21 years and younger by Dec. 1 of the membership year, non-professional

- AA—Adult Amateur, 22 years of age and older by Dec. 1 of the membership year, nonprofessional

- Open—Any age, professional

SHOW INFORMATION:

- All divisions will ride together but be pinned separately.

- High point awards will be presented for each level and division. •

- Current (12 month) negative Coggins is required for all horses brought onto grounds
Please send a copy with your entry and present original to show manager per state law

- Stallions must be attended at all times.

- Dogs **MUST** be on a leash at all times.

STALLING:

Is offered at each facility for \$30/day. Reserve stalls on the show entry form. Stalls are first come first serve based on the date entry is received as they are limited.

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I understand and agree to the terms specified above.

Rider/Handler signature:

Parent/Guardian signature (if under 18 yrs.):

Horse Owner Signature:

Emergency Contact Name:

Phone Number:

Relationship:

Oklahoma Dressage Society 2023 Schooling Show Series Entry Form

One horse/rider combination per entry.

Show Date: _____

Show Locations:

Revery Equine 7446 Adams Rd Mounds, OK 74047

YOLy Ranch, 13401 S 129th East Ave, Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Rider Name: _____ Instructor: _____

Division: ☐ JR/YR (DOB:) ☐ AA ☐ Open

Rider Address: _____

Rider Phone: _____ Rider E- Mail: _____

Horse Name: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ G ☐ S Horse ODS #: _____

Horse Owner: _____ Owner Phone: _____

Class #	Class Description	Entry Fee
	All Class Fees: \$20/class	\$
	Stall Fees- \$30 day stall/ \$35 overnight	\$
	Office Fee: All office fees are non-refundable \$ 15.00	\$15.00
	Total Fees: (Make checks payable to ODS)	\$

Please email entry forms and current coggins to GCC.ShowServices@gmail.com

Oklahoma Dressage Society

Ladies Polo's & Hat Order Form



Ladies & Men's Contrast Stitch Micropique Sport-Wick Polo \$35.00

Royal	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Navy	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Pink Raspberry	Ladies / Men's	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

Sun Hat w/ Concealable Sun Flap – Navy \$35.00

Adjustable Ripped and Distressed Cap -Navy \$25.00

Please contact Pamela DeVore with any questions (303) 902-6181
or email pamelad68@aol.com

ODS Schooling Show Classes

Class #	Division Offered	Description
1	All together	Suitable to become a dressage horse (horse never shown above first level)
2	All together	Dressage Equitation W/T
3	All together	Dressage Equitation W/T/C
4	Children 10 & under	Lead line- no office fee
IA	JR/YR, AA, Open	Intro level Test A
IB	JR/YR, AA, Open	Intro level Test B
IC	JR/YR, AA, Open	Intro level Test C
T1	JR/YR, AA, Open	Training level Test 1
T2	JR/YR, AA, Open	Training level Test 2
T3	JR/YR, AA, Open	Training level Test 3
F1	JR/YR, AA, Open	First level Test 1
F2	JR/YR, AA, Open	First level Test 2
F3	JR/YR, AA, Open	First level Test 3
S1	JR/YR, AA, Open	Second Level Test 1
S2	JR/YR, AA, Open	Second Level Test 2
S3	JR/YR, AA, Open	Second Level Test 3
Third 1	JR/YR, AA, Open	Third Level Test 1
Third 2	JR/YR, AA, Open	Third Level Test 2
Third 3	JR/YR, AA, Open	Third Level Test 3

TOC	JR/YR, AA, Open	Test Of Choice
WI 1	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Intro test 1
WI 2	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Intro test 2
WI 3	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Intro test 3
WI 4	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Intro test 4
WB 1	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Basic test 1
WB 2	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Basic test 2
WB 3	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Basic test 3
WB 4	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Basic test 4
W 1-1	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Level One test 1
W 1-2	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Level One test 2
W 1-3	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Level One test 3
W 1-4	JR/YR, AA, Open	WDAA Level One test 4
PC 1	JR/YR, AA, Open	Prix Caprilli Intro Test
PC 2	JR/YR, AA, Open	Prix Caprilli Training Test
PC 3	JR/YR, AA, Open	Prix Caprilli First Level Test
Sport Horse In Hand	All together	To be shown on the triangle
Sport Horse Under Saddle	All together	WTC class



