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A Love For Cleveland Bays Goes International

During January most of us begin to dream of vacations somewhere other than cold Colorado. One RMDS member thought ahead and took her vacation of a lifetime in October. Lauralie Taubenheim, along with her husband Glen and her parents, packed their bags and boarded a plane headed for England. Awaiting them was a vacation most of us can only imagine.

The story of why Lauralie was heading to England actually began a couple years ago in Florida when their good friend Peter Dallow met his future wife Melinda. Peter and Melinda instantly fell in love and not long after married. Peter moved to England to start a new life with a new love. Peter and Melinda leased and moved into Sheldon Manor, the oldest Manor in the history of England (Sheldon Manor was considered old in 1100). Peter began raising Cleveland Bays for riding and driving. He kept in touch with Lauralie who raises Cleveland Bays for dressage

and driving. Peter invited Glen and Lauralie over to visit him in England to drive and ride some of the top Cleveland Bays in England as well as visit and tour Buckingham Palace. Peter had become acquainted with royalty while living in England and arranged a tour for Glen and Lauralie. His royalty connection also happens to raise Cleveland Bays.

"Peter and Melinda were great hosts. Sheldon Manor is incredible," said Lauralie. "There are three cottages that



Peter and Melinda have turned into one huge house. They have a huge kitchen, den, and office. The door out of the kitchen leads you directly into the stables. They have 16 acres to turn horses out on and the pastures are beautiful. They also have acres and acres of roses. In fact the roses are so well known that in the summer time tourists go by to visit."

Lauralie also discovered that in England horses going down a road or bridle path have the right a way. "You could ride or drive a horse for days along the many bridle paths," said Lauralie. Unfortunately, when Glen and Lauralie were there, the "soup" or heavy fog and rain had moved in for the fall. This cut down on their time to ride or drive Peter's Cleveland Bays, but Lauralie was able to admire Peter's Cleveland Bay stallion. Peter's stallion had won the prestigious King George Cup. This is no small feat as only the top 12 Cleveland Bay Stallions are invited and to be invited they must first pass a strict inspection. Peter's majestic stallion has won both reserve champion and champion.

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THOUGHTS

from the President

by Susan Selby

HAPPY NEW YEAR and what an exciting year it's going to be too. I hope everyone got to enjoy their family, friends and of course your horse. I understand one or two riders got a new horse for Christmas. How exciting! For me, my horse is a highlight in my day and I'm looking forward to showing him at a few shows this season.

What an eye-opener this past year has been for me as Vice President. So much work is done behind the scenes by a special group of folks (called volunteers) who strive to make RMDS better each year and to keep things running smoothly year after year. I have a deep respect for each and everyone in the organization. Heather, how will I ever do the many things you've done this past year?

Another eye-opener—the USDF convention. If you have ever wondered why changes are slow in coming it's because the issues are well though out by committees, then put under a microscope before being brought to the BOG to be voted on. Look for changes in the USDF website, master verification of horse and rider, electronic results from the shows to USDF, where qualifying scores will be posted weekly, a volunteer management list, educational events with sign up and fees collected on the website, a marketplace and national yellow pages.

The week at the convention went very fast with many meetings of interest to all involved in dressage. Qualifying scores have increased for 2006, with a vote of 830 to 788. All the committees have notable coordinators putting in lot of time and effort to our sport, and as one moderator put it "America isn't perfect and Europe doesn't know everything!"

Thank you to RMDS for giving me the opportunity to attend.

Also, thank you to all the board members past and present. RMDS has an outstanding group of people on the board and serving on committees. It will be my pleasure to work with all of you.

Finally - you may have seen my name as Susan Slack, Susan Selby, or even longer to Susan Selby Slack. I'm no longer a "Slacker" - just Susan Selby.

Best regards,

Susan (no slacking) Selby

RMDS Education Column

by Leslie Easter

It's a new year and time to brush up on skills of all lev- Sept 2005: Understanding Bits: els for 2005! Mark your calendar to participate in upcoming clinics and seminars!

On the topic of seminars and clinics, anyone who would like to work with me to set these up - please give me a call or email - I'd be happy for some assistance! We've got quite a bit going on for 2005!

