



Oklahoma Dressage Society Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 17-18 Fran Dearing Clinic
Contact: Judith Brown, jhankinsb@aol.com
- Jan 24 ODS Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- Feb 14-15 Lurena Bell Dressage Clinic
Contact: Lee Ann Alf, leeannalf@gmail.com
- Feb 21-22 ODS Alf Athenstaedt Classical Dressage Clinic
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- Mar 14-15 Fran Dearing Clinic
Contact: Judith Brown, jhankinsb@aol.com
- Mar 28-19 ODS Pilates for Dressage Symposium
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- May 2-3 ODS Spring Shows I & II
www.showsecretary.com
- Jun 4-7 ODS Adult Dressage Camp
www.dressageoklahoma.org
- Jun 13-14 Green Country Dressage Classic
www.showsecretary.com

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LEE ANN

Dear Dressage Enthusiasts,

It is near time for our AGM and we need your attendance. This is your opportunity to discuss the direction of educational opportunities and future bids for championships. There are several board positions open, so if you have an interest in serving on the board now is a great time to put your hat into the ring. The board has had a great year working together. Everyone worked so hard to provide opportunities for education, showing both recognized and schooling shows, and hosting the regional championships. If you see current board members, please compliment them for their hard work for they volunteer for the benefit of the organization and their love of dressage. There is information within this newsletter for attending the AGM on January 24th at the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Your attendance allows you free access to the museum.

We have several exciting educational opportunities and our spring show is approaching. Many of you may have read in the USDF Connection about Alf Athenstaedt and his leadership role at Tempel Farm both in the breeding, instruction, training, and showing of the Lipizzans. We are so fortunate that he is going to be the instructor of a clinic. Perhaps we may talk him into doing several clinics this year. Riding is limited, but there is ample opportunity for auditing. Many of us cannot travel to Vienna, but we are very fortunate to have a master from Vienna here in Oklahoma.

To help all of us to get back into shape after the holidays, our educational coordinator, Anne Kuhns, has planned a Symposium with Pilates instructor and author, Janice Dulak, along with a favorite riding instructor from our adult camp. Sarah Martin will be working with riders to increase body awareness gained from our Pilate's instruction for the improvement of our riding. Space is limited to the number of riders, but there is a lecture on Friday evening with unlimited availability. There will be a few extra slots for auditing the entire symposium. Check the newsletter for the more information.

Sherry Guess represented ODS at the USDF Convention. The important issue of raising dues came out of committee shortly before the convention. The delegates spoke their concerns at the Board of Governors meeting and USDF now has several new directions to investigate before increasing dues. Also the committee developing riding standards has found that there is not the need for performance standards that were once perceived. The committee has withdrawn their previous recommendation. This is huge success for the future of dressage shows.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support throughout these last three years of my service to ODS as President. It had been my personal goal to see that ODS had more educational opportunities, like reestablishing an adult camp, along with contemplating hosting the championships. With the help of all board members, I think we were successful. I will look forward to participating in future activities that the new board creates.

Have a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!!

Roberta Clark
ODS President

The ODS year end calculations for recognized shows are listed below. *It is too late to send in your scores*, but if you see an error, please contact the Year End Recognized Show Awards Secretary, Stacia Wert-Gray.

Horse	Rider	Owner	Median	Level	Division	
Rock Chalk	Nancy Litsch	Nancy Litsch	70	Introductory	Amateur	vintage
Rorick	Verena Stock	Vanessa Carlson/Marefield Meadows	68.096	Training	Open	
Deklan	Verena Stock	Vanessa Carlson/Marefield Meadows	65.2	Training	Open	
Kaigenutt	Kelsey Walker	Kelsey Walker	59.6	Training	JR/YR	
Flomotion	Elizabeth Eaton	Elizabeth Eaton	58.214	Training	JR/YR	
Allouette	Amanda Edwards	Amanda Edwards	64.25	First	Amateur	
Eminence	Beth Circle	Beth Circle	62.222	First	Amateur	
Dante	Patti Couch	Patti Couch	59.474	First	Open	
Drosselmeyer	Susan Peacock	Susan Peacock	62.558	Second	Amateur	
Mateo	Jan Cibula	Jan Cibula	58.8095	Second	Amateur	
Rococco WF	Verena Stock	Vanessa Carlson	62.8945	Second	Open	
D'Erin	Deryn Stewart	Deryn Stewart	61.429	Second	Open	vintage
World Classic	Roberta Clark	Roberta Clark	58.195	Third	Amateur	
Mi Dreamweaver	Debbie Nutt	Debbie Nutt	58.023	Third	Amateur	
What's the Price	Kimberly Kulczycki	Kimberly Kuleczycki	52.308	Third	Amateur	
Daphene	Marty Hunt	Marty Hunt	62.093	Fourth	Amateur	
Scotch Blend	LeeAnn Alf	LeeAnn Alf	55.366	Fourth	Amateur	vintage
Loki	Angel Ozer	Angel Ozer	59.167	Grand Prix	Open	
Vertical Limit C	Angel Ozer	Angel Ozer	68.321	Freestyle	Open	



