



Ottawa Area Dressage Group

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Newsletter



OADG is a chapter of CADORA Inc. OADG is a Dressage Canada affiliated riding club.

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June 2011: From the Board...

Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division September 11th 2011 @ Rainbow Ridge Ranch:

Judges: Lynda Southam (M) and Marilyn Dietrich (B).

(Note, Birgit Valkenburg will be co-judging 3rd and 4th levels only at both the Eastern and Western Division shows. Her scores will be combined with those of the official judge to give a final score for each of the tests.)

The prizelist is posted on the CADORA Ontario website: <http://www.cadora.ca/cadora-ontario/display.asp?pageid=51>
Remember that championship rules apply to this competition. Read up and be aware!

The In-Gate will be CLOSED – Watch out for the gatekeeper!

Silver Dressage Championship Qualifying Rules: READ YOUR PRIZELIST for full information

- FORMAL: Two scores of 55% or higher from two different Silver competitions. (Separate Freestyle scores required to enter the freestyle classes.)
- INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES: Additional entries will be accepted provided the horse/rider has earned two scores of at least 50% from two different Silver competitions (Often used for the Eastern Division)
- OVER-ENTERED: Classes will be filled in descending order of the average of the qualifying scores of the technical tests submitted at the discretion of the show committee.

Note that all scores earned at the Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division can be used towards OADG Silver year-end awards! Don't miss out!

OADG Library: New items have been added to the library this year:

- 2011 On-The-Levels DVD
- The Journey – A Dressage Training Compendium from USDF Connection - Book

To borrow library items please contact Dorothea Larsen at 613-489-2171 or email library@ottawadressage.ca

If you have any items you wish to donate to the library please also contact Dorothea Larsen.

The BANQUET just keeps getting BIGGER!! – don't go to the same old spot... For 2011 we'll be at the **Irish Hills Golf and Country Club** <http://www.irishhillsgolf.com/2010/index.html> in the west end, just off the 417, north on Carp Road. There will be additional seating available, and more space for all our trophies and door prizes.

There will be a guest speaker during the evening – stay tuned for details!

Reserve Saturday November 19th 2011 on your calendar for this event!

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU

The OADG Educate-Your-Eye clinic held on April 10 was an absolute wealth of information and inspiration for all who attended.

A special thank-you to Caroline Anderson the clinic organizer who suggested the format and location and sorted out all those horses and riders that demonstrated through-out the day. Thank-you to the clinicians: Joan McCartney, Kerstin Blaeske and Christine Hickman. Thank-you to Benhaven Farm for the use of the facility and all the hard work they put in getting it ready in time (those bleachers in the loft were built the day before the clinic). Thank-you to Giuseppina Palace for the catered lunch. But most of all a big thank-you to all the riders who put themselves out there for all the auditors to learn from: Marjorie MacDonald, Rejane Sylvester, Melissa Bayer, Jane Garbutt, Zoe Laframboise, Sarah Gobey, Ali Attack, Lori Garlough and Ron King. For a participant perspective see the write-up later in this newsletter.

2011 OADG MEETING DATES:

Friday September 16 - 7:00 pm, Dewmont Equestrian Centre, 228 Lowe Rd, Ashton
Sunday November 6 - 3:00 pm, Munster Community Centre, 58 Dogwood Drive, Munster

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OADG merchandise is listed on the Website under Resources/MarketPlace. check it out!!

New this year: Designer Carry All Bags - \$10 each
AND - Just Arrived - Sling Bags - \$10 each
(Get any 2 bags for \$18 each)

Watch for the OADG display at local horse shows!
Or contact Caroline Anderson outside of shows to get your bag:
education@ottawadressage.ca

SLING BAGS (Red, Blue and Green):



Fall 2011 Stephen Clarke Clinic hosted by CADORA Inc. For 2011 the Eastern Canada portion of the Stephen Clarke clinic will be held October 1st and 2nd at Pine Ridge Farm in King City Ontario. There will more details available on the CADORA INC website "www.cadora.ca" when plans solidify.

