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The German Riding School in Warendorf

by RMDS member Dawn Fisher

It's been almost a year since I received the letter from Jill Hassler-Scoop inviting me to attend The Riding School in Warendorf, Germany. How surprised was I to receive the invite! I was one of nine selected to go! So after a year of waiting I finally boarded the plane on October 13 headed to Germany for one solid week of equestrian education. We were the first Americans in the history of the school to attend for such educational purposes and I am so grateful to have been chosen. So now I'd like to share my experience.

First you need to know the purpose of the school. It's no ordinary school! The school is responsible for the training, preparing and testing of riders who will become professionals, as well as being central home of all German professional riders. So you can imagine the quality of riding that I was surrounded by!

Our week started by meeting at the school for an introduction to the stallions that we'd be in charge of and riding for the week. The school runs within the State

Stud, so most of the horses are stallions – all 150 of them! Each of us oogled over our “new horses” – found in their prescribed stalls, bedded in straw up to their knees, with their names and lineages hanging above. It was amazing to see so many horses with such incredible bloodlines all in one barn – and there were four barns filled with such incredible horses!

The next day we would be riding our horses in the morning, followed by a discussion of how it went and what the goals for each horse would be for the week. My stallion was the famous Ferragamo! I could hardly believe I'd be riding such a fine horse, never mind coming up with goals for him! My first ride on him gave me the opportunity to feel him out. He was wonderful so I decided that my goals for the week would be based on what I needed to improve in my own riding since he was so good in his work and such a pleasure to ride. My primary goal for the week was to improve my timing of the half-halts for tempi changes. My secondary goal was to get my head around half-

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pass better and make it smooth and flowing.

Hannes Muller, director of the school, taught us theory in a classroom draped in pictures of great riders and horses such as Nicole Uphoff and Rembrandt, Reiner Klimke and Alherich and many other recognizable names! It was amazing to be in the

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Dutch Treat!

RMDS Riders Go Through Advanced Training At Holland's Global Dressage Forum

Hooge Mierde, Holland – Three riders from Chatellen in Windsor, Colorado, were fortunate to attend the Global Dressage Forum Oct. 30-31 in Hooge Mierde, Holland.

In the trio were Liz Schump, the owner of Chatellen, along with college seniors Kristin McCarty and myself, Annie Morris.

We arrived in Amsterdam, in the south of Holland, the day before the clinic so that we had plenty of time to find the Academy Bartels, where the forum was to be held. The facility was amazing, with tree lined cobble stone paths leading through the lush grass fed by the country's regular showers. Beautiful warmbloods graced the fancy barn, which included a convention area where the

forum was to take place.

Other events concerning international dressage were going on over the weekend, but the first day of the forum was Monday. The first speaker (and my personal favorite) was Hubertus Schmidt riding his amazing horse, Fabiano. He rode while explaining to us exactly what he was doing and why. It was fabulous to see such a willing and talented horse in perfect harmony with his rider. Mr. Schmidt's approaches are a perfect example of the training scale; there are no special effects or extras. It was absolutely inspiring, watching the definition of dressage in motion.

Other events included a seminar by Dr. Rico Schuijers who explained the impor-

tance of sports psychology for competitors. Dr. Schuijers instructs athletes in techniques of breathing and relaxation to help reduce stress; he showed us his methods and their effects. Monty Roberts, the famous American “horse whisperer,” was the final speaker, and although he is clearly an effective horseman, his presentation was a little too Hollywood for the crowd of professional riders, trainers, and judges.

The next day began

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presence of such greatness!

Our theory discussions gave us insight on how to reach our goals for the week. Mr. Muller gave us a 'system' to use when riding an unfamiliar horse to determine where the horse is lacking and what to start with. Other discussions included the use of school figures and the illusive half-halt. In addition to our daily rides and theory lessons, we worked horses on the double, worked in hand, lunged each other in the 'lunge house' and worked over cavelleti and small fences. We were expected to be well rounded riders with well rounded horses. Capable of any of the three disciplines (dressage, stadium and cross-country).

One thing that really hit home with me

was how all the riders at the school were great 'dressage' riders. Even the professionals who specialized in jumping could easily take their horse through the equivalent of a 4th level test. There wasn't the division that we see here between 'dressage riding' and 'hunt seat'. In fact, they don't even have 'hunt seat' riding. All riders are good riders first then specialize, once they've achieved what the Germans would consider 'basic skill level' (about 4th level - PSG).

Creating a new 'picture' was a theme that Mr. Muller encouraged all of us to go home with. Training the eye and body to have new and better pictures was more easily achieved when surrounded by such fantastic horses and riders. Riders with invisible aids

and quiet, but not stiff, bodies and horses who could 'sit' so well in piaffe and passage that you could see wrinkles in the skin of their hind quarters! Those images are now embedded in my mind and are new goals for me and my students. With my new pictures, combined with the training by Eckart Myners and the Balimo program, I have infinite ways to help my students and their horses.

My only regret is that the program wasn't longer. Although this was my first trip to Germany, I can't help but think of how lucky I am as an American going to the School at Warnedorf.

