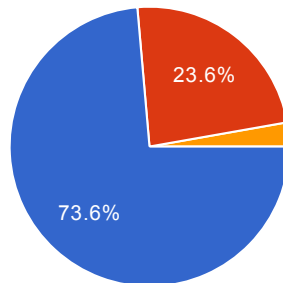


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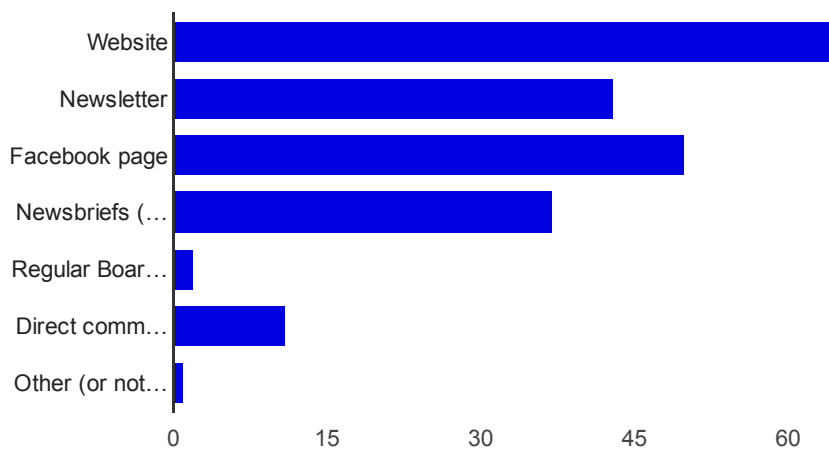
Membership Status



Current Member 2015 or 2016	53	73.6%
Past Member	17	23.6%
Not a Member	2	2.8%

Communications

Please let us know which of the following are of continuing interest to you.



Website	65	90.3%
Newsletter	43	59.7%

Facebook page	50	69.4%
Newsbriefs (emails)	37	51.4%
Regular Board Meetings or Annual General Meeting	2	2.8%
Direct communication with individual Directors	11	15.3%
Other (or not applicable)	1	1.4%

Your comments on any of the above communication vehicles...

excellent website and very good social media (facebook).

where is newsletter available

I like to be able to check the website for questions or events but would appreciate an update by email of any upcoming changes

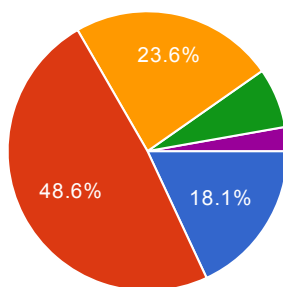
information in any form is important

Newsletter via email to cut on costs.

The website and newsletters are very useful for keeping up with the dressage activities and issues in this area. Both are timely and the efforts to produce and maintain them are much appreciated. Ditto for the newsbriefs. I access the facebook page less often than the website, except in the summer when there are show-info-updates from time to time. The newsbriefs are a bonus.

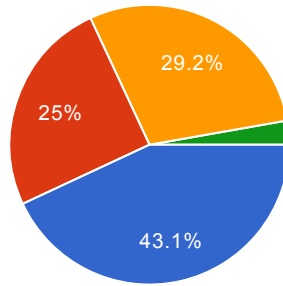
Show Coordination & Sponsorship

Please indicate whether the choice of dates and venues across the region suit your needs.



Very satisfied	13	18.1%
Satisfied	35	48.6%
Neutral	17	23.6%
Dissatisfied	5	6.9%
Not applicable	2	2.8%

OADG allots part of the yearly budget to provide one prize at each local show. Pick which one you prefer.



White saddle pads embroidered with OADG logo (current)	31	43.1%
Cash	18	25%
Gift Certificate to local tack shop	21	29.2%
Other (or not applicable)	2	2.8%

Your comments on show schedule or prizes....

New shows are always fun, gift cards support local tack shops and are always useful.?

It would be nice to have a few more ESD shows in the east end at a few different venues

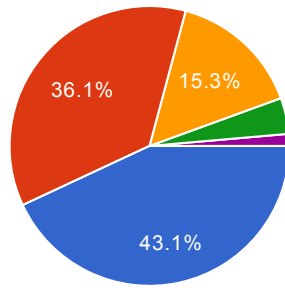
I believe it is good for OADG to use something with the logo on as a prize as it is great advertisement.

