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## **NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007**

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.

### **Upcoming Events**



-  **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, 3 PM** Ohio Dressage Society Meeting at Amy Rothe-Hietter's South Wind Stables. Pot luck - see more details later in this newsletter.
-  **June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007** - EQUESTRIAN RIDGE PACE & CHASE, Starts at NOON. (or enter early -ride early). Equestrian Ridge Farm, 26711 Pumpkin Ridge Rd., New Plymouth, Ohio 45654, 740-596-9778 [equus@frognet.net](mailto:equus@frognet.net).
-  **June 9&10, 2007** - Ohio Dressage Society DownCenterline USEF/USDF Recognized Show
-  **June 24, 2007** - South Wind Stables Schooling Show
-  **June 30/July1, 2007** - Paxton Farms USEF/USDF recognized
-  **July 13-15, 2007** - MODA Classic USEF/USDF recognized
-  **July 22, 2007** - South Wind Stables Schooling Show
-  **July 28, 2007** - NODA at Grand Haven USEF/USDF recognized
-  **July 30, 2007** - State Fair 4-H (State Fair is Aug 1-12th)
-  **August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007, 3 PM** Ohio Dressage Society Meeting at Amy Rothe-Hietter's South Wind Stables
-  **August 11&12, 2007** - Ohio Dressage Society DownCenterline Show USEF/USDF recognized
-  **August 18, 2007** - South Wind Stables Schooling Show
-  **August 25-26, 2007** - Paxton Farms USEF/USDF recognized
-  **September 9, 2007** - South Wind Stables Schooling Show
-  **September 16th, 2007** - Ohio Dressage Society Meeting at the Bingo Hall in Mt Vernon

### **Welcome! Welcome! NEW MEMBERS**



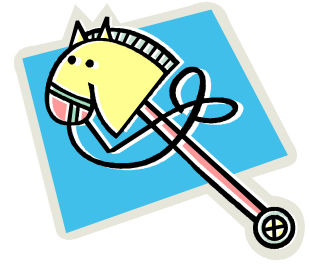
We have new ODS members for 2007. When you see them at a meeting, one of the shows, or other ODS activity, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. We're glad to have you join us!

The new members for 2007 are:

Mary-Jo Morgan  
JC Fitzgerald  
Barb Renico  
Barbara Arthur  
Amy Read  
Margaret Ostrowski  
Mayme Hausman  
Suzette Dybiec  
Claire Anderson  
Jodie McKenzie  
Sandra Cox  
Samantha Taylor  
Jennifer Roth  
James Gerhart  
Mickey DeCarlo  
Mary Morgan  
Valerie Davis  
Sarah Mosher



**Definitely more fun.....  
Ohio Dressage Society  
Meeting  
Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3PM**



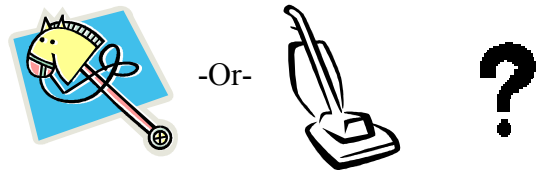
**Thoughts from our president.....**

Thanks to Karen Stephens, Sherrie Ridenour and Cheryl Church for doing such a wonderful job on the Equalities Clinic. This was superbly organized. Shari Hart, the instructor, gave us many humbling and helpful insights for our riding, and lots of exercises to do to help us strengthen our core. Special thanks to JoAnn and Dick Fletcher for arranging and the use of the perfect location for the mat session at the gym in the Waterford United Methodist Church, and Karen Stephens for being such a gracious host and providing the use of her beautiful mirrored indoor arena as well as spotless stable and tack area.

Our Down Centerline Show is coming up June 9 & 10. Check with Lisa Carifa at 614-570-4320 to get your favorite volunteer job. Mary Jo is making last minute arrangements, and Chris Gemmel has been working hard at processing entries. We have 3 full rings and a waiting list. Pretty darn good! I am pleased to announce that ODS has helped bring in a lot of new sand to improve the footing at the show.

I will be hosting our next meeting, to be held on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm at South Wind Stables (see details next column). This will be working party, to clean and load the rings into the trailer to go to Delaware for the Down Centerline Show. And of course, there will be lots of fun, talking with your horse friends who understand it is much more exciting to do a leg yield than vacuum the house!

