








NEWSLETTER SPRING 2005

The Ohio Dressage Society (ODS) is a Group Member Organization (GMO) of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and its members are USDF Group Members. The Ohio Dressage Society is in Region Two of the USDF.


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Upcoming ODS Events

-  **Meeting May 7 at 5 PM** – Lynn Hamler will share lesson videos with Conrad Schumacher and experiences from her visit to Germany. Bring money for pizza and enjoy the good time viewing, talking and eating! Lynn's farm is located at 7559 Yankee St. in Fredericktown. For Lynn's phone number, see the roster with this newsletter. Take 71 N to Rt. 95. Take Rt. 95 East (right) to Chesterville. Turn left, North, on Rt. 314. Turn right on Twp 371, Yankee St., to 7559.
-  **May 22** – ODS Schooling Show has been moved to Lynn Hamler's farm, Hobby Horse Hill. Showbill included with this newsletter.
-  **June 11 & 12** - Ohio Dressage Society's DownCenterline Dressage Shows 1,2 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.
-  **July 23** – ODS Get-Together at Devon Whittaker's home – more details to come.
-  **August 21** – ODS Meeting, more details to come.

Some Quick Thoughts

 If you have not renewed your membership please join us now! You will find an application available online at ohiodressagesociety.com. You may also contact Chris Gemmel-GnIdovec (see roster enclosed).

 Please feel free to bring a guest to meetings and group get-togethers.



Way to Learn More!

More Schooling Shows at Lynn Hamler's Hobby Horse Farm
Entry Form is on the ODS Website

-  May 14, 2005
-  June 25, 2005
-  July 16, 2005
-  August 27, 2005
-  September 17, 2005
-  October 1, 2005

Welcome new members

Thanks to all who have renewed and a big welcome to our new members:

Welcome to ODS

Barb Renico
H. Patricia Whalen-Shaw
Elizabeth Schwab

Becky Borden

Sarah Johnson

Meghan Fix

MaryEllen Hanna



June ODS DownCenterline Dressage Show

Don't forget to mark your calendars! **June 11 & 12, 2005** is the weekend of our first **ODS DownCenterline Show** for this season.

Showbills have been mailed. If you have not received one or you know somebody who would like one, let us know. We'll be glad to snail mail one to you or your friends. The showbill is also available on our website. Go to www.ohiodressagesociety.com (It's a good opportunity to visit the website and see all the updates to the site!).

Keep in mind we will be needing help with the show. Even if you are planning to show your horse you can still volunteer. We can schedule you around your ride times. There are a few restrictions if you are showing - for example, we can't let you scribe for a judge that will be judging your test later. So we can give you another job or have you scribe for the judge after you have ridden under them. If you are not planning on showing your horse we can for sure find you something to do - small job or big job, a few hours, half a day, or a whole day - we can fit you in.



Message from the President:

Greetings!

I hope you are all enjoying this great spring like weather. Only in Ohio can you have temperatures in the 60s and 70s and then the very next day have several inches of snow. Spring in Ohio is wonderful, isn't it?

Sorry the April ODS Newsletter is late. Sherrie has had it all ready to go but I asked her to delay sending it. We found out that we weren't going to be able to have the ODS Schooling Show at North Star Stables like last year. Both Mary Ellen (the barn manager) and I were really bummed when the owner of the property decided that he didn't want shows at the stable and just recently let Mary Ellen know. Lynn Hamler has said we can move the schooling show to her outside ring. THANK YOU, Lynn! Also, Paxton Farm is having a CDI show the weekend of May 14th and 15th. I am going to scribe in the CDI ring on Sunday. They really could use some help with all the tasks that need to be done to have a show. So if you can volunteer please give Carol Corman a call at 513-942-0839. She'll be glad to have your help.

The ODS Executive Committee met on Monday evening to discuss upcoming events. Several things are in the works.

Gypsy Woods Farms is planning a clinic at their farm with George Williams as the clinician. All proceeds will go to the USDF Capital Campaign. Chuck Smith has asked if ODS and MODA members would be willing to volunteer their time to help with the clinic. Your Executive Committee said we would. The Clinic will be sometime in the fall - date to be decided. It will be held at Gypsy Woods Farm. This is a great chance to see the facility (if you have never been there) so plan to volunteer.

