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Get Your Lunge Line Out

The USEF 2007 Tests Are Here! *by Amy Jablonovsky*

Every four years, dressage competitors and trainers hold their breath as they await the publication of the new dressage tests. Well, you can relax now because the USEF (and USDF) 2007 dressage tests are here. Many of the changes have been modest, even subtle, so the tests will seem somewhat familiar.

The most obvious change is the new colors of the tests at each level. For the 2007 versions the colors are; Training Level = light pink, First Level = light blue, Second Level = light yellow, Third Level = lavender and Fourth Level = light green. Tests can now be purchased online only. To download the tests, go to www.usef.org and go to the dressage page and set up an "Authorized User" account (i.e., USEF members, officials and competitions).

Once you get your tests, flip to the back page and go to the Collectives at the bottom. Do you see it? The coefficient for the Rider score has been increased to "3"! This is the most significant change in the 2007 tests. The key reason for increasing the coefficient for the Rider is to emphasize the importance of the rider's position and seat, how they influence the application and effectiveness of the aids, and subsequently, the performance of the horse. So, if you want to earn more points towards your overall test score, get out that lunge line and work on those bouncy hands, flopping legs or that stiffness in your hips!

Now let's take a look at the new tests one by one, starting with the USDF Intro tests and then the USEF Training, First and Second Level tests.

USDF Introductory Tests

The USDF Intro tests remain the same as for 2003 with one exception. Intro B was shortened from 10 movements to 9 by combining elements #7, the trot depart, and #8,

the circle, into one element.

USEF Training Level through Second Level Tests

Training Level; Test 1 remains the same. In element #6, the wording, C-H, Medium walk, has been deleted. Test 2 is now 16 movements rather than 15. The wording, A-F, Medium walk (#7), no longer appears. The working trot and 20 m trot circle are now scored separately, thereby lengthening the test one movement. Test 3, at first glance, looks very different because of the big blacked out areas spewing across the page on movements #4/5 and #10/11. Not to worry, this was done to direct judges, scribes and scorers down the page, nothing more. #4 and #10, the canter depart, can be developed over the first 1/4 of the circle, easing the difficulty. The trot stretchy-chewy circle is at C, rather than at B. With #14 the 10m 1/2 circle, E-X, is introduced, ending the test with a halt at G. Test 4 has been shortened by combining the two scores (#5-6, #12-13) so that #5 now reads E-C Working canter, C Working trot and #12 reads E-A Working canter, A Working trot. The trot stretchy-chewy circle is at B and the test ends with a 10m 1/2 circle, B-X, to G.

First Level; Test 1 is the same test, but is two movements longer because there are now separate scores for the Medium walk, Free walk, Medium walk as well as a separate transition score for the transition from the free walk to medium walk at E. Note the directive ideas for this transition; "Submission to shortening the reins while maintaining rhythm, tempo and activity of walk" (Translation; my horse calmly accepts lengthening and shortening his topline and stride). Test 2 also remains basically the same. The addition of a separate score for the transition from the free walk to medium walk at S makes the 2007 version one move-

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ment longer. The directive ideas for the free walk/medium walk transition are the same as in Test 1. The canter lengthenings have more room, H-K and M-F rather than H-V and M-P, while the space to develop the working canter has been shortened, from VKA to K-A and PFA to F-A. A coefficient of 2 has been taken from one of the trot lengthenings (#9, 2003) and given to #19, one of the canter lengthenings. Test 3 has been shortened to 21 movements. The option to rise or sit appears in the directives for all of the two trot lengthenings in First Level.

A coefficient of 2 has been given to each of the two 15m canter circles and the test ends with a 10m 1/2 circle, B-X, with a halt at G. Test 4 appears longer due to the addition of that separate transition score for the free walk to medium walk transition (read those directive ideas!). Following the one loop in working canter while maintaining the right lead, #20, the change of rein is performed on the short diagonal, M-E, with a

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trot transition at I (Is my horse attentive to my aids and balanced?). The stretchy-chewy trot circle is at V, then its down center line at A, X halt, salute.

Second Level; The biggest change in the Second Level tests can be found in the "Purpose" in the upper left hand corner of the test page. "Thrust" has been replaced with "uphill tendency", emphasizing the increase in the weighting of the hindquarters and greater degree of self-carriage required in Second Level. Test 1 has been shortened from 26 movements to 24 with the deletion of the two 2 loop trot serpentine. Both shoulder-ins now have a coefficient of 2 (Is my horse equally supple on both sides? Is he carrying weight equally with both hind legs?). To mark the importance of self-carriage being developed in Second Level, both of the simple changes now carry a coefficient of 2. The test ends with a left turn at E, left turn at X and down center line to G. Test 2 is now 23 movements instead of 25.

The change of rein and counter canter have been combined into one score in #16 as well. Again, both of the simple changes carry a coefficient of 2 (greater degree of balance and self-carriage) as do the two 10 m canter circles. Pay attention to the wording in the directive ideas for #4 and #5, the travers. The horse must be straightened before the turns. Both of the travers (E - H and B - M) have a coefficient of 2, with straightness required before H and M. #22, S - E Counter canter, E - F Change rein and #27, R - B Counter canter, B - K Change rein, also carry a coefficient of 2. A single score for #28, K Collected trot, A Down centerline, X Halt, salute ends the test. The 'shorter test' theme is continued with Test 4, now 27 movements instead of 34. The 10 m circles at I were cut, as were #7 and #12, develop renvers, etc. #26 combines the turn at A down centerline with a transition to collected trot at L for one score. A coefficient of 2 has been given to the two renvers and the two simple changes. Test 4 now calls for a transition from shoulder-in directly into renver. The final halt and salute is at I.

To guide you in your training and help you to understand what judges would like

to see in your dressage test, read the 'Purpose' of the Level on each test page. Make a note of new movements listed under the 'Purpose' and then study the directive ideas for every movement. This information should provide you with a good outline for preparing to do your best at the show. The USEF rule book is another source of valuable information as well.

