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Foothills Chapter Ride-A-Test with Dolly Hannon

At Roberts Ranch Equestrian Center *By Dolly Hannon, USEF 'S' Judge*



Dolly at work during a session of the Ride-a-Test.

A Day of Education and Fun, with a Low Key atmosphere.

The Foothills Chapter held a Ride-a-Test clinic with Dolly Hannon, USEF "S" judge, hosted by Miggy Monroe, and organized by Lori Mitchell on Saturday June 16th 2012.

Miggy Monroe, the owner of Roberts Ranch Equestrian Center in Littleton, Colorado, was kind enough to host the RAT event and what a lovely facility she owns and opened up to the chapter and participants. Megan Levitt,

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Barn Spotlight: Iron Horse Farms

By Beverly Swanson

Imagine combining the talent of an architect with a lifelong horseman, mixed together with a great supporting staff, forty acres of high prairie pasture, and a dedication to dressage and fine horses: the result is Iron Horse Farms, the premier new barn in Elizabeth, CO. This beautiful new facility is the innovation of owner and architect Wendy McKelvy, and Grant and Sharon Schneidman of Westmanton Stables.

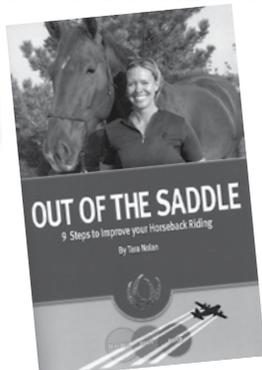


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Iron Horse Farms, Elizabeth, Colorado.

Out of the Saddle Part I: Know These Four Things to Learn Dressage

By Tara Nolan, Author



"If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten" *-Anthony Robbins*

On this journey of learning dressage, you will find that there are many approaches of study to pursue. You may experience confusion and sometimes wonder where to begin. You can now experience what it would be like to have a clear starting point. I'm going to teach a process that you will learn easily.

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WHEN & WHERE TO RETURN LAST YEAR'S TROPHIES

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President's Message



Lori and Unico GPA

returning in September for them once again (info in this issue of the Centaur), but he has not been available for our AA's or Professionals. This will be an exciting symposium for all to participate! The symposium will be held the last weekend of February 2013. Our RMDS Education (Michelle Anderson), Adult Amateur (Beth Geier), and Jr/Yr (Julie Haugen) Chairs are finalizing the details on the location and will send out information shortly about how to ride and audit in the upcoming symposium.

Other plans for 2013 also include Gary Rockwell who will teach the Judges Continuing Education program in January.

Our 2013 Symposium is underway! Our clinician will be USDF President, renowned trainer and Coach, George Williams. George has come to clinic with our Junior and Young Riders and is

Volunteering, as you know, is always a rewarding experience. At times we get a bit overwhelmed about what the jobs are and how

to perform them. You can now go the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society website (www.rmds.org) and there is a link on the right side of the homepage that is marked "Volunteer." This opens up a list of the volunteer positions that we most need, and when you click on a volunteer position you open up a list of duties plus a summary. Check it out. Beth Geier, our Central Office Manger, spent time on this idea to benefit all of us as volunteers. With Championships just around the corner it's time to start thinking of what time you can give back to the sport.

And once again, RMDS thanks all who give of their time as volunteers.

"No one has ever become poor by giving."
Anne Frank, Diary of Anne Frank

Lori Mitchell, President, RMDS

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Colorado Springs

The CSDA board is looking forward to the August RMDS recognized competition. To make this a show one that competitors will want to come back to every year, we need the help of the membership. Volunteers are needed to help set up and take down the arena as well as to score, be ring stewards, runners, and various other positions. If you can help, please contact the CSDA Volunteer Chair Anita Johnson at (719) 488-2928. If you would like to sponsor a class, make a tax-deductible donation, or advertise your business, please contact the CSDA Show Chair Jennifer Glass at (719) 749-2293.

Please check the CSDA www.csdressage.org and RMDS www.rmids.org online calendars for the current prize list.

CSDA general membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and all CSDA members and their guests are welcome to attend. The agenda, meeting time, location, and directions are posted on the website at www.csdressage.org.

-Patricia Leech, President, CSDA

Northern Colorado

On May 1, Trish Swift, RMDS member and Arabian Horse Club member, organized and presented a timely seminar entitled "Barn Fire Prevention and Safety" co-hosted by the Northern Division of the Colorado Arabian Horse Club and NCDA. Representatives from the Windsor Fire station and equine veterinarian Dr. Ed Taylor from Fort Collins, shared their first-hand experience with barn fires and horses. The panel had valuable advice on what to do if a fire occurs, what to expect from firefighters and police, and how to ensure your horse's survival. This presentation included information and a check list for barn owners on how to design and organize your barn to optimize your horse's safety. Given the extreme conditions this year, we would like to encourage everyone to take a look at this web site: <http://www.horsemensdistressfund.com/about-ahdf/>

NCDA sponsored a trail ride for charity on Saturday, June 16, which was generously hosted by the Rocky Mountain Lazy J Bar S Ranch in Loveland. It was a perfect day for a trail ride; not too hot or cold, not windy or buggy. The riders were treated to a sight of a pair of golden eagles nesting on the ranch. Donations from participants were collected for a horse-oriented, charitable organization "Colorado Unwanted Horse Alliance" with a special request to cover any situations that arise from the forest fires this summer.

Congratulations to NCDA member Susie Reed and her 6 year-old warmblood gelding, Beckett, for winning the High Point Award at the RMDS Winter Wake-up Show at Tomora Stables in Greeley. Susie and Beckett received the high point score of 66.60 for their ride in Training Level Test 3.

Longtime RMDS member, Donna Baxter, has generously volunteered to give a presentation and demonstration on "Western Dressage" with her QH gelding, Haint. The demonstration will be given at 1:00 pm on Saturday July 14th at the Rocky Mountain Lazy J Bar S Ranch. Many people are familiar with this pair who competed in recognized dressage shows to 3rd Level. Now Donna and Haint are pioneers in this newest addition to RMDS dressage shows. Donna will talk about goals, rules, expectations, dress and tack.

Stay safe and cool!

