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IMPORTANT!!

As of March 7, a new RMDS show entry form has been placed on the RMDS website and is in this issue.

This form must now be used for all competitions. It is labeled as "April 1, 2006" in the upper right corner. Please make sure you're using the new form to enter competitions. Discard the entry form you received in your Omnibus - it is not USEF rule compliant."

The Breeding Adventure Continues

by Kathy Simard

Feeling a bit of peace knowing Jan was on her way, I wondered who the second vet would be. I liked the vet who was treating Ria, but did not know her well. I hoped the second opinion would be someone I knew. As Ria and I walked, I saw a familiar vet truck pull in. It was a vet that Jan and I have a working relationship with. When he saw me, he began to ask questions. He was used to me being able to rattle off answers about the condition of horses in my care. I simply said "I'm sorry. I don't know. I've been too upset," and began to cry again.

We brought Ria to a stall. The vets conferred. They palpated Ria and the second vet was sure he was feeling a hoof and not a hock. The first vet then palpated Ria again and was relieved to feel that everything felt better. There was definitely more room for the foal. Apparently, one of Ria's crashes to her knees on the driveway was enough force to jolt the baby into a better position. Both vets decided to pursue a treatment for colic to hopefully save Ria and the foal. Jan arrived during this time to the first good news of the day. Ria was hooked up to IV fluids, given some Banamine and her vitals were charted. Ria's heart rate was quite high and she required pain meds every half hour.

Jan left to run some errands and get some dinner for both of us. I called the insurance company and tried to take a breath. Other horses came and went while I was there including two other colic cases. I sat outside Ria's stall holding her lead rope in case of any violent attacks causing thrashing and possible disconnection of the IV line. At 4:45PM she urinated, passed some gas, and did a few cat like stretches. This seemed to help her pain. Ria had gone a total of six hours without gut sounds. There was now a slight pinging noise. When Jan returned, she could see Ria was doing better. The vet was still concerned about Ria's pain level as her heart rate continued to be high. Ria began to act hungry and her gut sounds were returning to normal. She was on her tenth bag of fluid when Jan and I left at 8PM. Ria would be monitored all night and a Friesian stallion who was also there for colic would be her stable companion.

We don't know why this happened. It could be that the foal was active and wedged itself in a place to block Ria's gastrointestinal function. Ria may have had a gas colic that forced the foal into a bad position. We will never know.

Ria made it through the night. Unfortunately, her barn companion did not. Ria's heart rate had elevated to 72 again for no apparent reason. Possibly the loss of the other horse stressed her. She was still on IV fluids, but they were going to take her off briefly to put her in a paddock while they cleaned her stall. Luckily, the weather was good and getting Ria into the sunshine

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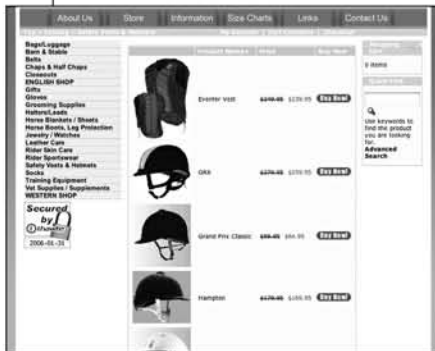
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Thoughts

from the President

As I write this, we're putting the finishing touches on the RMDS March Winter Wake-Up and when you read this, the show will be long gone and over with. We're having a very nice turnout and we hope it will be a wonderful year!

Having battled the last two days with our lovely satellite internet connection, it makes me realize how dependant I've become on the World Wide Web world and all that I use it for, especially when it comes to horses and horse shows. Where would we be without it!?! I had written a completely different letter for this month, but after trying to send it unsuccessfully to Beverly for 2 days, I decided to address the source of my current frustration...

While I'm completely at a loss without my internet, it's only because it's become so valuable to myself and the rest of the dressage community. You can now log on to USDF or USEF at any time and reprint those lost membership cards for you and your horse or horses. You can renew and register yourself or your horse at any time of the day online. Yearend awards standing are available in a timely manner at www.usdf.org, so you can see how you stand at any point in time during your competition season. And that's just at the national level and just for the competitor! Show managers can verify online any USDF or USEF horse, rider, owner or trainer membership with just the click of a button, we can look up competition official contact info, check the most updated version of the rule book at www.usef.org, or grab almost any form we could possibly need, and believe me, we need a ton just to run a one ring show!

But it's just the beginning! RMDS is taking the big leap and starting to introduce to our membership several new web site updates. In 2005 RMDS won the USDF website award for GMOs with a membership of 500 people or more and it was just the start. The 2 RMDS shows, RMDS Winter Wake-Up and RMDS Championships feature up-to-date online ride times, realtime scoring (if internet is available at the facility), color coded placings and more! We are also introducing an online score check feature that will enable a rider or owner to log in and check the scores of their horses within a couple of weeks of the end of each show. You will be able to see your current awards standings if you like - it's an option to choose, so if you don't want to know, you don't have to check the box to see the ranking. This will help you make sure the scores are correct, that you're in the correct division (AA, JR/YR, Open), and that the horse information is accurate also.