Now let's take a look at the 2007 Third and Fourth tests.

The theme of shorter tests continues with Third and Fourth Levels, with Fourth Level, Test 3 getting trimmed down the most, from 33 movements to 25! The tests also have a better overall flow and are more "rider friendly". But don't let this lull you into a state of complacency. An effort has been made by the USEF Test Writing committee to create a clear distinction between the demands of each of the levels and they've succeeded admirably in achieving this goal. The degree of suppleness, engagement and collection demanded in the Third Level tests is clearly higher than that required in Second Level. Likewise, the demands of the Fourth Level tests are clearly higher than those of the Third Level tests.

The question of continuing to permit the use of the double bridle at Third Level generated some lively debate at the 2006 Judges' Training seminar I attended in Lexington, Kentucky. On the one side were those who voiced concern over misuse of the double and wanted to have the option of its use at Third Level eliminated. Others noted that this would unfairly penalize those riders who use the double correctly and skillfully. In an informal vote, about 50% of judges in attendance were for eliminating the use of the double at Third Level and about 50% said to leave it be. The Test Writing committee chose to leave in the option to use the double at Third Level (it is optional at Fourth as well), noting that the greater impact of the coefficient of "3" for the rider may help eliminate the misuse of the double while rewarding those riders who use it correctly.

For 2007 the color for the Third Level tests is lavender and for Fourth Level it is light green.

Now its on to the new Third and Fourth Level tests.

Third Level Test 1; By eliminating the canter serpentine, Test 1 has been shortened by one movement. Pay attention to the new wording in the "Purpose" for Third Level! Note also "Double Bridle Optional" in the upper right hand corner of the test. Test 1 starts with the sequence of shoulder-in left, 10m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle, half-pass left followed by shoulder-in right, 10m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle, half-pass right (Is my horse equally supple to the left and right?). Check out the wording in the directives, "immobility of halt", for #7, the halt and rein-back. Halt, count to three, then rein-back. For the half-turns on the haunches, "regularity of the walk during half turn" now appears in the directives (Does my horse keep the 1-2-3-4 beat of the walk?). The half-turns also carry a coefficient of 2. #16 is the inside rein release at the canter, or ueberstreichen. The two single flying changes are on the diagonals between the centerline and R in #15 and centerline and S in #20. Each have a coefficient of 2. The test ends with collected trot down centerline and a halt at X.

Third Level Test 2 is now 24 movements long rather than 28. In #2, the medium trot now tracks M-X-K. The shoulder-ins, #3 and #7, flow directly into the two half-passes, #4 and #8. The transition from collected trot to medium walk now occurs at C. The canter half-passes, #15 and #18, are followed by single flying changes between R and M, #16, and S and H, #19. Each of the changes carry a coefficient of 2. Release of the inside rein at collected canter is again right in front of the judge at C but in test 2 it now has a coefficient of 2, emphasizing the importance of this movement. New in test 2 is the turn down centerline at A in collected canter with a trot transition at L (Is my horse straight and balanced?) and halt at X.

Third Level Test 3 has been shortened to 27 movements. Beginning with #3, this test features the challenging sequence of K-E shoulder-in right, E-X 10m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle right, X-B 10m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle left, B-G half pass left, C track right. New in #8 is collected trot out of the rein back after the halt at A. Then its F-B shoulder-in left, B-X 10m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle left,

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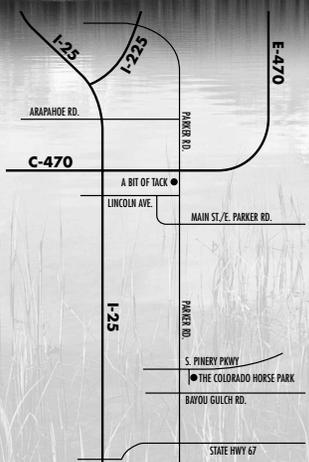
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X-E 10 m $\frac{1}{2}$ circle right to E-G half pass right and C track left! *whew!* Quite a test of precise riding of a supple, engaged, collected and attentive horse! In movements #18 and #21 the canter half pass and counter canter have been combined for one score and have a coefficient of 2. #23 is the release of both reins at the collected canter (Got self-carriage?). Test 3 ends with the turn down centerline at A in collected canter, transition to collected trot at X and halt at G.

Fourth Level Test 1; New wording in the "Purpose" adds clarity. Other than dropping a medium canter/collected canter transition, test 1 remains the same as for 2003.

Fourth Level Test 2; Test 2 retains the same elements as the 2003 version but the order has been rearranged, creating a test which flows more smoothly. New to test 2 are the 8m canter circles, #16 and #19 and development of the very collected canter and working pirouettes, #17 and #20, each with a coefficient of 2. Very important: read the directive ideas for #17 and #20!! A left at E, left at X in collected canter (Is my

horse really engaging his haunches?) and a halt at G concludes test 2.

Fourth Level Test 3 has been trimmed to 25 movements, but is a rather large step up from Test 2. Gone are the 8m trot circles at X, the halt and rein back and the two counter canters followed by a flying change. None the less, test 3 is definitely a step up from test 2. The shoulder-in right to shoulder-in left on centerline, #3 and #4, and the half pass left to half pass right, #7 and #8 demand a supple horse with well engaged hindquarters. New to test 3 are the half pirouettes in canter (Did my horse and I do our homework with the working pirouettes?) and three changes of lead every third stride. The sequence #17, P turn left, Before V half-pirouette left, P turn left, #18 B turn left, X flying change, E turn right, #19 S turn right, Before R half-pirouette right, S turn right demand a horse that is truly in self-carriage, supple and balanced.

Following the three flying changes every third stride, H-X-F, its down centerline at A, X halt and salute.

Once again, to help with your training

and preparation for the 2007 show season, read the "Purpose" of each level at the top of every test page. Check out the new movements listed under "Introduce" and carefully read and understand the directive ideas for every movement. Develop the gymnastic abilities of your horse, rather than just training for the test and reap the rewards of higher scores and a happy equine partner. Good luck in the coming show season!

