



ODS DISPATCH

March 2017

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Dear Members,

Spring is here, sort of. Show season has started, we are all sniffing due to the Bradford Pear trees and many other trees and bushes being in full bloom. They all survived the heavy frost last week, thankfully for some, others I'm sure wish the blooms had not survived.

Great Plains Chapter's 1st schooling show is in the books. Check out their website for results and photos. The ODS Jump Start into Show Season! Show with Lee Tubman is right around the corner. Check out the email blasts, our website, newsletter, and Facebook page for all the information. Opening date is March 1. For those of you not wanting to either show or ride in the workshop, he is also great for the auditors. He takes great care to make sure the auditors understand and can see what he is doing with the riders and horses and will take all questions. Biggest take away from the symposium last year was to let go of the reins! I think every rider was told this. So, plan to attend at least one day of the workshop, you will not be disappointed.

We will have new schooling show and recognized show awards coordinators this year. Rainee wants a break from the schooling show awards, Laura Custer is taking over that role. Stacia has also said she would like to have someone else do the recognized show awards. Her secretary business is really taking off and that time of the year is becoming very busy for her. Laura may take over that role also. We are looking at putting together a database or some way for all to be able to check their schooling shows scores throughout the year. Or at least we will have a mid-point check at the summer meeting.

There are several ways we can upgrade how we do some of our business that I would like us to take on. One suggestion is for every member to get a membership card, like USDF/USEF. Not anything as fancy, but many GMOs send a "postcard" to all members with not only their information but any GMO registered horses. Some have even automated it so members can go on line and get their GMO information. This could help with some of the confusion we've had over the Schooling Show yearend awards.

Remember, we now have a scholarship program that is tied to volunteering. So please take the opportunity to volunteer at not only the April show and workshop but also the May show. We always need more help at these events. Also, always need help with the several standing committees we have. Check out the list on our website and if interested contact the Committee Chair or any of the Board members.

If you have any ideas for future events, better ways to do business, or any concerns please contact any ODS Board member.

Happy Riding!

Pamela DeVore

ODS President

**If you are interested in helping with Recognized Show Awards, please contact an ODS board member, or email [Pamela DeVore](mailto:pamelad68@aol.com) - (pamelad68@aol.com). **

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Upcoming ODS Board Meetings:

March 28th 6:30pm Stroud City Hall

April 25th 6:30pm Stroud City Hall

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WANTED! Volunteers for EDUCATION COMMITTEE. Kay Kamish is the chair of educational efforts for ODS. She is seeking volunteers to help guide the future of education provided to ODS members. If you are interested in helping, please email Kay at: Aspenell@aol.com. Thank you for your consideration!

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Horses newly registered with ODS:
(as of February 28, 2017,)

None reported.

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Membership Information:

"Have a change of address? Earned a new performance award? New phone number or email? If so, be sure to fill out a new membership form and mark "information change only" and mail to Christina Harmon, P.O. Box 33231, Tulsa, OK 74153.

For a membership form click here:

<http://dressageoklahoma.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/2017-ODS-Membership-Form-rev-392016.pdf>

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Chapter News:



Great Plains Chapter of ODS News

Great Plains Chapter started the year with a well-attended schooling show and clinic with judge Melissa Creswick. The weather was perfect for 8.5 hours of rides including many western dressage rides.

Our next activity is "Spa Days" which is scheduled for Friday, March 10 from 1-4 pm. Please contact www.benchmarkanimalhospital.com or 405-547-8381 to reserve your spot. A full slate of services will be provided including coggins testing, vaccinations, dental exams/treatment and even chiropractic adjustments and laser therapy. Spa Days will be hosted by Valley View Equestrian Center in Stillwater.

