



# Centerline

*A monthly publication dedicated to communicating the latest local & regional dressage news & information to enrich Oklahoma dressage riders' equestrian experience.*

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**USDF Annual Convention:  
Dec 1-4, 2021 in Houston, TX**



## Letter From The President

Hello Friends!

Can you feel it in the air in the early morning? The coolness of 66 degrees, signaling all creatures that the seasons are about to change. My barn is so quiet these days because the barn swallows are gone on their migration, while the sky is noisy with ragged formations of geese as the young birds are figuring out how to get in line. Yep, things will be changing soon, and we will all be glad for a break from the heat. And at least my horses are not growing their winter coats. Yet!

While it does feel a little bit like 'the season' is winding down, with no more ODS Recognized shows on the calendar, there are still several **GCC Schooling Shows** coming up, plus their **Championships**. There are several ODS members gearing up for **Regional Finals**, and even if you aren't going to ride, there are opportunities to volunteer. Check out the notice for the Finals in Houston. Another great volunteer opportunity coming up will be the **USDF National Finals** in Kentucky in the middle of November. Imagine being able to see the best of the best at every level! And finally, the **USDF Convention**, back in Houston, at the beginning of December, an event well worth attending, especially when it is so close.

You might notice that I often used the words 'volunteer' and 'opportunity' together, and that is because volunteering really can be an opportunity in so many ways. Most obviously, it is

a way to give to an organization or group that you support and want to help. ODS cannot say thank you enough to so many people who give of their time and effort to contribute to the successes of our many events. Over and over we say ~ we *could not do things without you!!!!* Volunteering also gets people involved, meeting other riders and enthusiasts, it is a social outlet as much as anything else, a way to connect. It is often an educational opportunity, learning a new skill, or watching riders show or clinic, absorbing new information. Give it a try, either for ODS or on a Regional or National scale! Help is always needed and appreciated, and I promise, you will not regret it!

Happy and safe riding!

~ Kay



## New ODS Registered Horses

2528 - Litri JAP - Angela French  
2529 - Remington - Savannah Smith

## ODS Delegates for Convention To Receive Scholarships

ODS is seeking two people who are interested in serving as a Delegate and Alternate Delegate to attend the USDF Annual Convention in Houston, TX. See page 11 for details.

## Good Luck, Riders!

These ODS members are headed to the Regional Finals: **Gwyneth Baggett, Nicole Bossler, Kristin Knutson, Erin Nelson, Amanda Edwards, Elizabeth Kruger.**

Let's cheer them on and wish them well as they give it their all putting their best hoof forward!

## ODS Sponsors Region 9 Finals

If you attend the Region 9 Finals in Houston, you may see an ODS banner hanging prominently on the show grounds. That's because ODS is pleased to once again be a Silver Sponsor for this event. ODS strives to support not only its members but the sport of dressage as a whole. If you're at the event and see the banner, take a selfie and send it to the newsletter editor, saying "I was here!" - [newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org](mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org). You just might see your photo in the next issue of *Centerline*!



## Houston Dressage Society Needs Your Help

Road trip! The wonderful folks at Houston Dressage Society are in need of volunteers for the Championships being held at the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy, TX from October 7-10.

As always, HDS needs volunteers to help at the show even if for just a few hours (then you can go hit the town for shopping and dining in Houston!). With a show this big, volunteers are what make events of this magnitude and quality possible and cost effective. If you can help, please email the HDS Volunteer Coordinator: [volunteers@houstondressagesociety.org](mailto:volunteers@houstondressagesociety.org).

## 2021 US Dressage Finals in KY this November

The 2021 US Dressage Finals, to be held November 11-14, in Lexington, Kentucky at the Kentucky Horse Park, is a national, head-to-head



competition that showcases competitors in adult amateur and open divisions, at Training Level through Grand Prix. And new for 2021, the US Dressage Finals will also feature a Junior/Young Rider division!

Want to go? If you attend this event and volunteer, meals and event attire (to wear during volunteer hours) will be provided! Anyone who volunteers two or more consecutive days will be provided double occupancy hotel accommodations! For more details on volunteering and to apply, visit: <https://www.usdf.org/>

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If you need registration assistance, please visit the **convention website** (<https://www.usdf.org/convention/registration.asp>) for step by step registration instructions. If you have further questions, please contact **eventregistration@usdf.org** or call 859-271-7871.

