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**BETSY STEINER CLINIC
CANCELLED!**

**USDF INSTRUCTOR
CLINICS STILL OPEN**

*Top-Notch educational opportunities
need your participation and support.
These clinics are open to EVERYONE*

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Early 2005 Shows a Success

Winter Wake-Up Show at Colorado Horse Park

The last day of winter and the first day of spring set the stage for a successful turnout at the first USEF Jr/YR Qualifier in 2005. Marilyn Heath, "S" judge from Florida was primary judge at C, and William Solyntjes served as side judge for the FEI competitions. Both judges generously coached and advised many of our new "L" graduates.

High point Trakehner for the show was Piritta ridden by Loren Kristick with a score of 63.725% in Second Level Test 4, and High Point Arab-1/2 Arab was CP Mercury Bay ridden by Heather Sanders with a score of 65.833% in First Level Test 4.



William Solyntjes (center) "S" judge from Minnesota coaches recent "L" grads at Winter Wake-Up show.

Jr/YR Teams competed, with prizes for the teams donated by local tack vendor, Cheval.

1st - Horsey Heroes: Haley Halasz, Tyler Haney, Shannon Fox and Charlotte Curnutte

2nd - Tempi Tantrums: Nicole Jones-Taylor, Dakota Francis, Lakota Doig and Loren Kristick



Mercedes Devitt on Marge

3rd - Autumn Hill: Greta Barringer-Richers, Carson Grable Reid, Devon Wycoff, and Anastasia Ross-McKirnan

4th - Warmblood Wannabies: Heather Sanders, Brook Santangelo, and Tess Santangelo

It was a fun and educational show - many thanks go to all the volunteers and those who turned out for the numerous activities.

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THOUGHTS

from the President

Hello Again,

It's spring time in the rockies, its starting to warm up, the horses are shedding and best of all it is a little lighter later everday giving us all more time to be outside with our horses.

There are many, many educational activities going on such as clinics, symposiums, seminars, instructor's workshops, and last but not least are the recognized shows.

If you look at USDF by-laws Article 11, Purpose and Objectives Section 2, a) says, To improve the understanding of dressage through educational clinics, forums and seminars and to promote these and any other activities to effect this goal.

RMDS by-laws, Article 11 Purpose and Objectives, A) Purpose (1) it says The purpose of the Society is to promote and encourage a high standard of accomplishment in dressage throughout the Rocky mOuntain area and adjacent regions primarily through educational programs and B Objectives (1) it says To improve the general understanding of dressage by conducting show, educational clinics, forums and seminars and to promote these and other activities to effect this goal.

We are so fortunate here to have the many opportunities that RMDS and the region has to offer in the form of educational activities. We are very proactive in education, and have a strong organization not in just numbers but in the quality of instructors and riders. Keep up the good work. After attending any educational program I always come home with at least one idea or light bulb moment and usually more information that my horse appreciates. For every educational activity that you attend you are that much closer to understanding of dressage.

And on that note RMDS will be donating \$500 to USDF National Education Center in Kentucky Horse Park. The GMOs in Region 5 were asked to purchase a commemorative brick in RMDS name. With the building of the new National Education Center which will serve as USDF headquarters and also house the Dressage Hall of Fame, it will ultimately benefit every dressage rider, trainer, breeder and enthusiast in our country.

In order to continue to offer educational activities, we need participants. The education committee has done an excellent job in scheduling these opportunities but without registration to cover the fees RMDS cannot afford to cover the loss. How embarassing to have a clinic where so few show up.

Susan Selby

RMDS Education

by Leslie Easter

2005 Clinics and Seminars

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW-

OCTOBER 14,15,16 2005

ATTEND AN RMDS SPONSORED RIDING AND CONFORMATION CLINIC WITH TOINE HOEFS AND KATHY CONNELLY!

