



ODS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2014

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I hope you are all having a wonderful time over the holidays with family and friends.

With our erratic weather, it's difficult to keep your horse's training on track, but when the windows of opportunity arise, hopefully you are able to take advantage and enjoy time with your horse.

This is a great time to set new goals for the coming year. There are many shows now available within our state -- both one-day and two-day shows. This coming year there will even be shows offered that are a schooling show on Sat and a recognized show the next day with the same judge.

Make sure you include plenty of educational events. There are several clinicians that visit our state, plus many educational events within our region where you can participate either as a demonstration rider, or as an auditor.

Make sure you have the New Test symposium with Bill Solyntjes Feb 27-Mar 1 on your calendar. Last year all attendees thoroughly enjoyed his casual personality and humor while watching him make considerable improvements to each of the riders. This year there will even be a clinic for the demonstration riders on Friday, which gives an additional opportunity to watch exercises that improve the horse. Not only will the new test movements be examined, but there will also be an opportunity to watch FEI riders sharpen their skills. After all, the national tests lead to the FEI tests and we all need to see what we're working toward.

Set those new goals and use additional education to help you achieve them!

Sherry

It is time to submit your scores for ODS year-end awards - recognized shows. I will need your scores by December 15. Please use the USDF printout if possible. Or, you may copy the front page of all your tests.

Recognized show scores may be submitted one of three ways:

1. scan and email to gtgray@aol.com
2. FAX: 413-513-0560
3. snail mail: Stacia Wert-Gray 3420 E. 40th Edmond, OK 73013

Schooling show scores do not need to be submitted. To see the rules for both schooling show and recognized shows, please visit dressageoklahoma.org and click on the awards tab.

ODS Volunteer of the Year

Do you know someone who has made a major contribution to our organization this year?-- someone you would like to see recognized for all of the time and effort they have spent influencing the development, growth, quality, and popularity of dressage in a meaningful and positive measure?

Nominees for ODS Volunteer of the Year may have:

- Contributed significant service
- Promoted dressage in some manner
- Promoted ODS by volunteering their time, expertise, or resources in a way that reflects positively on our club
- Made a unique or creative contribution
- Through their effort, increased the image of ODS

Please submit the name of your candidate for ODS Volunteer of the Year award and indicate how that person's attributes and activities have fulfilled this criteria. A committee will review the nominations and the final selection will be announced at the AGM in January. Please note that ODS Board Members are not eligible for this award.

Please email your nomination to Christina Harmon at chrissilynn@att.net. Deadline for submission is January 10.

Nominations for Board of Directors

Tamera Mayo

My husband and I are native Oklahomans but have lived other places including several countries overseas. I've ridden English since I was 5 and have always had horses no matter where we lived or what I was doing. I started riding dressage at 14 and spent a summer working under Robert Hall in the UK when I was 15. My training has been classical, here and in the UK, France and Portugal. I evented up to intermediate level doing the Kentucky CCI. I earned a BHSAI in the UK and a DVM at OSU. Currently I am the owner, trainer, rider, vet, groom and stable hand for our new business, Golden Maple Friesians, LLC. You can see me at the shows riding my sweet and generous Friesians: Clair, Anna and Mantreh.

Relevant experience:

Past board member for Greater Houston

Combined Training Association

Organizer of recognized horse trial that won Region 9 best event of the year

USPC DC & RS

Treasurer for Fannie Bay Equestrian Club, Darwin, Australia

Amanda Edwards

Dressage and ODS have been in my life as long as I can remember. As a child I had the good fortune to be surrounded by very supportive ODS members who not only helped to shape my riding but who I am today.

In the past I have had the opportunity to serve on the board as the education chair and currently I am serving on the show committee. I am active in the recognized show ring, successfully competing throughout the region with my little mare, Lulu, who I have brought through the levels earning both my bronze and silver medals. I would like to continue to give back to ODS and would be grateful for your consideration for the open board position.

Diane Smith

Born and raised on the shores of Lake Huron, not far from Toronto, Canada, I was that child that was obsessed with horses. It was not until I graduated from college earning a Marketing Degree and a Restaurant /Hotel Management Degree when dreams of owning a horse came

true. I was first introduced to the art of dressage as a volunteer at the Canadian Olympic Dressage selection trials in 1987. It was then I fell in love with the dancing horses.

I began my riding career with a young Hanoverian mare, probably not the best idea, and have had the opportunity to own and ride horses at various levels through my riding years. I have consistently ridden and trained with 2 international riders/coaches for the past 18 years. I married and moved to Oklahoma 12 years ago. Our family enjoys college football and spending countless hours at the barn with our 10 year old daughter Emily.

