



Ottawa Area Dressage Group

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e-Newsletter



OADG is a chapter of CADORA Inc.

OADG is a Dressage Canada affiliated riding club.

Spring 2019

We are trying something new this year – e-Newsletters! The goal is to have targeted e-News provided in a timely email with additional information provided as attachments.

Important note: Read this, if you read nothing else...

Memberships are due April 7 (extended from the original deadline of April 1). You can send in the completed forms to the address shown on the forms, or you can attend the OADG Membership Day at Encore Equestrian on April 7.

Spring 2019 membership e-News:

- Membership forms: [available on the OADG website](#) (in PDF or Word format)
- [Message from our Membership Director](#), and [Membership Day at Encore](#)
- [Message from our President](#)
- Request for submissions: [The Story Behind My Horse's Name](#)

Message from our Membership Director

Membership reminder – due date is April 7 (extended from April 1) to be eligible for OADG year-end awards. If you have already joined for this year – thank you, and welcome to the OADG for 2019!

If you have not already done so, this is a friendly reminder to send in your OADG membership by April 7 (extended from April 7 because email problems prevented this reminder from going out when it should have):

- This is a change in date from previous years
- Note that joining the Facebook page is not the same thing as having an active OADG membership!

Show season is only a few weeks away, and your show points will only be counted if you are an active OADG member. Forms are attached to this email, and can also be found on the OADG website along with additional information.

Note also that Team submission forms are also extended to April 7.

You can also join at our **Membership Day at Encore Equestrian**, Sunday April 7 from 1-4 pm at Encore's new location, The Old General Store in Burritt's Rapids (9 Grenville Street).

Note that this event is a private one for OADG members, but it is not restricted to people who are renewing that day. All members are invited to enjoy the activities and to benefit from the in-store specials. Come on out and enjoy the social atmosphere!

- In-store specials including 25% off for OADG members on all HKM tack and apparel
- Encore's Purina rep will be there to answer questions about nutrition, and to give away door prizes
- An Omega Alpha rep will be on hand to give demos and answer questions about their line of all-natural supplements, and everyone attending will have a chance to win a lovely Omega Alpha gift basket
- Belle's Favourite Natural Horse Treats, Kacey Caine, will be selling her home-made horse treats; everyone attending will receive a free sample and have the opportunity to purchase more onsite

Questions about memberships? Please contact Kathey Rowsome at membership@ottawadressage.ca

Message from our President

Hello members! I'm super glad to be on the other side of winter now and able to welcome you to the start of our new season. I coined a new phrase the last few months called "4th Time Lucky". After 3 cancellations due to freezing rain and poor driving conditions, only very recently did your OADG Board finally get together for our first face-to-face meeting of the year! Our team of talented volunteer directors were busy nonetheless getting things kicked off. You're seeing the results on our Facebook page, on our website, and also in this great e-news brief.

This time of year is always especially personally exciting for me because I get to enjoy one of my more favorite activities – that of being a judge's scribe. I started down this path many years ago scribing at local shows at my barn, then moved up to some sanctioned shows here and there. The ultimate for me is to sit beside an FEI judge at centre-line scribing for some of the best riders and horses our country produces. Equally as satisfying is simply enjoying a wonderful day sitting at C and seeing all *_your_* faces as you present yourselves and your horse for the judge's assessment.

Scribing is a fantastic way to both learn and to give back to our community. If you haven't tried it, I recommend it. If you have – then you know what I'm talking about. There's plenty of resources on-line to help you learn, contact EC (see their [March 2019 Dressage Quarterly Publication](#)) or drop me a line. More importantly, drop a line to your closest show organizer and see if they need help. If you're too busy showing, I'll bet you have a friend, parent, or spouse who's interested!

I do hope you will join OADG again this year and I look forward to seeing you out at the shows, at X or even in the booth at C!

Catherine Maguire, president@ottawadressage.ca

Request for Submissions: The Story Behind My Horse's Name

I laughed when I pasted our president's message into this e-Newsletter—"4th Time Lucky" sounds like a wonderful show name for her next show partner, and what an interesting story behind it!

If your horse's name has an interesting story behind it, please submit a short write-up of the story to communications@ottawadressage.ca and it will be e-printed in the next e-Newsletter.

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