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EDUCATION ABOUNDS

Wow, Did I Ever Learn A Lot in 2015

From Michelle Anderson

Michelle Anderson of Elizabeth is a new 'L' graduate and president of Pikes Peak Chapter.

I know that RMDS stands for Rocky Mountain Dressage Society but I think it may also stand for Really Massive Dressage School! Honestly, the opportunities for learning within our club are truly amazing and I took advantage of many of them over the past year.

First, I chose to earn my USDF 'L' judge credentials and my journey began in November 2014 with the A Session taught by USDF faculty member Lois Yukins. This RMDS-sponsored series in Colorado aimed to provide trainers, instructors, competitors and spectators insight into the evaluation techniques of judging dressage; prepare and evaluate candidates who wish to pursue entry into the USEF 'r' judge training program; and provide continuing education for licensed judges and 'L' graduates. I was one of 21 candidates preparing to take the sessions and the judging exam at its conclusion. There were 27 auditors learning from Yukins, too.



Michelle Anderson and Acero with German clinician Christoph Hess.

This first session was all about the physics of dressage – the biomechanics that explain why dressage movements come easily to horses with some conformation, while it is a struggle for other horses “built” differently. It’s all about the basics. If horses aren’t solid, there is no point in trying to teach them any “tricks”.

For me, it was incredibly helpful to understanding why I need to push my horse to use his body in a certain way. And, as someone who avoided all things science whenever possible in high school, this session was certainly the most challenging for me!

While only 'L' candidates are allowed direct Q&A interaction with the instructor, for most sessions our instructors did allow non-candidates to submit questions on note paper via the candidates, and occasionally opened the floor to all. Thirty to 40 percent of the attendees were non-candidate auditors or already qualified judges there to

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President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Celebrating the New Year means planning goals for the next few months and beyond. It is also a chance to review the accomplishments of 2015 and then to plan 2016 based on the results of 2015. Finding a positive way to look forward and renew our love of dressage and family should be foremost in our minds.

In early December, I attended the United States Dressage Federation Annual Convention in Las Vegas with Region 5 Director and RMDS Secretary Heather Petersen, outgoing Vice President Aline Brandau, incoming Vice President Joan Clay and many other RMDS and Region 5 members. With several required and elective meetings, as well as educational sessions, every day was full. *See report on pg 5.*

Action closer to home: The RMDS Board has a few changes. I am back



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

as president, and also elected are VP Joan Clay, Secretary Heather Petersen and Treasurer Sharon Soos. Committee Chairs voted in include Education Carie Sciss, Championships Bev Swanson, Communications Linda Gaber, Marketing Una Schade, Awards Shannon Lemons, Adult Amateur Didi DeKrey, Scholarship Mary Jo Hoepner, Junior/Young Rider Julie Burt, Professional Trainers/Riders Sarah Dodge, Western Dressage Frances Carbonnel and Historical Pat Leech.

I am looking forward to our Jan. 14 meeting where we will plan the 2016 season of shows and educational events. This wonderful group of volunteers has shown a vision for an exciting year. Then we will have our Awards Banquet for the first time in January on Jan. 16, again at the Renaissance Denver Hotel in Denver. RSVP by Jan. 8; there are no telephone reservations. See RMDS.org or reservation form pg. 10 for information. As usual, I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces of the award recipients.

I sincerely hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and that the celebration with your families and friends was full of joy and happiness. I celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ, and I know some of you celebrated the season that is part of your faith.

*Aloha,
Gwen Ka'awaloa*



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Foothills Chapter

Foothills members elected new officers for 2016, with plans to build on several successful events from 2015. All officers agreed to stay in their posts again while other members signed on as co-chairs for 2016. Leadership includes President Kris Cooper, VP Jan Danis, Secretary Nicole Riffe, Treasurer Laura Quakenbush, Scholarship Chair Marylou Metcalf, Education Chair Cassandra DiPentino, Show Co-Chairs Jan Danis and Linda Gaber, and Communications Co-Chairs CC Ross and Linda Gaber.