Saddle Pads are great but one sees riders going home with a number at some shows. At the end of the season some must have quite the collection! By using gift certificates the local tack shops benefit as we all know, once inside a tack shop one usually goes out with considerably more than one item and the total bill is probably more than the gift certificate.

Love my saddle pad (other than it's now dead with staining - it seemed to be more difficult to keep clean compared to other styles I've had) - but I do relish winning saddle pads. Cash or gift card would also be fine though. Prizes I would support less would be less useful stuff like arts and crafts and tote bags (just because I happen to not need more bags)

AWARDS

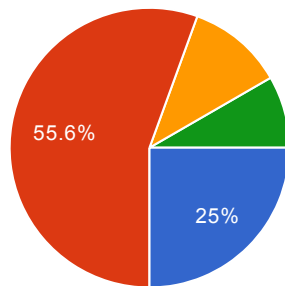
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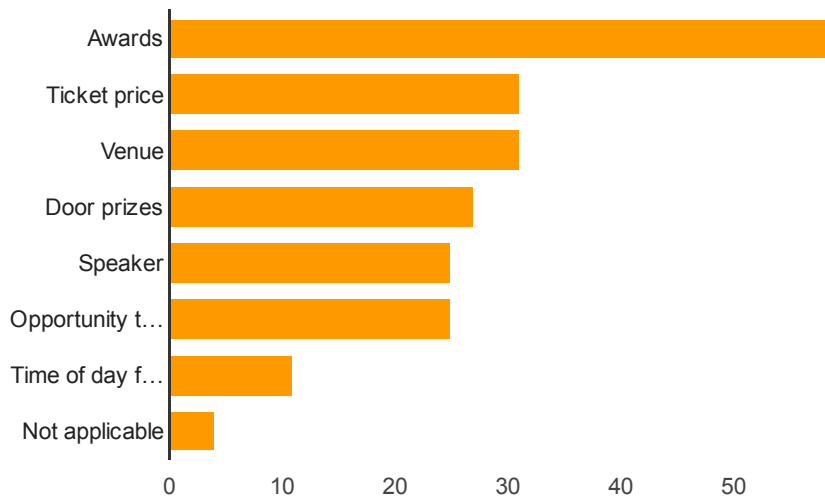
Year-End Banquet

Please tell us your preference for the Banquet



Lunch	18	25%
Dinner	40	55.6%
Light snacks - afternoon event	8	11.1%
Not applicable	6	8.3%

Please indicate which Top 3 things are important to you about the banquet.



Awards	59	81.9%
Ticket price	31	43.1%
Venue	31	43.1%
Door prizes	27	37.5%
Speaker	25	34.7%
Opportunity to socialize	25	34.7%
Time of day for the event	11	15.3%
Not applicable	4	5.6%

Comments on the Banquet...

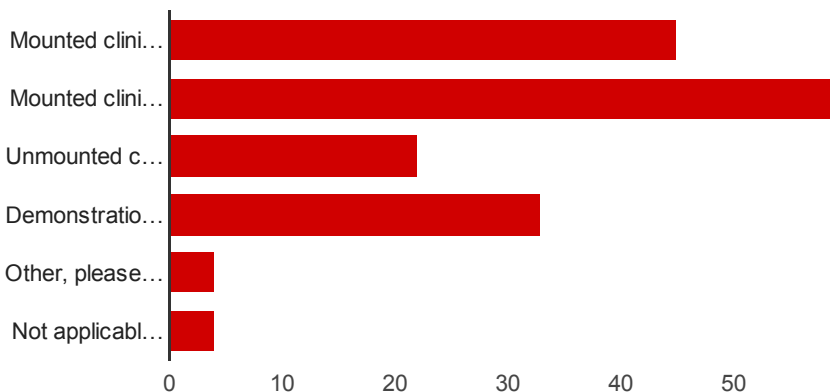
Food at the Hellenic was the best this past year, but it isn't great for the price. Timing of banquet this year was great, kept moving. Speaker wasn't great.

The number of awards has grown a lot in the past few years and it seems to overwhelm the banquet event. There are options to shorten the presentation process that might make it more efficient than the current one. If OADG opts to change the event to either a lunch or afternoon snack event, then the awards presentations as now programmed might be even more cumbersome.

