



CENTRAL PLAINS DRESSAGE



Central Plains Dressage Society is a USDF Group Member Organization in Oklahoma. We offer dressage enthusiasts a place to learn about the sport, socialize with other dressage riders, participate in shows and clinics, and more.

Central Plains Dressage News

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Central Plains Drill Team Off to a Promising Start After Three Practice Sessions, the Concensus is, "It's Not as Easy as it Looks!"

By Nancy Spring

The newly formed Central Plains drill team met for the first time on a chilly day at the end of April at the Rocking C in Inola. Patty Couch introduced Annie Houchin, Cathy Orban, Bev Lahn, Nancy Spring and Tanja Cox to the basic concepts of riding in a drill team, and we went through some simple movements, like the pinwheel and Thread the Needle.

Patty explained that forming a drill team will be a work-in-progress, as horses and riders learn to ride together and she develops a sense of what we will be able to accomplish as a team. She stressed that a drill team is a group, and is not about individual riders. "When we are practicing, that's not the time for you to stop and train your horse if something comes up," Patty said.

Marsha Cullen joined us for the second and third practice sessions. Annie changed horses. And we had a pretty frisky session when we added trotting. As Patty said, "It's not as easy as it looks." Agreed.

Everyone is welcome to come ride with us. Practice is at the Rocking C, on Sundays or Friday evenings. There is no fee. The schedule changes every week, so contact Nancy Spring at nspring@springpages.net for more information.



Tanja Cox

News in Brief

Be a Fan of the Live Stream

By Chris Cashel

More than 500 people tuned into the live stream of our first Recognized Show of the year. I was one of them! I watched almost the whole day on Sunday. It was so much fun to watch friends ride a test, I found myself rooting them on.

This is an incredible enhancement for our shows:

1. You can be a long-distance fan to friends and relatives.
2. The riders know you are watching, so they have a support system who can talk to them after the test.
3. The facility looks beautiful and impressive, which is good PR for Central Plains. We can attract new competitors.

Central Plains is on the cutting edge with its use of this technology. In the future we hope to get wired so that on-site people can watch the action live while eating lunch and in different parts of the barn. We will also be able to add the names of riders so a viewer can tell who is riding. Add your name to the number of fans of Live Stream/Central Plains Dressage. To watch the Central Plains AHA Value Sport Horse show and open schooling show, visit horseshowconsulting.com, where you will find a "Click here."

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for live stream of
CPDS AHA Value Sport Horse Show
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New USDF Medal

Congratulations to Central Plains junior rider Nikki Weitzenhoffer. She recently earned the final two scores for her USDF Gold medal.

MAY 19-21 RECOGNIZED SHOW FULL

The May 19-21 recognized show with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez as judge is now full. The clinic is also full, but auditors are always welcome. Entries for the June 23-24 recognized show with Paula Lacy "S" are now open, and the clinic does have a few slots available. Please view entry information for shows and clinics at www.horseshowconsulting.com.

REMINDER

PayPal is Now Available for all Central Plains Activities

A PayPal account has been set up for the Central Plains Dressage Society. The email required for this type of payment is info@centralplainsdressage.org.

When using this option, be certain to indicate in the memo line what you are paying for. For example, "Show fees for May 19 recognized show," or "2018 membership dues." **You will still need to email or fax your show entry or membership application to the appropriate person.** This new feature just allows you to use a credit card for all payments. Contact Stacia at gtgray@aol.com if you have questions.

Welcome



Camille Fuller

Lily and I have gone Western. We're both not ready to canter yet, so it was my best option for increasing the number of different tests I can enter. English Dressage offers Intro. Tests A and B without canter, while

Western Dressage comprises four different Intro. tests.

The reason I've been reluctant to make the change is because I can't hoist my heavier Western saddle up there by myself. I solved that problem by buying a nice light Wintec saddle. It fits Lily well, and I can put it on her gracefully.

Patty Couch is training both of us to canter and with time and practice, we'll be able to pick up the correct lead and move in harmony. I met the last goal I set, putting the bit in myself, by figuring out what I was doing wrong and correcting it. I have no doubt that by the end of the summer, I will be able to take a test that requires canter.

How are you coming along with the goals you set for yourself? Email me with a progress report, and I'll compile the answers into a story for the newsletter.

Best regards,
Nancy Spring

Ask the Show Secretary

By Stacia Wert-Gray

Q What is the definition of an amateur rider?

A Here is a summary of the USEF definition. Please consult the USEF rule book for the complete definition.

Amateur: Regardless of one's equestrian skills and/or accomplishments, a person is an amateur if after her 18th birthday, she has not engaged in any compensated equestrian activities. Compensation may be in the form of cash, goods, sponsorships, discounts or services; reimbursement of any expenses; trade or in-kind exchange of goods or services such as board or training.

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Camille Fuller

Working Equitation Recognized "B" Level Show Now on Calendar

A "B" rated working equitation show is now officially on the calendar. The date is June 9 at Sheridan Stables in Mounds, with judge Rebecca Algar. The show is recognized by the Confederation for Working Equitation. A prize list is available on www.horseshowconsulting.com. Our judge will be available for a clinic on June 10 also at Sheridan Stables. Information about the clinic is available on the show entry webpage..



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Calendar

MAY

- 13 AHA Sport Horse Value Show
Schooling Show
Valley View
- 19-20 USEF/USDF Recognized Show
Valley View
- 21 Clinic (Show and clinic are full)
Valley View
- 26 Schooling Show
Sheridan Stables
- 27 Clinic
Rocking C

JUNE

- 9 Working Equitation Recognized "B" Level Show
Schooling Show
Sheridan Stables
- 23-24 USEF/USDF Recognized Show
Valley View
- 25 Clinic
Valley View
- 30 USEF Western Dressage
Schooling Show
Valley View

Entry information for all CPDS shows is available at www.horseshowconsulting.com.

