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George Williams: USDF Region 5 Junior/Young Rider Clinic Series

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by Susan Rudman

Christina Rudman on Chassé, Inga Fuengerlings, Jordan Farr, George Williams, Meryl Compton, Morgan Fleming, Whitney Haugen, and Sarah Jancik on Valentino Flemming.

How fortunate to have George Williams, such an accomplished rider and educator, not to mention president of USDF, clinic in our area! Riders were anxious to get started, the weather was fabulous, the clinic was hosted in an excellent location, and the food couldn't have been better! But let's hear from the riders and get their perspective on this wonderful experience.

Inga Fuengerlings "The impressions I am taking away from this wonderful experience will stay with me for a very long time. I'm looking forward to applying the wealth of valuable information and skills that I learned to training Milo this winter. George Williams stressed the importance of the training scale along with correct rider and horse position utilizing his incredible ability to assess different horses and riders. It was a joy to ride in a 1st class facility along with the amazing hospitality, support, and kindness of all those involved with putting this clinic together."

Michaela Schenk "I learned so much in those two hours, and learned so many new tools that I can now transfer over to my 5 year old horse in training. George was so helpful and well educated in the training process and I cannot wait to ride with him again next year!"

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Region 5 Report

I had the wonderful opportunity at the beginning of November to attend the USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships in Scottsdale, Arizona. There were competitors from several states, including Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. The weather was very nice for the first day, then we had a little rain and we were able to see how well the show management dealt with difficult situations! That little rain is not common in Arizona apparently (this was my first show in Arizona!) and the outdoor arenas did not drain well. Jay and his crew shifted all the show rings into covered arenas and allowed competitors to warm up wherever they could find footing to suit their needs. The staff and volunteers did a great job punting in a difficult situation!

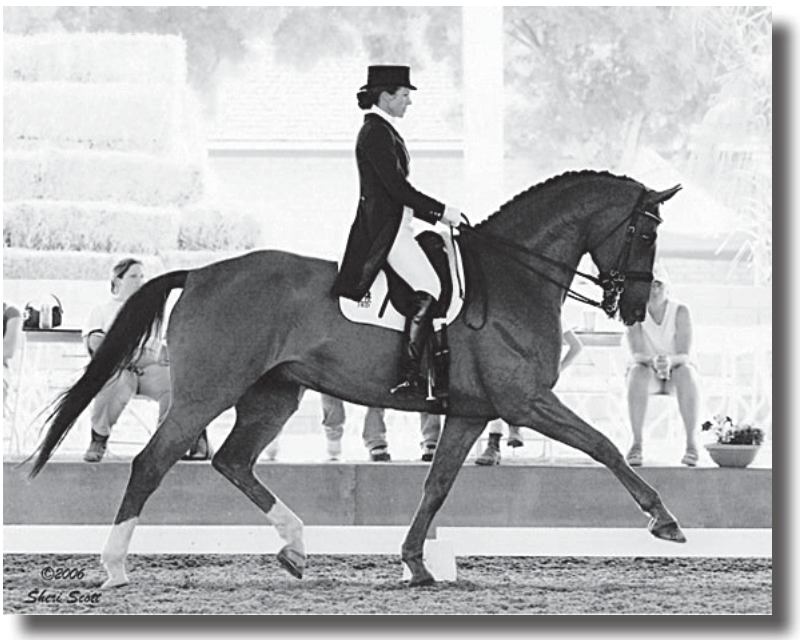
The judging panel for the Championships was great and I had a lot of fun and learned a lot scribing every day. It was also great to participate in the awards' ceremonies and meet quite a few folks I have never met before. There were two lovely competitor parties with great food. All the food came from, to my surprise, the same caterer we use at the Colorado Horse Park, Wild Willeys.

Saturday evening's Competitor Party also hosted one of the most touching retirement ceremonies I have had the privilege of witnessing. I was lucky enough to be at the World Cup when Debbie retired Brentina, but it wasn't quite as personal and relevant. Terri Patton-Rich retired her Grand Prix horse, Fontainebleau, who was her dancing partner his entire riding career. Terri had the privilege of riding with some of our top riders in the country and the world, and won many awards and Championships with Fontainebleau. He had to retire at a relatively young age due to some fairly serious injuries, but as she rode him out into the arena for the final time, you wouldn't have had an inkling. I think one of the things that touched the 100 or so people who attended the ceremony was Terri's comment that though they didn't make any of the Olympic or other National teams, they challenged those that did to be better competitors. If you have a few minutes and a few tissues, please take the time to watch the YouTube video of the ceremony - http://tinyurl.com/7kw6dku.

Fontainebleau and Terri Hallman-Rich were great representatives for Region 5 during their careers and we were honored they chose our Championships to have their moment.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday Season and I hope I see quite a few of you at the USDF Convention and Symposium!