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR DRESSAGE EXHIBITORS, OFFICIALS & MANAGERS!!!

New FEI Tests Effective January 1, 2009

In official communication received today, the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) has notified all National Federations that NEW dressage tests have been issued for the following levels, effective January 1, 2009:

- Prix St. Georges
- Intermediaire I
- Intermediaire I Freestyle
- Intermediaire II
- Grand Prix
- Grand Prix Special
- Grand Prix Freestyle
- All Junior Tests (including Preliminary, Team, Individual, & Freestyle Tests)
- All Young Rider Tests (including Preliminary, Team, Individual, & Freestyle Tests)
- Young Rider Grand Prix Test

These new test versions must be used by all USEF-Licensed Dressage Competitions beginning January 1, 2009, and for all 2009 USEF High Performance, USEF National, and NAJYRC qualifying and championships. Of particular note to Young Riders, the Prix St. Georges Test will now be used as the Team Test (not the Individual Test), and a new Individual Test has been issued and must be used.

FEI tests are available for free download from the FEI website at this link:

http://www.fei.org/Disciplines/Dressage/Organisers/Pages/Dressage_Tests.aspx

For more information please contact Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage, at jkeeler@usef.org or (859) 225-2024.



From Joanne Eberstein at the Graceful-E Farm:

I am looking for members or friends of members that have Schleese Saddles. Did you know that Schleese comes to Oklahoma City 2x a year to refit the saddles to your horse? There is a fee, but it is well worth it. I am trying to get the Schleese rep to come to my farm instead for the Tulsa area people. I need 8 horses for her to come here. So far I have 4. It is a very thorough fitting see <http://www.saddlefit4life.com> to see how they do it. All Schleese saddles with adaptrees are totally adjustable. With gas price the way it was and will go again, this would save a 2 hour drive. They also do other saddle brands too. Please call me at 918 827-1023 or email me a gracefle@aol.com Thanks. Joanne



Oklahoma Dressage Society Annual Meeting and Awards
National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Museum

January 24, 2009

1700 N.E. 63rd Street Oklahoma City, OK 73111

405-478-2250

Luncheon Reservations

Date: Jan. 24, 2009

Room: "Burk" Burnett Board Room

Time: 10:00 am

Meeting will start at 10:00 am and go until around 12:30 at which time we will have our annual AGM dinner which is going to be awesome! Our menu is a buffet of 2 types of salads, 2 entrées, one is Pecan Crusted Chicken, while the other is Eye of Round w/Mushroom Madeira Sauce, choice of two vegetables, being mashed potatoes, and the other a vegetable medley. Now the desserts--we also have 2 to chose from, one is Chocolate Amaretto Cake, with the other one being Fourteen Karat Cake.

RSVP by Jan. 19, 2009 so that you will have time to get your ticket for the luncheon. Please send your reservations to: Rainee Boyd, 9251 N W St. Newkirk, Ok. 74647 and mark it ODS in the lower corner of the envelope please.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

How many attending? _____

Dinners are \$20 each so amount enclosed: _____
(Dinner Includes Entrance into the Museum)

Please remember that we will be giving the awards out for 2008 after dinner. We also will be needing items for the silent auction so bring what you have even your white elephant if you can get him into the car.

Hope to see you there!
Thanks, *Rainee* 580-761-7951



GCC NEWS

December GCC News

The GCC Schooling Shows are over for the year and all the scores have been compiled and calculated. We have our winners and all that remains now is for them to be named and awarded their ribbons and prizes. This will be done at our Annual

Meeting, Christmas Party and Awards Banquet, which will be held on Friday evening, December 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The party will be hosted by Mike and Sandy Thompson at their beautiful Wind Valley Farm in Chelsea, OK (Check the GCC website for driving directions). Party-goers are asked to bring a pot-luck dish to complement the main course of smoked turkey and ham, AND a \$10 to \$20 gift for the Dirty Santa gift exchange. This annual event is always a lively, well-attended affair and a great opportunity to see and visit with friends sans the hectic horse-show atmosphere.

