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Adventures in Judging *or* Hug a Judge Day

By Kathy King Johnson and Debbie Riehl Rodriguez

'S' judge Debbie Rodriguez, who has been my trainer for 15 years, approached me to co-write an article tentatively titled, "Hug a Judge." The image in my mind was something like this ---->:



I'm a long-time horse trainer. I've shown since I was a kid and taken hundreds of students to shows. I don't have a great attitude about horse show judges. I don't really like to show anymore. I always feel like I'm being judged. One of the most embarrassing moments of my life was standing at a dressage show in front of the score sheets, and shooting my big mouth off. I was looking at the Grand Prix scores from the morning rides. There wasn't a score over 56%. I said, "Damn, that judge was brutal." Right behind me this little bag lady who looked like she'd slept in an airport said, "Did you SEE the morning rides?"

I said, "No, I don't need to see the rides to know those scores are brutal."

She said, "Well, I was the judge."

Ouch.

I can't really say why I chose a judge as a riding coach, given my past experiences. Debbie's got a great eye. She obsesses on straightness and the purity of the gaits. Her philosophy of training really jives with mine. She doesn't object when I bounce into a lesson on Ichabod Crane, Mustang Mavis, The Hell Bitch, or Old Paint. She works hard and she works us hard and I think someday, she may make a rider of me.

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Educational Opportunities Abound for 2015

RMDS Education Chair Jon Haugen has worked tirelessly to bring ALL members some outstanding educational opportunities for 2015. A **New Test Clinic** with FEI Judge Kristi Wysocki, the always popular and highly informative **TD and Show Management Workshop** with Laurie McTavish and Heather Petersen, several **L Continuing Education** opportunities including one of our favorite people, 'S' judge Bill Solyntjes, and a **Freestyle Judging Clinic** with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez.

Don't forget, L Continuing Ed series are open to auditors, and are an excellent forum to learn more about the view from "C".

President's Message

Happy New Year!

The beginning of another year and a chance to grow and reach new goals.

In December I attended the USDF Convention in Boston with Aline-Brandau, RMDS Vice President. Committee meetings, educational lectures and of course the GMO meeting were on our Agenda every day. So many choices and fortunately we were able to attend many events.

I personally attended the meetings for Judges and Instructors. Discussions of the new tests, learning styles for students and so much more gave me a new perspective on our sport. I came away with so much excitement for the growth of dressage and for RMDS.

Keep an eye on our Educational calendar as we are planning on add-

ing several more events in 2015. The schedule looks to offer symposiums, clinics and lectures for all our mem-



Safariie helped Gwen Ka'awaloa complete her USDF Gold Medal requirements. Photo by Kathleen Bryan.

bers. Shows in 2015 will have a few changes of venue but we believe we can offer competitions for North and South based members.

As we reflect on the year past and set our goals for 2015 let us remember the beauty of our horses and the dedication of our time and effort to

grow in dressage. Friends and family support us and sometimes participate with us in this equine adventure, let us not forget to thank them.

As I fill out my calendar for 2015 I am so excited for what is ahead. I will have to plan carefully as I can only plan for a few weekends a month. If only I did not have to work in a real job to support my dressage addiction/habit...but then I know that many of you have the same issue, so many choices, so few days.

Looking forward to a grand and exciting year for RMDS and our membership.

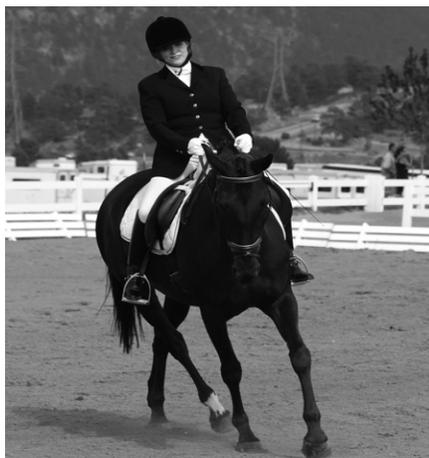
Aloha,

*Gwen Ka'awaloa
President, RMDS*

Vice President's Message

This year, the Annual USDF Convention was held in Boston, and although the weather was rainy and cold, spirits were high. Each year, the USDF puts on an amazing convention that provides our local RMDS members a chance to meet in a national venue with other dressage organizations from across the United States. Everyone is welcome to come and attend the education seminars and many other open, informative meetings. In this way, the USDF provides updates to members regarding showing, judges and technical delegate continuing education, horse health education, and GMO organization. The last evening is a wonderful banquet honoring dressage masters, and rider accomplishments. Many of the great leaders of dressage attend this event and all dressage riders are welcome.

I was fortunate to attend a couple of



Aline Brandau with her 8-year-old black Hanoverian "Aline's Sara" out of Simply Spruce Meadows bloodline.

educational seminars on the diet of a dressage horse, and a biomechanics clinic with Dr. Hillary Clayton. We previewed the new Nutrena Adult Clinic Series held by Debbie McDonald and Betsy Steiner. There was a fabulous symposium on conformation

of the dressage horse, given by Kristi Wysocki and Bill Solyntes which was packed with people.

In our Region 5 Meeting, we discussed the opportunity to support dressage trainers and technical delegates in furthering their education, and increasing youth participation in dressage. There is a new adult amateur page and a pony page on the USDF website. Everyone agreed that the Professional's Committee is an important piece of supporting our local dressage communities. RMDS has made a commitment to support trainers and hold educational symposiums to further that support.