See you Sunday,  
Amy Rothe-Hietter  
Ohio Dressage Society President



This meeting will be held at Amy Rothe-Hietter's South Wind Stables at 6390 Refugee Rd SW, Pataskala, 43062. We will start at the green and white barn at 3 pm and have potluck across the street (6475 Refugee) on the back porch when we have our work done.

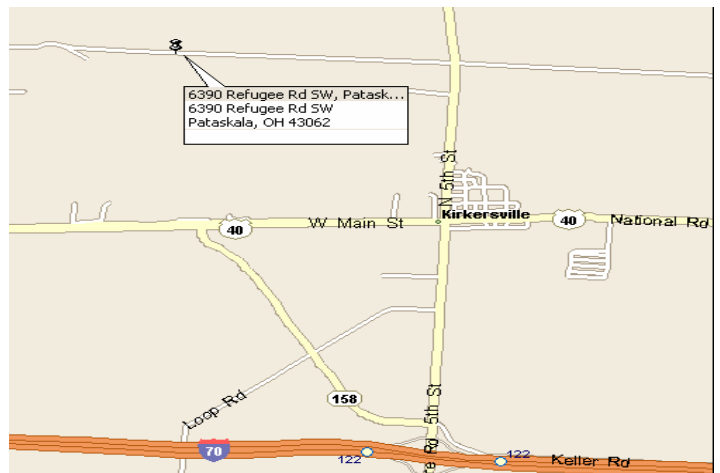
Bring your favorite food – this is a potluck.

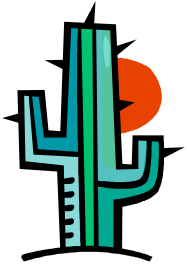


Items on the agenda:

- ❖ Cleaning and loading the rings to go to Delaware for the Down Centerline Show
- ❖ Planning & coordinating the volunteer schedule for the show
- ❖ Year - End Scores - requirement to be earned by USDF "L" graduates or higher
- ❖ Educational clinics - what would members like?? Who?? What format??
- ❖ Anyone interested in becoming an Apprentice Show Secretary?
- ❖ ODS Shirts - possible other items to put our logo on
- ❖ Musical Freestyle Clinic (was put on hold when to have it and where?)

More info: [www.southwindstable.com/SWSMap.html](http://www.southwindstable.com/SWSMap.html)





# WANTED!

## ~ VOLUNTEERS ~

**WHERE: ODS DOWN CENTERLINE SHOW  
DELAWARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

**WHEN: JUNE 9 & 10, 2007**

**CONTACT: LISA CARIFA  
Home (740)549-2233  
Cell (614)570-4320  
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### **SEE DETAILS BELOW**

Even if you are planning to show your horse, you can still volunteer. We can schedule you around your ride times; however, there are a few restrictions.

For example, you won't be able to scribe for a judge that will be scoring your ride later - but don't worry, we have plenty of other jobs that you can do.

Such as:

**Ring Steward/Gate Keeper** - This is a great chance to see the horses and riders up close.

**Warm-up Ring Steward** - You will work closely with the Ring Stewards. Your responsibility is to forewarn the rider as to when they are up so they have an idea as to when they will be riding.

**Scorers** - If you are good at math (or at least with a calculator) then we can sure use your help! You will have a wonderful view of the horses/riders in Ring 1 - **PLUS** - all the snacks and drinks for the volunteers are within reach.

**Runners** - Talk about terrific exercise! No need to go to aerobics this weekend if you are a runner - plus it's easy too! All you have to do is collect tests from each ring as the judges complete them and take them back to the office, hook them on a clip and ring the bell to let them know there are tests ready for them to score.

And last but not least,

**Scribes** - This is an excellent learning experience and a great way to pick the judges brain (and for free too)!

You can volunteer however long you like - any amount of time is a great help to us.

It is next to impossible to put on a show like this without volunteers.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE**, contact Lisa Carifa ASAP to let her know when and how long you can help.

Thank you in advance and we'll see you at the show!!



