

THE CENTAUR



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Artists Show Off Their Talents at 2nd RMDS Show

The second annual RMDS Art Show was a resounding success. The creative juices were going and we had a wonderful display to enjoy at the annual meeting on November 8, 2008.

I would like to thank all those who submitted art work – the junior and young rider submissions were wonderful. Very expressive and well done. The adult submissions were equally as lovely and showed the dedication that the equestrian artists have for their sport.

Carol vonMichaelis and her junior riders submitted the most art work, creating the most discussion and review.

Kim Ryan and Kathy Baird were the judges for the show and it wouldn’t have gone well without their thoughtful display of the art work and professional assessment of each piece. They were instrumental in having Virginia Schick, art teacher at Boulder High School and a horse lover herself, have her students provide some very lovely pieces. There was much bidding and discussion on various pieces during the evening. The annual art show is a wonderful way for all members of RMDS to express themselves and have others enjoy their work. I hope that this will grow next year. – *Jeannette Hillery*

Tips: Buying a New Horse

Perhaps you are looking for a new gift for Christmas - something that will fit in the barn, rather than under the tree. Or maybe you have your eye on a new horse for the coming spring. Whatever the case, it’s easy to let emotions get ahead of pragmatic considerations. It’s always best to have a cool head and patience when shopping for a new horse - doubly so if you are also new to riding. Here are some tips from the trainers at Eighth Heaven Farm about how to make a good horse purchase.

To begin with, be realistic. If you are a beginner, choose a horse that knows more than you do. Recognize your age, physical condition, mental state (fearful, confident), time available for riding each week.

Don’t buy a horse for its breed or color alone. Look for temperament to match your style and riding ability and a horse that is trained for your desired discipline. Buy for the mind of the horse, not solely for the flashiness of its appearance.

Never buy a horse solely based upon information from the Internet. See the horse and meet the buyer. Assume the seller is less-than-truthful about your prospective horse’s health, potential and performance. It’s not that people always lie, they may actually believe what they are telling you!

Get a veterinarian’s exam. It may save you from a poor decision. If you decide to proceed, you will have a starting baseline health record.

Tack, maintenance and health care add up. Don’t forget the cost of saddle, bridle, riding wear, boots (for you), shoes (for the horse), blankets, sheets, regular shots...the list is long. Buying a horse may be the least amount of your total cost of ownership.

Get expert advice. Take an experienced trainer along - one who has ridden, purchased, and sold many horses - to evaluate the horse. He or she can find flaws or omissions in the horse’s training, both under saddle and on the ground, that you may not recognize or acknowledge. Go for the calm horse that can be “revved-up” – not the one that needs to calm down. Don’t limit yourself to a bargain price - the upkeep is the same on a champion as it is for a nag.

Finally, take lessons. Proper training for you and your horse will make your life together a joy, not a frustration. – *Thanks to Gigi Brittain for this article. ed.*

RENEW NOW

This is the last CENTAUR issue of the year, so be sure to renew your RMDS Membership to keep your subscription active. As a member of RMDS, you are also a USDF Group Member. [RMDS Membership form on Page 9].

Introducing... The RMDS Scholarship Program



2009 Application Information:

Application process is open: December 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.
Recipients Selected: March 10, 2009 RMDS Executive Board Meeting.

\$1000 will be given away in 2009.
All 4 scholarships will be awarded for 2009 - \$250 in each category.

Scholarships To Be Awarded:

1. **The RMDS “Leg-Up” Scholarship** will be awarded to riders, regardless of age, who are training at Intro, Training or First Level. The recipients must, during the scholarship year, 1) be a member of RMDS and 2) attend at least one equine educational event or clinic.
2. **The RMDS “Solid Seat” Scholarship** will be awarded to current RMDS members in good standing who qualify as USEF Adult Amateurs (AAs) and provide the RMDS Central Office with a copy of their current USEF AA card. This scholarship is available to riders over the age of 21 and for any level.
3. **The RMDS Junior/Young Rider Scholarship** will be awarded to promising RMDS members of the USDF Junior or Young Rider Programs. This scholarship is available to riders of any level.
4. **The RMDS “Opening Doors” Scholarship** will be awarded to current RMDS members of any age who are considered professionals according to the USEF standards specifying what a professional is. RMDS will award funds to RMDS professionals, whether they compete or not, to help support their continuing education and/or competitive goals.

Complete Scholarship Applications and information may be obtained from the RMDS website –
www.rmids.org

Or you may contact the RMDS Central Office and an informational packet will be mailed to
you.

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Editor's Page

Region 5 Report from Theresa Hunt

Happy Holidays! This is a hectic time of year. Almost immediately after Thanksgiving, we have the USDF convention and symposium, multiple membership renewals due Dec. 1, and holiday preparations. It is a time to celebrate with family and friends. I would like to thank everyone in the region for the time and energy you have donated to our sport on top of the demands of your own busy personal life. It is really great to watch people, horses, and organizations grow and contribute, each in their own unique, individual way.

USDF has taken steps to increase the visibility of our

governance. USDF web site provided the PM Delegates listed by region, the agenda for the convention, and the proposed USDF budget. Keep visiting www.usdf.org to keep abreast of USDF governance and news. Also, please visit the Region 5 website at www/usdfregion5.org. Thank you, Heather Petersen for maintaining our website.

Hug your horse! Our horses are such forgiving, generous animals, and great teachers. They put up with our efforts and when we do it right, they give us their best! Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

President's Message from Laura Speer

The annual RMDS Board of Governors meeting was held at the Spice of Life Event Center in Boulder on November 8. New members to the board were elected. Chairpersons of RMDS committees were also elected. Stepping up to participate in operating RMDS will add a little extra work to already busy lives and I would like to thank these folks for volunteering their time, effort, and services to this organization.

The 2009 RMDS Board is: President - **Laura Speer**; Vice-President - **Alex Curnutte**; Secretary - **Simone Windeler**; Treasurer - **Sharon Soos**; Past President - **Heather Petersen**.

Committee Chairs: Adult Amateur - **Lori Mitchell**; Junior/Young Riders - **Colleen McFadden**; Awards - **Lauren Smith**; Championships - **Deb Wilke**; Communications - **Susan Rudman**; Education - **Heather Petersen**; Scholarship - **Loni Gaudet**; Marketing - not filled.

Also appointed to the board are the elected presidents from the chapters. Again, these people put valuable time and effort into making RMDS a great organization. Any of these ladies will welcome your suggestions and input so don't be afraid to contact them.

Following a successful board meeting was the annual RMDS Awards Banquet. I have to say that year after year I am more disappointed by the attendance. RMDS offers an abundance of year end awards. There are trophies, plaques, plates, ribbons, glasses, and other equestrian gifts. These items cost our club a chunk of money. It would be super if more award winners would show up to collect them in person. It is one night for less than 4 hours - most of which is spent eating, drinking, and talking to friends and family. Yes, rattling off names may seem kind of mundane but, mercy, it's one evening a year to celebrate all of the achievements of RMDS riders, horses, and volunteers.

I have to wonder why some people show in dressage. It isn't for the money - I haven't been to a lot of dressage shows that have cash as prizes. If you are like me,

you appreciate getting a judge's opinion of how your training and riding has come along but super scores, getting those ribbons, qualifying for Championships, and receiving year end awards really rocks!

I didn't earn a single award this year but I have some goals of winning a few awards next year. You'd better believe that I'm going to be at the awards ceremony to pick them up! I'm going to tote along a group from my barn to go so that when my name is announced there will be a big round of cheering and applause. Geez, I know I'll be working hard, showing a bunch, and spending a lot of time and money doing it too. Yet, I won't care if I am the last person called off at the ceremony—I'm going to be there! But you know what? If I don't get an award next year, or even the year after that, I'm still going to the banquet. I love having dinner with my dressage friends, talking horses, and seeing everyone all dressed (and clean!).