Upcoming in 2005!

(all dates/locations are tentative other than where noted)

Jan 2005: Understanding and Treating Lameness: New Techniques with Dr. Swanson, Littleton Large Animal Clinic

Possible Location: Arapahoe Community College

This seminar will be a discussion of tried and true as well as new techniques for diagnosing and treating lamenesses, particularly those which are most common in dressage horses.

Mar 2005: Show Prep Seminar Location: High Prairie

This clinic is to be held in conjunction with the Winter Wake Up Show at Colorado Horse Park. We have several clinicians who will work together to share their experiences in grooming at top National and International competitions, explaining the techniques used to keep top competitive horses looking their best in the show ring. This seminar is also intended to include a fashion show and we are looking for a tack store willing to participate!

Apr 2005: Ground Manners Seminar/ Clinic

This seminar/clinic is intended to bring together a variety of techniques for working with the horse on the ground. This should include such topics as trailer loading, clipping, longeing, leading safely, and perhaps even some techniques for dealing with aggressive horses or horses who are bullies on the ground.

May 2005: RMDS Education Symposium: May 7, 8, 2005 and Clinic May 9, 10, 2005: Betsy Steiner, based on her new book "A Gymnastic Riding System using Mind, Body and Spirit"

This will be a two day seminar, discussing the Mind/Body/Spirit for both rider and horse at each step of the training scale. It should include lecture as well as demo riders. The clinic will build on the seminar as Betsy works with each horse and rider combination, plus possibility of demonstration of Equilates for proper body control and fitness is under discussion. Dates confirmed.

I'd like to bring in an equine dentist and the representatives from several bit companies (like Sprenger and Mylar) to give a half day seminar regarding bits, bit fitting, anatomy of a horses mouth, etc. We are considering this in conjunction with 2005 Region/RMDS Championships.

October 14-16, 2005: Kathy Connelly and Toine Hoefs Possible location: Canon Ridge Farm, Castle Rock

This clinic will be with Toine Hoefs, a KWPN Breed judge, who has judged at many high profile shows, including the Sporthorse and Breed Show at Dressage at Devon, 2003, AND Kathy Connelly! We are planning a 3 day clinic, where on the first day, Mr. Hoefs will do a conformation clinic, evaluating each horse from the perspective of dressage or jumping, discussing what will be easy/difficult for each specific horse. Then on the second day the horses will be ridden and we'll see if Mr. Hoefs evaluation is correct regarding the under saddle work. Both Toine and Kathy will then offer suggestions as to specific exercises to help the horses in their work! On the third day Kathy will take this into clinics with horse/rider pairs.

Not Yet Scheduled: Freestyle Clinic

We are working out a freestyle clinic with Terri Ciotti Gallo from Florida to include classroom theory as well as actually creating and choreographing freestyles with horse/rider pairs.

Keep watching the Centaur and the website (www.rmds.org) as we detail out all of these clinics! Have a wonderful holiday season!

Best Wishes for the New Year !!

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Lessons from Truska

I have owned Truska Valla for 23 years. On March 10, 2004 she was to be 30. On August 20, 2004 she left me for greener pastures and a less painful existence. Over the last quarter of a century she has taught me more lessons than I could ever relate to you in this limited space. It took her a long time, mainly because I am a slow learner, but she had overwhelming patience with me. I thought, in honor of her passing, I would try to share some of these well-taught lessons.

One of the first and most memorable lessons Truska shared with me is the power of positive thinking. She was a very consistent trainer. And, as we all know, consistency is the essence of training. Every time I had a negative thought, she did just what I was thinking. If I saw something on the trail that I thought would make her spin and run, she would spin and run. Eventually, I got it through my thick skull that I needed to STOP thinking that way! I needed to think confident and calm thoughts in order to make riding much more fun. I have been able to generalize this lesson to my life away from riding and have found that I am a happier person for practicing this lesson.