REQUEST FOR SPONSORS: The OADG is hosting two major events this year: the Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division (run by Rainbow Ridge Ranch) and the OADG Year-end Awards Banquet. If you are interested in sponsoring either of these events, please contact our sponsorship director, Susan Otto and she will be happy to discuss sponsorship options with you.

Change of OADG Treasurer: Laura-Lee Brenneman has taken over as the OADG treasurer from Cathy Gordon. Cathy will be staying on as OADG Webmaster. Laura-Lee will continue as secretary as well. The change of treasurer has caused some delays in processing membership cheques. In the next few weeks we should get back to a more normal routine. Rest assured that you are officially a member when we receive your membership application (and cheque/cash/money-order), not when we deposit the funds.

JUST ADDED to Awards in 2011:

We will be awarding Merit Awards for local Silver show competitors. The criteria are as follows: 3 scores of 63% or better at a single level (excluding freestyles) (JR, AA, O), from at least 2 Silver shows (must be in the Ottawa area). No form is required as the OADG tracks local Silver show results. See the revised 2011 Awards Criteria on the website.

CLINICS CLINICS CLINICS

Are you organizing a dressage clinic?

Want to get more people?

Want to get auditors?

Just want to spread the knowledge?

The OADG will post your clinic on the OADG website under the calendar/events page

Free of charge

There are so many clinics going on in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec, and so many opportunities to learn.

The OADG website makes a great "central" location to post upcoming clinics in the area.

OADG membership is NOT required to have your clinic posted.

Just send an email to our webmaster Cathy Gordon with the details of your clinic

(We must have your permission to post the clinic information)

webmaster@ottawadressage.ca

EYE Clinic

So way back in the spring we had an Educate your eye clinic, this was the first one we have had in a few years. As an auditor I would say the place, Benhaven, was very nice, good viewing area, nice footing, and good light as all Coverall buildings do. The clinicians were great at working together. This was the first time we had both a judge and a coach. So the judge, Joan McCartney would make her comments on the test, and then the coach Kirsten Blaeski would help the rider to resolve the problems. This worked very well and I hope we do it this way again. It gave the clinicians a chance to improve certain aspects of the test and explain to the rider and auditors what was going on, why, how to fix it, and when things were corrected. Much of problems the coach addressed were regarding head position and relaxation. Everything was done in a positive tone, with the aim at improving. Many horses were tense and so some of the comments reflected this. My daughter's four year old Friesian cross, held all his tension in his neck so it was good that Kirsten worked on relaxing him and lowering his neck. We also had the opportunity to see the differences between the levels with some demonstration riders who showed us movements from level "X" and then proceeded to show the same movements from level "X+1" where more collection and smaller figures were required. It was overall a very informative day.

Diana Bayer

Market Place

Non-commercial plus small commercial Classified Ads are run free of charge for all OADG members. For members, ads are run in the current issue only. Members must request the ad be re-run if required. For non-members, the rate is \$10.00 per issue. For both members and non-members, Business Cards are charged \$10.00 per issue, full or ½ page business ads are charged \$50 per issue.

Kris Sherry: Sales Representative Keller Williams Ottawa Realty 610 Bronson Avenue., Ottawa ON K1S 4E6 Direct Phone: 613-721-4210 Direct Fax: 613-721-4211 Office and Paging: 613-236-5959 **The Kris Sherry Team - Your Agent Matters!** Check out my blog: www.KrisSherry.com/blog Equestrian properties listed.



New man in town!! Jisk, son of Ulbert is a 2nd premium licensed Friesian stallion and sire of Jisk like Dad, (Friesian sporthorse competing with Melissa Bayer and kicking butt) Jisk will be standing at stud at HeronCrest Stables and we have several of his offspring for sale as well. www.heroncrestables.com dinnagirl@ripnet.com

Want to improve your dressage scores with the new tests this year? Get constructive feedback and practical help from an experienced EC certified judge. Prepare for your next competition or just check on the progress of your training. Available for clinics or individual sessions. Eventers welcome. Call Anne at (613)489-3262, annegalt@gmail.com

Clinics with Hans Hollenbach 2011 at HeronCrest Stables, Smiths Falls are starting September 23 – 25, November 4 -6. Rider spaces are \$105 and auditors are \$25 for the day or \$30 for the weekend. If you want to experience light, correct, balanced movement from your horse, if you are having trouble with sitting trot, if your horse is saying he doesn't know how to go sideways or half halt, you had better come. Contact Diana Bayer – www.heroncrestables.com dinnagirl@ripnet.com or by age old telephone 613-283-8084

CLASSIFIEDS ON THE OADG WEBSITE – LOTS THERE – CHECK THEM OUT!

