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SUMMER 2008 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Ohio Dressage Society Meetings



All of the following ODS meetings will be held at PJ's in Sunbury. PJ's is located at 571 W Cherry St. Their phone number is (740) 965-2000.

- ☉ Sun. Sept. 14 at 4 PM
- ☉ Sun. Nov. 9 at 4 PM



Remember!
Ohio Dressage Society
Fall Schooling Show
Delaware Fair Grounds
October 11th and 12th

Remember to check our website for information about meetings and upcoming events:

ohiodressagesociety.com

All members should now be receiving a copy of the Corral which has up to date information about Ohio Dressage Society and meetings. If you are not receiving this, please contact Sherrie Ridenour at: sherrie@columbus.rr.com or 614-506-0819.

2008 Show Season



- Sept 18-21 USDF Region 2 Championships
 - Paxton Farm
 - Contact: Kevin Bradbury @ Info@horseshowoffice.com
- Sept 28 Southwind Stables Schooling Show
 - Contact Amy Rothe-Hietter at 614-218-9217
- Oct 11-12 ODS Fall Schooling Show
 - Delaware County Fairgrounds
 - Entry and Show bill are at www.ohiodressagesociety.com



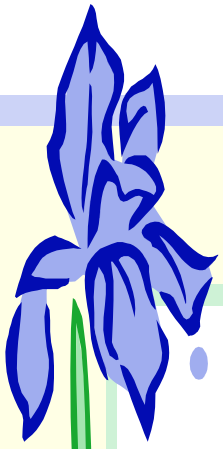
**Congratulations to
ODS Members
Qualifying for
Regionals!**

Training level:

Junior/Young Rider - Jessie Miltimore (Mattie)
Adult Amateur- Mayme Hausman (Legend),
Jimmy Gerhart (Honor)
Open -Jennifer Roth (London)

Third level Open - Jennifer Roth (Domingo)
Prix St George Open - Jennifer Roth (Walker)

(If I missed anyone, please e-mail me and we will include the rider in a results article in our Fall Newsletter.)



Letter from the President

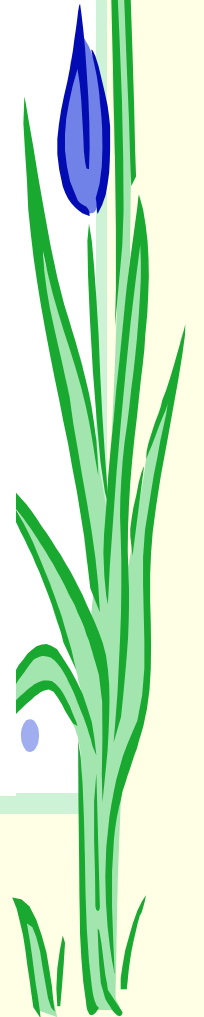
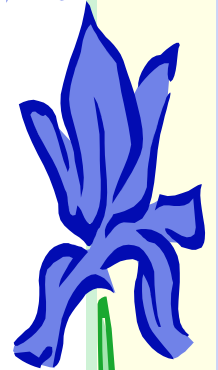
At the last meeting we discussed possible educational clinics for the club. I am please to say a clinic with Nancy Baker is in the works for this fall. Nancy will be helping riders and auditors to increase their body awareness and eliminate unnecessary tension in our bodies which gets in the way of functioning well. She will be bringing her Balimo Chair to help with this. This clinic format will be very helpful for auditors as well, so plan to ride, audit and bring your friends. Details are still being worked out so please stay tuned to the website and emails.

The USDF Region 2 Championships are Sept 18-21 at Paxton Farms in Batavia (just on the east side of Cincinnati.) ODS is very proud to have several members competing. Please consider volunteering at this show; it is OUR Regional Championships. Amy is planning to go down to scribe for one day; if you want to carpool; give her a call at 614-218-9217.

The last Hurrah for the show season is the ODS Fall Schooling Show Oct 11 & 12 at Delaware, OH; bring your neighbors, bring your friends, bring your horse! Come and compete in a relaxed atmosphere and enjoy the costume class Saturday late afternoon.