Please visit the convention **website** (<https://www.usdf.org/convention/>) to learn more about the newly revamped agenda, educational offerings, and other important information. We look forward to seeing you in Houston!

>See pg. 11 for details about scholarship funds available to ODS convention Delegates.



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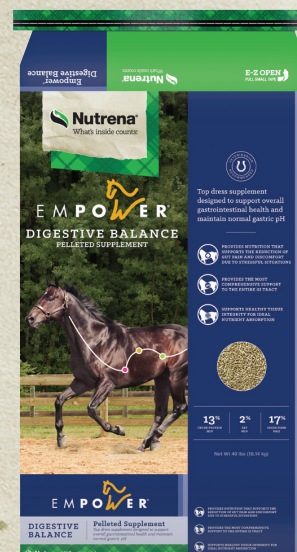
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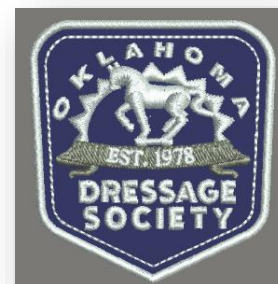


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# Events



Save the <sup>NEW</sup> date!

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**LATEST NEWS**

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## Now Accepting Applications for Gifted Fund Grants for Adult Amateurs

Adult amateurs from across the country are invited to apply for the 2021 Gifted Fund Grants for Adult Amateurs. Each year, up to eleven \$1,500 grants are awarded (one per USDF Region and two wild cards) in memory of Carol Lavell's great horse, Gifted. The application deadline is September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the grants is to "give permission" to adult amateur riders, who are members of USDF Group Member Organizations, to set aside quality time in concentrated training with their horses. Volunteerism is an important requirement for these grants. Amateurs riding at any level with any breed of horse are encouraged to apply.

## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

- 9/15 Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs
- 9/30 Major Lindgren Grants for Instructors
- 11/1 Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund

For more grants information visit <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/newsroom/grant-calendar.html>.

## TDF Monthly Giving

Interested in making a BIG impact with very little effort? Interested in helping to fund the biggest "booster" for the development of dressage in all our states? Sign up to give a monthly donation to The Dressage Foundation. Choose one of these three donation levels, follow the link [The Dressage Foundation : Support : "Love TDF a Latte" with a Monthly Donation \(https://www.dressagefoundation.org/support/love-tdf-a-latte-donate.html\)](https://www.dressagefoundation.org/support/love-tdf-a-latte-donate.html) to set up your monthly donation, sit back and see how little effort it takes to make that BIG impact you are dreaming of. You'll get some great goodies, too.




*Remember to put my name (Nancy Trait-Lira) in the "referred by" space.*

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# Announcements

## Changing Of The Guard

Region 9 says goodbye to Regional Director Sherry Guess and welcomes as interim Director, Bess Bruton.

### From Sherry Guess:

*It has been a great pleasure to serve USDF Region 9 for the past eight years. Because of family obligations I am not able to do the traveling needed to fulfill this position. Fortunately, Bess Bruton, one of our former Regional Directors, is able to step into this position and will do an excellent job for all of you. I have truly enjoyed meeting members throughout the Region at our various functions. I look forward to seeing the expansion and continued improvement in our dressage community.*

*Bess and your Region 9 Board will continue to do a wonderful job representing and supporting you all. Thank you for eight great years!*

-Sherry Guess



### From Bess Bruton:

*Thank you, Sherry, for your hard work and awesome dedication! I feel honored to serve as Interim Region 9 Director. Looking forward to working with you, the Regional Board, and members for a continued outstanding journey.*

-Bess Bruton

## Nominations for USDF Region 9 Director

With the resignation of Sherry Guess, former USDF Region 9 Director (2008-2012), Bess Bruton (TX), has been appointed by the USDF Executive Board to serve as the Interim Region 9 Director through the end of 2021. In accordance with the USDF Bylaws, a special election for Region 9 Director will be held at the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting during the 2021 Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention in Houston, TX to fill the position for the remainder of the term (January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022). USDF is currently accepting nominations for Region 9 Director, which should be sent to the USDF Nominating Committee Liaison, Sarah Garn, at [nominations@usdf.org](mailto:nominations@usdf.org). Nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the BOG meeting. For additional information and other frequently asked questions, please visit the USDF website or contact Sarah.