We discussed the importance of GM membership and how it grows the sport. In Europe, all the Participating Members are part of a local GMO.

The new Educational

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Pikes Peak Chapter

Congratulations to our 2015 Officers!

President - Susan Borders
 Vice President - Kerry-Louise Miller
 Secretary - Heather Petersen
 Treasurer - Erin Ashby
 Education - Nina Felsenthal
 Awards - Shannon Lemons
 Communications - MaryJo Hoepner

And many thanks to those who donated to the PPDS Chapter Basket for the RMDS BOG!

- Frances Carbonnel - Lessons
- Simone Windeler - Lessons
- Gwen Ka'awaloa - Lessons
- Hidden Creek Equestrian for both a lesson AND an office fee & class fee to one of their schooling shows.
- Two White Fee for donation of an office fee.
- Dover Saddler in Parker for \$20 gift certificate
- A Touch of Healing Massage, Centennial, CO for the donation of an introductory massage.
- Nina Felsenthal & Green Beans Coffee for coffee samples.

Michelle Anderson, Pikes Peak Chapter President 2013-2014

NCDA Chapter

We had a good year!

A couple of highlights include the 'Get Ready to Show Clinic' held at Rae Ann Cook's Phantom Hill Farm. Volunteers were all well prepared! Raissa Chunko demonstrated a few different kinds of braiding and offered guidance to those who wanted to give it a try. Technical Delegate, Joan Clay, answered questions on rules and regulations. She provided many examples of bits, spurs and whips that are allowed for use in USDF, USEF and RMDS shows. Jon Haugen answered questions on filling out entry forms and what organizations riders needed to join. Julie Haugen was there to garner interest in Young Riders as well as answer questions from an 'L' judge's point of view. Didi DeKrey provided an example of what to wear and what not to wear in the show ring. Julie Lorton did a great job representing Western Dressage. Kathleen Kilkelly and Susie Reed helped where ever they were needed.

Our Fall Schooling Show was a great success. Tomora Training Center provided an excellent venue! The weather was great and we had 27 rides!

What more could you ask for!!

We held a couple of meetings at the Moot House, a local restaurant in Ft. Collins. It was nice to enjoy social time with members as well as take care of business. Everyone seems to think we should do this a few times a year.

The NCDA Christmas Party will be held on Saturday Dec. 13th at Pat Cole's house. This year provides to be one of the best parties ever! Good food, good company, door prizes and tons of fun!

Next year will bring a cross training clinic with Sarah Barnes and a huge Indoor Tack Sale that you'll be able to bring your horse to try on saddles and actually ride your horse to try them out. We'll have a professional saddle fitter there to make sure it's the correct fit. We'd love to include other chapters in this event. Last but not least another Schooling Show is planned for Oct. 18th at Tomora Training Center. That's all for now.

Wishing you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

*Renee Martig,
 NCDA President*

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Membership was discussed, and the possibility of it assisting the Western Dressage movement as well as dressage enthusiasts who are not showing. The new freestyle changes include common sense movements, so that if you are showing at a level, you cannot add elements to your freestyle that are from a higher level in the dressage tests of that level. There must also be 12 lateral movements or more in each freestyle.

The Instructor Certification materials are being completely reworked to be clear, concise, and fair. The "On the Levels" application was explained, and I would encourage everyone to take advantage of this great training tool through USDF to fully understand the test changes. The info is at onthelevels.com. The Sport Horse Prospect program is wel-

coming Willy Arts from DG Bar Ranch. They are working on finding a new venue for the Sport Horse Seminar that was held at Iron Spring Farms last year to rave reviews.

There are many important topics that we covered in the USDF Annual Convention. I hope to be a part of many of these new endeavors to improve the sport of dressage. I hope you will join us next year at the USDF Annual Convention, December 3-5 in Las Vegas.

I wish you a productive, fun winter with your horses. Please join us on January 8th at Darcy's Irish Pub in the Denver Tech Center for our next RMDS Meeting. We would love to include you in our great plans!

Aline Brandau, JD, VP RMDS

CONTINUING EDUCATION - "TD" & SHOW MANAGEMENT
Saturday, February 21, 2015

OPEN TO EVERYONE! Learn the Inner Workings of a Show.

Technical Delegates: 8:30 – 12:15 pm with Laurie Mactavish

- Want to find out what happens behind the scenes of a show?
- Want to be a TD?
- Need to hone your skills?
- Need clarification of the rules and/or become aware of the new ones?

Show Managers/Secretaries: 12:45 pm – 4:30 pm with Heather Petersen

- What are the responsibilities of the secretary vs. show manager
- Scheduling, general logistics, necessary forms and information
- Handbook available for \$35

RMDS is strongly encouraging all show management to attend. There are more upcoming changes in the rules!!!

This workshop is for you!
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No Helmet Cameras, Please

Starting in October, the USEF has prohibited the use of helmet cameras at all USEF-licensed and/or endorsed competitions, pending the completion of an independent expert report on the safety of helmet cameras.