This article is dedicated with love and gratitude in memory of Jill Hassler- Scoop.

RMDS/Canon Ridge Farms hosts clinic of new United State Dressage Federation tests

Castle Rock - Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, in cooperation with Janet Foy and Heather Petersen, presents "An Introduction to the New Tests" to be taught by FEI I Judge Janet Foy, January 14, 2007. Presentation begins at 1 o'clock in the afternoon at Canon Ridge Farms, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Demonstration riders will ride each of the new tests while Janet walks attendees through the movements and collective requirements. Get a head start on

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The cost for RMDS members is \$20 in advance or \$25 dollars at the door (Non-members pay \$5 more). Use the entry form below. Beverages and snacks will be provided but we do ask you to bring your own chair. The facility is climate controlled and it will be held in an indoor arena. If you are interested in participating as a demonstration rider or have any questions, please contact Heather at slush@drgw.net or

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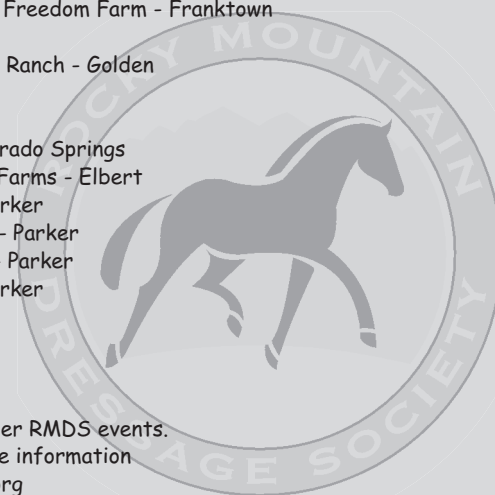
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In every L session there are always auditors and judge participants who say, "I didn't know that!" Don't let this opportunity pass you by...remember, the trainer in the next barn may be there, and you could see the difference in a big way at the next show!

Auditing fee is \$60 per session - advanced sign up is recommended - fill out the form below, with a check for \$60 made out to RMDS and send it to Heather Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831. Session A is February 3-4, 2007 in Berthoud, CO.

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Editor's Page

From the Desk of RMDS President Heather Petersen...

Happy Trails ... a Thing of the Past? Guest Editorial by Judi Tobias

Picture this: it is a beautiful sunny day and you would like to take a nice relaxing trail ride with your horse. Unfortunately, that is impossible because all the trails are now closed to horses. Does this sound unlikely? Well, it is happening in more and more places every day.

In El Paso County, the new state park just south of Colorado Springs does not allow horses on its trails. =Horse use in the Garden of the Gods is constantly under attack. In Littleton, developers covet the land now occupied by Spring Gulch Equestrian Park, and in the Fort Collins area, Lory State Park's equestrian use is threatened. Even the venerable Tevis Cup 100 mile endurance ride has been threatened with trail closures. Horse venues in every part of the country continue to have land use issues.

Now the US Forest Service, which administers millions of acres of public land wants to "selectively" close trails to equestrian use in White River National Forest, which includes many areas in Summit County. Hikers, mountain bikes, even off-road vehicles, and non-recreational uses such as timber, oil and gas industry access, will still be allowed—only horses will be banned. And, if this action is allowed to go

unchallenged, there will undoubtedly be more public land closed to horses. Pike National Forest is right in our backyard! Also, I see this movement as a contradiction to the "Right to Ride Act" which is backed by our Colorado legislators and COHOCO and is in Congress now.

Although the Forest Service has no scientific evidence, they were very critical of horse use on trails, related to trail damage and manure left on trails. Also, some hikers and mountain bikers find it intolerable to share the trail with horses.

If there are questions of erosion, surely by sheer numbers, the mountain bikes should be suspect. And, instead of focusing only on horse manure as a carrier of noxious weed seed, we must look at wind-born and bird-feces sources of weed-seed, and even the shoes of hikers.

Personally, I find loose dogs who chase wildlife and leave their poop on the trails to be offensive, as well as the noise from ATVs, but these issues were never addressed in the study.

The Colorado Springs Dressage Association Board asked me to write this article and we would ask all of the RMDS members to contact their legislators regarding

the issue of trail closures in the White River National Forest. You can also contact COHOCO or the Forest Service representative for this issue, Wendy Haskins, at 970-945-2521. If you wish to voice your opinion in writing the address is:

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Don't delay. The time for public comment is short. Many horse groups, such as Back Country Horsemen and Douglas-Elbert County Horse Council have already voiced their objections to this plan.

It doesn't matter what breed of horse you ride or what discipline you prefer, this is blatant discrimination and of us for whom horses are an integral part of our life must stand together or some day, there will be no trails for us to enjoy.

My thanks to Judi! Happy Holidays - Heather

The Latest Scoop from the Editor's Stall.

Don't ask me how it happened, but over the past month, I received three separate articles detailing experiences that RMDS members had while overseas, attending clinics by some of Europe's most esteemed riders and instructors.