Colorado Springs chapter will be in charge of the BOG and Awards Banquet next year. I know they will do a fabulous job and I hope more people will not only appreciate the hard work and long hours it takes to organize the event but also the hard work and long hours it takes for the award's recipients to achieve these awards. These people are your fellow riders and, if you go to enough shows, they become your friends. I hope to see more of you at the banquet next year!

Here is the most important part of my message this month. I do want to thank Sarah Bushong-Weeks, owner of 8th Heaven Farm, for what I believe was the highlight of the evening. During the auctioning of the painted ponies, she wrote a check for \$2500 and donated it to the RMDS scholarship fund. How wonderful and generous! RMDS truly needs and appreciates sponsorships and donations. Because of this gift, more scholarship funds will be available for additional scholarships. Thank you again, Sarah.

Happy Holidays!

Laura Speer

Chapter News

Boulder Valley Dressage December

Happy Holidays everyone! As 2008 comes to end lets look back on all the great events and happenings that Boulder Valley Dressage participated in during the year.

April saw another successful reprise of our Spring Fling show. Once again Single Tree Farm hosted the show – great thanks to Jan Treadwell and the wonderful crew. Jeannette Hillery was the show manager and Beth Geier was the show secretary.

Adult Amateur Camp was held in July at Autumn Hill Farms. We can not thank Merri and Jeff Wycoff enough for their generosity. Julie Barringer-Richers and the entire staff at Autumn Hill made sure that we were wanting for nothing during the entire weekend. Check out the club's website for some great photos of all the fun. Barb Goldman and I organized and ran the camp – we would love to have camp again next year, but someone else needs to step up and take over. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way please give me a call.

Our So Long To Summer Show was rolled into a two weekend event to support Renee's Friend's Fund and Dressage for the Cure. Once again Jeannette Hillery and Beth Geier teamed up to run our show on August 30 to kick off the celebration. This was followed by a clinic with Sarah Martin on Sunday & Monday August 31-September 1. The following weekend the Dressage Classic 2 day show was held. Our heartfelt thanks to Vance Diggins and his generous donation of the judge's fees – which allowed us to bring in Loris Henry – an "S" level judge. Meadow Creek Farms hosted the both shows, the clinic and the silent auction. The manager for the September show was Sarah Barnes and the secretary duties were shared by Barb Goldman and Ann Graebner.

Boulder Valley was the host club this year for the annual RMDS banquet and Board of Governor's meeting. Beth Geier, Barb Goldman and Julie Barringer-Richers were responsible for organizing the banquet, silent auction and meeting, while Jeannette Hillery took charge of the art show. The entire day was a wonderful success and the auction raised over \$3000 for the RMDS scholarship fund. As was fitting Jeanette also received our Volunteer of Year award for all of her hard work on behalf of Boulder Valley and dressage in general.

Please join us on January 10, 2009, as we celebrate everyone's great accomplishments and successes at our annual Awards Banquet. We will all gather on Sat., January 10 for great food, friends and awards at the Spice of Life Catering center in Boulder. Our club Vice President Sandra Roswell is organizing the banquet – and would greatly appreciate any help – please contact her at San-

dra.rosewill@colordao.edu.

As for myself – this will be my last column as President – look for your new officers at the Banquet in January. It has been a pleasure and a privilege serving the club and meeting all of the hard working and absolutely delightful members of the dressage community. I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday season – and happy riding!

Claudia Barkmeier, Co-President

Colorado Springs Dressage Association

CSDA is excited to announce it's new partnership with Renee's Friends Fund. Our spring show on April 25-26, 2009, will be the **Dressage for the Cure at the Peak** to be held at the Norris-Penrose Events Center in Colorado Springs. We are also bringing back the "Evening Under the Lights" on Saturday, April 25, 2009. For the evening event we are looking for performers. If you have a quadrille, Pax de Deux or a freestyle that you would like to show off, please contact Simone Windeler. We would like to put together a program that lasts about 90 minutes. We are looking for exhibition rides of all types, as we want to make this a fun and entertaining evening. In addition we are also looking for items (goods or services) for the silent auction. If you have anything that you would like to contribute or know anyone that does, please contact Simone. There are numerous sponsorship opportunities available. From main sponsors (\$2,000 or 1,500) to class sponsors (\$50) we appreciate any support you can give. For more information on sponsorship packets check out our website at www.csdressage.org. For more information on Renee's Friends Fund follow the link on CSDA's website or go to www.reneesfriendsfund.com

Simone Windeler, President

Foothills Chapter News

Lori Mitchell and Dolly Hannon attended the RMDS BOG and awards banquet and carried the votes for the chapter. The meeting was well run and there were no major controversies this year.

We had a club meeting at Table Mountain Ranch on Nov. 4th. We voted in our board for 2009 and appreciate their willingness to continue on: they are Pres: Dolly Hannon, VP: Lori Mitchell, Sec: Sally Higgins (she would like a volunteer replacement), Treas: Laura Quakenbusch. We decided to drop our spring RMDS show for next year but keep the fall "Last Chance" show date in September. Our officials are Manager: Suzanne Koczon-Shiple; Secretary: Heather Peterson, Judge Suzanne Zimmer "r", TD. TBA. We will offer an Eventing TOC class. The show will be held at TMR.

We voted to award grants to up to 15 volunteers to pay for half of the Kyra Kyrklund symposium (Cont. pg. 10)

Andria Allen

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RMDS Meeting Schedules 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 Governor's meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov. Contact the Central Office for precise dates.

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Arkansas Valley 3rd Thurs,
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even months.
Claudia Barkmeier 303-417-1675
claudiabarkmeier@yahoo.com

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RMDS SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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

2009

January 24	USDF-approved Judges' Continuing Education Janet Brown, Freedom Farms, Parker
February 7	TD & Show Management Continuing Education Comfort Suites, Castle Rock w/ Deeda Randle, Heather Petersen, Camille Griffin, Laura Speer
April 4-5	RMDS Winter Wake-Up Show, Norris-Penrose Events Center, Colorado Springs
July 10-11	USDF Youth Championships & USDF AA Championships, Autumn Hill
Sept 24	Rocky Mountain Series-Sport Horse Breeding Finals & USDFBC Finals - Colo. Horse Park
Sept 25-27	RMDS Open and Championship Show - Colo. Horse Park

For details on these and other RMDS events, contact Educational
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Calendar Info

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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 10th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 10 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

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DISPLAY ADVERTISING

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

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No substitutions may be accepted. If your ad is submitted in a file format other than those listed above, you will be contacted regarding an additional charge for reformatting or redesign. Hourly charge for re-design/reformat is \$35, in minimal units of one hour.

Please be sure to include a printed version of your ad with your payment so that the ad may be proof-read against the electronic version. Printed ad copy cannot be used as final art.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be submitted via e-mail to the RMDS office, address above. You may also type or hand-write a classified ad and mail it to RMDS headquarters, attn. Beth Geier, The Centaur. Please, limit your classified ad copy to 50 words or less. Exceeding 50 words will result in additional charges per line.

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1/4 page (Vertical Only).....	\$55.....	3.75" x 4.25" (vertical only)
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Payment for ads is due the 10th of the month. If not received by the 30th of that month, an 18% charge will be assessed. If payment is not received by the following 10th of the month, the person will be listed on the RMDS website under the suspended category.

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Articles submitted for publication will not be returned. Please contact the editor before submitting unsolicited articles or photos. Articles represent the work and views of their authors, not necessarily the RMDS, its officers or employees.

TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS - Get on the World Wide Web and 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: Michael Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831, ph. 719-683-8435 or e-mail: webmaster@rmds.org (note on the subject line "trainer info").

Please include your name, phone number(s), postal addresses, e-mail, locations where you train and other pertinent info, i.e. awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 e-mails per month requesting names of trainers/instructors 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.

ADVERTISE EVENTS ON THE RMDS WEBSITE

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2. Edit ad content.
3. Limit the number of ads displayed at any one time.