## ODS Delegates Scholarships

ODS is proud to announce that it will provide a \$200 sponsorship to each of two ODS members who will serve as Delegate and Alternate Delegate at the 2021 USDF Convention to be held in Houston from December 1-4, 2021.

The Delegate will be responsible for carrying the vote for ODS and will need to attend the General Membership meetings where topics will be discussed to vote upon. Topics may include: budget, USDF Board nominations and election or Bylaws. To prepare, ODS President Kay Kamish is available to preview any members interested in serving as Delegate so they can carry ODS's vote with confidence ([kkamishods@aol.com](mailto:kkamishods@aol.com)).

Each ODS Delegate will be able to use these scholarship funds toward travel expenses such as hotel, meals and gas or flights. The convention hotel is JW Marriott by the Houston Galleria where special convention rates apply as space is available.

In addition to the scholarship funds, the Delegate and Alternate Delegate will each receive an ODS Polo shirt to wear at the convention.

Interested? Contact Kay Kamish today!  
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# Events

## Endless Gratitude To All Our Show Volunteers!

Only through the generous donation of our volunteers' time and skills were we able to hold our **ODS Summer Show I & II** on August 21-22 in Shawnee.

The 3-day work began with setting up the arenas, judges stands, stall cards, signage, office, etc. **Lee Ann Alf, Sherry Guess, Kay Kamish, Marta Koenig, Veronica Moody and Nancy Trait-Lira** were on hand to get things started strong.

All our office, scoring and awards were set up alongside the arenas, which made everything more fun and more accessible.

**Marilyn Coffey** not only worked all weekend, but brought a number of friends to help. While Marilyn was scoring on Saturday, **Ashley Donnell** was our runner - for both days! Her mom, **Anna**, helped at the scoring table, as did **Peggy Blair and Pamela Byers**. Sunday scorers were **Katrina Geren, Olivia Pearce and Anna Donnell**, with **Peggy Blair** pitching in as needed.

**Pamela Byers** (scoring, gate) and **Joanne Baum** (awards table, gate) worked a variety of jobs. They also picked up lunches for the judges and volunteers, which wasn't as easy as it sounds, since a number of places were closed or didn't open until late.

Our scribes, **Kay Kamish and Veronica Moody**, worked both days until their hands had permanent deformities!

Our Medic for the show weekend, **Stephen Lockeby** graciously volunteered his services! He loved being at the show, watching all the rides, talking with people and learning all he could about the "BIG horses" and the world of dressage.

Our gate people were led by **Nancy Trait-Lira**, who did 'visual only' bit checks (per Covid regulations). Also on gate were **Donna Copeland, Marilyn Coffey, Cookie Nichols, Jennifer Brittain** (also at the awards table) and **Peggy Wilkerson** along with a number of other people who jumped into service. **Nancy Burba** came to work

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## OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Horse Insurance Webinar Series with Dr. Kris Hiney

**September 20th—6:00 pm**  
Horse Insurance Continuance

Unfortunately, during our August Horse Insurance webinar with Dr. Hiney, her internet went out rendering her unable to finish. Dr. Hiney has graciously agreed to recap what was covered in August for those that were unable to attend and then finish the webinar on horse insurance. **EVERYONE** is welcome to attend. Share the link!

**Sign up to receive the Zoom link to join the sessions by emailing Pamela Byers at [pamela@galleryfarm.us](mailto:pamela@galleryfarm.us)—Subject line-ODS Webinar Series. An email with the link will go out the morning of the webinar. Watch for it!**



Dr. Hiney received her doctorate in Animal and Food Science from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan in 2002. Her career at Oklahoma State University began in 2014. Associate Professor Dr. Hiney's areas of expertise and interests include equine nutrition, exercise physiology, behavior and training. She promotes training methods based on science and learning theory, promoting youth education and interest in science. Her hobbies are training dogs and competing in agility with them. ODS is very grateful to Dr. Hiney for sharing her extensive equine knowledge with our members.





