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A little known benefit of being a member of the RMDS Executive Committee (officers, chairs and chapter presidents) is that your cost for RMDS sponsored educational events is discounted by 50%!

Contact [Michelle Anderson](#), 2014 Nominating Committee Chair, for more info!

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RMDS Championships depends on sponsors and advertisers to assist in defraying the cost of mounting our annual celebration.

Do you know someone who would be interested? Your barn, your local tack shop, a favorite vendor?

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Contact [Beverly Swanson](#), RMDS Championship Show Liaison at [ShowLiaisonRMDS@gmail.com](mailto>ShowLiaisonRMDS@gmail.com) for complete info packet, or check the website for info: [Championships Page](#)

New Policy for RMDS Trophy Presentation and Return

All who received a trophy at the 2013 RMDS Awards Banquet, please be advised that these awards must be returned to either the Central Office or the Show Office in August or September at:

* Aug. 15-17, Estes Park I and II at Stanley Park Fairgrounds, Estes Park, CO. Contact Heather Petersen at 719-683-8435 or slush@drwgw.net.

* Sept. 17-21, RMDS Breed Championships, Region 5 Championships & Open Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO. Same contact information as above.

Because of damage to trophies occurring to those that have been mailed, the RMDS Board has directed Awards Chair Shannon Lemons to require that all trophies must be awarded and returned in person; no longer will RMDS mail them to winners or accept trophy returns by mail, effective immediately. Contact Shannon at 719-661-3189 or lemons_shannon@yahoo.com with questions.

2014 Jr/YR Camp Director Position

This position is open for bids. Please go to rmds.org for guidelines.

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Calendar

See the upcoming USEF/RMDS Show Schedule, clinics, schooling shows and events.

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RMDS has 12 chapters in the Rocky Mountain Region. Check for changed days/times/places of meetings! If you would like to change your chapter affiliation you must personally notify the central office in [writing](#).

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USDF Region 5

Click [HERE](#) for latest report from Heather Petersen, USDF Region 5 Director.

For the latest updates and current Region 5 news. [Click for Region 5](#)

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Congratulations

Region 5 Young Riders - Chef d'Equipe, Heather Petersen
Devon Wycoff / Power Play (pictured on right)
Erin McHenry / Bailando

Region 5 Junior - Chef d'Equipe, Joan Clay
Inga Fuengerlings / Milo (pictured on left)
Lauren Asher / Lysias

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Where has the year gone?

It already is August and Fall is just around the corner. The RMDS Championship Show and the Region 5 Championships are almost here. So many horses and riders have already qualified and a few more shows are left in the season. Clinics and educational events are happening at many barns, and horses and riders are finding more opportunities to enjoy the world of dressage.

Once again, I am asking all our members to help RMDS find success by participating at the final show as an exhibitor, owner, volunteer or spectator. Volunteers make the show run smoothly and allow everyone to have an enjoyable experience.

RMDS has many sponsorship opportunities, all of which defray the substantial costs of running the show. Without sponsorships, show costs go up as we need to cover all the expenses. So, please, if you can just find a little time to put together a group to sponsor a class, or a vendor and or business in your area to sponsor a class or dinner or anything else. As with any show, we want to keep costs down. But, reality is, expenses must be paid and costs seem to keep going up. We all are feeling the cost of living go up and it has become very expensive to show, train, clinic and maintain our equine partners. So, I once again am asking each and every one of you to find some time to get RMDS show sponsors and to volunteer as you can. 2014 is an opportunity to have a great Championship Show, let's do this together.

Mother Nature has given us an exciting summer. Several storms have caused problems in a few areas and wild fires are still around. Most of us have green pastures and are able to enjoy the long summer days riding. We are blessed to enjoy a state where the weather changes and brings beauty in many different forms. Our horses are as diverse in breeding and color, we enjoy all of their special traits as riders and owners. If dressage is your main goal or if it is a method you use to assist in another training goal, then I hope you have found a path to follow.

As Fall approaches, enjoy the changes of the season and let's look forward to September. But, before September arrives, plan a trip up to Estes Park to enjoy a show in a beautiful valley. You also can prepare for Estes at Dressage In The Rockies. Several evening shows are in August, as well, so enjoy and cheer on the eventers.

Looking forward to seeing all of you down the road.
Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa

"In training we must be encouraged to first establish the principles and only then to tackle the details."

Reiner Klimke

RMDS Team Competition a Winner For All Ages, Disciplines

Article and photos by [Carol von Michaelis](#).

Carol von Michaelis is a Foothills Chapter member.



It was definitely a family friendly fun show atmosphere.

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I have a lot of friends who ride in other disciplines and I am always trying to get them to show in dressage shows with me. I see their cute hunters going around and think, "What an amazing Training Level horse that would be." However, they have been reluctant to enter due to the memberships, attire and other worries and preconceptions about dressage. The eventers are always telling me, "Why would you want to just do dressage when it is what you do on your way to cross country?"