Truska taught me how to trust—trust her and myself. Believe me, when you are trotting over a small jump (anyone who knows me knows I only confront small jumps) with no stirrups, arms out the side, and

eyes closed, you have to trust your horse not to do something unexpected and yourself to be able to follow the motion. I will tell you that I still have trouble believing that we actually did that, but we did. The lesson of trusting my own judgment has allowed me to fret less, sleep more, and be me a more confident person.

Another important lesson I learned from Truska is perseverance. Truska made me ride and not just assume it would happen. She was a gifted teacher and had a long list of surprises to try to convince me to change my goals and give up my long term plans. We

> spent six or seven years at the walk and the trot, but we did eventually get to the canter. This lesson has given me the power to make a plan and stick to it even if the unexpected delays the outcome.

> The most important lesson of Truska's curriculum was the power of love. I cannot adequately convey to you the joy of hearing her whinny back at me when I called her in the pasture, or of watching her take care of a young rider, or of watching a young rider take care of her. No matter what cares or troubles I had as I drove up the ranch road, they all melted away when I heard and saw her waiting for me at the gate. This is the most important lesson because knowing that there is a place where other things just don't matter has given me peace of mind.

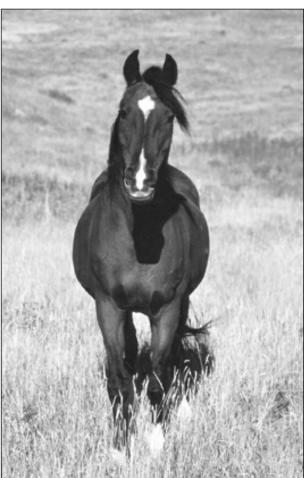
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for these and all the other life lessons Truska was gracious enough to share with me. Thank you, Truska, I will always love you.

Cleveland Bays continued from pg. 1

"I felt lucky because when we were in England I was able to go to the inspections for the Cleveland Bays. I am an inspector for the U.S. Cleveland Bay society, so it was fun for me to go with them and see the horses," said Lauralie. "I was also able to see the sire of two of my fillies. His name is Prince Charming and he earned 96 out of 100 in England's performance testing. That is really impressive since in that testing he was competing against not only Cleveland Bays, but all types of warmbloods."

Glen and Lauralie continued their trip flying to Italy and Germany. "We did not get to do anything real horsy in either place, but we did see lots of bridle paths and places we would love to ride," said Lauralie. "The pastures in both Italy and Germany are like green velvet. I look at the pastures and think this is horse heaven. I could live here with all my horses. I would love to go back and take a horse trekking trip that went through either Italy or Germany and take dressage lessons in Germany."



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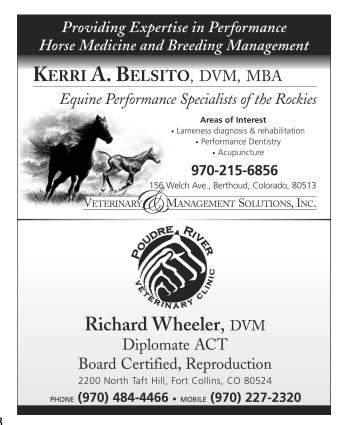
PH Balance For Horses: What is This All About?

Most of us are familiar with pH or "potential of hydrogen" from high school chemistry class. The scale of pH runs from 0.00 to 14.00, 0.00 being the most acidic, 14.00 being the most alkaline, and 7.00 on the scale indicates a neutral pH.

If a solution is too acidic, alkalizing minerals may be added to buffer the acid and therefore increase the pH. The same is true for an alkaline solution: add more acidproducing substances to lower the pH. Distilled water has a pH of 7.00 just to provide some perspective.

How does all this chemistry apply to you and your horse? Most of us do not realize how important it is for all of our bodies to maintain a balanced pH at all times. In fact, our horses' bodies have to maintain a properly balanced pH just so that their heart will continue beating. That is actually just a tiny piece to the whole puzzle. Now that we have had our chemistry refresher, we can apply this to our horses' daily health.

First and foremost, we must understand what a "balanced" pH is. A healthy horse's stomach fluids must be very acid (pH of 2.0) for proper digestion of nutrients and as a strong line of defense against parasites, bacteria, and other harmful substances that the horse ingests daily. Secondly, the rest of the body fluids need to be slightly alkaline or slightly acid, either slightly above or below 7.00 on the scale. For example, the blood must stay at a pH of 7.35 to 7.45, and a slight deviation either way means death! The intestines and organs need to be bathed in an alkaline medium as well.



