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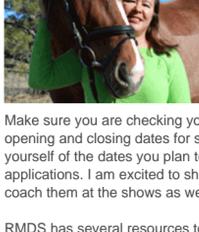
**DRESSAGE FOR THE CURE**  
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## DRESSAGE SYMPOSIUM

May 17: Lilo Fore & Janet Foy, May 17-18: Scott Hassler, May 18-19: Judy Reynolds, May 19-20: Lisa Wilcox, May 20: Alison Brock



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**April Showers or Snow! Both bring May flowers AND green pastures.**

Spring is here and the longer days have given us more time to ride and enjoy our horses. We are all busy getting our horses and ourselves in shape so we can ride more and possibly compete. Our horses are shedding and we are covered in horse hair every day, but the shiny coat underneath means we work even harder to make our horses comfortable.

Make sure you are checking your Omnibus and the [website](#) so that you do not miss out on opening and closing dates for shows and clinics. It's time to mark your calendars to remind yourself of the dates you plan to attend and to get those entries filled out as well as clinic applications. I am excited to show again this year and to be available to my students to coach them at the shows as well as support them in clinics.

RMDS has several resources to help members - just contact us. Your Chapter is the closest resource but any RMDS officer can guide you, even with advice on how to fill out entries and or clinic applications. As a member we want you to succeed and this begins with the basics.

Please plan to audit as many clinics as you can. Not only will you learn something new, or reaffirm some training methodology, but you will support the ability of RMDS to keep bringing these educational opportunities to you in the future. I am always amazed at how much I am able to up my educational knowledge in each clinic I attend. My last inspiration came from watching Charlotte Dujardin teach the Masterclass in Del Mar. I left inspired to work more with my horse with a slight adjustment in my approach to the basics.

I also learned that keeping it light and humorous with my students can help them through a tough training session. I have been known to demonstrate something to a student and cause them to laugh just to get my point across. Yes, I am not beyond making a fool of myself if it helps a rider just to get the picture.

Keep it fun, enjoy that horsey smell and hair.

Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa



Now accepting *Young Horses* in training - establishing a solid foundation with a well-rounded education.

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### In Memory of Barb Young, Long Time RMDS Member and Contributor



We are deeply saddened to let you know that Barb passed away unexpectedly March 5. She will be remembered for her immense love of and dedication to animals, especially horses, her beautiful photographic imagery, passion for riding and the beauty of nature. She was a loving mother and sister, a loyal friend and a huge heart inside a crusty exterior.

Barbara Chisholm Young, avid horsewoman, breeder and equine photographer, died March 5th at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction, CO. Barb was on a horse at age 3, riding at her grandfather's farm in Purchase, NY. A graduate of Garrison Forest School and Mount Vernon Junior College, Barb moved to Aspen, CO in 1973. She competed as a member of the Colorado West Hunter/Jumper Association and hunted with the the Roaring Fork Hunt, remaining a member long after moving to southwestern Colorado.

In the early '90s, Barb moved to Montrose founding Rainbow Farm to breed Dutch Oldenburgs and Warmblood sport ponies, including the Grand Prix mare Maude RF. Finding no one to take good photographs of the foals and horses she had for sale, Barb began studying photography. Her photographs have been exhibited and won awards both nationally and internationally. She was an avid member of the Equine Photographers Network. Most recently she has been rescuing wild Mustangs, other neglected horses and other animals.

Born on October 11, 1944, Barb was the daughter of the late Alice and William Chisholm of Greenwich, CT, and is survived by her daughter, Meg, and her sister, Margo. She will be remembered as a loving mother and sister, loyal friend and for her dedication to animals, beautiful imagery and passion for riding. A memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ThisOldHorse.org or ReturnToFreedom.org or the Montrose Animal Shelter.

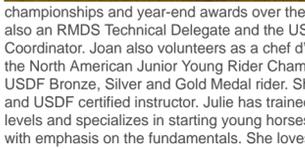


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### 2018 High Plains Dressage Youth Clinic

Article and photos (see slideshow above) from Pat Van Buskirk, HPDS member

One very blustery day in March, 17 young ladies came to work with their horses at the High Plains Dressage Youth Clinic. Thanks to the wonderful people at **Iron Horse Farms** in Elizabeth, we were all warm and safely tucked away in their spectacular indoor arena, complete with all the amenities any rider could dream of. From High Plains Dressage and all the riders and spectators, we sincerely thank **Grant and Sharon Schneidman of Westmanton Stables** for donating their gorgeous facility for the day to the Youth Clinic!



USDF certified Instructors **Joan Clay** and **Julie Burt** were our guest clinicians at this year's Youth Clinic. Joan Clay is a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Certified Instructor/Trainer as well as a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist. Joan has won numerous USDF and Rocky Mountain Dressage Society (RMDS) championships and year-end awards over the course of her showing career. She is also an RMDS Technical Delegate and the USDF Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider Coordinator. Joan also volunteers as a chef d'equipe for Region 5's dressage teams at the North American Junior Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC). Julie Burt is a USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal rider. She is also a USDF "L" program graduate and USDF certified instructor. Julie has trained many students and horses up the levels and specializes in starting young horses through classical dressage techniques with emphasis on the fundamentals. She loves sharing her knowledge and joy of dressage in her many lessons and clinics.