## 2006 END OF YEAR AWARDS PRESENTED



### **Lisa Carifa summarized the 2006 YEAR END AWARD BANQUET:**

The meeting was held on Saturday February 10, 2007 at Waterford United Methodist Church  
The meeting started out with Jessica Miltimore giving us a summary on how she used last year's scholarship award money and what she learned.

### **Mary Jo Weingart presented this year's scholarship award winners:**

Jessica Miltimore

Jenny Halsey

Katie Clark

**Congratulations to the three of you!**

**Volunteer Ribbons** were given to the following for all their hard work.  
Without all of you, we would not be as big a success – Thank you!!

Patty Todd

Nic Robinson & sons

Barb Edwards

Heather Gnidovec

Dale Gnidovec

John Nocar

Leslie Chain

Teresa Roy

Carolyn Byrd

Jonda Pegg

Sis Camburn

Leslie Pegg

Joe Hietter

Lisa Carifa

Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec

Mary Jo Weingart

Sherrie Ridenour

**Mary Jo Weingart** was presented a crystal bowl for all her efforts above and beyond on behalf of Ohio Dressage Society.

**Sherrie Ridenour** was presented a flower arrangement for her efforts as newsletter editor.

**Amy Rothe-Hietter started the horse and rider award ceremony** by recognizing those who achieved ribbons in both recognized shows and schooling shows in 2006. We calculate these numbers by taking the 4 highest scores for each rider and averaging them out. For the youth riders, schooling show and recognized show scores are combined. We also recognize the horses by taking their top 4 scores from however many riders rode them and get an average for them as well. They too are given ribbons in an effort to recognize them for their hard work along with the riders.

**Recognized Shows**

Level	Horse	Place	Rider	Place
<b>Training</b>	Antarez	Champion	Sherrie Ridenour	Champion
<b>First</b>	La Belle	Champion	Emily Rogers	Champion

**Schooling Shows**

Level	Horse	Place	Rider	Place
<b>Intro</b>	Mirage	Champion	Kathy Painter	Champion
	Flashy Deal	Reserve	Cheryl Church	Reserve
	Thor	Third		
<b>Training</b>	Gracie	Fourth		
	Smooth Bend	Champion	Lisa Carifa	Champion
	Sweet Pea	Reserve		
	X-Man	Third		
	Flashy Deal	Fourth		
<b>First</b>	Yo	Fifth		
	Dusty	Sixth		
	Mattie	Champ	Ann Miltimore	Champion
	CTL Shawnee	Reserve		
<b>Second</b>	Dusty	Third		
	Aarswan	Champion	Betsy Hyde	Champion
	CTL Shawnee	Reserve	Ann Miltimore	Reserve

**Youth Awards**

Level	Rider	Place
<b>Intro</b>	Kyle Roy	Champion
	Jenny Halsey	Reserve
<b>Training</b>	Bryn Eiden	Champion
	Sarah Thomas	Reserve
	Levi Miltimore	Third
	Kyle Roy	Fourth
	Jenny Halsey	Fifth
	Ashley Ferrara	Sixth
<b>First</b>	Emily Rogers	Champion
	Jessica Miltimore	Reserve
	Jenney Halsey	Third

**CERTIFICATES**

<b>INTRO</b> (aspiring rider)	<b>TRAINING</b> (Qualified rider)	<b>FIRST LEVEL</b> (Bronze certificate)
Kyle Roy Cheryl Church Kathy Painter	Kyle Roy Sarah Thomas	Emily Rogers





Amy started meeting @ 4:17pm

Attending: Amy Rothe-Hietter, Cheryl Church, Karen Stephens, Diane Stevens, Chris Gemmel, Jessica Miltimore, Ann Miltimore, JoAnn Fletcher, Sherrie Ridenour, Mary McNutt, Alisha McNutt, Mary Jo Weingart, Margaret Ostrowski, Cindy Thompson, Carol May, Lisa Carifa, Barb Renico