Plans for the year include the new Spring Into Summer Show on June 12 at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden, the annual Last Chance Show on Aug. 27 at TMR, another western dressage clinic and winter Ride-A-Tests. Clinics are proposed focusing on Tai Chi/yoga, an introduction to the basics of freestyle, a lunge line seat lesson and activities for Young Riders.

Goals for the year are to grow membership and introduce new people to dressage, to enhance skills, knowledge and performance of all members, and to develop programs and opportunities for chapter professionals to work together.

All current and interested Rocky Mountain Dressage Society members are welcome to our first chapter meeting of 2016 on Monday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at Tuscany Tavern in Evergreen. Join us for a meal or a beverage and dressage discussions.

Please like our Facebook page, Foothills Dressage Chapter of the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society, and visit our website www.FoothillsDressage.org for the latest chapter news.

Kris Cooper, Foothills President

Grand Valley

This year has been one of growth and firsts, most good!

In our October show which was well attended, we had our first sidesaddle rider - Tiana Mihalich, riding Bella (see photo). It was a fun and beautiful ride to watch. Our PARA rider, Rochelle Broughton, riding Sleepless Dancer, has been gaining experience and confidence throughout our schooling series. In our October schooling show, she scored over 70! She, her team and all the club are proud of her accomplishment (see photo).

We have more members this year and it has been good to see returning faces, as well as many new ones. We've



PARA rider Rochelle Broughton, and her team.



Tiana Mihalich riding Bella.

each a freestyle pattern plus music to match. We felt so fortunate to have this great contribution to our club. Many of us are busy working on freestyles now; we're all eager to see what they will look like next year at our first show in May. Our only sad first-ever was the cancellation of the recognized show in September due to VS. This was a difficult and disappointing decision to make, but we are looking forward to a USEF/USDF/RMDS/UDS recognized show next year!

Our final event of the year was an awards and Christmas party on Dec. 5. Our club was given a large number of Breyer Horse models as a donation and we will be selling them in a silent auction to raise money for the club during the party. A few of them will be given out as awards next year for the highest scores of the day at the shows.

Next year we are looking forward to full schooling shows and a recognized show, all using the two covered arenas for warm-up and competition. We have a few ideas for programs both social and educational. Horses, dressage and friends - mix them up together and you have a wonderful recipe for enjoyment! Looking forward to sharing next year with all our returning and new club members.

Arlene Rhodes, GVDS Chapter President

added many new Jr/YR's this year to the club and the competitions. Adding the Prix Caprilli classes seemed to draw more riders to allow jumping.

In November we had our first co-sponsored clinic with RMDS with Julie Haugen for fun with Freestyles. Eight riders benefited from her talent along with her helper Natalie Lamp-light in getting

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR LINDA GABER

1. Committee Chair, please introduce yourself and explain why you volunteered for this post



Linda Gaber and Gallod Enki.

From the time I was Feature Editor of my Bloomfield Hills High School newspaper in this Detroit suburb, I have enjoyed writing, researching articles and then preparing them for publication.

To date, that's two college degrees and more than 40 years of experience at daily newspapers, including the Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post in Colorado, magazines, newsletters and other media. I have combined my love of horses with my journalism at every opportunity, serving previously as a paid Centaur editor, as well as volunteer Centaur editor and Communications Chair 2012-2014, and now in 2016. During this time, I and Janet "Dolly" Hannon and Debbie Edmondson have won writing awards from USDF, and our website always is top rated. I am learning dressage along with my Welsh Cob, inching our way up the levels and growing our harmony.

2. What does your committee do for members?

There are three primary goals: Keep members informed, raise awareness about RMDS and earn advertising income. The committee employs three contractors to perform specialized functions. The editor and chair posts are unpaid and voluntary.

Webmaster Michael Petersen produces and maintains rmds.org. This has the latest and greatest information on current events and advertising options. Centaur Production is by Beverly Swanson of Piaffe Design. She creates the online full-color e-Centaur newsletter e-mailed to members at the beginning of even months. This online product saves RMDS about \$11,000 annually in paper, mailing and printing costs. Similarly, Beverly uses desktop publishing to create and produce the printed Centaur mailed on odd months. The paper Centaur continues to be requested by

Look to this page in your 2016 printed Centaurs for an introduction to your RMDS Committees and the committee chairs who lead them. The goal is to give you a look into your organization's working parts, so to speak, to let you know what is planned and to invite you to share your ideas for what you would like to see happen. Volunteering to work on a committee's activities is an ideal way to make new friends and influence its events.

