



# NEWSLETTER

May 2014

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## Spring Dressage Show

May 10-11, 2014

Shawnee Expo Center - Shawnee, Oklahoma

USDF Level II Competition

Judges: Sandi Chohany "S" and Doreen Horsey "S"

Technical Delegate: Joyce Hardesty "R"

### Official Qualifying Competition For:

2014 Great American / USDF Region 9 Championship

2014 Southwest Dressage Championship

2014 Oklahoma Dressage Society Year-End Awards Program

AQHA Dressage Program

### Also Featuring:

2014 Dover / USDF Adult Amateur Medal Program

Thoroughbred Incentive Program

Training & First Level Opportunity Class

Para-Equestrian Classes

Pony Classes

### Recognized by:

United States Equestrian Federation (#1461 / #4944)

United States Dressage Federation (#1461 / #4944)

Southwest Dressage Championships - Oklahoma

Show Secretary  
Stacia Wert-Gray

Apprentice Show Managers  
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SATURDAY NIGHT EXHIBITORS PARTY  
SILENT AUCTION - USED TACK SALE



## Exhibitors Party

Get your party hats on because this Mother's Day weekend is going to be fun! Everyone is invited to our Exhibitors Party. Wine, cheese and appetizers will be served to celebrate. Everyone can come and experience "Ladies Night Out!" Come and join in the fun. Over \$300 worth of prizes to be given away!

A big "thank you" goes out to **Red Earth Feed & Tack** for once again sponsoring this exciting event. Thank you also to **Laurie MacDonald – MGE** and **Diane Smith** for facilitating this amazing event! Don't miss this one!

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## Annual Used Tack Sale

Gather your gently used apparel and tack and bring it to the ODS Spring Show. You can donate it to the Oklahoma Dressage Society or we will sell it for you for a 20% commission. For items over \$200, ODS will sell it for only 10% commission. This is a great opportunity to clean out your tack room and garage. The Consignment Tack Sale form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

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## The Sweet September Farm VIP Lounge

Enjoy the view from the **Sweet September Farm VIP Lounge** with your own private ring side table. Each table, with table cloth and center piece, will accommodate four to six chairs. Your name will be prominently displayed on your table. The numbers of tables are limited to a first-come, first-served basis. Your private table may be reserved for only \$100.

*The VIP Lounge area is sponsored by Kim Kulczycki and Sweet September Farm. Enjoying private tables will be Debbie Nutt / 42 Enterprises, LLC; Traci Clark and Friends / LA Boiler Works Inc.; Lyn Francik / Last November Farm; Brambletye Farm / Anthea Kim and Friends; Dede Wasemiller, Kristin Knutson and LeeAnn Alf; Cheryl West and Friends.*



## Cupcake Lottery - Friday Move-In



Something sweet could make you a lot of money! Try your Lady Luck by purchasing a delicious cupcake baked by our very own **Amanda Edwards**. Check the bottom of your cupcake liner for your lucky number. The winning number will be drawn at dinner Saturday evening. Each cupcake is \$5.00 and 48 cupcakes will be available for sale. You have a 1 in 48 chance of winning! That's \$120.00 for you; \$120.00 for ODS. Sweet Deal!

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## Basket Challenge

Are you up for the challenge? The ODS Board challenges our membership and chapters to a basket competition. Put together a silent auction basket and bring it to our silent auction. See who designed the best basket!

# Consignment Tack Sale

## ODS Spring I and II Shows

### May 10-11, 2014

Provide this completed form when you present your tack for sale, including as much information as possible. Please note:

- For easy identification and sales tracking, remember to tag your items with the code you have chosen below.
- Remember to include your asking price on the tag.
- For best results, present only clean items for sale.