- Amy announced that we would have a video presentation of “Dancing with Your Horse” at the end of the meeting. This video explains how to pick music for a musical freestyle. At our last meeting it was agreed to send out a note to everyone asking if they would be interested in participating in a Musical Freestyle clinic. There were nine people who responded that they would like to participate. Those responding were: Jean Cibula, Pat Whalen-Shaw, Robin Lawson, Karen Stephens, Mary Ellen Hanna, Sherrie Ridenour, Mary Jo Weingart, Carol May, and Barb Renico.
- Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec agreed to be head person for this clinic. The clinic will be held at Amy’s barn on either May 6<sup>th</sup> or May 13<sup>th</sup>, depending on which day the Equilates Clinic will be held. Chris has a background in music and will explain the importance of cadence, tempo, beat and rhythm for both the music and in matching it to your horse. Those participating in the clinic should bring their horse and the selections of music they are considering using. Chris will assist in matching your horse with the music that works best, and will also teach you how to do this. More info to come on the website.
- There was a suggestion made to offer a Musical Freestyle class at Schooling Shows since in the recognized shows only those who have excelled in the highest level of riding are offered the opportunity to show in these classes. Amy will get information and criteria from the GMO that currently offers musical freestyles at Training Level. Once this information is obtained we will discuss the possibility of offering Musical Freestyle classes at Training Level at our schooling shows.
- Alicia McNutt suggested that people make sure their horse is ok being around music and boom boxes before participating in the clinic.
- The next meeting was scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday) at Amy’s 3:00pm. This will be a working meeting as we will need to get equipment ready for the DownCenterline show.
- The meeting for Aug 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) was also scheduled and will be at Amy’s at 3:00pm. This will be a working meeting if we’re not able to store rings at Delaware County Fairgrounds as we will need to get them ready once again for the August DownCenterline show. Amy will check into storing our dressage rings at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.
- We also scheduled a September 16<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) meeting at the Bingo Hall in Mt. Vernon at 4:00pm. We will discuss and prepare for the Regionals to be held on September 27 – 30 at this meeting.
- Our Treasurer’s report was given by Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec and we currently have approximately \$6178.00 in our account. It’s approximate because we have not received all charges from USDF yet.
- Lisa will submit an article for the Corral tomorrow to Amy, who will forward it on to the Corral. Sherrie will do the articles from this point forward. The current article will include the information from our Year-end Awards Banquet
- Cheryl Church brought up the idea of having an Equilates Clinic (Equilates created by Betsy Steiner). Shari Hart would be our instructor (certified Pilate’s instructor from Findlay). Clinic date will either be May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> or May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> depending on Shari’s availability. The first day of the clinic – 9am-4pm maximum of 20 people - will consist of lecture and learning the different exercises and how to do them correctly. The second day of the clinic (optional) will be a minimum of 4 people (maximum of 8) with your horse. These will be private sessions to tailor exercise program for you. Cost is \$60 per person plus stable fees (if use Karen Stephen’s facility, there will be a \$20 per horse stable fee).

2 Options:

Either rent conference room @ Quality Inn off Rte 97 & 71.

Costs as follows:

\$210 plus 16% service charge & microphone rental = \$278.60  
 Clinic = \$450.00  
 Room fee for instructor (includes tax exempt Oh tax) = 99.07  
 Gas & Meal’s fee for instructor (approx.) = 200.00  
**Total cost = \$1027.67**

Divided among 20 people, that would be \$51.38 per person

-or-

Hold clinic at Waterford United Methodist Church plus hotel expenses.

Hotel = \$100.00  
 Gas & Meals = 200.00  
 Clinic = 450.00  
 Donation to Church = 50.00  
**Total cost = \$800.00**

Divided among 20 people, that would be \$40 per person.

JoAnn Fletcher to check church availability.

Committee for this clinic are: Cheryl Church, Sherrie Ridenour (she’ll do registration), and Karen Stephens.

Mary Jo made a motion to pursue clinic.

Chris seconds the motion.

Motion carries.

Amy and Ann are following up on the 4H Dressage Clinic for kids. Cheryl asked what the status was on this topic. Amy reported that we’ve contacted the 4H groups and that people are interested in attending, but unless we plan everything for them, they may not pursue. Amy said she would donate her judging services for the clinic as long as the 4H group took care of location and rings. It was decided that we would focus on education for kids this year in hopes for better involvement next year.

Amy said that our website will be updated soon by her and Joe. Alicia McNutt offered to be the “photographer” for shows posted on our website.

Meeting adjourned 5:37pm

Watched Musical Freestyle video – “Dancing with Your Horse”