-Hana Van Campen, President, NCDA

Boulder Valley

Summer is flying by at a scorching pace! BVD has been busily working on a new website. We hope to be up and running by the time you read this. Our new Web address will be BoulderValleyDressage.org. Also on the media front Gwen Dordick is publishing an electronic newsletter for the club. It shares local information, highlights local riders and honors our invaluable volunteers. Please add the following URL to your mail so you can recognize and receive our newsletter: bvdrsvp@gmail.com

Upcoming shows include Rocky Mountain Dressage II and IV at Somerset Farms July 7th and 8th, The Rocky Mountain Horse Trials at Somerset Farms August 4th and 5th, and So Long Summer Dressage Show at Sextant Farms August 26th, all in Longmont Colorado. If you have time to volunteer for any of these shows please check your Omnibus for volunteer contact information. It's been a tough summer for getting enough volunteers for the shows. Please help if you can. They cannot run without you! Stay Cool...-Kim Lampert, President, BVD

Foothills Chapter

Foothills Chapter met last night, July 9th at Tuscan Tavern in Evergreen, CO. We had 11 members attend the meeting. Highlights of the past meeting and chapter events:

Heather Robertson Clinic for August may be canceled. Airfare has gone up and the clinic is not yet full. The chapter has decided to send out one last email blast.

Ride A Test with Dolly Hannon was a huge success. The chapter made a bit of money on the event and everyone was very pleased by the way it was conducted at Roberts Ranch. It was truly an educational experience for riders and spectators. We encourage everyone to conduct future RAT events like this. There were many participants who were not RMDS members, which now may become members.

Ride A Test with Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez, September 1 at A Rising Star, Arvada, will be organized by Debbie. There will only be 17 rides available. Ellen Storeim is working on the new flyer and will be posted to the Foothills website in the next couple of weeks.

Last Chance Show, September 2, at A Rising Star, Arvada, will be managed by Debbie Reihl-Rodriguez, and the show committee (Dolly Hannon, Sally Robertson). The chapter will have a special show meeting, August 20 at 6:30pm, A Rising Star Equestrian Center, Arvada. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, contact Dolly or Debbie R.

Russ Fawcett Memorial Award

Donated by Janet Foy

RMDS To Recognize 'Lifetime Achievement'

The "RFMA" will be awarded to an individual (professional or Amateur) who has shown dedication to the sport of dressage through education and "giving back." The RFMA will be awarded based on individual written nominations sent to the RMDS Central Office received by September 1.

A committee will review applications and choose the winner. Please send your nominations to the Central Office at: RMDS, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301 – rmds@rmds.org -

OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

Page A-8 Add:

Platte River Chapter, Laura Speer, 970-371-2934, riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com

Pikes Peak Chapter, Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040, simonedressage@gmail.com

Change:

Colorado Springs Chapter Patricia Leech, President, 719-749-2860, pat.leech@skybeam.com

Page A-11 Ellene Kloepfer 303-523-019

Page C-5 August 25-26 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I & II

Page C-39 AHIEC Sunday Series: Add:

Class 16 Basic Western Dressage Class TOC

Class 17 Primary Western Dressage Class TOC

Page C-43 Second Judge is Eleanor Stine-Masek (S), Arizona

Page C-49 June 17 Centaur Rising Show I – CANCELLED

Page C-53 AHIEC I & II – Judge change: Pummy Chopra, M.D., "S", Wisconsin replaces Tami Batts

add the "Q" division to Classes 130 and 133 for AHIEC I & II

Class 129 should be Class 229 – Sunday June 24 only

TD correction: AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL I*

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL II*

The Technical Delegate will be *Joyce Hardesty

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL III**

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE FESTIVAL IV**

The Technical Delegate will be **Joseph Coleman

Page C 57 - Rocky Mountain III and IV are not qualifiers for the National Programs for 2012.

Page C-63 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Warm-Up and Dressage at the Peak II Summer now presented by 2 White Feet, Inc.

Class 109 & 209: Friday, Saturday are the Dover Medal Classes. – Not Sunday

No Sunday classes at all.

Page C-64 Checks should now be drawn to 2 White Feet.

Page C-73 Paragon Dressage CDI has added the following class:

615. FEI Intermediare II (2009 ED.) entry fee: \$70.00 prize money up to \$400.00

USEF Membership Form has been changed. You can now obtain a non-member adult amateur card. Go to www.USEF.org to get the newest one.

PARAGON DRESSAGE & PARAGON CDI**



The PARAGON CDI** has a fabulous venue and excellent footing. Even better, it is situated at the entrance to the Rocky Mountain National Park. The weather is cooler than on the Front Range, and the spectacular views and wild life will add fun to a family vacation as well! Last year this show had rave reviews! Fabulous footing, scenic vistas, great parties and wonderful hospitality from the show committee!

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The 2013 National Championships will be held in October in California!

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Natalie Lamping, FEI 4*, USA

Lorraine MacDonald, FEI 4*, Canada
William Solyntjes, S, Minnesota

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Volunteers needed too! If you have time to give a few hours, please contact Simone Windeler.
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Foothills Chapter Ride-A-Test with Dolly Hannon

At Roberts Ranch Equestrian Center *By Dolly Hannon, USEF 'S' Judge*

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the barn manager was so accommodating and helpful with all riders and attendees. It was a real pleasure to have an event there. The view was terrific even with all the smoke in the air from the fires, the facility was spotless with super footing, everything was well organized, and the entire day ran smoothly.

Recently in the Centaur, Dolly had invited local trainers to come and sit with her during the Ride-A-Test and several did attend. She had recently gotten some complaints that the judges were being "too hard" on the competitors from her experience traveling to judge in other areas of the country and felt that the trainers and judges needed to communicate more openly and often. She felt that it was important that what



Auditors and rider



Tina Wright and Allure

the trainers were seeing was in agreement with what the judges wanted to see and that a dialog could be opened up here in Colorado.

This was not the first time this issue had been brought up. Lori Mitchell, RMDS President and Foothills President had volunteered at the Paragon CDI last year and scribed for Dr. Chopra, a respected FEI Judge. Dr. Chopra had suggested that trainers needed to sit with judges more often to see and hear what a judge would see. He felt that trainers were not teaching their riders the correct basics that brought them through the levels. He felt that something was missing.

