



Ottawa Area Dressage Group

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Newsletter



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October 2009, From the Board...

TROPHIES: If you have not yet returned your OADG perpetual trophy that you won in 2008, please make arrangements to return it immediately by contacting Basia Anders 613-257-1914 awards@ottawadressage.ca. Thank-you to all those who have already returned your trophies.

OADG WINE AND CHEESE PARTY: The OADG is hosting a year-end wine and cheese party in the afternoon of Sunday November 29th 2009 at the home of one of our Directors Cathy Gordon. There will be a short executive summary related to AGM activities. If you don't have the time to get more involved in the day to day operations of the OADG, at least come out to the party for some good cheer and find out what your club has been doing, we would love to see you! Please R.S.V.P by November 27th to Heather Snipper hsnipper@aserty.com 613-253-1227 if you think you are coming. (So we have an idea of how much food to have on hand.)

There are a few director positions available and also some director positions that need more than one person. You can also contest for positions which are currently filled and an election will be held at the AGM. Most of the current OADG directors hold full time jobs outside the horse industry, have family obligations, ride their horse(s) and still manage to make some time for the OADG. If we can do it, then you can too! Please see the poster in this newsletter for the positions available. Please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster 613-825-5370 meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca for more information on the various positions available or positions that may need assistants.

OADG Awards Banquet: Make sure you get your tickets to the annual OADG awards banquet to be held on Saturday November 21st 2009, at the CedarHill Golf and Country Club in the west end, just off the 416 at Fallowfield. Please see the poster and ticket order form in this newsletter.

BANQUET TICKETS MUST BE ORDERED AND PAID FOR IN ADVANCE, THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

Cedarhill Golf and Country Club requires payment in advance for this event, and as such tickets must be purchased and paid for by the end of the day **Monday November 16th**. Payment can be delivered to any OADG director in order to reserve your tickets. For further information contact the OADG Banquet Director Caroline Anderson at: oadg.banquet@ottawadressage.ca 613-257-2384

Tickets ordered by Tuesday November 10th can be mailed out to the requestor. All tickets ordered after November 10th will be reserved for you and available at the door on the night of the banquet.

OADG 2009 Award Winners: If you have won an OADG award for the 2009 show season you will be contacted by our awards director Basia Anders in late October.

CADORA Silver Standings: If you are eligible for CADORA Ontario Silver Awards be sure to check your scores and current standing on the CADORA Ontario web site: <http://www.cadora.ca/Cadora-Ontario/> and let them know if any corrections are required.

Thank-you Notes: If you received a pre-addressed thank-you note for a prize you won at one of the many shows held this year, please be sure to fill it in and mail it. It really does make a difference to the sponsors who have graciously provided sponsorship to many of our local shows. Many sponsors cut back sponsorship this year due to the economic conditions, so it is even more important this year to thank them for giving what they could this year.

Shows for 2010: The OADG is beginning to put together the dressage show list for the local Ottawa area for 2010. If you are planning a dressage show for 2010 please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca.

OADG Banquet Events: Again this year there will be a guest speaker at the OADG banquet. The OADG is pleased to have **Simone Williams** as guest speaker for the evening. She will be talking about her trip to Australia to attend the 2009 Sydney CDI3* Invitational competition where she was assigned a local horse to ride.

Don't forget to hang on to your ticket stubs for the door prize table draws throughout the evening!

In order to facilitate sufficient time for a guest speaker the structure of the awards presentation will be the same as last year. Award recipients will be asked to come to the front of the room in groups of about 10 (names will be called out by the M.C.) and stand off to the side of the trophy table. Trophies for the group will then be awarded individually as in previous years for recognition and pictures. The award recipient can then return to the group until the presentation for that group is completed. We hope that this allows the evening to run a little bit faster. Groups will be based on either a level (Discovery, Training) or combined levels if there are not as many recipients (Silver Second/Third/Fourth combined).

OADG 2010 Membership Form: The OADG 2010 membership form will be posted on the OADG website www.ottawadressage.ca as soon as the information from CADORA Inc. is available after the CADORA Inc. AGM in November. The membership form will be included in the January newsletter.

Dressage Canada Rules: Dressage Canada continues to make changes to the rules. You should visit the Dressage Canada website for updates www.dressagecanada.org. Put your mouse over the "Rules and Policies" menu on the left, another sub-menu will appear. To see the full list of amendments select "Rule Books", then select the text highlighted in red "Equine Canada Rules for Dressage". Rules for 2010 are expected to be posted by December 1st 2009. Coaches and officials should receive advance copies by November 1st 2009.