We are very sad to hear of the passing of Trip Harting. Trip judged for us at our USEF/USDF Recognized Shows, and gave two clinics to ODS Members. The respect he showed riders and competitors was a great example to us all. Trip passed of liver cancer August 21st. Donations were asked for to help with his final expenses, and ODS Officers are considering a donation. We wish Trip Godspeed, and hope there are good horses with him in his new journey.

Amy Rothe-Hietter, President



Tribute to Trip Harting

By Terri Miller

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www.terrimiller.com



Trip Harting, USEF 'S' judge, passed away from liver cancer on August 21. I'll remember him for his passion for teaching, his enthusiasm for both his students and for the riders who competed in front of him.

He taught and judged quite a bit for the US Pony Club. Because during the 80's and 90's I photographed the Pony Club National Championships each year, and every third year the combined Championships and Pony Club Festival, I saw him at least once a year in either Lexington, VA or Lexington, KY. I'd be photographing one of 4 or 5 rings of dressage at the Kentucky Horse Park, and wherever I was, after every ride in Trip's ring I'd hear his clear voice say sincerely, "Thank you *very* much." Regardless of the level, and regardless of the level of proficiency shown during the test. At "C", he operated with a high level of respect and kindness.

But my favorite memory of Trip is on a crosscountry course. It is morning at the Kentucky Horse Park, and the Festival is going on. There are 600 or so horses on the grounds, and probably 70 or 80 are on the cross country course in groups of 6 or 7 with one of a dozen different instructors. The riders have been grouped according to their riding level, and during this hour Trip is teaching youngsters who have never ridden through water before. He arrives at the smaller water jump, the one in the middle of the old steeplechase course, and instructs them to ride at a walk, nose to tail, through the shallow water. The riders are nervous: this is new, and their horses are unsure, but they are carried forward into the water by Trip's enthusiasm and guidance. Once they navigate the pond several times, Trip has them walk a circle together in the water, then trot that same circle. In the morning light, a simple confidence building exercise has become a moment of pure beauty. Trip hears me shooting dozens of pictures and turns to me with a grin because he too has seen not just a half dozen trotting horses, but the sparkling, splashing water, and the beautiful pattern and aesthetics of what he crafted.

Years later, I tapped the memory of that day to create these two paintings. As I was painting them, and now as I look at them, I can hear Trip's voice, encouraging riders to overcome their fears and to accomplish what they didn't think they could.

Godspeed, Trip. May there be horses, wherever you are.

Note Regarding This Tribute

The paintings that morning inspired can be found at:
<http://terrimiller.wordpress.com/2008/08/22/a-tribute-to-trip-harting/>

Trip had a very good friend who took care of him during his illness. If you would like, donations can be sent to her at:

Lori Lauver, D.V.M.
Community Veterinary Center
10617 Burbank Blvd
N. Hollywood, Ca.
91607

From Jessica Miltimore with the white pony Mattie (AKA) PIG.

Trip, my experience with you was amazing through clinics sponsored by Ohio Dressage Society and being judged under you at Paxton Farm. I thought that I had progressed though the years of your help and encouragement. It really means a lot to me that you helped me though all the years of you seeing me be a runner and then riding under you. I always dreamed of riding under you and training with you then I finally did and I learned so much and progressed with all your help. Trip, you were truly amazing and a great judge. You are in my thoughts and I am praying for you.
Thanks for all your help.

Your Friend,
Jessica Miltimore and Mattie and of course Pooh

ODS Fall Schooling Show Being Planned Now!

It's hard to believe the August ODS DownCenterline Show has come and gone, since it wasn't that long ago that we were doing the June show!

The judges were Marlene Schneider (S) from Minnesota, Kathy Rowse (S) from Virginia and Kerry Petty (r) from Michigan. The USEF Technical Delegate was Susan Moran (R) from Indiana.

Both summer recognized shows were a huge success thanks to the hard work of our wonderful officers, Amy Rothe-Hietter and Mary Jo Weingart, as well as all our terrific volunteers. In addition, Susan Peacock provided her usual excellent services at the August show.