Till next month!
-Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director



Terri Patton-Rich and Fontainebleau

Important Things to Know this Month

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Phantom Hill Farm generously hosted the NCDA Halloween Party "Are You Haunted by Dressage" on October 30th. Twelve members rode in costume and decorated their horses for the event. Riders played games and enjoyed refreshments after the mounted segment. Look on the NCDA website for pictures. Thank you to RaeAnn Cook for having the party at her barn. Thank you to Hana van Campen for creating the idea for the party and for helping to make it happen. NCDA can look forward to more fun events now that Hana has agreed to be the 2012 NCDA President. She has some great ideas for next year. Keep in mind to help wherever you can.

We will be having our NCDA Christmas Party at Pat Cole's house in December. Please check the website for the date.

-*Susie Reed*, President NCDA

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Michaela and Opus

Discussing the rides, auditors also learn from the clinic. Lunch time theory discussions and question were open to everyone.

Meryl Compton "Going to the George Williams clinic was an incredible opportunity and I was very lucky to learn from him. We worked on the quality of the gait and by the end we definitely improved flow and engagement in all the movements."

Jordan Farr "George taught productive and positive lessons that really helped me work through some difficult spots in my riding. He was able to improve a lot of things with Phoenix and I without going into the more taxing exercises that can be really tough on an older horse. I especially want to thank my local sponsor for providing me with the opportunity to participate in this clinic."

Christina Rudman "George's approach with my young mare, Chassé, was wonderful. It can be hard to clinic a young horse with the length of the sessions as you do not want to overface them. With George the time frame was perfect and it was very helpful to feel how much he was able to get Chassé to open up and really move through her whole body. She was even more willing the 2nd day. It was great to have direction with our training routine before the long months of winter. Thank you to all who made this clinic possible!"

Morgan Fleming "The clinic was such a great opportunity and a huge milestone in my riding. I really enjoyed George Williams and found his teaching to be very clear and effective. I hope to ride with him next year and continue my education in dressage."

Sarah and Valentino Flemming

Whitney Haugen "The George Williams clinic helped me with a whole bunch of things. George helped me improve my sitting trot and Tiara to accept it. I also felt stuck at 1st level before the clinic and now feel I have a clear way through to 2nd level. George helped me to not get angry when Tiara is not doing what I would like her to do, but to be patient but persistent. This was a great opportunity and I am super glad I did it."

Sarah Jancik "It has been exciting having George out to Colorado for so many consecutive years. He has a lot to offer our region for guidance and just having him here is inspiring. I hope he knows that!"

Special "Thanks" to those that make it happen! Funding from *The Dressage Foundation*, Terri Baker donating the use of Stellar Stables, the Schenk Family for donating food and providing a fund raiser for the Region 5 FEI Jr/YRs.

2011 Year End Awards

RMDS SENIOR AWARDS

Over 60 Years Old and Still Showing

Susan Alvey
Judy Bash
Lynda Beierwaltes
Judy Brown
Frances Carbonnel
Sandra Eckles
Linda Gaber
Sue Gentle
Carol Lou Kennedy
Marilyn Lipscomb
Patricia Long
Margery Lynch
Beth Nicholson
Marsha Novicki
Ruth Ann Olson
Sue Pietrzak
Susan Reed
Pat Roark
Sally Robertson
Jolie Rossing
Marilyn Soby
Mary Stack
Kathy Wilson
Jane Worrall

Over 70 Years Old and Still Showing

Nadine Beech
Beth Geier

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 2009 Not awarded
2010 Janet 'Dolly' Hannon 2011 Janet Foy

Older and Better Trophy donated by Cariellen DeMuth. Awarded to the rider over 45 years of age with the highest median. 72.400% Marquis owned and ridden by Anita Williams

Junior Rider High Median (under 18 years of age) Sea Otter Memorial Trophy donated by the Tautz Family.
68.309% Nagano owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld

High Overall Median Trophy awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest median score excluding freestyles. 74.258% Royal Aries owned and ridden by Danielle Culver

Single High Score Trophy awarded to the horse/rider combination with the highest single score excluding freestyle scores. 80.800% Royal Aries owned and ridden by Danielle Culver

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.
72.303% Harmony's Wiebert owned by Harmony Sport Horses ridden by Loma Fowler

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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.

Brittannia owned and ridden by Anne Schmid
Spread of - 27.381% High – 66.667% Low – 39.286%

High Scoring Mare 3rd Level and Above donated by Crooked Willow Farm

65.658% Westfalica owned and ridden by Talia Hershaft

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

68.309% Nagano owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld

PS American Girl Award – donated by Leslie Terry – Pendragon Farm

65.200% CF Godiva Chocolate owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund

Lael & Cariellen DeMuth Memorial Trophy donated by Janet Foy. Awarded to the high median for riders 65 years & older.

68.910% Andreo owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles

The Lisa Robbins Memorial Adult Amateur Trophy donated by the Lisa Robbins Memorial Fund. Awarded to the AA horse/rider combination with the highest median at any level.