North American Western Dressage Awards

The “NAWD Stars” program recognizes and rewards the achievements of professionals and amateurs in Western and Cowboy Dressage. “NAWD Stars” serves as a resource for those looking for excellence in performance in the industry. Clients seeking a trainer or coach will be able review the list and find trainers and coaches performing successfully in Western and Cowboy Dressage.

Because we feel that this service is so critical to maintain quality among Western Dressage professionals, this list is open to everyone regardless of affiliation.

The names of “NAWD Stars” are published on the website and remain there indefinitely. Recipients will also receive a digital star to place on their website and/or Facebook page to let the world know that they are “STARS”.

NAWD Stars may be achieved in the following 5 categories and participants may earn an unlimited number of stars for Western Dressage. A single NAWD Star is available for Cowboy Dressage achievement in each of the categories.

You can submit your information for a NAWD Star for one of the following categories by sending proof of your scores to nawdstars@gmail.com.

Trainers receive stars when they train a horse that receives 3 scores of 70% or greater in any level of Western Dressage.

Coaches receive one star for each level in which they coach three riders to receive 3 scores of 65% or greater in Western Dressage. Coaches with multiple stars lets you know that he/she is able to coach and encourage riders and horses to succeed as a team.

Amateurs and Youth receive one star for each level in which they receive 3 scores of 65%.

Because NAWD believes that it takes two to form a partnership, we have decided to give stars to the horses themselves!

Horses can earn one star in each of the following categories when they receive 3 scores of 65% or higher. Scores across categories cannot be mixed.

- Western Dressage
- Traditional Dressage
- Cowboy Dressage
- NAWD Six Feet on the Ground
- NAWD/USEF Freestyle
- NAWD Trail

A horse listed on the NAWD Stars Horse Page exemplifies good training, success, and versatility.

The final category of star is for NAWD Ambassadors. NAWD Ambassadors promote inclusion and partnership between individuals and organizations. They promote Western or Cowboy Dressage, volunteer at events, and help build programs. Go to northamericanwesterndressage.org for more info.

Championship Certificates Available

Regional Dressage Championship online certificates of rider achievement for the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships are available online.

Log into the USDF website, and click on your name in the Qualified Horse and Rider List, for a personalized certificate. Questions? Contact cbrown@usdf.org.

2015 NAJYR Championships Date Set

The 2015 Adequan/FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC) presented by Gotham North is scheduled July 14 - 19 again at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The best Junior and Young Rider competitors from North America will compete for team and individual medals. Region 5 information is available from Heather Petersen and Joan Clay.

US Dressage Finals Starts Site Search for 2016-2018 Finals

The US Dressage Finals will continue to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park Nov. 6-9, 2015, but will be moving to a more westerly location from 2016-2018. USDF is beginning its search for future US Dressage Finals sites with dates the first week of November in 2016 (preferably Nov. 3-6), and dates in late October through the first week in November for 2017 and 2018.

Hug A Judge

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Debbie is also a Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge, one of the judges who placed the mustang stallion Padre reserve Champion Stallion at Devon a few years ago. Having this lack of breed bias and this kind of experience available is priceless when selecting a dressage prospect.

Here Debbie and I discuss the merits of disposition over conformation.



Having trained with Debbie for so long, I've heard many of her exploits, followed her travels on Facebook and swapped horse tales during breaks in our clinics. Debbie shared a few of her judging experiences with me.

"Putting a judge up" is a term we use for providing housing for a judge when they travel to our part of the country for a horse show. Rules abound around private housing for judges, to avoid conflicts of interest and potential pay-offs.

One of Debbie's first experiences when she began judging 35 years ago was being put up in the middle of the woods, in the heat of the summer, in a tiny house trailer with a cat she was allergic to, its litter box, a tiny bed, a giant Doberman and some bad coffee. Bad coffee is an oxymoron. But apparently instant can mold.

Debbie said sometimes she doesn't have to be put up, because she spends the night at the airport. She knows how to sleep on a hard chair with bars poking her in the sides.

She was thrown out of the Charlotte, North Carolina concourse and sent to sleep with the masses in the terminal parked on the floor during an airport shutdown. She knows her way around delays, stand-bys, changes and cancellations.

And if being put up in a house trailer or spending the night at an airport can be a nightmare, hotels can be worse. Horse shows are usually held on weekends, which means it's party time at the hotel for everyone except the judge. Footsteps on the ceiling echo down below. In the tougher neighborhoods, gun shots and sirens take sleep totally out of the equation. And without sleep, a judge is prone to errors in judgment.



Here is Debbie styling in front of a nice, normal judge's box.

You wouldn't think sitting in a nice little judge's box, well away from horse or audience, would be a hazardous job. But once a sleepless Debbie forgot to notice that the back of the box had no wall. The floor was about two feet off the ground. The first horse came trotting down centerline. The rider halted to salute the judge. When Debbie stood to return the salute, her chair toppled backward, out of the judge's box. Debbie toppled backward on top of it. Her hair got

caught in the chain link fence behind the box. The scribe scrambled out of the box to rescue Debbie. Imagine what was going through the mind of that competitor when the judge and scribe simply disappeared.

All horses know that the judge's box is a death trap, a coffin, the black box of doom. Their instincts are good. Once in Springfield, Illinois, Debbie was assigned a box just outside the covered arena. Afternoon lightning storms thundered and raged. Management kept the judges dry by wrapping a big blue tarp around the judge's box. If there's one thing horses instinctively fear more than judge's boxes, it's big blue tarps. The show continued as the storm raged. A lightning crack hit too close for comfort. Debbie and scribe ran for safety.