This clinic will be with Toine Hoefs, a KWPN Breed judge, who has judged at many high profile shows, including the Sporthorse and Breed Show at Dressage at Devon, 2003, AND Kathy Connelly! We are planning a 3 day clinic, where on the first day, Mr. Hoefs will do a conformation clinic, evaluating each horse from the perspective of dressage or jumping, discussing what will be easy/difficult for each specific horse. Then on the second day the horses will be ridden and we'll see if Mr. Hoefs evaluation is correct regarding the under saddle work. Both Toine and Kathy will then offer suggestions as to specific exercises to help the horses in their work! On the third day Kathy will take this into clinics with horse/rider pairs.

DON'T FORGET THE USDF INSTRUCTOR'S WORKSHOPS!

The Instructor Workshops are open to everyone, and we can all learn from these clinics whether we are instructing or not.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Columbine Spring Series 3 on April 23, 2005
has the following changes:
--Susan Selby is the Technical Delegate and
--Tracie Stenzel is the Secretary:
11921 Bear Creek Dr.,
Franktown, CO 80116 (303) 519-5775
Entries sent to K.C. will be delivered to Tracie
Stenzel to process.

WHO IS TOINE HOEFS and WHY IS RMDS SPONSORING A CLINIC WITH HIM?

Toine [pronounced "Twan"] Hoefs is a rider, trainer and breeder of Dutch sport horses in Erp, ederlands. He is also a breed judge for the KWPN in The Netherlands. Recently he has gained notice in the United States through Sport Horse and riding clinics he has given to NEDA, [the New England Dressage Association] and judging Dressage at Devon in 2003. USEF has arranged for him to instruct the USEF Sport Horse Judges Forum at DG Bar Ranch in California this October 18,19, 2005. Toine raised the stallion Juventus, currently owned by and standing at Iron Spring Farm in Pennsylvania. In addition, he raised and owns the 2004 KWPN Stallion Show Champion Uptown, who went on to be first in all 3 categories at the Dutch 70day Stallion testing which ended in November 2004.

RMDS jumped on the opportunity to invite Toine to Colorado on his way to California. Toine will be available on Friday October 14, 2005 to observe horses of all ages and discuss with their owners and the audience what aspects of the horses conformation affect their way of going. Toine will be able to give feedback to owners of young horses on their potential as stallion prospects, performance horses and breeding stock. The day is planned to be highly interactive, with questions from the auditors encouraged as well as from the owners. Toine will also discuss what criteria would be brought to bear for horses looking to be placed in the KWPN registry.

In the course of the presentation of horses in hand, Toine will also work with handlers on how best to present their horses to maximize good aspects and minimize weak points.

Mature horses under saddle will also be observed and discussed. These horses will be discussed from a conformation standpoint on Friday, and then return for a riding session on Saturday, where their conformation issues will be addressed in developing a training plan for each horse, incorporating their conformation, age, performance goals and past history. This section of the clinic will be shared between both Toine and Kathy Connelly. On Sunday, Kathy will continue the riding clinic for each horse, and will discuss as well how long lining and the development of piaffe would influence each horse.

RMDS will be accepting applications for horses in the clinic starting August 10, 2005. A video and questionnaire will be reviewed and applicants selected by Sept 5. Watch the June Centaur for clinic applications. RMDS would like to present a full spectrum of horses from weanlings to Grand Prix, so everyone is eligible to attend!

RMDS and Centaur Information

DRESSAGE TRAINERS/INSTRUCTORS

GROW YOUR BUSINESS!

If you'd like your business posted on the new RMDS Webpage send information to Michael Petersen, 5575 Heatherbrook Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80915, 719-573-0398 or email webmaster@rmds.org (make subject read "Trainer Info"). Include your: name, phone #, address, email address, barn location(s) where you train, if you travel/clinic, your experience/qualifications, what level you train through, what special awards earned (like USDF medals), if you have lesson horses available, and any other specialties.