We received a lovely thank-you letter, via e-mail, from Shannean Fields, recipient of the the 2008 Jaime Orban award:

To the Green Country Chapter/ODS Members:

First I would like to thank everyone for your interest in helping me grow as a rider. Being the recipient of the Jaime Orban Memorial Award was an honor. I used the fifty dollars for a lesson with Anthea Kin. One of my mom's co-worker's mother let me use her Belgian/Quarter Horse, Granville. Although he was a bit of a tank to ride, I had a blast. Anthea was wonderful; she had me moving him out and onto the bit. It was a great learning experience. What a work-out! I've wanted to take a lesson from her for quite a while. It was amazing! Thanks bunches!

Shannean Fields

We have three board members whose positions are expiring at year's end.

They are Laurie Hedlund, Rita Glen and Jolie Pressler. Laurie and Jolie have both indicated that they would be willing to serve another term on the GCC Board of Directors. Laurie is a professional trainer who lives in Claremore and has students all over the state and elsewhere. She keeps an extremely busy teaching and clinic schedule through out the year. Laurie has served as our Education chairman for GCC.

Jolie Pressler lives in Tulsa and for a person who doesn't even own a horse right now, she is VERY involved in the sport! Jolie has served as President and Vice President of GCC and has been absolutely indispensable as a volunteer for the Regional Championships, the Green Country Fall Classic, and generally wherever else where she can lend a hand. The Green Country Chapter will officially vote on filling these board positions at the December 12 meeting. All GCC members' votes are important to us, so this is another good reason to attend the big bash on the 12th. I hope to see many of you there!
-Liz Logan

From Anne Kuhns:

The season is changing and so is the Green Country Fall Classic. The Green Country board has changed this show to **June 13-14, 2009**, and will now be known as the **Green Country Dressage Classic**. The location will still be the Claremore Expo Center, our judges are Dr. Chopra FEI "I", USEF "S" and Thomas Poulin USEF "S". Starting in 2010 we plan to offer this show the third weekend in June.

There were several reasons for the change: a new show being held in Dallas conflicted with our September date, WEG in 2010 is in September, we are limited on judges because of Devon, among others.

Since the Wild West Dressage show will not be held in Tulsa this year, we will be offering the Region 9 Youth Competition. The Claremore Expo Center has done a fabulous job improving their

facility and continues to make updates. We had a great experience there two months ago. We hope our riders, volunteers, and sponsors will continue to support us on this new date.

2008 GCC Year-End Awards

Pre-Training Juniors: 12 and under

Champion: Ivy Orban/ Mr. Weekend 58.25

Reserve: Alaina Orban / Diez 54.25

Third: Miranda Thibodeaux / Peppers Hobby Bar 53.50

Training Juniors: 12 and under

Champion: Miranda Thibodeaux / Peppers Hobby Bar 54.852

Pre-Training Juniors: 13 and over

Champion: Denise Stanley/ Jurgen Fan Bluffview 72.667

Reserve: Shannean Fields/ JC Bearly Britches 64.50

Third: Chantel Leiker / Freeleigh 63.875

Training Juniors: 13 and over

Champion: Denise Stanley/ Jurgen Fan Bluffview 65.888

Brandon Van Dam/ Pecan Creek's Bright Shadow 61.508

Third: Elizabeth Eaton / Flomotion 61.333

Fourth: Kendall West/ Pecan Creek's Major Vibration 60.979

Fifth: Ruthie Korver/ SS Istari 56.643

Pre-Training Amateur

Champion: Susan Fraley-Mohler/ Wolkentino 67.375

Reserve: Sandy Thompson / Miss Fancy Soul Mate 66.438

Third: Hailey Flannery/ Formal Attire 65.536

Fourth: Marsha Cullen/ Ms Tender Lil 63.75

Fifth: Trish Flannery / Paige Marie 58.964

Training Amateur

Champion: Cathy Orban/ Pico 63.20

Reserve: Sandy Thompson / Miss Fancy Soul Mate 62.468

Third: Marsha Cullen / Ms Tender Lil 53.097

First Level Amateur:

Champion: Nicole Burris/ Like A Rock 58.576

Reserve: Cathy Orban/ Pico 58.292

Pre-Training Open:

Champion: Richal Flannery/ Dartagnan 65.294

Training Open:

Champion: Richal Flannery/ Dartagnan 66.607

Reserve: Patty Couch / Cinke Van Stal Nuve 62.475

First Level Open:

Champion: Patty Couch/ Dante 64.303

Pre-Training Vintage

Champion: Susan Fraley-Mohler / Wolkentino 67.375

Reserve: Sandy Thompson/ Miss Fancy Soul Mate 66.438

Training Vintage:

Champion: Patty Couch / Dante Cinke Van Stal Nuve 62.475

Reserve: Sandy Thompson/ Miss Fancy Soul Mate / 62.468

Open Vintage:

Champion: Patty Couch/ Dante 64.303

Most Improved Rider Award: Brandon Van Dam

Champion Volunteer Husband: Larry Couch

Junior Progressive Multi-Club Award: Chantel Leiker



NCC Chapter News

The NCC of ODS had a wonderful Christmas party on Saturday evening Dec. 13th at the home of Jenna Dickison and her mother Joanna. We have a lot of fun with our annual Dirty Santa gift exchange. We also voted in our 2009 officers and they are

Rainee Boyd: President, Mike Colclasure: Vice-President, Robyn Hill: Secretary, Jennifer Staggs: Treasurer, and Susan Rush as our Board Member at Large. We would like to take this time to thank our out going officers, Jenna Dickison and Robert (Cowpa) Mayne for their time that they have donated and worked on the board of the NCC. Your help was and still is greatly appreciated. The NCC of ODS would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas!! And a wonderful Horsey New Year!!

Rainee

ODS Presents
Alf Athenstaedt
Classical Dressage Clinic
February 21-22, 2009
Judie Blumenthal's Arena
22700 N. MacArthur, Edmond, OK



Alf Athenstaedt, a native of Hamburg, Germany successfully trained and showed in International dressage competitions in Europe. He was a distinguished student of dressage mentor Willi Schultheis and also trained under Hans Irbinger, the late Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School. Alf is the former Head Trainer, Riding Master and Director of Performance for Tempel Farms in Wadsworth, IL. According to authors of The Imperial Horse: The Saga of the Lipizzaners "the soundest foundation of dressage was laid with the arrival of Alf Athenstaedt in 1965..." He was challenged by Tempel Smith to recreate the spirit and practice of the Spanish Riding School; training and riding his Lipizzans at the White House, Madison Square Gardens and other venues.

This clinic is limited to a maximum of six riders who are current ODS members. Upper level riders are preferred, but at minimum must be able to sit the trot and have an understanding of putting the horse on the bit. Lessons will be 45 minutes at a cost of \$100.00 per session. Riders must ride both days and, if selected, provide a brief riding history for Alf. This registration form may be mailed to Anne or brought to the AGM on January 24; a 50% deposit is required. If more than six forms are received, six names will be drawn by lottery at the AGM and a waiting list will be created with the remaining names, in order of drawing. If needed, names may be placed in "batches" by levels to ensure a variety of levels will be demonstrated during the clinic. An equitable number of riders will be drawn from each batch. Riders need not be present at the time of the drawing. If a rider is not drawn, deposit will be returned. A liability waiver must be signed before mounting. Limited stalling available at \$20 per night; riders must clean stalls before leaving. Riders desiring a stall must make their reservation with and pay Judie Blumenthal directly (phone 405-359-8183 or email judiebfnfd@aol.com).

Auditors are welcome!

The facility has a heated viewing room with a sound system. Auditors will need to bring a chair to sit on. ODS will be providing refreshments for riders and auditors. Auditor registrations should be received by February 13; please send full fee owed. Walk-ins will be admitted for the same price although refreshments may not be available for walk-ins.

Name _____ ODS Member? _____

Level of Rider/Horse _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Rider \$200 (50% deposit required)	\$ _____
_____ Audit Saturday ODS member \$20; non-ODS \$30	\$ _____
_____ Audit Sunday ODS member \$20; non-ODS \$30	\$ _____
_____ Audit both days ODS member \$30; non-ODS \$45	\$ _____

Mail or bring form to the AGM (January 24)
 Anne Kuhns, 12203 E. 106th St. N., Owasso, OK 74055
 918-272-4789 akuhns@atlasok.com

ODS BOARD OF DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Michael Colclasure

I have had or been around horses all of my life. Since living in Enid, I have sold the farm, but still ride horses and show as much as possible. I am currently showing Kenworth (my number one boy) and I have got a new horse whose name is Passelande that is with me here in Enid and plan on showing him next year. I love dressage because that is the sport where my heart lays. I know that this seems to be primarily a woman's sport but that is why I am running for the board to let everyone know that it is not just a woman's sport and that men can do this too. I have not been on the board of ODS before and I think that a fresh face and perspective will help us out allot. I was President of the NCC for 2 yrs a while back, and I am actively participating in all of the NCC activities and also in the ODS.