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Editor's Page

From the desk of RMDS President Jane McBride...

Reflecting on the USDF Convention

My goodness...what a lot of snow we've had these past few months. I'm hoping that all of you came through without any disasters. I got detoured from my New Year's trip back from Texas, but that wasn't bad compared to many folks. Taking care of horses is labor intensive enough without this much *cold* and snow. We can only hope the rest of our winter is kinder to us!

My trip to the USDF convention in November was very enlightening. I was able to network with people from across our Region Five and I had the opportunity to make new friends from our own area. I kept busy going from one seminar to another. Never having attended a USDF convention before, I went to the GMO Educational Session, Leadership: the Qualities, Techniques and Responsibilities.

Having worked at the Center for Creative Leadership and having attended quite a few intensive-leadership programs, this

session was very much a refresher course for me...but I still enjoyed it immensely. I attended sessions: Making Your Horse a Star on film, Marketing Your GMO and Events and a freestyle presentation.

I was most impressed with the Equi-Stretch presentation given by a sister-brother team, Kristi and Dan Weltner. I didn't buy very much from vendors, but I did come away with the Weltner's tapes!

I was invited to attend the Para Equestrian closed board meeting. There, I was asked to give a synopsis of the 2006 clinic and competition that CSDA held in May for Para riders. They would very much like our area to host another event for their riders. If anyone would like to hear more about a particular learning experience that I had while in Kansas, please send me an e-mail or give me a call.

Friday was a long day in the Board of Governor's Assembly, but the hard-working atmosphere was broken up with a strip

tease from a member to raise money for USDF!

Two years ago at our BOG your GMO representatives voted for RMDS to pledge \$20,000 to the USDF building campaign. (I hope to add more on this in future editions of *The Centaur*).

I would like to visit a meeting at each chapter this year. I want to give a presentation for USDF; and, since I'm relatively new to our dressage community, I would like the opportunity to meet more of you. If each chapter's president would contact me, we can get a date worked out for my visit.

Here's hoping the weather lets us get back into our saddles soon.

*Thanks,
Jane McBride*

THE USDF L PROGRAMS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Take note and mark your calendars for the next two sessions of the USDF L Program. RMDS is once again fortunate to have this wonderful program in our backyard. The program is open to everyone for auditing and it's also a wonderful opportunity for people to be demonstration riders and get their horses in front of some very educated judges and busy atmospheres before the show season starts. The cost to audit for two days is less than the average dressage lesson (and you get two days!) and if you're a demonstration rider, you can audit for free!

The upcoming B session, March 10-11, is in Longmont and Berthoud, Colorado. We graciously thank Paragon Equestrian Centre once again for donating their facility for the riding portions. The B session will cover many important topics concerning the riding and judging of dressage tests. Some of the elements covered will be the analysis of the criteria for each level (Training thru Second Level), analysis of the paces for each level, analysis of the criteria for movements and figures for each level, and then we'll practice judging the movements from various tests. Both videos and live horses will be used so participants, auditors and demonstration riders will get to see how the judges arrive at their scores and learn what it takes to get a better score.

If you are interested in auditing or participating as a demonstration rider, you can obtain more information from Heather Petersen (719-683-8435 or slush@drwgw.net) or auditors can mail the registration form below with a check for \$60 made out to RMDS and send it to: Heather Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831. Session B is March 10-11, 2007 in Longmont/Berthoud, Colo., and Session C will be in Elbert, Colo., at Somewhere Farms on April 14-15, 2007.

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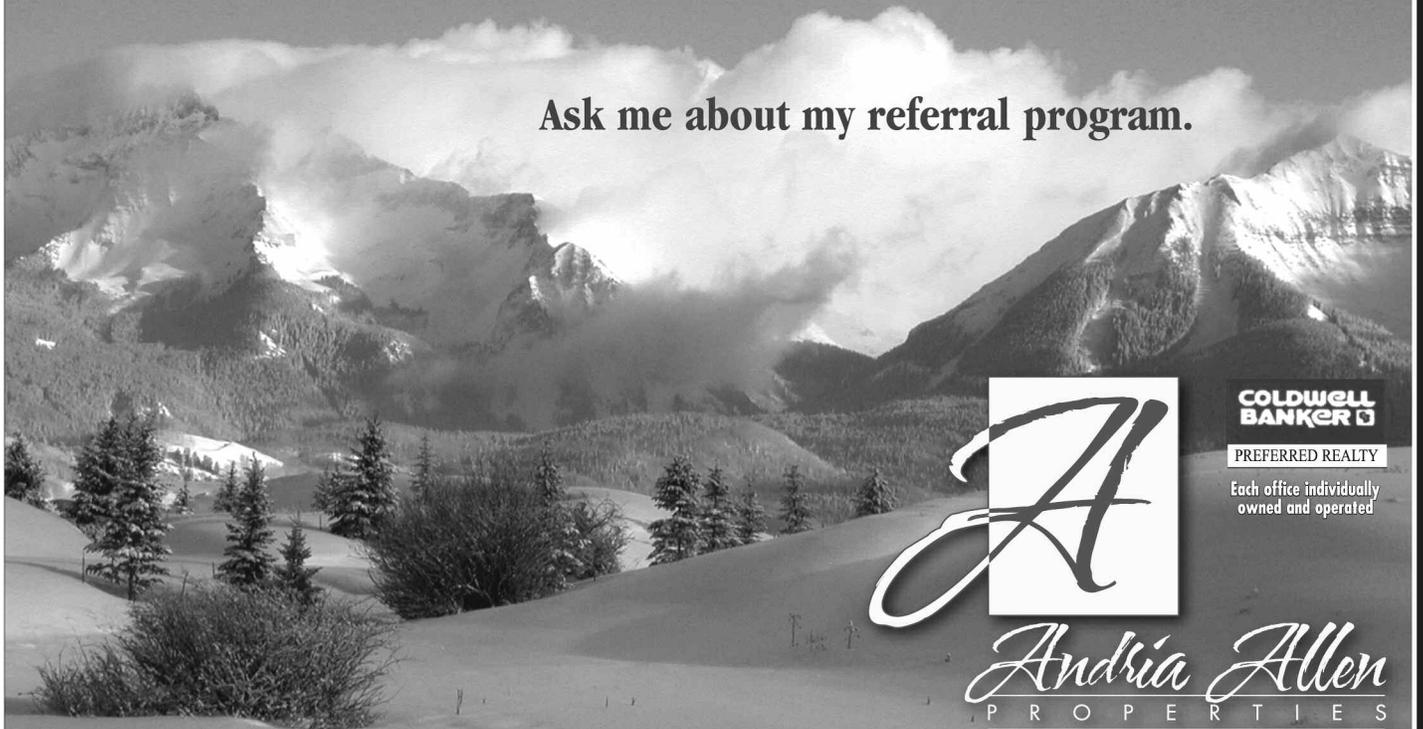
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- Arena set up
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January Region 5 Message...Theresa Hunt, Director