Consolidation of Discovery Awards: The Dressage Days awards and the OADG awards for the Discovery series have many overlaps and also many gaps. The proposal for 2010 and forward is for the OADG to take over all the Discovery awards and have a single set of awards for the Discovery series which is open to all OADG members, and open to all Discovery shows. The Dressage Days Awards series would no longer be offered. The consolidation of the awards will be discussed and voted on at the OADG AGM on November 29th. If you would like further information please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca

Consolidation of FEI Awards: Currently at the FEI level the OADG has awards for both the "team" and "individual" tests at the following levels: FEI Pony, FEI Children, FEI Junior, and FEI Young Rider. It is very difficult for the riders to get enough scores to be eligible for one or both awards because shows may only offer one test or the other. The Preliminary test cannot be used at all for these awards. The proposal is to have a single award at each level (excluding the freestyles which will remain as a separate award), scores for the award can be from the Preliminary, Team or Individual tests. The redundant trophies will be used to replace the ones that will be full in the next few years.

There are also two separate OADG awards for FEI Grand Prix and FEI Grand Prix Special. The proposal is to have a single Grand Prix Level award instead of two distinct awards because the Grand Prix Special usage as a regular test is restricted to riders who have "made the cut" in many circumstances. For the proposed 2010 Grand Prix Level award, scores from the Grand Prix test and/or the Grand Prix Special test can be used.

The consolidation of the FEI awards will be discussed and voted on at the OADG AGM on November 29th. If you would like further information please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca

Allow Commercial Ads in Newsletter Free of Charge: The OADG has been asked several times to allow simple commercial ads in the newsletter from members free of charge. The cost of commercial ads is deemed to be too high (\$10.00 for a simple add, \$25.00 for a business card). Since most OADG newsletters do have the space for more ads, and many of our members are in the commercial horse industry the OADG believes that short (2-3 lines) commercial ads should be permitted free of charge in the newsletter for local OADG members. This issue will be discussed and voted on at the OADG AGM on November 29th. If you would like further information please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca

Congratulations to Joan Johnston: This year, Joan Johnston and KRS Wessel became the first horse/rider combination to receive every Dressage Canada achievement award from Training Level to Grand Prix. Quite an achievement since the inception of the Dressage Canada awards in 2001 and given the many obstacles faced by horse and rider along the way. Congratulations to Joan Johnston and KRS Wessel, a local OADG member and a local coach and judge and one of the proprietors of the local riding establishment Kars Riding School. For more information on the Dressage Canada Awards program please see the Dressage Canada website: <http://www.dressagecanada.org/>, select "Awards" from the menu on the left.

2010 Silver Show Circuit: The OADG letter campaign to request changes to the judges restrictions for the Silver Circuit seems to have been heard (see you can make a difference). The OADG is in contact with Dressage Canada to get clarification on rule changes regarding judge's restrictions at the Silver level which will hopefully allow the Silver Circuit to continue to be offered in the Ottawa area. At this time Dressage Canada has not yet made a final decision on judge's restrictions with respect to the Silver Circuit, but hopes to have this finalized in November. If you have anything further to add before final decisions are made by Dressage Canada please contact the Dressage Canada officials committee: <mailto:officials@dressagecanada.org>

Assuming the Silver circuit continues to be offered in the Ottawa area, the OADG does not have a show site and set of volunteers currently to run the Silver Championship Eastern Division show. It is possible the OADG will opt to run a season finale show instead of the Eastern Division Championship Show due to the costs involved in running an actual Championship show. Please contact Kiki Baggerman-Webster if you may be interested in either running the Championship (or season finale) show or renting out your site for this show.

If you as riders/coaches/judges have any suggestions to make the Silver Circuit more successful please contact Pierre Paquette trilliumrep@ottawadressage.ca The OADG would like your input as to why so many local people did NOT attend the Championship Show this year? While the show was the largest in recent history, there were still a great many local faces not there. Would you prefer a season finale show instead with reduced/no qualifications? Do you want a Silver Championship Eastern Division show at all?

**2009 OADG meeting dates: Nov 6
meeting at Munster Community Center in Munster
- 58 Dogwood Drive - 7:00 p.m.**

**Next newsletter deadline is Jan 12
Publication Jan30**

The OADG would LOVE your input!!!

Get Involved!

The OADG makes several decisions regarding local awards, shows, clinics at its regular member meetings that affect you. If we do not hear your point of view we make the best decisions we can with the people at hand. If you have an opinion on something please let us know so we can properly discuss it. It is too late at the end of the season to realize that you did not meet the criteria for something that was changed in early March!

The OADG also provides input to CADORA Ontario and CADORA Inc. If you have something you feel strongly about that you want us to bring to the attention of one of these organizations please contact Pierre Paquette and we'll do our best to convey your opinion. Get involved and stay informed. The regular member meetings are open to all, why not drop in and see what's up!