Leadership Style: Involving others through an open communication, motivate and encourage through recognition and teamwork. Highly organized and detail oriented with a savvy business mind for thinking outside the box.

Some Qualifications:

- Professional career included sales and marketing for a national food distributor, assistant purchasing manager, university bookstore / retail director, and currently own and operate 2 sports retail stores.

- Developed, implemented and managed a national fundraising campaign for the Canadian Equestrian Dressage Team from 1994 – 1999.

- ODS Show Committee member for the past 2 years

- USDF Silver Medalist

- Currently train and compete at an FEI level

Marilyn Bassett and Jurgen van Bluffview, owned by Rita Glen of Claremore, OK, had a great year with the following accomplishments:

Dressage Horse Of The Year

Rank	Level	Rider	Median Score
128	First Level	Marilyn Bassett	68.468

Junior/Young Rider

Rank	Level	Rider	Median Score
15	First Level	Marilyn Bassett	68.468

Junior/Young Rider for Friesian Horse Association of NA

Rank	Level	Rider	Median Score
1	First Level	Marilyn Bassett	68.468

Open for Friesian Horse Association of NA

Rank	Level	Rider	Median Score
4	First Level	Marilyn Bassett	68.468

Congratulations to Jurgen, Marilyn, and Rita!

Membership

Lee Ann	Alf	renewing
Gabriella	Bledsoe	renewing
Pam	Byers	renewing
Kristin	Coon	renewing
Tanja	Cox	new
Frankie	Craig	renewing
Jay	Craig	new
Amanda	Edwards	renewing
Sarah	Field	renewing
Camille	Fuller	renewing
Rita	Glen	renewing
Christina	Harmon	renewing
Pam	Hogg	renewing
Anne	Houchin	renewing
Kathleen	Hoyt	renewing
Grace	Klinger	renewing
Marta	Koenig	renewing
Anne	Kuhns	renewing
Susan	Lang	renewing
Kari	McDermott	renewing
Susan	Mohler	renewing
Anne	Robl	renewing
Sarah	Scott	renewing
Christiana	Vogel	renewing
Anne	Fürstenwuth	renewing
Jannelle	Williams	renewing
Clydetta	Womack	renewing
Lidia	Taylor	new
Stephanie	Peck	new
Kelly	Howe	new
Karla	Denton	new
Mary Lou	Kultgen	new

My Experience At The US Dressage Nationals.

(contributed by Kim Kulczycki)

I would have never fathomed going to Kentucky to ride in the open show in November but was convinced by my Missouri friends that this would be an excellent opportunity to get my confidence built back up and get back in the show ring. Two of them had qualified for Nationals, so I thought well, go big or go home..lets go! It was a hard show season for me, as Romey had surgery early spring and Whyatt reinjured himself early summer, so I had only shown Whyatt at our May show. The Kentucky horse park is an amazing facility! It sits on close to 2000 acres, and it is intimidatingly beautiful. I had never been to Kentucky before and the state is incredible and rivals my home state of Michigan with its fall color, something I miss greatly! Luckily I was traveling with a friend or I would have never found my stabling, but we got in Tuesday evening and got the horses settled in. The next morning we went to the show office and the first face I see is Ann Kuhns! I immediately felt more at ease, a friendly familiar face, yea! The next thing you do is find your rings

and warm ups.. there are 5 outdoor rings, each with their own individual warm up. The alltech ring, which is the indoor has its own warm up as well. For those of you that thought the walk at Lazy E from the stabling to the arena was long, let me tell you,that was nothing compared to the walking we did at the horse park! Amazingly enough the horses were calm and at ease. They have designated walking paths for the horses that are carpeted with astro turf and people assigned at all crossing areas that stop all traffic that allows the horses to have right of way. The rings are beautiful, with wonderful footing and natural landscape. At first the jumbo trons were intimidating but once you were riding in your ring,you never notice them! I was surprised yet again on my second day in Kentucky to see who other than, Marta Konig directing traffic! Then after my first ride, I see Robin Hessel and Chris Cashel, it was like old home week and so wonderful to see people I knew!

I stayed at the horse park rv park, another wonderful experience. There is a paved path that I drove my golf cart on every day from the barns back to my rv park and every day I passed the Rolex arena, that in itself was incredible to see. You really have no idea how big those jumps are or how large the stadium is until you stand next to them in real life. One of my show rings overlooked the steeplechase bushes and even those were well manicured and perfect looking. An added holiday plus was that they were getting all the Christmas lights and Holiday displays up so every evening I drove past a lighted waving Santa.

