

Green Country Chapter Message from the President – July 08

The weather and the economy continue to be in the forefront of everyone's thoughts and actions this summer. High fuel prices and the wet conditions are believed to be factors for the low attendance at GCC's May and June schooling shows. Attendance was better at the recent Prairie Lane OKE show with show managers reporting a full day of rides.

While all of us are learning to live with high fuel prices and the accompanying rise in so many of our everyday expenses, we must look on the bright side and consider that we in Oklahoma are still better off than those in other parts of the country. And, while the rainy conditions have put a damper on a lot of our activities, we have not experienced the catastrophic flooding that the upper mid-west and other areas have suffered. Yes, we are having to tighten our belts a little and cut back on certain items in order to afford to keep the others, and yes, the incessant rain and muddy conditions have been tedious, but we only must glance at the evening news or the daily newspapers to realize that we still have it pretty good.

So, to everyone: keep your chins up, enjoy your stay-cations, and remember that every day is a good day when you own a horse!

Congratulations are in order for Arkansas GCC member, Ms. Hannah Jay, who is the recent recipient of an Arabian Horse Foundation scholarship. Hannah plans on attending William Woods College, in Fulton, MO, in the fall and the AHF funds will help her be able to take her horse along with her as she works towards a degree in Equestrian Science. Good going, Hannah!

GCC is trying something different for the month of July. We are having a show which will stress having fun while still holding to the basic dressage principles. The fun show is slated for Saturday, July 12, at Patty and Larry Couch's Rocking C Stables in Inola, OK. Complete information is available in the prize list which can be found on the GCC website (greencountrydressage.org) in the calendar section. Tests for the various classes can be found in the resources section of the website. Then, the next day on July 13, Patty and Larry will host a regular GCC- approved schooling show. Details will be available soon on the GCC website. What a weekend for GCC dressage enthusiasts! There really will be something for everyone!

The historic Philbrooke Art Center in Tulsa will be the location for the annual ODS Summer Meeting on Saturday, July 26. Featured speaker will be equine specialist Dr. Charlotte Kin of Edmond, OK. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more details, or contact Anne Kuhns at akuhns@atlasok.com. Despite the ever-present summer heat, July promises to be a busy month here in Green Country. Come out, join us and don't forget your sun-screen!

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