REGION 5 February 2007 Message

The following individuals have volunteered to be our region's coordinators for the USDF Councils for 2007. Please have your GMO counterparts contact them with their email addresses. Also contact them if you have any issues that you would like addressed at USDF. Usually each council has a quarterly telephone conference to discuss concerns that will be brought forward to the executive board and the Board of Governors at the annual convention. This is your vehicle to participate in USDF's grassroots governance.

Happy Riding!
Theresa Hunt Region 5 Director

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Trailer Safety:

How to Make the Ride Safe for Horse and Human

Horse owners will usually find it necessary at some point in time to trailer their horses. Trailering may be necessary at time of purchase, for horse shows, trail riding, or a medical emergency. Whatever the need, it is important to be prepared and knowledgeable about trailering safety. Poor preparation of the horse, trailer or towing vehicle can turn a pleasurable outing into a horse owner's nightmare. Poor truck and trailer maintenance can result in traffic accidents or breakdowns such as flat tire(s), a broken axle, spindle or spring, and motor failure. In more extreme cases, broken welds can cause a trailer to become detached from the towing vehicle. Perhaps the most serious problem that can result from improper trailer upkeep is having a horse fall through rotted floor boards - especially during travel. This fact sheet will provide the basic concerns involved in horse trailer maintenance and trailering safety.

THE TRAILER

When purchasing a horse trailer consider the needs of your horse. The trailer should possess:

- Ample height (7-8 feet) and width (6-8 feet) for the horse(s) being hauled.
- Rubber mats on the floor and tailgate to provide traction and cushion during loading, unloading and travel
- Tie ropes or chains of adequate length with quick release safety snaps
- Adequate padding on chest bar and stall sides
- Interior lights for night time hauling
- Air vents on the roof and along side panels

Regular maintenance checks should be performed on a horse trailer every time it is used. Routine items include:

Tires need a minimum amount of 1/4" of tread (check with your state Department of Motor Vehicles for the measurement); be adequately inflated and have no signs of dry rot cracks. Spare tires also should be checked.

Jacks and safety triangles or reflectors should be in good working order in case of breakdown. (Ignitable flares should not be stored in the horse trailer because of fire potential).

Floorboards should not be rotted or in weak condition. Replace any boards that are questionable. To help lengthen the life of a trailer floor, mats should be lifted after use and the floor swept or hosed out. If the floor is hosed be sure it is dry before the mats are replaced. Yearly applications of a weather sealer on the floor boards will also extend their life.

Any screws, bolts or nails that may have worked loose and are protruding from the inside of the trailer should be removed.

All lights (marker, tail, brake, directional and interior) should be working and bright.

Hitch welds, safety chain welds and snaps should be in good repair.

Grease the hitch ball as necessary.

Wheel chocks should be in good condition and used anytime the trailer is unhitched from the towing vehicle.

Yearly maintenance checks include:

- Inspection of frame for cracks and wires for loose connections and frayed covering
- Repair or replacement of rotted or rusted metal
- Greasing of all hinges, springs, etc.
- Inspection of ramp hinges and springs for weakness and cracks
- Wheels should be pulled and bearings checked and repacked
- Inspection of spring shackles for wear
- Inspection of brakes and emergency break-away cable, pin and control box

HORSE TRAILERING SAFETY

Preparing the Horse for Travel

Practice loading and unloading the horse in the trailer well in advance of any scheduled events, especially if the horse is unfamiliar with trailering. A battle getting into the trailer is an unpleasant way to start a journey or end what had been an enjoyable day.

Horses should be trailered in a leather rather than a nylon halter. In an emergency situation (such as the halter becoming snagged) a leather halter will break more easily and is less likely to injure or burn the horse's head.

Wrapping a horse's legs for travel not only protects the legs from injury but adds support. It is important to ensure that the wraps extend below the coronet band to

protect this area.

Always remove all tack (saddle, bridle, harness) from the horse when trailering.

Loading the Horse

Whenever loading or unloading horses, it is best if two people are available to do the job.

Use a cotton lead rope or leather lead when loading or unloading horses. This is advisable in the event that the horse rushes backwards, pulling the lead through your hands. Nylon leads will blister, burn and cut hands when pulled quickly.

Before walking a horse into the trailer, make sure that chest bars and escape doors are open for the handler to exit safely. Never climb under or over dividers, chest bars or the horse to exit the trailer. Never leave yourself in the position of being trapped in the trailer with the horse between you and the exit.

Make sure that the trailer is securely and properly hitched to the towing vehicle before loading a horse. Never load a horse or leave a horse in an unhitched trailer. Do not unhitch a trailer with a horse still inside. Unsecured trailers are very unstable and can easily tip on end.