I have to say that I was a bit shocked that even the people that qualified for Nationals had to ride outside in the weather we had(and I am talking upper level as well), which was not optimal. Yes, we rode outside in rain, hail, sleet and snow.. not very dignified for a national level competition, however I will never complain about riding in a brief rainstorm in Oklahoma in the summer. Riding in sleet, 35 degrees and 40 mph winds is not fun.

But the fun and experience I had showing outweighed the horrible weather. I learned that I can ride my horse for miles to an outdoor arena, in bad weather and pull out an acceptable score at a national level competition in not the most optimal weather conditions.

People have asked me would I go back, and I guess my answer is yes, I would love to go back to Kentucky and show, even if it is the open show again. It was an opportunity I know not many of us have and feel grateful I was able to have the support to go and do something like this. I plan on going back next year! It would be great to have some more familiar faces there! I heard that if you volunteer for the show that they do offer your hotel room for free, something for people to think about next year!

Also, next year is the last year for the Nationals to be held in Kentucky. The rumor mill there stated that the only places that have put a bid in are Ca and Az, which would be an impossibility for any of us to travel to. I had heard that OKC was mentioned and they even looked into that, but of course the Quarter Horse World show is going on at that time. Houston was mentioned but they have not put in a bid. If anyone is looking at going to Nationals in the near future, please write USDF and let them know we need it centrally located, I did!

Anyway, I just wanted to let everyone know of my experience there as just an open rider, it built my confidence, gave me courage and I was able to see a lot of incredible horses go and see my friends win national titles! Hope you all can make it next year!



THOMAS POULIN CLINIC

Please join us for a clinic with the renowned dressage rider, trainer and USEF "S" Judge, Tom Poulin. Tom has been a pioneer in developing modern dressage in the United States, and has taught and judged for four decades all over the world. His many accomplishments include being one of the founding and influential members of the USDF, serving on the Freestyle Committee and being a current instructor for the "L" Program. His wealth of knowledge and deep understanding of every aspect of the sport is evident in his clarity of instruction, and remarkable ability to bring out best in every horse, making a real difference to his students and raising the level of dressage in America as a whole.

2 Clinic Dates:

November 15-16 (Sat and Sun)

December 13-14 (Sat and Sun)

Ride fee \$140/ride

Contact: Carolyn Hoekstra

Premierdressage@aol.com

Phone: 918-688-2410



GCC NEWS

See Christmas Party page in this newsletter.



GPC NEWS

See award results in this newsletter.

Spring Dressage SHOW



May 9 & 10, 2015

*Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
Oklahoma City, OK*

USDF Level II Competition

Judges:

Melonie Kessler "S" & Margaret Freeman "S"

TD: Debbie Moloznik



Saturday Night Party & Entertainment
\$1000.00 Freestyle Competition
Champion & High Point Awards
Mother's Day Hat Contest
Silent Auction

Official Qualifying Competition for:

2015 Great American / USDF Region 9 Championship
2015 Southwest Dressage Championship
2015 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program
AQHA Dressage Program

Also Featuring:

2015 Dover/USDF Adult Amateur Medal Program
Thoroughbred Incentive Program
Training & First Level Opportunity Classes
Para-equestrian Classes
Pony Classes



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United States Equestrian Federation (#1461/#4944)
United States Dressage Federation (#1461/#4944)
Southwest Dressage Championships / Oklahoma Dressage Society



www.showsecretary.com

www.dressageoklahoma.org

Opening Date: March 1, 2015

Closing Date: April 30, 2015

Plans are already in the works for our Spring ODS Show 2015. Anyone interested in joining our Show Committee is welcome. Please contact Roberta Clark at 55reclark@gmail.com



Annual General Meeting & Awards Banquet

Saturday, January 24, 2015

Cattleman's Restaurant

1309 S. Agnew, Oklahoma City

9:30 am Registration and Silent Auction

10:00 Annual Meeting

Noon Lunch

1:00 Year End Awards Presentation

This is your chance to be involved in your club! Voice your opinion, give input to influence the direction of the club, and learn what the board has planned for 2015. Pick up your year end award(s) and cheer on your fellow club members for their accomplishments.

Send in your registration today!