76.000% Royal Aries owned and ridden by Danielle Culver

BREED AWARDS

Appaloosa donated by Stabile di Cavallo/Elaine Haberman in memory of Homemade Cookie
58.621% Spotted Walker-D owned and ridden by Amanda Trickett

The Purebred Arabian OPEC Warmblood Trophy-donated by Carriellen DeMuth
67.117% Jazzzz owned by Judith Weber ridden by Hannah Reed

Dutch WB donated by Shannon Lemons in memory of Sooty
72.116% Avanti owned by Deborah Slack & Nell Foxworth ridden by Nell Foxworth

Friesian In honor of Jitze B-donated by The Culver Family
68.000% Jorryn owned and ridden by Anna Nemeckay

Grade donated by Joder Arabian Ranch
66.993% Ferdinand owned by Cecilia 'CC' Ross and ridden by Susanne Primgaard

Hanoverian donated by Deborah Carter/Silvertip Farm
74.258% Royal Aries owned and ridden by Danielle Culver

Holsteiner donated by Singletree Farms/Jan Treadwell
72.400% Marquis owned and ridden by Anita Williams

Iberian donated by El Canto Luisitanos
67.171% Dominante XXIX owned by Linda Nickerson ridden by Kristi Wysocki

Morgan donated by Morgan Sport Horse Association
66.199% Thunder Alexander owned by Ann Bialkowsky ridden by Julie Haugen

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Oldenburg	donated by the Heinrichs Family	
69.927%	Chassé	owned and ridden by Christina Rudman
Paint/Pinto	donated by Jeri Yarbrough in honor of "Bear"	
68.304%	PS American Girl	owned by Madeline Backus ridden by Grace Simpson
Quarter Horse	donated by Barbara Goldman in memory of Revelation	
67.097%	Micado	owned and ridden by Sue Gentle
Saddlebred	donated by Shirley Hoffman	
67.586%	Dawn of Winter	owned and ridden by Aubrey Buenger
Swedish WB	donated by the Swedish Connection/Janet Foy	
68.309%	Nagano	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld
Thoroughbred	Cowboy Cadillac Memorial Trophy donated by Shannon Badillo	
62.497%	Little Bit Country	owned and ridden by Judy Bash
Trakehner	donated by the friends of Pandur	
73.800%	Amalia	owned by Patricia Leech ridden by Simone Ahern

SPORT HORSE OF THE YEAR – IN HAND

Current Year Foal (Fillies & Colts) – donated by Sarah & Clayton Martin

Champ:	74.300%	Prajna	owned by Ruth Ann Olson
Res:	72.925%	Good Luck Charm	owned by Lisa Sutila
Third:	70.225%	Reko	owned by Marian Nilsen

Yearling & Two Year Old Fillies & Colts – donated by Laura Speer

Champ:	77.700%	Sequel HF	owned by Rimma Paul
Res:	76.200%	Perseus YC	owned by Yarmony Sporthorses
Third:	75.600%	Worthy Aspirations	owned by Heather Petersen
Fourth:	74.950%	Valentina	owned by Simone Ahern
Fifth:	71.400%	Saga Splendor Ges	owned by Peter & Sharon Soos
Sixth:	70.300%	Benvolia Ges	owned by Peter & Sharon Soos

Three Year Old Fillies & Colts - donated by Petersen Family

Champ:	81.400%	Del Mar	owned by Rimma Paul
Res:	76.500%	Rogelius	owned by Tami Fredrich
Third:	74.000%	Hound Dog	owned by Shannon Dahmer
Fourth:	70.500%	Wonderful Melody	owned by Janet Alexander

Mares (Four Years Old & Older) – donated by Elaine Haberman/Stabile di Cavallo

Champ:	78.700%	Santiana	owned by Lauren Smith
Res:	75.600%	Firenze	owned by Ruth Ann Olson
Third:	75.200%	Immy Lou	owned by Valerie Foltz
Fourth:	71.800%	Razia	owned by Lisa Nasrullah

Stallions (Four Years Old & Older) - donated by Somewhere Farm in memory of the thoroughbred stallion, Bailey

Champ:	71.700%	Dominante XXIX	owned by Linda Nickerson

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HORSE OF THE YEAR – FREESTYLES

First Level – donated by Edith T. Ray

Champ:	68.708%	Diederik Van Sondel	owned and ridden by Brooke Bolen
Res:	68.449%	Steel Magnolia	owned and ridden by Ashley Eberhardt
Third:	68.417%	Bouke	owned and ridden by Mary Chamberland
Fourth:	67.917%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund
Fifth:	66.750%	SP Hollywood Eclipse	owned by Devon Wycoff ridden by Kate Sotiroff
Sixth:	65.667%	Deja	owned and ridden by Sophie Nasrullah

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

Champ:	68.449%	Steel Magnolia	owned and ridden by Ashley Eberhardt
Res:	68.417%	Bouke	owned and ridden by Mary Chamberland

Second Level – Stella C. Durrance Award-donated by Barbara Gardner

Champ:	63.167%	Orrwood Maddison Bay	owned by Victoria Fernalld ridden by Caroline Fernalld

Third Level – Barbara Gardner Award-donated by Carolyn Schoenfield

Champ:	70.833%	The Count Basil	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling
Res:	70.171%	Westfalica	owned and ridden by Talia Hershaft
Third:	68.854%	Daylight	owned by Brook Santangelo
Fourth:	68.100%	Jip van Stal Geurts	owned and ridden by Susan Traylor
Fifth:	64.917%	Golden Eskapade	owned and ridden by Elaine Marion