Sincerely,

Michael Colclasure

Camelot Stables

Enid, OK.

Sherry Guess

Sherry has been riding ever since her father discovered that placing her atop their mare while she grazed in pasture was an effective way to baby sit her while he worked. She has been riding and teaching dressage for more than 30 years, focusing on a biomechanic approach to both the horse and rider. She currently gives clinics in AR, CA, OK, and TX.

Volunteering with her local chapter of the California Dressage Society introduced her to working at horse shows, to newsletter editor, to show manager, to chapter chair, and to the CDS executive board. After moving to OK, she served on the ODS board for three years. She has been chair of the USDF GMO Council for the past 12 years and also serves on the USDF Membership Committee. This past year she also served on three USDF ad hoc committees.

She hopes this experience would be of use on the ODS board.

Marta Koenig

Dear Oklahoma Dressage Society,

I have been involved in horses in Oklahoma since we moved here for the third time in 2003. I ride an off-the-track project thoroughbred that I bought as a seven year old. When we are both healthy, we compete in eventing. In 2007 we qualified for and competed in the American Eventing Championships in Wayne, Illinois at Novice level.

As a life goal I am pursuing the Truth About Riding Horses, which includes a strong emphasis on dressage.

I have been a board member of Oklahoma Eventers for three years, including serving as treasurer. I am currently finishing a two year term as president, and will probably stay on as president for one more year.

I am a CPA licensed in Oklahoma and do taxes as a sole practitioner from my home.

Anne Kuhns asked if I would be interested in filling the position of treasurer for Oklahoma Dressage Society for the coming term. Because I believe in the purpose and direction of ODS, if elected, I would do my best as treasurer to keep track of the financial records that are an important part of the integrity and program of the club.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marta Koenig

Jolie' Pressler

My name is Jolie' Pressler and I have been a member of ODS & GCC since 2006. I have served as President of GCC and am now currently serving as Vice President. I started riding horses when I was 8 yrs old at Lawrence Farms in Bixby where I showed Hunter. When I was 10 we moved to Florida and continued with my lessons for a few years. Then I decided to switch gears and start barrel racing, what a change that was. At 15 friends took over my free time so I sold my horse and lived life without riding except for the occasional trail rides for 23 yrs. I took up riding again about 3 yrs ago and I love every minute of it. I decided when I started back I wanted to begin with a solid foundation so I decided to try Dressage at that point I fell in love with the style the structure and the philosophy. I then became a member of ODS & GCC and I am so glad I did I have met so many wonderful people while being a part of this group and I look forward to meeting many more.

Darrell Reed

I have seen the positive side of dressage in both the rider as well as the horse. I am interested in promoting the sport of Dressage. My passion is for young riders to learn the benefits and excel in the sport. They are the future of the sport. My equestrian experience started with a dozen pre-paid horse lessons for my daughter as a Christmas gift. Life has not been the same since however I must say having horses in our lives has been a rewarding and positive experience. When my daughter started in Dressage is when I noticed the positive impact of the sport

Simply stated – I wish more people could experience the excitement of a well done ride and the excitement of the growth between the horse and rider.

Thanks
Darrell



**OKLAHOMA DRESSAGE SOCIETY
BALLOT FOR JANUARY 24, 2009 AGM**

There are three 3-year terms, one 2-year term, and one 1-year term. Please vote for five (5) Board members and indicate which term length you would like them to serve:

Michael Colclasure _____ Sherry Guess _____ Marta Koenig _____ Jolie' Pressler _____ Darrell Reed _____

Write-in _____ Write-in _____

PLEASE MAIL YOUR BALLOT TO:

**Roberta Clark
ODS Outgoing President
16 E. 26th Place
Tulsa, OK 74114**

Ballots must be received no later than January 23, 2009 to be counted. Please place your ballot in a sealed envelope within the mailing envelope. Your name will need to be on the outer envelope so we can verify membership. The sealed envelope will be separated from the envelope with your name and will remain sealed until the day of the meeting. Absentee ballots will be opened and counted with the votes submitted at the meeting.

Classified.....

