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RMDS President's Message

Now that our short, intense blast of winter appears to be over, hopefully we can all get back to riding and preparing for a full show season! There has been a change to the AA clinic; it will now be with the Amazing Bill McMullin! Bill is a wonderful AA clinician and I am sure everyone that is fortunate enough to ride with him will come away with new skills and understanding.

There have been a few ZOOM meetings provided by different clubs and they have been very well attended! I do hope this continues, as it provided all of us opportunities to expand our knowledge from the comfort of our homes. Please be sure to share your clubs upcoming ZOOM meetings with everyone, not only on the calendar but on the RMDS FaceBook page also. FaceBook posting are free if they are educational. Providing education to our members is our number 1 endeavor.

I want to ask you for any ideas that will make our 50th Anniversary Championships extra special! Please remember that this is YOUR club, without members there would be no club. Don't feel that if you share an idea, you will have to implement it; however, any and all participation is greatly appreciated! The more participation by the members the more benefits the club can provide. The two ideas we have so far are – Celebrate any horse/rider combinations whose age equals 50 (Verena Diaz) and Acknowledge the 10 longest-standing members.

"Fear Kills More Dreams Than Failure Ever Does"

Happy Riding
Dorothy

2020 Award winners – send your payment should you want your awards.

USDF Region 5 March 2021 Message

What a winter our Region has had so far (and truthfully quite a bit of our country!). I hope everyone is staying warm and enjoying as much horse time as you can around some of these odd weather systems. The show season has gearing up a bit down in Arizona and the northern parts will hopefully see some shows starting in May. It will be nice to have a bit more of normal year, though we will still see Covid protocols in place for our USDF/USEF recognized competitions and events.

Fundraising efforts are once again under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 2021 FEI North American Youth Championships. The Championships will be held August 9-15, 2021 at the Great Lakes Equestrian Festival in Travers City, Michigan. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams though thankfully the distance will enable us to drive the horses. We hope we will be able to send 8 riders with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes. In addition to the transportation to the show, there are the expenses of hotel, team uniforms, chef expenses, feed, bedding and oh so much more that they need help with. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at jnclay@comcast.net or 970-420-0877.

If you are interested in competing in NAYC, the application and fee should be turned in to the USDF office by March 16, 2021 in order to avoid stiffer fees. If you apply by March 16th, the fee is only \$50. Applications submitted between March 17th and April 27th are \$100 and the final application deadline is May 11th, but it will cost you \$300 to apply between April 28th and May 11th. Absolutely no applications will be accepted after May 11th. If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, please contact our Nominating Council representative and have your name added to the ballot for Participating Delegate. Please contact Dorothy Kapaun at dorothykapaun@yahoo.com and let her know your interest and she can provide

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If you have any educational event you would like listed on the Region 5 website, please don't hesitate to let me know and we will get it posted!

Till next month!

Heather Petersen

Region 5 Director

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ANNOUNCEMENT – Exciting Opportunity for all RMDS Adult Amateurs!

We have 1 rider spot for the Adult Amateur clinic with the fabulous Bill McMullin on April 17-18, 2021, held at Faith Farms in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Known for being one of the best AA clinicians in the country, we are super excited and thrilled to bring Bill back for 2021. Bill is a USEF 'R' Dressage Judge, a USDF Gold Medalist, and a USDF Certified Instructor and Faculty member. He works with horses and riders from Training Level to Grand Prix.



Rider Selection will be based on level of training, video submission **AND** **stabling**.

- Short video – no more than 6 minutes showing all gaits and movements at that level (**best videos are ridden tests**)
- Upload the video to YouTube and email the link with application to Anclaire Spaulding

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- OPENING Date: now
- CLOSING Date: March 15, 2021

For more information and application contact:

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The ALL-NEW RMDS Magazine is in the mail!

Be on the lookout, we know you are going to love this new format! Many of you should have received it by now. A ton of work went into making this publication wonderful for our membership.



Upcoming Events

Mar 4 - HP Seminar with Jessica Greenstein & Joseph Newcomb: What to Look For in a Amateur Friendly Horse

Mar 11 - RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm

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Mar 21 - AVDA Clinic with Sharron Sarchet

Mar 22 - "Let's Dance" Musical Freestyle with Julie Barringer-Richers

Mar 27-28 - GVDS Gail Hoff Clinic

Apr 3 - Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show

Apr 9 - GVDS Scribe Training 101 with Amber Benson

Apr 9-10 - GVDS Ride-A-Test with Megan Bretey

Apr 10 - Arkansas Valley River Walk Schooling Show

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Remember to Join RMDS so you don't miss out on fun events and important announcements!

From the homepage at rmds.org: if you are brand new to RMDS click join - if you have been a member at any time through the years click log-in.

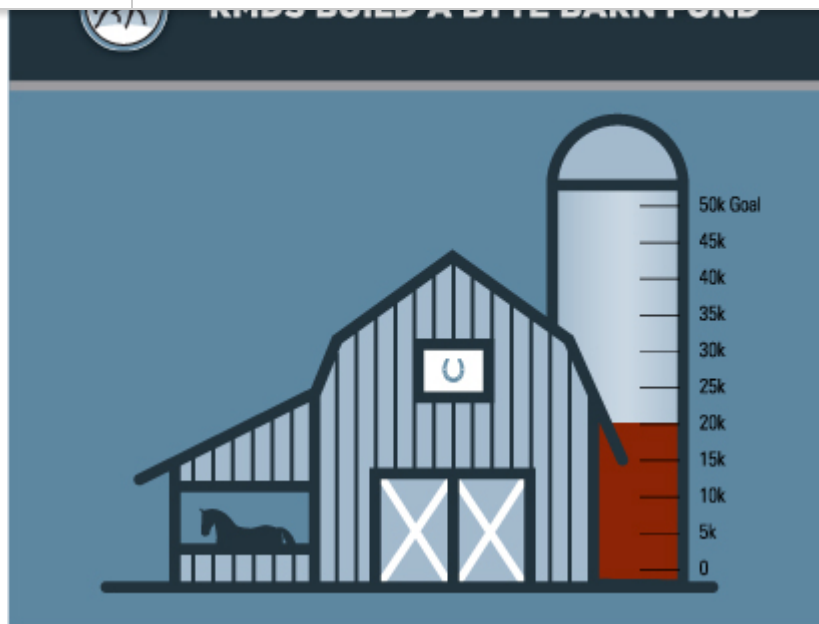
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RMDS had a new database built and website designed. Our previous database was over 30 years old and needed to be revamped in order for our organization to move forward.

Make your tax-deductible donation for 2021! RMDS is a 501(c)3.

We are building a Byte Barn! Donate a Brick Byte:

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