Fourth Level - donated by Andrea Doelling in honor of First Impression & First Chance

Champ:	66.817%	Mon Cher	owned by Greta Barringer-Richers ridden by Morgan Fleming
Res:	66.042%	Orion	owned and ridden by Malva Tarasewicz

Prix St Georges –

Not awarded

Intermediate I – Joint Venture Trophy-donated by Dolly Hannon and Whit Watkins

Champ:	72.407%	Dominante XXIX	owned by Linda Nickerson ridden by Kristi Wysocki
Res:	70.000%	Rock On	owned by Mary Allyn ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Third:	68.813%	Amazing	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling
Fourth:	67.375%	Alvaro TCV	owned and ridden by Pat Roark
Fifth:	67.000%	O'Neal	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Sixth:	65.938%	Hotchkiss	owned and ridden by Susan Alvey

Grand Prix-donated by Sue Halasz

Champ:	70.125%	Decoroso SMDR	owned by Skelton Mtn. Dream Ranch ridden by Christa Elaine Wood
Res:	66.625%	Grand Glissando	owned and ridden by Meredith Mathers
Third:	63.594%	Lamiro	owned and ridden by Lauren Smith

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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 median at training and first level.

Champ:	68.309%	Nagano	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld
Res:	62.548%	Orrwood Maddison Bay	owned by Victoria Fernalld ridden by Caroline Fernalld
Third:	62.420%	Gilligan	owned by Joan Clay ridden by Raissa Chunko
Fourth:	62.081%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund
Fifth:	61.690%	Chatham	owned by Joan Clay ridden by Raissa Chunko

HORSE OF THE YEAR - PONY AWARD

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

Champ:	66.400%	Angel	owned and ridden by Sally Dalton
Res:	65.200%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund
Third:	63.007%	Grey Haven Kelsey Kilcullen	owned and ridden by Maryellen Cambor

First Level - donated by the Barringer-Richers Family

Champ:	62.162%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund
Res:	61.774%	Deja	owned and ridden by Sophie Nasrullah
Third:	61.613%	Gilligan	owned by Joan Clay ridden by Raissa Chunko
Fourth:	61.371%	SP Hollywood Eclipse	owned by Devon Wycoff ridden by Kate Sotiroff
Fifth:	60.011%	Lily	owned by Kimberly Boyd ridden by Elizabeth-Jo Leverock

HORSE OF THE YEAR - JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDERS

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

Champ:	67.917%	Amper	owned by Julie Barringer-Richers ridden by Taylor Cousin
Res:	67.800%	Avangeline RH	owned and ridden by Michaela Schenk
Third:	65.200%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund
Fourth:	64.532%	Magic Gift	owned by Julie Barringer-Richers ridden by Kara Holbrook
Fifth:	63.543%	Indy	owned and ridden by Carson Zweck-Bronner
Sixth:	62.500%	Escort	owned by Angel Hoskins ridden by Zoe Austermann

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

Champ	68.309%	Nagano	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld
Res:	66.451%	Valgard	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Heidi Kirchner
Third:	65.806%	Squirrelolena	owned and ridden by Heather Howell
Fourth:	65.092%	Flash Zayraff	owned by Jennifer Gage ridden by Trenton Gage
Fifth:	64.325%	Diederik Van Sondel	owned and ridden by Brooke Bolen
Sixth:	62.162%	CF Godiva Chocolate	owned and ridden by Savannah Rose Franklund

Second Level - donated by RMDS

Champ:	67.143%	Milo	owned and ridden by Inga Fuengerlings
Res:	62.548%	Orrwood Maddison Bay	owned by Victoria Fernalld ridden by Caroline Fernalld
Third:	61.952%	Squirrelolena	owned and ridden by Heather Howell

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Fourth:	61.492%	Amper	owned by Julie Barringer-Richers ridden by Meryl Compton
Fifth:	61.429%	Esperanza GPA	owned and ridden by Kristen Becker
Sixth:	61.428%	Kentucky Rain	owned and ridden by Grace Kennedy

Third Level – donated by Boulder Valley Chapter

Champ:	65.658%	Westfalica	owned and ridden by Talia Hershaft
Res:	65.567%	Daylight	owned and ridden by Brook Santangelo
Third:	64.935%	Power Play	owned and ridden by Devon Wycoff
Fourth:	62.763%	Passhawn	owned and ridden by Connor McPeak
Fifth:	59.817%	Mon Cher	owned by Greta Barringer-Richers ridden by Morgan Fleming

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

Champ:	64.673%	Passhawn	owned and ridden by Connor McPeak
Res:	63.714%	Jubilee Banjo	owned by Frances Carbonnel ridden by Jessica Swenson
Third:	63.375%	Donatello W	owned and ridden by Mckynzee Wiggins
Fourth:	61.500%	Mon Cher	owned by Greta Barringer-Richers ridden by Morgan Fleming
tied:	61.500%	Megabucks	owned by Gary Lawrence ridden by Evan Hills