The RAT at Roberts Ranch was a wonderful day, the weather pretty much cooperated except for a small wind storm that blew through. We went inside for a ride or two and then were able to go back outside. Riders brought their cheering sections, which included husbands manning video cameras, grandparents, parents, friends, and trainers. Dolly sat at "C" and judged under an umbrella and encouraged anyone and everyone to come and sit with her, ask questions, and learn about dressage. One rider's horse was hollow (another term for "above the bit" which is not generally used at training level) and as the test proceeded Dolly gave the score and made the comment to the scribe which included the word "hollow" several times. Finally, realizing the auditors did not understand what that meant, Dolly looked at the spectators standing there watching and said, "the horse is hollow, which means that the horse looks more like a happy face or a hammock instead of an upside down smile or a frown," which made sense to them. In dressage, we want the horses to look round and more like an upside down bow used in archery. She also used the phrase "this horse's head is up in the air" which made more sense to the audience in terms of understanding what hollow meant. Suddenly all the dads shook their heads in agreement and

became their daughter's new dressage judge at that moment. They had a greater understanding and knowledge about dressage that they could now take home. Dolly felt it was important to explain the training issues she observed in laymen's terms which is not an option at a recognized dressage show.

Dolly asked the trainers about what they were seeing and, for example, why one trainer's client was cueing the horse to canter in a particular way and if the trainer had the same reaction from the horse when they rode it. She made suggestions to the trainer and the student about how to improve the transition and score, and how to improve the entire picture. The change in the horse was obvious and it was a good example of how this format can give results that everyone can appreciate. Questions were encouraged throughout the day.

...trainers needed to sit with judges more often to see and hear what a judge would see. He [Dr. Chopra] felt that trainers were not teaching their riders the correct basics that brought them through the levels.

There were quite a few riders brand new to dressage—not new to riding but new to the dressage scene. Some had never shown and a few had never ridden a dressage test before. Some came in all-purpose saddles and as a result rode with shorter stirrups than we are used to seeing, but Dolly pointed out why and suggested that they try to get used to a longer stirrup eventually. She explained the difference between more of a hunt/eventing style seat vs. a dressage seat, and why they influence the horse in different ways. Many were not members of RMDS and just wanted to try the sport for the first time. We hope we attracted some new RMDS members from the people that attended.

There were some seasoned horses with new riders and some seasoned riders with new horses. It was a relaxed atmosphere and everyone was encouraging and helpful to one another.

I think the RAT can be an extremely valuable tool for any and all dressage riders and also for those who are new to the sport. How great to have the opportunity to get real time, real show level feedback and be able to turn right around and work on the specifics to improve your performance! In particular I believe that the RAT format is a valuable tool to introduce riders to the sport by encouraging them to participate in this non-threatening, supportive setting, and perhaps increasing membership.

The volunteers stepped up and helped out when and where they could. The day was long, with 30 rides, but well worth the educational experience. We hope to be able to offer more of these RAT clinics in the future and will do one in September at *A Rising Star* in Arvada, CO with Debbie Rhiel-Rodriguez. Watch the Centaur for more details.

We feel it is so important for dressage to seem accessible to people who are new to the sport and hope that we can continue a dialog between the trainers and the judges to improve the sport and ultimately make our wonderful horses happier in the show ring.

A Big thank you to Miggy Monroe, Megan Levitt, the staff at Robert's Ranch, the volunteers, and to Lori Mitchell for organizing. It was a fun and successful event!



Miggy and Ricky

Ride-A-Test Feedback

"I found the clinic to be very educational and fun. I liked the tips to ride the test more effectively from the judge's point of view to help gain higher scores." - *Kristin McCarty*

"Anytime one can ride a dressage test in competitive conditions and get immediate feedback is a great learning opportunity. To get the explanation of the judge's remarks and scores from the judge as the ride is still fresh in your mind is even better. The plan was to use the day as a dress rehearsal for a future competition on my new horse 'Willy.' The horse has the experience but not me!



Kristen McCarty and Werner (Vern)



Vicki Leonard and Dulcie

My expectations were exceeded. I received my dress rehearsal experience. I had the test memorized and sure enough 5 minutes before my ride I had no idea what happened after the second serpentine. Fortunately a volunteer (thanks Laura Quakenbusch) stepped up and read for me.

Then I had my clinic experience with a sound system and ear buds; Judge Dolly had me drop my stirrups (she knew I was used to it) and then led me through a few minutes of the movements to show the difference between my riding with and without stirrups. The change in my seat and posture from up and loose to deep and connected was quite obvious, the change was clearly demonstrated to me and the onlookers (I also watched the video afterwards). It was so great to have immediate feedback in terms of the improvement in the 'feel' of my horse and encouragement from Dolly. Another volunteer helped me hold my horse as I loaded up—thank you Hilary Collins.

The venue was beautiful and immaculate. Thanks to Miggy and Roberts Ranch for your gracious hospitality.

Thanks to all the volunteers who provided a helpful and supportive experience for me.

Thank you RMDS!" -*Betsy McKenzie* (a first time participant in a Ride-A-Test)

"I scribed for the recent RAT at Robert's Ranch. The riders represented a very wide variety of experience and skill levels. The horses ranged from never having been ridden in a dressage arena to those performing at the third and fourth levels. The judge scored and commented on the tests being ridden as if she were judging at a show. She tailored the post test follow-up session to the skill level and areas of need of the rider and horse with a particular emphasis on the basics." -*Sally Robertson*, Scribe for the morning

RMDS SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

All events are open to everyone to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

2012

Sept 20	RMDS Breed Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Sept 21-23	RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Nov 10	RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting & Awards' Banquet

For details on these and other RMDS events:

Contact Michelle Anderson, the RMDS Education Chairman, at 303-646-1375, michand@hotmail.com. Also, read the Centaur, go to www.rmids.org, or contact the RMDS Central Office at 720-890-7825, rmids@rmids.org.

RMDS PAID POSITIONS

Every two years, RMDS goes through the open bid process for paid positions.

The following positions are up for bid and/or renewal:

- **2013 JR/YR Camp, Bids due by September 5, 2012**

These are paid RMDS positions for qualified persons. Contracts will be awarded at the September Executive Board meeting.