ODS is also planning on a Conrad Schumacher clinic. Lynn Hamler got Conrad to agree to do a clinic for us while he is in the United States this fall. Lynn talked to him while visiting her daughter, Laura, in Germany (Laura is a working student at Conrad's farm). Conrad would like to work with Junior / Young Riders. If any space is left he would be willing to work with additional FEI riders from the area. This clinic will hopefully be a "money maker" for ODS. The Executive Committee decided that any profits would be used to subsidize the costs of our long awaited clinic for ODS members.

Guess, I'd better get this sent to Sherrie so she can finally get the "late April / early May" newsletter out.

Give your horse a hug!

Amy Rothe-Hietter

2005 ODS President



Spread the word - Show Jobs are Fun Jobs.....

Scribes - Excellent learning experience! Good way to learn what the judges are looking for, good way to be able to see the rides from the "judge's point of view at C" (Of course, you do a lot of writing but you do get to see parts of the rides!).

Ring Steward / Gate Keeper – This is a great chance to see (and talk to) the horses and riders up close and personal. You have a good viewpoint for watching all the rides in your ring. AND you get to use a walkie talkie!

Scorers - If you are good at math (or good with a calculator) this is the job for you. Plus, you have a "bird's eye" view of the rides in Ring 1 during the lulls in scoring the tests (Plus all the snacks and drinks for the volunteers are kept upstairs in the show office where the scoring is done).

Runners - Do you want exercise? You'll like this job because you pick up tests from the competition rings and hand them over to the scorers. Good opportunity to get plenty of fresh air and sunshine (think positive!).

PLUS - 3 Very Important, Big Time Commitment Jobs...

Hospitality Chairman – This is otherwise known as the person in charge of the "care and feeding" of the judges. Big job - requires time all days of the show - Friday afternoon through Sunday. You arrange for somebody to pick the officials up at the airport, take them to the hotel, get them to the show grounds in the morning and back to the hotel at night and back to the airport when the show is over. You keep tabs on their comfort during the day and go out to dinner with them on Saturday night. This is a great opportunity to talk with the officials and get to know them on a personal level. This is a good job for somebody that is not showing.

Head Scorer – This person is in charge of the scorers and runners. Basically they are responsible for the collecting and scoring of all tests and posting the results in a timely manner. Another BIG job - requires time commitment both days of show. Deb Eiden does this currently, but she could use some relief occasionally. It would be great if somebody would like to learn this job by working with Deb at the June show.

Volunteer Coordinator - Another big job - time commitment before show and both days of the show. Requires contacting members about helping with show jobs, scheduling volunteers, making sure all required jobs are covered, getting volunteers checked in at the show, explaining various jobs to the volunteers, and checking on the comfort of the volunteers throughout the day. This job could be shared by two people that can work together. Devon Whitaker is planning on trying this at the June show (I think!).

REMEMBER... the "ODS", in the ODS DownCenterline Dressage Shows, stands for Ohio Dressage Society, which means you, the members. These are your shows so plan on being there. We have lots of snacks and drinks, see beautiful horses, talk with other horse people and generally have a great time. Come join us!



Year End Report ODS Show Account Financial Report '04



Beginning Balance 3/01/04 **\$ 3,236.17**

Receipts

Schooling Show		\$ 1,365.00	
June ODS DownCenterline 1 & 2	\$18,196.00		
Oct. ODS DownCenterline 3 & 4	\$12,092.00		
Miscellaneous		\$ 130.00	
Total Receipts		<u>\$31,793.00</u>	\$31,783.00

Expenses

Schooling Show		\$ 1,110.95	
June ODS DownCenterline 1 & 2	\$11,973.35		
Oct. ODS DownCenterline 3&4	\$10,309.67		
General Show	*	\$ 2,016.89	
Miscellaneous	**	\$ 4,608.30	
Total Expenses		<u>\$30,019.16</u>	\$30,019.16

Ending Balance 1/31/05 **\$ 5,000.01**

*Covers ribbons, tests, postage, printing, walkie talkies, recognition fees for '05

**Checks, PVC ring, postage, 30% profits to club treasury + excess over \$5,000, 20% profits to show management



Do you have what you need to “Qualify”?