For Sale 6 year old 14.3 registered sorrel QH gelding. Very easy keeper, but also very green. Needs a challenging job! He is very intelligent and tons of personality. Would be great at any speed event or could also do well in dressage with the right person. Needs someone knowledgeable in training horses for an owner/rider. He's probably about a 7 or 8 on the hot scale but could do very well. Needs a lot more time and attention than I could ever give him. Has new coggins papers and had all shots at the end of October. Willing to trade for older and much calmer horse no older than 15 or good quality black dressage saddle in good condition with girth, stirrups and easy change system. Asking \$800 obo. Please contact Joleen at (580)402-1293. (01/09)

17 hh bay 10 -year- old TB gelding-with a pretty blaze down his face. He is a beautiful mover and has shown in lower level dressage. He's been started over fences as well. Asking 4500 obo 918 752 4048 (01/09)

AMADEUS WF - 6 y.o., 17+h Hanoverian Gelding (Arrian/Lemon Park) Competing at training level, super amateur temperament. Will make a nice dressage or hunter prospect for experienced rider. Please contact Vanessa Carlson @ 918-629-0814 or woodridgef@aol.com Also, more photos and a video available at www.woodridgefarm.com (11/08)

Wanted: Used Kawasaki Mule or Polaris brand utility 4WD. Contact: Paula Gullion 405-306-0127 or pgullion@netscape.com (11/08)

Mr. Driftwood Beau – One look into his eyes and you will fall in love! Registered seven-year-old (AQHA) Appendix Quarterhorse, 17.1 hands, Bay gelding. Solid in Intro level, ready for Training level, but has had time off from Dressage. Walk, trot, cantor, and loads. Not recommended for beginner rider. He needs a home that will love him and work him. Beau has some stiffness in his stifle, but continued workouts are beneficial and he is sound for ground work. Beau is a beautiful horse with beautiful movements. We love him, but need money for college. \$4200. 405-372-2559 (11/08)

For Sale: Well maintained 9 year old Reg. Morgan gelding, shown training level 2 years, scored in the 60's. Good big bold personality, but not a mean horse. Big 15-3hh. Would make an excellent first or second level horse for intermediate rider. Chestnut with some white. health forces sale to good home. Contact Julie Hadorn 918-455-5517 email: nlovewithmorgans@aol.com (11/08)

Friesian Sporthorse for sale – DOB 1/27/07 Hans Christof is registered with the Friesian Sporthorse Association. This gelding is 5/8 Friesian, 1/4 Saddlebred and 1/8 Percheron. He is out of Jacob Van't Tuls an imported Dutch Stallion and Pippi a Friesian Cross mare. Hans is very bold, bright and athletic. He has wonderful movement and is an excellent driving, dressage or hunter/jumper prospect. He does all of the normal things expected of a colt his age, stands for the farrier and grooming, cross ties, bathes, leads and loads in the trailer. Currently in "colt" training. Should mature at 16 hands (is currently 15 hands + at 20 months) and can probably be slowly started next spring. He is comfortable in the pasture or in a stall. Hans has excellent conformation, great feet, and a beautiful head with large doe like eyes. He is current on all vaccinations, coggins and is on a regular worming routine. This horse shows great potential and will be very competitive in the right hands. Owner already has two "green" horses and not enough time to start a third. Reasonable priced at \$4,500.00, possible special consideration to show home. Call Teresa Broughton at (918) 770-5900 during the day or (918) 366-3775 evenings. Email draftycrossing@olp.net for additional information. I will return calls and answer emails in the evening. (11/08)

For Sale: Passier Grand Gilbert 17.5 Med tree, very good condition, purchased from Horse of Course in January of 2005, less fittings \$1499.00 Call Joanne 918 827-1023 (9/08)

From Education Chairman, Anne Kuhns:

Thank you to all ODS members who submitted their votes for education. Pilates for Dressage got the most votes followed by Jeff Moore with Biomechanics II in a close second. We are scheduling **Pilates for Dressage March 28-29, 2009**, at the Explorer arena at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. Look for the rider and auditor application after the first of the year.

We are looking into the possibility of inviting **Jeff Moore in the fall of 2009**.

Alf Athenstaedt has said he'll do an ODS clinic with 5-6 riders this coming year. Time, location, and details will be forthcoming.

The **Dressage Camp June 4-7, 2009**, is already scheduled. It will again be held at the Claremore Expo Center with housing in the RSU apartments. Our clinicians are Dolly Hannon ("R" and T-2 instructor) from CO, Sarah Martin (T-4 instructor) from CO, and Louise St. Amour ("L") from MI. Both Sarah and Louise were camp instructors last year. Applications will be available mid to late March.