Don't forget to check out the classified section on the OADG website: <http://www.ottawadressage.ca>

There are already many ads posted there. Maybe that one thing you were looking for is listed there!

Ads posted on the website are **free** of charge for **both** members and non-members.

Send ads for posting to the webmaster webmaster@ottawadressage.ca

Barn News and thoughts

Do you know the definition of insanity? Doing the same thing over and over each time expecting a different result, so why then do dressage riders ride the same circle over and over and over, changing nothing and yet expect something different to happen. Training and riding should not be about mileage that is how we break a horse down. It should be about rethinking and finding a better way to explain it to the horse. If you think about this then maybe you won't leave your best test in the warm up ring. *Want more comments from little old me check out my blog at www.heroncrestables.com under the training heading.*

My very first Gold Show!

Well, we did it! Chloe and I attended the Huntingford Gold Show on June 11th and managed to not embarrass ourselves too much. Chloe, aka Lochloewyn, and I have been together for five years, and have struggled to reach that dreamy state of harmony that is the goal of every dressage rider. She is a beautiful Lusitano/Trakehner mare with very definite ideas about how her life should unfold – not always in agreement with what I plan for her.

Since September of last year, we have been at boot camp, learning discipline, and working our butts off! Yes, I admit that I've exhibited a bit of what my coach calls the "pet syndrome" when it comes to Chloe. Not always being consistent, or asking her to do her best. What a difference a few months of steady correct work have done to build up her strength and her topline, improve her gaits and connection, and best of all, improve her focus on me and response to my aids. Thank you Sue Zierysen at Huntleigh for being such an amazing coach, and getting us to the national level successfully!!

For the first time at Huntingford, as I rode up the centre line for my first test, I had a comfortable feeling that my mare would be (mostly!) focused on me, and that I could actually work on "showing her off". Okay, so my free walk was bit distracted when Chloe craned her neck to inspect the spectators and the judge's booth, but hey, Rome wasn't built in a day, and we're supposed to enjoy the journey, right?

Huntingford is a beautiful facility, and it was the perfect venue for my first Gold show. Everyone helping out at the Show was very friendly, and the low key, quiet atmosphere really helped to settle both of our nerves. Best of all, the photographer on site took some lovely pictures of my so clean white mare against the bright green hedges and fields surrounding the ring. And yes, the pictures showed that our goal of perfect harmony is within reach!

Basia Anders

REMAINING SHOW DATES -
Note change of Venue for the OEF Schooling show on August 21st!
This show will be held at Heroncrest Farm