During our lunch break, Joan gave an introduction and answered questions on the USDF Junior/Young Rider Program to the spectators and riders. For more information about the USDF Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider Program, you may contact Joan at [jclay@comcast.net](mailto:jclay@comcast.net). There are numerous educational opportunities, scholarships, grants, awards, recognitions and competitions available for young people from ages 10-21.

Joan took questions from the audience, the last of which was, "What exercises do you do for your core?" Joan proceeded to demonstrate a pretty amazing sequence of exercises she practices, including crawling with opposite hand/leg both forward and backward. Joan is truly an athlete!

Both Julie and Joan were amazing in their ability to quickly discern the riders' levels and give kind suggestions for improvement. I'm always amazed how a good dressage instructor can spot my weaknesses in just one or two 20 meter circles. They worked patiently with each rider, never seeming to tire. The last rides of the day received the same quality instruction as the first ride of the morning. Everyone appeared well pleased and learned something about their horse and their riding. Those of us watching from the sidelines also received quite an education!

A HUGE THANK YOU to High Plains Dressage for their hard work in organizing this clinic for the young people. We also want to thank **Stephanie Figgins, Olga Hendrickson, Una Schade, Lori Keilt and Ellen Seibert** for all their assistance at the clinic - everything from poop scooping to preparing food to cleaning the kitchen. Thank you, ladies! And we're looking forward to next year!

Be sure to CLICK on the High Plains Logo to see pictures of our young riders and their horses!

Volunteering at these clinics is a tremendous educational opportunity and so much fun. If you're interested in volunteering at future clinics, please contact Stephanie Figgins [stephaniefiggins@gmail.com](mailto:stephaniefiggins@gmail.com).

### CHAPTER NEWS

**GVDS:** Our first schooling show opens Monday, March 26. This will be our first show with online entries available at [EquestrianEntries.com](http://EquestrianEntries.com). You can enter online and print, then mail with a check as usual. Or use the online payment with a credit card for a \$5 fee and get your entries submitted that day.

**HIGH PLAINS:** High Plains Dressage has a new website! Check it out at [highplainsdressage.org](http://highplainsdressage.org)

April 8 - HPDS Ride-A-Test with "L" Judge Julie Burt  
June 23 - HPDS Adult Clinic with Kathy Simard and Joan Clay



## THE COLORADO HORSE PARK

### Health and Vaccine Requirements for the 2018 Show Season

Written by Una Schade of the Colorado Horse Forum



If you compete, and any of those competitions are USEF or RMDS licensed, then you need to stay up to date on the vaccinations for your show. Be sure to find out the rules/regulations for the facility you are showing at (even for just schooling shows). Sometimes these can vary and be more strict, or also require things such as a veterinary health check prior to arrival at the grounds. We put a lot of money into each competition so we don't want to get turned away at the gate for any reason!

USEF requires that for ANY competition, there is a record of a horse receiving the Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinoepneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables of the show grounds.

- **If your vet gives your horse(s) their vaccines:** the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian on documenting that the horse in question received the vaccinations; name of the vaccines and date of vaccine administration.
- **If you give your own vaccines:** the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the owner, or agent with care, custody, and control of the horse; name, serial number and expiration date of the vaccine; and date of vaccine administration.
- **In the rare instance your horse cannot receive vaccines:** the exhibitor, upon request by Competition Management, must provide a letter from the veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the horse in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns and a log of temperatures taken twice daily for the seven days prior to entering the competition grounds. These horses must also have their temperature taken and logged twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures should be provided to the Competition Management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.

If you plan on competing throughout the entire year, and even compete at a Championship show, try to schedule your vaccines around that. You do not want your horse to get vaccines the week before any important show in case of adverse reactions or stiffness. In Colorado, our show season tends to be a little shorter than in other areas, so sometimes your spring shots (if timed correctly) can get you through the end of your show season. And then you can worry about fall shots after show season has ended.

Be sure to check YOUR show schedule and find the vaccination schedule that will suit your needs the best. And with any questions, always consult your veterinarian! Remember, they are the experts.

All USEF Rules and Regulations can be found here: <https://www.usef.org/compete/resources-forms/rules-regulations>

USEF Equine Vaccination Rule GR845: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/ANcxoLX1qNs/equine-vaccination-rule-gr845>

USEF Equine Vaccination Record Form: <https://www.usef.org/forms-pubs/xUbu-pT8eLM/equine-vaccination-record>

### NEWS FROM THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION (TDF)

The Lloyd Landkammer Show Management Development Fund has received zero applications this year. Therefore, TDF's Executive Board has decided to change the 2018 deadline to April 30th. Please share this with any Show Managers or Secretaries that you know of who are looking to move up the levels of Show Management, or get some continuing education time in.

The recipient in 2017 used the Grant to attend the USDF Convention's Show Management education session. Please visit our website for a full list of examples and more information on the Grant. The application process is quick and easy - all online.  
<http://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/show-management/>

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