



# ODS Newsletter

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## March 2004

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*The Ohio Dressage Society organization is a Group Member Organization.  
Their members are automatically USDF Group Members.*

### **2004 ODS Officers**

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## **A Word from Our President**

First, I would like to thank all the members for taking the time out of their busy schedules to vote! Thank you! I would also like to introduce and welcome this year's officers: Amy Rothe-Hietter, Vice President; Debbie Eiden, Secretary; and Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec, Treasurer/Membership Coordinator. Welcome!

We have some new changes this year with only two recognized shows and a schooling show. Our Youth Scholarship Program begins its first year; ask Mary Jo for an application. As one of our education objectives for this year, we hope to have a clinic with George Williams. More information to come when he is back in Ohio. At the awards banquet, the idea of a tour (or speaker) from the Ohio Department of Agriculture (where your coggins test is done) may also be a possibility. Last year we had our first annual trail ride which was a lot of fun...maybe we could try again this year! Maybe even some fundraisers...

We hope to continue this club's mission as being a fun club with education as our priority. Input from the club members is always welcome, we are after all YOUR club officers, so contact any us with suggestions or questions. Reminders: Start thinking about what position you would like to volunteer for at the shows this year. Thanks to all of those people who have volunteered their time in previous years! The volunteers make the shows successful! Maybe we could have another clinic for scribing and some of the other volunteer positions...what do you think? Get your calendars out and mark all the show dates and clinics you want to attend this year.

It's also about time to vaccinate and get your coggins blood sample in. Do it early before your feel rushed. One less thing to worry about closer to show time!

Happy Trails!

Your President,

Kathy

## Important Dates to Remember

- \* March 20: MODA schooling show at Friesian Empire.  
Contact Carrie Vacolas 740-967-3920
- \* March 21: MODA clinic with Ida Anderson at Friesian Empire.  
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- \* March 25-29: Equine Affaire at the fairgrounds.
- \* April 10: "Ride a Test" at North Star Stables (Powell).  
Contact Amy Rothe-Heitter amy\_rothe@yahoo.com.
- \* April 10: MODA schooling show at Friesian Empire.  
Contact Carrie Vacolas 740-967-3920.
- \* April 16: USDF Symposium with Conrad Schumacher at the Kentucky Horse Park. For details see the USDF.org website.
- \* May 23: ODS schooling show at North Star Stables. Showbills coming soon. Contact Amy Rothe-Heitter amy\_rothe@yahoo.com.
- \* May 29/30: Lilac show (USDF/USEF) at Roberts Arena, Wilmington.  
Contact Sara Johnson www.walktotrot.com.
- \* June 12-13: ODS Down Centerline at Delaware Fairgrounds. Contact Mary Jo Weingart maryweingart@yahoo.com.
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Mary Jo recently adopted Just Dustin (a.k.a. Grey Spirit) from New Vocations. He is a 13 year old gelding that raced until he was 6. The lady that got him from the track used him to event. About 8 months after she got him he injured his left eye, it became infected and had to be removed. Although, he was fine, the jumping became difficult and so Grey Spirit became a dressage horse.



I've already figured out where they keep the treats - in the pockets. Here I am checking out the pocket of my new mom's friend Lesley. My name is Grey Spirit. My new mom (Mary Jo) adopted me from New Vocations. They find jobs for us former race horses. I raced until I was 6 and then became an eventer. I also started learning dressage. That's what my new mom plans on doing with me. Hope to see you at the shows this summer.

# Club Shorts

## **ODS DownCenterline Dressage Shows**

This year ODS is sponsoring two recognized show weekends. They are June 12 & 13 and October 9 & 10. Both show weekends will be at the Delaware County Fairgrounds in Delaware, Ohio.

The judges for the June shows are: General Jonathon R. Burton (S) from Fort Belvoir, Virginia and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Crosby (R) from Ada, Michigan. For the October shows we have Ms. Kay H. Meredith (S) from Raleigh, North Carolina and Ms. Elsie Kellerman (R) from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

Showbills should be in the mail within the next 2 weeks so be looking for them. However, don't wait for the showbill to put the dates on your calendar. If you will not be showing we would LOVE to have you volunteer! The DownCenterline show name starts with "ODS" - that stands for the Ohio Dressage Society. These are club shows and we need all the members to help run them. So jump right in and volunteer!