I decided to run two of the articles on the front page of The Centaur, in part because December is a slow news month, and in part to fire up your imaginations. With New Year's Day just a month away, now is a good time to start dreaming of new goals and exotic destinations.

Horsemen don't often get to enjoy lengthy vacations like other, more carefree folks do. We are always having to concern ourselves with the welfare and well being of

our animals.

However, what could be more beneficial than a week or ten days spent in Europe, learning to become better horsemen? And, of course, at the same time getting a cultural education and a chance to see some of Europe's wonderful architecture and its picturesque rural countryside?

That's one of the nice things about dressage - unlike the western disciplines, which grew out of ranch traditions and are today mainly refined in Texas, dressage has as its legacy a centuries' (some would say millenias') old traditions in Europe.

This frees us up to dream of faraway places and, for the fortunate, to actually make a pilgrimage or two to the finest train-

ing barns of Europe.

Truly, this is a blessing that all of us who love and respect these fine horses and dedicated riders owe ourselves, at least once in a lifetime.

I hope the articles written by our very young, ambitious and accomplished RMDS riders will inspire those, both very young and those more mature, to dream their own dreams for the New Year. Perhaps you too will have an interesting travel story to relate to The Centaur when the news cycle gets slow again and the days of winter grow long.

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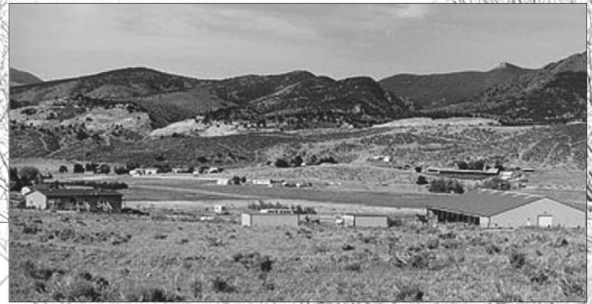
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Global Dressage Forum...
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bright and early with another demonstration on horse behavior by Dr. Andrew McLean. He demonstrated his straight-forward approach to ground manners on a lovely yet hormonal stallion. Next was another wonderful topic, a review of the WEG with the head of the FEI, Mariette Withages, and a panel. Participants got to judge three Grand Prix Special Tests on their own, those of Isabell Werth (1st), Andreas Helgstrand (3rd), and Bernadette Pujals (10th), and then go over them with judges and other professionals. It was good to see the justification for the awarded marks and the overall skyrocketing quality of international dressage in general.

The last two topics of the forum were a bit incendiary. The first was Rene van Weeren and Sjef Janssen discussing a study done on horse ridden extra deep. There were a few restless folks, but the next lecture was Anky van Grusven riding while Jenssen explained more about her methods. I

thought what she was doing did not look cruel, the horse was happy, and it was clearly effective judging by how beautifully the horse was going. Some people were slightly outraged and offered much criticism, but most views were saying if riding extra deep works for her, that's fine and we can train our way. Right before the room came to blows the forum come to an end.

Overall, it was an amazing experience. Some of the other events were panel discussions after every speaker, and personal Q & A time with the speaker in between events. It was amazing to be in the company of our sport's top people, and extremely inspiring to know they are all great people that love the sport. The point of the forum was discussion of the main topics in dressage today, and everyone there was exposed to different views. I was honored to attend, it was an amazing experience!

Rider/Trainer Annie Morris contributed this article.

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Region 5 News

December 2006 Region 5 Message

Happy Holidays! This a busy time of year – the USDF convention and symposium, multiple membership renewals, and holiday preparations. It is a time to celebrate with family, friends, and our horses.

I would like to thank everyone in the region for the time and energy you have contributed to our sport. We have much more information available online now. It is extremely easy to renew USEF and USDF memberships. Information about the governance of our organization is available in council and committee reports, as well as the agenda for the convention.

I would like to especially thank those individuals who attended the convention and represented our members, participating and GMO delegates, as well as the regional coordinators who work on ideas and issues throughout the year.

The USDF FEI JR/YR clinic held November 11-12 at Dynamite Dressage in Scottsdale, Arizona was well attended. We have some wonderful young dressage riders in our region and this coaching experience with Debbie McDonald is another step on their way. I have watched them develop through the levels and it is inspiring to watch their progress and the tireless support of their coaches, parents and dressage community.

New national level (Training through Fourth Level) dressage tests are effective December 1. The 2007 "On the Levels" DVD is available from USDF, a great tool for riders, coaches, and judges. Best wishes to all in the coming New Year!

Happy Riding!
Theresa Hunt
Region 5 Director



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9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday January 28

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Sunday	\$30	\$40	\$50
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RMDS Continuing Education Clinic: The View from "C." Saturday, Jan. 27, Freedom Farm with Kristi Wysocki.