When loading a single horse, place the horse on the left side of the trailer. When trailering two horses, place the heavier horse on the left side. This will make towing the trailer smoother and the ride easier for the horse because of the crown contour of the road surface.

When approaching the ramp make sure the horse is in the center of the ramp so that the horse does not step off the sides.

Always secure the butt bar/chain before tying the horses head. If the horse pulls back before the butt bar is in place it won't break the tie or halter. Do not stand directly behind the horse when hooking the butt bar in case the horse flies backwards.

When tying the horses head use a safety-quick-release knot or a tie with a panic/safety snap. Make sure the horse has enough rope length to permit head movement for balance, but not to get its head down or over to the horse traveling alongside.

Traveling Safety

Most horses take to trailering naturally,

Trainer Talk

while for others it is often a traumatic experience. It is important that a horse be happy and secure when being trailered. One bad experience in trailering is all it takes to make a horse a bad hauler. A bad hauler is hard to cure.

Before starting to travel check to see that the horse is comfortable, that ventilation is adequate, and that the hay bag or manger is securely fastened so that the horse cannot become tangled in it.

Test all doors to make sure they are secure and that the hitch is tight. Safety chains should be in place and all lights and brakes functioning in accordance with your states Division of Motor Vehicle codes.

Turns, starts and stops should be very slow and steady.

Do not exceed the speed limit. Remember to allow extra stopping distance when towing a trailer. Moving horses and the weight of the trailer will push against the towing vehicle.

Do not allow anyone to throw lit cigarettes or matches from the window of the towing vehicle. Wind currents often suck the cigarettes or matches into the trailer, causing a fire.

Check on the horse(s) at every stop or every 100 miles. At this time also check the

hitch, safety chains, lights and hay bags. Keep hay bags full and offer the horse(s) a drink of water.

Avoid backing up with the trailer if at all possible. If backing is necessary it is advisable to have a person outside the vehicle to watch and guide you.

Unloading the Horse

When lowering the ramp keep feet and hands out of the way. Untie the horse before lowering the butt bar.

Do not stand on the ramp or directly behind the trailer when a horse is exiting in case it leaves the trailer quickly. It is not advisable to allow a horse to fly back quickly as this soon becomes a bad and dangerous habit.

Try to keep the horse straight as it backs down the ramp so that it does not step off the side. Walk the horse around after trailering for an extended distance to restore circulation and ease stiff muscles.

Other Safety Precautions

When tying a horse to the outside of a trailer, use a safety- quick-release knot or panic snap. Make sure the rope is short enough that the horse cannot get a leg over it, but long enough to allow free motion of the head. Never tie a horse to a trailer with a rope length long enough to permit graz-

ing. This is where the most serious trailer accidents occur.

The ramp to the trailer should be in an up position when tying a horse to the outside of the trailer, especially when the tie rings are located towards the rear. A ramp in the down position leaves space between the back of the trailer and the springs where a horse can easily get a foot or leg stuck. The ramp is also the right height for the horse to injure its lower legs on.

Never leave a horse tied to the outside of a trailer unattended. When leaving a horse inside a trailer, make sure the chest bar and butt bar are secure, especially if an escape door is left open.

Do not tie a horse to the outside of a trailer when it is unhitched from the towing vehicle. Horses are stronger than we think and a panicked horse can and will drag an unhitched trailer behind it.

Trailering your horse is a fun and rewarding experience. As long as common sense is used and the safety guidelines above are followed trailering accidents are less likely to occur.

Marjorie R. Margentino, and Karyn Malinowski, Rutgers Cooperative Extension

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- 3 High Plains Show Readiness & Volunteer Seminar**
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- 3-4 USDF 'L' Program-Session A-Lois Yukins-Paragon-Berthoud**
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- 6 Janet Foy Clinic**, Reiterhof Ranch, Contact Jody 303-646-9520
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- 10 TD's and Show Managers Continuing Education –**
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- 11 Freestyle Clinic with Barbara Gardner - POSTPONED 'Til**
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- 15 Janet Foy Clinic-Black Forest Area** Contact Patricia Janssen
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- 17-18 Rachel Saavedra Clinic-Ft Collins Equestrian Center**
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- 20 Janet Foy Clinic**, Reiterhof Ranch, Contact Jody 303-646-9520
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- 24 Mariah Farms Dressage Schooling Show Series-Castle Rock**
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- 24-25 Shannon Peters Clinic** K2 Ranch Dacono Contact Kate
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- 25 New Tests Clinic** with Janet Foy Canon Ridge Farm, Contact
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MARCH 2007

- 3 High Plains Spring into Dressage Show-Freedom Farm-**
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- 3 Sun Prairie Farms Schooling Show**, Peyton Contact Cici Lee,
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- 8 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant**
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- 10-11 USDF 'L' Program-Session B-Janet Foy-Paragon-Berthoud**
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- 22 Janet Foy Clinic-Black Forest Area** Contact Patricia Janssen
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- 24-25 RMDS Winter Wake-Up** Colorado Springs, CO-USEF-YR
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- 31 Mariah Farms Dressage Schooling Show Series-Castle Rock**
Judge Simone Windeler Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456
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- 31-Apr. 1 USDF FEI JR/ YR Clinic-George Williams**
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- 14-15 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
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- 14-15 USDF 'L' Program-Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-**
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- 21-22 World Cup-Las Vegas**
- 21 Mariah Farms Dressage Schooling Show Series-Castle Rock**
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- 28-29 Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring-Colorado Springs-USEF-**
YR Qualifier Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435
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- 28 Boulder Valley Schooling Show- Singletree-Boulder**
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- 29 Boulder Valley Spring Fling-Singletree-Boulder-RMDS**
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MAY 2007