March 18 is the next schedule show and clinic. This is a schooling show which features Sue Kolstad "S" as the judge. Entries are now open for that show and clinic. Additionally, the April 22 recognized show with Thomas Poulin "S" is now open and filling fast. Mr. Poulin will also be available for clinic rides on April 23 and 24. A recognized Western Dressage show is scheduled for Sunday, April 23. The judge for that show will be Melissa Creswick. It counts for WDAA lifetime points and for USEF points. We look forward to seeing you at GPC activities this spring.

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Green Country Chapter News



Green Country Chapter has been preparing for the upcoming show season! GCC recently hosted a volunteer educational event at Patty Couch's Rocking C Stables in Inola. Approximately twenty members from both the classical and western dressage communities attended the event; they learned about all facets of volunteering at a schooling show, from scribing to running the warm up ring, to scoring.

The show season will begin Saturday, March 11 at Riverbend Arena in Inola. This show will feature two arenas and two judges (Marie Maloney and Susan Lang). Competitors can choose to ride for one or both judges. Entry forms are available at www.greencountrydressage.com. Contact Stephanie Peck at stejpeck@gmail.com with questions!

Before show season gets underway, GCC also hosted its annual Adult Rider Camp March 5-7 at Riverbend Arena. Clinicians Claudia Misner-Coley and Sherry Guess joined guest lecturers Lisa Coffee-Smith, Laurie MacDonald, and others for a fun and insightful weekend. GCC plans to make Adult Rider Camp an annual spring event- if you were unable to join this year, make plans to attend in 2018!

For the full calendar, entry forms, and other information, visit the GCC website at www.greencountrydressage.com.

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OKC Metro Dressage News

No news to report.

OKC Metro Dressage offers a series championship that spans the five shows. For information about the series, individual shows, clinics, judges' biographies, and to view photos of the facility, please visit

www.horseshowconsulting.com/okc-metro-dressage.

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North Central Chapter News



None reported.

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2017 ODS Board Members

President: Pamela DeVore**

Vice President: Diane Smith

Treasurer: Tamera Mayo

Secretary: Michelle Beckes**

Education: Kay Kamish**

Membership: Christina Harmon

Chapter Coordinator: Pamela Rhodes

Volunteer Coordinator: Robin Grain

Show Committee: Laura Custer**

****= newly elected to ODS board**

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The Judge's Perspective:
Training for Riding a Dressage Test Symposium
with

William Lee Tubman

USEF 'S' Judge, USDF Gold Medalist, FEI 4* Dressage Judge Fresh from Judging the World Cup in Omaha

April 8 – 9, 2017 Tulsa Fairgrounds

Format: Mr. Tubman will review each horse / rider combination show performance from the day prior and explain to the auditors how he will proceed in coaching the rider to improve their scores. Mr. Tubman will focus on specific parts of the test and demonstrate how certain exercises will aid in a greater understanding for the horse and rider to prepare and execute each movement. Each rider session will be 45 minutes with a 15 minute question and answer period after each ride. Comments from the auditors are encouraged.



**A total of 30 lunches for riders/volunteers/auditors will be sponsored by Nutrena, Saturday, April 8th.
Registration forms will be dated upon receipt to determine eligibility for lunch.**

Auditor Registration Form
(Please print and complete in full)

Name : _____

ODS Member: Yes ☐ No ☐

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone# _____ E-Mail: _____

Saturday, April 8th ODS \$30.00 ☐ Non-Member \$50.00 ☐ \$ _____

Sunday, April 9th ODS \$30.00 ☐ Non-Member \$50.00 ☐ \$ _____

Both days: April 8th & 9th ODS \$50.00 ☐ Non-Member \$95.00 ☐ \$ _____

Please register me for a USDF University Credit \$5.00 ☐ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Send to:

ODS Tubman Symposium, c/o Robin Grain 2717 W. I-240 Service Road #E Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159

Please make checks payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society"

Thank you to USDF Region 9 and The Dressage Foundation for providing grant money for this event!!