The Society's 12 permanent and appointed committees and their chairs make things happen. They organize and produce the clinics, shows, scholarships, educational programs, banquet, awards, newsletter, webpage and omnibus, youth opportunities, professional training and adult rider activities that are offered each year.

Action starts first with each of them: Adult Amateur, Awards, Communications, Education, Junior/Young Riders, Marketing, Professional Trainers/Riders, RMDS Show Liaison and Scholarship. Appointed committees are Banquet, Nominating and Western Dressage Liaison.

many members, and is the largest source of articles, contact and calendar information. Omnibus contractor Nicole Bizzarro manages ad placement, prize lists, awards rules and other show information in the annual rider, trainer and instructor show guide mailed to every member this month. Their contact information is listed in the printed Centaur under the Communications Committee.

All of these produce advertising income to offset communications costs. Rmds.org lists criteria for additional advertising potential in the Annual RMDS Championship Show program, and E-Mail Blasts for reaching all members quickly with current events, horse sales and other equine-related business. More ads are listed in the Website Marketplace and in both newsletters.

3. How can members support and be involved in RMDS Communications?

These are your newsletters. Fill them with your personality, wisdom and interests. You have valuable, varied experiences and education with horses and their people. Write an article about what you have learned, what you have enjoyed, what has made you grow and the people you have met through horses. Send phone photos. What are you missing that you want to know? Tell us your suggestions for articles or features you want to see. Thank someone, tell us a humorous story, ask for answers, ask for help. Tell us what

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USDF CONVENTION REPORT

Leaving Las Vegas Inspired

From *Gwen Ka'awaloa*

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Joan Clay, Gwen Ka'awaloa, and Aline Brandau with the RMDS Basket.

Among the topics: Region 5 is starting work on developing more ideas for our JR/YRs. RMDS is confirming the dates this fall for the USDF Adult Symposium. 2017 is up for bid for the Region 5 Championships. The USDF BOG voted to keep the National Championship show in Kentucky through 2017 to give more time to find a suitable site in the West.

The educational sessions were special as USDF benefited from the American Association of Equine Practitioners' convention also under way here, as several of our programs were presented by AAEP veterinarians. For those of us who chose to attend the late afternoon and evening sessions, new insight on the care of our equine partners was shared over and over again. As a judge and certified instructor, I was able to attend some educational sessions and discussions on where we are headed with dressage and our commitment to the art, as well as competition. Every year I leave the convention inspired for our future in dressage. The USDF staff and the Executive Board (including Regional Directors) always find a way to put on a convention that works toward the enhancement of the sport of dressage – super team of people.

USDF Salutes RMDS, Region 5 Winners At 2015 Annual Convention

Through the Adequan®/ USDF Year-End Awards Program, USDF recognizes top horses, owners and riders at the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet. Awards for the horse are awarded to the owner of the horse and awards for the rider are awarded to the rider of the horse.

These Region 5 members are 2015 award recipients:



Raissa Chunko of Fort Collins, CO., received her Bronze Medal from USDF President George Williams at the 2015 USDF Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, NV.

CC Ross of Golden, CO, received her Master's Challenge Award at Training Level at the Awards Banquet.



Anne Sparks of Albuquerque, N.M., accepted honors for the horse she bred, Gallant Reflection HU, named Adequan/USDF FEI six-year-old champion. She is CEO of Horses Unlimited. In 2013, she was USEF Dressage Breeder of the Year, and USDF Reserve Champion Dressage Breeder of the Year in 2011 and 2012.

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listen and learn. I know they got as much out of those two days as we did! (December 2014 Centaur has a summary.)

Getting to Know Good Gaits

Onward to the B session of the 'L' program where we began to break down and evaluate gaits and movements with the help of another USDF faculty member, William Solyntjes. I especially liked Bill's viewpoint that when scoring we had to leave room both above and below for those rides that were better, and those that were much, much worse. (February 2015 Centaur has the highlights.)