- 5-6 Columbine Show #1-Columbine Equest. Center-Littleton-**
USEF Contact Dorothy Rohrbach 303-646-2309
- 10 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant**
I-25 & Buchtel-Denver Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 11-13 Grand Valley Spring Show #1 & 2-Grand Junction-USEF**
Contact Candace Graus 970-245-2886
- 12 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1-Saturday-Longmont- RMDS**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- 12 Dressage for the Cure-Cottonwood Riding Club-Littleton**
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- 12-13 Dressage in 4 Corners** Farmington, NM - USEF
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- 20 Foothills Spring Dressage Show-Table Mtn Ranch-Golden**
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- 24 Janet Foy Clinic-Black Forest Area** Contact Patricia Janssen
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- 25-27 Dressage in the Plains I & II-Peyton-USEF**
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- 26-27 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show I & II-Ridgway-USEF-YR Qualifier**
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JUNE 2007

- 5-7 Karl Mikolka Clinic-Ft Collins Equestrian Center**
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- 8-10 Dressage at High Prairie #1,#2,#3-CHP Parker-USEF-YR**
Qualifier Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554

2007/2008 Shows & Events

9-10 **USDF 'L' Program Session** D1-Lois Yukins-Colorado Horse Park Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

16-17 **NCDA Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic**-Ft Collins-USEF Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

16-17 **Black Hills Dressage Show**-Rapid City, SD USEF Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rapidnet.com

21 **Janet Foy Clinic**-Black Forest Area Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com

22-23 **Sage Creek #1 & #2**-Charleston, UT-USEF-YR Qualifier Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net23

23-24 **Columbine Show #2**-Columbine Equest. Center-Littleton-USEF Contact Dorothy Rohrbach 303-646-2309

30-7/1 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I**-Longmont, CO-USEF-YR Qual. Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com

JULY 2007

8-13 **Junior Camp**-CSU-Ft Collins Contact Hollee Price 720-275-8311 - hollee24k@comcast.net

12 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6:** 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver Contact Central Office 720-890-7825

15 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2**-Longmont- RMDS Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com

19 **Janet Foy Clinic**-Black Forest Area Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com

20-22 **Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up & Show**-Colorado Springs-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

27-29 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II**-Longmont, CO-USEF Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com

28-29 **Sage Creek #3 & 4**-Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

AUGUST 2007

3-5 **Dressage in the Rockies #1,2,3**-CHP Parker-USEF Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554

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18 **Dressage at Sun Prairie**-Sun Prairie Farm-Peyton-USEF Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041 719-488-2812 camille.griffin@msn.com

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25-26 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I II**-Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

SEPTEMBER 2007

1 **Aspen Ridge Schooling Show**-Monument, CO Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

1 **Grand Valley Fall Show**-Grand Junction-USEF Contact Candace Graus-970-245-2886

2 **Western Slope Championship & Open Show RMDS** Contact Candace Graus 970-245-28862

2 **Aspen Ridge Dressage**-Monument, CO-RMDS Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

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9 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer Show** Somerset-Longmont-RMDS Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718 jmhillery915@comcast.net

13 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6:** 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver Contact Central Office 720-890-7825

14 **Rocky Mountain Iberian Dressage Show** Castle Rock RMDS Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

16 **Foothills Chapter Last Chance Show** Table Mountain Golden RMDS Contact Suzanne Koczon-Shipley 303-697-0552

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26 **RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

27-30 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show** - Parker-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

27-30 **Region V Championships**-Parker-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

OCTOBER 2007

11 **Janet Foy Clinic**-Black Forest Area Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com

13-14 **Paul Belasik Clinic**-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com

13-14 **USDF Adult Jane Savoie Clinic**-Phantom Hill Farm-Ft Collins Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

NOVEMBER 2007

8 **Janet Foy Clinic**-Black Forest Area Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com

10 **RMDS Board of Directors & Awards Banquet** - NCDA Chapter

DECEMBER 2007

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SEPTEMBER 2008

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- INDIVIDUAL = \$50 BUSINESS = \$75
- LIFETIME = \$650 CENTAUR ONLY = \$35
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Please include all information for the person designated as representative. All individual members receive The Centaur newsletter and the RMDS Omnibus. RMDS is a group member organization of the United States Dressage Federation and RMDS members are automatically USDF members.

Indicate local chapter:

- Boulder Valley
- Colorado Springs
- Penrose (Canon City)
- Western CO (Aspen/Roaring Fork Valley)
- High Plains (Parker, Littleton, Aurora)
- Tri-State (Wyoming, adjacent states)
- Northern Colorado (Ft. Collins)
- Foothills (Golden, Evergreen)
- Grand Valley (Grand Junct.)

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Horse name _____ Sex _____

Breed (if known) _____

Breed Regis. # (include papers) _____

Owner (at least one must be RMDS member) _____

Owner's Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home phone _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Representative, if owned by a business _____

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Ph. 720-890-7825 Membership forms received after Oct. 1 will be issued for the following year.

**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
Boulder Valley, 2nd Mon., even months
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Show Info

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SECRETARY:Kate Engel, kengelco@yahoo.com 303-717-6764 (also show phone)
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JUDGE:Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez (S)
TD:Jane McBride

Divisions offered all classes: O= Open, J=Junior/Young Rider, A=Adult Amateur

#	Class #	Class #	Class	Class	Class
1	Training 1	7	First 3	13	Third 1
2	Training 2	8	First 4	14	Third 2
3	Training 3	9	Second 1	15	Third 3
4	Training 4	10	Second 2	16	Fourth 1
5	First 1	11	Second 3	17	Fourth 2
6	First 2	12	Second 4	18	Fourth 3
				19	FEI Test of Choice1 *
				20	FEI Test of Choice2* *Indicate which test

ENTRIES: \$25.00 per class, \$30.00 office fee per horse rider combination (includes lunch ticket). Please enclose proof of RMDS Horse/Rider/Owner Membership. If entering Adult Amateur division, a photocopy of your current USEF Amateur card is REQUIRED. NO USEF drug fees, non-member fees or bridle tag deposits. \$15.00 fee for changes made after closing. Please use 2007 RMDS entry form. Post entries accepted, if space permits, with \$15.00 late fee and secretary's approval. \$30.00 bad check fee and any collection/bank fees charged. Make checks payable to HIGH PLAINS DRESSAGE. Send entries to Secretary.