The 2015 event was my first and I thought it was really lovely. Having the timing in December so that the hall was all dressed for Christmas added a really nice atmosphere.

Clinics and Education

Please indicate which of the following would be of interest to you. Check as many as appropriate.



Mounted clinic with demo riders aka "educate your eye". Clinic is targeted more to the auditors.	45	62.5%
Mounted clinic with high-level clinician. Clinic is targeted more to the riders.	59	81.9%
Unmounted clinic on competition psychology - mental training	22	30.6%
Demonstration clinic or workshop on creating a freestyle	33	45.8%

Other, please specify	4	5.6%
Not applicable. Not interested	4	5.6%

Your comments on clinic topics...

Just don't have time for many clinics between a full time job, house, family and regular lessons and shows

Would like to see topics such as rider fitness/ yoga/ pilates. Stable management related topics; nutrition, shoeing, breeding.. Sports psychology.

Any clinic that contributes to CE hours for coaches and instructors

I would be interested in an opportunity to be unofficially judged prior to the season, with an opportunity to ride some movements over again with an opportunity to then watch a ride from the scribe's perspective in that clinic.

I thought it was great when we brought higher level clinicians in
would like to hear about more about how to train and maintain a healthy fit supple horse suitable for dressage, exercises/in hand/in saddle/feed perhaps specific clinics..ie. contact 'educate your eye' clinics can be an excellent source of information to anyone interested in dressage but they must be conducted by an experience and knowledgeable clinician otherwise they can be very dull. A clinic on improving freestyles would be helpful to many, particularly those who have limited professional help.

Test rides with remarks similar to the Janet Foy videos you can see on line

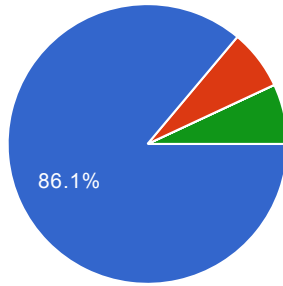
It has been too long since the OADG organized a clinic. Please leverage past experience of successful clinics to put on another one.

Clinic(s) for riders who are new to showing or at the want-to-show stage (there was one long ago) with info on the paperwork, what you need to show - memberships etc. - usually brief - then more about how horse and rider (and coach if there is one) decide what level/show category to enter, how to prepare which might be anything from getting your horse fit enough after a winter off, how to braid, nerves, planning the day so times for travel, being a horse-show parent and/or groom, warm-up ...no end to items. For an educate your eye clinic a high level clinician is essential.

Horse health clinics - massage, first aid, bandaging, etc.

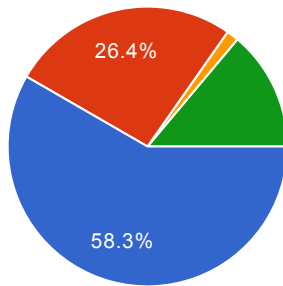
In order to plan for clinics, we need to have a ballpark feel for what our membership is willing to pay, which relates directly to who/what we can afford to offer. Please indicate one response each for Participant Type.

Auditor Participant



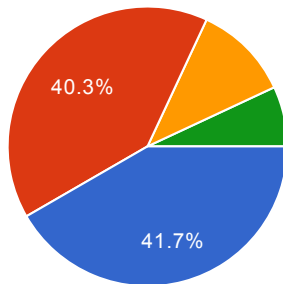
\$20 to \$50 per day	62	86.1%
\$50 to \$100 per day	5	6.9%
More than \$100 per day	0	0%
Not Interested	5	6.9%

Workshop Participant



\$50 to \$90 per day	42	58.3%
\$90 to \$150 per day	19	26.4%
More than \$150 per day	1	1.4%
Not interested	10	13.9%

Rider



Less than \$150 per Private session	30	41.7%
\$150 to \$200 per Private session	29	40.3%
Greater than \$200 per Private session	8	11.1%

Not interested **5** 6.9%**Please provide any additional comments regarding pricing.**

Would be willing to pay more to audit a clinic with an extra special clinician - eg Charlotte Dujardin.

I prefer clinicians who come to the area on a semi regular basis. What I am willing to pay really depends on who is giving the clinic and what I think I can get out of it. My willingness to participate depends on whether I have had an opportunity to watch the clinician teach in the past.