## 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!"

Please send your questions to Ms. Rocket at: [ntraitlira19@gmail.com](mailto:ntraitlira19@gmail.com). She's looking forward to hearing from you!



### ODS Summer Show I & II

by Nancy Trait-Lira (& special guest writer, Miss Rocket)

ODS Summer Show I & II occurred on August 21 & 22 in the midst of heat, sweat and friendly faces. It has been called "the Friendliest Show on Earth....or at least in Shawnee." Taking place at the elderly Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, even with new Big Ass Fans in the two performance areas and renovations beginning in the food services area, it was sadly showing its age. Exhibitors from twenty years ago, dismally said that it hadn't changed. Sherry Guess & I were the first ones at the facility. We found the performance arenas cooler than anticipated with the new fans and the stabling area the same as it had been 20 years prior: warm and going to get hotter. With the facility crew finally making contact with us, we began to make ready for the predicted 40 riders and 49 horses that were scheduled to converge on this Heart of Oklahoma.

Making a list of the stalls that needed repairs, we put up stall cards and signs (battling with the tape staying stuck in the humidity), got electrical cables dropped from the overhead and got the dragging started on the arena footing. We also had to request a designated "horse poop dumping area" so all the exhibitors knew where to take the leavings in their horses' stalls. At least the stalls had been set up before our arrival and judges' stands had been placed in the general area. Volunteers began to arrive along with horses. Sir Basil, the Magnificent Pony, was first in his stall. "Where's my bedding?" he nickered. That's what we wondered, too. The shavings were finally found and distributed. The incoming riders helped a great deal to get the bagged shavings into the stalls. Even though it was difficult and not perfect, we were getting things done. Riders and horses were getting settled in and everyone was working together. More smiling faces were appearing & jovial conversations were beginning to take place.

Communication between the facility and the show committee had proved difficult in the many months it took to produce this weekend. The show committee had procured the facility, signed a contract and paid a deposit in the early spring of 2020. It had started working with the facility director. Then Covid-19 hit and everything was shut down. Directorship of the Expo changed, show committee membership changed and the committee found itself trying to communicate with persons that were no longer employed by the Expo. There was a long time of silence. Finally, communication was established between Show Manager Kat Greubel-Ross and the new facility directorship. A new contract was negotiated and signed in the last 2 weeks before the show. New crew had been hired and we were their first dressage show (4 out of 5 crew members were completely new and were learning new jobs). The Hog Show in the next building, at the same time, probably didn't help getting things done quickly; but, everyone persevered and moved on to preparation for the weekend. Some changes had to be made to accommodate scheduling and loss of set-up time, but that happens with every show of any kind.

The stats were fairly impressive for a first time show. *Summer Show I & II* had a total of 136 rides from the exhibiting 37 riders who hailed from Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. 10 were JR/YR; 15 AA and 12 OPEN riders. We had 2 Ponies and 4 T.I.P. riders with an additional thoroughbred that I was assured would be registered for T.I.P. the next time he is shown. Our classes were Intro through FEI with 2 horses entered as Non-Competitive. And, did I mention that this is the first show in ODS recent history that actually showed a **profit**?

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*High Point awards; First Place awards (donated by Peggy Blair); Erin Nelson at the Saturday night awards ceremony.*



## How To Make The Most Of Your Lessons *by: Kay Kamish*

I followed a dream this past summer, and spent a month working with my coach, Sarah Martin, at her home in Blanca, Colorado.

As you might imagine, this was not an inexpensive undertaking and required a lot of planning. I thought a lot about how to make this truly worthwhile; not just the actual experience ~ that was a no-brainer worthwhile. But how was I going to make it worthwhile for the long term? In formulating that plan, it seemed also worthwhile to share these thoughts in hopes that some of you can find value in my experience that you can bring to your own educational endeavors.

1. First and foremost, **start with a plan**. There is a popular phrase, "If you can Dream it, you can Do it". Well, I can tell you, you can dream all you want, but it is making a plan that begins the process of actually bringing it to reality.

My plan literally began a year in advance, putting cash aside in an envelope marked "Colorado Cash 2021", getting a head start on the financial part of the activity.