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The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



The Centaur was the first time in my journalism career that I stepped up into an editorial position. After doing this job for over a year, I have realized most RMDS members have no idea what it takes to produce the Centaur. In this month's letter from the editor I

will cover what an editor faces every month and the challenges that come up.

While earning a journalism degree at Colorado State University, I was required to take a course on journalism law or basically how the Supreme Court has ruled on the First Amendment. Why does this pertain to the Centaur? While I always do my best to not change a writer's "voice" in an article, often times I am faced with editing in a short amount of time. This often means that I do not send back an edited article unless requested. While a newspaper like the "Denver Post" has a lawyer on staff to advise on articles, I must make the decision myself as to whether or not an article has given an opinion which could offend RMDS Members or misrepresent RMDS. I am lucky to have the Centaur publisher Beverly Swanson to bounce edits off of. As with anything even the best of intentions don't always go the way I anticipated. I do my best to exercise RMDS Member's freedom of speech by printing letters to the editor and opening up discussions or corrections from RMDS members. The only letters I do not publish or

respond to are those that are condescending and rude. Yes, we do get a few of those from time to time.

After Beverly and I decide which articles to publish, we must next decide which one should be our cover story. Sometimes this is straightforward, but often we have several excellent articles to choose from. This means articles can be put on hold until the next issue. If you submit an article and do not see it in print, don't worry it will most likely be published in the next issue. Writers are encouraged to ask for confirmation that we received your article-especially if you are submitting chapter news!

While I sit down and begin my letter from the editor, Beverly begins to lay out the issue. I am thankful I do not have her job as she must figure out how to fit everything in like a jigsaw puzzle. This is extremely time consuming. Sometimes this means I go back to an article and reduce the content. This is because the Centaur can not just add one page. We have to add 4 pages at a time! Once the rough draft of the Centaur is finished, Beverly sends it out to RMDS President Heather Peterson, Beth Geier, and myself. We look it over to make sure we did not miss anything. This is our final chance to catch any mistakes. Then, Beverly takes it to the printer and we breathe a sigh of relief. That is until the 10th of the month rolls around again.

Happy reading, writing,
and riding!

Kathleen

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor.

Thank you for printing "Too Fat to Ride." I am fat, there I said it. Want some credentials? I have it written on a second level test... with an attempt at some kind of humor, I would say that when judges behave like ex-husbands, I think it reflects poorly-- on them.

I think this article is written with an honest heart, it is thoughtful and responsible. In her editor's column, Kathleen calls prejudice by its name, and offers no denial. I appreciate this and I agree that fat is the last politically correct prejudice. A few years back, a friend of mine took a great video of me and my horse doing a third level test. The sound is on and I can hear two women in the background complaining about my size (until my friend clears her throat loud enough to stop them.) It is a prejudice that riders, trainers, and judges can all share. More than that, it is simply unkind.

Horses are the passion we all have and the practice of dressage is the most fulfilling equine sport for me. We live at a time of great political divisiveness and eco-

nomie challenge, owning horses is a big commitment for most of us. Can't we all agree that everyone is a serious rider, deserving respect? Those of us with the scarlet 'F' on our foreheads hear enough about it from the culture in general.

I am willing to admit that I am too fat to ride in the Olympics. But on the other hand, I don't notice too many RMDS members qualifying for them in general. Maybe we have more in common that we think. Body image is a challenge for most women I know and if being thin was all it took to ride well, the world would be a different place. The bottom line is that we all participate by choice, and rudeness shown by trainers, judges, or each other should not be tolerated by any of us. We are all demeaned by it.

The Dressage community is famous for being elite and exclusive. I have an issue with this. I do not want the Art of Dressage simplified or made easy. I think the changes needed are in us. I believe that organizations

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Letters to the Editor...cont. from pg 4

by Simone Wendeler

should put forth the best ideals, demonstrate integrity, and be inclusive and welcoming to all.

I remain positive. I have been grateful and fortunate to work with trainers who respected me and my horses, and have always had the support of good friends. This year I turned professional. I have a small group of students who all have a dressage horror story of one kind or another. No whining, it is a demanding sport. I doubt you will see us competing at World Cup. But you can see us laughing, complimenting each other, and loving our horses. We are learning to make the best of our horse addiction. We vote for a kinder Dressage world.

*Anna Blake
Fat Past President
High Plains Chapter*

The following letters are in response to the L Continuing Education from Simone Windeler last month.