IMPORTANT INFO ON RMDS MEMBERSHIP

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

Duplicate cards are available for \$2.00. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by emailing the Central Office at rmds@rmds.org

Proof of adult amateur status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, 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.



RMDS Membership Form

RMDS is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Individual Membership - \$55.00 (add \$5 after January 1)

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Please include all information for person designated as individual member.

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Lifetime Horse Registration Fee - \$40.00 Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) \$15.00

Horse Name _____ Sex _____

Breed (if known) _____ Registration No. (include copy of papers) _____
(list grade if no registry papers available.)

Owner Name(s) (one owner must be an RMDS member) _____

Address of Owner _____

Owner's Phone (Home) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) _____

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS to: RMDS Central Office - 2942 Park Lake Dr. - Boulder, CO 80301 720-890-7825

Chapter News

(cont. from pg. 4) in December. Members were chosen by meeting attendance and volunteer efforts for the club. We looked into a club clinic with Roger Kyle for spooky horses or horses/riders who need confidence; contact Dolly for more information.

Our members did well in the RMDS awards standings and Jan Wingate was chosen as the chapter volunteer of the year. She organized our volunteers for both shows in 08 and has always been a loyal member and always ready to help out. Thank-you Jan!

We decided to have quarterly meetings in 09 and are working on educational ideas for each meeting. We are working on our web site and are interested in members visiting the site and giving us suggestions for improvement. Tia Loflin and Lori Mitchell are working on it. Our first meeting will be in January and E-Mails and a mailing will go out. If you are not receiving E-Mail announcements please contact the RMDS Central Office to correct the problem. If you do not have E-Mail contact Dolly at 303-919-4112 to give her your phone number. Happy riding!

Penrose English Riding Club

For PERC members Fall has been a season to picnic at Sis Harman's home, trail ride at the Canon City Ecology

Park, attend Drop In Dressage events at Julie Burt's home, support the Ark Valley Show, and schedule lessons and clinics with favorite instructors that are adjusting their fees to recognize the slow down in our economy.

"Times are a changin" all around America when it comes to funding recreational activities such as the time and money we spend on and with our horses. However, I am glad to report that PERC members are riding, riding, riding, and studying dressage theory, keeping personally fit and healthy with exercise and new recipes for delicious home cooking, reading the latest research on horse nutrition from equine forage specialists such as Katy Watts, attending various horse wellness workshops including the Holistic Veterinary Seminar hosted by Dr. Jay Janssen DVM,CVA,CVMT,VCP, right here in the Canon City area. It really has been a busy and productive time when you consider the opportunities that we have had to ride and learn even though we did very little showing. Certainly, PERC members really enjoy watching Judy Bash meet all the challenges of riding during a wild and crazy show season as she never seems to lose enthusiasm for lessons, showing, and the training of her young horses. We salute Judy for her talent and her love of riding! We will finish our year with our Christmas Party dates TBA soon. Best wishes!
Sally A. Strom

Technical Delegates, Judges & Certified Instructors

Dressage Judges Ratings & Levels Qualified to Judge

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training-Second (RMDS only)	"S"	Senior	All Levels
"r"	Recorded	Training-Second	"I"	International	All Levels
"R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	"O"	Olympic	All Levels
* May only judge at RMDS shows.					
FEI 'I'					
Janet Foy	719-260-1566	Gwen Ka'awaloa *	303-646-4363	Catherine Siemiet - r	719-942-5311
USEF 'S'					
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez ..	303-642-7708	Linda Coates-Markle.....	303-469-0279	Dianne Stanley - r (MT) ...	406-652-4061
Sandra Hotz	303-817-2030	Sarah Martin *	719-379-3716	Libby Stokes - r.....	303-688-2795
Anita Owen.....	303-953-9904	Kathleen Mayer*	970-310-8729	RMDS - (RMDS sanctioned shows only)	
USEF 'R'					
Janet "Dolly" Hannon.....	303-919-4112	Linda Ohlson-Gross *	303-840-9818	Joan Clay	970-490-1927
Kristi Wysocki	303-648-9877	KC Parkins-Kyle.....	303-841-9953	Jeannette Hillery	303-494-7718
USEF 'r'					
Loni Gaudet	970-532-0852	Kathy Simard *	720-981-4448	Susan Selby	970-227-9530
Amy Jablonovsky	970-493-2833	Maria Wasson	303-682-9594	M. Elaine Thomas	719-495-1510
Suzanne Zimmer	303-478-8325	Simone Windeler.....	719-540-2000	USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS	
USDF 'L' Graduate – Schooling & RMDS only recognized shows					
Simone Ahern-Harless* ..	719-749-9274	*Denotes graduating with distinction			
Gigi Brittain*	303-646-1506	DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING JUDGES			
Julie Burt	719-372-6270	Janet Foy 'R'	719-260-1566	Julie Burt	719-372-6270
Rae Ann Cook *	970-225-1408	Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'R'	303-642-7708	Jill Cantor Lee	970-686-9163
Marti Foster *	303-277-1132	Kristi Wysocki 'r'	303-648-9877	RaeAnn Cook	970-225-1408
Beth Geier	303-673-9840	TECHNICAL DELEGATES USEF			
Jan Goodrich-Spear.....	303-664-0152	Eva-Maria Adolphi (UT) r.	801-254-3247	Janet "Dolly" Hannon.....	303-279-4546
		Rusty Cook - r	505-877-1456	Sabine Kallas	307-733-9497
		Veronica Holt - R	303-646-3829	Ellene Kloepper.....	303-828-3879
		Laurie Mactavish - R	970-390-5160	Clayton Martin.....	719-379-3716
		Heather Petersen - r.....	719-683-8435	Sheri Mattei-Mead	970-669-3733
		Deeda Randle (WY) - R ..	307-638-6737	Kathryn Meistrell	303-646-9059
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Peyton, CO 80831

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E-Mail _____ Phone: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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2008 -'09 Shows & Events

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DECEMBER 2008

- 3-7 USDF Convention** Denver
 Contact USDF www.usdf.org - 859-971-2277
 Volunteers: Laura Speer 970-330-7233
 riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com
- 4 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Roberts Ranch, Littleton
 Contact Dolly Hannon 303-919-4112
- 6-7 Adequan/USDF National Symposium – with Kyra Kyrklund** NWSS Complex, Denver
 Contact USDF www.usdf.org, 859-971-2277
 Volunteers: Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 9 Janet Foy Clinic** Reiterhof Ranch
 Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfrn/
- 11 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Roberts Ranch, Littleton
 Contact Dolly Hannon 303-919-4112
- 18 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Roberts Ranch, Littleton
 Contact Dolly Hannon 303-919-4112

JANUARY 2009

- 24 Judges' Continuing Education w/ Janet Brown, Freedom Farms, Castle Rock**
 Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 31 Mariah Farms Schooling Show**
 Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com

FEBRUARY 2009

- 7 TD & Show Managers Continuing Education**
 Comfort Suites, Castle Rock
 Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 28 8th Heaven Starter Series #1-Castle Rock**
 Contact Beverly Swanson 303-688-5727
 eighthheavenhorses@yahoo.com
- 28 Mariah Farms Schooling Show**
 Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com

MARCH 2009

- 21 Mariah Farms Schooling Show**
 Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com
- 28 8th Heaven Starter Series #2** Castle Rock
 Contact Beverly Swanson 303-688-5727
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APRIL 2009

- 4-5 RMDS Winter Wake-Up-Penrose** Colorado Springs
 USEF-YR Qualifier
 Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 19 Boulder Valley Spring Fling** Boulder
 Contact Barb Goldman 303-618-9707
- 25-26 CSDA Dressage for the Cure** Penrose, Colorado Springs USEF
 Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 25 Mariah Farms Schooling Show**
 Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com