You can no longer see the judge's box in the photo, but you can still see a bit of the blue tarp in the corner.

But, we don't want to scare people away from becoming a judge. On the positive side of judging there's glamour, travel, respect, blah, blah, blah. And the accommodations! I bet you've never seen a red carpet port-a-potty.

But truthfully, Debbie absolutely loves being a judge. She takes her job very seriously and feels privileged to be invited to judge. She always tries to be

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Hug A Judge

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encouraging to the competitors even though it may be their very worst ride. I feel that hope and spirit in my lessons with Debbie. It's why I always keep coming back for more.



Slowly, I'm coming around to the whole concept of judging. In fact, I'm coming around so much, Debbie convinced me to apply to the USDF 'L' judge program. I put my money where my big mouth is. I don't know what we're allowed to discuss of what we learn at the 'L' program, but they didn't tell us not to, so what the hey. The judge running the program, who shall remain nameless, came to judge her first show in Colorado and was standing in front of the score sheets. She said, "Oh, look Firmus is showing. I love Firmus." And all the people standing behind her dropped the class because they thought they didn't stand a chance when the judge loved Firmus. Seriously, people? Who didn't love Firmus? **Just watch what you say at the score sheets.**



Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez is an 'S' judge, Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge, Grand Prix rider, trainer and instructor. Kathy King Johnson is a rider, writer, and executive director of Medicine Horse Program, a non-profit specializing in equine assisted psychotherapy. (www.medicinehorse.org) Cowboy is a Texas longhorn riding steer.



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Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'S'
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L Program Details for 2015

Auditors

B Session

January 10-11, 2015

Bill Solyntjes

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C Session

March 14-15, 2015

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

Iron Horse Farm - 33591 Pine Hills Place - Elizabeth. CO. 80107

Cost to Audit:

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At the door: \$95 per session for everyone.

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For more information, please contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or the RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

Nerves, New Friends for Region 5 In 'Special' Dressage Finals Trip

By Suzie Haynes Hallé

Suzie Haynes Hallé is a USDF gold medalist and three-year High Plains Chapter vice president from Englewood, CO. Here are her experiences after participating in the US Dressage Finals in November.

Over 500 entries came to the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington from every USDF Region in the country. Many traveled from Region 5. Almost all of us stabled in the same barn. We brought Region 5 pennants and hung them on the stalls and fixed a large banner at the barn entry with a white board of all our rides. We overheard other competitors saying, "What a great idea! Let's do that next year for our region." It brought us together visually, which extended into group support before, during and after our competitions.



Warmup crowd in the Alltech arena

In the warm up, on Thursday night, there must have been 30 horses. Some were being hand-walked, some were doing their tempis around the perimeter, while at least 12 were in the dressage court practicing elements of their tests. I was in the mayhem and was so proud of my horse Tennyson for his bravery. One rider passed us brushing stirrup to stirrup with a broad smile, "If that doesn't make 'em look up, nothing will."

On competition day, I was a bundle of nerves before entering the Alltech Arena for our championship Grand Prix test, a test I'd ridden just seven times before, all at our Colorado Horse Park. The indoor Alltech stadium has 6,000 seats, a large Jumbotron, three judge's booths and the most beautiful flowers and trees tucked into every available space

you can imagine. To say it was gorgeous and intimidating is an understatement.



Overview of the Alltech arena

Practice Test in Barn Aisle

Did the horses feel the big atmosphere as much as the riders? Absolutely. There were some who couldn't make it down centerline. I was thankful my horse kept it together. I was grateful to a GP rider from Santa Fe who helped calm my nerves. "It's normal to be nervous. It's ok. Just know that once you get up into the saddle, in the warm up, all your nerves will melt away, and it will be just you and your horse in your own bubble. You will ride just like you are riding at home. You won't notice anything around you." Another rider from Florida joined in and encouraged practicing the test on two feet in an imaginary dressage arena in the barn aisle. As I "walked," "trotted" and "cantered" through my test, she made commentary that was so hilarious it dissolved nerves into laughter.



Olga Hendrickson, Jenni Baldwin, Suzie Halle, Tennyson-ISF (with the horse face), Ellen Storeim

Finals was the kind of place where new friends were made and old ones were supportive. One gal from our region knew we were arriving late from our long haul from Colorado, and spread all our shavings in all of our stalls so our horses wouldn't have to wait in their trailers. Incredible

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Dressage Finals *cont. from pg.10*

right?! To get there, a friend and I decided to drive behind our 18-hand horses, being hauled in box stalls. It took two 13-hour days to get there. I'd never driven that many hours in a row. It was comforting to feed apples and carrots to our boys at the refueling stops. Putting eyes on them to see that all was well, and seeing that they found reassurance in our visits, knowing their people were with them, alleviated worries that go along with long transports.