Rounding out January was the annual 'L' Continuing Education session focusing on Musical Freestyles and moderated by Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez. Even the 'r' judges who attended were provided with new insight into how to deconstruct (or build) a quality musical freestyle, and how

These educational programs can be the start of your 2016 year of learning. Details always are at rmds.org, in RMDS newsletters and calendars:

Jan. 30 RMDS Judges' Continuing Education with USEF Judge Janet "Dolly" Hannon

Feb. 6 RMDS Show Management and TD Clinic with Laurie Mactavish and Heather Petersen, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO.

to judge the choreography and musical selection behind that performance.

I can attest to the fact that it was a far more intensive learning experience than any freestyle discussions during our 'L' program and invaluable in understanding how the judge views music selections and freestyle construction. (See the March 2015 issue of Centaur for a summary of what we learned.)

Next up was the Intro to New Tests Clinic with Kristi Wysocki. This session was quite popular and there was little wonder as to why. Kristi provided great insight into why the tests were rewritten/redesigned in a certain way, either to improve their flow or to test the horse and rider's abilities in a particular way. She also provided some valuable tips on how to judge them.

In March the C session of the 'L' program was held with instructor Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez. I had the good fortune to have some sit time with Debbie at a schooling show

earlier in the year, so I felt very comfortable with her style of judging. Our focus for this session was on collective scores and remarks, and how they evolve from the scores given during the body of the test. (May 2015 Centaur)

You, Too, Can Sit With a Judge

Sit time with 'R' or 'S' judges was required for all 'L' candidates prior to our testing. While this privilege is normally reserved for judge candidates, it is certainly something anyone might pursue at a schooling show. Ask a judge or show manager if you might take advantage of this great learning opportunity. Remember, just as with scribing, what is said in the judge's box stays in the judge's box!

Another great learning opportunity presented itself in May when my trainer Gwen Ka'awaloa rode in the Christoph Hess clinic. While the two days of Trainer sessions were closed to non-professionals, the open clinic day was not. I was able to audit as Gwen's groom and watch as one rider after another was taken back to the basics to improve their horse's performance. It was truly remarkable to see the difference in each horse from beginning to end of session. (May 2015 Centaur)

This clinic was so inspiring that I was determined to ride in the next session in October. That ride was a phenomenal confidence-building experience for both me and my horse Acero. Christoph immediately zeroed in on his biggest basics' "hole" (resistance to seeking the bit) and gave us great exercises to take home. By the end of our ride we were both floating.

As an 'L' candidate, I obviously participated in the D1 and D2 sessions of practice judging, both written and oral. While these sessions are closed to non-candidates, there were several opportunities to scribe for candidates and learn from that experience. I believe Arizona Dressage is sponsoring another program this coming year and scribes likely will be needed for their D1 and D2 sessions. Check with the program coordinator if you have scribing experience and are interested in this chance to learn.

While my focus this year was on that 'L' program (which I'm happy to say I completed successfully), there were so many other great learning opportunities this past year. These included the clinic with Andreas Hausberger of the Spanish Riding School hosted by High Plains Chapter (September 2015 Centaur), the TD and Show Management Clinic in February, an RMDS-sponsored Scribing and Scoring Clinic in March, and clinics with James Shaw and Alfredo Hernandez at

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private facilities. Our Western Slope chapter also held a Freestyle Clinic in November.

Did you miss any of these wonderful learning opportunities this past year? Are you out there struggling ride after ride with infrequent lessons? Don't depend solely on your trainer. There is so much you can do to improve your riding on a daily basis, starting with your brain. Also, many

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went well. Give us advice on how to avoid what didn't succeed. Suggest or write a column.

Tell why your farrier is terrific, how you are training long-distance using Skype, how a non-horse person has benefited you and your horse. Do you have a recipe for horse cookies? How did you get out of a trailer jam? Has your RMDS Chapter initiated a great new program? The printed Centaur publishes chapter news in every issue, listing events, clinics, awards, officers and many programs open to all. Did you go on a horse destination trip? Did you groom or ride at a national or international equine program or competition? Do you know a yoga instructor or natural-based solutions that are helpful to riders or horses? Report what you learned at a clinic to share with

riders learn best with their eyes, seeing movements done correctly. Clinics are an excellent opportunity to do this.. Check the USDF website for suggested books and eTRAK learning. Do you read your Centaur, both print and email editions? Do you check your emails from RMDS? Check that junk mail folder or you might miss out. Becoming a better rider starts with a willingness to learn and to search for the opportunity to do so.