Announcements

ODS Show Organizer Retiring: Position Available

Roberta Clark, our ever-present, untiring Recognized Show Organizer, has just announced that she will be stepping away from that job after the shows of 2024! We have all become so accustomed to Bert running the Spring Show for these many past years, that no doubt there is very little thought about how they even get done. We all just wait for the announcement, go to the Showsecretary.com website, enter and show up to ride. But there is oh so much work that goes on behind the scenes! Things have become very busy for Bert, with now two grand babies to help take care of, and plans to start spending more time in Florida. Did I say 'untiring' before? Well, perhaps that's not quite true, and this year the demands have actually tripled, with ODS taking over the management of the GCDC show, formerly run by the Green Country Chapter, as well as the new Level 1 Show in September. With so much on her plate, Bert is, in fact, tired.

Folks, it is time for others to start stepping up to help out with this work and take advantage of a generous amount of time to let Bert mentor new people on the organization of shows. This wonderful club is only as strong as the members who will do the work. So come on!! Give us all a hand and learn how YOU can help YOUR club!

Contact Kay Kamish to find out how you can help serve ODS: president@dressageoklahoma.org

USDF Annual Convention Delegate Needed For Region 9: ODS Offering Stipend

Bess Bruton, Region 9 Director, has announced that nominations are open for delegates from our Region to represent us at the USDF Annual Convention. This will be held in Omaha, Nebraska on Nov 29-Dec 2. Region 9 is allowed to elect 6 delegates this year. We currently have only 1 nominee, Arlene Gaitan. If you plan on attending the USDF convention in Omaha, please run for PM (Participating Member) delegate. You must be a participating member, and write a very short bio. You can nominate yourself. **Go to the USDF website to find the nomination form.**

Please contact Bess at iamhorsey2@icloud.com with questions.

>>>As an added incentive, ODS is offering a \$500 stipend to an ODS member willing to carry the vote as a Delegate! What a great opportunity to experience the Convention, participate in the voting procedure, see your National Board at work, and share a few days with hundreds of like-minded riders from across the country! **<<<**

\$25,000 Debbie McDonald Fund for FEI Riders Announced

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is honored to announce that its previous \$10,000 Debbie McDonald Fund for Pacific Northwest FEI Riders has been expanded and increased, thanks to the generosity of Pamela S. Jones and the Jones Family Foundation—Malama Honua.

Beginning this year, TDF's Debbie McDonald Fund will now offer \$25,000 grants to FEI riders from across the country, to include riders in the Under 25 Division.

The Debbie McDonald Fund will provide funding for high-level training to horse and rider pairs who are training at Prix St. Georges or higher, who show potential to succeed at FEI Levels, and who may not otherwise have the opportunity for the training. Additionally, the Fund seeks to grow the legacy of compassionate and effective dressage training embodied by Debbie.



Debbie McDonald and Brentina
Photo by Amy Dragoo



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

- May 15: Military Grant Fund
- June 1: George Williams YP Fund
- June 1: Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award Nomination Deadline
- June 15: Debbie McDonald Fund for FEI Riders
- July 1: Barnett Continuing Education for Instructors
- July 15: Team Tate Mentorship & Leadership Fund
- July 20: Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund for Individuals

Learn More: www.dressagefoundation.org

Events

The Oklahoma Dressage Society Presents



SUMMER

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Level 1 **SHOW & CLINIC**
SEPT 9 **SEPT 10**

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Last date to qualify for Region 9 Championships!

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www.showsecretary.com

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Here's A GMO Challenge!

TDF is taking part in an annual day of giving called, [Give to Lincoln](#). Give to Lincoln is an annual giving event that encourages everyone to donate to non-profit organizations in Lincoln, NE (which is where TDF is headquartered!). Give to Lincoln is coordinated by the Lincoln Community Foundation in partnership with local non-profits. Every donation given makes a bigger impact because nonprofits also get a proportional share of a \$500,000 challenge match fund provided by Lincoln Community Foundation and the sponsors.