The rider's lounge

Each day was so busy, we had planned to check out some farms and sights around town, but were caught up cheering for friends, caring for our horses and checking out the many vendors, that it was next to impossible to venture out. One day I was able to see a bit of the town with a friend who grew up there. We dropped in on an acquaintance of hers, a rare coin collector and consultant to the Smithsonian museum. I held a coin in my hand from 2,500 BC! Some other friends who were not competing went to an auction at Keeneland. All dinners, except the VIP dinner, did allow for venturing off the horse park campus, thanks to wonderful night checks provided by the park. The VIP dinner was wonderful. We dressed up for it and my parents, Dr. William F. Haynes Jr. and Aline Haynes from Princeton, N.J., joined us. We got to meet and visit with USDF President George Williams' wife and daughter and others while overlooking the musical freestyles. The acoustics were like a rock concert. Some of the freestyles brought chills they were so beautiful.

The Finals certainly were beyond what I'd dreamed. I'd watched the World Equestrian Games in 2010, which was spectacular. The care put into Finals was every bit as impressive. There were international-quality horses in Adult Amateur and Open divisions at every level, as well as some unexpected surprises. We stabled across from the first mule to compete at the Finals. She had received a 75% at Training Level to get here. I told my father that this is about



Suzie Hallé and Tennyson-ISF

as close to the Olympics as it gets.

US Dressage Finals 2014 – so special. Everyone I spoke to is hoping to qualify in 2015 to experience it all over again. Honestly, I didn't want it to end.



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Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Introduction to the New Tests



**With Kristi Wysocki
FEI 3* and USEF S Judge**

**February 28, 2015 – Starting at 12:30 pm
Lookout Ridge Farm, Longmont, CO**

Saturday afternoon, February 28th, Kristi Wysocki will present the new dressage tests for competition year at Lookout Ridge Farm near Longmont, Colorado. Demonstration riders will ride each of the new tests while Kristi walks us through the movements and collective requirements. As a member of the test writing committee, she will be able to help us understand the changes and how they pertain to the training scale. Get a head start on your competition and get to know what the judges will be looking for first hand! The cost for RMDS members is \$40 in advance or \$50 dollars at the door (Non-members pay \$5 more). Use the entry form below. We do ask you to please bring your own chair. The facility is climate controlled and it will be held in an indoor arena. If you are interested in participating as a demonstration rider or have any questions, please contact Heather at slush@drgw.net or (303) 648-3164.

Lookout Ridge Farm, 8750 Lookout Rd, Longmont, CO 80503. Please Car Pool! Parking is limited. Follow directions from our Parking Volunteers with respect – these wonderful facilities are donated!

RMDS Introduction to the New Tests Registration

Please make checks out to RMDS.

Mail entries to Heather Petersen, 22750 County Road 37, Elbert, CO 80106

___ RMDS Member - \$40 per person mailed on or before February 23rd

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Total enclosed _____

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Remember to bring a chair and carpool with a friend ☺

Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

RMDS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2015

- 10-11 USDF "L" Education Program Session B-Bill Solyntjes**
Tomora Training Center-11000 Hwy 34 Bypass-Greeley, CO
Contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or
RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 24 Sophisticated Transitions with Simone Windeler**
Demandeur Equestrian-Elizabeth, CO
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 31 Judges' Continuing Education-Freestyle Clinic-**
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Larimer County Fairgrounds-
5280 Arena Circle-Loveland, CO
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RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

FEBRUARY 2015

- 7 Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 www.mariahfarms.net
- 21 RMDS TD/Show Management Workshop-Location TBA**
Intro to New Tests with Kristi Wysocki-
28 Lookout Ridge-Boulder, CO
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MARCH 2015

- 7 Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
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- 14-15 USDF "L" Education Program Session C-**
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Iron Horse Farm-
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APRIL 2015

- 4 Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
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- 11 Pikes Peak Dressage RMDS Show-**
Kaimana Farms-Elizabeth, CO
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- 15-19 Reem Acra FEI World Cup-Las Vegas, NV**
- 24 Dressage at the Peak Warm-up-**
Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drgw.net
- 25-26 Dressage for the Cure at the Peak-**
Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO
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- 25 BVD Ride-A-Test-Singletree Farm-Boulder, CO**
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 26 BVD Spring Fling-Singletree Farm-Boulder, CO**
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MAY 2015

- 2 Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
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- 2-3 Grand Valley Schooling Show I-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 16-17 Rocky Mountain Dressage I & II-Somerset Farm-**
Longmont, CO-USEF
Contact Dian Seabury 520-906-5545 dfseabury@gmail.com

- 22-24 Paragon I, II, III & CDI-Young Riders/Young Horse/**
Sport Horse-Estes Park, CO USEF
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- 29-31 High Prairie Dressage I, II, III-Colorado Horse Park-**
Parker, CO USEF
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 30-31 USDF L Program D1 Session-Colorado Horse Park-**
Parker, CO-Closed
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JUNE 2015

- 6 Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
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- 6-7 Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Open Show I & II**
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- 13-14 Rocky Mountain Summer Dressage I, II-Somerset Farm-**
Longmont, CO-USEF
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- 13-14 Fountain Valley Dressage-Young Horse/Young Rider**
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- 19-20 Sage Creek Dressage 1 & 2-Utah**
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- 20-21 Autumn Hill Dressage Festivals I & II-USEF**
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- 28 USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition-**
Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO
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JULY 2015