Dear Simone,

Editing articles is always tough, especially when one needs to be cut down to fit in the space available. I chose to cut out the names of the horses, owners, and riders because we needed the article to fit on one page. I also chose to cut out the names because my experience in the Journalism world is that having each name can cause it's own problems. Have you double checked the spelling of each horse, rider, and owner? Have you double checked that the rider and owner is matched up with the correct horse? Have you double checked that we did not by accident miss a horse and rider? Have you asked Margaret Thompson if it is okay to thank her for showing us the incorrect gaits? I have found by experience that screwing up a name is probably one of the worst things that can be done! The person whose name is misspelled won't notice that we are thanking them, they will just notice that we didn't take the time to double check spelling. These are just a few of the things I go over for each individual article and this is part of the editor's job. I also make sure that each article is checked for grammar, spelling, etc. When we have a deadline to meet I make the decision I feel is the best even if it means cutting out parts of an article. I also made sure with your article that the demo riders and horses were thanked, just not by individual name. Thank you again for your contribution to the Centaur.

Best regards, Kathleen

Centaur Editor

Dear Kathleen:

Thank you for your explanation. I agree - a misspelled name is worse than no name at all. The names were

given to me by Dolly Hannon and I am reasonably sure they are correct - especially since I ran the article by her as well before it went to you. I still feel that the names are important since all the demo riders and owners of those horses went out of their way to make sure we had some horses to watch and judge. I understand you prefer one page, but other articles run longer as well. Besides the fact that we are missing four pages in this edition, I noticed that two "in-house" ads ran twice, the RMDS Bridle tags on page 23 and 26 as well as the Show managers / secretaries book on page 25 and 26. Surely, there would have been adequate space to run the names if those ads had only shown up once. I understand that any article submitted is subject to editorial changes as stated in the Centaur. However if the meaning of the article is changed - then I would think it common courtesy to at least inform the author that you intend to do so. After all it is still the name of the author under the article. In this case you took out a very important sentence. "/*Just to make it clear. Judging is of course not a mathematical formula but this methodology helps to be fair and equal to all competitors."*/ I strongly feel that it changes the gist of my article to take it out. I did bring up my concern at the last meeting and the board agrees. If you wish for more content and hope that the membership writes articles, they need to be reasonably sure that the printed article reflects what they wrote. Thank you.

Best, Simone Windeler

Many thanks go to all the demo riders, horses and their respective owners.

We had the pleasure of watching Chloe, ridden by Lisa Cole and owned by Mrs. Cole. Chloe is a Tennessee Walker and demonstrated lateral walk for us. We also watched Harley, ridden by Brittany Alexander and owned by Mrs. Cole. Harley is a Quarter horse and showed us some 4-beat canter. We are grateful to Margaret Thompson, a trainer at Table Mountain Ranch, who provided these special horses and riders and allowed us to see some of the things that we actually hope not to see as judges.

We saw Xanadu, ridden and owned by Jan Wingate. Kosse, ridden by Tina Wright, owned by Anna Jensen. Frisbee, ridden and owned by Rosie Capps. Reggie, ridden by Diane Fassel, owned by Paulann Balch. Sjouke, ridden and owned by Paulann Balch. Ruxpin, ridden by Christian Hawley, owned by Susan Kraklauer. Warber, ridden by Tina Wright, owned by J.R. Blumenthal. Orlando, ridden and owned by Jan Wingate. Phamous, ridden and owned by Susanne Shipley. Chicho, ridden by Tina Wright, owned by Kathy Johnson. Ricky, ridden and owned by Maureen Yaskanin. Viggo, ridden and owned by Barbara Gardner.

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Breeding March Madness...*from cover*

and fresh air could do nothing but help. By evening, her heart rate was holding at 60 and she was eating steadily. The baby was active in the womb and it looked like both would pull through. March 5th, my birthday, I got the gift of bringing a pregnant Ria back to the breeding facility. Everyone there was happy to see us. The vet was there for routine palpations and she greeted me with a big hug. Ria went in a shed run next to one of the mares she had been with in the pasture. I knew all was well when I saw the buckskin hair of this horse on her nose. She was happy to be back and grooming her friend in the sun. Ria was put on Regumate to help her carry the foal to term.

