



## Opportunity Knocks

Opportunity knocks at our door every day. This year USEF and USDF are opening up an opportunity for riders and horses who are not members to show at a recognized show without having the burden of paying for memberships, drug fees or non-member fees. These new classes are called “opportunity” classes. The competitions may offer a certain number of opportunity classes based on their rating levels within USEF. The classes offered may fall between training and second level depending on the competition and must have the word “opportunity” in their description.

All rules apply to these classes including rules regarding dress, drug use, and saddlery requirements. Horses, riders, owners, trainers and coaches participating in opportunity classes are exempt from membership and HID requirements and do not pay non-member fees to either USEF or USDF but are required to list their membership numbers if they are a member of either organization. No scores earned in opportunity classes will be applied towards USEF or USDF awards or programs. Note that if you choose to ride in regular classes at the show as well as the opportunity classes that all USEF and USDF memberships are required.

This new class level will certainly give the novice a chance to experience a recognized show without all of the additional membership expenses.

Opportunity is knocking...so don't forget to answer the door.

## January 23<sup>rd</sup> Membership meeting and election results

Amy Rothe-Heitter announced the election results for the 2010 membership year. They are:

President – Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec

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Mary Jo Weingart reported that we made \$5479 from the shows this past year. This was mainly driven from the profits of the October schooling show since entries were down in both of the recognized shows. The show dates this year are:

Recognized shows –

### **June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>**

Judges: Fran Dearing, S, TX  
William Solyntjes, S, MN

### **August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

Judges: Joan Darnell, S, TX  
Ida Anderson-Norris, S, ME

Schooling show-

### **October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

The club members discussed how to increase volunteer participation at both the shows and other club events. Please send Chris any suggestions that you may have. Her e-mail is [cgemmel@sprynet.com](mailto:cgemmel@sprynet.com).

Discussion was also held on the expenses related to the awards this year. The fees collected from the members were \$620 and the expenses were \$1838.30. The criteria for the awards program also need to be clearly documented for the club membership. This will be a topic for review by both the executive committee and the club members.

Questions were raised regarding the adult scholarship program and clinicians that the club may want to sponsor for this year. This included Scott Hassler, Steffen Peters, Silke Rembacz or Gigi Nutter. The Courtney King-Dye clinic only ended up costing the club about \$250 due to the number of auditors. It was noted that Megan Huey was missed last year and should be allowed to use her volunteer hours this year towards any clinic that the club is subsidizing. There were also discussions around needing a person to track all volunteer hours from all events including committee work so that everyone has an opportunity to participate. The club members also discussed if there should be a minimum volunteer hour requirement related to awards programs.

## **Thank you**

Thanks to Amy Rothe-Heitter for her years of service as president of the Ohio Dressage Society. We appreciate everything that Amy has done to help the club grow and the leadership that she provided to our members. We look forward to her continuing input as our past president.



## NEXT MEETING

**March 21, 2010-**

**5 pm General membership meeting at PJ's Pizza in Sunbury**

**- Guest Speaker TBA**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

### Current membership roster

Mary	Anderson	Susan	Klingelhafer
Madeline	Bletzacker	Jodie	McKenzie
Karl	Bletzacker	Jessica	Miltimore
Megan	Bolte	Ann	Miltimore
Laura	Bradford	Amy	Read
Tracy	Bright	Barb	Renico
Carolyn	Byrd	Denise	Riley
Constance	Carr	Jennifer	Roth
Janice	Chrysler	Amy	Rothe-Hietter
Cheryl	Church	Karen	Sanchez
Sandra	Cox	Gabriella	Sanchez
Elise	Elman	Carol	Schmitt
Christina	Gemmel-Gnidovec	Laura	Schumann
James	Gerhart	Joann	Smith
Jennifer	Goldberger	Charles	Smith
Sharyl	Hilliard	Linda	Smolak
Melinda	Hoffman	Susan	Stanton
Treasa	Holmes	Mary Jo	Weingart
Tracy	Jennings	Pat	Whalen-Shaw
Brooke	Karshner		

Our membership year starts December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 so please send your membership in now if you've forgotten.



**We need your VOICE**

***Please complete the survey below so that we have an idea of what interests you ! Please mail the information back to:***

Chris Gemmel-Gnidovec

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***Please stack rank the top 10 that you have an interest in with 1 being the highest***

\_\_\_\_\_ schooling shows

\_\_\_\_\_ recognized shows

\_\_\_\_\_ speaker on equine law

\_\_\_\_\_ adult riding camp

\_\_\_\_\_ speaker on horse nutrition

\_\_\_\_\_ speaker on saddle fitting

\_\_\_\_\_ DVDs of various events such as World Cup, Olympics, Educational rides

\_\_\_\_\_ Ride a test

\_\_\_\_\_ scribing training

\_\_\_\_\_ big name clinician

\_\_\_\_\_ repeat clinician (returning every few months)

\_\_\_\_\_ quadrilles

\_\_\_\_\_ braiding techniques

\_\_\_\_\_ clipping techniques

\_\_\_\_\_ social events like pot luck, picnics, bowling, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ speaker on equine art

\_\_\_\_\_ other - please list suggestions below

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***Please provide feedback on the following discussion points:***

How much should the club spend on the awards program beyond the fees paid by the individual club members? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think the club should require a set number of volunteer hours in order to be eligible for awards and if so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What ideas do you have to encourage members to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know what areas or activities need volunteer support? \_\_\_\_\_

How can we encourage others to join the club and participate in meetings or activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Where would you like the club meetings to be held? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see stay the same? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see change? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the newsletter to share information about our club members and their interests? \_\_\_\_\_

If you are willing to help support some activities or committees, please include your name, phone number and areas of interest below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Interests \_\_\_\_\_



## **Calendar of Events**

***February 20, 2010 – 4 pm General membership meeting at PJ's Pizza in Sunbury – Guest Speaker Jackie MacLaren – Equine Law***

***March 2, 2010 – 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

***March 21, 2010 – 5 pm General membership meeting at PJ's Pizza in Sunbury – Guest Speaker TBA***

***April 6, 2010 – 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

April 8-11, 2010 – Equine Affaire – Ohio State Fairgrounds

***April 17, 2010- 5 pm General membership meeting at PJ's Pizza in Sunbury – Guest Speaker TBA***

***May 4, 2010 - 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

May 13-16, 2010 – Cincinnati Dressage Tradition – Wilmington, OH

May 21-23, 2010 – Adult Dressage Camp – Grand Haven Stables - Jefferson, OH

***June 7, 2010 - 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

***June 12-13, 2010 – ODS DownCenterline 1 & 2 - Delaware, OH***

June 24-27, 2010 - Cincinnati Dressage Tradition – Wilmington, OH

***July 6, 2010 - 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

July 8-11, 2010 – Mid Ohio Classic - Delaware, OH

July 30-Aug. 1, 2010- Cincinnati Dressage Tradition – Wilmington, OH

***August 3, 2010 - 6 pm Executive board meeting – Panera's at Polaris***

***August 14-15, 2010 – ODS DownCenterline 3 & 4 - Delaware, OH.***

***October 9-10, 2010 – ODS Schooling Show - Delaware, OH.***