May 2009

- 2 8th Heaven Starter Series #3** Castle Rock
 Contact Beverly Swanson 303-688-5727
 eighthheavenhorses@yahoo.com
- 3 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1** Longmont
 Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
 jbarringerrichers@comcast.net
- 16 Rocky Mountain Dressage I** Longmont USEF
 Contact Heather Petersen - 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 17 Rocky Mountain Dressage II** Longmont USEF
 Contact Heather Petersen - 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 29 Dressage in the Plains #1** Peyton USEF
 Contact Camille Griffin-719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 30-31 Dressage in the Plains #1** Peyton USEF
 Contact Camille Griffin-719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 30 Mariah Farms Schooling Show**
 Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com

JUNE 2009

- 5 Dressage at High Prairie #1** Parker USEF
 Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 6 Dressage at High Prairie #2** Parker USEF-BREED
 Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 7 Dressage at High Prairie #3** Parker USEF
 Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 20 Centaur Rising Dressage Show I** Pine, Colo.
 Contact Kristann Cooper 303-838-5086
 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 27 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I** Longmont USEF
 Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
 jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

2009 Shows & Events

28 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II Longmont USEF
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

JULY 2009

10 Wasatch Back Dressage Festival I Heber City, Utah USEF
Contact Alison Child-435-640-3287 achild@kirwin.com

11 Wasatch Back Dressage Festival II Heber City, Utah USEF
Contact Alison Child-435-640-3287 achild@kirwin.com

**10-11 USDF Youth Championships &
USDF Adult Amateur Championships**
Autumn Hill Farm, Longmont
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840

12 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2 Longmont
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

17 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm Up Colorado Springs
USEF Contact Simone Winderler 719-287-2040

18-19 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Wam Up Colorado Springs
USEF Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040

25 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival III Longmont USEF
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

26 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival IV Longmont USEF
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

29-8/3 NAJYRC Colorado Horse Park, Parker

AUGUST 2009

1-2 Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Club Open Dressage Show
Cheyenne USEF
Contact Rowena Heckert-307-632-4151 rheckert@msn.com

7 Dressage in the Rockies #1 Parker USEF
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554

8 Dressage in the Rockies #2 Parker USEF-BREED
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554

9 Dressage in the Rockies #3 Parker USEF
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554

9 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3 Longmont
Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
jbarringerrichers@comcast.net

9 Centaur Rising Dressage Show II Pine, Colo.
Contact Kristann Cooper 303-838-5086
kris@anchoragefarm.com

15-16 Dressage at Sun Prairie Peyton USEF
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com

21 Paragon Dressage I Estes Park USEF-BREED
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

22 Paragon Dressage II Estes Park USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net

22 Utah Dressage Society Show #1 Saratoga Springs, Utah
USEF
Contact Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

23 Utah Dressage Society Show #1 Saratoga Springs, Utah
USEF
Contact Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

23 Paragon Dressage III Estes Park USEF
Contact Heather Petersen - 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

29 CSDA Fall Schooling Show Whispering Winds, Monument
Contact Heather Petersen - 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

30 CSDA Fall Show Whispering Winds, Monument
Contact Heather Petersen - 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

SEPTEMBER 2009

13 Foothills 'Last Chance' Dressage Show Golden
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

**24 Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Championships &
Qualifying Open Breed Show** USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

25-27 RMDS Championships and Open Show Parker USEF
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OCTOBER 2009

**16-18 Great American Insurance Group/
USDF Regional V Dressage Championship** Albuquerque, NM
USEF

For updates to the calendar, go to the website: www.rmids.org

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Why Attend A Clinic?

by Gigi Brittain

As a professional or an amateur rider, attending clinics can be a valuable way to expand your education. Even beginning riders can benefit from the knowledge of a clinician. No rider should feel intimidated about riding in front of a new instructor. It is natural to feel a bit nervous when we expose ourselves to new situations (instructor, audience, location, etc.), but we need to remember that the person giving the clinic is there to help both the rider and the horse progress and gain confidence. Also, remember that the clinician is only human, had to learn all the concepts that she is teaching at some point in her career, and you can be sure she made many mistakes along the way.

Clinicians have exposure to many different horse/rider combinations (temperament, physical abilities, and conformational differences in both horses and riders). So, sometimes a fresh perspective on a riding/training problem can bring on a "light bulb" moment. Sometimes hearing the same thing explained in a different manner, from

a new voice, helps to suddenly illuminate a concept.

As riders, we need to be open-minded enough to realize that we can learn something from everyone – even if the clinician specializes in a different discipline from our own. In fact, it helps to make us more well-rounded horse people.

So, in attending clinics, we don't have to take every word that a clinician says as gospel, but instead take away the parts that work for us as riders and, in turn, help our horses. Remember that learning to ride a horse correctly is a journey...so be patient with both yourself and your horse and enjoy the ride!

Gigi Brittain is a trainer at 8th Heaven Farm in Castlerock.

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Happy Camper.....an amateur's perspective

By Sally Armitage

Last spring, while reading *The Centaur* newsletter, I noticed an article about an adult camp organized by Boulder Valley Dressage. The camp was being offered for four days during July. The very word "camp" conjured up memories of fun experiences and lasting friendships. Coincidentally, I had just registered my three children for their various camps and was feeling jealous of their upcoming organized bliss. I thought, "I want to go to camp this summer!" As anyone juggling kids, a job, and a horse knows, being able to attend would require a logistical miracle.

My dressage understanding is just beginning to blossom. I am 41 and returned to riding 3 years ago after a long hiatus. I bought my 8-year-old Holsteiner two years ago and we have yet to trot down centerline together. That being said, I am truly obsessed with my new endeavor and am forever looking for ways to add to my horsemanship tool bucket. Dressage camp seemed to fit this bill. My husband gave me a thumbs-up and I enrolled with giddy anticipation of my upcoming learning opportunity.

Upon arriving at Autumn Hill, I was greeted with many friendly faces. I tackled my first fear—backing my trailer—and then proceeded to get my horse settled for the night. Part of the camping experience was to completely care for your own horse, something I had not done before. I now have a huge appreciation for the exhausting work that daily horse care involves. I will definitely be rethinking Christmas gift ideas for the barn staff that do this work without complaint.

On Friday, I rode with Kristin Aggers. She noticed that I was constantly shortening my reins and explained that I needed to give forward and allow the horse to fill them. This was very helpful, to say the least. After lunch, we made beautifully painted nameplates for our stalls. After all, what camp is complete without crafts? That

evening, Dr. Bloom educated us regarding situations that warrant veterinary care versus those we should try and handle on our own. The topic of puncture wounds caught my attention as I had just become suspicious about a small cut on my horse's leg. Dr. Bloom was kind enough to look at it and sure enough, in the probe went. Another lesson learned and infection avoided!

Ida Anderson greeted me for Saturday's lesson. She appealed to my inner scientist with an extremely specific explanation of bit suppling. Another student made the comparison of casting a fishing rod toward the bit. As a result, I am much more conscious of my hand movements. After dinner, we had a discussion with a Nutrena representative. We measured and estimated weights for a few horses. Then based on their individual workloads, we adjusted their feed plan to either gain or lose weight as needed.

Sunday provided an experience with Rodger Kyle of 8th Heaven Farm. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as my "camp-pass" had expired due to an unforeseen family situation. I am sure I missed another great learning opportunity.

My days at summer camp were filled with a wide variety of educational experiences, the scope of which was a hallmark of the four days. This accumulation of new information is helping to transform my dressage obsession into an appreciation of the overall journey. I came away with an enormous sense of gratitude for all the people who gave freely of their time and knowledge. Undeniably, the greatest lesson I learned at camp is: share your wisdom with the less experienced and continue the wondrous circle of giving.

Lest we forget, this article reminds us that we are all just campers learning the ropes. Thanks for this summer idyll, Sally, it is warmth amid the winter cold! - editor

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Board of Governors Sets Agenda for Upcoming Year

Once a year in November representatives of every chapter of RMDS come together for the Board of Governors meeting. This meeting annually rotates between the RMDS chapters so that a different group is responsible for holding the meeting as well as the year-end banquet. This year the event was planned by the Boulder Valley chapter.