Now we are moving on to plan the Fall Schooling Show and have lined up the following judges:

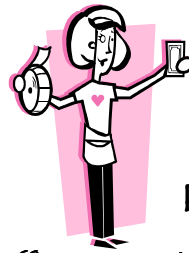
Sue Kolstad , "R" (large R) and Nancy Baker, "L" *graduate with distinction

Volunteers are needed. Any show, whether schooling or recognized, cannot be accomplished without the "all important" volunteers. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Fall Schooling Show please call or email Sherrie Ridenour at 614-506-0819 or sherrie@columbus.rr.com.

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Fall Schooling Show
Volunteers!!

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Raffle ticket rules:

- Volunteers will receive a raffle ticket for each 2 hours of donated time.
- Volunteers who sign up by the closing date for at least 2 hours of volunteer hours and fulfill their pledge will earn an extra ticket for early commitment.
- The raffle will be held after the last class on Sunday. If the volunteer is not present we will be sure to notify the winner and send the gift card to them.

Fun jobs you can do to earn a raffle ticket:

Scribes – writes down scores and judges comments during each test, can see every ride from the judge's perspective, definitely a great learning experience!

Ring Stewards – also known as the "gate keeper", checks bits, whips and spurs after the rider leaves the ring to make sure all the "RULES" are followed.

Warm up Ring Stewards – keeps track of riders in the warm up areas, notifies riders when they need to head towards the ring for their ride.

Runners (or walkers) – picks up tests as soon (and as quiet) as possible from each competition ring so the scorers can calculate the scores that the riders are anxiously awaiting.

Scorers – adds the scores for each movement of the test and calculates the percent, doesn't have to be a whiz at math, but you should be able to use a calculator.

You don't have to give up a whole day (although that is really nice when it happens!) – any amount of time will help us out. We can even work you in around your ride times.

Don't let inexperience keep you from volunteering. Please don't hesitate to volunteer... pick a job, give us a call or a quick email – we would love to have your help! Contact Sherrie Ridenour at 614-506-0819 or sherrie@columbus.rr.com.

Summer Dressage Shows a Success Thanks to our Volunteers!

The June ODS DownCenterline Dressage Shows on June 14th & 15th and the August ODS DownCenterline Dressage Shows on Aug. 9th and 10th were a big success thanks to all you volunteers. It takes lots of hands to do the jobs needed for a recognized dressage show. Without the volunteers the shows would not happen.

We had quite an impressive list of volunteers for the June shows.

Leslie and Rachel Lese

Linda Smolak

Mayme Hausman

Cheryl Church

Sherrie Ridenour

Laurie Chain

John Nocar

Betsy Hyde

Penny Krug

Sandy Cox

Thom & Jayn Bobick

Lesley Pegg

Marissa Hurst

Sharon Patrick

Ann Marie Nagle

Danielle Dever

Mary Icenoggle

Carol May

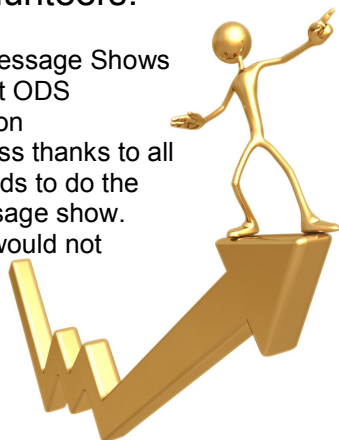
Carolyn Byrd

Sarah Schron

Amy Rothe-Hietter

Jeanie & Harry Janh

Dale Gnidovec



And an equally impressive list of volunteers for the August shows.

Laurie Chain

Ann Marie Nagle

Pat Whalen-Shaw

Cheryl Church

Melissa Merow

Lesley Pegg

Jessi Miltimore

Sherrie Ridenour

Susan Klingelhafer

Mary Icenoggle

Carolyn Byrd

Cathryn Clark and friend Carly

John Nocar

Sara Justice

Cindy Thompson

Penny Krug

Leslie Lese

Linda Smolak

Ann Miltimore

Amy Rothe-Hietter

Barbara Morrison

Diane Amburgey

As you can see from both lists, there are a handful of people that were available for both the June and the August shows. Thank you! And several of those people spent all day both days helping!! Wow - an extra special "thank you" goes to them!