On March 12th Ria was bagging up and moved to a foaling stall. She was taken off the Regumate. On March 14th she waxed up. It looked like we might soon have a foal. At 9PM, I received a call that Ria was settling in and ready to foal. It was snowing and the streets were bad, but I wanted to be there. I arrived at 10PM. No foal yet. We watched from another room on closed circuit TV. The hours continued to pass. I kept looking at the TV screen begging Ria to just give in, lay down, and have her baby. At about 1:30 in the morning Ria's water broke. It took a few minutes for Ria to lay down, but she eventually did and began to push. When we walked into the barn area Ria's grunts filled the air. Ria tried to get up to see her foal about half way through the birth. The breeding staff skillfully got her back down and she finished delivery, but was up again right away. She nickered at him and began to lick him. She was totally in love with her baby. The staff was worried because she had gotten up so fast, but Ria laid down again for another minute to rest. Then she was up and nuzzling and nickering at her son. He started to struggle to his feet almost immediately. Ria was restless, so the breeding manager helped him stand before Ria accidentally stepped on him. He staggered around a bit which seemed to worry Ria, but he was a big healthy colt. He had a strong suckling reflex, but given his size he had trouble figuring out how to nurse. The staff told me not to worry so I left at about 2:30 to let Ria and her colt bond. When I called the next morning, they said he had nursed at about 4:30AM and was eating regularly.

It turns out Ria overwhelmed her son with love. When my husband and I went to see him that afternoon he was very lethargic. Ria seemed afraid of letting him lay down to sleep. She would nudge and bump him around with her nose until he got up again. The colt began to act like he had a belly ache. An enema did nothing to relieve his discomfort and the vet was called.

After all we had already been through, I did not think I could take another crisis. The vet was busy with another call and it would be a few hours before she

could arrive. The breeding manager said he would keep an eye on things and my husband coaxed me to leave the barn instead of worrying outside the stall. When we got back to the barn, the vet had finished her exam. The colt's vitals were normal and he had nursed. She left some Ace with the manager. If Ria did not calm down at the end of the day, she was to get a cocktail so the colt could sleep. The next morning Ria and her colt were doing better. The dose of Ace was not needed. However, the vet had been there in the morning and thought the colt looked like he had a belly ache again. She gave him some Gastroguard to be safe. The cause may have been the meds Ria had during her colic or it could have been difficulty digesting the first milk. It also could have been a combination of the two and Ria's unwillingness to let him sleep. Jan and I went to see him midday and they were in a stall with a run. Ria was calm but protective. Her colt was exploring a little bit and enjoying being alive. I named him Celtic Knight as it needed to be a "C" name to follow his fathers lineage and because he had proved to be a very strong fighter.

NCDA CHAPTER NEWS

NCDA sponsored its annual Spring Dressage Schooling Show series. The first two shows were well received. The final show is Sunday, April 2 at the Fort Collins Equestrian Center. The show contact is Sherry Jefcoat (970) 530-0772

It is three months until the NCDA Rocky Mountain Classic. We still need lots of volunteers to have a successful show. If you are competing in the show, consider helping set up the arena late Friday afternoon or cleaning up after the show Sunday afternoon (It is fast and doesn't take very long with many hands). Sue McCarty has again agreed to be the Volunteer Coordinator. Call Jane at 669-5775 or email denny20@msn.com. Joan Clay can be reached at 420-0887. Just think of the nice colorful NCDA T-shirt that you will get!!

The NCDA Rocky Mountain Classic will again be awarding the American Trakehner Association Dressage High-Point Award Ribbon to the highest percent riding test score achieved by an ATA registered horse at training or above in a USDF judged and recognized class. Freestyles classes are not eligible. Please send a copy of your horse's ATA registration papers with your entry. Note: Anglo-Arab and Part-Trakehners are eligible if ATA registered.

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USDF "L"	Learner (not a judge)	Training-Second	USEF "S"	Senior	All Levels
USEF "I"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
USEF "R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	FEI "O"	Olympic	All Levels

JUDGES	FEI "I"	USEF "S"	USEF "R"	USEF "r"	USDF 'L' Graduate
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CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION
see calendar for details

If you have a clinician coming to your barn, please list it on the RMDS calendar and we will include it on our clinician list!

Paul Belasik
Janet Brown Foy
Stephen Kiesewetter
Steffen Peters
Ralf Schmitzer
Kristi Wysocki & Matt Davis

Chapter News

Foothills Chapter News

Ride-A-Test - Saturday, April 22, with 'S' judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, at Table Mtn. Ranch. See p. 20 of the March *Centaur* for entry form, or contact Christian Hawley at ilovefirmus@yahoo.com to sign up.

New Scholarship Program! Our Scholarship Committee is excited to announce a new Scholarship Program just for Chapter members; see details on Foothills Chapter web site. **Applications due May 1.**

5 New Videos Are Here! The Chapter video library is located at Table Mtn. Ranch. View video selection at our website.

Summer Fun RMDS Show Reminder - The Foothills Chapter RMDS show is August 12 at Table Mtn. Ranch.

We want and need your participation! Please attend our monthly meetings (2nd Weds. of each month, 7:00 pm at Table Mtn. Ranch) to help make Foothills a vibrant and strong chapter.

Visit our updated Website www.foothillsdressage.org.



2006 High Plains Chapter

Take some time to look in this months *Centaur* for information about our exciting "Derby Day" schooling show on May 6th. We are also planning a June schooling show. Watch for more info in upcoming newsletters.