By Gretchen Topel, Equine Nutritional System OK, so what. The horse will take care of itself because it has to, right? Unfortunately this is not true. If the horse eats a diet that is too acid producing, his body will have to use its own buffering systems to either dilute the excess of acid, or buffer the acid. Although these buffering mechanisms do keep the heart beating and the body alive, it also severely stresses and depletes the entire system. It is not uncommon for horses who eat a highly acidic diet to exhibit immune system deficiencies, arthritis, poor coat condition and color, swelling especially in the lower legs, sore and/or tight backs, hypothyroid issues such as founder and Cushing's, runny, crusty eyes, and much more.

High protein and sugary feeds are acid producing to a horse's body. In order to buffer the acid, the body will mobilize alkalizing minerals such as calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium, which will bring the overall pH of the body back into balance. If these minerals are not readily available in the blood stream, the body will rob these minerals from anywhere it can, including the bones. After all, it is a higher priority for the heart to continue beating rather than keeping the bones strong.

Another method of maintaining proper pH is diluting the acid. The body will hold onto water to dilute the acid, making a horse appear "in good flesh", when really all you are looking at is a bloated animal! Take away the acid producing foods and more times than not, your fat and sassy horse is in a matter of weeks, quite skinny. That is because the organs of elimination have been relieved once the acidic foods are removed which now allows the body to detoxify that acid. Too much acid is considered a toxin by the body. The horse was truly losing water weight, not fat or muscle. Hives are also indicative of an over-acid or toxic body. The body will pocket the toxicity in the form of hives. As a side note, hives typically indicate a liver issue, which typically roots from an over-acid body.

Later on, in the months to come, we will learn more about what exactly to feed our horses so that we are providing them the best opportunity to remain within a balanced pH range, therefore not stressing the system, but rather allowing their bodes to thrive inside and out.

You may want to consider pH as "potential health". A proper pH of acidic stomach fluids and alkaline intestines and blood allows for greater potential with your horse's health. On the other hand, feeding high protein and/or high sugars to your horse will greatly decrease his "potential heath".

Gretchen Topel is a graduate of Colorado State University with a degree in Equine Science. Look for her next article on digestion in February.

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USDF INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

Applications are arriving for the 2005 USDF Instructors Workshop. Interest is equally split between Beginning to Second level and the Advanced level. Workshops will be April 9-10 with Lilo Fore at Sun Prairie Fram and August 13-14 with Rachel Saavedra at Chatellen. If you would like to participate, or have an application but have yet to return it, please contact me as soon as possible.

Jill Cantor Lee has graciously donated her facility, Chatellen, to the program. Jill at Chatellen join Sheri Mattei-Mead at Cloud 9 at Stonegate in Ft. Collins, Simone Ahern and Sun Prairie Stable and Debbie Cranston and Canon Ridge Farms. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

Space is limited to eight Instructor Participants – if you are interested, please contact Pam Geier at 303-673-9840 as soon as possible for an application.

Chapter News

BOULDER VALLEY



Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year BVD Members!

The October Dressage Scramble held at Joder Arabian Ranch was a LOT of Fun! Especially the games and costume class. We had soooooo much fun with the games that we had to have numerous redos on the bean bag race and,

egg and spoon. Pictures can be found on the BVD web site at BVDressage.org Thanks to everyone who volunteered and to our judge Beth Geier. Look for this fun fall event in 2005.

BVD will be having the annual end of year party and awards banquet on January 22, 2005 at the Bridge School. It will be an evening of fun and good food. Everyone is invited not just BVD members, we look forward to seeing EVERYONE at the party. Details to follow check BVD website for more details.

NCDA Schooling Show Update

Inexperienced horse? Bad case of show jitters? Just want to have fun? Perhaps you need a schooling show, or two, or three. This is your chance to practice a new test or perfect an old test in a relaxed atmosphere. A Coggins test will be required this year so get them drawn right away. There will be no memberships required. Dress is casual attire with appropriate riding footwear and helmets. The fees won't break the bank. NCDA invites all ages and levels to come from Walk-trot to Grand Prix.

