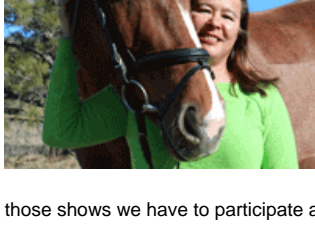


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SEP. 1-3**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The show season is almost over and our Championship Show is only a few weeks away. If you have already qualified Congratulations! If not, you have a few more opportunities. Open classes and qualifying for 2018 are also offered at the USDF Region 5 and RMDS Championships.

VOLUNTEERS We Need YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This has been a tough year for all the RMDS shows. Even if they were fully recognized by USEF and USDF the shows were short on help. Without scribes, gate keepers, warm up stewards, runners, hospitality, scorers and general show help our shows CAN NOT RUN. If we are to maintain the current show schedule and improve

those shows we have to participate as volunteers.

Volunteers can have their hours tracked by RMDS by submitting the volunteer form. Then you are eligible for scholarships and sometimes discounts for RMDS events. A few hours here and there and we all benefit. So please step up and lend a hand.

The RMDS Executive Board is working hard to make this year's Championships a special celebration. Morning exercise classes and a party (including a live band) are just a couple of the activities planned. So if you are showing, helping a friend or family member, volunteering or participating as a spectator, be sure to join us in September for fun and excitement.

As always RMDS strives to provide for our membership through clinics, shows and even partnering with the Colorado Horse Park to grow our sport. With help and suggestions we can take Dressage in Colorado to another level. We need ideas and participation from the membership to make these things happen.

I hope you and your equine partners are able to stay cool in the summer heat.

Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa



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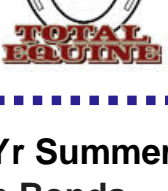
USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by August 31.

- GMOs nominations are open for [Newsletter Awards](#), [Website Awards](#), and [Photography Awards](#). Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by **August 31**. 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 2017 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, KY. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by **August 31**

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**2017 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive Brings Teamwork and
Common Bonds**

From Cassandra DiPentino, Jr/Yr Chairperson and
Jewlee Barber, Summer Intensive Assistant



As the new Jr/Yr Chairperson, I'm excited to say that my first official event was a success. The 2017 Jr/Yr Summer Intensive was hosted by Table Mountain Ranch in Golden from July 5th to the 7th followed by the USDF Team Competition on the 8th. We had eight talented young women join us with their lovely horses. With three days of intense lessons, these determined riders did not let anything from the heat to some excitable horses stop them.



Tuesday evening we welcomed participants Jennifer Webber, Judy DeVore, MacKensy Quigley, Ava Severs, and Alexis Ehrlich from the western slope along with their three horses. They settled quickly and prepared for the days ahead.



Wednesday morning marked the beginning of the Intensive. Uliana Ukrainchuk and Maggie Sayers joined us from Ft. Collins and Parker, respectively, as did Ally Bucknam, Skye Holdridge, and Lekha Masoudi from TMR, and we all got to know each other and discussed the overview of the days' activities. Jennifer Webber, a Grand Prix rider and USDF certified trainer was our clinician for the first day. Each camper took turns riding a test, reviewing it with Jennifer, scribing, and reading tests for other riders. The teamwork and willingness to help others succeed was very apparent in these young girls. After a morning of riding we took a break for lunch and continued talking about our goals for the next few days, as well as the rest of the show season. After lunch we did a group ride where Jennifer worked on teaching lateral control using obstacles. After good results from the lessons, we settled the horses in for the evening. Once everyone was taken care of, we had our first group dinner; a meal filled with laughter and smiles. Once all the campers were tucked and, a tent was pitched where the TMR pool used to be, and everyone slept peacefully under the stars.



The second day began bright and early with sleepy riders and horses awaiting their morning hay. After everyone had a moment to wake up and help take down the tent, breakfast was served. As we finished the meal, Sarah Dodge, a Grand Prix rider and trainer at Faith Farms in Castle Rock and former NAJYRC Region 5 Team member, joined us to be our clinician for the day. She started the day telling us about her experiences on the NAJYRC team and what it takes to reach that goal. Following that, each rider received a 45 minute private lesson tailored to the needs of each pair. The lessons spanned the whole day, but while kids were not riding, they had the chance to decorate horse shoes. Watching other kids ride, with skills ranging from training level to second was very helpful and educational for riders. Everyone felt their horses had done so well in their lessons, we decided to postpone our mounted games, and chose to run through dressage tests on foot. With much enthusiasm, riders experienced the intensity of the Grand Prix test and gained a further appreciation for their equine partners. As the laughter continued, we found ourselves on the cross country course; our eventers felt right at home as we created and ran our own courses. As riders began to run out of steam, we went back in for dinner and recapped our day, amazed at how much we had already learned. With everyone exhausted, sleep came easily.



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Friday morning came early with a Ride-A-Test at 8:00 a.m. Janet "Dolly" Hannon, Grand Prix rider, USDF certified trainer, and 'S' Judge took time from her incredibly busy schedule to critique and instruct each rider on how to maximize their score. This was especially helpful for riders participating in the team competition the next day. With our afternoon trail ride rained out, we went ahead to the postponed bareback ride. Riders demonstrated great balance and control in the busy arena. As activities wrapped up, riders either prepared for the team competition or their drive home. As we said goodbye all of the girls were very excited to see each other again at the 2017 RMDS/USDF Region 5 Championships and there was lots of enthusiasm about the friendships built over the few short days.

Thank you to Sheri Knight and Oscar Becerra, barn manager and crew chief at TMR and to our amazing clinicians and all our incredible volunteers for making this event possible. A huge thank you to my amazing working student, for being the best camp counselor ever. She stayed with the girls both nights and became part of the team as well as someone to look up to.

We look forward to an even bigger and better Summer Intensive next year!!! Be sure to look for the Jr/Yr Ice Cream Social at Championships!!

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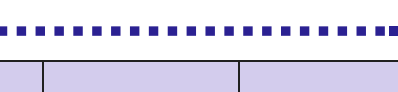
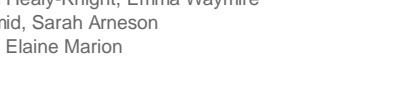
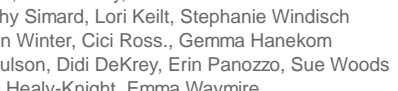
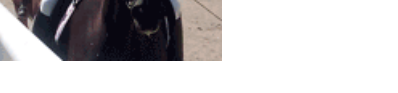
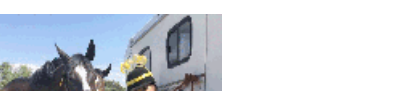
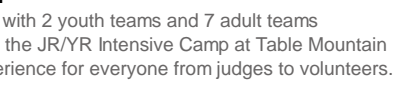
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