RMDS members. Are you enjoying horses from afar and want to know how to add them to your life?

RMDS is dedicated to "educating horse and rider as partners" and its members are your source for all things horse. Just let us know how to help.

Centaur Guidelines and Contact

- Contact Communications Chair Linda Gaber 303-674-7998, wriders@icloud.com
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GRAND VALLEY/RMDS FREESTYLE CLINIC

With Ideal Music, Patterns & New Dance Steps Take Shape

From Arlene Rhodes, president of Grand Valley Dressage Society.

In early November, the Grand Valley Dressage Society Chapter co-sponsored a freestyles clinic with RMDS. This clinic would not have been possible without the vision and hard work of Didi DeKrey, RMDS Adult Amateur Committee Chair, and Julie Haugen, the clinician, along with Natalie Lamplight, her student assistant. The commitment to rider education through the financial support of RMDS and GVDS clubs allowed this clinic to be held.

The two-day format was quite unique. Before the Western Slope clinic, each rider provided Julie a video of their horse's gaits, the level they wanted to show and their music preferences. Her goal was to create a freestyle pattern for each rider and also prepare some music selections that might work for them.

I was the local contact and hadn't planned on being a participant. But, one of the riders had to pull out at the last minute, so I took the opportunity to join in the fun. I had already given thought to my music preferences as I had been thinking for awhile about doing my first freestyle; I just hadn't gotten started yet. I sent Julie a video clip from my last lesson and she graciously got the prep work done with short notice.



Judi DeVore and Bo.

Creating a Partnership

The two-hour presentation on Friday night included a PowerPoint program and handouts giving an introduction to freestyles and freestyle competition requirements for riders and auditors. Julie's goal was to begin to train our eye to see the connection between the horse's movement and the music. We looked at the good, the bad and the ugly, and it became clear how the right music could enhance the harmony and gaits of the horse/rider combination. We also saw examples of music and patterns that prevent-



Mackenzie Quigley and Dually during freestyle instruction with Julie Haugen.

ed any sense of harmony. With Natalie's expert video/audio PowerPoint presentations, we watched a short clip of a horse and rider played with several different music selections. We then discussed how changing the music affected the perspective of the horse's movement and we all voted on our favorite. The handouts had great information on websites that help you find music or your horse's tempo, and she had some free sources listed for applications to edit your music.

The next morning at the Mesa County Fairgrounds, eight riders got to work on their freestyles. Our horses and rider levels were varied: a Warmblood, a Haflinger, an Arabian, several Quarterhorses and various crosses. Our youngest rider, Mackenzie Quigley, rode her Quarterhorse *Dually* in a First Level pattern and her mom, Jennifer Weber, rode her own horse *Ricoh* in a FEI Level pattern. Though one of our riders, Deb Crooks, has ridden dozens of freestyles, she chose to ride *Patrick*, her Andalusian/Quarterhorse in the clinic with Julie to help her work out a walk sequence to improve her freestyle.

Most of the riders had never created nor ridden a freestyle. For each rider, Julie provided written sheets with the freestyle test patterns she suggested. During the rides, as they worked the patterns, she adjusted them to make it flow better. Natalie was busy playing

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Grand Valley/RMDS Freestyle Clinic from pg 8

different gait music using her computer hooked to the speaker system till the rider and Julie were both happy with the selection for each gait. Didi DeKrey was there taking photos and video clips which she provided for the riders. It was amazing to watch the horses' different responses as the just-right music seemed to make the horse lighter and energized.