The rest of this list is how I made the most of the lessons, so their value carried well beyond those 45 minutes of Sarah pouring information into my ear. It always sounds perfectly logical in the moment, but it suddenly becomes vague and elusive walking back to the barn.....what just happened there? How can I reproduce that? How did she get me to get my horse feeling SO fantastic????

It really is about mindfulness and being very present in the moment.

2. **Go into each lesson with a plan** of how you want to ride your best ride. What exercises do you already know that will help bring your horse to the peak of whatever level of work you are doing? Have an idea of what you think you will be working on so you are prepared. Ah but, stay flexible! I cannot tell you the number of times I have ridden in expecting one direction or emphasis, only to go off

## ODS Summer Show I & II Reflection

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We could not have made this enjoyable show weekend happen without the talents and dedication of all the volunteers that helped. (See Sherry Guess' accompanying article on all our volunteers.) The many comments heard from the exhibitors remarked on how they were having so much fun because of the friendliness of all the volunteers. They also loved the simplicity of the show and the BIG, tasty cookies they had for the Saturday afternoon Awards Ceremony at the side of the arena. Special Kudos to Erin and Kat for the Awards Party and their hard work on readying the special High Score Award Buckets. Let's not forget those volunteers that worked for months behind the scene, including Show Manager: Kat Greubel-Ross; Show Committee: Erin Nelson (Chair) and Nancy Trait-Lira; and Show Mentors: Roberta Clark, Anne Kuhns and Sherry Guess. Be looking for the advertisements in the ODS newsletter and on the website for the show sponsors: (Silver) Charlotte Kin/exhibitor party, Pine Ridge Veterinary/exhibitor breakfast, Oak Ridge Veterinary; (Bronze) Redbud Equine Veterinary, Jennifer Brittain, Jean Haas, Pamy Henderson-Feronti/Accountant; Red Earth/1<sup>st</sup> Place gift certificates; and, Fran Olsen Sharp/Champions' prize bags. A big thank you to ODS member, Peggy Blair, for her donation of glassware for 1<sup>st</sup> Place Awards. Did I mention that the *Summer Show I & II* was a success in showing a *profit*? Due directly to our wonderful volunteers and sponsors at ALL levels. All High Score, Championship and T.I.P. can be found listed in this newsletter while all results can be found at <https://www.showsecretary.com>

Many of our volunteers stayed to help wrap up the office, arena and pack up the ODS trailer. We even had help from the Sunday facility crew member (who had a gator) and our volunteer medic! Literally, the last riders to leave the barn area were two girls from TX. As they were walking out the door, they said this was "the friendliest show they had attended and would look forward to more." They just may get their wish as Summer Show Committee Chair, Erin Nelson, is looking at new facilities with the possibility of re-locating the Summer Show in 2022. Keep a look-out for any updates in the coming months.



in another direction. Ride it out, and trust that your instructor has a plan, sometimes longer range than you realize. Have faith that things will tie in eventually!

3. **Ride your own ride**. By that I mean, ride what you know how to do to 'fix' things. Do something proactive to help your horse perform. Don't passively wait for the instructor to tell you, yet again, to position your horse to the inside, or bend around corners, or stay in front of the leg, or whatever is necessary. Take responsibility to actively ride while taking direction from your instructor, don't make them do all the work.

4. **Summarize** in your own mind the salient points of what you just did. Do this immediately, on the way back to the barn when it is most fresh in your mind. Think of 5 things ... or 3 ... or maybe even just one thing that stood out, the biggest revelation, realization, most 'ah-ha!' moment. On the long walk back to the barn, I would think of an exercise that was especially helpful that day. Was there a new level of effort your horse put out, and how did you talk him into it that day? How about something you did differently ~ did you become more aware of sitting straighter, more balanced, and how did that affect your horse? Remember that, so you can proactively ride it again the next day.

5. **Record your lessons** in some fashion, video or audio. I cannot encourage you enough to do this. I voice record every ride so I can easily listen to them over and over, often that night as I'm doing chores. Or the next day before I ride. It is amazing to me how the points that are so very clear during a lesson slip out of my mind. Hearing them again just reinforces the information. And I also get caught up again in my coach's enthusiasm. How fun it is to hear the excitement in her voice as we get things right ~ talk about encouraging!