- 10-11 Dressage at the Peak Warm Up/Dressage at the Peak II-USEF**
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- 11-12 Rocky Mountain Dressage III, IV-Somerset Farm-**
Longmont, CO-USEF
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- 19 Centaur Rising Dressage Show-I-Pine, CO**
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- 24-25 Sage Creek Dressage 3 & 4-Utah**
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- 25-26 Autumn Hill Dressage Festivals III & IV-USEF**
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Parker, CO
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- 1-2 Dressage in Big Sky I & II- White Aspen Ranch-Billings, MT**
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- 1-2 USDF L Program D2 Session-Colorado Horse Park-**
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- 9 Centaur Rising Dressage Show-I-Pine, CO**
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- 14 Estes Park I-Sport Horse-Estes Park, CO USEF**
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- 15-16 Estes Park II -Estes Park, CO USEF**
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- 14-16 **USEF r Judges Program - Estes Park –**
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- 22-23 **UDS Dressage Days I & II-Wasatch County Special Events Center
Heber City, UT**
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- 29 **Pendragon Stud Dressage Show-Larkspur, CO**
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- 30 **BVD So Long to Summer-Singletree Farm-Boulder, CO**
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**IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER,
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SEPTEMBER 2015

- 4 **Western Dressage-Grand Valley Fall Show-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes 970-201-1779 skypony@aol.com
- 5-6 **Grand Valley Fall Show-Grand Junction, CO**
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- 6 **Foothills Last Chance Show-A Rising Star-Arvada, CO**
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- 17 **X Halt Salute RMDS Show -Estes Park, CO**
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- 17 **RMDS Sport Horse Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**
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- 18-20 **RMDS Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**
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OCTOBER 2015

- 9-11 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Scottsdale, AZ**
- 10-11 **Grand Valley Schooling Show III-Grand Junction, CO**
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- 18 **NCDA Fall Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**
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- 31-Nov 1 **USDF L Program Final-Westworld-Scottsdale, AZ-Closed**
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RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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All events are open to **EVERYONE** to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

Jan 10-11	USDF "L" Education Program Session B-Bill Solyntjes-Tomora Equestrian-Loveland, CO
Jan 31	Freestyle Clinic with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Judges Continuing Education- Larimer County Events Center-Loveland, CO
Feb 21	TD/Show Management Clinic-Laurie MacTavish & Heather Petersen-Douglas County Fairgrounds-Castle Rock, CO
Feb 28	Intro to New Tests with Kristi Wysocki-Lookout Ridge-Boulder, CO
March 14-15	USDF "L" Education Program Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO
May 30, 31	USDF "L" D1 session (closed) - Colorado Horse Park-Castle Rock, CO
June 28	USDF Adult/Youth Team Competition-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO
August 1, 2	USDF "L" D2 session (closed) - Colorado Horse Park- Castle Rock, CO
Sept 17	X Halt Salute RMDS Show-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Sept 17	RMDS Sport Horse & USDF Breeders' Championships-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Sept 18-20	RMDS Championships-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Oct 31-Nov 1	USDF "L" Final (closed)-West World of Scottsdale-Scottsdale, AZ

For details on these and other RMDS events:

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- Read the Centaur
- Go on the website - www.rmds.org
- Contact the RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

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The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 emails per month requesting names of trainers in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

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Technical Delegates, Judges, and Certified Instructors

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All Current RMDS Members

Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" where the score does not count.

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"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth	4*	(FEI I) International	All
"S"	Senior	All	5*	(FEI O)	All

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Secrets from the Trainers' Vault

Lets YOU Ask the Question



Simone Windeler, Professionals & Trainers Liaison for RMDS, edits this feature column, "Secrets from the Trainers' Vault." RMDS members are encouraged to send questions to Simone (simonedressage@gmail.com) and she will publish a select query with answers from member professionals. If you are a professional and would like to take part as a guest responder, contact Simone with your info and area of expertise.

This month's column is Simone's report of her clinic experience in Munich. Simone Windeler is a 'L' graduate, show manager and show secretary, as well as a RMS certified instructor for classical riding. Originally from Germany, she has lived in Colorado for 19 years. Learn more about her riding and training philosophy at eleganttrider.com.

On November 23, 2014, I had the chance to attend the Fifth Annual Conference of Anja Beran Classical Equitation in Munich, Germany. The conferences are always held at the Circus Krone, which has a long tradition of training and showing horses at liberty and under saddle with high school movements. For years, Anja Beran has collaborated with the head trainer and co-owner of Circus Krone, Jana Mandana.

One great thing about holding the conference at the Circus is that it is heated, so no cold feet while watching and learning. A challenge, however, is that circle



has a diameter of only 12 meters (about 36 feet), which means we saw some impressive riding in a very small ring.

This year's topic was aids. What are they? How do you use them?

The conference started with this quote from Nuno Oliveira: "Make the horse curious with gentle aids."

The first question we have to ask is: What are aids? Aids show the horse what the rider wants. Our ability to communicate with aids requires that they be used consistently.

Prerequisites are that:

1. The Horse must understand.
2. The Horse must want.
3. The Horse must be physically able to execute what I ask of him.

What's Your Question?

Aids must be trained consistently so that horses can understand clearly what you ask of them. When a horse does not respond to an aid, it's often

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the case that the rider immediately repeats the aid with more force. This is equivalent to speaking louder to a person that speaks a foreign language. Screaming at them will not increase their understanding!