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

April meeting: April 17th at 6:30 pm at Bennigans, 9220 S. Yosemite (south of Park Meadows mall- south of C-470)

May meeting: May 15th, 6:30 pm, Warhorse Restaurant on Main Street in Parker

We are still working on future plans for the chapter and would love more ideas. Stop by a meeting or contact Alex Curnutte, curnuttes@msn.com 303-906-7083

USDF IS MOVING! AS OF APRIL 3, USDF'S NEW ADDRESS WILL BE 4051 IRON WORKS PARKWAY, LEXINGTON, KY 40511. PHONE AND FAX NUMBERS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.



COLORADO SPRINGS DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
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May 18 & 19 CSDA will conduct a clinic for riders with disabilities with Paralympic Coach, Jerry Schwartz. This clinic will prepare the riders and horses for their competition on Saturday. Auditing is FREE and we encourage riders and instructors who have ever had to work with a physical or mental problem riding to attend. There will be time allowed for auditors to ask questions.

This show will run simultaneously with the USEF Dressage At The Peak Show, May 20 & 21. The Peak Show got a Superior rating last year for footing, so come and experience a truly unique show! We will also be having our Evening Under The Lights on Saturday night.

Please take a minute and see if you can help with any of the following:

We need appropriate Horses for the riders who can not bring their own and need to borrow one. Walk/trot thru Second level. If you think you may have that special horse, please don't hesitate to call for more information.

We need Volunteers!!! There are many different areas to get involved as a volunteer. Rider helpers, horse helpers, stable helpers, office helpers, etc. We can't do this without you!

We need Host Housing for riders coming from out of town. So please consider offering that spare bed, bedroom, or camper.

We need Sponsors!!! If you can not be a sponsor, then maybe someone or some company you know would like to get involved. We are trying to cover as many expenses as possible, so the riders can afford to attend. Sponsorship packages and advertising rates Can be downloaded from our website: csdressage.org

We need your help now!

Please contact Heather Petersen slush@drgw.net (719) 683-8435

Or Jane McBride mcbride@pcisvs.net (719) 598-4496

2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

APRIL 2006

- 1 **CSDA Schooling Show – Penrose Stadium**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 2 **CSDA Show Series #2 – Penrose Stadium-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 2 **NCD A Schooling Show-Ft Collins Equestrian Center**
Contact Sherry Jefcoat 970-530-0772
- 6 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic – Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 8-9 **Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium – Penrose Stadium**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 11 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 15 **Columbine Spring Series #3-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 20-23 **Ralf Schmitzer Clinic-Elizabeth**
Contact Petra 303-646-9530
- 20 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic – Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 22 **Foothills Annual Ride-A-Test - Table Mountain Ranch**
Contact Christian Hawley 303-669-6888 ilovefirmus@yahoo.com22
- 23 **Boulder Valley Spring FLING – Singletree-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 21-23 **USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING Training-4th Level - Penrose Stadium**
RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
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- 21-22 **Kathleen Raine Clinic – Berthoud**
Contact Stephanie Leahey 720-984-5301
- 22-23 **Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic – Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 23 **Kelly O’Leary Clinic-Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 25 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 27-30 **Ralf Schmitzer Clinic-Colorado Springs**
Contact Petra 303-646-9530
- 29-30 **Columbine Dressage Show #1-Littleton-USEF**
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

MAY 2006

- 7 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1 – Autumn Hill-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 11 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 12 **Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #1 – Gr. Jct – USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 13 **Dressage for the Cure – Cottonwood Riding Club – Littleton – RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 13 -14 **Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #2 – Gr. Jct – USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com

- 16 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 19-21 **Christianne Borchet Clinic – Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 20 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic – Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 20-21 **Dressage at the Peak – Penrose Stadium-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 20-21 **Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com
- 26 **Dressage in the Plains I-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 **Dressage in the Plains II-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 **Dalwhinnie Dressage Show-Ridgway-USEF-YR Qualifier**
Contact Veronica Holt 303-646-3829 veronicaholt@comcast.net
- 28 **Tai Chi for Equestrians Clinic-Urban Farm-Denver**
Contact Christy Landwehr 720-857-6160 landwehr8@msn.com
- 30 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

JUNE 2006

- 2 **Dressage at High Prairie #1– Colorado Horse Park – Parker – USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3 **Dressage at High Prairie #2– Colorado Horse Park – Parker – USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 4 **Dressage at High Prairie #3 – Colorado Horse Park – Parker – USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3-4 **USDF “L” D2 Session – Dressage at High Prairie – Marilyn Heath**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 3-4 **Creekside Dressage – Huntley, MT USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280 crkside@nemontel.net
- 10-11 **NCD A Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic – Cheyenne, WY-USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 denny20@msn.com
- 10-11 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show – Lehi, UT – USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 13 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 13-15 **Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic – Ft Collins**
Contact Liz Schump 970-674-3026
- 16-18 **Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic – Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 17-18 **Black Hills Dressage Show-Rapid City,SD-USEF**
Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rap.midco.net
- 17-18 **Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF**
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 22 **Janet Foy Clinic -Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 24-25 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival – Longmont – USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 27 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