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Opening Date: March 1, 2017 Closing Date: April 21, 2017

ODS Spring I & II



***May 6th & 7th, 2017
Expo Square Tulsa, OK***

Preliminary Prize List

Judges: Janet (Dolly) Hannon* "S" Arvada, CO
Charlotte Trentelman* "S" Anthony, FL

**Young Horse Certification*

TD: Carolyn Vandenberg "R" Canyon Lake, TX

"Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017 Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North; the 2017 Children Dressage National Championship; the 2017 USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship; 2017 AGCO/USEF Junior and Young Rider Dressage National Championships. Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017 Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage Championships; Official Qualifying Competition for the 2017 FEI World Breeding Championships for Young Horses in Dressage (Five and Six Year Olds)."

\$1,000 Freestyle Competition

Champion & High Point Awards

Saturday Night Party & Entertainment Silent Auction

Official Qualifying Competition for:

*2017 Great American Insurance Group/ USDF
Regional Championships*

2017 Southwest Dressage Championship

2017 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards

2017 Dover/USDF Adult Amateur Medal

Program

Also Featuring:

*AQHA Dressage Program; Thoroughbred Incentive
Program*

National Dressage Pony Cup Partner Show

Introductory and Training Level Opportunity Classes

Para-equestrian Classes - Pony Classes

Licensee: Oklahoma Dressage Society
Level 3 USEF/USDF Competition #s 1461 & 4944
Online entries available at www.showsecretary.com

Show Secretary

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A correction has been made to the First Level results for the 2016 Year End Awards:

2016 Year End Awards

Oklahoma Dressage Society

Recognized Shows

2016 Recognized Show Year End Awards

First Level Awards	Horse	ODS #	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Open - First Level	Bravo	2380	Heather Gelvin	Sarah Field	68.201
Reserve Open - First Level	Galant Prince von G	2157	Patty Couch	Patty Couch	64.118
First Level Awards (continued)	Horse	ODS #	Rider	Owner	Percent
Champion Amateur - First Level	Happy Go Lucky	2377	Holly Fisher	Holly Fisher	63.906
Reserve Champion Amateur - First Level	Staas	2009	Sharon O'Bannion	Sharon O'Bannion	61.622
3rd Place Amateur - First Level	Basil The Great	1085	Marta Koenig	Marta Koenig	61.176
4th Place Amateur - First Level	Summer	2191	Deedee Moore	Deedee Moore	58.204
Champion JR/YR - First Level	None				
Champion Vintage - First Level	Galant Prince von G	2157	Patty Couch	Patty Couch	64.118

For historical results, please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com

Prepared by Stacia Wert-Gray

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ODS Academy Awards Sponsored by Cheryl West and West Equestrian

Mission Statement: To find the ultimate lesson student who is capable of riding multiple horses, and to find the ultimate school horse who willingly carries and teaches all riders. **ODS Academy Horse Award Requirements:**

- A minimum of 5 scores with 3 different riders
- Must be ridden in USDF test at Intro level or above
- The rider cannot be the owner of the horse
- Horse can be un-papered, but must have an ODS registration number
- Horse must be part of an active riding or lesson program
- Horse must be 5 years old or older
- Recipient is determined by median score
- Award will be presented to the program that owns the horse
- Scores can cross all levels

ODS Academy Rider Award Requirements:

- A minimum of 5 scores on 3 different horses
- Must have ridden a test at USDF Intro level or above
- Rider must be a member of ODS
- Scores can cross all levels above Intro
- Recipient is determined by median score
- Rider cannot be the owner of the horse
- Horse must have an ODS registration number

A line will be added to the schooling show entry forms to indicate that the horse is an Academy horse so that the horse and rider are eligible for the award.

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NEW Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship



The Oklahoma Dressage Society will be presenting \$150

Educational Scholarships to four worthy ODS members this year.

That is right, we are giving away \$600 in Scholarships!

Have you been a member of ODS for the last 2 years?

Do you have a background in attending and volunteering at ODS events?

If the answer is YES, then peek at applying for this scholarship.