6. **Review** your lessons and notes you may have taken during other riders' lessons. It is helpful to me to write things down, putting

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# Events

## ODS Summer I High Score Results 2021

%	Class Name	Division	#	Horse	Rider
<b>Intro</b>					
67.5	2019 USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST B	JR/YR	241	CADENZIA LNF	EMILY SMITH
<b>Training Level</b>					
73.276	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	210	KATNISS EE	CHRISTINA HALL
66.379	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	232	CODE RED	CHRISTINA NTAFOS
65.517	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	238	WHIMSICAL	JOANNA GUNZELMAN
<b>First Level</b>					
68.333	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	201	FLYTHEW	MIMI BENTON
68.333	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	217	GENO JAP	DARLENE PRESTON
60.862	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 1	JR/YR	250	WSG GOODBUDDY	ALEXANDRA ARIE
<b>Second Level</b>					
69.405	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	221	BARBAROSSA	ANNA PIERCE
63.919	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	240	INDYGO	ROBERTA CLARK
61.081	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	249	DENALI	LYNSEY OSHEA
<b>Third and Forth Level</b>					
63.625	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	223	SKY FULL OF STARS	MIMI BENTON
<b>FEI PSG INT 1</b>					
67.647	2021 FEI INTERMEDIATE I	Amateur	239	BARONCELLI	MARIAH CRUMBAKER
<b>FEI INT 2 GP</b>					
63.696	2021 FEI GRAND PRIX	Open	211	VASHTI	KRISTIN WASEMILLER-KNUTSON
<b>TIP</b>					
61.034	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	JR/YR	242	LUCKY CRICKET	CHLOE HODGE
63	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 2	Amateur	204	THE GRONKINATOR	AMBER BROCKHAUS
55.595	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	206	FUTURE EMPIRE	AMY WALSH
63.625	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	223	SKY FULL OF STARS	MIMI BENTON
Overall	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	223	SKY FULL OF STARS	MIMI BENTON

## ODS Summer II High Score Results 2021

%	Class Name	Division	#	Horse	Rider
<b>INTRO</b>					
70	2019 USDF INTRODUCTORY LEVEL TEST B	JR/YR	241	CADENZIA LNF	EMILY SMITH
<b>Training</b>					
75.862	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	Open	213	SIMON FAN DE VELDHOFF	KATHERINE MCCULLOUGH
73.276	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	JR/YR	209	SAPPHIRE SKIES	JANA EVANS
65.862	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 3	Amateur	225	DOLCE DANONE	LINDSAY WILSON
<b>FIRST</b>					
72.286	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 2	Amateur	208	JESSANNA RS	AMANDA EDWARDS
61.379	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 1	JR/YR	250	WSG GOODBUDDY	ALEXANDRA ARIE
69.444	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	224	DOLCE DANONE	JENNA MCGOWAN-TERRY
<b>SECOND</b>					
64.048	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	JR/YR	221	BARBAROSSA	ANNA PIERCE
62.297	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Amateur	249	DENALI	LYNSEY OSHEA
61.622	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 1	Open	240	INDYGO	ROBERTA CLARK
<b>Third/Fourth</b>					
63.243	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1	JR/YR	219	BOLDNESS BE MY FRIEND SLR	ADELEE DYRSSEN
<b>FEI</b>					
67.941	2021 FEI INTERMEDIATE I	Open	228	FEMMO	LOUISA ZAI
<b>OVERALL</b>					
75.862	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	Open	213	SIMON FAN DE VELDHOFF	KATHERINE MCCULLOUGH
73.276	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	JR/YR	209	SAPPHIRE SKIES	JANA EVANS
72.286	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 2	Amateur	208	JESSANNA RS	AMANDA EDWARDS
<b>PONY</b>					
CH-61.528	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 3 PONY TEST O	Amateur	230	BASIL THE GREAT	MARTA KOENIG
RES-50.811	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 1 PONY TEST C	Open	235	BUBBA BAILEY	DEN BURDETTE
<b>TIP</b>					
62.625	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	223	SKY FULL OF STARS	MIMI BENTON
62.571	2019 USEF FIRST LEVEL, TEST 2	Amateur	204	THE GRONKINATOR	AMBER BROCKHAUS
58.621	2019 USEF TRAINING LEVEL, TEST 2	JR/YR	242	LUCKY CRICKET	CHLOE HODGE
56.667	2019 USEF SECOND LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	206	FUTURE EMPIRE	AMY WALSH
Overall	2019 USEF THIRD LEVEL, TEST 3	Open	223	SKY FULL OF STARS	MIMI BENTON