Give to Lincoln is an **incredibly** important fundraiser for TDF. It helps raise much-needed funds to help TDF's mission to strengthen US dressage at all levels. *Our goal is to raise \$10,000 and **we need your help**.*



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MAY 1 - MAY 24

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[givetolincoln.com](https://www.givetolincoln.com)
search for The Dressage Foundation

CELEBRATE GIVING

From now until May 24th, donations made through the annual [Give to Lincoln \(Nebraska\) Day](#) will be **stretched** by a matching gift!

You don't have to be from Lincoln, or even Nebraska, to get your donation matched! Any gift made to TDF through Give to Lincoln Day from May 1st - May 24th will receive a partial match from the Lincoln Community Foundation.

Your donation will be used to help riders from across the country reach their goals and build stronger partnerships with their horses. Every donation is important!

Donate Today!
www.dressagefoundation.org

Here's how THE CHALLENGE for the GMO works:

=> The GMO that raises the largest amount of dollars will receive a TDF Takeover Day on TDF's social media. This can be up to four posts either on Facebook or Instagram.

=> The GMO that gets the most individual donors will receive a TDF Takeover Day on TDF's social media. This can be up to four posts either on Facebook or Instagram.

Each donation needs to be made through the Give to Lincoln Day link at <https://www.givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/dressage-foundation-inc> today through May 24. After clicking on that link, choose a donation amount, check out, and then leave your GMO's name in the note box. Donations start at \$10 each.

If your GMO is the winner in either category, your GMO receives a day to post (pre-approved) announcements, upcoming events, or information about your GMO for one day. TDF's Facebook account has over 10,000 followers and our Instagram has over 4,000. It's a great opportunity to reach new people and share information about your club and all that is happening!

Together we can make **Give to Lincoln** a success for **TDF** and help promote our GMO at the same time!



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!



What if you could smell & taste like ants & bees?

Muuurrrrrroooooowwww.....I don't know about all you friends out there, but I'm definitely tired of these storms with thunder & lightning disturbing my cozy sleep time. I hope all of your family members (including the 2-leggeds) are well & healthy after yet another rampage last night. My dog friends like to scratch on the back door every time there's a BOOMY. They are a lot more frantic when they come in the house after the first one of those; it takes them longer to settle down on those nights. Meanwhile, they have disturbed MY sleep & claimed MY favorite sleeping places on the bed! Barky things! Hmmphh.....

Now—let's REALLY stretch your imagination. Beware, this may feel uncomfortable.....

What would it be like if you actually smelled & tasted with your feet like ants & bees do? Bees know if a flower is worth collecting from the moment they land on it. Ants know if something is food for the colony as soon as they walk on it or touch it. Have you ever watched ants out in your barn paddocks? I watched ants dismantle a giant horse poop pile. The first ant ran right smack into a single poop ball, crawled up on top of it & then every other ant in the area came running over. They started swarming the entire pile. It was like someone had blown a bugle telling them: FOOD TIME! They worked so fast & furiously that they had that entire pile cleared out in one night!

Wouldn't that take all the fun out of hunting for cats? And just maybe, I don't want to taste my human every time I jump into their lap. Eeeewwwwww..... Can you imagine one of your horse buddies tasting & smelling with their feet instead of their noses & extra smelling folds inside those cute, little noses? And then, imagine them jumping into their special 2-leggeds lap just so they could smell them? That would be one flattened 2-legged lap..... I'm LOTS happier with those horse buddies of mine keeping their sense of taste & smell right where they are now.

♥,
Ms Rocket

CLASSIFIED ADS

Sell your horse, trailer, tack, property or other equine related items here in the ODS newsletter classified ads.

Non-commercial ads are FREE for ODS members and only \$5 for non-member!

Ads will run one month unless owner re-submits.

To advertise, email the editor: newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



Advertise Your Items For Sale Via ODS Membership E-Blast & Facebook!