Call the RMDS Central Office, email rmids@rmids.org, or go to the RMDS website for guidelines about the position.

Bids must be received by September 5, 2012. We hope you will plan to attend the September Executive Board meeting as there may be questions asked of you.

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Colorado Springs: 3rd Tues., For location information contact Pat Leech, 719-749-2860, pat.leech@skybeam.com, www.CSDressage.org

Foothills: quarterly meetings, location TBD, Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com

Grand Valley: 2nd Thurs. each month, location TBD, Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net

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Meeting Schedule of the RMDS Executive Board

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 pm. Meeting dates in 2012 are January 12, March 15, May 10, July 10, September 13, and October 11. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location. Steering Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governors' meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov (this year is Nov 10). Contact the Central Office for precise details.

Chapter & Scholarship News

Foothills chapter will begin this year to recognize those members who receive their Bronze, Silver and Gold USDF Medals. Year end, the chapter will send those members a card and a gift card (\$10, \$20, \$30).

The chapter will begin to think of nominations for the 2013 Foothills Executive Board. We will be voting at the October 8, 2012 meeting. Nominations should be sent to Lori Mitchell, bandwdressage@aol.com

-Lori Mitchell, President, Foothills Chapter

Opening Doors Scholarship

A quick Thank You, Mahalo Nui Loa, to the RMDS scholarship committee, Board of Governors' and the entire membership for helping me achieve my dream.

I have wanted to achieve my USDF Gold Medal for years but was denied by the early death of 2 horses and then starting over with a 3 yo. But 10 years and lots of work have resulted in my final scores being achieved over the last few weeks. The scholarship funds were used to pay for coaching and training with my wonderful friends, Kristi Wysocki and Anne Barrett. I have not been able to pay for lessons as my funds went towards achieving my judge's credentials and I let my riding slide to achieve that goal. Thank you for giving me the funds needed to concentrate on my riding this spring and then to finally achieve my goal. RMDS board and members you are my heroes as you provided a way for me to be successful this year. My detailed journey is still to be written but I needed to say Mahalo to all of you right now.

Aloha, -Gwen Ka'awaloa, Opening Doors Scholarship Recipient



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The Centaur Newsletter

The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 7th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters-to-the-editor: Centaur Editor, Cathy Van Berg, 1767 Rose Petal Lane, Castle Rock, CO 80109, Phone: 303.916.6136, email: vanbergc@yahoo.com

ADVERTISING

RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301, Phone: 720.890.7825, email: rmds@rmds.org

DISPLAY ADVERTISING

For information about corporate advertising and/or sponsorship, please contact Beth Geier (contact info above.)

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Utilize the RMDS Network:

Trainers and Instructors:

Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

If you wish to increase business, you can place your information on the RMDS website at very low cost. Send information to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Dr, Boulder, CO 80301, Phone 720.890.7825, or email: rmds@rmds.org (note on subject line "Trainer Info".) Please include your name, phone, address, email, training locations and other pertinent info such as awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 emails per month requesting names of trainers in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Cost is \$50 annually. Mail check to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive. Boulder, CO 80301.

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Website ads on the RMDS site provide your event with high visibility. Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears. Unless the RMDS Central Office is notified in advance (rmds@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

Please limit content of the ad to 20 words. Your email and website addresses will be displayed as links.

Because of the implicit connection to the RMDS, we reserve the rights to:

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Important Info on RMDS membership

Awards are based on the information on your membership card. Be sure to double-check everything very carefully.

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Proof of AA status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, and horse **MUST** be current members **PRIOR** to any ride for the score to count towards qualifying for RMDS Championships and for qualifying for any year-end award. If PONY is not listed under breed and you have a pony, send a copy of the measurement form or the permanent pony card to the Central Office. Remember, membership and its details are your responsibility. Be sure corrections are made.

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Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" where the score does not count.

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"r"	Recorded	Training - Second	3* (FEI C)		All
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Loma Fowler 303-841-0417

Sarah Martin 719-379-3716

Kathy Simard 720-981-4448

Melinda Weatherford 970-484-5218

Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

AUGUST 2012

- 1 **Ballet on Horseback, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Boulder, CO**
Two performances
- 3-5 **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**
Glenda McElroy, 818-841-3554, glenda@glenroys.com
- 4-5 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Dressage Show, Cheyenne, WY-USEF**
Contact Steve Siegel, 307-632-7587, steve@wyomingcarriages.com
- 4-5 **Heather Robertson Clinic, Capricorn Farm, Golden, CO**
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 9-10 **Manuel Trigo Clinic, Tally Ho Farm, Park City, UT**
Contact Diane Wieser, 801-209-6518, tallyhofarm@msn.com
- 10-12 **Dressage at Sun Prairie I & II, Sun Prairie Farms, Peyton, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin, camillegriffin@msn.com, 719-287-9197
- 11-12 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show, Fairfield, UT-USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence, 801-631-2516, millbrk@xmission.com
- 12 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show III, Pine, CO-RMDS**
Contact Kristann Cooper, 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 17-19 **Paragon I, II, III CDI***, Estes Park, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 25 **CSDA Dressage Show, Norris-Penrose, Colorado Springs, CO**
Contact Jennifer Glass, 719-749-2293, saglass25@msn.com
- 26 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer, Sextant Farm, Longmont, CO-RMDS**
Contact Beth Geier, 303-673-9840, bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 25-26 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I & II, Heber, UT-USEF**
Contact Susan Jero, 801-330-5763, sjero@aol.com

SEPTEMBER 2012

- 1 **Ride-A-Test-with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 1-2 **GVDS Fall Show, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO-USEF**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net
- 2 **Foothills Last Chance Dressage Show, A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**
Contact Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com
- 8 **Pendragon Stud Dressage Show II, Larkspur, CO-RMDS**
Contact Leslie Terry, 303-688-4147, Lt2@kellin.net
- 13 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting, OPEN TO ALL, 6:30 PM**
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org
- 15-16 **USDF JR/YR Clinic with George Williams, Stellar Stables, Franktown, CO**
Contact Susan Rudman, 303-697-8528