AGM & Awards Banquet Reservation Form

When: Saturday, January 24, 2015

How Much: \$20/person
(Buffet featuring chicken and steak)

Where: Cattleman's Restaurant 1309 Agnew, Oklahoma City, OK 73108

Name: _____

Current ODS Member (Joined for 2015) ____ Yes ____ No

_____ Number in Party x \$20/person \$ _____ Total Enclosed

_____ Steak or _____ Chicken or _____ Vegetarian Option (indicate # of each option)

Buffet served with:

Tossed Green Salad with Cattlemen's Famous House Dressing
Baked Idaho Potato (*Served with Butter & Sour Cream*)
Medley of Fresh Steamed Vegetables
Homemade Yeast Rolls & Assorted Homemade Cream Pies

_____ Attending but not partaking in Lunch

Please make your reservation by Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Make checks payable to ODS and send reservation form and payment to:

Pamela Byers-Attn: ODS Reservation, Gallery Farm, 8900 Cemetery Road, Noble, OK 73068

Questions? Contact Pamela at 405-990-8963 or Pamela@galleryfarm.us

Help ODS raise money for the ODS Endowed
Educational Fund by donating items
for the Silent Auction.

We appreciate your support!



New Dressage Tests Symposium with William “Bill” Solyntjes

**USEF ‘S’ Dressage Judge
Be Ready for 2015!**

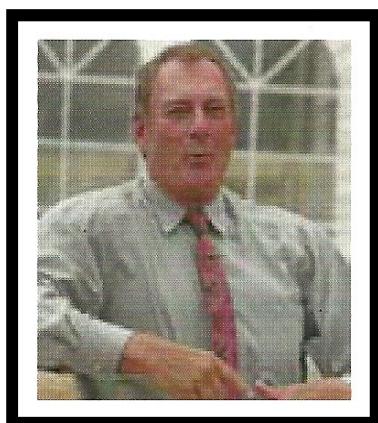


Save the Dates

Clinic (2/27) & Symposium (2/28 & 3/1)

Symposium Demonstration Riders eligible to ride in clinic


Location: Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater, OK



Bill Solyntjes is a USEF ‘S’ Dressage Judge and ‘R’ Sporthorse Judge. He has earned the USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. He is a USDF Faculty Member. Bill has judged and conducted clinics in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. Oklahoma Dressage Society has been fortunate to have Bill judge some of our rated shows in the past. In 2014 he judged the Region 9 Championships.

Bill gained his riding experience and expertise by working with noted European trainers and clinicians. He maintains an active education by working with many noted clinicians.

**Demonstration Rider Applications and Registration Forms
Available in January**



IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR TO
CELEBRATE THE SEASON
WITH GOOD FRIENDS AND GOOD CHEER!

PLEASE JOIN THE GREEN COUNTRY CHAPTER
FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND YEAR END AWARDS POTLUCK BANQUET!

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 2014
5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

WHERE: 2545 S. Delaware Pl
Tulsa, OK 74114

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BRING A SIDE OR A DESSERT

RSVP: AHOUCHIN@MIDCON-ENERGY.COM
918-260-0323

Place	Division	Level	Rider	Horse	Total	4/26	9/6	10/25
Introductory Level								
CH	Open	Introductory	Grain, Robin	Lemon Gray	15	2,5		2, 1, 5
CH	Open	Introductory	Mayo, Tamera	Anna from Vernon	15		5, 5	5
3	Open	Introductory	Mayo, Tamera	Mantreh	10	5, 5		
Training Level								
CH	Junior	Training	Acevado, Kristen	Pecan Creek's Bright Shadow	5		5	
CH	Open	Training	Couch, Patty	Gallent Prince Von G	25	5, 3	5, 2	5, 5
RS	Open	Training	Mayo, Tamera	Mantreh	16		5, 3	3, 5
3rd	Open	Training	Flannery, Richal	Rojo Diamonte	9	2, 2	5	
4th	Open	Training	Flannery, Richal	Genna	6	3, 3		
	Open	Training	Couch, Patty	Biscote de Bel Terra	5			5
	Open	Training	Mayo, Tamera	Anna from Vernon	3			3
CH	Amateur	Training	DeLay, Hailey	Dazzlemeister	16	3, 5, 5	3	
RS	Amateur	Training	Edwards, Amanda	Landstrider	8		3, 5	
3rd	Amateur	Training	Koenig, Marta	Basil the Great	5		5	
3rd	Amateur	Training	Luke, Holly	Lust in the Wind	5	5		
First Level								
CH	Junior	First	Phipps, Sierra	Skip Along Callie	15	5, 5		5
RS	Junior	First	Nichols, Kari	Cartwell's Bell Star	8			5, 3
3rd	Junior	First	Acevado, Kristen	Pecan Creek's Bright Shadow	5		5	
CH	Open	First	Bassett, Marilyn	Genna	13		5	3, 5
RS	Open	First	Mayo, Tamera	Clair NAF	5	5		
	Open	First	West, Cheryl	Comet	4		2	2
	Open	First	Flannery, Richal	Rojo Diamonte	3		3	
CH	Amateur	First	Luke, Holly	Lust in the Wind	21	3	5, 3	5, 5
RS	Amateur	First	DeLay, Hailey	Dazzlemeister	5		5	
RS	Amateur	First	McKenzie, Kimberlee	Call Me Callahan	5		5	
	Amateur	First	Circle, Beth	Eisig	3	3		
Second Level								
CH	Junior	Second	Phipps, Sierra	Skip Along Callie	13		5, 3	5
CH	Open	Second	Mayo, Tamera	Clair NAF	10			5, 5
CH	Open	Second	West, Cheryl	Comet	10		5	5
3rd	Open	Second	Knutson, Kristin	Vashti	5		5	
CH	Amateur	Second	McKenzie, Kimberlee	Call Me Callahan	12	5	2	5
RS	Amateur	Second	McKenzie, Kimberlee	Shaman's Chance	5		5	
	Amateur	Second	Litsch, Nancy	Rock Chalk	3		3	
Third Level								
	Junior	Third	Phipps, Sierra	Skip Along Callie	3		3	
CH	Open	Third	Clark, Roberta	Divino	10	5	5	
RS	Open	Third	Knutson, Kristin	Vashti	5			5
CH	Amateur	Third	McKenzie, Kimberlee	Shaman's Chance	13	3	5	5
RS	Amateur	Third	Litsch, Nancy	Rock Chaulk	10	5	5	
3rd	Amateur	Third	Cashel, Chris	Tango	5	5		
Fourth Level								