Cost is only \$50 annually. The website currently averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page, and RMDS receives 25-30 emails a month requesting names of trainers/instructors in the RMDS region. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Mail check to RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301.

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd numbered month. The steering committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of every even numbered month. The Board of Governors meeting is held on the second Saturday of November. Call the Central Office for exact dates.

ADULT AMATEUR

A copy of your USEF Adult Amateur Card must be filed with RMDS each year to update your record with RMDS and to qualify for RMDS A/A year end awards.

RMDS Central Office

Phone number: 720-890-7825
Address: RMDS Central Office
2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301

Contact: Beth Geier, rmds@indra.com, www.rmds.org

Website Contact: Michael Peterson
5575 Heatherbrook Ct,
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
webmaster@rmds.org

NOTE: All competitors should do a score check with the Central Office, especially prior to Awards. Call the Central Office at 720-890-7825 or email rmds@indra.com

SHOW INFORMATION

ALWAYS CALL THE CONTACT, UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ALREADY, AS DATES, TIMES AND PLACES MAY VARY.

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions of events for inclusion in the Centaur calendar need to be received no later than the 5th of the month prior to the month that the item is to run. Please be sure to spell all names (clinicians/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with any questions. Send all calendar items and/or requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months

Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday, Penrose Equestrian Center, Sirloin room, Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or

check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 1st Wednesday – every month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Tina Wright 720-297-5192

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around

Contact: Kelly Schlagel – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month;

CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.; Jennifer Nisbet 970-221-5545

Penrose, 1st Wednesday – every month; Roaming around;

Contact: Sharon Ghilarducci – 719-462-5760

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- 1) Refuse any ad
- 2) Edit the content of the ad
- 3) Limit the number of ads displayed at any one time

Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears on the website. Unless the webmaster is notified in advance (webmaster@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date for the event being advertised has passed. Please limit content of ads to 20 words. Email and website addresses will be displayed as links.

NOVEMBER 2005

12 Board of Governors – High Plains Chapter host

DECEMBER 2005

3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction

Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley 970-248-9594

JANUARY 2006

28 "L" Graduates & Judges Continuing Ed - OPEN

Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2006

11 TD Workshop & Competition Management - OPEN

Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825

APRIL 2006

8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium

Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net

NEWSLETTER NOTES

- The Centaur newsletter is published monthly .
- To guarantee that ads and articles will be run in any given month, they must be received with full payment by the 10th of the month prior to month of publication! i.e. January 10 for February issue.
- If not received by that date, they will be placed in the following edition if not time-sensitive

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Articles: Please send all articles for editorial review to:
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2304 Brianna Ct. Johnstown CO 80534(303) 587-5546

The Centaur appreciates articles submitted by the membership for publication. Please remember – all articles submitted are subject to editorial changes and/or corrections at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Advertisement Production and Mailing Specifications:

- DUE DATE IS 10TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO MONTH OF PUBLICATION i.e. December 10 for January issue
- No Ads will be accepted without full payment.

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Artwork must be provided in electronic format only. The following are acceptable file formats:

- Collected Quark document (all fonts and images included)
- Press Ready PDF
- Adobe Illustrator with type converted to outlines
- Adobe Photoshop 300 dpi jpeg, eps or tiff file

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Please send a printed copy of your ad with your payment to represent your expectation of what the submitted electronic file should look like. These printed copies CANNOT be accepted as final art.

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E-mail electronic ads to Beverly Swanson at bswanson2003@qwest.net

Mail checks and hard copy to:

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Classifieds	\$12 per item for sale	
With picture (digital only)	\$22 per item for sale	
Full Page	\$125.00	7.5" x 9.5"
Inside Back Page	\$175.00	7.5" x 9.5"
Half Page	\$85.00	7.5" x 4.75"
Outside Back Page	\$100.00	7.5" x 4.75"
1/4 Page	\$50.00	3.625" x 4.625"
1/8 Page	\$25.00/issue	3.625" x 2.25"
	\$255.00/year	

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Articles submitted that are considered "advertising" 1/4, 1/2, or full page formats are priced as above with photos included for an additional \$15/each. An editorial fee may be charged at a rate of \$25 per hour if required (by decision of editorial staff). 15% discount on all 1/4, 1/2 and full-page yearly advertising contracts.