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

Champ:	69.474%	Phoenix	owned and ridden by Jordan Farr
Res:	65.319%	Prince	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Third:	64.737%	CP Mercury Bey	owned by Laurie Hostetler & Heather Sanders ridden by Heather Sanders
Fourth:	64.408%	Ruhmann	owned and ridden by Aylin Corapcioglu
Fifth:	63.158%	O'Neal	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Tied:	63.158%	Prince	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld

HORSE OF THE YEAR - ADULT AMATEUR

Training Level - donated by Laurie Harrison

Champ:	76.000%	Royal Aries	owned and ridden by Danielle Culver
Res:	69.300%	Andreo	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles
Third:	68.000%	Jorryn	owned and ridden by Anna Nemeckay
Fourth:	67.600%	Eisenprinz	owned and ridden by Amie Ingold
Fifth:	67.117%	Jazzzz	owned by Judith Weber ridden by Hannah Reed
Sixth:	66.400%	Angel	owned and ridden by Sally Dalton

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

Champ:	72.670%	Royal Aries	owned and ridden by Danielle Culver
Res:	70.173%	Bretanus	owned and ridden by Susan Moore
Third:	68.378%	Arnoud	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles
Fourth:	67.653%	Don Rubin	owned and ridden by Andria Allen
Fifth:	67.586%	Dawn of Winter	owned and ridden by Aubrey Buenger
Sixth:	66.896%	Steel Magnolia	owned and ridden by Ashley Eberhardt

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

Champ:	69.342%	Bretanus	owned and ridden by Susan Moore
Res:	67.105%	Hidde te R.	owned and ridden by Beth Nicholson

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Third:	66.429%	Victory	owned and ridden by Natalie Roach
Fourth:	62.976%	La Dolce Vita	owned and ridden by Ann Mahoney
Fifth:	62.857%	Amiliano CWF	owned and ridden by Lisa Shimonkevitz
Sixth:	61.548%	Pandora	owned and ridden by Mercedes Devitt

Third Level - donated by Nonesuch Farm

Champ:	64.342%	Lateran	owned and ridden by Wendy Fryke
Res:	63.374%	Born Free	owned and ridden by Susan DeSylvia
Third:	60.513%	Enviado SMDR	owned by Otto Koch ridden by Susannah Lewis
Fourth:	59.487%	Garand Paradox	owned and ridden by Julie Breen Forman
Fifth:	59.103%	Geotz Grace	owned and ridden by Deborah King

Fourth Level - Ricky Wasik Memorial donated by Haze Pash

Champ:	64.527%	Festivo	owned and ridden by Christine DeHerrera
Res:	63.792%	Tennyson	owned and ridden by Suzie Halle
Third:	63.429%	Selim	owned and ridden by Anne MacGuir

Prix St Georges – Waterloo Perpetual - donated by Lori Oakley

Champ:	62.763%	Boucheron	owned and ridden by Ann Edelman
Res:	61.448%	Orion	owned and ridden by Malva Tarasewicz
Third:	60.789%	Tennyson	owned and ridden by Suzie Halle
Fourth:	60.000%	Paladin	owned and ridden by Jennifer Kirch
Fifth:	58.421%	McKinley	owned and ridden by Marci Krummick
Sixth:	58.158%	Fanfare	owned and ridden by Kylee Lourie

Intermediate I - donated by Meredith Mathers in memory of Hannah

Champ:	63.027%	Shaka Zulu	owned and ridden by Alison Child
Res:	62.105%	Boucheron	owned and ridden by Ann Edelman
Third:	61.953%	Hotchkiss	owned and ridden by Susan Alvey

HORSE OF THE YEAR - OVERALL

Training Level - donated by RMDS

Champ:	76.000%	Royal Aries	owned and ridden by Danielle Culver
Res:	73.800%	Amalia	owned by Patricia Leech ridden by Simone Ahern
Third:	72.400%	Marquis	owned and ridden by Anita Williams
Fourth:	70.800%	Weltzarma	owned by Barbara McElnea ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Fifth:	70.200%	Chassé	owned and ridden by Christina Rudman
Sixth:	69.300%	Andreo	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles

First Level - donated by High Plains Chapter

Champ:	72.670%	Royal Aries	owned and ridden by Danielle Culver
Res:	72.116%	Avanti	owned by Deborah Slack & Nell Foxworth ridden by Nell Foxworth
Third:	70.576%	Romantico SF	owned by Somerset Farms ridden by Petra Warlimont
Fourth:	70.173%	Brentanus	owned and ridden by Susan Moore
Fifth:	68.378%	Arnoud	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles
Sixth:	68.309%	Nagano	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Caroline Fernalld

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All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 pm. Meeting dates in 2011 are January 13, March 10, May 12, July 21, September 8. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location. Steering Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governors' meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov. Contact the Central Office for precise details.