Starting on Homework

I had been talking about doing a freestyle for over a year, but just didn't know how to begin. So I was really excited to get this start with Julie. It was fun to ride in the arena we usually show in, and enjoyable riding to music



Betsy Small on Chief with Julie Haugen.

and experimenting with different music patterns. I was too busy to be nervous and really just totally enjoyed the experience. I had wanted Christian music with lyrics and Julie found lots of samples for me to try, both with and without lyrics. We found some that worked well with my horse's gaits. It became so much easier to find and keep the tempo when the music "clicked". I walked through, then rode the patterns Julie created and we modified them as we went along. All the while, Natalie was playing the walk/trot/canter samples during the ride and we noted the ones that were the best. I came home with my paper sheets with the freestyle movements and the music titles that worked. I spent the next weekend learning how to use the free music editing software and as a practice run, created a music file to match the video of my horse. I am excited for the warmer weather and a chance to ride the finished pattern in the full-size arena so I can create a music file to match the finalized ride I will put on video.

Julie did an incredible amount of work before and during the clinic. Each rider was given such a great start to getting a freestyle finished for next year's show season. Everyone who rode or audited came away with a greater understanding of the work involved in putting a freestyle together. But, we also left with excitement and enthusiasm to get in the ring and dance to the music with our horses!

NEW USEF EQUINE VACCINATION RULE FOR COMPETITORS

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. In addition:

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Call the hotel at [303-399-7500](tel:303-399-7500) to make a reservation if you need a room.

Call Aline Brandau, Banquet Chair, at [720-323-0578](tel:720-323-0578) for RMDS banquet questions.

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Janet ‘Dolly’ Hannon ‘S’

Saturday, January 30, 2016

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Table Mountain Ranch – Golden, CO

USEF JUDGES, USDF L GRADUATES & USDF L PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

RMDS Members \$60.00 Nonmembers \$75.00 At the door (all) \$80.00

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NEW LISTING!

4437 FOOTHILLS DRIVE, BERTHOUD

MLS # 779798 PRICE \$850,000
5.6 acres, custom 5 bed, 3 bath home. Partially finished basement w/ home theatre and craft area. Large 60x75 multi-use heated outbuilding has 4 stalls, heated tack room/office, oversize RV garage door. Second 30x40 outbuilding has insulated office and garage door. Fully fenced and cross fenced.



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NEW LOWER PRICE! 7581 NIMBUS ROAD, LONGMONT

MLS #759327 NEW PRICE: \$1,950,000
57 +/- acres along with 97 shares of Left Hand irrigation water. Water tap on property. Bordered by Left Hand Creek to the north. Ag zoned, no conservation easement.

Many people ask me, "Is the market still as hot as it was this spring?" I think so, especially in some price ranges and locations. I've seen incredible activity in the Frederick and Firestone area in the \$350,000 and below price range. Longmont is still very brisk in almost all price ranges. Smaller acreages in unincorporated Boulder and Larimer counties are also selling quite quickly if priced at \$850,000 and below, but specially at \$500,000 and below. So, is listing over the holidays a good idea? I think so. Inventory has been tight all year, but more so now. If a free market analysis will help you with your decisions, please give me a call.

LONGMONT AREA

Single Family	Nov-14	Nov-15	% Chg
Total # Sold - Month	81	82	1.2%
# Sold - YTD	1111	1,225	10.3%
Avg Days on Market	56	53	-5.4%
# of Active Listings	248	239	-3.6%
Median Sales Price	284,000	300,000	5.6%
Average Sales Price	289,191	355,976	23.1%

BOULDER COUNTY PLAINS

Single Family	Nov-14	Nov-15	% Chg
Total # Sold - Month	81	82	1.2%
# Sold - YTD	1111	1,225	10.3%
Avg Days on Market	56	53	-5.4%
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FIRESTONE, FREDERICK & DACONO

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To see photos and more information about any of these properties, please visit my website at

www.AndriaAllen.com

• **303-810-8375**



Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

RMDS CALENDAR

JANUARY 2016

- 9-10 **USDF "L" Program Session A-Central AZ Dressage Academy-AZ**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz 480-580-0645 dvschmitz@msn.com
- 16 **RMDS Awards Banquet**
Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St. Denver
- 30 **Judges Continuing Education-Dolly Hannon-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**
Contact Carie Sciss 719-264-9742 Carie Sciss carie.sciss@q.com