Scholarships will be awarded twice a year: once at the summer meeting
and once at annual general meeting.

All scholarship information and the application can be found on our
ODS website www.dressageoklahoma.com.

All completed applications should be sent to:

Diane Smith-ODS Scholarship Coordinator
912 Glen Eagles Dr., Edmond, OK 73013

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Oklahoma Dressage Society Education Scholarship Information & Application

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

Criteria for eligibility:

1. This ODS Athlete 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. Must be a current member in good standing of Oklahoma Dressage Society. In addition, applicant must have been an ODS member for at least 2 previous years.
3. 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 in addition.
4. Must have a background of volunteerism for ODS. This includes volunteering on at least 1 ODS committee or have accumulated 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 in addition.

Criteria for using this ODS Scholar Athlete Education Scholarship:

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

1. ODS educational events (ex. Judging Seminar, Workshops, Educational Practice Shows, etc.).
2. USDF sponsored educational programs (ex. USDF Adult or Junior Clinics, "L" Program, USDF Certified Instructor Program, USDF Convention or Symposium, USDF - University approved programs etc.
3. Dressage clinics given by a USDF/USEF judge, USDF/USEF technical delegate, USDF Certified Instructor, USDF "L" Program graduate, USDF Gold or Silver Medalist. Clinics must be an advertised clinic and must be open to all ODS members. Standard lesson rates must be applied.
4. Scholarship winner must receive ODS Scholarship Committee pre-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 Educational Scholarship committee will meet twice a year. Each application must be received by the following schedule.

January 1 – May 15

May 16 - November 15

Scholarship(s) to be awarded at ODS Summer Meeting

Scholarship(s) to be awarded at ODS AGM

The Scholarship Committee will announce the recipients at each ODS general meeting.

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer hours counting towards Scholarships include:

1. ODS sponsored shows, clinics, educational events, fundraisers etc. Volunteer hours must be recorded on the ODS Scholarship Application Form. Validation of hours will be confirmed by the ODS Volunteer Co-Coordinator from each event.
2. Write an article in the ODS newsletter.

Consideration will also be given for attendance at an ODS activity or function. Examples being the Summer Meeting, AGM or auditing the ODS Educational event.

ODS Scholarship Funds:

- Funds to administer the program should be held in a separate, interest-bearing account or with its own subaccount in our general funds financials.
- All silent auction proceeds from the ODS Annual General Meeting will be used to generate funds for this account. Any sponsorship donations to this account will also be welcome.
- Scholarship monies will not be awarded until after successful completion of attendance at the approved dressage educational event with completed attendance and the submission to ODS of the required post report.
- Scholarship winner 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 rider's education. (ex. It may not be used for someone else riding your horse in a clinic.)
- Scholarship must be used within 1 year of the time it is awarded. No extensions will be granted.

Additional Information:

- A maximum of four \$150 scholarships will be awarded by ODS to eligible applicants each year. The ODS Educational Scholarship Fund must maintain a balance to fund this venture and a minimum of \$150.00 must remain in this account always.
- Scholarships may be applied for at any time of year. ODS Scholarship Committee will meet a minimum of 2 times a year (June & Dec.) to review all applications received up to that point. The Educational Scholarship Committee may award "0" scholarships, or may award more than 1 scholarship at each of these meetings as they deem fit. A maximum 4 of Scholarships may be awarded each year.
- Not all allotted scholarships may be awarded in a single year if Scholarship Committee does not deem enough applicants meeting minimum eligibility. Determination of eligibility is at the sole discretion of the ODS Scholarship Committee.
- An ODS member may only be awarded a scholarship once per 12-month period. Once awarded a scholarship in each year, applicant may apply again another year. However, priority for subsequent years will be given to eligible applicants who have not received a scholarship previously.
- The ODS Education Scholarship Committee will include at least 1 current Board Member. The committee must have a total of 3 or 5 ODS members in good standing. The committee cannot exceed 5 people.

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