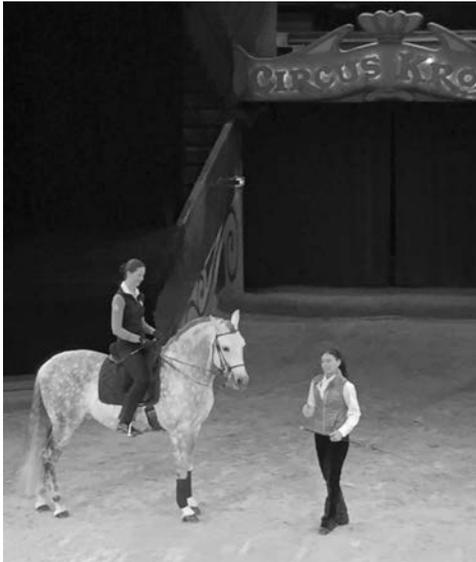
It is also possible that a horse is physically not balanced and capable of executing a movement. Extensions or transitions can be extremely challenging for the undeveloped horse. One needs patience and experience to train them correctly.

Aids from the ground:

- Voice
- Body
- Whip
- Hands via reins or lunging cavesson

Aids under saddle:

- Voice
- Reins
- Weight
- Seat



- Relax
- Activate
- Straighten
- Collect

Your horse needs to learn all the aids.

I can take advantage of the instinctive reaction of the horse, e.g. If I use the whip and the horse moves off, I will immediately praise it. Gradually I can start to substitute the whip with my leg aids.

To help the horse with its learning process follow these simple steps:

1. Move from the known to the unknown.
2. Don't give aids that are contradicting.
3. Stop aids as soon as you get a reaction.

The conference showed several horses and riders, all of them students of Anja. They were all at different stages of training. It was evident that quiet and light aids are emphasized and that the horses were happy and willing.

Next month, look for Part 2: How about the rider? It will discuss how to learn, how to give consistent aids, and the factors that influence aids.

The most basic and simple aids for the young horse can be reduced to two:

- Go
- Stop

More advanced aids are more difficult and are meant to shape your horse. Those aids can help to:

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Use Winter to Revisit, Refine Core Riding Skills

By Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

USEF 'S' Dressage judge, Sport Horse Breeding judge and member of the USDF Faculty.

This is a reprint from a 2013 Centaur article.

This time of year, riding becomes more challenging to keep up on a regular basis due to the frequent deep freezes and inconsistent weather patterns. Those who are fortunate enough to have an indoor arena have it a bit easier to keep training. But, even with this advantage, if the temperature dips too low or the wind is howling like it has been quite a bit lately, it is hard to get in consistent work with our horses. Some of us who work out of boarding barns where the arena can become crowded can have a harder time, with other riders trying to get their own horses worked and, possibly, other lessons going on as well. I find the horses get a bit bored being inside constantly and anytime we have a decent weather day, it's best to get the horses outside to work them, even if it just means a walk around the outside of the arena or, better yet, an occasional trail ride.

If possible, this is a good time to just put the horse in a trailer and haul to another barn for a change of scenery, as well as having them become more seasoned to going places.

For the times when we are stuck indoors or limited on our riding hours, now is a good time to start preparing our goals for the year with our horses. Are you planning to show this year? And, if so, are you going to move up a level or just wanting to improve your scores at your current level? If you do not show, but simply just want to continue to train and learn more with your horse, I'd like to offer some suggestions for you here.

Go Back to Climb Up Pyramid

With all the information available to us in magazines and online, you should all be aware of the pyramid of training and the steps it lists in order to develop our horses correctly. (First is Rhythm, then Relaxation, Connection, Impulsion, Straightness and Collection.) Take time to thoroughly analyze this and see if your horse is **truly** following along these lines. Do you focus on maintaining the correct rhythm with your horse? This is the first step and the most important one in being able to build your solid foundation. It does not matter what level you are riding, even FEI riders need to consider this every moment of every ride. Evaluate the rest of the pyramid and see if you are honestly following these guidelines in your daily work.

The basics are extremely important and they are what

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I hope everyone is having a great Holiday season! We had another wonderful week at the USDF Convention in Cambridge, Massachusetts! Many thanks to those of you who joined us and there

were quite a few considering the distance and the worry of weather. It's always a great chance for networking, catching up with old friends and participating in the governance of our great sport. Our two regional meetings went very well and a lot of great information was exchanged. The weather was much better than expected, only a bit of rain for a couple of days! The protest marches on Thursday were a little disruptive to the Welcome Party but it was still a fantastic week. I enjoyed watching the scull crews each morning on the river outside my hotel room window and taking nice walks in the evenings.

Some key things to come out of the convention this year:

- We will continue the \$200 reimbursement grant for those attending the USDF Convention as USDF Region 5 PM Delegates for the 2015 USDF Convention in Las Vegas.
- The Sport Horse committee is starting a new Materiale Championship that will be run in conjunction with the Sport Horse Championships and they added Willy Arts as faculty to the USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development program.
- USDF National Championships were very well received and more rave reviews this year. We were up approximately 100 horses over 2013. Bids are being reviewed for a new facility for 2016-2018.



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- The final date to hold a regional championship for 2016 was strongly considered due to travel concerns for USDF staff, possible earlier date for the Finals and several other factors. The date will be October 16th, which will minimize

the effect on most of the Regional Championships.