During the board of governors, we review the past year, elect new officers, appoint committee chairs, change/discuss bylaws and talk about new business.

The meeting was called to order by RMDS President Laura Speer and we approved last year's meeting minutes. Sharon Soos presented the treasurer's report. We are currently at a slight loss compared to the same time last year. If you wish full details of the report you can contact Sharon or the Central office.

Next Beth Geier reported on behalf of the central office. Our membership has slightly increased for 2008. Remember that you can renew your membership right now; you can even renew online and pay with PayPal. Renewing before the 31st of December will save you \$5 – so your membership is \$55 rather than \$60. We had 166 new horses register in 2008.

If you need to purchase horsey supplies, consider using Country Supply (www.horse.com). If you use the Code: RMDScamp and password: dressage at checkout, a small percentage will go back to RMDS. These funds are earmarked for the junior camp.

There are five executive board meetings always on the 2nd Thursday during the odd months. They are always held at the Perkins Restaurant at I-25 and Colorado Blvd (exit 205) and start at 6:30 pm. These meetings are open to all members and we welcome your input.

Consider advertising your business in the Omnibus or Centaur or both, special package savings are available. Maybe you know of someone that should advertise (your farrier, your vet etc.) and you could encourage them to run an ad in one of these fine publications. For more information on ad rates contact the central office.

Next various committee chairs gave their reports.

The Jr/Yr camp was quite a success even though the turnout was small this year. Thanks again to KC Parkins-Kyle and 8th Heaven Farms for all their efforts.

Barb Goldman will leave as awards chair and what a job she did for the last couple years. If you have ever seen what goes into setting up for the banquet you can appreciate the incredible amount of work she has done over these past years. She will be replaced by Lauren Smith and has agreed to help Lauren with the transition.

RMDS runs two shows per year, the Winter Wake Up

show and the Championship show. Winter Wake Up lost money this year, Championships made money. Both events are vital for RMDS and will of course happen for 2009. The Winter Wake Up show will run a little later (April 4 and 5, 2009) at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. They have a great indoor arena with heat and we hear they have some new footing as well. The Championships will be held at the Colorado Horse Park. The latest good news is, that the horse park is here to stay; the not so good news is that their rates are increasing and that will, unfortunately, increase the show fees for Championships as well.

Nicole Bizzarro reported as communications chair. The production of the Omnibus is underway and if you wish to advertise, you need to get your ad in ASAP. Ads for the Centaur have decreased which might be a sign of the current economy. The production and distribution of the Centaur is costing RMDS quite a bit of money but we all feel that this is our main tool to keep in touch with the membership. Advertising helps offset the costs – so if you know of anyone that should advertise send them our way.

The Centaur is also a way for the membership to share their experiences, a special clinic perhaps, a trip abroad for horse shopping or training, a great new gadget that helps you with barn chores, a new book or video that you would recommend. Any and all articles are welcome. Please send them to the central office as well as the editor.

The website continues to do well and we now have a way to communicate a clinic, special event or other important news via e-mail blast. Most members said they enjoy getting this information. If you wish to learn more about this, contact the central office.

Heather Petersen filled us in on education events. Of course in the immediate future we have the USDF convention and symposium coming up. All the demonstration riders have been picked, most of them are from Colorado. Hopefully you will get a chance to attend this great event. For early 2009 we have the judges' continuing education as well at the technical delegate / show management workshops planned. Both of these are open to everyone and are fun and informative.

We finally have guidelines for the scholarship program. Many thanks to Grace Maddox who spearheaded this project. There will be four different scholarships and \$250 has been approved to be given in 2009 to each of them. Look for more information elsewhere in this Centaur or contact the RMDS central office.

This year no bylaw changes were proposed, but a few changes to the standing rules have been approved.

They are:

Section IX – Member Benefits

Page E-22 A General Benefits:

5. A chapter basic membership fee to be determined by the RMDS Executive Committee to pay for the chapter directors and officers insurance shall be paid

This change from the standard \$10 came about for the following reason. Normally every chapter receives \$10 back from RMDS for every membership fee that gets paid to RMDS. The need to have a liability insurance for the directors and officers of each chapter has been discussed, however the smaller chapters simply cannot afford this. RMDS can cover every chapter under its own umbrella insurance for an additional fee. To keep this in line with chapter membership, RMDS will withhold the amount necessary to pay for this insurance from the \$10. Most likely it will be about \$1 per member, so the chapters will receive \$9 per member back, rather than \$10. Since the exact amount of the insurance was not available at the time of the meeting, the membership decided to amend the standing rules to allow for this cost.

Section XIV – RMDS Championship Show

Page E25-26 A General:

Add& Renumber: 4.

For pony championships, scores can be earned in any rider's division class (AA, Open or Junior) as long as the pony is registered with RMDS as a pony and meets the standards stated in Sec XIV, B. 5

As hopefully all of you know we have added pony championships. This rule change allows you to get a qualifying score at shows that do not offer a separate pony division.

After lunch we approved the new budget for 2009. If you wish to see the details please contact Sharon Soos or the central office. We found a way to basically balance the budget for 2009 – we will see how well we did at the BOG 2009.

Laura Speer talked about the upcoming convention. RMDS plays a vital role providing funds as well as many volunteers for this event. We hope that many of you can make it to the convention and the symposium.

We briefly looked over the 2009 show calendar. Most shows have renewed their recognition from 2008 – therefore you can expect a very similar schedule for 2009. The schedule will be available soon on the website www.RMDS.org

Chapter reports were presented by the chapter presidents; most of those that were not present sent in a written report. If you wish to know more details about a particular chapter, contact the chapter president directly.

The meeting finished with elections. Laura Speer has a two-year term and is just starting her second year. Sharon Soos is treasurer for another year. Alex Curnutte resigned as secretary and was elected Vice-President. Simone Windeler was elected secretary. The new committee chairmen are:

Adult Amateur: Lori Mitchell; Awards: Lauren Smith; Communication: Susan Rudman; Education: Heather Petersen; Youth: Colleen McFadden. Scholarship: Loni Gaudet; Show Committee: Debbie Wilke. Marketing is still open for anyone interested.

After the BOG we held the banquet. The theme this year was "Painted Ponies." Barb Goldman handed out undecorated white ponies to various artists that are either members or friends of RMDS. These ponies were auctioned off with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. The highlight of the evening was Sarah Bushong-Weeks donating \$2,500 to the scholarship fund. The ponies netted an additional \$922.

As always, most chapters provided wonderful baskets for the silent auction, in addition we had an art show with some outstanding paintings, photographs and drawings.

The evening is always a celebration of achievements for the past year. One of the most impressive awards is the RMDS senior award that is given to riders who are over 60 years old and showing. This year we handed out 30 of these! They are etched glasses and some of the riders are going for a set of 12. Way to go. A detailed list of all award recipients is available at the Central office, on the website and will be printed in the omnibus.

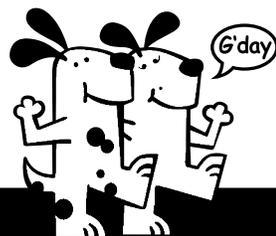
RMDS is looking back at a successful 2008 and we are looking forward to a great 2009.

Thanks to CSDA chapter President & RMDS Secretary-elect Simone Windeler for this report.