If you weren't able to volunteer for either of the recognized shows you have one more chance... the ODS Fall Schooling Show will be coming up!

Your willingness to help with the shows is greatly appreciated. Thanks everybody!!

Judge Betsy Berrey Gives Competitors Tips on How to Improve Scores at Show Shop Talk Session

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By Johnny Robb

Dressage judge Betsy Berrey was the featured speaker at this month's Shop Talk. Michelle Hundt and Betsy Rebar-Sell, co-owners of Sho Clothes, hosted the third in a series of monthly discussions at the Sho Room in Wellington, FL. The Gold Coast Dressage Association (GCDA) co-sponsors the event with Sho Clothes to provide local equestrians the opportunity to learn from top professionals in the area. Betsy Berrey is a well-respected "S" judge who often officiates at dressage shows on the winter circuit in which many local riders compete. Berrey has more than 20 years of experience judging at top shows around the nation and is a member of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) "L" Program Faculty. The title of this month's discussion was "Getting More 10's on the 6.5 Horse."

Berrey offered numerous tips to audience members. Her first suggestion for higher scores was to read the purpose of the level that is being shown. Many people do not do that. She also recommended reading the *United States Equestrian Federation's (USEF) Rule Book and the Glossary of Terms from the United States Dressage Federation* for the precise descriptions of each movement. Berrey said with a smile, "The judges have read this material, so they know what you are supposed to be doing. Reading will also help you understand what you are supposed to be doing." Berrey also spoke about the importance of riding figures accurately and the importance of "riding the simple things well." For example, after first level, each test calls for a halt three times. Berrey emphasized that there are then three scores for a movement every horse should be able to do well, with practice. A few humorous and true stories from shows gave examples of proper ring etiquette for both the judge and the rider.

Century Ride

JoAnn Fletcher and “Charlie”

Ohio Dressage Society is extremely proud of Mrs. JoAnn Fletcher who completed her Century Ride June 14th at the ODS Down Centerline I Show at Delaware, Ohio.. Her ride in Training Level Test 2 on Jennifer Roth's Thoroughbred gelding Vice-Versa (Charlie) flowed smoothly through the movements. After an ODS Club-wide search this winter for a horse old enough, a special thanks goes to Jen for offering up Vice-Versa, a very kind fellow who seemed to realize this dressage test was a special one. Friends and ODS members from KKM Stables organized a barn-aisle party complete with flowers, food and cake which afforded her many new and old horse friends the opportunity to offer congratulations on this lifetime achievement.

The Dressage Foundation formed the Century Club in 1996 to honor horse and rider Teams whose combined ages added up to 100 years or more. Teams ride a test at any level, at a USEF/USDF Recognized Dressage Show, with test papers signed by the participating licensed judge. A plaque is presented to

these life-long Dressage riders and their equine partners. JoAnn and Vice-Versa are the 54th team to achieve this honor since the inception of the Century Club. This is a very select group of committed equestrians.

Over 65 years of riding, Mrs. Fletcher has trained horses to saddle, ridden many miles of trails, competed in contesting and began riding dressage in her 50's. She was fortunate in her youth to have a good start with riding lessons from a retired German Calvary man. Her equine partners have included many colors and breeds and in recent years, Rial; a very feminine fancy stepping Lipizzan-cross mare whom she competes at Second Level.

When asked about memorable moments, JoAnn tells of riding a medium canter during a test that simply was NOT going to collect and her quite audible "Oh, S*#!\$!" Of course, the judge reminded her that "use of voice" is not allowed in competition. She also tells of riding throughout pregnancy and has fond memories of riding with her infant daughter sleeping in the saddle in front of her.

To sum it up, she states that she's had wonderful years with horses, but could not have had the success without the help of her wonderful, helpful husband Dick, and their many friends. JoAnn and Dick have contributed generously to dressage in Central Ohio by helping secure facilities for club functions, volunteering their time, especially at many shows over the years. As JoAnn completed her ride and gave her final salute, there was not a dry eye around the ring.

Congratulations Mrs. Fletcher on a wonderful ride.