Sun July 3	OEF Schooling	Forest Lane	Celine Hutchison	-----	http://www.forestlanehorsefarm.zoomshare.com/
July 9-10	Gold	Feria De La Belle Epoque	-----	450-588-4914	http://www.concoursquebec.info/
Sat July 9	Bronze	Ferme Ste-Rose	Lyne Morin	-----	http://www.ferme-ste-rose.ca
Sat July 9	Silver / Gold	QSLB Doornekamp #2	Hank & Sheri Doornekamp	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun July 10	Bronze	Doornekamp	Hank & Sheri Doornekamp	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun July 10	Silver	Dewmont	Heather Snipper	613-253-1227	http://www.dewmontfarms.ca/
July 15-17	Platinum	CDI 3* Cornerstone Summer Festival	-----	519-941-8096	http://www.cornerstonefarms.com/
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Sun July 17	OEF Schooling	Heroncrest	Diana Bayer	613-283-8084	http://www.heroncrestables.com/
Sat July 23	Silver / Gold	Dressage At The Park, NNEP, Ottawa	Kris Sherry	613-271-9860	http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=195983130418563#!/pages/Dressage-at-the-Park-Ottawa/135591519837711
Sun July 24	Gold	Dressage At The Park, NNEP, Ottawa	Kris Sherry	613-271-9860	
July 23-24	Gold	Classique de Dressage Fantasia	Nicole Duplessis	450-358-5919	http://pages.videotron.com/fermefan/
July 29-31	Gold	RCRA Gold Dressage #2	Amanda	905-898-7743	http://www.rcra.ca/
Fri July 29	TGIF Schooling	Centaur	Shirley Guertin	613-835-2237	http://www.centaurridingschool.com/
Sun Aug 7	Gold	Centaur Summer Gold Show	Shirley Guertin	613-835-2237	http://www.centaurridingschool.com/
Aug 6-7	Gold	2011 Caledon Dressage Gold	Kristy Nahirniak	705-534-2717	http://caledondressage.com/
Aug 6-7	Gold	St Laurent Dressage	-----	514-232-5031	http://www.stlaurentdressage.com/
Sun Aug 7	OEF Schooling	Forest Lane	Celine Hutchison	-----	http://www.forestlanehorsefarm.zoomshare.com/
Sat Aug 13	Bronze	Ferme Ste-Rose	Lyne Morin	-----	http://www.ferme-ste-rose.ca
Sat Aug 13	Silver / Gold	QSLB Peveril #3	Pierre & Judith Pineault	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun Aug 14	Bronze	Peveril	Pierre & Judith Pineault	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun Aug 14	Silver	Spiritwood	Joanna MacDonald	613-489-3262	http://spiritwoodfarm.ncf.ca/
Sun Aug 14	Non-Permit Schooling (& Hunter)	Centaur	Shirley Guertin	613-835-2237	http://www.centaurridingschool.com/
Aug 19-21	Gold	Cornerstone Summer Classic	-----	519-941-8096	http://www.cornerstonefarms.com/
Aug 20-21	Gold	Beaulieu Farm	George Miechowsky	514-341-1866	http://www.concoursquebec.info/
Sun Aug 21	OEF Schooling	Heroncrest	Diana Bayer	613-283-8084	http://www.heroncrestables.com/
Fri Aug 26	TGIF Schooling	Centaur	Shirley Guertin	613-835-2237	http://www.centaurridingschool.com/
Sun Aug 28	Silver	Huntleigh	Sue Zierysen	613-839-0397	-----
Sept 2-4	Gold	Saddlewood ON Dressage Championship	Lisa Hassock-Scott	705-749-9726	http://www.klda.ca/
Sun Sept 4	OEF Schooling	Spiritwood	Joanna MacDonald	613-489-3262	http://spiritwoodfarm.ncf.ca/
Fri Sept 9	TGIF Schooling	Centaur	Shirley Guertin	613-835-2237	http://www.centaurridingschool.com/
Sat Sept 10	Silver / Gold	QSLB Evergreen #4	Rick & Karen Cullum	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun Sept 11	Non-Permit Schooling	Green Glen Farm	Fiona Henderson	613-623-1881	http://www.greenglenfarm.com/
Sun Sept 11	Bronze	Evergreen	Rick & Karen Cullum	-----	http://www.qslb.ca/
Sun Sept 11	Silver	Rainbow Ridge ON East Championship	Steve Curtis & Linda Maltby	613-821-2939	http://www.rainbowridgeranch.ca/
Sept 10-11	Gold	Concours Hippique Saint Apollinaire	Geraldine Rondot	418-881-4020	http://www.concoursquebec.info/
Sept 16-18	Gold	Canadian Eastern Regional Championship	Cara Whitham	905-864-5137	http://www.equivents.com/
Sun Sept 18	OEF Schooling	Preston Rosedale	Carolyn Rathwell	613-264-5411 613-267-0499	http://www.prestonrosedale.com
Sat Sept 24	Silver	Blue Star Farm ON West Championship	-----	905-473-6045	http://www.bluestarfarm.com/
Nov 9-10	Platinum	CDI3* The Royal Horse Show	Janice Blakeney	416-263-3407	http://royalfair.org/the-royal-horse-show