## **ODS Youth Scholarship Established**

Members attending the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Ohio Dressage Society voted unanimously to establish a Youth Scholarship Fund. The purpose of this fund is to encourage any Junior Rider or Youth Rider in Ohio that is a member of ODS to pursue a career devoted to the art of dressage.

A Junior Rider or Youth Rider may apply to the Scholarship Committee for monetary assistance to further their knowledge and skills. The funds may be used for a national or international sponsored opportunity, a horse related course at an approved university or college, or a USDF or USEF clinic, symposium, or NAYR Qualifier.

Up to \$1,000 a year may be awarded, depending on the availability of funds. It may be given entirely to one person or divided among those youth applying, if all are deemed worthy of receiving monetary assistance. The Scholarship does not have to be awarded if none of the applicants or their intended uses are considered appropriate.

Any Junior or Youth Rider may contact any member of the Scholarship Committee for more information and an application. The deadline to apply this first year is March 15, 2004.

The Scholarship Committee has three members:

Amy Rothe-Hietter, ODS Vice-President and Committee Chair  
Mary Jo Weingart, Youth Committee  
Sherrie Ridenour, ODS Member

# Horse of the Month

## RHM Tender Moments Owned by Kathy Painter



I would love to honor my morgan mare, RHM Tender Moments (aka Mo), by nominating her for horse of the month. We are starting our 9th year together and have quite a history. I bought her as an almost 4 yr old with absolutely no training; she could lead from a stall in the winter to a pasture in the spring. She spent her first four years as a pasture ornament and didn't have much trust in humans. I bought her as a project with the idea I could sell her, make some money, and buy a better horse later. Being newly divorced she was my reason for being.

Well, we are still together. I got remarried and became pregnant after a year or so. When my first child was a year old I decided to become a stay at home mom. I thought I had no option, but to sell my mare for financial reasons. After a lot of encouragement from friends to find a way to keep her, I found a cheap boarding facility close to home. I brought my infant daughter with me to buy grain and hay. She rode in a backpack when I went to feed and lunge Mo. After she got older she helped me clean Mosie's stall. I had a part time evening job to help pay her expenses and keep my daughter out of day care.

Next hurdle was finding out my husband was going to be transferred to Ohio. By this time there was no doubt she was coming with me. I fortunately had saved my share of a tax return so I could pay to ship her. I was pregnant with my second child at this point and suffered a broken ankle and morning sickness early in the pregnancy. I didn't get much riding in, but I still cleaned her stall (with my daughter's help) and lunged her.

I participate in a morgandressage discussion group on the internet. I mentioned I was being relocated to Ohio and asked if any one knew a trainer and boarding facility. Ann Miltimore was very patient and helpful; I will always be grateful for her help. She told me about Lynn Hamler and helped me set up with Lynn to ship Mo to her barn. I had never met Ann or Lynn and I was shipping my best friend 2500 miles to a facility I had never seen. My gut told me it was okay. Mo arrived safely and Ann was there when they unloaded her. She walked off the trailer and looked around; didn't seem stressed at all. Lynn called to let me know she arrived safely.

After my second child was born (in Ohio), I was able to start riding again. I didn't start up with lessons right away. When I did it was maybe just one lesson per month. I got another part time job to help support my horse. I used my half of tax return toward weekly lessons. I also participate in contact lens studies to earn more money. I ended up being able to start weekly lessons. Our partnership grew and we started improving. We showed at our first dressage show in 2002. We placed second in intro tests 1 and 2 (67% and 70%) and got our names in the show results of the morgan breed magazine, one of my childhood goals! I was so happy when I went to pick up my tests that tears of joy ran down my cheeks! I must have been quite a site as strangers were asking me if I was okay. I blubbered that my horse and I had got 2nd place at our first dressage show and I was very proud. It feels really good to have complete strangers share in your joy and congratulate you. I have never been so proud of my girl except for last year when we tried riding first level test one at a schooling show and scored 63.7%! This from a horse that doesn't have the correct conformation for dressage or natural talent. This from a horse that makes me work for correctness every single stride. This from a horse that was thought would not make it past training level! All of this from a horse that is my best friend....