STABLING: Limited over night full door stalls: \$25/night- contact Barn Manager, Deb Wilke 303-829-3805, Day pens \$20/day same contact.

REFUNDS: To close date, no excuse necessary; however, Office fee is non-refundable at any time. After close date, refunds only if ride(s) refilled from waitlist. Management reserves the right to determine weather cancellations.

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This will be a two-day format with the opportunity to participate on one or both days. Lessons will be 50 minutes long and there will be 10 sessions per day. Riders will be matched with a trainer new to them. An evaluation will be held, whereupon the rider, trainer and Rachel will agree on the topic to be worked on. 30 minutes will be allowed for work, and 15 minutes left for Rachel to add her input to the rider. Rachel is an exceptionally talented and tactful instructor. She is positive and very effective, and her teaching workshop received rave reviews from all involved. This clinic is in answer to the request that we "DO THIS AGAIN" but this time make it accessible to all riders and trainers who care to participate- not just Certified Instructors. RMDS hopes that this format will provide an opportunity for Certified Instructors to receive continuing education, for those not Certified to get exposure to the caliber of training guiding the program, for general membership to get the opportunity for a huge educational experience, either riding or auditing, and for everyone to get an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas away from the hectic atmosphere of horseshows.

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What level are you currently riding and what topic would you like help with? _____
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Both days _____.

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Are you USDF Certified OR have you participated in any workshops? _____

Number of lessons you would like to teach
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Riding level you would like to teach [not guaranteed] _____
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E Mail _____
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Both _____
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MUST have prior reservation in order to receive lunch!

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Very pretty 8 year old registered Swedish warmblood mare (SWANA). Chestnut 16hh. Three lovely gaits. Schooling 1st level. Scored in mid 60's at first training level shows last year, qualified for championships and year end awards. Capable of much more. Great bloodlines for breeding. Wonderful ground manners and trailers well. Would make a nice Jr. horse for confident rider. asking \$15,000. 970-278-0500 or 970-443-8707

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Chapter News

Foothills Chapter **By Valerie Eric**

The Foothills Chapter of the RMDS Announces New Officers for 2007.

Foothills Chapter announces two new officers for the year of 2007. Joining renewing officers, President Kathy Johnson and Treasurer Laura Quakenbush, are: Jan Oxman as Vice President and Valerie Eric as Secretary. Here are a few words about each of our officers:

President: Kathy Johnson Kathy Johnson received her Masters in Education, and was a former professor and high school English teacher, and is now a full-time dressage trainer at Table Mountain Ranch. Kathy has also participated in Eventing and Hunter/Jumper.

Vice President: Jan Oxman, a dedicated horsewoman throughout her life, Vice President Jan Oxman received her PhD in Psychology and was a therapeutic riding instructor for the handicapped for several years. She is now interested in dressage, but she has participated in many other equestrian disciplines as well.

Treasurer: Laura Quakenbush Laura works at the Colorado Department of Agriculture, and enjoys riding dressage at Table Mountain Ranch with her 15-year-old Oldenburg gelding, Homer.

Secretary: Valerie Eric Valerie Eric has been a dedicated dressage rider for 9 years, and has been competing for 5 years. She is currently taking college courses at Metropolitan State College of Denver, where she is considering a major in engineering. Valerie and her new horse Maximus, a 10-year-old Chestnut Oldenburg gelding, enjoy training in dressage at Table Mountain Ranch.

Foothills Chapter will be hosting exciting new events scheduled for the 2007 year. TMR will be the setting for an RMDS show that will be held on May 20th, 2007. Other shows for the competition season are to be announced.

Another Ride-A-Test may be scheduled for the coming months and may include Dolly Hannon and Debbie Riehl Rodriguez, more information about this event will be coming soon.

A "Show Grooming for Dummies" Clinic will be held that will cover the basics of show turnout for both horse and rider for dressage competition, which will include tail braiding/banging, and mane pulling/braiding. We are also in the process of organizing a Saddle Fitting Clinic that will provide instruction for fitting dressage saddles, bridles, and bits. The clinicians for both of these events are to be announced.

***Reminder*:** All current Foothills members need to renew their membership for the 2007 competition year. Please contact Secretary Valerie Eric for information and membership renewal forms. Her email address is: dressagegirl55@hotmail.com

We are looking forward to a great year in 2007, and we want to wish all competitors good luck for this year's competition season!

Northern Colorado Dressage Assoc. **by Laura Speer**

New Officers for 2007:

Laura Speer, President
Trudy Childers and Susie Reed, co-Vice Presidents
Susie Gordon, Secretary
Kerri Belsito, Treasurer

NCDA will have two schooling shows at the Fort Collins Equestrian Center on March 11 and April 15. Fort Collins Equestrian Center has been remodeled - there are two new dressage arenas which will be used for the NCDA-recognized show in June.

We've asked people to start thinking about the committee for the awards banquet and BOG meeting in November.

NCDA is planning on creating a website in the next few months and promoting NCDA/RMDS membership at all of our events.

We are looking forward to a creative and fun year in Northern Colorado!

Grand Valley Dressage Society **by Tiger Adams**

The club is working on finding a facility and date to add another show for 2008. There are a couple of options being investigated. We have several members interested

in learning to be show secretaries and Heather Petersen may come over to do a clinic for these members.

We have two repeat clinic situations this year, which are listed in the calendar below.

March 23-24 Schooling Show.
April 14-15 Paul Belasik Clinic.
May 11-13 Spring Show (RMDS/USDF).
June 9-10 Schooling Show (tentative).
Sept. 1-2 Fall Championship Show.
(USDF/RMDS-sanctioned).
Oct. 6-7 Schooling Show.
Oct. 13-14 Paul Belasik Clinic.
1st & 3rd Sundays Alison West Clinic.

This year our fund-raising committee has suggested individual class sponsors (in addition to our regular sponsor levels) to help with the costs of shows.