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Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training - Second (RMDS only)
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth

Status	Status	Levels
"S"	Senior	All
3* (FEI C)		All
4* (FEI I)	International	All
5* (FEI O)		All

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Oh wasn't it naughty of Smudges?
Oh Mummy, I'm sick with disgust.
She threw me in front of the judges,
And my silly old collar-bone's bust.
~John Betjeman

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

DECEMBER 2011

2-3 **Peter Borggreve Clinic, Indian Hills Equestrian Center**
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3-4 **USDF Symposium, San Diego, CA, with Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Jeremy Steinberg, and Scott Hassler**
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6 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
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JANUARY 2012

28 **RMDS Judges' Continuing Education with Janet Foy, Sun Prairie Stables, Peyton, CO**
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FEBRUARY 2012

11 **RMDS Show Manager & TD Clinic, Staybridge Suites, Lonetree, CO**
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MARCH 2012

24-25 **GVDS Schooling Show & Clinic, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**
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APRIL 2012

7-8 **USDF L Program, Session D2, Tucson Dressage, Tucson, Arizona.**
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20 **Dressage for the Cure Warm-Up, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**
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21-22 **Dressage for the Cure at the Peak, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**
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21-22 **Region 5 USDF Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore, Utah**
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29 **Boulder Valley Spring Fling, Singletree Farm, Boulder, CO-RMDS**
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MAY 2012

5-6 **GVDS Spring Schooling Show I, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**
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19-20 **Heather Robertson Clinic, Capricorn Farm, Golden, CO**
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20 **AHIEC Sunday Series #1, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO**
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JUNE 2012

1-3 **High Prairie Dressage I, II, III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**
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2-3 **GVDS Ned Marshall Schooling Show II, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**
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9-10 **RMDS Winter Wake-Up In Summer, Tomora Farm, Greeley, CO-USEF**
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15-16 **Sage Creek I & II, Sage Creek Equestrian, Heber, UT-USEF**
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16 **Foothills Chapter Ride-A-Test, Roberts Ranch, Littleton, CO**
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17 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show I, Pine, CO, RMDS**
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23-24 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I & II, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO-USEF**
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JULY 2012

13 **Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up, Fountain Valley School, Colorado Spgs, CO-USEF**
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14 **Dressage at the Peak Summer II, Fountain Valley School, Colorado Spgs, CO-USEF**
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15 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show II, Pine, CO, RMDS**
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15 **AHIEC Sunday Series #2, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO**
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18-21 **RMDS Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO**
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22 **USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO**
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27-28 **Sage Creek III & IV, Sage Creek Equestrian, Heber, UT-USEF**
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28-29 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival III & IV, Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, Longmont, CO-USEF**
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AUGUST 2012

3-5 **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**
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4-5 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Dressage Show, Cheyenne, WY-USEF**
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4-5 **Heather Robertson Clinic, Capricorn Farm, Golden, CO**
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12 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show III, Pine, CO-RMDS**
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17-19 **Paragon I, II, III CDI***, Estes Park, CO-USEF**
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26 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer, Sextant Farm, Longmont, CO-RMDS**
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SEPTEMBER 2012

1 **Foothills Chapter Ride-A-Test-A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**
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1-2 **GVDS Fall Show, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO-USEF**
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2 **Foothills Last Chance Dressage Show, A Rising Star, Arvada, CO**
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20 **RMDS Breed Show, Championships & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**
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21-23 **RMDS Championship & Open Show, Parker, CO-USEF**
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OCTOBER 2012

5-7 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships, Salt Lake City Equestrian Center, Salt Lake City, UT**
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20-21 **GVDS Fall Harvest Schooling Show, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO-USEF**
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NOVEMBER 2012

3-4 **USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.**
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Jan 28	Judges' Continuing Education with Janet Foy, Sun Prairie Stables, Peyton, CO
Feb 11	Show Management & TD Training, Staybridge Suites, Lonetree, CO
June 9-10	RMDS Winter Wake-Up (in the Summer), Tomora Training Center, Greeley
July 18-21	RMDS Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
July 22	USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
Sept 20	RMDS Breed Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Sept 21-23	RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Nov 10	RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting & Awards Banquet

For details on these and other RMDS events:
Contact Michelle Anderson, the RMDS Education Chairman, at 303-646-1375, michand@hotmail.com. Also, read the Centaur, go to www.rmds.org, or contact the RMDS Central Office at 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org.

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Second Level - Erwin Perpetual Trophy donated by Joan Meyers

Champ:	69.342%	Brentanus	owned and ridden by Susan Moore
Res:	67.143%	Milo	owned and ridden by Inga Fuengerlings
Third:	67.105%	Hidde te R.	owned and ridden by Beth Nicholson
Fourth:	66.993%	Ferdinand	owned by Cecilia 'CC' Ross ridden by Susanne Primgaard
Fifth:	66.429%	Victory	owned and ridden by Natalie Roach
Sixth:	65.526%	Nikko of Noble	owned by Michelle Guest ridden by Kelly Boyd

Third Level - donated by the Stanich Family

Champ:	67.929%	Dostojewsky SF	owned by Somerset Farms ridden by Petra Warlimont
Res:	65.658%	Westfalica	owned and ridden by Talia Hershaft
Third:	65.567%	Daylight	owned and ridden by Brook Santangelo
Fourth:	64.935%	Power Play	owned and ridden by Devon Wycoff
Fifth:	64.342%	Lateran	owned and ridden by Wendy Fryke
Sixth:	64.149%	The Count Basil	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling