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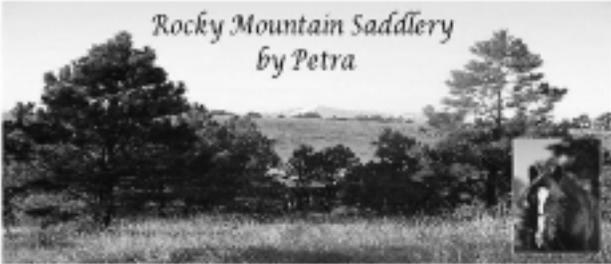
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RMDS SENIOR AWARDS

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Over 60 Years Old and Still Showing

Thomas Alvey	Joann Elderkin	Patricia A Long	Liz Schump
June Bachman-Cappa	Robert Elderkin	Margery Lynch	Marilyn Soby
Judy Bash	Beth Geier	Stephen Miller	Mary Stack
Nadine Beech	Sue Gentle	Mary Lynne Munn	Alison West
Jan Byers	Tisha Green	Beth Nicholson	Paula Wild
Pamela N Clarke	Carol Lou Kennedy	Ruth Ann Olson	Janet Wingate
Carriellen DeMuth	Lynne C Klisavage	Tyteeka Reye	
Sandra Eckles	Otto Koch		

Special Awards

Russ Fawcett Memorial Award donated by Janet Foy - The " RFMA" will be awarded to an individual (professional or Amateur) who has shown a life long dedication to the sport of dressage through education and "giving back."

2007 Heather Petersen 2008 Edward (Ned) C. Marshall

Older and Better Trophy donated by Cariellen DeMuth. Awarded to the rider over 45 years of age with the highest median.

71.200% Joshua owned and ridden by Glenda Needles

Junior Rider High Median (under 18 years of age) Sea Otter Memorial Trophy donated by the Tautz Family.

70.694% Stonewall Good Deal Lady owned and ridden by Eileen D'Amour

High Overall MedianTrophy awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest median score excluding freestyles.

76.000% Hyperion SF owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont

Single High Score Trophy awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest single score excluding freestyle scores.

84.000% Rohmero owned by Deborah Voigt ridden by Petra Warlimont

The Captain Michael D. Jablonovsky Trophy donated by Amy Jablonovsky. Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest median score for Third Level and above.

70.931% Flynn Noir owned by Kathy Layton ridden by Sarah Dodge

You've Come a Long Way Baby donated by Cariellen DeMuth. Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the largest point spread between their highest and lowest scores.

Rohmero owned by Deborah Voigt ridden by Petra Warlimont

Spread of - 23.07% High – 84.000% Low – 60.930%

High Scoring Mare 3rd Level and above

62.267% Peteta owned and ridden by Stephanie Busley

Youth Awards:

12 & Under High Median donated by Duke's Morgan Farm. Awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest score at any level.

65.200% Marcus Narral owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian

12 & Under High Median donated by Duke's Morgan Farm. Awarded to the horse/rider combinations with the highest score at training and first level.

Champ: 65.200% Marcus Narral owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian

Res: 64.262% Lilliput owned by Kathleen Neiley & Alicia Goode-Allen ridden by Alicia Goode-Allen

Third: 63.913% Escort owned and ridden by Mari Fenex

Fourth: 63.342% Jaguar Jack owned by Jinx Richards & Maya Freismuth ridden by Maya

Fifth: 63.234% PS American Girl owned and ridden by Madeline Backus

Sixth: 62.800% Raggedy Ann owned by Carol von Michaelis and ridden by Katie McKenna

Breed Awards

Application Requirements:

A copy of the horse's breed registration papers must be submitted to the RMDS Central Office. To be included on the paper is the horse's RMDS name, RMDS number, and RMDS registered owner. Once these papers have been submitted, it is not necessary to apply in subsequent years. Only Grade Awards do not require official breed registration papers, but must be declared through the RMDS Central Office. You must submit these breed designations, only one per horse, to the RMDS Central Office. All papers must be received by September 30th of the competition year. The winner will have the highest median of the top 80% of all scores across levels.

Minimum Requirements:

- 3 shows, 4 judges, 5 rides

Appaloosa	70.000%	Shoyo	owned and ridden by Lesya Ukrainchuk
The Purebred Arabian	65.200%	Marcus Narral	owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian
Dutch WB	73.400%	Valentino	owned by Katie Long ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
Friesian	71.429%	Hydette R.	owned by Beth Nicholson ridden by Karen Whitman
Grade	70.524%	Brisa	owned by Lois Maxwell and ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
Hanoverian	71.800%	Con Bravo	owned by Kimberly Vahey ridden by Allison Dechant
Holsteiner	69.079%	Mille Belle	owned by Angela Joyce ridden by Gigi Brittain
Iberian	69.565%	Juergo SMDR	owned by Joe Skelton ridden by Christa Elaine Wood
Morgan	67.250%	BCM Unforgettable	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling
Oldenburg	69.762%	Napali	owned and ridden by Sandra Hotz
Paint/Pinto	64.368%	Miss Handy	owned by Wendy Gray-Bizzaro ridden by Tracy Young
Quarter Horse	69.142%	Soy Boy	owned by Janiejill Tointon and ridden by Amelia Newcomb
Saddlebred	60.000%	Doubletree's Tempest	owned by Kathy Kriner & Hannah Lewis ridden by Hannah Lewis
Swedish WB	63.913%	Escort	owned and ridden by Mari Fenex
Thoroughbred	64.800%	Flying Hero	owned and ridden by Rimma Paul
Trakehner	67.525%	Carismo	owned ridden by Petra Warlimont

Sport Horse of the Year – In Hand

Young Horse of the Year: Three years and under donated by Sarah & Clayton Martin

Champ: 73.850%	Reflection	owned by Zada A Steidl
Res: 73.200%	Remembrance	owned by Zada A Steidl
Third: 73.100%	Come What May	owned by Carolyn Mains
Fourth: 72.700%	Winter Eleganz	owned by Cheri George
Fifth: 70.700%	Wonderful Melody	owned by Janet Alexander
Sixth: 70.400%	Amalia	owned by Patricia Leech

Sport Horse of the Year – In Hand

Mature Horse of the Year: Four years and older donated by Somewhere Farm in memory of the thoroughbred stallion, Bailey

Champ: 79.650%	Valentino	owned by Katie Long
Res: 72.700%	Resonance	owned by Deanna Napier
Third: 71.750%	Tamarin	owned by Soraya van Asten
Fourth: 70.500%	Navarelle	owned by Otto Koch & Nancy Brenckman
Fifth: 70.475%	Working Girl	owned by Jennifer Hershner
Sixth: 67.250%	Valentino	owned by Denicia Reusche

Horse of the Year - Freestyles

Minimum Requirements:

- 3 scores in freestyles
- Median must be at least 55%.

First Level – donated by Edith T. Ray

Champ: 69.792%	SP Hollywood Eclipse	owned and ridden by Devon Wycoff
Res: 68.646%	Czarino	owned and ridden by Deb Crooks
Third: 66.875%	Crown B Special	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Haeley Hutchison
Fourth: 66.042%	BCM Unforgettable	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling
Fifth: 63.125%	Dream Catcher	owned and ridden by Alyssa Hunt
Tie: 63.125%	Jaguar Jack	owned by Maya Freismuth & Jinx Richards ridden by Maya Freismuth
Sixth: 62.083%	Dream May Fuerst	owned and ridden by Julie Winn

First Level Adult Amateur: donated by the Stires Family in memory of Melanie Stires

Champ: 62.083%	Dream May Fuerst	owned and ridden by Julie Winn
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Second Level - donated by Barbara Gardner

Champ: 70.938%	Orion	owned and ridden by Malva Tarasewicz
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Third Level - donated by Carolyn Schoenfield

Champ: 67.604%	Andechs	owned and ridden by Anne MacGuire
Res: 66.667%	Riddle Me This	owned by Diane Nugent ridden by Deb Crooks
Third: 66.562%	Dalwhinnie's Martijn	owned and ridden by Jackson Freismuth
Fourth: 61.042%	Orrwood Maddison Bay	owned and ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Fifth: 59.375%	Mykatas Questionnaire	owned and ridden by Victoria Fernalld

Fourth Level - donated by Bridget Milnes & Dr. & Mrs. Muftic

Champ: 68.854%	Olaf	owned by Sarah J Bushong-Weeks ridden by KC Parkins-Kyle
Res: 60.000%	Golden Gift	owned and ridden by Andrea Doelling

Prix St Georges –

Not awarded

Intermediate I - donated by Dolly Hannon and Whit Watkins

Champ: 69.562%	Najinska	owned and ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Res: 60.188%	First Impression	owned and ridden by Andrea Doelling

Grand Prix-donated by Sue Halasz

Champ: 67.125%	Grand Glissando	owned and ridden by Meredith Mathers
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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 recognized by US Equestrian Federation.
- The median must be at least 55%.