We have a lot of opportunities in the works; please make plans to get educated with ODS!

From Treasurer, Pam Hogg:

Approximate profit from the Championships was \$7300. This was after we made donations of \$2500 to both Bit by Bit and Coffee Creek Therapeutic Riding Centers. We were able to make this profit because of the tremendous fund-raising efforts of the membership. Sponsorships, advertising and vendor booth rental amount to over \$21,000 We also had many donations of goods and services. The silent auction netted almost \$2900 and ODS's portion of the used tack sale was \$450. Thank you to all who put the time, effort and money into making the 2008 Region 9 Championships a great success.

This money will be used for education for the ODS membership and also for seed money for future regional championships

From USDF Convention Representative, Sherry Guess:

Just wanted to let you know that sanity prevailed. The Board of Governors (made up of GMO (club) delegates and PM delegates voted down the budget. We then came up with most of the funds needed to fix the problem without raising dues. I'm on a committee that will continue that work for the next couple of months and submit another budget that will not include increases for dues or fees. I do think that the topic will arise again next year because it has been so many years since it has been raised, but we're good for now.

The USEF Dressage Committee was requested to withdraw the proposed Performance Standards and they did so! It will probably come back as a special rider's test (still don't think it will be of any use, but a more palatable idea) that needs to be passed to progress through all the levels.

The wording will be changed to make it clear that shows may use arenas where you have to enter from the side.

I thank you for your direction. It certainly fell in line with the way GMOs all over the nation were feeling. All things considered, it was an extremely productive BOG.



ODS March Symposium-Pilates for Dressage
with Janice Dulak and Sarah Martin
March 27-29, 2009 Explorer Arena- Expo Square, Tulsa

Janice Dulak, a Level 2 Romana's Pilates Instructor and author of Pilates for the Dressage Rider, is teaming up with Sarah Martin, USDF T-4 Instructor and USDF Gold Medalist. They combine their knowledge to help the dressage rider increase greater body awareness and learn techniques to develop their riding potential.

Riders are assured of a thorough and transformational experience!

Symposium Schedule:

Friday night Janice will lecture on the history and theories of Joseph Pilates and how the work can be specifically applied to the dressage rider. Location: Restaurant -TBA

Saturday morning Janice will lead riders and participating auditors in a 2-hour Pilates ground work for the rider. She will introduce the basic Pilates mat exercises which focus on finding and utilizing the core muscles. Articulation of the spine exercises will also help riders understand lengthening and collection of the human spine and learn to "feel" what lengthening and collection means for the horse.

Saturday afternoon riders will ride in groups of three with Janice for 45 minutes, and then will work privately with Sarah for 30 minutes in formal dressage instruction. The emphasis will be the use of the "stomach in and up" for half halts, stopping and eventually, backing a horse. The use of the "squeeze and scoop" combined with "wrap" of the leg will inform the rider how to use their seat effectively for proper position as well as upward and downward transitions. Work will be done mostly at the walk.

Sunday morning the ground work will introduce more exercises which involve bending and twisting to begin the concept of stabilizing the core for use of the upper body. These exercises will help the rider stabilize the torso when doing circling work.

Sunday afternoon riders will ride in their groups of three with both Janice and Sarah instructing at the same time. The rising and sitting trot will be addressed in relation to the use of the "wrap" of the leg to keep the hip angle open during trot work and the use of the "scoop" for deepening the seat and keeping the hip angle open for the sitting trot. This phase also begins to address all lateral dressage work.

Ground Pilates classes will be held in a heated, carpeted room at Expo Square.

Riders of all levels are welcome, with or without prior Pilates experience.

ODS Member options to participate:

Rider: (limited to 12) Lecture, all Pilates sessions and all rides. Fee will not include meals or stall. Stall is \$70 for the weekend with 2 bags of shavings and security.

Participating Auditor: (limited to 13) Lecture, all Pilates sessions, and observing of all rides. Fee will not include meals.

Observing Auditor: Lecture & observing of all rides- fee will not include meals.

Lecture only: Fee plus dinner cost.

Rider and Participating Auditor spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

Registration forms and prices will be available at the AGM & on the ODS website beginning January 24

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENTS

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all of you who helped and those who participated in our ODS Schooling Show Championships this past Saturday. Without all of you this would not have been possible. I have had several comments on how nice the show was and how everyone enjoyed it. Well, it is thanks to each of you for coming and participating in some way or another. My thanks to all of you. If (and I know I have) I have left someone off of this email (probably because I don't have their email address or lost it) then PLEASE send it onto them for me. I really appreciate each and everyone of you, thanks so much for making the Schooling Show Championships of 2008 a success!!!