# Events



Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>- YOLy Ranch  
 Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>- YOLy Ranch  
 (Will be offering a Halloween Costume Class!)  
 Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>- YOLy Ranch  
 Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>- Championships- YOLy Ranch

Locations:

YOLy Ranch- 13401 S 129<sup>th</sup> E Ave Broken Arrow, OK 74011

Show Manager-

September- Kara Garde- klynn\_garde@yahoo.com  
 Jess Holland-jesskorver15@gmail.com

**SCORES WILL COUNT FOR YEAR END AWARDS**

## How To Make The Most Of Your Lessons

*by: Kay Kamish*

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things in my own words, and the physical act of writing helps get things into my brain. This is even more reinforced when I go back over my notes and re-remember what I wrote down the day, or week, or even month before. I can see pattern and logic of exercises repeated over and over, thereby reinforcing the whole model of the approach to riding and making differences, improvements, and advancements. When I see month after month, or even year after year, the same instruction being given, you better believe I get serious about committing it to memory.

7. **Watch** other lessons your instructor teaches and learn from others' rides. What gets said to other people? If you are lucky, you will see similar instruction being given to someone else and get the visual feedback of the effect of the same lesson or exercise you are working on. What great reinforcement that is!

8. **Be grateful** in every ride ~ grateful that you have a sound and healthy horse under you, grateful that you have this love of riding, grateful for your health that you can ride, and grateful for the circumstances of your life that even allow you to have a horse at all.

Now, go forth and ride with JOY in your heart! That does wonders, too!!

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## GCC News

### The Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award (GCC)

GCC proudly announces a new award, launching this year in 2021! Now available for ODS GCC members, is the Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award, courtesy of Ruthie Haney in honor of her late horse Dreamer.

- Adult Amateurs only.
- Open to all breeds.
- Entrants will submit either a creative writing or video project.
- If submitting a creative writing project, please include photos of you and your horse.
- Project will outline the rider's bond with their horse; any obstacles they have overcome, and the qualities the horse possesses that Dreamer had. (Patience, Wisdom, Courage, Kindness, Determination and Passion.)
- Entries are due November 1, 2021.
- Entries are to be submitted either by mail or email.
- Mail entries to Ruthie Haney: 35016 W Hwy 66 Bristow, OK 74010 or email to [dressage18@yahoo.com](mailto:dressage18@yahoo.com)
- The winner will be announced at the GCC Christmas/Year-End Awards Party.
- Prizes will include a rose neck garland with nameplate for their horse and the option of choosing a vest, jacket OR halter with nameplate.



Photos by Jeanie Eaton & Jessie Holland



### Application: Mi Dreamweaver+ Memorial Award

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Breed: \_\_\_\_\_
- Creative writing or video project (circle one)
- Vest or Jacket or Halter with nameplate (circle one)
- Size of Jacket or Vest: \_\_\_\_\_

Entries due 11/1/21

### A Note From Ruthie Haney

I want to thank each one of you who took the time to apply for this award. When I lost Dreamer, I knew that I wanted to do something like this. He was more than just a horse to many people; he represented hope and determination. He was a teacher, a fierce competitor, a loyal and faithful friend. Together we defied the odds and overcame more than one obstacle; we had many highs and lows. But he never wavered from my side. Dreamer was a constant and unyielding presence up until the moment he passed away; even after I know he is still with me, always.

I felt that it was important to recognize this bond that we have with our horses, no matter what level of Dressage we are at. Dreamer encompassed what it is we seek in our Equine partners. He possessed every quality and more. I know that there are many more out there who have those same qualities. I greatly look forward to your submissions.

Good Luck and Happy Trails! - Ruthie Haney



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Do you see what I see?  
Hint: Look at the white.





# Events

## Green Country Dressage Classic I & II

### March 12 & 13, 2022



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## Thanks, Show Volunteers

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the gate on Sunday — only a few weeks after hip surgery!