April Show Reports

By Stacia Wert-Gray

Noon Start Time Defeats Snow Storm Threat at April 7 Show

The April 7 Central Plains Dressage Society East show with Sherry Guess judging surprisingly came off without a hitch. A late season snow storm left just a trace and the roads were fine by the time competitors started traveling for the noon start time.

Show high points are shown in the table below, and complete class results are available at www.horseshowconsulting.com.

APRIL 7 SCHOOLING SHOW HIGH POINTS

Introductory Level	Patty Couch	Red	72.5
Training Level	Richal Flannery	OM El Pashahn	65.962
First Level through FEI Level	None		
WD Introductory	Mirande Thibodeau	Legendary's Dun Did It	69.524
WD Basic	Diane Allred	Cowboy	70.4
WD Level 1-4	None		



Camille Fuller

Hats off to McKenzie Moore (8-years-old and riding her test without a reader) who was the second ride of the day. She realized that two letters were reversed (F and K) and she tried to ride the test accordingly, which produced a pretty interesting movement. The error was quickly corrected by the ground crew and she was able to complete her test.

April 21 USEF/USDF Recognized Show First of Five

The lousy weather couldn't dampen spirits at the first of five USEF/USDF recognized shows hosted by Central Plains Dressage Society. Tom Poulin "S" presided over a very full schedule April 21-22. No one complained about the much needed rain, but warmup had to be moved inside for much of the weekend. That caused the day to expand but no one scratched!

Travis Gray live streamed the show and 487 people tuned in to watch over the two days! Show management received many comments about how much their friends and family enjoyed watching the show from all across the country.

For complete class results, please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com. The following is a list of the show high points.

APRIL 21-22 USEF/USDF RECOGNIZED SHOW HIGH POINTS

Introductory Level-Overall	Tamara Mayo	Anna From Vernon	70.625
Training Level-Amateur	Tamara Mayo	Anna From Vernon	70.271
Training Level-Junior/YR	Anna Drogemuller	Kaigenutt	68.043
Training Level-Open	Mimi Benton	Dior WF	75.682
First Level-Amateur	Anne Stephens	Tom Luck	66.618
First Level-Junior/YRr	Hensley Moses	CBMF Drive Me Wild	67.059
First Level-Open	Mimi Benton	Doir WF	71.029
Second Level-Amateur	Lisa Miller	Avalanches' Prince	65.122
Second Level-Junior/YR	Olivia Mauldin	LR Ami Twilight	64.848
Second Level-Open	None		
Third Level-Open	Carolyn Hoesktra	D'Ormonde	67.308
Third Level Amateurl	Sara Sharratt	Royal Rhada	66.667
Third Level-Juniorl	Olivia Brackin	Cobridge El Dorado	62.821
Fourth Level-Open	None		
Fourth Level-Amateur	Holly Luke	Lust in the Wind	64.421
Fourth Level-Junior/YR	Kari Nichols	Genna	61.944
FEI Level-Open	Nikki Weitzenhoffer	Ali Baba	68.971
FEI Level-Amateur	Traci Jackton	Necessity	64.853
FEI Level-Junior/YR	Kari Nichols	Ambition 7	64.471



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April 28 Schooling Show Welcomes New Event Riders

Patty Couch's Rocking C Stables was the site for the April 28 show, with Gail Matheus "L" serving as judge for almost 60 rides. Central Plains Dressage welcomed a new group of event riders as well as four in-hand horses along with many of reliable east area riders. The weather was perfect with warm temperatures and almost no wind. High point riders (see table below) earned their choice of very cute halters provided by Horse of Course. For class results, please visit www.horseshowconsulting.com.

APRIL 28 SCHOOLING SHOW HIGH POINTS

Introductory Level	Katsy Atkins	Trooper	69
Training Level	Erika Capps	Diesel	65.435
First Level	Molly Ralstin	Wretro Grayed	61.875
Second Level and Above	None		
WD Introductory	Den Burdette	Bubba Bailey	68.75
WD Basic	Kendra McDermitt	Valley Boy	73.4
WD Level 1 and Above	Kendra McDermitt	Valley Boy	65.192

Ask the Show Secretary: Definition of an Amateur *continued from p. 2*

An Amateur is permitted to do the following:

- a. Accept reimbursement for actual expenses associated with conducting classroom seminars for a not-for-profit organization, therapeutic riding programs, or programs for charitable organizations approved in advance by the Federation.
- b. Act as a camp counselor when not hired in the exclusive capacity as a riding instructor; assist in setting schooling fences without remuneration; give instruction or training to handicapped riders for therapeutic purposes.
- c. Appear in advertisements and/or articles related to acknowledgement of one's own personal or business sponsorship of a competition and/or awards earned by one's owned horses.
- d. Accept prize money as the owner of a horse in all classes other than equitation or showmanship.
- e. Accept prize money in Dressage.
- f. Accept a non-monetary token gift of appreciation valued less than \$300 annually.
- g. Serve as an intern for college credit or course requirements at an accredited institution, provided one has never held professional status with the Federation or any other equestrian National Federation.
- h. Write books or articles related to horses.
- i. Accept remuneration for providing service in one's capacity as clinic manager or organizer (so long as she is not performing the activities of instructor or trainer); presenter or panelist at a Federation-licensed officials' clinic; competition manager, competition secretary; judge, steward, technical delegate, course designer, announcer, TV commentator, veterinarian, groom, farrier, tack shop operator, breeder, or boarder, or horse transporter.
- j. Accept reimbursement for any bona fide expenses directly related to the horse (i.e., farrier/vet bills, entries). Travel, hotel, equipment, and room and board are not considered bona fide expenses.



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