Horse of the Year - Adult Amateur - in addition, a copy of the rider's current US Equestrian Federation Adult Amateur card must be submitted by September 30th of the competition year to the RMDS Central Office to be considered.

Horse of the Year-Youth Awards

12 & Under High Median donated by Duke's Morgan Farm. Awarded to the horse/rider combinations with the highest score at training and first level.

Champ:	65.200%	Marcus Narral	owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian
Res:	64.262%	Lilliput	owned by Kathleen Neiley & Alicia Goode-Allen ridden by Alicia Goode-Allen
Third:	63.913%	Escort	owned and ridden by Mari Fenex
Fourth:	63.342%	Jaguar Jack	owned by Jinx Richards & Maya Freismuth ridden by Maya Freismuth
Fifth:	63.234%	PS American Girl	owned and ridden by Madeline Backus
Sixth:	62.800%	Raggedy Ann	owned by Carol von Michaelis and ridden by Katie McKenna

Horse of the Year - Pony Award

Training Level - donated by Julie Barringer-Richers

Champ:	65.500%	Scarlet's Affair	owned and ridden by Ruan Seville
Res:	65.200%	Morganland's Fabian	owned and ridden by Charlotte Curnutte
Tie:	65.200%	Marcus Narral	owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian
Third:	64.474%	Little Miss Mariah	owned and ridden by Joan N Clay
Fourth:	61.267%	Simply Sterling	owned and ridden by Michaela Grace Schenk
Fifth:	60.435%	Mighty Mica	owned and ridden by Arlene W Rhodes
Sixth:	58.700%	Jazz-A-Round	owned and ridden by Whitney Mankin

First Level - donated by Veronica Holt

Champ:	64.474%	Morganland's Fabian	owned by Charlotte Curnutte ridden by Jenny Brauer
Res:	64.262%	Lilliput	owned by Kathleen Neeley & Alicia Goode-Allen ridden by Alicia Goode-Allen
Third:	63.234	PS American Girl	owned and ridden by Madeline Backus
Fourth:	63.105%	SP Hollywood Eclipse	owned and ridden by Devon Wycoff
Fifth:	62.158%	Marcus Narral	owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Shanan Balian

Horse of the Year - Junior/Young Riders

Training Level - Dude's Blue Mist Memorial Trophy donated by Carrie Hagood

Champ:	68.000%	FWF Baroness Von Truffle	owned and ridden by Kelsee Foote
Res:	65.435%	Esperanza GPA	owned and ridden by Kristen Becker
Third:	65.200%	Marcus Narral	owned by Teresa Balian ridden by Heather Balian
Tie:	65.200%	Morganland's Fabian	owned and ridden by Charlotte Curnutte
Fourth:	65.000%	Jaguar Jack	owned by Jinx Richards & Maya Freismuth ridden by Maya Freismuth
Fifth:	63.913%	Escort	owned and ridden by Mari Fenex
Sixth:	63.200%	Amore	owned by Hannah & Kristine Henry ridden by Hannah Henry
Tie:	63.200%	Wanna Talk About Me	owned and ridden by Connor McPeak

First Level - donated by Colorado Springs Dressage Association Chapter

Champ: 70.694%	Stonewall Good Deal Lady	owned and ridden by Eileen D'Amour
Res: 66.833%	FWF Baroness Von Truffle	owned and ridden by Kelsee Foote
Third: 66.333%	Megabucks	owned by Gary Lawrence ridden by Evan Hill
Fourth: 65.139%	Best Blend	owned by Mary Lewis ridden by Natalie Lewis
Fifth: 65.000%	My Tuition	owned and ridden by Tiffany Lunney
Sixth: 64.444%	Mejicano XXXIV	owned by Merrie Wycoff ridden by Devon Wycoff

Second Level - donated by RMDS

Champ: 64.940%	Flash	owned and ridden by Mckynzee Wiggins
Res: 63.953%	Izmar	owned and ridden by Laura Becker
Third: 63.095%	Rusticus 4	owned and ridden by Aylin Corapcioglu
Fourth: 62.381%	Blue Fancy Dan	owned by Janiejill Tointon ridden by Amelia Newcomb
Fifth: 60.724%	My Tuition	owned and ridden by Tiffany Lunney
Sixth: 59.643%	Crown B Special	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Haeley Hutchison

Third Level – donated by Boulder Valley Chapter

Champ: 64.004%	Donaukonig	owned by Suzanne M Zimmer ridden by Rachel Motsinger
Res: 63.489%	Dalwhinnie's Martijn	owned and ridden by Jackson Freismuth
Third: 61.583%	O'Neal	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Fourth: 61.282%	Royal Mirage	owned and ridden by Morgan Janet Heinrichs
Fifth: 60.897%	Doubletree's Tempest	owned by Kathy Kriner & Hannah Lewis ridden by Hannah Lewis
Sixth: 60.814%	Nobel II	owned by Tracy Vale ridden by Jessica Swenson

Fourth Level – donated by Wild Rose Farm/Julie Barringer-Richers

Champ: 62.562%	Orlando	owned and ridden by Morgan Janet Heinrichs
Res: 60.000%	Royal Diamant	owned and ridden by Nicholas Sigler
Third: 57.479%	VA Grand Rouge Escobar	owned and ridden by Shannon Fox

FEI Level-donated by Wild Rose Farm/Julie Barringer-Richers

Champ: 55.125%	Bud Light	owned and ridden by Kevin Schauer
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Horse of the Year - Adult Amateur

Training Level - donated by Laurie Harrison

Champ: 70.000%	Shoyo	owned and ridden by Lesya Ukrainchuk
Res: 66.436%	Archie	owned and ridden by Carole Brotherton
Third: 66.400%	Tara	owned and ridden by Kate Banuelos
Fourth: 66.161%	Dafina	owned and ridden by Mariane Sasak
Fifth: 66.035%	Lionheart	owned and ridden by Joan M Stang
Sixth: 65.361%	Amiliano CWF	owned and ridden by Lisa Shimonkevitz

First Level - La Pouliniere Trophy donated by Suke & CiCi Lee

Champ: 67.632%	Gunther	owned and ridden by Lara Hartman
Res: 65.597%	Donnertanzer	owned and ridden by Teria Leone
Third: 64.737%	Remington	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles
Tie: 64.737%	Flying Hero	owned and ridden by Rimma Paul
Fourth: 64.612%	Dancing Star	owned and ridden by Rimma Paul
Fifth: 64.535%	Donzearlylite	owned and ridden by Tara Nolan
Sixth: 64.000%	Shantille	owned and ridden by Deb Wilkie

Second Level - Major Anders Lindgren Trophy donated by the Hollister family

Champ: 66.488%	Innuendo	owned and ridden by Alysa Levine
Res: 66.461%	Alaric	owned and ridden by Maureen Yaskanin
Third: 65.714%	Navarelle	owned by Otto Koch & Nancy Brenckman ridden by Otto Koch
Fourth: 62.381%	Delaney	owned and ridden by Susan 'Sky' Baldwin
Fifth: 62.040%	Beckinsale	owned and ridden by Ellen Storeim