**Remember to pick up any items that did not sell by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 11.** ODS will mail a check to you less a 20% commission fee. For any sales that total over \$200, ODS will retain only 10% commission.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Cell Number:

Your Personal Sales Code

### Inventory

| Item Description | Price | Sold |
|------------------|-------|------|
| 1.               |       |      |
| 2.               |       |      |
| 3.               |       |      |
| 4.               |       |      |
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| 12.              |       |      |
| 13.              |       |      |
| 14.              |       |      |
| 15.              |       |      |

Please use additional forms if more space is needed for inventory. Thank you.

## President's Message

What's going on?

Do you ever wonder what's going on in ODS and feel like you're out of touch? Why did they decide on those prices? Where are the clinics in our state? When is the next schooling show? The next recognized show? Are there any opportunities to meet other dressage people in the state? It's all on the website for you to see!!

Referring to [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org) can answer just about every question you can think of. The ODS Board minutes are available. Dates of upcoming board meetings. How about who is on the board now and how do I contact them. Current and past newsletters. The ODS Bylaws and Policies and Procedures are available there.

It also lists current members and the horses that are registered to them. There is even a protected section (ODS members only) that lists the names of all the people who have recently joined.

Opportunities abound to volunteer and meet others. Every recognized show and schooling show is listed -- and they all need help. Volunteering is a great opportunity to help our organization and start meeting people.

The chapters each have their own website that you can reach through the ODS site. The ODS calendar lists all of the activities going on --- recognized shows, chapter schooling shows, and a variety of clinics. The ODS educational event is always listed and you can download all the pertinent information.

**Jeanie Eaton**, the ODS Webmaster, updates the site regularly, so a weekly check-in will keep you in the know!

Sherry Guess, ODS President

## Adult Amateurs and Young Riders – Don't Miss the Opportunity to Study at the Spanish Riding School

The Dressage Foundation's Heldenberg Training Center Fund, established in 2013 in memory of E.L. Dreitzler, offers grants for non-professionals (amateurs or young riders) to attend educational programs at the Spanish Riding School's Heldenberg Training Center.

Non-professional riders who adhere to and can demonstrate classical dressage principles, no matter the level, are encouraged to apply.



SPANISCHE  
HOFREITSCHULE  
BUNDESGESTÜT PIBER

Grant applications are due to The Dressage Foundation's office by July 1st of each year and recipients will have up to two years to use the funds. Application forms and instructors are available at [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org). If you have questions, please call our office at (402) 434-8585.



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*Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated!*

## Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the ODS Spring I and II Show on May 10-11. Scribes, scorers, arena setup and take-down, runners, gate and more...

No experience needed—just a friendly smile. There's no better way to meet your fellow members and enjoy the day making new friends and seeing the show. Please contact Sherry Guess at [guessdrsg@aol.com](mailto:guessdrsg@aol.com).

*"Volunteers are not paid--not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.  
We couldn't do it without you!"*

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## New Additions to ODS Web Site

Our ODS webmaster, **Jeanie** Eaton, announced that there are two new additions to the membership area of the web site.

The **members only** section requires a password and provides our members access to more delicate details like financials, the details of which should be kept among the membership only. The members only section also includes a new members section that will include a list of new members together with their contact information, which existing members can use to become acquainted with our new members. Note that the password for the members only area is **A USDF Group Member Organization** (augmo).

There is also a **spotlight area** to recognize members for their achievements with ODS, USDF and more.

Note from the webmaster: We have had quite a few email viruses coming through email so I wanted to remind everyone to scan your computer often with your anti-virus program. If you do not have an anti-virus program, here is a link to a free program for download that works great! <http://free.avg.com/us-en/homepage>

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## Recent Tornado Hits Property of Arkansas Dressage Society Member

Arkansas Dressage Society has set up a fund for long-time member Patty Hale. Patty's Valley View Farm in Vilonia, Arkansas was hit by a tornado April 27. Although she was fortunate that there were no significant injuries to family or animals and her home was not damaged, her barn and arena were destroyed.

Patty, pictured at right, is a past president of the Arkansas Dressage Society, a trainer, and a frequent competitor. She has frequently organized and hosted clinics at her farm.