If we could have affordable (for general riding population)clinics that'd be great. Like less than \$150. And also offer an option for one day participation. I have noticed a lot of clinics are close to \$350/400 but this will not cater to your schooling show participants..and That is where your Future riders get hooked and start. Its where it all begins. It should be affordable. Then of course have one or two more fancy clinics. For the higher level riders. Its nice to watch also.

It would depend on who the clinic was with for me to be excited about auditing. General judges and standard level 3 coaches etc are not a big seller to me personally. Top judges such as Cara Whitam and Steven Clark, international level riders such as Isabel Werth or the up coming Charlotte Dujardin clinic would certainly have me attention.

It would depend on the clinician!

Depends on the clinic

Price willing to pay really depends on clinician. For a top top clinician, I am willing to pay more.

Would pay more depending on whom gives the clinic.

the last 2 above depend on the expertise of the clinician and what is being offered - keep the price affordable.

(Unlikely to ride in clinics / can't afford it among other reasons so take response with a grain of salt)

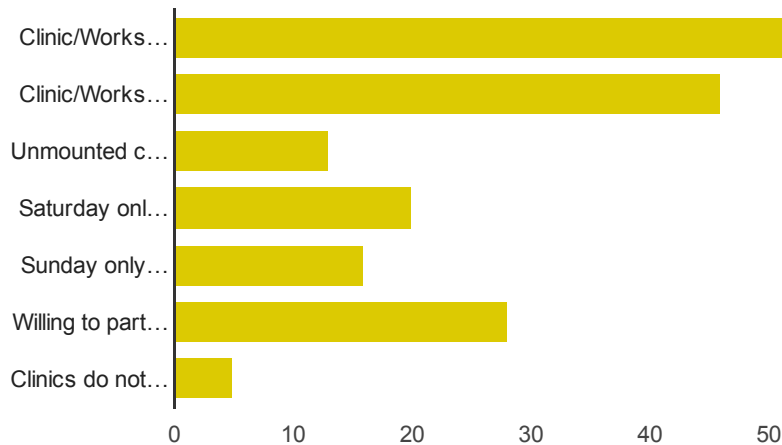
Trying to keep the cost affordable is one of the keys things.

Clinics should be available to the entire membership. Past has focused on grass roots and youth. Please ensure adult amateurs and professionals are included in this target group. A focus on both might enable OADG to bring in a better clinician as this target group may be willing to pay for higher quality clinicians.

Clinic price for rider often includes "add-ons" such as discounted audit fee for the rest of the time you are not riding and/or your groom if you are lucky enough to have one; stabling is usually reasonable cost as well - and the availability of food is always a time-saver.

Prefer under \$200, but depending on the clinician, would pay more.

For your participation, what would be your preference? Please indicate all that

apply.

Clinic/Workshop in the spring before the show season begins	56	77.8%
Clinic/Workshop in the fall after the show season ends	46	63.9%
Unmounted clinics	13	18.1%
Saturday only auditor/workshop participant	20	27.8%
Sunday only auditor/workshop participant	16	22.2%
Willing to participate both days as an auditor/workshop participant	28	38.9%
Clinics do not interest me	5	6.9%

Please provide any additional comments as to being a participant, indicate as a rider, auditor or workshop participant. We welcome any ideas that you may have to improve the appeal of our educational offerings.

Too many awards at the banquet, please don't change scheduling. A banquet at night is best, I think.

Virtual (online, remote) clinics or seminars during the off season (winter) would be of interest

I am interested in auditing or riding in clinics. I prefer to audit before I ride with someone. I am primarily looking for the quality of the teaching. I have audited/ridden with Anne Gribbons, Cara Whitham, Jane Savoie, Lauren Sprieser - I would ride with any of them in a heartbeat. The clinicians who are very clear about what they are asking and technical in their explanations are the most fun to watch and ride with. They are engaging for the auditors as well as the riders. Clinicians that are open to teaching lower level riders/off-breed horses are a lot of fun too.

Would like to see all types of riders included, including non-competitive.

To me, clinic in the spring (unless it's freestyle or for test prep specifically) may be a "con" to a lot of riders and trainers because we put a lot of thought into our prep for show season. The likely hood of someone throwing a wrench in it is small, but a chance that personally I'm not entirely willing to take. The smallest change can have big consequences and I've

seen that create problems in the past. So that may reflect attendance.