Do you have all the memberships for rider, horse and owner to compete in qualifying classes for regionals? Visit the USDF website at the following link for a handy checklist, in PDF format, of what you need to compete in recognized competitions, regionals, and to be eligible for various awards:

[www.usdf.org/pdf/CompetitionManagement/
MembershipsChecklistforCompeting.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/pdf/CompetitionManagement/MembershipsChecklistforCompeting.pdf)

The following is the portion of that checklist that applies to qualifying classes:

“Memberships Checklist for Competing at USDF Recognized Competitions”

“What I want to do and memberships I need:

All membership and horse registration requirements must be met at time scores are earned. All requirements are minimum requirements.”

“Ride in a Great American/USDF Regional Championship Qualifying or Championship Class (Open, Adult Amateur or Jr/Yr class).

- USDF Participating Membership
- USDF Horse Lifetime Registration
- USDF Owner Participating or Business Membership
- USEF Competing Membership and U.S. Citizenship
- USEF Senior Amateur Member (Required when entering adult amateur classes only)
- USEF Annual Horse Recording
- USEF Owner Competing Membership”

“All above requirements are minimum requirements.

- Other membership categories or upgrades may be applicable
- Group membership is available through a Group member Organization (GMO)
- Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Membership is available through an Intercollegiate/Interscholastic Member Organization (IMO)
- For information on USEF memberships, Amateur Certification, and Horse Recordings visit www.usef.org.”

Links you will find helpful:

Link for USDF membership and horse registration:
<http://www.usdf.org/Menu/Join.asp>

Link for USEF membership and Information on Horse Recording
<http://www.usef.org/content/membership/>
(You will need to create a user account, and then select the online form you need)

If all of this seems too confusing, or you do not have internet access, you are not alone - please feel free to contact one of the Ohio Dressage Society officers and they will be happy to help you sort it out!

Clinic with Kay Meredith May 20 & 21, 2005

Dressage Clinic with Ms. Kay Meredith at Ohio University Southern Horse Park
Download the registration form on the ODS website or
Call 606-473-0470



A TRIP TO GERMANY by Lynn Hamler

Several weeks ago, a client sent me to Germany to pick out an investment horse for him. I took my working student, Ameila Smith with me and we flew to Frankfort. It was great staying with my daughter Laura Hamler, at Conrad Schumacher's. Conrad gave me a private lesson almost everyday and I was able to watch the schooling of many great horses and riders for hours on end. Not to mention Laura allowed me to try out her new Grand Prix horse. The last day there, Laura and I took a lesson together and then we hacked around the farm, it was a moment to remember.... In the evening Conrad took us to dinner and Laura's friends from her church had a birthday party for her. It was great to meet everyone that has been so kind to her.

We took several trips to different parts of Germany, looking for horses. Finally I drove on the autobahn (that was nerve racking) to the Netherlands and sorted through many different breeds of horses until I found a wonderful Friesian. I looked for correct gaits with cadence, conformation and disposition. The new horse will fly to the U.S. in several weeks. Watch for him at the shows, he will be for sale.



Ride-A-Test Encourages Riders

On March 13, fifteen youth and adult riders participated in the Ride-A-Test event at NorthStar farms. Each rider was able to ride a dressage test and then get on-the-spot feedback and coaching from judge, Amy Rothe-Heitter. The rider then, immediately, rode the test a second time to put into practice the suggestions made by Amy. In many cases Amy gave a mini-lesson in between rides to help a rider understand a concept or riding goal. While scores were given, their purpose was to benchmark the progress made before and after the coaching. Scores will not be counted towards club awards. Several of the riders were new to dressage and several others were new to ODS. Six new members joined ODS as a result of this event and we welcome the new members and encourage their efforts to improve their performance all year long!



ODS Members Vote to Adopt Changes

ODS members have voted to change the club's Constitution and By-Laws. The propose changes were accepted unanimously.

Changes to the original ODS Constitution and By-Laws had been initiated by the ODS Executive Committee. ODS voted on the original document in the spring of 2002 soon after the club was first started.

Club activities have changed and a need has arisen to update the Constitution and By-Laws. Although the job has been put off several times, the Executive Committee finally got busy and reviewed the document.

Proposed changes were presented to the members at the February 27th meeting and members were asked to read and review those changes for a later vote. Any members not present were mailed a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws. Members were asked to vote either by email or snail mail. All votes had to be in by March 31st.