CH	Open	Fourth	Miner, Martina	Falstaff	10	5, 5		
RS	Open	Fourth	Clark, Roberta	Divino	8	5	3	
3rd	Open	Fourth	Knutson, Kristin	Guiliani	5			5
CH	Amateur	Fourth	Cashel, Chris	Tango	5	5		
CH	Amateur	Fourth	Edwards, Amanda	Alouette	5	5		

FEI

CH	Open	FEI	Knutson, Kristin	Cesaro	11	3	3	5
RS	Open	FEI	Williams, Janelle	Titanium	7		5	2
3rd	Open	FEI	Clark, Roberta	Divino	5			5
3rd	Open	FEI	Hessel, Robin	Waterfront	5	5		
	Open	FEI	Miner, Martina	Falstaff	4		1	3
	Open	FEI	Clark, Roberta	World Classic	3	3		
CH	Amateur	FEI	Hunt, Marty	Daphene	10	5	5	
CH	Amateur	FEI	Jackson, Traci	Nessesity	10	5	5	
3rd	Amateur	FEI	Edwards, Amanda	Alouette	5			5

Musical Freestyle - All Levels

CH	Open	Musical	Mayo, Tamera	Clair NAF	10	5	5	
RS	Open	Musical FEI	Kin, Anthea	Wolkenwand	5		5	

2014 Great Plains Chapter Of ODS Schooling Show Championships								
November 1, 2014								
Judge: Melissa Creswick "S"								
Place	Division	Horse	Rider	%	GPC Pts	ODS Horse #	ODS Member	GPC Member
3a - 2011 USDF Introductory Level Test A								
1	Open	EDL Loving Grace	Pamela Byers	63.2	5		yes	yes
1	Junior	Eyota Creek	Marjorie Brown	67.15	5		yes	yes
2	Junior	Cant Touch This	Sydney Mills	63.75		1097		
1	Amateur	Maggie Matters	Barbara Tull	70.62	5	814	yes	yes
2	Amateur	No Cameras Please	Emily Moser	66.87				
3	Amateur	EDL Loving Grace	Karla Denton	63.43				
4b - 2011 USEF Training Level, Test 2								
1	Junior	Don't Sass Me	Bailey Harris	66.78		1098		
3b - 2011 USDF Introductory Level Test B								
1	Open	EDL Loving Grace	Pamela Byers	64.06	5		yes	yes
2	Open	Big Bad Ben	Audrey Mckenna	63.43	3	pending	yes	yes
1	Junior	Spiritual Invitation	Alexander Wallace	67.35	5	2128	yes	yes
2	Junior	Cant Touch This	Sydney Mills	63.12		1097		
1	Amateur	Maggie Matters	Barbara Tull	68.75	5	814	yes	yes
2	Amateur	No Cameras Please	Emily Moser	66.87				
3	Amateur	EDL Loving Grace	Karla Denton	62.5				

Great Plains Chapter would like to congratulate Amanda Edwards on earning her USDF Silver Medal and their last show.