Sports psychology definitely. I like educate your eye, helpful for moving up the levels.

Central location and reasonable price important.

For clinic participation, a choice of either day to audit a two-day clinic is my preference.

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I might be willing to host a clinic if needed.

I no longer participate in clinics but I think you should be guided by the majority

Typically I would only audit one day of a clinic due to time constraints and other commitments. As above, unlikely to ride in one but enjoy auditing if the fees aren't extraordinary (audit multiple clinics can add up)

Some new clinician faces would be welcome; it seems the same ones have been coming for some time. As a rider, prefer that scheduling be mindful of the weather - eg I would not want to take a chance on weather in January for trailering and would likely not apply to participate as a rider - though as an auditor would be less of a barrier.

Timing clinics with upcoming or recently past high-profile competitions (eg. ODF) may help get participation while the momentum is there. For example, after the ODF 2015, myself and few others were enamored with the riding of Julio Mendoza of Ecuador (based out of Maryland) and would have been the first to participate in a clinic with him in a heartbeat.

Wrap Up Comments

Your other feedback ...

Would like to see more combined clinics, which have a large ridden aspect plus other topics. Would also like to see some which go over multiple days.

I think we should try to get some prize money together for the 1st and 2nd placing. In shows. Or at least Champion. Something. We spend SOOOO much \$ on showing. Should give some back. Could help some do an extra show or two that year. And it is encouraging. Gives back, promotes more involvement or want to participate.

The awards banquet is far too long, the awards need to be handed out in a more efficient manner, a speaker is unnecessary, the tickets are too expensive for a poor meal. A quick afternoon with light snacks would be much appreciated.

I love everything about the OADG. I have always been a member and have always brought my students and owners in to support the great programs and gain from the benefits. I do have one suggestion though. It has come to my attention, and many other competitors, that the qualification standards for awards is suprizingly low. In my opinion 55% is simply not high enough to justify winning an award. I do understand that it is meant to encourage participation, but to a certain extend I believe celebrating those kinds of scores is a step back from what the OADG is trying to accomplish. Excellence and consistently good

performance is what should be celebrated. 55% is not even enough under equine Canada rules to be awarded a 1st place ribbon if you are the only person in your class. I don't think the OADG should hold themselves any lower than EC standards. I would really like to see the scores being cut off at 60%. In my opinion - perfectly acceptable, attainable and on the national standard. You should also maybe consider adopting the Rider 8 award that Dressage Canada has foolishly eliminated. It's a really excellent idea and promotes excellent riding and equitation. Other wise - thank you!! You do a great job.

People generally go to awards banquet because they have won one. A sit down meal doesn't offer much opportunity to socialise. I like lunch idea. I do like a speaker but only if it's an interesting topic. On the topic of awards, I would like the OADG to look into offering the T.I.P. like some of the dressage clubs in Western Ontario do.

Thank you!

This survey is a good idea. I hope you get plenty of feedback. I would like to see some changes made to the banquet. It has become expensive and the awards take too long. Also it is so weather dependent as people come from all over the area. Not to criticize those who work hard to put it together, they do a great job. Have you ever thought of having a 'parents evening'? Maybe an wine and cheese, prior to show season to introduce parents to the different aspects of 'competition' including etiquette, rules (that apply to all) and why it is essential for everyone to know the basics, explain about the forms parents have to sign and why etc. Perhaps introduce a few of our members who have started as youngsters and moved up the scale to explain that showing is fun and not just winning (and whining when you don't) and to briefly talk about their experiences and successes.

I didn't see a comment area for the awards/banquet session. In the top three for banquet, the food wasn't an option but if it was I would swap that in place of awards. I appreciate the awards, but realize there are a lot and it becomes a long event. As with clinics multiple banquet opportunities in the fall winter seasons can add up so I appreciate the idea of exploring less expensive options. But if it's to be a long affair, good food is definitely important.

I like hearing about developments in national and international dressage, especially regarding judging improvements and controversies

Last year was my first year as a member and I certainly enjoyed it. Everyone I met at shows were very friendly and helpful. I think you are doing a great job and keep up the good work.

Thanks for asking the questions! Your efforts are appreciated.

Lack of show venues options is unfortunate but out of OADGs control.

OADG 2016 Survey : Thank You

Number of daily responses