To contribute to the ADS fund for Patty, please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/8q33k8>

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## Hassler and Pape Return for the 2014 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum

USDF is pleased to announce the return of Scott Hassler and Ingo Pape for the 2014 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum, presented by Dressage at Devon, a USDF Education Partner. Our second forum, hosted by California Dressage Society, will be held October 4-5 at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford, CA. [Participant applications](#) will be accepted through July 15 and auditor pre-registration will be available after May 1. Click [here](#) for more details about the forum.

# **The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage**

## **Established by Margaret H. Duprey and The Barnfield Foundation**

The United States Equestrian Team Foundation is pleased to announce an exciting new fundraising initiative, *The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage*, made possible through the generosity of Margaret H. Duprey and The Barnfield Foundation. The goal of the initiative is to raise \$800,000 for High Performance Para Dressage. Mrs. Duprey and the Barnfield Foundation have each pledged up to \$200,000. They will each match, dollar for dollar, every gift commitment of \$4,000 and above made by April 1, 2015.

*The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage* offers an incredible opportunity for those who share a passion and interest in increasing support for these most inspiring and deserving athletes, and their quest to represent this country in international competition including the World Equestrian Games and Paralympics.

"Our family is so excited and honored that Jonathan is being recognized in this way. His dream was to not only be a world class equestrian, but to also help develop a world class United States Para Dressage Team. This not only takes dedication, sacrifice, training and skill of the athletes, but also the funds to compete nationally & internationally. My hope is that *The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge* will raise awareness and the funds needed to carry on his dream of developing a world class team!," said Tina Wentz (Jonathan's mother).



Jonathan Wentz and NTEC Richter Scale at the 2012 London Paralympics  
Photo By: Lindsay Yosay McCall

The financial need for Para Dressage athletes at the High Performance international level can be quite significant. Unlike in most countries, the United States Equestrian Teams do not receive any government subsidies. The main source of funds for our athletes to participate in international competition comes through the USET Foundation from individuals and foundations whose interest and commitment to equestrian sport motivates them to make generous charitable contributions.

While traveling, especially overseas, wheelchair accessibility can be limited, and an individual benefits from having a personal care assistant to help the athlete not only move through low accessibility areas but they can also monitor the rider's physical well-being. Other supplementary support staff may include a person who is physically capable of helping a rider to mount their horse before competition and a physical therapist to work the rider's muscles. Many athletes who are paralyzed or have muscle spasticity can have muscle spasms, muscle soreness, and physical issues that may need a licensed physical therapist to monitor and address.

*The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage* will require extraordinary commitment and the support of those in the equestrian community who love the sport and desire to see our athletes, both equine and human, compete and win at the highest levels of international competition.

"This amazing opportunity to establish new levels of support and success for the United States High Performance Dressage program is thanks to Margaret H. Duprey and The Barnfield Foundation, both long time loyal supporters of equestrian sport. I thank them for their true leadership and applaud their commitment in making *The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage* possible," said Bonnie B. Jenkins, USET Foundation Executive Director.

For more information on the USET Foundation and *The Jonathan Wentz Memorial Challenge for High Performance Para Dressage*, please call Bonnie B. Jenkins, Executive Director or Sara Ike, Major Gifts Officer at (908) 234-1251.



## Events and Opportunities

### May 10-11

ODS Spring I and II Shows  
Shawnee, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### May 17

GPC Schooling Show  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### May 17-18

Laurie Hedlund Clinic  
Edmond, Oklahoma  
Contact: Lance Harris - 405.282.3090

### May 24

GCC Schooling Show  
Collinsville, Oklahoma  
Contact: Melissa Thibadeau

### May 31

Kansas Dressage and Eventing Show  
Hutchison, Kansas  
Contact: smlang2@juno.com