**Erin Nelson**, her husband, Caleb, and one of Erin's friends played "find the official at the airport" to transport each official separately to the hotel and show facility on Friday. **Wendy Shelton** (show announcer) did a volunteer shift by transporting the other officials to eat and to the show grounds each morning. **Pamela Byers and Veronica Moody** made the long drive to return the officials to the airport on Sunday afternoon.

Closing up was accomplished extremely quickly with everyone pitching in to help. **Diane Smith** left her students to provide assistance. **Stephen**, the medic, added his cheerful help while the arena staff joined in with their Gator to load the arena and all the accompanying stuff that goes in the ODS trailer. We were through in just over an hour — definitely a record!

Not to be forgotten, **Erin Nelson's father** created the cartoon on the back of our volunteers' T-shirts.

Many thanks to all and enormous apologies to anyone I inadvertently left out.

Best,

Sherry Guess — ODS Volunteer Coordinator



Show volunteer T-shirt design by Erin Nelson's father.  
See more show images on back page of this issue.

# Events



**SAVE  
THE DATE!**

## **ODS Symposium with Lilo Fore April 2-3, 2022**

**Being held at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds, Tulsa, OK**

Originally from Germany, outside Dusseldorf, Liselotte (Lilo) Fore is the former owner of "Sporthorse America" in Santa Rosa, California for which she has been honored for her major role in raising the quality dressage training and horses to an international level. She served as an FEI 5 Star judge; in that capacity she has been a member of the Ground Jury for numerous international competitions such as the World Cup final in Las Vegas, Olympics, Pan American Games, and World Equestrian Games including WEG in Normandy. She is among the founders and served as chair of the USDF Instructor-Trainer Certification Program. She is continuously involved in many educational programs for Dressage trainers, teachers and judges throughout the United States. Among countless accolades and awards, in 2017, Lilo was inducted into the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame for her contribution to the sport of dressage in the United States. Though now FEI 5\*retired, she had the privilege to serve on the Olympics in Tokyo on the JSP Panel, (Judges Supervising Panel).

**Further details will  
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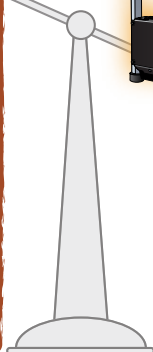
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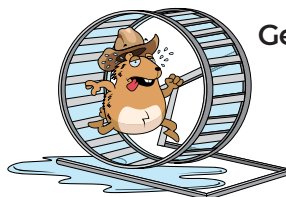
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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ USDF ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: Mth \_\_\_\_ / Yr \_\_\_\_

**USDF membership year is Dec 1<sup>st</sup> - Nov 30<sup>th</sup> . Membership dues are late after November 30<sup>th</sup> .**

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

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

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

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(For example, must be under 18 Dec. 1 of 2015 for 2015 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 \_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

\$10 Green Country Chapter (GCC) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Events Calendar

Go to the Events Calendar tab on [dressageoklahoma.org](http://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](mailto:webmaster@dressageoklahoma.org). To get your event listed in the Centerline newsletter, contact the newsletter editor Melissa Furman at [newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org](mailto:newsletter@dressageoklahoma.org).

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

- Sept 19** GCC Schooling Show (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)
- Sept 20** ODS Webinar @ 6pm (Dr. Kris Hiney: Horse Insurance)
- Oct** ODS Volunteers Clinic - FREE! (Date TBA)
- Oct 7-10** Region 9 Championships
- Oct 16** GCC Schooling Show w/Halloween Costume Class  
(YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)
- Nov 7** GCC Schooling Show (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)
- Nov 11-14** USDF National Finals (Lexington, Kentucky)
- Nov 13** GCC Schooling Show Champs (YOLy Ranch, Broken Arrow)
- Dec 1-4** USDF Convention (Houston)
- Mar 12-13** Green Country Dressage Classic Horse Show (Claremore)
- Apr 2-3** ODS Spring Symposium w/Lilo Fore (Tulsa)
- Apr 30-May 1** ODS Spring I & II Recognized Shows (Tulsa)

## 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 6:30pm.

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

**Next ODS Board  
Meeting:**

**Oct 13**

**@ 7:00 pm.**



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