There have been many times I have thought seriously about selling Mo and getting a larger, more willing partner that was better suited to dressage, but with history like we have I haven't been able to release the emotional bond I have with her. She may not be the most talented or willing partner one would want for a dressage mount, but she makes me learn how to ride properly and well. My next goal is to ride a musical freestyle with her. I have dreamed of doing this with Mo, and even if we don't officially ride our freestyle at a recognized show but maybe just for friends or even just for ourselves we will have taken our partnership to the level of what a partnership should be in dressage...dancing with your horse, riding as one with your friend and partner. I don't know what the future holds for Mo and I, but I don't really care as long as we are together. My goals have changed over the years and I still occasionally wonder sometimes what it would be like to have a "willing" partner, but I don't think I would trade my partnership with Mo for any thing right now...I still have too much to learn from her.

So, it is for these reasons that I would like to nominate my mare, RHM Tender Moments, for ODS Horse of the Month!

Mosie I love you!

Your partner and friend,  
Kathy

# ODS 2003 Year End Awards

## RECIPIENTS OF CERTIFICATES

*SCORES ARE ACCUMULATIVE,  
COMPLETED IN 2003*

### INTRODUCTORY LEVEL ASPIRING RIDER CERTIFICATE

Sherrie Ridenour  
Jessi Miltimore  
Levi Miltimore

### TRAINING LEVEL QUALIFIED RIDER CERTIFICATE

Mary Jo Weingart  
Jill Steele  
Kathy Painter  
Alicia McNutt  
Rae Molnar

### FIRST LEVEL BRONZE CERTIFICATE

Ann Miltimore  
Sara Anderson  
Amy Rothe-Hietter

### SECOND LEVEL SILVER CERTIFICATE

Amy Rothe-Hietter  
Sara Anderson

### THIRD LEVEL GOLD CERTIFICATE

Lynn Hamler

## 2003 YEAR END RESULTS

### RATED SHOWS

#### INTRODUCTORY HORSE

Antarez 69.601

#### TRAINING LEVEL HORSE

VirginiaMemory(Vern) 63.791  
Bassada 62.377  
Alya 59.615

#### FIRST LEVEL HORSE

Hershy's Kiss 66.180  
Shawnee 62.079

#### SECOND LEVEL HORSE

Hershey's Kiss 62.475  
Chief Cody Snow 61.009  
Bel-Air 50.000

#### THIRD LEVEL HORSE

Listo VI 60.833

#### FOURTH LEVEL HORSE

Neblin II 57.915  
Ragtime Tom T-riffic 48.530

#### PRIX ST GEORGE HORSE

Neblin II 59.123

#### INTERMEDIARE I HORSE

Neblin II 61.187

**RATED SHOWS (cont.)**

**INTRODUCTORY ADULT RIDER**

Sherrie Ridenour 69.601

**TRAINING LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Jill Steele 63.791

Mary Jo Weingert 62.377

Rae Molnar 59.615

**FIRST LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Ann Miltimore 62.079

Chris Gemmel 56.569 Bel Aire

**SECOND LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Amy Rothe-Hietter 61.009

Chris Gemmel 51.617

**THIRD LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Lynn Hamler 60.822

Amy Rothe-Hietter 53.277

**FOURTH LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Chris Gemmel 48.530

**INTERMEDIAIRE I ADULT RIDER**

Lynn Hamler 61.187

**SCHOOLING SHOWS**

**INTRODUCTORY HORSE**

Mattie 60.020

Sparky 58.023

**TRAINING LEVEL HORSE**

Yo 61.305

Gabriel Bassada 59.155

Tender Moments (Mo) 57.792

**FIRST LEVEL HORSE**

Arswann 67.825

Shawnee 61.447

**TRAINING LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Mary Jo Weingart 59.155

Kathy Painter 57.792

**FIRST LEVEL ADULT RIDER**

Betsy Hyde 67.825

Ann Miltimore 61.44

**INTRO YOUTH RIDER**

Levi Miltimore 60.377

Jessi Miltimore 59.970

**TRAINING YOUTH RIDER**

Alicia Mc Nutt 61.305

**FIRST LEVEL YOUTH RIDER**

Sara Anderson 66.180

**SECOND LEVEL YOUTH RIDER**

Sara Anderson 62.475

**FOURTH LEVEL YOUTH RIDER**

Laura Hamler 57.915

**PRIX ST GEORGE YOUTH RIDER**

Laura Hamler 61.875

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To schedule, or to get more information, contact Glenda Childress at [pye\\_ewe@johnstown.net](mailto:pye_ewe@johnstown.net), or 740-924-2205. All clinics are 50.00 per ride plus a \$10.00 haul-in fee. Danielle's next clinic is March 6 and 7. Molly's next clinic is March 14.

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