Both of these dilemmas were solved when I found and talked my friends into competing in the RMDS Team Competition at Tomora Training Center in Greeley in June. It didn't take much convincing due to the reasonable cost, no memberships required, informal and fun dress code and very friendly atmosphere. It was the perfect place to take a horse that had never been in a dressage arena, two people who had never competed in a dressage show and two eventers and one 4-year old child, my daughter Sydney Stocker, who needed to be included.

Glitter, Tutus and Snake Skin Pants



Pigtails and tutus -- oh my! Reed Ayers joins the fun.

I admit that taking one small child, two ponies, one green horse, two eventers and two hunter jumper riders to a dressage show and using the color kelly green in a coordinated, creative fashion did have some logistical challenges. This show was well the worth the effort because the small child (age 4) enjoyed her first dressage test (leadline intro A) on a purple-dyed pony, the hunter riders were all smiles after their first dressage test where they loved the ride times and the green horse was able to get into a dressage arena and try a test. This show was great for dressage promotion and encouraging a stronger dressage community.

After a fun night of camping and a great day of showing, you get to celebrate with an awards ceremony. The ribbons and medal definitely were a big hit with all the competitors, as were Murdoch gift cards and key chains for special awards. It was such a great experience and everyone left with big smiles. If you are looking for a fun show, a first show or just a fun time this show is a must.

Light, Forward and Relaxed Horses

Barbier Clinic Gives Rider New, 'Right' Approach

By Tracey Egolf

Tracey Egolf of Conifer was awarded a scholarship from her Foothills Chapter to attend a clinic with Dominique Barbier in Conifer, CO., this spring. Contact her at www.egolfinteriors.com for more information. A second clinic is scheduled in Pine, CO., Aug. 30 - Sept. 1.

With more than a little trepidation, I signed up to ride in the Dominique Barbier clinic, held at Kelly Hendricks' Pikes View Ranch in Conifer over a weekend May 30 - June 1. I viewed if Dominique would be able to relate to a modest horse/rider pair such as I and my horse, as I had been awed by the superior caliber of horses and riders in his videos.

I needn't have worried with his funny stories and sharp sense of humor. We were blessed with excellent weather and a wonderfully friendly group of horses and riders in the clinic. The crew of volunteers kept things moving efficiently, and I suspect a few entertained fantasies of stowing away back to California with Dominique to become grooms.

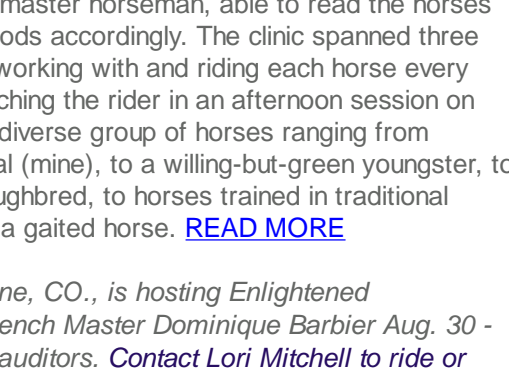
Dominique is clearly a master horseman, able to read the horses and modulate his methods accordingly. The clinic spanned three days, with Dominique working with and riding each horse every morning, and then coaching the rider in an afternoon session on their horse. We had a diverse group of horses ranging from somewhat lackadaisical (mine), to a willing-but-green youngster, to an off-the-track Thoroughbred, to horses trained in traditional dressage methods, to a gaited horse. [READ MORE](#)

Anchorage Farm in Pine, CO., is hosting Enlightened Horsemanship with French Master Dominique Barbier Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 for riders and auditors. Contact Lori Mitchell to ride or audit at Klassicalride@gmail.com or 303-204-9951. Private lessons are available at Pikes View Ranch in Conifer Sept. 2 - 3.

The Dressage Foundation Awards Continuing Education Grant to Instructor Dolly Hannon

The Dressage Foundation's Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund has awarded a grant to Janet "Dolly" Hannon of Golden, CO., to attend the

United States Dressage Federation's Instructor Certification Final Testing at Fort Collins, CO in October. Dolly is a Foothills Chapter member and president emeritus.



"The grant I received for the Instructor Certification Program is appreciated," said Dolly. "Maryal Barnett is such an inspiration and her dedication to our sport and its instructors is admired by so many. Thanks to Maryal and

Dolly Hannon riding Finesse CB, owned by Suzanne Zimmer. Photo by Jennifer Bryant

The Dressage Foundation for this support." The fund was established in 2011 by Maryal and Charles Barnett.

Instructors attending any portion of the Instructor Certification Program, including the workshops, pre-certification and testing, can use individual grants through this fund. Individual grants are awarded twice per year and the next deadline for applications is Feb. 1, 2015.

Additionally, five \$1,000 grants are available to GMOs that are organizing an instructor education event. The funds can be used to offset some of the expenses involved in conducting a USDF Instructor Certification Program or to organize a general educational event for area instructors. These applications must be received at least 90 days prior to the event.

For more information about the Continuing Education for Dressage Instructors Fund or The Dressage Foundation, contact Jenny Johnson at (402) 434-8585 or visit www.dressagefoundation.org.