Sixth: 61.945% Boucheron owned and ridden by Ann E Edelman

Third Level - donated by Nonesuch Farm

Champ: 64.768% Amichelli 62 owned and ridden by Anne MacGuire
 Res: 60.769% Wyntera owned and ridden by Jane Ann Lake
 Third: 59.883% Boucheron owned and ridden by Ann E Edelman
 Fourth: 57.907% Winston owned by Sue Devlin ridden by Alysa Levine

Fourth Level - Ricky Wasik Memorial

Champ: 57.955% Matador owned and ridden by Beth Geier

Prix St Georges – Waterloo Perpetual - donated by Lori Oakley

Champ: 63.500% Kolany owned and ridden by Michelle Albertus
 Res: 63.250% Lenny owned and ridden by Robin Gay
 Third: 60.625% Munesicht's Compassion owned and ridden by Camille Griffin
 Fourth: 57.500% Domani owned and ridden by Kathy Coulson

Intermediate I - donated by Meredith Mathers

Champ: 64.625% Kolany owned and ridden by Michelle Albertus
 Res: 60.812% Lenny owned and ridden by Robin Gay
 Third: 59.750% Made in the Shade owned and ridden by Mary Jo Hoepner

Intermediate II

Champ: 66.098% Lamiro owned and ridden by Lauren Smith
 Res: 60.488% Belissima owned and ridden by Sally Robertson

Grand Prix-

Champ: 62.083% Lamiro owned and ridden by Lauren Smith

Horse of the Year - Overall

Training Level - donated by RMDS

Champ: 75.278% Hyperion SF owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont
 Res: 73.000% Valentino owned by Katie Long ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
 Third: 72.857% Galette owned by Jolie Rossing ridden by Petra Warlimont
 Fourth: 72.400% Joshua owned and ridden by Glenda Needles
 Fifth: 70.600% Arriane's Rayne owned by Christine L Pritt ridden by Petra Warlimont
 Sixth: 70.000% Shoyo owned and ridden by Lesya Ukrainchuk

First Level - donated by High Plains Chapter

Champ: 75.000% Valentino owned by Katie Long ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
 Res: 74.167% Matinee SF owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont
 Third: 70.694% Stonewall Good Deal Lady owned and ridden by Eileen D'Amour
 Fourth: 69.079% Mille Belle owned by Angela Joyce ridden by Gigi Brittain
 Fifth: 68.684% De Libris owned and ridden by Jasmin L Becker
 Sixth: 68.617% Aaron owned by Wanda Hage ridden by Sean Cunningham

Second Level - Erwin Perpetual Trophy donated by Joan Meyers

Champ: 71.429% Hidde te R. owned by Beth Nicholson ridden by Karen Whitman
 Res: 70.524% Brisa owned by Lois Maxwell ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
 Third: 69.762% Napali owned and ridden by Sandra Hotz
 Fourth: 68.571% Carismo owned and ridden by Petra Warlimont
 Fifth: 67.785% Dostojewski owned and ridden by Beatrice Marienau
 Sixth: 67.368% Brecht Ans owned by Michele Leonard ridden by Nicole Glusenkamp

Third Level - donated by the Stanich Family

Champ: 70.000%	Rohmero	owned by Deborah Voigt ridden by Petra Warlimont
Res: 68.184%	Logan	owned by Cory Walkey ridden by Jill Cantor Lee
Third: 65.581%	Reverie	owned by Jan Treadwell ridden by Nell Foxworth
Fourth: 64.768%	Amichelli 62	owned and ridden by Anne MacGuire
Fifth: 64.004%	Donaukonig	owned by Suzanne M Zimmer ridden by Rachel Motsinger
Sixth: 63.489%	Dalwhinnie's Martijn	owned and ridden by Jackson Freismuth

Fourth Level - donated by the Foothills Chapter

Champ: 66.977%	Chrysler	owned by Virginia Carr ridden by Jenny Baldwin
Res: 64.634%	Navarro	owned by Joy Lanzano ridden by Jessica Greer
Third: 62.562%	Orlando	owned and ridden by Morgan Janet Heinrichs
Fourth: 60.000%	Royal Diamant	owned and ridden by Nicholas Sigler
Fifth: 58.049%	Golden Gift	owned and ridden by Andrea Doelling
Sixth: 57.955%	Matador	owned and ridden by Beth Geier

Prix St. Georges Pregelstrand Trophy - donated by Wanda Verner

Champ: 68.485%	Superman	owned and ridden by Grant Schneidman
Res: 66.312%	Oryko	owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont
Third: 65.250%	Regallo Cavallo	owned and ridden by Glenda Needles
Fourth: 64.000%	Eeltsje F.	owned by Paula Marsh ridden by Nicole Glusenkamp
Fifth: 63.938%	Safarie	owned and ridden by Gwen Ka'awaloa
Sixth: 63.500%	Kolany	owned and ridden by Michelle Albertus

Intermediate I -

Champ: 68.625%	Superman	owned and ridden by Grant Schneidman
Res: 67.500%	Oryko	owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont
Third: 64.625%	Kolany	owned and ridden by Michelle Albertus
Fourth: 61.500%	Gouster Geer	owned and ridden by Jenny Baldwin
Tie: 61.500%	Fino	owned and ridden by Frances Carbonnel
Tie: 61.500%	Danilo 49	owned and ridden by Dr. Susan Schneider
Fifth: 61.375%	The Roman Knows	owned and ridden by Cynthia Scopac
Sixth: 60.812%	Lenny	owned and ridden by Robin Gay

Intermediate II Graf Bobby Memorial trophy - donated by Philip & Jennifer Oldham

Champ: 66.098%	Lamiro	owned and ridden by Lauren Smith
Res: 60.488%	Belissima	owned and ridden by Sally Robertson
Third: 60.244%	Najinska	owned and ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Fourth: 60.000%	Ravenelli's Wizard	owned and ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
Fifth: 59.634%	Decoroso SMDR	owned by Joe Skelton ridden by Christa Elaine Wood
Sixth: 59.024%	Enamorado VII	owned by Joe Skelton ridden by Christa Elaine Wood

Grand Prix Fairwind Farm Perpetual Trophy - donated by Sue Curry

Champ: 62.083%	Lamiro	owned and ridden by Lauren Smith
Res: 60.729%	Ravenelli's Wizard	owned and ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless

RMDS Sweepstakes Awards

(discontinued after 2008 award year)

Awarded to the horse/rider combination winning their Championship class at RMDS Championships as well as Horse of the Year. Both wins must be at the same level and in the same competition year.

Training Level Pony	Scarlet's Affair	owned and ridden by Ruan Seville
First Level Adult Amateur	Gunther	owned by Lisa Hartman
First Level JR/YR	Stonewall Good Deal	Lady owned and ridden by Eileen D'Amour
Second Level JR/YR	Flash	owned and ridden by Mckenzie Wiggins
Third Level Open	Rohmero	ridden by Petra Warlimont
Third Level Freestyle	Dalwhinnie's Martijn	owned and ridden by Jackson Freismuth

Fourth Level Freestyle	Olag	owned and ridden by KC Parkins-Kyle
Intermediate I Adult Amateur	Kolany	owned and ridden by Michelle Albertus
Intermediate I Open	Superman	owned and ridden by Grant Schneidman
Intermediate Freestyle	Najinska	owned and ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Grand Prix Adult Amateur	Lamiro	owned and shown by Lauren Smith
Young Horse Champion	Reflection	owned by Zada Steidl
Mature Horse Champion	Valentino	owned by Katie Long

Futurity Trophy

The futurity class at the RMDS Championships consists of the average of the scores from Training Level Test 4 and First Level Test 1.

Champ: 71.834% Valentino owned by Katie Long ridden by Simone Ahern-Harless
 Res: 68.150% Matinee SF owned by Kim Lampert ridden by Petra Warlimont

New awards for 2009

High Median Pony-JR/YR donated by Leslie Terry-Pendragon

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