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We are well into the first month of the new year and already plans are in the works for a busy and fun year for the members of the Green Country Chapter of the Oklahoma Dressage Society. Your board of directors have mapped out a series of six shows beginning with a “do-over” show in March and wrapping up with a Halloween show in late October. Check out the calendar of events for all the dates. In an effort to make as many shows accessible to all members, we have set three shows for the southerly part of Tulsa and three in the north. It is going to be a busy season!

You will notice as you read the 2008 schooling show prize lists that the GAG tests are omitted. This was done in an effort to streamline the process for year-end awards in the Intro.Division, and to be in closer sync with the recognized show prize lists, as well as the other chapters’ in the state. Please check the guidelines that are posted elsewhere on this website for complete details.

Another important change in the 2008 prize lists is the addition of new age brackets for junior exhibitors. We love our junior riders and are excited that we are seeing so many more at our shows. Due to their increasing numbers, we are offering a separate division for juniors 12 years of age and under and one for those 13 years and over (not to have reached their 18th birthday by December 1 of the membership year). Juniors: get ready, set, and SHOW those horses! ☺

Exhibitors who are vying for schooling show year-end awards will be required to complete and submit a form (see elsewhere on the website) which will list all shows participated in, all tests ridden, and the scores earned. One form will need to be completed for each horse/rider combination per level. Yes, it will require exhibitors to keep up with a little paperwork, but the end result will be less confusion for all involved – exhibitors and the year-end award chairperson. Here’s a suggestion: download the form, make copies for each horse/rider that will be competing; then put the forms in your notebook containing your Coggins tests, etc. After each show, record your scores and other pertinent information. At year’s end, all your information will be neatly compiled and all you’ll have to do is drop it in the mail to Anne and then sit back and wait for that year-end award! Piece of cake! ☺

Watch for the addition of Dressage Trail Horse classes at some of the upcoming shows (the tests are posted here on the GCC website). No doubt these classes will be fun and well-attended. Take a look and plan your strategy!

Lastly, plans are in the offing for a Local Trainers’ Expo coming in early March. We have had good response from several trainers and hope that this can prove to be a productive and educational day for everyone. Details will be forthcoming!

As you can see, 2008 promises to be a busy year for our local dressage community. We hope to see YOU at many of our activities!

-Liz Logan

GCC President