- Starting with the 2016 competition year, competitors will be able to ride in multiple Regional Championships Qualifying rides per day at the same level.
- There were a lot of great explanations on the new tests from USEF and USDF. Quite a few changes to the USDF Freestyle tests for this coming test cycle.

Region 5 also had a couple of full tables at the USDF Awards Banquet. Congratulations to everyone on their medals, their Horse of the Year standings and their All Breed Awards. We had a lot of award winners this year! And perhaps due to the smaller room this year, it was one of the fastest evenings also.

In 2015 we will be in Las Vegas! Book your room early as there are several other major events that weekend, including the NFR and the AAEP convention. 2016 will bring us to St Louis and we'll be staying near the Arch.

Till next month!

Heather Petersen
Region 5 Director

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judges are considering when evaluating you in a test. They are considered not only in each movement, but also in the collective marks. Now is a good time to go back and review how correct your training really is. **One of the most beneficial exercises to work on to improve throughness, suppleness and submission are transitions.** I am referring not only to **transitions from one gait to another, but also within a gait.** Can your horse perform a few steps of lengthening or go to slightly more collection within a gait without losing the rhythm or coming off the aids? Can you ask your horse to take bigger steps or shorter steps without the tempo changing? It doesn't have to be huge differences here, just a "test" to see if the horse is truly working with you. **Be aware of the horse using his back properly** at all times and that he is active stretching over the topline into a correct contact. Try to improve your connection by testing subtle changes of balance such as riding with a slightly longer neck at times and encouraging the horse to really reach to the contact. Try to **be sure you are riding always from back to front.**

Take time to **work on your seat and position**, preferably getting some lunge lessons whenever possible. If you do not have a regular instructor, try to get a friend to lunge you and practice without stirrups and reins, and work to improve your balance, and develop a deeper seat and core strength. We are all aware of how important this is, and its so easy to become dependent on our reins for support rather than develop truly independent aids.

If your horse is particularly stiff this time of year, which is quite common with standing in the cold for long periods, be sure to **allow for sufficient warm-up time, with lots of walking and stretching.** You can proceed to work on lateral suppleness with using small circles, shoulder fore and shoulder-in as well as haunches-in, even if only doing this at a walk on an especially cold day that you don't want to overtax your horse. There are many variations of leg yielding, either on a diagonal, or head to the wall, or on a circle, that are very helpful. Remember the old spiral in and out exercise? Be aware of your horse's response to your leg, that he is prompt to answer you, as well as listening to each leg evenly with the same degree of pressure. Every horse will always tend to be more responsive from one leg more than the other so now is a good time to go back and address improving this.

Different Exercises in Cold Temps

It is wise to be careful not to get the horse too sweaty on those very cold days but with these exercises you have plenty to work on even if it's just at the walk. **Practice your halts**, taking care that you can keep your contact and

ask your horse to remain on the bit. If you have mirrors, it's a good time to **teach your horse to stand "square"**. You can also have a friend tell you where the legs are positioned and which one needs to be brought forward to make the horse square up. Try to **focus on "feeling" where the legs are under you** and if no one is there to help you, then just look down to check but see if you can sit centered and try to determine which leg feels too far back or forward.

On warmer days work your horse a bit harder but be mindful of his condition so that he does not become sore from "too much too soon". Stay positive knowing that spring will be coming soon and we can get more done and start working toward a new show season.

Also this is a good time to **review last year's tests and see if you are getting repetitive comments** in one particular area and know that is what you need to concentrate on improving. The judge's job is to protect the welfare of the horse by giving an evaluation of your training and we all try to do our best to give proper guidance by our comments.

So, here's to looking forward to a new year and a good show season, and remember

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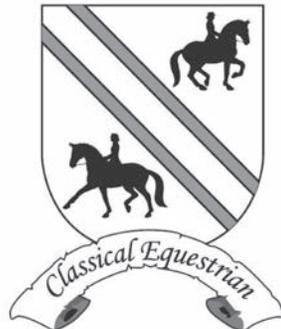
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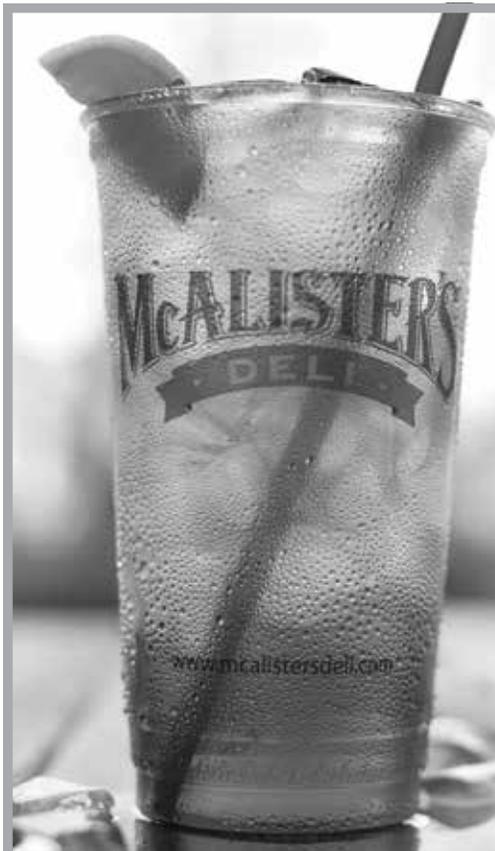
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