### June 6-8

Sarah Martin Clinic  
Northeast Oklahoma  
Contact: GuessDrsg@aol.com

### June 7

GPC Schooling Show  
Stillwater, Oklahoma  
Contact: gtgray@aol.com

### June 8

GCC Schooling Show  
Inola, Oklahoma  
Contact: horse\_girl@tds.net

### June 8

Green Country Dressage Classic I and II  
Claremore, Oklahoma  
Contact: akuhns1122@gmail.com

## Horse Registrations

Through March 28, 2014

| Number | Horse       | Owner           |
|--------|-------------|-----------------|
| 2185   | Sammy Jazzy | Gina Gillis     |
| 2186   | OSR Emmitt  | Bess Livingston |

## Instructor Education Opportunities

Arkansas Dressage Society will host a Riding Workshop on May 31-June 1, and a Teaching Workshop on June 28-29. Both workshops will be held at Diamond TR Ranch in Little Rock, AR. Click [here](#) for details.

## Regional Championship Prize Money Announced!

The prize money for the 2014 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championships has been determined. GAIG/USDF Champions, at all levels and divisions, will receive \$278, payable to the horse owner. GAIG/USDF Reserve Champions, at all levels and divisions, will receive \$185.

## New All-Breeds Participating Organizations

USDF welcomes the US Wild Horse and Burro Association, Gypsy Horse Registry of America, and the International Rescue Horse Registry as Participating Organizations (POs) for the Adequan®/USDF All-Breeds Award program. View the [current list of 2014 All-Breeds POs](#) for more information. To declare your horse for the All-Breeds Award program, follow the instructions on the [All-Breeds Awards Declaration Form](#). For more information, contact [horsedeclarations@usdf.org](mailto:horsedeclarations@usdf.org).

## In a Hurry? Need some advice?

Login to [eTRAK](#), search *Ask the Experts* and find over 20 short videos with tips from top trainers. Check out USDF's new [Podcast Channel](#). New episodes are added weekly and are full of education! This month's episodes include tips on how to select music for your freestyle, training opportunities in the United States, how to maximize your test scores, and much more. [Listen in!](#)

## ODS ADVERTISING RATES

### Newsletter Advertising

Basic Ad Rates:

Full Page - \$40

Half Page - \$20

Quarter Page - \$10

Business Card - \$7.50

Schooling Show or

Clinic Announcements:

First Insertion - \$20

Additional Months - \$15

*Advertising Deadline:*

*Copy and payment submitted*

*by 7th of month*

*(Newsletter publishes mid-month)*

### Website Advertising

Banner Ads:

3 Months - \$30

6 Months - \$60

1 Year - \$120.00

*Placement at the discretion of  
webmaster; includes site link*

Schooling Show or Clinic

Announcements:

\$20 - First Insertion

Additional Months - \$15

Calendar Listing:

Free (as space allows)

Non-Commercial Classified Ads:

Members - Free

Non-Members - \$5

*May be modified if space is limited*

## What is the Desired Contact or Weight in the Hands?

It is nothing more than the ultimate feeling between horse and rider. A state of complete and total harmony, in self-carriage with maximum mental and physical expression, the horse stepping all the way through into its mouth with positive energy and the rider has a full release into the hands. Then riding turns into art. That is the sought-after feeling of when the horse comes to the desired contact in the hands.

The energy comes from the hind legs over the supple back and out to the front of the horse without any restraints by the rider. All of it maintained by only the positioning of the body, and there is literally no weight in the hands. The horse is capable of maintaining such a state of full expressive beauty for 3-5 horse lengths and then needs it the guidance from the rider. The very last action by the rider is the full release of the reins and nothing is lost, and everything is gained; the horse is on its own. And riding becomes living art with the horse.

There exists the supporting contact and the stiffness or tension type of contact, the leading contact and the stopping or slow down contact. But at the very end of any such contact there is the full release of the rider's hands. During that moment of self-carriage there is a feeling of only energy passing through the reins, no weight in the hands and the horse on its own. And that is the desired contact.