The first show will be February 20 at the Fort Collins Equestrian Center at 5400 E. Mulberry, Fort Collins. Tentatively, the dates for the other two shows will be March 20 and April 17. Please call Gail Burger 226-6815 or Jane Donnelly 669-5775 for further information.

Happy Holidays!,

Barb Goldman BVD President.

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2004-2005 SHOWS & EVENTS

JANUARY 2005

- 20 Clinic - Sue Halasz - Freedom Farms-Franktown Contact Pat Propp 303-868-7511
- 22 Dolly Hannon Ride -A-Test-Freedom Farms - Franktown 14-15 Grand Valley Spring Show # 2USEF--Contact Pat Propp 303-868-7511
- 22-23 Jan Ebeling Clinic Patty Sponseller 303 660-5648 www.legacyhillfarms.com
- 29 "L" Graduates Continuing Ed -Janet Hannon & Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825
- 30 The Stallion Review-Penrose Colo Springs Contact 719-372-3026 www.stallionreview.net

FEBRUARY 2005

- 12-TD Workshop & Competition Management-Deeda Randle Contact: RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825
- 12-13 Leslie Morse Clinic-Legacy Hill Farms www.legacyhillfarms.com
- 13 High Plains Valentine Schooling Show- Freedom Farms Contact: Terri Wallace (303) 478-8838
- Columbine Spring Series #1-Littleton-RMDS 19 Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 26 **CSDA Schooling Show**
- CSDA Show Series #1-Penrose Equestrian Center 27 Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net

MARCH 2005

- 12 Columbine Spring Series #2-Littleton-RMDS Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 19-20 Dressage Show USEF- YR QUALIFIER Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 26-27 Gerhard Politz Clinic-Anchorage Farm Contact: Kris Cooper 303-838-5430 kris@anchoragefarm.com

APRIL 2005

- 2 **CSDA Schooling Show**
- 3 CSDA Show Series #2-Penrose Equestrian Center Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 9-10 USDF Instructor Riding/Training Workshop Lilo Fore Colorado Springs - Sun Prairie Farm
- Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825 16 Pendragon Stud RMDS Spring Show-RMDS Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147
- 23 Columbine Spring Series #3-Littleton-RMDS Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 24 Boulder Valley Spring Fling-Boulder-RMDS Contact Paula Mucasey 720-685-3530
- 30 Columbine Dressage Show #1-Littleton-USEF Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- M AY 2005
- 1 Columbine Dressage Show #1-Littleton-USEF Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

- 7-8 **RMDS SYMPOSIUM-Betsy Steiner** CONTACT LESLIE EASTER 303-646-5654
- 13 Grand Valley Spring Show #1USEF--Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 14 Dressage for the Cure-Cottonwood Riding Club-RMDS Contact Tara Gandomcar 303-791-7656 or www.DressagefortheCure.com
- 13-15 USEF "r" Program-Review-Janet Brown-Table Mtn. Ranch Contact RMDS Central Office and/or USEF 859-258-2472
- 15 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1-Longmont-RMDS Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 20 Dressage at the Peak Warm-up-RMDS Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 21-22 Dressage at the Peak-Colo. Spgs-USEF- YR QUALIFIER Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 21-22 Gerhard Politz Clinic-Anchorage Farm Contact: Kris Cooper 303-838-5430 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 28-29 USDF Instructor Riding Workshop Rachel Saavedra Ft Collins-Chatellen Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 28 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #1-Ridgway, CO-USEF Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 29 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #2-Ridgway, CO-USEF Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253

JUNE 2005

- 3 Dressage at High Prairie #1-Parker, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- Dressage at High Prairie #2-Parker. CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER 4 Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 5 Dressage at High Prairie #3-Parker, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 4 Creekside Dressage Show #1 Huntley, MT-USEF Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280
- 5 Creekside Dressage Show #2 Huntley, MT-USEF Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280
- 11-12 NCDA Rocky Mountain Classic-Cheyenne, WY-USEF Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 dendy20@msn.com
- 12-15 JR/Yr Camp K.C. Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953 murphyhors@aol.com
- 18-19 Tri State Summer Dressage-Riverton, WY-USEF Contact Denise Denhardt 307-332-4722
- 18-19 Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 24 Heber Valley Summer Dressage #1 -UTAH-USEF YR QUALIFIER