- 20 **RMDS Breed Show, Championships & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 21-23 **RMDS Championship & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

OCTOBER 2012

- 5-7 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships, Wasatch Event Center, Heber City, UT**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 6 **Ride-A-Test Show/Clinic with Jenny Baldwin, Palomino Gaits, Canon City, CO**
Contact Jamee Amundson, piaffenpassage@aol.com, 308-672-1364
- 11 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting, OPEN TO ALL, 6:30 PM**
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org
- 13-14 **GVDS Fall Harvest Schooling Show III Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net
- 20 **Dressage in Pink, Sextant Farms, Longmont, CO**
Contact Donna Baxter, 303-857-3879, highbrowbling@mesanetworks.net

NOVEMBER 2012

- 3-4 **USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0634, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 10 **RMDS Board of Governors'**
- 10 **RMDS Awards' Banquet**

DECEMBER 2012

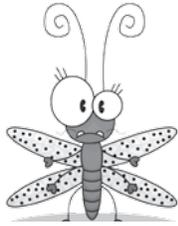
- 5-8 **2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA**
Contact USDF.org/convention

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 18 **RMDS Breed Show, Championships & Open Show-Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 19-22 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Parker, CO-USEF**
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For updates to the calendar, go to www.rmds.org

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Junior Young Rider Clinic Series!

- September 15th & 16th, 2012
- Hosted by Stellar Stables
- Sponsored by *The Dressage Foundation*
- jryoung riderclinics@usdf.org

Local Contact:
Susan Rudman, 303-697-8528

Reminder from Awards Chair, Shannon Lemons

Please return last year's trophies to Paragon at Estes Park, August 17-19, or Championships, Colorado Horse Park in Parker, September 20-23.

All trophies must be returned by last day of Championships, September 23rd.

2012- 2013 PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USDF
JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER
CLINIC SERIES



REGION 5

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September 15-16, 2012

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- Riders must have a USDF Participating, Youth or Life Membership
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Each rider receives one 45-60 minute private lesson each day and will participate in a theory session with the instructor.

Auditors are welcome!

For more information on how to apply as a rider or auditor registration, contact jryoung riderclinics@usdf.org

With Funding Support from The Dressage Foundation



Region 5 Report

Congratulations to our 2012 NAJYRC teams! There was some very tough competition this year in the Young Riders' Division and the riders worked hard to make the teams. Good luck in Kentucky!

Region 5 Young Riders – Chef d' Equipe, Heather Petersen
Madeleine Birch / Uoeri
Victoria Fernald / Amazing
Brandi Roenick / Weltino's Magic
Devon Wycoff / Power Play

Region 5 Junior – Chef d'Equipe, Joan Clay
Bethany Roof / Welkin

Congratulations to members of our Region who may also qualify for the USEF Championships – Young Horse, Developing Horse, etc. Unfortunately we don't know those finalists as we go to print!

Another reminder of several important DEADLINES that are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.

- New award categories are being offered to GMOs in 2012! GMOs can now submit nominations for Newsletter Awards, Website Awards, and Photography Awards. Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by August 31. Please note that the nomination process is also new for 2012. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.

- Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.

- Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.

- One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. The grant includes

full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31

- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors' meeting at the USDF Annual Convention December 5-8, 2012 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 sponsored events and plan to join us for:

- USDF Region 5 Jr/YR Clinic with George Williams – September 15-16, 2012. Parker, Colorado.

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – October 5-7, 2012. Heber, Utah.

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – September 19-22, 2013. Parker, Colorado.

Till next month!

Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

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2011	\$669	.28	1.45

Source: The Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

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Barn Spotlight: Iron Horse Farms By Beverly Swanson, The Horse reSource Group



Iron Horse Farms, Elizabeth, Colorado

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The serendipitous meeting of these eventual partners came several years ago, when Wendy and her family moved to Colorado from South Carolina. Searching for a home and trainer for her horse, Wendy met Grant and Sharon and settled in at Canon Ridge in Castle Rock.

Grant and Sharon Schneidman of Westmanton Stables have been pillars of the Rocky Mountain dressage community for over 16 years—teaching, training, and demonstrating fine horsemanship while supporting the local dressage scene.

Grant and Sharon Schneidman of Westmanton Stables have been pillars of the Rocky Mountain dressage community for over 16 years—teaching, training, and demonstrating fine horsemanship while supporting the local dressage scene. When unforeseen circumstances forced them to

look for another home for their horses and students, there were some tense moments—26+ horses is a big move!

At that point, Wendy and the Schneidmans came up with a plan: they would form a partnership to purchase the Reiterhof stable and property (previously owned by Utte and Ingolfe Nuebecker), and build a new top-notch facility.

The existing property had a small stable and indoor arena where some of Westmanton's horses could be housed, and ground-breaking commenced in July of 2011. By November the new main barn was up and the indoor arena completely overhauled, and in March of 2012 Iron Horse Farms was open for business.

Touring this facility, you can see the attention to both detail and the big picture. Wendy wanted to support local businesses, and Mike Lawson

of *Barns By Lawson* was selected as the general contractor, while Brent Boyd (husband of trainer Kelly O'Leary Boyd) of SureFoot Arenas was chosen to install a complete new 6" base and footing for both the regulation size indoor arena and oversize (220 x 90) outdoor arena, using Rubber Recycle, a stable low-dust combination of rubber granules mixed with a fiber content and sand to provide that great "bounce-back" feeling from the horse.

High lofty ceilings encourage plenty of light and air circulation, and extra-wide 14' aisles with inlaid rubber tiles offer solid footing and safety for the horses. European style stalls are from Lucas Equine of Kentucky, and each has an ingenious "blanket cubby" built in to keep essentials close by and the appearance tidy. Automatic overhead fly mist spray is installed. The hallway leading to the wide slanted walkway between the barn and the indoor arena features two hot-water wash stalls and two tack stalls.



Lateran, a branded Westphalian German riding pony, posing in his stall.

The indoor arena also features the same high ceiling with plenty of air circulation. A slanted kickboard surrounds the sides, again providing the extra safety features seen throughout this facility. Mirrors are installed at each end, with



Regulation size indoor arena has slanted kickboard, recycle rubber/sand footing with 6" base, spectator area at end. Rider access directly from stalls.