Minutes for February 27, 2005 ODS Meeting

Submitted by: Devon Whittaker, Secretary

The meeting was held at the home of Betsy Hyde and was called to order at 2:00pm

Attending were: Jessica Miltimore, Anne Miltimore, Levi Miltimore, Kathy Painter, Lisa Carifa, Mary Jo Weingart, Amelia Smith, Lynn Hamler, Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec, Carol May, Amy Rothe-Heitter, Betsy Hyde
Guests were: Speaker Patricia Whalen-Shaw, Crystal, Barb and Megan

The meeting was called to order by Amy Rothe-Heitter. She reminded us to let Sherri Ridenour know if we would prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail, rather than in hard copy. E-mail newsletter distribution saves the club the cost of postage and members who are comfortable with this format are encouraged to forgo hard copy.

Amy reminded the club that Devon Whittaker is this year's volunteer coordinator for the two ODS DownCenterline Dressage shows, June 11-12 and October 8-9 respectively. Members are encouraged to look at their schedules and volunteer now. This will allow us to assess the possibility of helping with the Regional USDF show at Eden Park on September 7-11. We'd like to also volunteer as a club at the Regional show to promote the club by being visible to regional riders. We would volunteer one day of the 5-day show and would wear our club shirts to let people know who we are.

Amy and Mary Jo also emphasized the need for hospitality ambassadors for the judges for our shows. They need folks to pick them up and escort them to and around the fair grounds and make sure they have everything they need. They will recruit for this position.

Amy gave the Treasurer's Report and Mary Jo gave the show Financial Report. All debts from the '04 show season were paid. Percentages to club and show management were paid. The club received \$1740.15(30% of '04 profits) plus and additional \$1136.43, which was the amount over \$5000 in the show account. We are starting the '05 season with \$5028.01, which includes \$28.00 for outstanding checks.

A discussion was conducted about an IRS seminar regarding becoming a 501c3 organization, which is highly recommended by USDF to protect our not for profit status. A motion was made, seconded and approved to send up to 4 members to a seminar in Cleveland and covering the cost of their attendance.

Mary Jo led a discussion of changes proposed for the Constitution and By-Laws. She distributed copies of the changes and we will be asked to vote by email or USPS mail within 30 days of the meeting.

Amy reminded us that the Region 2 clinic is going to be held March 19-20 in Indiana and will be a clinic with Lendon Grey. Interested participants or auditors should go to the USDF website for more information.

April 2nd will be the date of the next meeting, which will be at Amy Rothe-Heitter's home and will feature a program to be announced. The meeting will start at 4 pm.

Other upcoming events include the Ride-A-Test at NorthStar Farms on March 13th. Ride-A-Test will be judged by Amy Rothe-Heitter and will include the opportunity to ride a test, get immediate feedback from the judge, ride a second time and then get scores and the test sheets. Up to two different tests can be performed. To enroll, contact Devon Whittaker at 614/866-9939 or bonardev@earthlink.net. We also discussed the chance to learn to scribe and score that day. Contact Devon if you are interested in that as well. Betsy suggested we have a Used Tack sale to help members get rid of unwanted items. A motion was made, seconded and approved to do so, with 10% of the proceeds going to the Youth Scholarship fund. Betsy Hyde will coordinate that sale.

It was reported that a donation had been received from a woman in Wisconsin for Laura Hamler, to support her education in Germany. The donation was generated from an article in the Region 2 USDF newsletter. Devon Whittaker was asked to send a thank you letter on club letterhead to the donor. Paddock Saddlery is also donating a pair of Konig dressage boots at wholesale price for Laura to use in shows. Lynn voiced Laura's appreciation of the support she is receiving to continue her work.

Ann Miltimore introduced the speaker for the remainder of the meeting. Patricia Whalen-Shaw is a massage therapist from Circleville, Oh, who does human and equine massage and probably treats other species too! She works extensively with horses and has accepted several rescue horses. Her program focused on an introduction to equine massage that could be performed by any of us. She emphasized watching your horse walk to look for imbalances, trying to detect lateral differences when touching your horse, and using massage to help your horse perform as a better athlete. Her program was very informative and was very appreciated by us humans and by her equine subjects!

(Minutes of the April 2 Meeting will be printed in an upcoming newsletter)