2006/07 Shows & Events

DECEMBER

- 5 Janet Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 6 Jill Cantor Lee Clinic, Flying Star Farm**
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or Jill Cantor Lee 970-209-8491
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or Jill Cantor Lee 970-209-8491
- 16 Kelly O'Leary Clinic - Black Forest, Colo.**
Contact Patricia, 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 19 Janet Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 21 Janet Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com

JANUARY 2007

- 11 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM**
Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel - Denver
Contact RMDS Central Office - 720-890-7825
rmds@rmds.org
- 14 New USDF Test Clinic with Janet Foy**
(entry form, pg. 2); Canon Ridge Farm, Castlerock.
For info, contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435
slush@drwgw.net
- 27 Judges Continuing Education – Kristi Wysocki -**
OPEN to All; Freedom Farms - Franktown, Colo.
Contact RMDS Central Office –
720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

FEBRUARY 2007

- 3-4 USDF 'L' Program-Session A-Lois Yukins**
Paragon - Berthoud, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drwgw.net
- 10 TD's and Show Managers Continuing Education – Open to All**
Table Mountain Ranch, Golden
Contact RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825
rmds@rmds.org

MARCH 2007

- 8 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Perkins Restaurant, I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 10-11 USDF 'L' Program-Session B - Janet Foy**
Paragon - Berthoud, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435
slush@drwgw.net
- 24-25 RMDS Winter Wake-Up/USEF YR Qualifier**
Norris-Penrose Equestrian Center, Colo. Springs
Contact Heather Petersen
719-683-8435, slush@drwgw.net

APRIL 2007

- 14-15 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961
lynea@direcway.com
- 14-15 USDF 'L' Program-Session C- Somewhere Farm**
Elbert - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435
slush@drwgw.net
- 21-22 World Cup-Las Vegas**
- 28-29 Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring/USEF YR Qualifier, Colorado Springs, Colo.** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net
- 28 Boulder Valley Schooling Show - Singletree,**
Boulder Contact Patti Taylor 303-772-3087
patti_taylor@earthlink.net
- 29 Boulder Valley Spring Fling RMDS - Singletree,**
Boulder Contact Patti Taylor 303-772-3087
turnerrealty@earthlink.net

MAY 2007

- 5-6 Columbine Show #1 Columbine Equestrian**
Center-Littleton-USEF Contact Dorothy Rohrbach
303-646-2309
- 10 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 11-13 Grand Valley Spring Show #1/#2**
Grand Junction-USEF
Contact Candace Graus, 970-245-2886
- 12 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1-Longmont-**
RMDS contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com
- 12 Dressage for the Cure Cottonwood Riding Club**
Littleton RMDS Contact Tara Gandomcar
303-791-7656
- 20 Foothills Spring Dressage Show Table Mtn**
Ranch, Golden - RMDS Contact Kathy King
Johnson, 303-494-0905
- 25-27 Dressage in the Plains I & II-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin
glenhavenfarm@hotmail.com
- 26-27 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show I & II Ridgway**
USEF YR Qualifier Contact Heather Petersen,
719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net
- JUNE 2007**
- 5-7 Karl Mikolka Clinic - Fort Collins Equestrian**
Center, Contact Ann Hagaman 970-493-4662
- 8-10 Dressage at High Prairie #1/#2/#3**
Parker-USEF-YR Qualifier
contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 9-10 USDF 'L' Program-Session D1-Lois Yukins-**
Colorado Horse Park Contact Heather Petersen
719-683-8435 slush@drwgw.net

2006/07 Shows & Events

- 16-17 Black Hills Dressage Show - Rapid City, SD USEF** Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rapidnet.com
- 22-23 Sage Creek #1/#2-** Charleston, UT-USEF-YR Qualifier Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 23-24 Columbine Show #2-**Columbine Equest. Cente Littleton-USEF Contact Dorothy Rohrbach 303-646-2309
- 30-July 1 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I/USEF-YR Qualifier** - Longmont, Colo. Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- JULY 2007**
- 12 RMDS Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 15 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2-**Longmont-RMDS contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- 20 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up USEF,** Colorado Springs Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 21-22 Dressage at the Peak Summer USEF** Colorado Springs Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 27-29 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II USEF** Longmont, Colo. Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- 28-29 Sage Creek #3/#4-**Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- AUGUST 2007**
- 3-5 Dressage in the Rockies #1/#2/#3-**Parker-USEF contact Glenda McElroy 818—841-3554
- 18 Dressage at Sun Prairie-**Sun Prairie Farm-Peyton-USEF Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041 glenhavenfarm@hotmail.com
- 19 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3** - Longmont - RMDS contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- 24-26 Paragon Dressage I/II/III-**Colorado Horse Park-Parker-USEF contact Martha Fischer
- 25-26 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I/II-**Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- SEPTEMBER 2007**
- 1 Aspen Ridge Schooling Show-**Monument, CO Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 1 Grand Valley Fall Show-**Grand Junction-USEF contact Candace Graus-970-245-2886
- 2 Western Slope Championship & Open Show** contact Candace Graus-970-245-28862
- 2 Aspen Ridge Dressage-Monument, CO-RMDS** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 8 Boulder Valley Schooling Show - Somerset -**Longmont Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718 jmhillery915@comcast.net
- 9 Boulder Valley Goodbye to Summer Show-**Somerset-Longmont-RMDS Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718 jmhillery915@comcast.net
- 13 RMDS Executive Board Meeting,** 6:30 pm, Perkins Restaurant, i-25 & Buchtel, Denver Contact Central Office, 720-890-7825
- 26-30 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show** Parker-USEF
- RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show, Parker** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 26-30 Region V Championships-Parker-USEF** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- OCTOBER 2007**
- 13-14 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction** Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@di-recway.com
- 13-14 Jane Savoie Clinic, Phantom Hill Farm,** Ft. Collins, Colo. Contact USDF Katherine Robertson or RMDS Central Office
- NOVEMBER 2007**
- 10 RMDS Board of Directors & Awards Banquet - NCDA Chapter**
- SEPTEMBER 2008**
- 25 RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 26-28 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show Parker-USEF** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters to editor: Centaur editor Gavin Ehringer, PO Box 9 Colorado Springs, CO 80901 ph. 719-471-8764 e-mail gavinehringer@earthlink.net