Wendy Gray Bizzaro 435-655-9992 wendygraybizzaro@aol.com

Heber Valley Summer Dressage #2 -UTAH-USEF YR 25 **QUALIFIER** -

Wendy Gray Bizzaro 435-655-9992 wendygraybizzaro@aol.com

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2004-2005 SHOWS & EVENTS

25-26 Autumn Hill Harvest Dressage Festival-Longmont-USEF YR QUALIFIER

Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com

- 25 Cottonwood Dressage I Bozeman, MT USEF Contact Wendy Cochran 406-582-8889
- 26 Cottonwood Dressage II Bozeman, MT USEF Contact Wendy Cochran 406-582-8889

JULY 2005

- 1 Dressage in the Plains #1-Peyton, CO-USEF Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 2-3 Dressage in the Plains #2-Peyton, CO-USEF Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 9 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #3-Ridgway, CO-USEF Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 10 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #4-Ridgway, CO-USEF Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 10 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2-Longmont-RMDS Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 16 CSDA Schooling Show
- 17 CSDA Show Series #3-Penrose Equestrian Center Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 16-17 Jackson Hole USEF Wendy Morgan
- 22-24 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival-Longmont-USEF-BREED Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 22-23 Aspen Festival #1-Carbondale, CO-USEF Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 24 Aspen Festival #2-Carbondale, CO-USEF Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 23-24 Black Hills Dressage-Rapid City,SD USEF Laurel Creed-605-787-9814 unbridledhorse@rap.mldco.net
- 30 Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #1-Larkspur USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 31 Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #2-Larkspur USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net

AUGUST 2005

- 5 Dressage in the Rockies #1-Parker, CO USEF Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 6 Dressage in the Rockies #2-Parker, CO USEF Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 7 Dressage in the Rockies #3-Parker, CO USEF Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
 6-7 USEF "r" Testing-Janet Brown & Lois Yukins
- Contact USEF 859-258-2472 or RMDS Office 720-890-7825
- 6-7 Cheyenne Dressage & Hunt Club Show-Cheyenne,WY-USEF - Contact Susan Rocha 307-635-3296
- **13-14 USDF Instructor Workshop Rachel Saavedra** Ft Collins - Chatellen, Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 14 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3-Longmont-RMDS Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 20 Utah Dressage Society Show #1-Sandy, UT USEF

Contact: Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

- 21 Ułah Dressage Society Show #2-Sandy, UT USEF Contact: Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- **20-21 High Plains Dressage Show-Littleton, CO-USEF** Contact Angie Joyce 303-887-3720
- 27 Aspen Ridge Schooling Show-Monument Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 28 Aspen Ridge Show-Monument-RMDS Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 3 Boulder Valley Dressage Summer Show-Boulder-RMDS Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528
- 3 GVDS Open Show-Grand Junction-USEF Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 4 GVDS Wetern Slope Champs & Open Show-RMDS Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 10-11 USDF Instructor Workshop Precertification Debbie McDonald
- Canon Ridge, Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825 21 RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show-
 - **Parker, CO-USEF -**Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041 breedsec@twowhitefeet.com
- 22-25 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show - Parker, CO-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 22-25 Region V Championships –Parker, Colorado-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net

OCTOBER 2005

TBA USDF Instructor Workshop Final Testing Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825

15-16 Kathy Connelly & Toine Hoeff-

Watch the Centaur for more details, Contact LESLIE EASTER 303-646-5654 or RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

NOVEMBER 2005

12 Board of Governors - High Plains Chapter host

SHOW INFORMATION

ALWAYS CALL THE CONTACT, UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ALREADY, AS DATES, TIMES AND PLACES MAY VARY.