Fourth Level - donated by Sue Halaz & the Foothills Chapter

Champ:	67.838%	Picolero	owned by Monica Benderly ridden by Anita Williams
Res:	64.673%	Passhawn	owned and ridden by Connor McPeak
Third:	64.527%	Festivo	owned and ridden by Christine DeHerrera
Fourth:	63.792%	Tennyson	owned and ridden by Suzie Halle
Fifth:	63.714%	Jubilee Banjo	owned by Frances Carbonnel ridden by Jessica Swenson
Sixth:	63.429	Selim	owned and ridden by Anne MacGuire

Prix St. Georges Pregelstrand Trophy - donated by Wanda Verner/Mile High Horse Ranch

Champ:	69.474%	Phoenix	owned and ridden by Jordan Farr
Res:	67.671%	Chrysler	owned by Virginia Carr ridden by Jenny Baldwin
Third:	66.842%	Dominante XXIX	owned by Linda Nickerson ridden by Kristi Wysocki
Fourth:	66.053%	Matinee SF	owned by Somerset Farms ridden by Petra Warlimont
Fifth:	65.197%	Navarro	owned by Joy Lanzano ridden by Jessica Greer
Sixth:	64.737%	CP Mercury Bey	owned by Laurie Hostetler & Heather Sanders ridden by Heather Sanders

Intermediate I -

Champ:	68.289%	Rohmero	owned by Deborah Voigt ridden by Petra Warlimont
Res:	67.500%	Dominante XXIX	owned by Linda Nickerson ridden by Kristi Wysocki
Third:	67.105%	Rock On	owned by Mary Allyn ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Fourth:	66.053%	Navarro	owned by Joy Lanzano ridden by Jessica Greer
Fifth:	65.592%	Amazing	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Andrea Doelling
Sixth:	64.035%	Nimbus	owned and ridden by Sue Gentle

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

Champ:	63.158%	Prince	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Res:	62.632%	Ravenelli's Wizard	owned Jana Ward ridden by Jessica Greer
Third:	56.754%	Olaf	owned by Sarah Bushong-Weeks ridden by KC Parkins-Kyle

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Grand Prix - Two White Feet Trophy-donated by Heather Petersen in memory of Oryko

Champ:	65.319%	Prince	owned by Kylee Lourie ridden by Victoria Fernalld
Tie:	65.319%	Fabrioso	owned by Virginia Carr ridden by Jenny Baldwin
Third:	65.000%	Red Adair	owned and ridden by Kristi Wysocki
Fourth:	64.096%	Reve de Neige	owned and ridden by Beatrice Marienau
Fifth:	63.191%	Decoroso SMDR	owned by Skelton Mtn Dream Ranch ridden by Christa Elaine Wood
Sixth:	62.234%	Lamiro	owned and ridden by Lauren Smith

FUTURITY TROPHY

The futurity class at the RMDS Championships consists of the average of the scores from Training Level Test 3 and First Level Test 1. Donated by Foothills Chapter and Friends of Sherry DeLeon and Triple Hema

Champ:	76.128%	Royal Aries	owned and ridden by Danielle Culver
Res:	70.255%	Weltzarma	owned by Barbara McElnea ridden by Shannon Dahmer
Third:	68.828%	Chassé	owned and ridden by Christina Rudman
Fourth:	67.028%	Andreo	owned and ridden by Sandra Eckles
Fifth:	61.576 %	Wearin' My Rolex	owned and ridden by Jennifer Gage

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Kaimana Farms	(In Hand Clinic)
Tomora Training Center	(RMDS Winter Wake-Up) & (Junior Camp)

RMDS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Lori Mitchell

CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

Arkansas Valley:	Marcy Wadlington	High Plains Dressage:	Cynthia O'Shea
Boulder Valley Dressage:	Not awarded	Northern Colorado:	Bill Chunko
Colorado Springs Dressage:	Heather Petersen	Platte River:	Laura Speer
Foothills:	Lori Mitchell	Wasatch Valley:	Not awarded
Grand Valley Dressage:	Johnnie Farmer	Western Colorado:	Not awarded

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If you earned a medal this year and your name is not listed above, please contact the RMDS Central Office.

RMDS PAID POSITIONS

Every two years, RMDS goes through the open bid process for paid positions. The following positions are up for bid and/or renewal:

- **Centaur Production & Editing, effective with May issue**
- **Omnibus Production, 2013/2014 Omnibus**
- **2013/2014 Winter Wake-Up Show Management**
- **2013/2014 Championship Show Management**

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

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

Bids must be received by February 28, 2012. We hope you will plan to attend the March 8th Executive Board meeting as there may be questions asked of you.

Why God Gives Us Horses - and Takes Them Away Again

Author Unknown, Submitted by Shannon Lemons

God gives us horses and compels some of us to love them. Yet why does the horse, an animal with such a big heart, live such a short life?

Perhaps it's because if our horses lived any longer, we wouldn't be able to bear losing them. Or, perhaps it's because God wants to jump.