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Any memberships received after Oct. will be issued for the following year.

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RMDS Executive Board

All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Steering committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governors meeting is held the second Saturday of November. Contact the Central Office for precise dates.

RMDS Chapter Meeting Schedule & Contacts

Boulder Valley, 2nd Monday, even months.

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

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tues., location TBD.

Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040, or check CSdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Kathy Johnson, 303-494-0905

Grand Valley, 1st Tues. every month, roaming location.

Kelly Schlagel, 970-242-5935

High Plains, 3rd Monday every month, location TBD.

Alexandra Curnutte, 303-663-0358 curnuttet@msn.com

Northern Colo., 3rd Tues every month, CSU Vet Teaching

Hosp., Susie Gordon, 970-407-7357 sgordon@fcgov.com

Penrose, 1st Wed., every month, roaming location

Sharon Ghilarducci, 719-462-5760

Tri State, TBA; contact Darlene Vaughan, 307-332-7261

Western Colo., contact Judith Family, 970-923-8832

DNS@rof.net

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Always call the contact individual to check show info, as dates, times and places may change.

NOTE: ALL COMPETITORS SHOULD DO A SCORE CHECK WITH THE CENTRAL OFFICE, ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO AWARDS. Phone: (720) 890-7825

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Older and Better Trophy donated by Cariellen DeMuth. (Awarded to the rider over 45 years of age with the highest median): 74.231% "Picolero," owner Monica Benderly, rider Anita Williams.

Junior Rider High Median (under 18 years of age) Sea Otter Memorial Trophy donated by the Tautz Family: 68.292% "Earl Grey," owner Nancy Brinkman, rider Devon Wycoff.

High Overall Median Trophy awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest median score excluding freestyles: 74.231% "Picolero," owner Monica Benderly, rider Anita Williams.

Single High Score Trophy awarded to the horse/rider with the highest single score excluding freestyle scores: 78.2% "Eeltsje F" owner Paula Marsh, rider Nicole Glusenkamp.

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BREED AWARDS

Minimum Requirements:

- 3 shows, 4 judges, 5 rides.

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OPEC Warmblood Trophy-donated by Cariellen DeMuth, 67.443% "O Dallas," owners Sharon & Erik Torkilson, rider Simone Ahern-Harless.

Dutch WB: donated by Soraya Von Asten 68.982% "Special Addition" owner Linda Block-Gandy, rider Karen Whitman.

Friesian: donated by Danielle Culver 71.600% "Eeltsje F" owner Paula Marsh, rider Nicole Glusenkamp.

Grade: donated by Joder Arabian Ranch 68.049% "Cary" owner, rider Mary C Stack.

Hanoverian: Silvertip Farms Memorial Trophy donated by Deborah Carter 66.923% "For the Good Times" owner Carole Hayward, rider Grant Schneidman.

Holsteiner: donated by the family of Christine O'Daniel 60.444% "LeFire" owner Eudora & Nicole Roach, rider Nicole Roach.

Iberian: donated by El Canto Luisitanos, 69.038% "Habano SMDR" owner Joe Skelton, rider Christa Wood.

Morgan: donated by Morgan Sport Horse Association

65.556% Orrwood "Maddison Bay" owner Caroline Fernald, rider Victoria Fernald.

Oldenburg: Well Fought Memorial Trophy donated by Shannon Badillo 74.231% "Picolero" owner Monica Benderly, rider Anita Williams.

Paint/Pinto: donated by Jeri Yarbrough in honor of "Bear" 67.432% "Mighty Charger," owner June Bachman, rider, Meg Lodes.

Quarter Horse: donated by Sandra Hein 65.909% "Patrick" owner/rider Kathy Wilson.

Saddlebred: donated by Shirley Hoffman 64.466% "Doubletree's Tempest," owner Kathy Kriner & Hannah Lewis, rider Hannah Lewis.

Swedish WB: donated by the Swedish Connection, Janet Brown Wysocki 65.769% "Savignon," owner/rider Stephanie Leahey.