Oversize (220' x 90') outdoor arena with view to north.

the long side to be completed this year. At the south end is a built-in judges' stand with a spectator area, perfect for shows or clinics. The current sound system is set for a high-end makeover this fall.

The outdoor arena is oversized, allowing for a regulation size dressage arena and warm-up space around the sides. The footing is a slightly different mix of rubber designed to hold up under our Colorado weather. Cavalletti and small jumps are easily accessible for training purposes.

Rider amenities abound: oversize tack lockers, a laundry facility, two bathrooms, and a relaxing lounge with kitchen. As for the horses, they enjoy seven day a week turnout in "mini-pastures" all fenced separately (to keep the peace), night checks, Canadian wood shavings from Norstar, and high quality grass hay from Montana and South Dakota. Feed includes Progressive and Senior grain, or individual owners may provide their own grain and supplements. Blanketing is included for all weather conditions, although the barn is heated in the winter, and for those farrier and vet visits, there is a special tack stall at the end of the barn for easy access.

This is a facility designed for serious dressage training, where the students and horses are treated with courtesy and respect for their goals. Grant and Nicole always have promising young dressage prospects in training, and Wendy is the proud new owner of "Wagner," a 10 year old, 17'2 hh Dutch warmblood

imported from Holland and trained to Prix St. Georges. The atmosphere is professional yet relaxed and laid back. Everyone is welcome, whether riding at Training Level or working toward Grand Prix. The only requirement is a de-



Inlaid rubber tiles cover the slanted walkway from arena to stalls.

sire to be a better rider and improve your horse's abilities.

Currently 95% of the 30 stalls are full, with five additional stalls to be finished by 2013 for students interested in boarding and training with Grant, Sharon and Nicole Glusenkamp. Schooling shows are planned for 2013, and Wendy is busy lining up clinicians to visit in the coming months.

The barn is being completed in planned stages with items such as covering the insulated ceilings, finishing out an additional five stalls, a high-end sound system, arena mirrors, and other touches ongoing through 2013. And if you wonder about the name Iron Horse Farms, it's a tribute to Wendy's husband, who like many horse-husbands, is supportive of her dreams. But this particular horse husband prefers the Harley Davidson version—hence the moniker of Iron Horse.



Iron Horse Farms is located at 33591 Pine Hills Place, Elizabeth, CO — about one mile south of SH 86 off CR 3 between Franktown and Elizabeth. For more information about the barn, contact Wendy at 303-803-8015 or visit the website, www.IronHorseFarms.com. For Westmanton Stables, call 303-841-5280 or visit www.WestmantonStables.com

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Applications are available at www.dressagefoundation.org and must be received by The Dressage Foundation office no later than September 15th of each year.

For more information, please visit www.dressagefoundation.org or contact Jenny Johnson at (402) 434-8585 or jenny@dressagefoundation.org.



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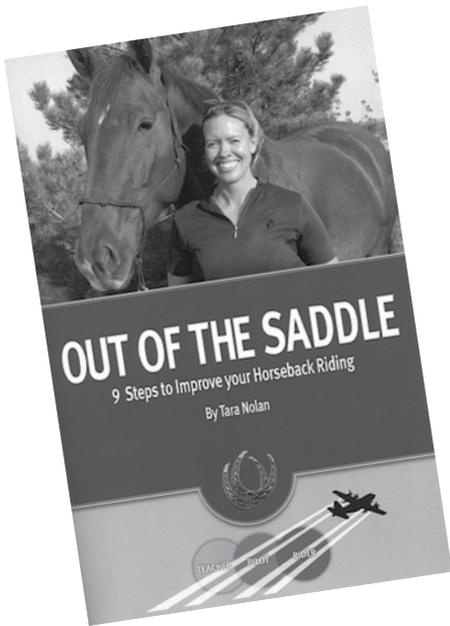
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Out of the Saddle Part I *By Tara Nolan, Author*



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There are four major principles you must know to learn to ride dressage; each beginning with self awareness.

- People learn in different ways. How do you learn?
- Take time to learn slowly and correctly. This translates in the horse world to "Develop good basics."
- Awareness of your physical body.
- Awareness of your internal self-talk.

People Learn in Different Ways. How Do You Learn?

Did you grow up taking riding lessons or did you just get on any pony you could find to ride? The first time you went skiing, did you take a lesson or just put on a pair of skis and go for it? It is important to reflect on how you receive and process new information. When you select a teacher who aligns with your preferences, you will learn more quickly.

Communication or Confusion

Early in my pursuit of dressage, I experienced disconnects or gaps in my riding because I began riding without any formal education. I grew up riding bareback on any horse I could find and supplemented my knowledge with reading. While reading is an essential part of learning, if it is not coupled with instruction there can be

some problems. Did you ever play the telephone game at a slumber party where one person starts the conversation and the last person says out loud what they heard? It can result in some pretty interesting and hilarious results. Though each person is earnest in her communication, it is somehow distorted. The same thing can happen with riding.

Once I rode with an actual instructor, I realized I had worked hard to develop some interesting (and by interesting I mean nontraditional or incorrect) riding techniques. Do you have any interesting riding habits? I find many people do. In my first dressage lessons, I would pepper my instructor with questions. It got to the point that she recommended I should not read as it would only confuse me. Contrarily, my next trainer recommended I read everything I could get my hands on. This was an early allusion to the different learning styles and teaching styles dressage instructors would have to offer. For me learning is a back and forth process from one extreme to the other until I find the sweet spot. Not all instructors appreciate this kind of process.

Take Time to Learn Slowly and Correctly

Because of my military travels I have had the opportunity to study with many different riding instructors in nine countries around the world. One commonality of each of these teachers is that they always started at a very simple point and then added instruction as I demonstrated ability. Cowboy Craig Cameron agrees, "Are you horse rider or horse sitter?" It is easy to ride a horse and it is hard to ride a horse well. The more you try to justify not spending the time you need to learn an exercise, the more you realize it's the only smart thing to do. Of all the lessons I have had over the years, three riding lessons have had a profound influence on my riding—so far—I am a lifelong learner after all. I am still putting these lessons into practice and I know these lessons will help you too.