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- Individual = \$50 Business = \$75 Lifetime = \$650
 Centaur newsletter only = \$35 (no other benefits)
 After one family member joins as an individual member, others in family may join at \$35 each.

Please include all information for person designated as representative.

All individual members receive the Centaur newsletter and the RMDS Omnibus.

RMDS is a group member organization of United States Dressage Federation and RMDS members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Indicate Local Chapter:

- Boulder Valley Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
 High Plains (Parker, Littleton and Aurora) Colorado Springs
 Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) Western CO (Aspen, Carbondale)
 Penrose (Cañon City) Tri-State (Wyoming, adjacent states)
 Grand Valley (Grand Junction) Renewing member need new binder (\$6)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

County _____ State/Zip _____

Phone (Home) () _____ (e-mail) _____

USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

Type of Membership

- (✓ one) Individual Business Family CENTAUR Only

Total Fees _____ Please remove my name from lists sold by RMDS

Date of Birth _____

Be sure to send a copy of your 2005 Adult Amateur Card from USEF along with this membership form!

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2005 HORSE REGISTRATION FORM

- Horses must be registered with RMDS to be eligible for RMDS year-end awards and for horse-of-the year award.
- To be eligible for year end awards, both owner and rider must be members of RMDS and the horse must be registered with RMDS.
- The name on this horse registration must be the same used on horse show entry forms.
- \$35 for a lifetime registration of horse, \$10 change fee.

Horse Name _____ Sex _____

Breed (if known) _____

Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____

Name of Owner(s) (one owner must be an RMDS member)

Address of Owner _____

Owners Phone (Home) _____ (e-mail) _____

Name of Representative (if owner is a business)

Mail form and check payable to RMDS to:

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Membership renewal is January 1 annually.

Any memberships received after Oct. will be issued for the following year.

USDF INSTRUCTORS' WORKSHOPS

Tammy Parsons-USDF 859-271-7878

	Beginner (Training-2nd)	Advanced (3rd-4th)
Riding/Training	April 2-3-Sarah Geikie Phantom Hill-Rae Ann Curtis 7808 S Lemay Ave Ft Collins 80525 970-225-1408	April 9-10-Lilo Fore Sun Prairie-Simone Ahern 13925 E Hwy 24 Peyton 80831 719-749-9274
Longeing	April 23-24-Debbie Bowman Pendragon Stud 5005 Lorraine Road Larkspur, CO 80118 303-688-4871	
Teaching	July 9-10-Cindy Sydnor Mt Magic Sport Horses Nancy Chesney 5351 Tall Horse Trail Sedalia, CO 80135 303-681-2516	Aug 13-14-Rachel Saavedra Chatellen Jill Cantor Lee 8612 Weld County Road 74 Windsor 80550
Pre-Cert	Early Spring 2006	Sept 17-18-Debbie McDonald Canon Ridge-Debbie Cranston 2940 Canon Ridge- Castle Rock 80104 303-663-1384
Final Testing	Spring 2006	Sept 30, Oct 1-2 Need date approval from USDF

There will be 8 participating instructors, 4 participating auditors who will be able to ask questions, but will not actually do any teaching, riding etc, and there will be silent auditors (unlimited).

Participating instructors	\$350 per session
Participating auditors	\$100 per day
Silent auditors	\$30 per day
Pre-certification session	\$400 (no auditors)

For more details, call Pam Geier 303-673-9840 and/or check the USDF website.

Reservations will be necessary. Please be clear as to which level you are attending and which dates. Please make your reservation today by sending your check. Remember, it is first come first serve.

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