Market Place

Non-commercial Classified Ads are run free of charge for all OADG members. For members, ads are run in two consecutive newsletters. Members must request the ad be re-run if required. For non-members, the rate is \$10.00 for 2 issues. Business Cards are charged \$25.00 for 2 issues.

**New OADG Wear on the Website to order, check it out!!
T-Shirts, Towels, and Hats,
and, oh yes, the ultra cool Shopping Bag**

**Free to good home: 23 year old, 16.2 hh bay Thoroughbred gelding, sound and rideable, easy keeper.
Call Christine Gordon at 613-257-5145 or cell 292-3100."**

Barn thoughts:

I did not want to call it news... but this month I would like to put my 2 cents worth in about the Rolikur debate. See years ago I remember the Western Pleasure crowd went through the same thing. They would tie their horse's heads up high in the stall overnight, so when they went in the ring their heads would be on the floor. They got the name "peanut Rollers", and every year it was how low could you go, the lowest head would win. Sound familiar? Well the AQHA worked hard to get rid of the practice and the bad reputation and the inhumane treatment. It took years and strict adherence to the rules, and a long time for judges to catch-up. Sound familiar? I would hope that the FEI and dressage, being a much more educated bunch, that the elimination of this practice could go a lot faster. The AQHA passed a rule that clearly stated "if the horse's head is below the poll it shall be treated as a broken gait would be". Now we could pass a similar rule, something like "the horse's nose must be 2 degrees ahead of the vertical or it shall be given a 2 on every movement". Harsh, but effective. This might stop the use of the Rolikur, and the need to tie horses in their stalls with side reins; both are cruel and serve no purpose but to win. If the RoliKur were a correct training method, why is there no book teaching us how to do it???

Special thanks to The Silver Dressage Championship Eastern Division show sponsors:

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WINE AND CHEESE (and Annual General Meeting)



Sunday November 29th 2009
2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

At Cathy Gordon's home
819 Drummond Rd, Carleton Place, On
613-257-5145

PLEASE RSVP by Nov 27th if you will be attending to:
Heather Snipper hsnipper@aserty.com 613-253-1227
(So we know how much food to have on-hand!)

Open Director Positions:
Secretary

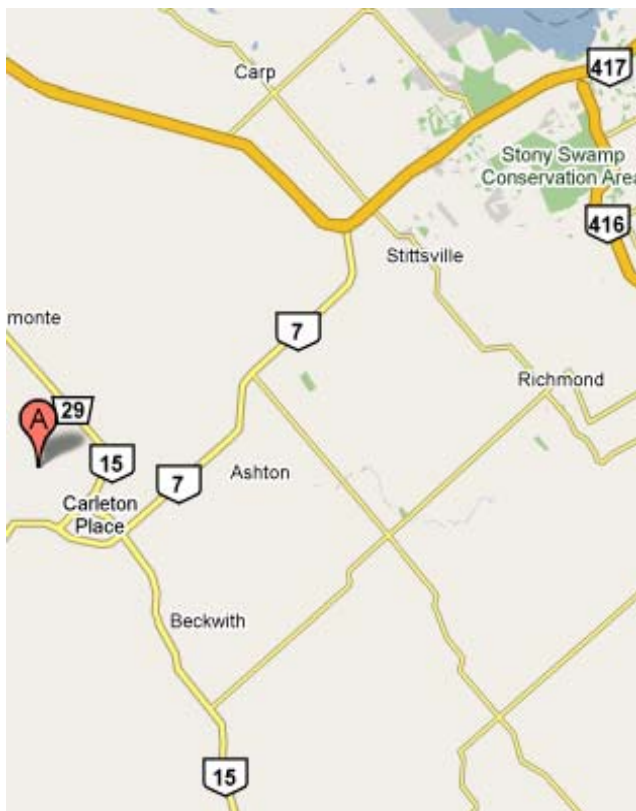
Committee Positions:

Education – man the door, whip

Promotions – man the table at shows and clinics

For further information on these positions please contact the current director of the position, or Kiki Baggerman-Webster 613-825-5370 meetingmanager@ottawadressage.ca.

If you are interested in assisting one of the existing directors this would be a good opportunity to come out and meet them and discuss the possibilities, there are always small jobs that need to be done.



From Ottawa:

Take Queensway west to Carleton Place/
Toronto exit.

At the first set of lights in Carleton Place
(just after Canadian Tire; Pioneer Gas and
Tim Horton's on the corner), Turn Right
(TR) onto McNeely.

On McNeely, go 2.7 km through another
set of lights, over the Mississippi River; at
lights at the T-intersection Turn Left (TL)
onto Townline Rd.

Go 1.1 km to next lights, TR onto Bridge
St.