Perhaps God looks down on the fine horses we raise and decides when it's His turn to ride. He gives us a few good years to care for and learn from them, but when the time is right, it's up to us to see them off gracefully.

OK, perhaps not gracefully. Blowing into a Kleenex is rarely graceful. But we can be grateful.

To have a horse in your life is a gift. In the matter of a few short years, a horse can teach a girl courage, if she chooses to grab mane and hang on for dear life. Even the smallest of ponies is mightier than the tallest of girls. To conquer the fear of falling off, having one's toes crushed, or being publicly humiliated at a horse show is an admirable feat for any child. For that, we can be grateful.

Horses teach us responsibility. Unlike a bicycle - or a computer - a horse needs regular care and most of it requires that you get dirty and smelly and up off the couch. Choosing to leave your cozy kitchen to break the crust of ice off the water buckets is to choose responsibility. When our horses dip their noses and drink heartily, we know we've made the right choice.

Learning to care for a horse is both an art and a science. Some are easy keepers, requiring little more than regular turn-out, a flake of hay, and a trough of clean water. Others will test you - you'll struggle to keep them from being too fat or too thin. You'll have their feet shod regularly only to find shoes gone missing. Some are so accident-prone you'll swear they're intentionally finding new ways to injure themselves.

If you weren't raised with horses, you can't know that they have unique personalities. You'd expect this from dogs, but horses? Indeed, there are clever horses, grumpy horses, and even horses with a sense of humor. Those prone to humor will test you by finding new ways to escape from the barn when you least expect it. I found one of ours on the front porch one morning, eating the cornstalks I'd carefully arranged as Halloween decorations.

Horses can be timid or brave, lazy or athletic, obstinate or willing. You will hit it off with some horses and others will elude you altogether. There are as many "types" of horses as there are people - which makes the whole partnership thing all the more interesting.

If you've never ridden a horse, you probably assume it's a simple thing you can learn in a weekend. You can, in fact, learn the basics on a Sunday - but to truly ride well takes a lifetime. Working with a living being is far more complex than turning a key in the ignition and putting the car in "drive."

In addition to listening to your instructor, your horse will have a few things to say to you as well. On a good day, he'll be happy to go along with the program and tolerate your mistakes; on a bad day, you'll swear he's trying to kill you. Perhaps he's naughty or perhaps he's fed up with how slowly you're learning his language. Regardless, the horse will have an opinion. He may choose to challenge you (which can ultimately make you a better rider) or he may carefully carry you over fences...if it suits him. It all depends on the partnership - and partnership is what it's all about.

If you face your fears, swallow your pride, and are willing to work at it, you'll learn lessons in courage, commitment, and compassion, in addition to basic survival skills. You'll discover just how hard you're willing to work toward a goal, how little you know, and how much you have to learn. And, while some people think the horse "does all the work", you'll be challenged physically as well as mentally. Your horse may humble you completely. Or, you may find that sitting on his back is the closest you'll get to heaven.

You can choose to intimidate your horse, but do you really want to? The results may come more quickly, but will your work ever be as graceful as that gained through trust? The best partners choose to listen, as well as to tell. When it works, we experience a sweet sense of accomplishment brought about by smarts, hard work, and mutual understanding between horse and rider. These are the days when you know with absolute certainty that your horse is enjoying his work.

If we make it to adulthood with horses still in our lives, most of us have to squeeze riding into our over saturated schedules; balancing our need for things equine with those of our households and employers. There is never enough time to ride, or to ride as well as we'd like. Hours in the barn are stolen pleasures.

If it is in your blood to love horses, you share your life with them. Our horses know our secrets; we braid our tears into their manes and whisper our hopes into their ears. A barn is a sanctuary in an unsettled world, a sheltered place where life's true priorities are clear: a warm place to sleep, someone who loves us, and the luxury of regular meals...Some of us need these reminders.

When you step back, it's not just about horses - its about love, life, and learning. On any given day, a friend is celebrating the birth of a foal, a blue

ribbon, or recovery from an illness. That same day, there is also loss: a broken limb, a case of colic, or a decision to sustain a life or end it gently. As horse people, we share the accelerated life cycle of horses: the hurried rush of life, love, loss, and death that caring for these animals bring us. When our partners pass, it is more than a moment of sorrow.

We mark our loss with words of gratitude for the ways our lives have been blessed. Our memories are of joy, awe, and wonder. Absolute union. We honor our horses for their brave hearts, courage, and willingness to give.

To those outside our circle, it must seem strange. To see us in our muddy boots, who would guess such poetry lives in our hearts? We celebrate our companions with praise worthy of heroes. Indeed, horses have the hearts of warriors and often carry us into and out of fields of battle.

Listen to stories of that once-in-a-lifetime horse; of journeys made and challenges met. The best of horses rise to the challenges we set before them, asking little in return.

Those who know them understand how fully a horse can hold a human heart. Together, we share the pain of sudden loss and the lingering taste of long-term illness. We shoulder the burden of deciding when or whether to end the life of a true companion.

In the end, we're not certain if God entrusts us to our horses or our horses to us. Does it matter? We're grateful God loaned us the horse in the first place.

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