Lesson One: Clarity

It takes conscious effort to override the subconscious programming that is established early on in any learning process. In flying we discuss that what is learned first is learned best. When you transfer to fly a different kind of airplane you can have what pilots call "negative transfer." For ex-

ample, I learned to fly a T-1 in pilot training. The T-1 did not have a hydraulic assist for the flight controls which is like a car without power steering. On my first flight in the C-130, a much larger aircraft, I turned the plane to a 60 degree bank instead of the 30 degrees I intended. The C-130 had hydraulics and using the muscle memory I had from the T-1, I inadvertently turned the plane more steeply than I had intended.

This control input confusion also happens when you get on a new horse. For example, when you are on a trail riding tour, it is nearly impossible to turn your horse away from the group. Then, when you get on a competition show horse, the horse will turn with just a subtle shift of your weight. As a rider, part of the warm-up exercise is to help figure out how much input it takes to turn the horse. It is important to establish a purposeful and clear warm-up process so there is clarity of control

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Lesson Two:

Develop Good Basic Skills

Good riding is good riding. Basic riding skills such as sitting equally balanced on each seat bone, heels down and erect posture are common to all riding styles regardless of the saddle you are sitting in. Jumping lessons showed me how properly learning a new skill pays dividends quickly. My instructor explained that the height of the jump was inconsequential, only 12" at the time, but how I rode between the jumps was what really mattered. After a few lessons, I was allowed to make a jumping round at 3'. From 12" to 3' seemed monumental to me, but the instructor was right; the horse took care of the jumping when I did my job in between. The instructor's advice to me was to get on as many horses as possible if I wanted to be a good rider. Riding multiple horses would strengthen my skills independent of any one horse I rode. In-

dependent riding skills transferable to all horses were the elusive "basics" I'd read about. You can establish a relationship with your own horse to do what you're asking but I needed a process that would make sense to all horses. In other words, I needed to develop good basic riding skills.

Lesson Three: Perception Can Be Reality

Perception of difficulty is a significant influence in riding. It has been said that beginner's luck is no more than the fact that the person does not understand they are doing something difficult. It's important to keep an open and neutral mind when learning a new skill because our expectations drive our perceptions of the difficulty of a task. My third lesson was as much about perception as it was a physical skill. I got to take a riding lesson in the Cotswold, Great Britain. I was given a retired Grand Prix jumper who could certainly understand and complete 3rd level dressage movements but, sadly, my own understanding was not so great. I struggled to maintain connection with my reins without letting them get loose and it quickly became all I could do to avoid hitting the other 15 riders in my lesson. The flight commander from Royal Air Force Lynham who'd taken me to that riding lesson in England was going over 4' jumps. I was very surprised to learn he'd only been riding for one year, was already jumping, but was not yet allowed to go out for a hack. I thought jumping was something you did only after years of formal training. This was quite different from my learning to ride bareback (without an instructor) on any horse I could get on as a kid in West Virginia. Hacking, or trail riding, was the first thing I learned to do.

Awareness of Your Physical Body

It is essential as a rider for you to know your own body and how your movements affect your riding. A dressage clinician told me, "I can tell what kind of rider you are by the way you walk." At the time I did not understand how a rider's posture is clearly mirrored by the horse. The moment you become aware of your body parts, you will shift your riding to a whole new level.

For example, I did not know that my shoulders mirrored the horse's shoulders. I did not know how Pilates and yoga could help speed the development of the essential core muscles used in riding. I'd always been a runner and a gym rat, but I'd scoffed at celebrity magazines talking about Pilates. Little did I know that I would, 11 years later, find myself stronger, leaner and more in control of my own body as a result of doing almost solely Pilates and yoga (and a little running for cardio fitness).

It's All About Gravity

You must develop your feel, to arrange your body to become in synch with gravity. In my first lessons with an international trainer, he explained that it was all about gravity. He told me that when you arranged yourself and the horse correctly, the movements were the most natural thing for the horse to do. He then proceeded to have me, on my untrained, unwilling quarter horse, do a baby half-pass by giving directions such as, "Step down on your left foot and look at the horse's right ear." I know now that he was just giving me simple directions to rearrange my body into the correct position for the half-pass—and we did it! I went home very excited. The next day I got on my horse, stepped on, my left foot and looked at his right ear. My horse did nothing; I was frustrated. This was when I began reading in earnest. I had been given a gift of an amazing feel in my body and a connection with my horse, however, I could not reproduce the experience on my own. I knew I wanted that feeling again, so I began doing everything in my power to figure out this arrangement with gravity.

Learning Styles, Muscle Memory and the Subconscious

People learn in different ways and trainers teach in different ways, so it is necessary to have some horse-specific communication skills to bridge the gap between teaching and learning styles. One of my first dressage trainers had a unique technique. Instead of standing at the end of the arena and shouting, she saddled up and rode her own horse, giving me my entire lesson from astride her horse. When I would ask how to do

something, she'd say, "Just a minute," then go try the move on her horse before returning to explain what she'd done. This was my first glimpse at how much riding must become ingrained in the muscle memory and routine movements managed by the subconscious mind. She could show me so much more than she could tell me. The idea that the subconscious is so powerful really resonated with me as it pertained to my learning process when I read Jack Canfield's *Key to Living the Law of Attraction* (pp 20-21):

"The conscious mind has:

- Limited processing capacity
- Short term memory (about 20 seconds)
- The ability to manage 1-3 events at a time
- Impulses that travel at 120-140 mph
- The ability to process an average of 2,000 bits of information per second

The subconscious mind has:

- Expanded processing capacity
- Long term memory (past experiences, attitudes, values, and beliefs)
- The ability to manage thousands of events at a time
- Impulses that travel at over 100,000 mph
- The ability to process an average of 4,000,000,000 bits of information per second"

Canfield's assertions about the conscious and subconscious mind brought my physical and self-awareness to the forefront and germinated a spark for me to write this book on how to learn to ride. I remembered the conscious effort it took my trainer to identify and then verbalize how she communicated with her horse. I wanted to create a book that really explained the different learning processes and the power of your subconscious mind. Riding is challenging enough to learn and developing self-awareness is a very powerful tool for speeding up the learning process. This book arms you with self-knowledge so you can layer instruction in on top of a solid foundation.