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions of events for inclusion in the Centaur calendar need to be received no later than the 5th of the month prior to the month that the item is to run. Please be sure to spell all names (clinicians/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with any questions. Send all calendar items and/or requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825

NOTE: All competitors should do a score check with the Central Office, especially prior to Awards. Call the Central Office at 720-890-7825 or email rmds@indra.com

RMDS NOTES

DRESSAGE TRAINERS/INSTRUCTORS

GROW YOUR BUSINESS!

If you'd like your business posted on the new RMDS Webpage send information to Michael Petersen, 5575 Heatherbrook Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80915, 719-573-0398 or email webmaster@rmds.org (make subject read "Trainer Info"). Include your: name, phone #, address, email address, barn location(s) where you train, if you travel/clinic, your experience/qualifications, what level you train through, what special awards earned (like USDF medals), if you have lesson horses available, and any other specialties.

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Mail check to RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301.

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RMDS Central Office

Phone number: Address:	720-890-7825 RMDS Central Office 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301
Contact:	Beth Geier, rmds@indra.com, www.rmds.org

Website Contact: Michael Peterson 5575 Heatherbrook Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80915 webmaster@rmds.org

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday, Penrose Equestrian Center, Sirloin room, Contact Felicia Music – 719-598-4496 or check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 1st Wednesday – every month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Tina Wright720-297-5192

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around Contact: Kelly Schlagel – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month; CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.; Jennifer Nisbet 970-221-5545

Penrose, 1st Wednesday – every month; Roaming around;

Contact: Sharon Ghilarducci – 719-462-5760

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- If not received by that date, they will be placed in the following edition if not time-sensitive

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- O Boulder Valley O Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
- O High Plains (Parker, Littleton and Aurora) O Colorado Springs
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- O Penrose (Cañon City) O Tri-State (Wyoming, adjacent states)

 $\odot~$ Grand Valley (Grand Junction) $\odot~$ Renewing member need new binder (\$6)

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- The name on this horse registration must be the same used on horse show entry forms.

Sex

• \$35 for a lifetime registration of horse, \$10 change fee.

Horse Name____

Breed (if known) _____

Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____ Name of Owner(s) (one owner must be an RMDS member)

Address of Owner_____

Owners Phone (Home)_____(e-mail)_____

Name of Representative (if owner is a business)

Mail form and check payable to RMDS to:

- RMDS Central Office,
- 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301 720-890-7825
- Membership renewal is January 1 annually.

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

Seat Symposiums

ECKART MEYNERS' SEAT SYMPOSIUMS

March 26-27 – Las Colinas Equestrian Center, Dallas, TX July 30-31 – Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO August 6-7 – Willowlake Farm, Mt. Airy, MD

Equestrian Education Systems, announces Eckart Meyners Seat Symposium schedule for 2005 in USA. He will be joined by Hannes Müller for the Dallas and Denver Symposiums.

Eckart Meyners is a world-renowned professor of Sports Physiology and Movement at the University of Lüneberg, Germany. Meyners has worked with the German National Equestrian Federation for 25 years, and has been instrumental in developing the process of equestrian instruction/methodology and rider training in Germany. Meyners' techniques are easy to learn and easy to perform, and best of all, they work for every rider and horse regardless of breed or discipline!

Mr. Hannes Müller is a Master Trainer and Judge in Germany, is currently the Director and Chief Trainer of the German Academy for Professional Riders. The academy is renowned for its intensive training program to prepare professional trainers prior to their Bereiter and Pferdewirtschaftsmeister exams. Mr. Müller has had many articles published in Germany. The Seat Symposiums are designed to include the audience in exploring simple methods to increase awareness, agility and coordination. Attendees have reported positive changes when riding. The focus during the sessions is to create "balance in motion"; upon identifying and removing blockages, riders will integrate this with the correct training techniques, thus improve their performance.

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The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall

New Year's Resolutions

Happy New Year to all of RMDS! I am excited to be taking over the reins of the editorial position and would like to thank Kevin Horst for his hard work.

Most of you knew me as Kathleen Donnelly; however two years ago I married an extraordinary guy and made the name change to Kathleen Mayger. I own four horses, although, one is a miniature, so really I own three and 1/8 horses. Like all of you, I have been horse crazy ever since I can remember. I have watched and own every horse movie known to mankind and drive my husband nuts when we watch movies such as Lord of the Rings, by saying, "Oh, look at that horse. Isn't he fabulous?!" Or, what horse person hasn't been driving down the road and thought about clucking at the slow driver in front of them? Ok, don't worry, I've never gone that far, but I think we can all agree that without horses we would all be missing out.