Thoroughbred: Cowboy Cadillac Memorial Trophy donated by Shannon Badillo 66.378% "Rhythmic Drum," owner/rider Alison Wilaby.

Trakehner: donated by the friends of Pandur 66.223% "Fabhcun," owner Elizabeth Munson, rider Kathleen Mayger.

HORSE OF THE YEAR - FREESTYLES

Minimum Requirements: 3 scores in freestyles, median must be at least 55%.

First Level donated by Edith T. Ray 71.875% "Ganadora SMDR," owner Joe Skelton, rider Christa Wood.

First Level Adult Amateur 60.625% "Rhythmic Grace," owner/rider Kelly Schlagel.

Second Level donated by Barbara Gardner 66.303% "Floristan" owned and rider Jackson Freismuth

Third Level donated by Carolyn Schoenfeld 70.208% "Golden Gift" owner/rider Andrea Doelling.

Fourth Level donated by Bridget Milnes & Dr. & Mrs. Muftic 68.177% "Viva Las Vegas" owner/rider Shannon Dahmer.

Prix St Georges 62.188% "Am Tawny Gypsyman +/" owned and rider Annie Morris.

Intermediaire I donated by Dolly Hannon and Whit Watkins, 70.969% "Paradiso B" owner Chardell Steves, rider Sue Halasz.

Grand Prix 66.375% "Grand Glissando" owner/rider Meredith Mathers.

HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Minimum Requirements: Training Level through Fourth Level, 3 shows, 4 judges, 5 rides; FEI Levels, 3 shows, 3 judges, 3 rides; All Levels: 2 of the scores must be at least 55% at the most difficult test of the level; 2 of the shows must be rec-



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Training Level donated by Julie Barringer-Richers 66.743% "Gilligan" owner/rider Joan Clay.

Horse of the Year, Junior/Young Riders

Training Level Dude's Blue Mist Memorial Trophy donated by Carrie Hagood 68.846% "Royal Mirage," owner Nora Heinrichs, rider Morgan Janet Heinrichs.

First Level donated by Colorado Springs Chapter 66.088% "Rhythmic Drum" owned and rider Allison Wilaby.

Second Level donated by RMDS 63.529% "Floristan" owner/rider Jackson Freismuth.

Third Level donated by Boulder Valley Chapter 63.611% "Nordic" owner Taryn Anderson, rider Greta Barringer-Richers.

Fourth Level donated by Wild Rose Farm/Julie Barringer-Richers 63.000% "Rusticus 4" owner Aylin Corpapcioglu, rider Dawn White-O'Connor.

FEI Level donated by Wild Rose Farm/Julie Barringer-Richers 59.5% "Am Tawny Gypsyman +/" owner/rider Annie Morris.

Horse of the Year - Adult Amateur

Training Level donated by Laurie Harrison 69.808% "Sullivan" owned and rider Jasmim Becker.

First Level La Pouliniere Trophy donated by Suke & CiCi Lee 70.556% "Confabulate" owner/rider Andria Allen.

Second Level Major Anders Lindgren Trophy donated by the Hollister family 66.576% "Navarro" owner Joy Lanzano rider Jessica Greer.

Third Level donated by Nonesuch Farm 64.306% "Andechs" owner/rider Anne MacGuire.

Fourth Level Ricky Wasik Memorial (tie) 59.130% "Domani" owner/rider Kathy Coulson and "Made in the Shade," owner/rider Mary Jo Hoepner

Prix St Georges Waterloo Perpetual donated by Lori Oakley 59.125% "Chatham" owner/rider Joan Clay.

Intermediare I donated by Meredith Mathers Champ: 67.500% "Lamiro" owner/rider Lauren Smith.

Sport Horse of the Year – In Hand
Young Horse of the Year: Three years and under donated by Sarah & Clayton Martin, 77.950% "Awentia" owner Gwen Ka'awaloa, shown by Chad Toney.

Mature Horse of the Year: Four years and older donated by Somewhere Farm in memory of the thoroughbred stallion, Bailey 68.700% "Indika" owned and shown by Laura Ware.

Horse of the Year - Overall

Training Level donated by RMDS 74.231% "Picolero" owner Monica Benderly, rider Anita Williams.

First Level donated by High Plains Chapter 70.556% "Confabulate" owner/rider Andria Allen.

Second Level Erwin Perpetual Trophy donated by Joan Meyers 67.432% "Mighty Charger" owner June Bachman, rider Meg Lodes.

Third Level donated by the Stanich Family 70.357% "Superman" owner/rider Grant Schneidman.

Fourth Level donated by the Foothills Chapter 66.521% "Ravenelli's Wizard" owner/rider Simone Ahern-Harless.

Prix St. Georges Pregelstrand Trophy - donated by Wanda Verner 68.750% "Paradiso B" owner Chardell Steves, rider Sue Halasz.

Intermediare I 67.500 "Lamiro" owner/rider Lauren Smith.

Intermediare II Graf Bobby Memorial trophy donated by Philip & Jennifer Oldham 64.390% "Rodek" owner/rider Marti Foster

Grand Prix Fairwind Farm Perpetual Trophy donated by Sue Curry 59.688% "Grand Glissando" owner/rider Meredith Mathers.