This is all that is going on at this time. I hope to have a more interesting report next time!

Thanks!

Colorado Springs Dressage Assoc. **by Simone Windeler**

Upcoming events for 2007:

Feb. 20 Meeting (Place TBA)
Mar. 20 Meeting (Place TBA)

April 28-29 Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring (our May show earlier this year); judges Charlotte Trentleman (S) and Beverly Rogers (S). Location: Norris-Penrose Equestrian Center.

2006 was a successful year for CSDA with many events. Highlights included the Clinic for Riders with Disabilities with Paralympic Coach Jerry Schwartz and the classes for these riders offered at our May show. Our holiday party was a great success with a sock exchange and lots of stealing and re-stealing going on.

We have decided to hold our May show earlier this year and will have to see if this turns out to be a good date for everyone.

Our board is largely the same as it was last year and we hope to continue to serve our members as we have done in the past.

News Briefs

USDF Horse Registration Fees Changing

As of April 1, 2007, USDF Lifetime Horse Registration fees will increase to \$85 and an upgrade from a USDF Horse Identification (HID) Number to a Lifetime Registration will be \$65. Horse registration forms, reflecting the new fees, will be available March 1 on the USDF web site, or by contacting the USDF office.

RMDS Educational Update

Well, winter is here this year with a vengeance and most of you are snowed under, over and all the way through. I've been lucky enough to keep riding a few days a week, but it's taken some creativity and just plain bundling up. What I have found is that there has been a little more time for catching up on all those books I've picked up all year long at horse shows, Amazon and the USDF convention. If you haven't checked out the new USDF Guide to Dressage, it's definitely worth the read and it's a very good book to share with your up and coming dressage friends - great pictures, training tips and just a good overall guide to dressage (guess that's why they named it such!).

For those of you how didn't have a chance to sign up for the RMDS Introduction to the New Tests, you will have another chance! It's frustrating to have to reschedule due to all this lovely weather, but I'm grateful that we did make the decision because that day just turned out to be miserable. The clinic has been rescheduled to February 25. Our appreciation and gratitude must go out to Janet Foy and Canon Ridge for helping arrange this reschedule and especially again to Canon Ridge for the wonderful donation of their facility and to their trainers for letting us have the arena time. We really couldn't do a lot of these events without the generous facilities in Colorado and their efforts to support the RMDS Educational activities.

Please don't forget to sign up for the Technical Delegate and Competition Management seminars. They are open to everyone and will really help you learn the ins and outs of what goes into a horse show and how you as a competitor, trainer, volunteer, or spectator can make the experience even better.

I am currently working on setting up activities for 2008 and a couple of possible clinics for the end of 2007. If you have any ideas or things of interest, it would be lovely to hear from you. We would like to tailor the opportunities to the needs and desires of our members, so any and all input is important (even if it's what you don't want to see again!).

Thanks in advance for your support and be sure to check out the RMDS Website, www.rmids.org, and the RMDS Centaur for more information on all the upcoming dates, times and events.

Stay warm and think happy thoughts of green!

Heather Petersen

RMDS Junior & Young Rider News

RMDS will be hosting another USDF Young Rider Symposium in Colorado, March 31st - April 1st. George Williams will be the clinician. If you received your USDF Connection this month, you will see him on the cover. Williams is our USDF Vice President and the 2006 Great American/USDF Region 2 Grand Prix Champion aboard Marnix.

Crooked Willow Farms has once again offered the use of their wonderful facility for this exciting event. Crooked Willow Farms hosted the USDF Young Rider Symposium when Debbie McDonald was the clinician; we are very grateful to them again for supporting our dressage community and educational ef-

forts.

I hope you will all show your appreciation and support by coming to Crooked Willow Farms to watch George Williams teach our up and coming young riders! Watch the Centaur for registration and information concerning this event.

2007 RMDS Jr. YR Camp will be held at the Equestrian Center at CSU from July 8-13. If you are an instructor that would be interested in helping out and donating a little of your time please call me at 719-330-6238 or email me at haltatx260@earthlink.net watch the Centaur for details and registration. I would also like input from anyone that attended previous camps, again, just email either me or Hollee Price at hollee24k@comcast.net.

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Feb 3-4	USDF "L" Session A - Lois Yukins - Paragon - Berthoud
Feb 10	Show Managers/Secretaries & TD Continuing Education-Heather Petersen, Cat Siemiet & Joan Clay - Table Mountain Ranch-Golden
Feb 17-18	Rachel Saavedra Clinic - Ft Collins Equestrian Center
Feb 25	New Test Clinic - Janet Foy - Canon Ridge Farm
March 10-11	USDF "L" Session B - Janet Foy - Paragon - Berthoud
March 24-25	RMDS Winter Wake Up Show - Penrose Stadium-Colorado Springs
March 31 April 1	USDF FEI JR/YR Clinic with George Williams - Crooked Willow-Larkspur
April 14-15	USDF "L" Session C - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez - Somewhere Farms - Elbert
June 9-10	USDF "L" Session D1 - Lois Yukins - Colorado Horse Park
July 8-13	Junior Camp-CSU-Ft Collins
Sept 26	Rocky Mountain Series - Sport Horse Breeding Finals - Colorado Horse Park
Sept 27-30	RMDS Open and Championship Show - Colorado Horse Park
Sept 27-30	Region V Championships-Colorado - Colorado Horse Park
Oct 13-14	USDF Adult Clinic featuring Jane Savoie - Phantom Hill Farm - Ft Collins

USDF "L" contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
For details on these and other RMDS events:
Read the Centaur
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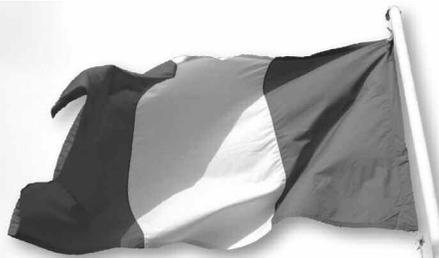


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