



# e-Centaur

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2016



### GEORGE WILLIAMS SYMPOSIUM

April 18-20 at Paragon Equestrian Centre in  
Berthoud, CO.

Information & registration forms now available on the  
RMDS website under RMDS News: [www.rmids.org](http://www.rmids.org)

### TD/Show Management Clinic

February 6 at DougCo Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO

Laurie Mactavish & Heather Petersen

Contact [rmids@rmids.org](mailto:rmids@rmids.org)

## 2015 Awards Banquet Draws 184 Attendees

From Linda Gaber, Communications Chair



Dolly Hannon

Satin and silver again dominated the RMDS Annual Awards Banquet at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver, this year on Jan. 16.

By the numbers, almost 130 plaques, ribbons, silver plates, pitchers and more, plus bronze horse statues and other artistic awards were presented during the evening to nearly 70 riders, more than 50 horses and eight horse/rider freestyle winners. Still more riders received their 60% ride plates and plaques. Members also saluted 29 of their fellow horse show competitors who are age 60 and older and 70 or older. A list of all award winners is on the [rmids.org](http://rmids.org) website.

Applause came from the 184 attendees for the winners, for announcer Julie Barringer-Richers, the nearly life-size photos show by Heather Petersen and awards organization by Shannon Lemons. Stephanie Figgins and Una Schade managed the check-in table. Thanks also to Michelle Anderson and Shannon for presenting the awards. Compliments for the banquet food, service and setting went to Aline Brandau, banquet chair, and for processing reservations and payment to RMDS Central Office Manager Beth Geier.

Thanks to Beverly Swanson for setting up the Silent Auction for the evening. Aline Brandau, past VP, and many others gathered donated services and products from 68 vendors, plus chapter baskets for bidders to purchase, which sold for **\$2,627** to help defray banquet expenses.

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Elizabeth Petersen, PS American Girl award

Below: (L) Some of the Foothills winners (R) Just a few of the awards given out



## Members Honor Chapter Volunteers

Events don't take place without volunteers. RMDS is fortunate to have hundreds who donate their time and support to their chapter and society programs ever year. Here are the special volunteers voted Volunteer of the Year.

RMDS Volunteers of the Year Beverly Swanson and Sharon Soos were chosen by the RMDS Board.

Chapter Volunteers of the Year selected by their members:

- Arkansas Valley – Sandy Vernon
- Northern Colorado – Didi DeKrey
- Boulder Valley Dressage – Melissa Mullin
- On the Bit Dressage – Tom and Kelly Wolfe
- Colorado Springs Dressage – Pat Leech
- Pikes Peak – Gwen Ka'awaloa
- Foothills – Kris Cooper
- Platte River – Peter Soos
- High Plains Dressage – Olga Hendrickson
- Western Colorado – Barbara McElnea

## President's Message

RMDS has a great year planned. The first meeting of the Executive Board this year on Jan. 14 was inspirational and promising for 2016. With some new talent and a strong base staff, we are planning a year full of educational opportunities and a Championship Show in September that will include the USDF Region 5 Championships. Check the Calendar of the Centaur newsletter and RMDS website to plan ahead so you can attend as many RMDS-sponsored events as possible.

In the fall, RMDS will be hosting the USDF Adult Clinic on Oct. 8 and 9 with Kathy Connelly and Betsy Steiner in Longmont, CO. This is a unique opportunity to attend a symposium that is geared to adults and also will be the last symposium of its kind for the near future. The Adult Committee of USDF is planning a new direction to help members with their educational needs, including a comprehensive and interactive information Calendar on the USDF website.

This spring, RMDS is able to offer a two-day Professionals Clinic April 18 and 19, and a third day April 20 open to all with a superior instructor, George Williams. This will be held in Berthoud, CO. In addition, many of our local barns offer clinics throughout the year and offer auditing, as well as participation. Check the Calendar to see what may be in your area, or a short drive away. The show season looks to be full with competitions from schooling to ride-a-tests, as well as fully recognized USDF/USEF shows.

I encourage our members to take advantage of all that RMDS is offering and to also contact us with new ideas or requests to bring back previous events. RMDS is for our members and the Executive Board is here to serve. Volunteers on our Board help us to run this organization with their time and energy. We are here to provide the education and competition opportunities for all.

See you soon ....

Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa

**For March Centaur: Send Your Tips for Winter Horse Care**

## LIST YOUR HORSE BUSINESS FREE!



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## BREAKING NEWS!

USEF Announces Rule Change Effective Feb. 1, 2016 - This applies to calculation of errors on **ALL** USDF Dressage tests. [CLICK HERE](#) to read complete rule.

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

## CHAPTERS

## USDF REGION 5 MESSAGE

## MARKETPLACE

## CLASSIFIEDS

## Bids Due Feb. 28 for Paid RMDS Jobs

\* Centaur Production, effective May 2016

\* E-Centaur Production, effective June 2016

\* Omnibus Production

\* 2017/2018 Championship Show Management

Call the RMDS Central Office, email [rmids@rmids.org](mailto:rmids@rmids.org) or go to the RMDS [website](#) for guidelines for each position.

## New USEF Vaccination Rule

In January, the USEF Board of Directors approved an addition to the rule book, which outlines equine vaccination requirements at licensed competitions. Beginning Dec. 1, 2015, all horses entering the grounds of a Federation-licensed competition must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within six months prior to entering the stables.

## Tucson Dressage Club's Dian Seabury Wins a \$1,000 Gifted Scholarship

USDF Region 5 member Dian Seabury is a recipient of a \$1,000 Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund Scholarship for Adult Amateurs. She is one of nine recent winners of the award, designed to enable riders to have concentrated training with their horse and a trainer, away from the pressures of jobs and family. Dian is a member of the Tucson Dressage Club. She and her Andalusian, Calisto, will work with Shelley Lawder.

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