Coming...Part II: Know Your Learning Style

RMDS thanks Tara abundantly for letting us see bits and pieces of her fabulous new book, "Out of the Saddle." Here's a little bit about our fellow dressage rider: She has a BS in Biochemistry, an MBA, and MS in Cell and Molecular Biology. She has completed Air Force Survival Training. She was an aircraft commander of a C-130 military cargo aircraft and has many hours of combat time over Iraq and Afghanistan. She is registered with the FAA to fly small private jets, and has taught undergraduate biology at the Air Force Academy. She has FINRA approved licenses. She has started many green horses successfully, and has earned her United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Bronze Medal. Life has taken her down many different paths and now she's currently a devoted student of the art of dressage working towards Grand Prix.



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Grando Follow-up *By Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez*

It was with great sadness that I read KC Parkins-Kyle's article regarding Grando and the passing of an era. I moved to Colorado in 1988 and Marti with Grando was one of my first students here, as was Gwen Ka'awaloa even before she had Moselle. Grando was indeed a very special and classy horse that most RMDS members who were around at the time would surely remember. Hilda Gurney once gave a forum at Table Mountain Ranch where we were working at the time and she used Grando as the example of what a perfect type he was for dressage. He was eye catching, well proportioned, medium size, with impressive gaits and very forward thinking, which sometimes was a disadvantage. Until his later years when he had matured, his behavior at shows could be very unpredictable. I believe Marti won the award for having the largest point spread in his scores! He was so talented and I know that he will always be Marti's most special horse.

With the exception of some of the top professional riders today, I believe most of us have always had that one special horse in our lives that we will never forget. I was pleasantly surprised to see that KC had mentioned me in her article and Revelation. "Tank," as he was affectionately known, was a large gray Trakehner that I trained to Grand Prix and he won many awards, includ-

ing RMDS Grand Prix horse of the year. He was such an easy going and honest horse that he always presented a harmonious test and we received many compliments on that from the judges. He started his career as a show hunter and we didn't even begin dressage until he was ten years old. I had ridden several Grand Prix schoolmasters before him but he was the first horse I'd trained from training level all the way to Grand Prix and earned my Gold medal on him. I've ridden and trained several other horses to Grand Prix but he will always be MY special horse of a lifetime.

Another special horse that I had the pleasure to train to Grand Prix was an Appaloosa named Snow Essence owned by Jan Wingate. "Essee" was a 15.2 gelding that Jan had been training for awhile before I met her but working around third level. Although you would not have expected that this little average horse would make it through the levels, Jan earned her silver medal on him and I rode his first Grand Prix at the age of 20! He had a heart of gold and just kept trying even though the work was not easy for him. Essee won the RMDS Grand Prix horse of the year in 1999. His scores were not terribly high comparing today's standards but he was consistent enough to keep a good median average and we were all delighted by this. Jan has had many

horses since but I know he was her once in a lifetime horse! He was proof that a horse with a good work ethic and training CAN go all the way. He deserved a place in Janet Foy's new book titled *Training the Not So Perfect Horse* of which I'm sure there are many others like him.

Dressage has certainly come a long way in the years since I have lived here and RMDS has grown tremendously thanks to our very active leaders and the availability of good instruction and quality of horses. I would like to encourage all of you to appreciate and be thankful of the horses you have owned or had the opportunity to ride and know that most of the time we have our best moments with them at home, not in a show, or where anyone else sees. Think of those moments often. I'd like to thank KC for inspiring me to write this article and the trip down memory lane.

Although I still actively ride and teach, I spend more of my time judging and teaching clinics nowadays and am pursuing my goal of trying to help others reach theirs. So when you are out there riding and showing your horses this summer, remember to consider your horse and be glad you have them and can participate in this sport. Most of all HAVE FUN!



Funding for AAs – The Dressage Foundation *By Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director*

Last year Region 5 did not have any qualified applications for the Carol Lavell Gifted Fund and we had no applications the year before. This fund gives \$1000 to an Adult Amateur in each region each year. I asked for some tips regarding submission and I've put them below. Applications are due September 15, 2012 for the 2013 year.

The applications must fit all criteria, which are listed on The Dressage Foundation website. Here is a brief summary of what was sent to the applicants who were NOT chosen - The Dressage Foundation tries to give tips on how to have a more competitive application in future years:

- Your plan should take you away from your normal life - spend at least five days away from the daily stresses of job, family, other commitments, etc. Most applicants who have been chosen in the past have traveled a short distance to a trainer, boarded

their horse for a week, and stayed in a hotel (or found a more cost-effective place to stay such as in a camper or at someone's home).

- This scholarship cannot be used for a camp or clinic. The scholarship should also not be used for lessons spread out over a period of time (such as weekend lessons for a month).

- Your training plan should be specific and have attainable goals.

- Volunteering for your GMO is extremely important. Throughout this next year, look for more ways to give of your time.

- Follow the specific application submission guidelines. Provide only the information requested.

One suggestion that some adult amateurs have made to The Dressage Foundation is to change the criteria so they would not have to spend time away

from home - just give funding so they can take more weekend lessons or something of that nature. When this fund was set up, it was designed with the specific intent to allow the adult amateur to spend time away from home - from daily pressures of job, family, and life in general! The Foundation thinks that every past recipient has found that getting time to just focus on their horse and riding has changed them, and renewed/increased their passion. There really is nothing like taking time away to do nothing but horsey stuff!

The Foundation is open to the possibility of providing adult amateur scholarships that might have different criteria, but we would need a donor/donors to step forward with the necessary funding. We can only give out what people give to us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jenny at The Dressage Foundation at 402-434-8585.





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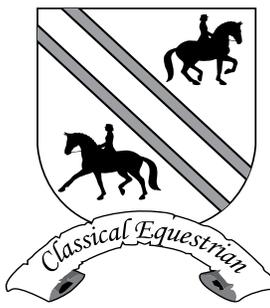
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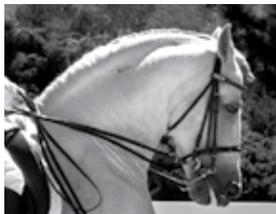
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