These great animals give us so much and have brought all of us together. Think of how many friends we have made by our love for horses. The New Year is not just a time for resolutions. It's also a time to reflect and appreciate our horses and our families I feel very lucky to have the horses I do, my wonderful parents, and my extremely supportive husband as well as being able to combine my love with making a living. I look forward to hearing all the stories through this great publication and getting to know more horse crazy people over time.

The Centaur has become more than a Newsletter, it has become an incredible resource for all RMDS Members. One of my goals as editor is to take this great publication and continue to expand on what we already have. I feel the Centaur can really become a community effort and that every member has a chance to invest in it. Make one of your New Year's Resolutions to become involved in the Centaur either by submitting an article, contacting me with an idea, or writing a quick letter to the editor. I look forward to meeting many new people and seeing the many faces I already know. Take care and here's to many great rides this year!

Best wishes! Kathleen Mayger Centaur Editor



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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

The USDF Convention in Lexington was a wonderful opportunity for our members to exchange ideas and give input to the governance of our sport. I enjoyed the two Region 5 meetings attended by members from ADA – Lenore Kremen and Kay Lorenzen; NMDA – Jane Bagwell; PdNS – Lisa Hennessy; RMDS – Beth Geier, Veronica Holt, Sarah Martin, Jean Patton, Heather Petersen, and Susan Selby; SAZDA – Beth Glass; and UDS – Mary Cline.

The big news is the USDF Board of Governors approved the following higher qualifying scores for the Great American/USDF Regional Championships, effective the 2006 season. The previous qualifying scores are in parentheses.

Training: Open - 68 (65), AA - 63 (60), Jr/YR - 63 (60) First: Open - 66 (65), AA - 62 (60), Jr/YR - 62 (60) Second: Open - 64 (63), AA - 61 (59), Jr/YR - 61 (59) FEI Pony Tests for Second Level: Jr/YR - 61 (57) Third: Open - 62 (60), AA - 60 (57), Jr/YR - 60 (57) FEI Jr. Team: Jr/YR - 60 (57) Fourth: Open - 62 (60), AA - 60 (57), Jr/YR - 60 (57) FEI Junior Individual for Fourth Level: Jr/YR - 60 (57) FEI Junior Individual for Fourth Level: Jr/YR - 60 (57) FEI YR Team: Jr/YR - 60 (57) Intermediate 1: Open - 60 (60), AA - 60 (57), Jr/YR -60 (57) Intermediate 2: Open - 60 (58)

The USDF Regional Championships Committee rec-

ommended the changes because "in keeping with our objective of attracting top horses and riders to showcase events, the qualifying scores should be raised to reflect the improvement in riding and training as well as the quality of horses now competing in the Championships . . ." The voice vote on the issue was too close to call, so we delegates had to use computer voting. The motion carried by a little over 100 votes out of over 1500 cast by those representing GMOs and Participating Members. GMOs that did not attend or sign a proxy lost their opportunity to influence this decision.

CHANGING GMO REPORTING YEAR

The reporting year for GMOs will be changed to December 1-November 30. This will take place during 2006. Further information will be provided in the USDF Connections and sent to all presidents.

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

A family membership was approved to be implemented in 2006. This would be \$17 for the primary family member and approximately \$8 for each additional Family member. Family members are described as individuals in an immediate family that have the same legal address.

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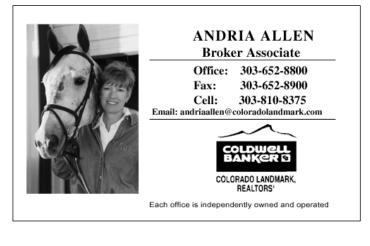








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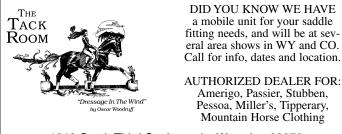


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