This is not an issue of the straight line from the riders elbow and the reins into the horse's mouth as stated in the books. It goes beyond the wording into the other side of fully letting go. At that moment, there will be a visual looped rein but the energy follows the direct line path into the horse's mouth. Energy works in direct lines most efficiently in all systems including riding; it's the way energy behaves from one place to the other.

Trust energy and how it works, without it there is no life and life was here before us. Trust requires the full and complete letting go on our part. Only then do we acquire and have self-carriage with the horse. And only then do we see the horse on its own. And then we have riding become an art form.

Hector Carmona, Jr., FEI Trainer  
[hectorcarmonadressage.com](http://hectorcarmonadressage.com)

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## Don't Forget to Renew Your ODS Membership

Your ODS membership provides the following benefits:

- A group membership (GMO) in the USDF that includes the USDF monthly magazine *USDF Connection*
- Region 9 Annual Omnibus that provides detailed information on recognized shows throughout Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana
- The on-line ODS newsletter that includes upcoming events statewide, dressage-related articles, show results, news, information, and advertisements, as well as news from the ODS board activities and meetings
- A web site that provides late breaking news, forms, etc., at [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)
- Optional membership in the local dressage chapter of your choice
- Statewide annual membership directory
- ODS supported USEF/USDF recognized shows, ODS recognized schooling shows, clinics, and other educational events and programs
- The Junior/Young Rider Program that includes special activities for riders aged 21 or younger. (Age as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.)
- You have the opportunity to participate in shows, share your insights, and make new friends!

The Oklahoma Dressage Society's Board of Directors is comprised of volunteer leaders who truly care about the future of dressage in Oklahoma and Region 9. We are planning activities for this year, hoping that we meet the majority of our members' educational and competitive needs, including yours! To renew—or join—please see the membership application elsewhere in this newsletter.

## OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ODS is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and belongs to Region 9  
See also [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org) and [www.usdfregion9.org](http://www.usdfregion9.org) and [www.dressageoklahoma.org](http://www.dressageoklahoma.org)

☐ New Membership    ☐ Renewing Membership    ☐ Information Change Only

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF ID No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name (for Invitation Use) \_\_\_\_\_

USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30. Apply this membership to year 20 \_\_\_\_

ODS Membership – Select One Category. *For family memberships consisting of more than two family members, please check both Family and Add third family member.*

☐ \$45 Senior / Adult / Vintage    ☐ Open    ☐ Amateur    ☐ Vintage

☐ \$20 Charter / Life (for ODS founding members and members with lifetime memberships)

☐ \$35 Junior - Under 18 as of December 1 of current membership year \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
*For example, for 2013 membership, must be under 18 on December 1, 2013, even though membership year begins in 2012*

☐ \$55 Family (for two family members) - Name of second family member \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$10 Add third family member - Name of third family member \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please include birthdates for junior family members*

Chapter Membership – Check the chapter you would like to join. *Chapter membership is not required for ODS membership, but is required to participate in the chapter awards programs. Chapter membership cost is the same for an individual or family.*

☐ \$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC)

☐ \$10 North Central Chapter (NCC)

☐ \$10 Great Plains Chapter (GPC)

\_\_\_\_\_ OPTIONAL donation to ODS. ODS is a tax exempt 501(c) organization

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

ODS membership is an opportunity to promote dressage in your community. The club is ONLY as good as it's most ACTIVE members. We need your help! What are your skill sets?

☐ Scribing    ☐ Scoring    ☐ Organization/Management    ☐ Accounting    ☐ Spreadsheets    ☐ Website

☐ Photography    ☐ Fund Raising    ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby release the Oklahoma Dressage Society, its 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(If Junior Rider, this form must be signed by parent or guardian)*

Mail this form with appropriate check payable to "Oklahoma Dressage Society" to  
Beth Circle, 19705 So 43rd W Place,, Mounds, OK 74047 - [bcircle@rentechboilers.com](mailto:bcircle@rentechboilers.com)

Please allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing by USDF