- 30 **Dressage at the Peak II Warm up- Penrose Stad.-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

JULY 2006

- 1-2 **Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show- Penrose Stadium-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 9 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2 - Autumn Hill, Longmont -RMDS**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 11 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 13 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 14 **Rocky Mountain Iberian All Breeds Dressage Show-Castle Rock-RMDS**
Contact Kris Garrett 303-841-2875 temerarioVII@aol.com
- 15 **Twin Peaks Dressage #1 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF**
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net
- 16 **Twin Peaks Dressage #2 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF**
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net
- 15-16 **Tri State Summer Dressage Show-Riverton,WY-USEF**
Denise Denhardt 307-332-4722 happyhalfhalts@hotmail.com
- 21-23 **Autumn Hill Summer Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 25 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 27 **Janet Foy Clinic -Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 atricia@parfaitranch.com
- 29 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #1 - Larkspur -**
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147
- 30 **Kristi Wysocki/Matt Davis Clinic-Crooked Willow**
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AUGUST 2006

- 4 **Dressage in Rockies #1- Colo Horse Park-Parker - USEF**
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- 5 **Dressage in Rockies #2- Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 6 **Dressage in Rockies #3 - Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 5-6 **USDF "L" Final - Dressage in the Rockies - Marilyn Heath, Lois Yukins**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 5-6 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Club Dressage Show-Cheyenne,WY-USEF**
Contact: Rowena Heckert 307-632-4151
- 7-9 **Christianne Borchet Clinic - Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 11-12 **Christianne Borchet Clinic - Ft Collins**
Contact Liz Schump 970-674-3026

- 12 **Foothills Chapter Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**
Contact Susan Kracklauer 303-421-3511
- 13 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3 - Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 15 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 26 **CSDA Schooling Show - Aspen Ridge**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 26 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1-Bluffdale, UT USEF**
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 27 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2- Bluffdale, UT USEF**
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 27 **Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show- Aspen Ridge**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 29 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 2006

- 2 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer - Somerset Farm-Longmont-RMDS**
Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 2 **Grand Valley Fall Show - Grand Junction - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 3 **GVDS Western Slope Championships and Open Show - Grand Junction - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 9 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #2 - Larkspur -**
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147
- 10 **Table Mountain Ranch Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**
Contact Peg Cannell 303-279-4546 cannell747@aol.com
- 14 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 19 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 21 **2006 Cosequin/Breeders Champ & RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 22-24 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

OCTOBER 2006

- 3 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 6-8 **Region V Championships - Expo Albuquerque, NM**
Contact Donald Simpson 505-550-6735 dsimpson62@aol.com
- 7-8 **Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com
- 17 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 20-22 **Christianne Borchet Clinic - Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148

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If you'd like your business posted on the new RMDS Webpage send information to Michael Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831, 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.

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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 Petersen
12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831
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, 2nd Monday – even months

Claudia Barkmeier 303-417-1675 cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday – location TBD

Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday – every other month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Kathy Johnson 303-494-0905

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

Contact: Kelly Schlager – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Alexander Cumutte 303-663-0358 cumutt@msn.com
Northern Colorado, 3rd Tuesday – every month; Location

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- \$35 for a lifetime registration of horse, \$10 change fee.

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Are you ready for Ponies?

by Veronica Holt

Ponies in Dressage Competition (see GR Chapter 5, DR119.1 and DR134) - Dressage classes are open to professional and amateur riders on horses, mules and/or ponies of any origin, except that ponies or mules may not be ridden in USEF High Performance Championships, USEF High Performance qualifying and selection trials, and observation classes. Any dressage competition may offer classes and/or divisions of dressage tests, or classes and/or divisions of Dressage Sport Horse Breeding which are restricted to ponies.

- * Class or division that is restricted to ponies (example: training level test 1, ponies). Rider can be any age.
- * FEI Pony Tests, (Preliminary, Team, Individual and Freestyle). Riders must be 12-16 years old.
- * A dressage pony must be 148 centimeters without shoes, or 149 with shoes.
- * Great American/USEF Qualifying scores cannot be from restricted Pony class/divisions.
- * There are (as yet) no national dressage pony awards. Scores from FEI Pony Tests can be used for Second Level Junior/YR Championship classes.
- * Many local organizations and clubs are starting to offer pony classes, and in some instances, end of the year pony awards.