Rainee

Show Manager

*From the group at Patty Couch's Rockin C in Inola we want to thank you for a wonderful weekend that was fun, well run, friendly, and COLD and WINDY! But that was the only thing amiss this year. Thank heavens we were showing inside where it was warm and toasty with good footing and a well lit, huge, "horse friendly" arena. It was the Tulsa Fairgrounds for heavens sakes! Clean bathrooms, a concession stand, stalls for the horses and an announcer made it all feel just like a recognized show. And I almost forgot the professional photographer, hot chocolate, bagels, and coffee set up by the stalls and warm up arena! Thanks to ODS, Rainee, and her crew and those who just pitched in, we had a great weekend. We asked for it and they delivered with style and a gracious attitude. A "thumbs up" from all of us, we hope you carry on. 2009 will be a piece of cake.
Patty Couch, Anna Rywelski, Paula Walker*

Having never even considered participating in schooling show championships, never mind a recognized show, I really can't believe Pico and I were THERE! But we were and we had a great time at the Schooling Show Championships held mid-November in Tulsa. The weather was cold but not rainy and we got to ride in the Mustang arena – which turned out to be a great arena for almost every horse. The warm-up was spacious with good footing and the stalls were conveniently located. The show was run so smoothly that we were ahead of schedule by mid-afternoon and finished early too thanks to Rainee and her fabulous crew. Thanks to Jeanie for providing great show pictures too. I wouldn't have participated without encouragement from Patty Couch and ALL my riding friends – and Kathy B for lending me critical show attire – and Elizabeth E for helping Pico learn more about stretch. So, now I have to qualify for next year.... Thanks everyone and ODS for providing such great activities for us to ride or participate in. Cathy Orban

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**ODS SCHOOLING SHOW CHAMPIONSHIPS-NOVEMBER 2008
JUDGE-BONNIE GRIEST**

CHAMPIONSHIP SUITABILITY

1-Action Jackson Kathryn Mayne

CHAMPIONSHIP W/T EQUITATION

1-Sun of Silent Rachel Whitton
2-JC Barely Britches Shannean Fields
3-Action Jackson Kathryn Mayne
4-Peppers Hobby Bar Miranda Thibodeau

CHAMPIONSHIP DRESSAGE EQUITATION

1-Kenworth Mike Colclasure

CHAMPIONSHIP INTRO LEVEL-OPEN

1-Dartagnan Richal Flannery 70.5
2-You don't know Jack Barbara Koenig 63.5

CHAMPIONSHIP INTRO LEVEL-AMATEUR

1-Wolkentino Susan Fraley-Mohler 72
2-Action Jackson Kathryn Mayne 67.5
3-Ms. Tender Lil Marsha Cullen 64.5
4-Camille Anne Kuhns 64
5-Miss Fancy Soulmate Sandy Thompson 63.5
6-Formal Attire Hailey Flannery 63.5

CHAMPIONSHIP INTRO LEVEL-JUNIOR

1-Jurgen fan Bluffview Denise Stanley 65
2-JC Barely Britches Shannean Fields 63
3-Pacific First Down Sarah Davis 63
4-Sun of Silent Rachel Whitton 62.5
5-Rose Faith Ashbridge 62
6-A Classic Color Anna Rywelski 61.5

CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING LEVEL-AMATEUR

1-Kenworth Mike Colclasure 65.6
2-Miss Fancy Soulmate Sandy Thompson 63.2
3-Pico Cathy Orban 62.4
4-Pavo de Lena Robert Mayne 60.8

CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING LEVEL-JUNIOR

1-Cinorama S. Faire Saresse Reed 71.2
2-Pico Elizabeth Eaton 65.2
3-Pecan Creeks B. Shadow Brandon VanDam 62
4-Jurgen fan Bluffview Denise Stanley 56.8

CHAMPIONSHIP TRAINING LEVEL-OPEN

1-Dartagnan Richal Flannery 69.2
2-CT Platinum Edition Barbara Koenig 65.6

CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST LEVEL-OPEN

1-Dante Patty Couch 63.684

CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST LEVEL_AMATEUR

1-Like A Rock Nichole Burris 62.368
2-Pico Cathy Orban 60

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