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Young Horse in Hand: "Awentia" owned and shown by Gwen Ka'awaloa.

First Level Freestyle: "Ganadora SMDR" owner Joe Skelton, rider Christa Wood.

Second Level Freestyle "Floristan" owned and rider Jackson Freismuth.

Third Level JR/YR: "Nordic" owner Taryn Anderson, rider Greta Barringer-Richers.

Fourth Level Adult Amateur: "Made in the Shade"

owner/rider Mary Jo Hoepner.

Fourth Level JR/YR: "Rusticus 4" owner Aylin Corpapcioglu, rider Dawn White-O'Connor.

Fourth Level Freestyle: "Viva Las Vegas" owned and rider Shannon Dahmer.

FEI Level JR/YR: "Am Tawny Gypsyman +/" owner/rider Annie Morris.

Prix St Georges Open: "Paradiso B" owner Chardell Steves, rider Sue Halasz.

Prix St Georges Freestyle: "Am Tawny Gypsyman +/" owner/rider Annie Morris.

Intermediare I Freestyle: "Paradiso B" owner Chardell Steves, rider Sue Halasz.

Grand Prix Open: Grand Glissando owner/rider Meredith Mathers.

Grand Prix Freestyle: "Grand Glissando" owner/rider Meredith Mathers.

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Clinic News & Reviews

REVIEW: BENT JENSEN CLINICS

By Ann E. Edelman

On October 20 through October 22, 2006, Bent Jensen returned to Colorado for two clinics. Bent has been a well-known dressage competitor and trainer in Europe and the United States for over twenty years. He was a member of the Danish dressage team at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics; was an alternate for the 1990 World Cup; twice has been the Danish National Champion Rider of the Year in Dressage; won countless FEI competitions; scored over 80% in the Grand Prix Freestyle; and won the \$25,000 Wind-some Dressage/Jumper Spectacular eight consecutive times.

In his clinics, Bent emphasizes quiet, correct training for both horse and rider. He uses gymnastic exercises designed to improve the horse's straightness, rhythm, throughness and quality of gaits. Bent has a gift for explaining his training concepts and exercises so that the rider can take their improvement home with them. Over and over, Bent discerns the one thing to work on for each pair that brings horse and rider to a new level in their riding.

The first clinic, on October 20, was presented at Larry and Judy Battersby's Wild Wind Farm in Elizabeth. Kelly O'Leary's horse was excited by his new surroundings. "What was helpful was that my horse was a bit high and Bent's calm demeanor and steady, continuous flow of exercises helped to get my horse really through. He is a clinician who considered the information from the rider to get the best from the horse," she said.

Bent works with both horse and rider to improve them as a team. Dr. David Schrier stated that "Bent assessed me and my horse so quickly and solved a major problem in the way I was giving my aids—to see the almost immediate response was thrilling!"

Jody Baumgartner was asked to perform one of Bent's favorite exercises, the counter canter. In an article in *Sidelines* at <http://www.sidelinesnews.com/1701/dTrain.html>, Bent says that, "the counter canter is the single most effective movement to improve balance, evenness in the hand, jump and through-ness."

Brenda Haley said of her ride: "It has been several rides since I rode with Bent and I must say that the lesson has stayed with me. I am more aware of my horse's power and the way I influence through my seat, as well as having a better understanding and feel for connection and through-ness." Cariellen DeMuth commented: "What

I learned was that enough forward motion helps solve many problems that seem separate, but more likely are not."

Kelly Brown and Jennifer Slade also rode in the clinic.

I have worked with Bent several times on my schoolmaster, and in July, at Caduceus Farm, on my young mare. In July, Bent instructed me to ride the mare forward and add impulsion. This time, my lesson was about keeping throughness during transitions and progressing with the counter canter. Bent had me ride shoulder fore and use more leg into the half halt to keep the throughness during transitions. Since the clinic, keeping the mare on the aids during transitions has increased the quality of my overall ride and has enabled my horse to carry herself better in other work.

Denise Heatherington rode next, and we all got the pleasure of seeing Bent ride her lovely friesian gelding. Eileen Claffey's ride finished our day.

On October 21 and 22, the clinic moved north to Margaret (Peggy) Judy's Caduceus Farm in Broomfield. Peggy's rides focused on keeping her stallion through and carrying himself well into the outside rein. They

worked on shoulder in and the horse became more forward, more elevated in front, more responsive to the aids and lighter in the hand. Next, they performed spiraling and volte exercises which helped to create more energy, more engagement and further lightness in front.

Sara Porter said that when she started her ride, her horse was "sluggish and wouldn't move off her leg." Bent had her ride very forward, but not nag every stride.

Nadia Dormer rode her three year old stallion. Bent coached her on the basics of steering, bending and moving forward in the bridle. Josie Judy rode the 20 year old Swedish stallion Pehrsson, working on keeping him straight, forward and correct.

Also riding in the clinic were Laura Capra, Krystal Mettler, Karen Johnson Stuer and Sue Shaffer.