Now, you can sell your horse-related items by way of an advertisement emailed to all members of ODS, PLUS an ad on the ODS Facebook page all for a \$50 donation to ODS! To secure your ad space, send \$50 to martakoe@yahoo.com and copy-ready artwork to newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org.



Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

The ODS Education Scholarship provides financial assistance to Oklahoma Dressage Society 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:

1. 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 prior 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 after 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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approved dressage educational event with validation of the attendance; and, the submission to ODS of the required post report. 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 not 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.



Summer Barn Hack: Girth Sores Prevention, Solved!

Does your horse experience girth sores, especially during hot, sweaty summer months? Sometimes the shorter hair around the tender girth area can cause extra sensitive reactions to rubbing with the use of girths. This can result in open sores that are very hard to heal.

Here are two things to consider trying, either separately, or together.

1. String girths - The thin profile make it easy for the skin to work around the girth which minimizes rubs. There's no elastic in string dressage girths, so that might be a concern of its own, depending upon your horse. String dressage girths might take some sleuthing to find, however, they are available in synthetic white or black and the pricier option of mohair.
2. Body Glide stick - You can find this on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com), your local grocery store or discount retailer drug store. This is what many distance runners use on their own legs to reduce chaffing and it works on horses! Just apply the glide stick like deodorant in the area that usually causes issues, then saddle up as usual.



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? ☐ Yes ☐ No Status: ☐ Junior ☐ Amateur ☐ Open

Do you compete in dressage? ☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes, Please check all applicable below.

☐ Schooling Shows ☐ Recognized Shows ☐ Locally ☐ Regionally ☐ Nationally

Who is your current riding instructor? _____

Name and date 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.

(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?

OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

ODS is a Group member organization (GMO) of Region 9 of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF).

New Membership _____ Renewing Membership _____ Information Change only _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ USDF ID# _____

Address _____ City/State Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Birth date: Mth _____ / Yr _____

USDF/ODS membership year is Dec 1st - Nov 30th . Membership dues are late after November 30th .

****As an ODS Member you automatically become a GMO Member of USDF****

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+) ☐ \$ _____

\$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and those members who have lifetime memberships) \$ _____

\$44 Junior, under 18 as of Dec 1 of the current membership year \$ _____
(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2023 for 2023 membership)

\$64 Family (for two family members)

Name of second family member _____ Birth Day Mth _____ / Yr _____ \$ _____

\$10 Add third family member

Name of third family member _____ Birth Day Mth _____ / Yr _____ \$ _____

DONATION to ODS. (ODS is a tax exempt 501.c organization) OPTIONAL \$ _____

\$5 DISCOUNT for memberships received before November 30th. - (\$ _____)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

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, 2nd) ☐ "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.

Scribing ☐ Scoring ☐ Organization/Management ☐ Accounting ☐ Spreadsheets ☐ Arena Set-Up/Tear-D own ☐

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:

Signature: _____ Dated _____ (Parent or Guardian Signs for Jr. Rider)

Mail this form, with check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society – Membership" to: Marta Koenig PO Box 1101 Kellyville OK 74029
.Email: membership@dressageoklahoma.org. Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF.

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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 webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org. To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org. The most current, up-to-date event listings and information are posted online.

- June 17** ODS Schooling Show Series: @ Revery Equine (Beggs, OK)
- July 29** ODS Schooling Show Series: @ YOLy Ranch (evening show; Broken Arrow, OK)
- Aug 26** ODS Schooling Show Series: @ YOLy Ranch (evening show; Broken Arrow, OK)
- Sept 9, 10** ODS Level I Show (9th) & Clinic (10th) (Staab Equestrian, Claremore)
- Sept 23** ODS Schooling Show Series: @ Revery Equine (Beggs, OK)
- Sept 26-30** 2023 WDAA World Championship Show (Lazy E Arena - Guthrie, OK)
- Oct 14** ODS Schooling Show Series: @ Revery Equine (Beggs, OK)
- Nov 4** ODS Schooling Show Championships: @ YOLy Ranch (Broken Arrow, OK)

Show Secretary.com

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).

**Next ODS Board
Meeting:**

June 14

@ 7:00 pm.



**New Interim
Mailing
Address**



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