UNAVOIDABLE PONY FACTS

- * Until the pony is eight years old, it may be required to have an annual measurement and between the ages of three and seven would receive a Temporary Measurement Certificate. Once eight years old, a Standard Measurement Certificate can be issued.
- * A pony does not need to be measured if it already holds a USEF or FEI Measurement Certificate or is, at the discretion of management and officials, significantly under the maximum height. Another discipline's card is OK because the maximum height allowed by those disciplines is smaller than the international dressage height. 148 cm converts to 14.21/4 hands. A judge can question the height of the pony. If it doesn't have a card it will have to be measured. A Certificate from a Pony Breed Organization is not permitted as it is based on the pony breed, not the measurement.
- * A "Competition-Only" measurement can be issued if the pony measures under the maximum height and (a) the owner could not produce a previously issued Standard or Temporary certificate; (b) a suitable measuring surface was not available; (c) the required combination of USEF officials was not present.
- * The owner must be an active Senior or Junior member with USEF
- * Measurements must take place at a USEF Recognized competition where the horse/pony is entered to compete.

- * A USEF approved metric measurement stick must be used.
- * If a competition offers an FEI test of choice they must be prepared to accept an FEI Pony test entry. If the entry is not accompanied by a Standard or Temporary Measurement Certificate, management must make arrangements to measure the pony (unless it is tiny).



Crocodile Dundee & Owner Sheila Aud

WHO CAN MEASURE?

During the RMDS technical delegate clinic in February, considerable time was spent on pony measurement. After covering all the somewhat complex facts and procedures, we took our sticks outside to measure our willing candidate, Crocodile Dundee. Compared with some of the "squirrely" ponies we were tested on for our USEF certifications, Dundee was a star. Of course I am biased, as I grew up in Dundee,

Scotland! Many thanks to Sheila Aud for helping us and making this live measurement testing a success. All USEF technical delegates are now eligible to measure. However, only a handful of those are certified (having been tested on measurement techniques using live ponies, and technical/paperwork requirements).

THE MEASUREMENT

- * The pony must be entered in the show.
- * Prior to any measurement, the pony must be jogged for soundness. Animals showing evidence of lameness are not eligible for measurement or re-measurement.
- * It is the responsibility of the owner to be sure that the pony is handled correctly, accustomed to the application of the measurement stick, and correctly presented (with or without shoes) in a halter. Practice at home.
- * A suitable measurement surface should be flat and level, preferably concrete or asphalt. Plywood is not allowed.
- * Management is responsible for providing the measuring stick. Many technical delegates have their own stick; USEF and USDF have a few that they will loan.

At **RMDS ONLY** shows, **RMDS TDs** can issue pony cards to qualify the Pony for **RMDS Yearend Awards** and **RMDS Pony Championships**. If the pony shows at RMDS Championships or any other USEF recognized show, it will need to be re-measured by a USEF TD.

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FEBRUARY 2007

- 3-4 USDF 'L' Program-Session A-Lois Yukins**
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- 10-11 USDF 'L' Program-Session B-Janet Foy**
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JUNE 2007

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SEPTEMBER 2007

- 26-30 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open
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RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show
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OCTOBER 2007

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- Bottom: Tyler Haney & Phoenix



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President's Letter...

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So, while the world is inventing all sorts of wonderful technical things I'm coming to depend on, I'm dealing with a not so hot internet situation! If only I hadn't moved to the middle of somewhere that has no realistic service capabilities :) What I've listed doesn't even touch the amount of email I'm sending on a daily basis too - those of you who know me, the best general way of contacting me is by the addictive email method...

Please make use of the many valuable tools the internet has to offer in terms of resources and simplistic solutions. It definitely will help make the dressage world a little easier to navigate and it will open up some avenues you may not have known existed.

Until May!
Heather



USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

Last year Region 5 won the Bronze team and individual medals at the North American Young Rider Championships, our region's first medals in this prestigious event. Our Bronze winning team included Megan Gregg, Tyler Haney, Leigh Romano and Anna Wood. Anna Wood was also awarded the Individual Bronze Medal. We have twelve riders who have declared for the team this year, and the top four will represent our region at the championships.

This year, along with the traditional FEI North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC), the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, will host the inaugural FEI North American Junior Championships for Dressage (NAJC), August 1-6, 2006.

The two FEI dressage championships are comprised of dressage young riders competing at the FEI Young Rider Level (equivalent to Prix St. Georges), and juniors competing at the FEI Junior Level (equivalent to Fourth Level). Each USDF region will be given an opportunity to field a team of up to four juniors and a team of up to four young riders.

Last year we raised \$16,000 to help pay the expenses for our team, the largest portion is the transportation of team horses to Virginia. If we also have a Junior team, our shipping expense will double. We need your help raising money for the teams. Please contact our coordi-

nators, Susan Gregg sgregg77@msn.com or Tracy Roenick, tracyroenick@cox.net if you would like to help. Donations to USDF Region 5 are tax deductible as per provisions of a 501c3.