Go ½ km to 4-way stop sign, TR onto 7th
line of Ramsay (street sign says Thomas
St., on the left).

After 2.5 km., TL onto Drummond Rd.

Go 1 km to 819 Drummond Rd.; left side of
road, 2 storey red brick house, "Bruce
Gordon" name on mailbox (613-257-5145).



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ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday November 21st 2009

**CedarHill Golf and Country Club
56 CedarHill Dr, Nepean On**

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m. (CASH BAR)

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. (CASH BAR)

Tickets: \$38.00 per person

(\$16.00 – children 12 and under)

(Make cheques payable to OADG)

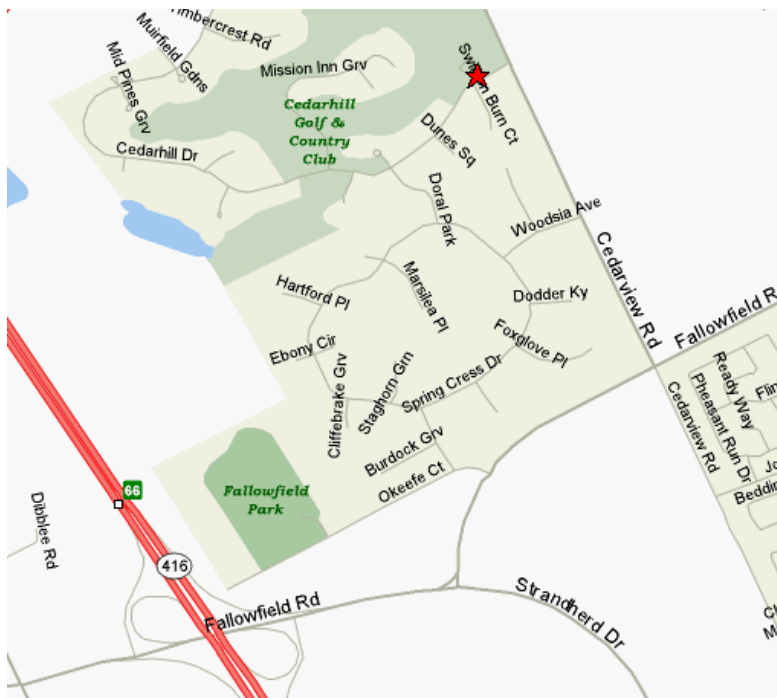
(Drinks are not included in ticket price; Cash Bar is available at the event)

Contact: Caroline Anderson 613-257-2384

Email: oadg.banquet@ottawadressage.ca

Special Guest Speaker: Simone Williams

Speaking on the 2009 Sydney Invitational CDI3*



**If you have special needs (food allergies or handicap accessibility)
please contact the banquet director to discuss requirements.**



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OADG AWARDS BANQUET
Saturday November 21st 2009

TICKET ORDER FORM:

(Drinks are not included in ticket price, Cash Bar is available at the event)

All tickets must be ordered and payment received by one of the OADG Directors by the end of the day Monday November 16th 2009.

(Pre-paid tickets must be picked up at the door if ordered after November 10th)

No tickets will be available for purchase after November 16th 2009.
Tickets are limited, so order early. We sold out last year!

If you have special needs (food allergies or handicap accessibility) please contact the banquet director to discuss your requirements.

**For further information contact: Caroline Anderson oadg.banquet@ottawadressage.ca
613-257-2384**

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

TICKET PICKUP AT DOOR, OR MAIL TO ABOVE ADDRESS: **PICKUP** **MAIL**
(Tickets need to be ordered by November 10th for mailing)

	Price Per Ticket	Number of Tickets	Total Cost
Adult Tickets	\$38.00		
Children's Tickets (12 and under)	\$16.00		
Total Cost	*****	*****	

(make cheques payable to O.A.D.G.)

Table Reservation Name: _____

(only ONE member of your party should reserve a table with the form on the reverse, all others only need to register the table name on this form.)

Send Ticket Order form and cheque made payable to O.A.D.G to:

**OADG Banquet
c/o Caroline Anderson
114 Nelson St. E
Carleton Place, On
K7C 1A2**

(Or hand deliver to one of the OADG Directors by November 16th 2009)



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TABLE RESERVATION FORM:

Note that ONLY ONE person in your party needs to register a table. All other people in your party should indicate on the ticket order form which table they wish to be seated at. A table reservation does not guarantee tickets! Tickets must be purchased separately in advance!
(See ticket order form for purchasing deadline!)

There are 8 people to each table. Long tables of 10 people can be accommodated by special request. Please contact the Banquet Director.

Table Reservation Name #1: (stable/person):
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Table Reservation Name #2: (stable/person):
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