Before the clinics were over, riders were already asking when Bent is coming back to Colorado. We hope it will be very soon. Please contact Ann Edelman at aedelman@edelmanlawfirm.com, or Peggy Judy at caduceusf@mac.com, to be put on the lists for future clinics.

2007 NAJRC & NAYRC Qualifying Shows

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March 24-25	RMDS Winter Wake-Up*
April 7-8	ADA Spring Celebration
April 28-29	Dressage At The Peak*
May 26-27	Dalwhinnie Dressage Show
June 8-10	High Prairie Dressage
June 23-23	Sage Creek Dressage I - II
June 30-July 1	Autumn Hill Dressage Festival

For Event Details, see the RMDS Calendar in this issue.

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Chapter News

Penrose Chapter

We had 6 members at the Oct. 11 meeting. Sally reported that we paid the expenses for the Oct. 7 Ride a Test Show and had \$150 profit.

Paid Moss's for the arena and Julie, our judge. Julie thought that everyone who rode in June was much improved. Riders had fun and learned a lot from the clinic part of their ride. We decided at the meeting to award the Most Improved Horse and Rider trophy to the Quadrille team who improved their score from 66 to 72. Lynette is going to accept the trophy for the team for now.

Marlene brought up that Dennis could duplicate this arena set up layout tool for much less than the commercial one. He thinks that we can set up the arena in 10 minutes. We voted to allocate the money to make this tool. Setting up the arena is one of the most annoying tasks when putting on a show.

We made up a slate of officers for next year and hope these are acceptable to everyone. If anyone was interested in an office but wasn't at the meeting call Sally. They are as follows:

President—Cat Siemiet

Vice President—Marlene Coonradt

Secretary and newsletter—Sis Harman

Treasurer—Debbie Acker

Correspondent to Centaur—Brenda

Christmas Party will be Dec. 16 at Marlene Coonradt's at 6:30. Potluck and under \$20 gift exchange.

Cat would like to have a January meeting on the weekend for a lunch and plan a calendar for the whole year. We could pick a date at the Christmas party.

High Plains Chapter

Things are moving along well. Thanks to all the new faces that have been coming to the meetings. Having more people involved has been the key to getting more ideas up and rolling. The October Fest Show was quite successful and went off with out too many hitches. We would like to thank everyone who participated and the volunteers who make these things happen. Reiterhof Ranch was very accommodating and gracious, our thanks to them. Jenny Slade, as first time secretary, did a super job and learned a lot.

During our October meeting on October 16th, we had a good discussion about chapter events for next year. We are planning to have a RMDS show in March and then a combined schooling show/clinic and RMDS show in the summer of 07. The current President and Secretary of High Plains plan on attending the Show Managers Continuing Education Class in February, this should help with the up coming shows for next year. Best wishes to Nancy Evans, our treasurer, on her move to California. We would also like to thank Susan Mikula for stepping in to the Treasurers position for the rest of this year and next.

A special November meeting is planned for November 6th, War Horse Inn, Parker at

6:30 pm. We will be electing new officers at that time. A notice will go out ahead of time to let members know. Then it is off to the BOG meeting and the RMDS Banquet on Nov.11th. We hope to see some of you there.

We are not holding a December meeting due to scheduling issues for everyone. If anyone has any concerns or thoughts they would like to pass along during that time, please contact Alex Curnutte or Jenny Slade. Our first meeting of 2007 will be on January 15th. Watch your mail box for location and time. We wish everyone happy holidays and a merry new year. See you in 2007!

Alex Curnutte President

Tri State Chapter

Message from "soon to be" immediate past President

What a pleasure it has been to be the president of Tri State Dressage. I am so proud to have held this position for the last few years, but as always, it's time to move on. If you approve the by-law changes, I will continue on the board as immediate past president to help the new officers carry on our traditions. Tammy Fagan will be another good leader for our group!

We had an extended discussion about shows for 2007 and are researching several options. We will not be having a USEF/USDF show in Riverton, however could have one or more RMDS shows in Wyoming. We will continue the schooling show series in Fremont County as the support is high. We are looking into the possibility of a USEF/USDF show in conjunction with the Cheyenne area club at the fairgrounds in Douglas. This will hinge on the new stabling being built. The Board of Ag has the money and the architect, and we will keep all up to date. Casper gals are also looking into having a show, either schooling or recognized. Check out the web site for clinics also

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Darlene Vaughan



Penrose vice-president Marlene Coonradt sent this picture of the quadrille team "Limited Edition, taken at the chapter's Fall Ride A Test Show. (Starting at left): Cic Harmon, Sally Strom, Coonradt, Lynette Anderson.

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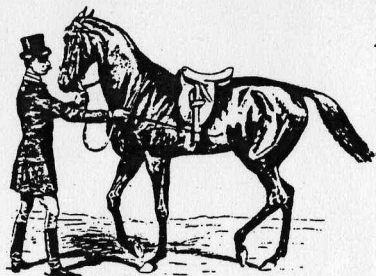
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