The next USDF Convention and Symposium will be in Kansas City, MO on November 28-December 1. Our region needs seven Participating Member delegates for the convention, and this is also the year odd numbered regions need to elect a member to the Youth Executive Board. The deadline to nominate someone (or yourself) to either of these positions is April 15. This is your opportunity to have an impact on the decisions made at the Board of Governors meeting. I would like to have at least one nominee from each state. For more information contact our Nominating coordinator, Joyce Sanford, azjoyce@comcast.net or 520-877-8000 More information is available at <http://www.usdf.org/about-us/governance/nominating/index.asp>

Happy Riding! Keep on having fun with your horses.

Theresa Hunt

Region 5 Director

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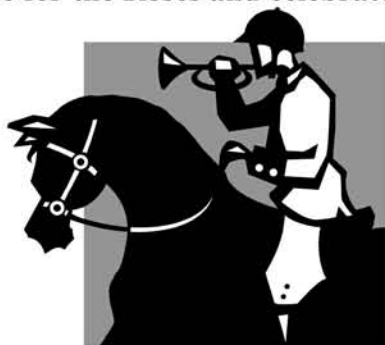
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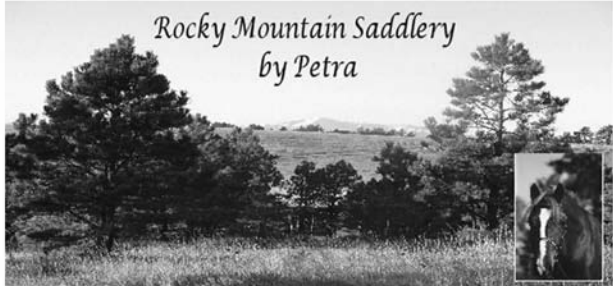
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- Feb 3-4 USDF "L" Session A – Lois Yukins
- March 10-11 USDF "L" Session B – Janet Foy
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We need and welcome feedback concerning these positions to help in the decision making process - members welcome at the May 11 Board Meeting.

2006 OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

- A-10 TD-USEF Laurie Mactavish 970-390-5160
- C-7 Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club Dressage Show, Cheyenne, WY
- C-69 Secretary Kathi Averill - same contact information
- C-25 Secretary: April – Nell Foxworth 303-545-5988
Sept - TBA
Manager: April - Suzanne Brennan
Sept 2 show – Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718
- C-38 TD: Jane McBride
- C-61 2nd Judge: Beverly Rogers (S)

For USDF Recognized Shows:

1. Rider and Owners: for non-qualifying classes, riders and owners can also have IM cards or PM cards as well as the GM and non-member numbers
2. Junior Rider-Junior Team Tests, no equivalent will be ridden; they will ride the Jr. Team Test at the finals. The Jr. Individual Test will qualify for 4th level. The Jr. Preliminary Test cannot be used as a GAIG/USDF Qualifying class. Please update any printed material.
3. Young Rider Team Test, competitors will rider the YR Team Test at the championships

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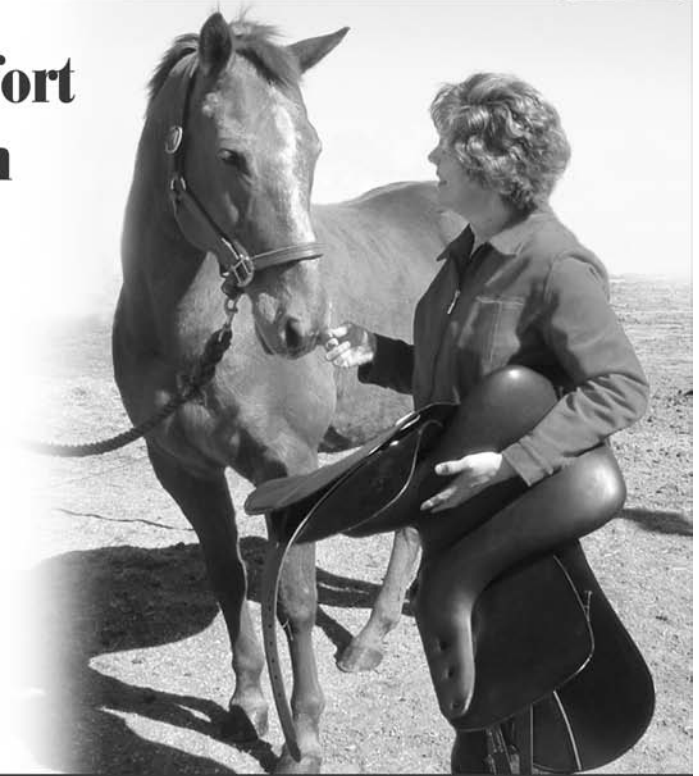
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