FEBRUARY 2016

- 6 **TD/Show Management Continuing Education-Laurie Mactavish & Heather Petersen-Douglas Co Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Carie Sciss 719-264-9742 Carie Sciss carie.sciss@q.com
- 6 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com
- 20-21 **Science of Motion with Jean Luc Cornille-Colorado Springs, CO**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 21 **High Plains Dressage Youth Clinic-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO**
Contact Kathy Simard katsimard@msn.com 303-525-8284
- 20-21 **USDF "L" Program Session B-Central AZ Dressage Academy-AZ**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0645, dvschmitz@msn.com

MARCH 2016

- 5 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com

APRIL 2016

- April 1-3 **Michelle Gibson Clinic-Colorado Equestrian Center-Littleton, CO**
Contact Corinne Lettau 612-964-6467 clettau@msn.com
- 2 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com
- 16-17 **USDF "L" Program Session C-Central AZ Dressage Academy-AZ**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0645, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 16 **Pikes Peak RMDS Show-Kaimana Farms-Elizabeth, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 17 **NCDA Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**
Contact Didi DeKrey denisedekrey@gmail.com
- 18-19 **Instructors Symposium with George Williams – for professionals only**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 20 **Instructors Clinic with George Williams – Everyone welcome**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 29-May1 **Dressage for the Cure Warm-up & Dressage for the Cure-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net

MAY 2016

- 7 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com
- 7 **BVD Ride-A-Test-Reverie Farms-Longmont, CO-Simone Ahern**
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 8 **BVD Spring Fling- Reverie Farms-Longmont, CO-Sarah Martin**
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 7-8 **GVDS Schooling Show with Megan Bretey-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 14-15 **Rocky Mtn Dressage I, II-Somerset Farms-Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Dian Seabury 520-906-5545 dfseabury@gmail.com

- 27-29 **Paragon Dressage I, II, III-Estes Park, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net

- 27-29 **Nebraska Cornhusker Schooling Show and Cornhusker Classic I, II (not RMDS recognized)-Lancaster Event Center-Lincoln, NE**
Contact Anne Sushko gandasushko@hotmail.com

JUNE 2016

- 3-5 **High Prairie Dressage I, II, III-Colo Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Geoff Combs 303-841-5550 geoffcombs@cohorsepark.com
- 4 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Lisa Lamke 303-660-2456 llamke@msn.com
- 4-5 **USDF "L" Program Session D1-Parker, CO**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0645, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 11 **USDF Reg 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition-Tomora Trng Center**
Contact RMDS Central Office rmds@rmds.org 720-890-7825
- 12 **Foothills Spring into Summer-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**
Contact Linda Gaber 785-470-7569 wriders@icloud.com
- 11-12 **GVDS Schooling Show with Patti Thurman-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 18-19 **Rocky Mtn Summer Dressage I, II-Somerset Farms-Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Dian Seabury 520-906-5545 dfseabury@gmail.com
- 18-19 **Fountain Valley Dressage-Colorado Springs, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 25-26 **Autumn Hill Dressage I, II-CSU Equine Center-Ft Collins, CO-USEF**
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JULY 2016

- 9-10 **Millbrook Farms Summer Dressage Festival-Millbrook Farms-Utah-USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 10 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show I-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 15-16 **Dressage at the Peak Warm-up and at the Peak II-Fountain Valley School-Colorado Springs, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 16-17 **Rocky Mountain Dressage III, IV-Somerset Farms-Longmont, CO**
Contact Dian Seabury 520-906-5545 dfseabury@gmail.com
- 26-31 **NAJYRC – Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact USEF 859-258-2472 www.usef.org

AUGUST 2016

- 5-7 **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III-Colo Horse Park, Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Geoff Combs 303-841-5550 geoffcombs@cohorsepark.com
- 6-7 **USDF "L" Program Session D2-Parker, CO**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0645, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 13-14 **Dressage in the Big Sky-White Aspen Ranch-Billings, MT**
Contact Emily Brewster 406-652-1530 e_luoma@hotmail.com
- 13-14 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Millbrook Farms-Utah-USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 14 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show II-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 19-21 **Estes Park I, II-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 19-21 **Dressage at Santa Fe-Hipico Santa Fe-NM-USEF**
Contact Dianne Delayo 505-660-9347 diannedelayo@msn.com
- 20-21 **Utah Dressage Shows I, II-Salt Lake City Equestrian Park-S. Jordan, UT-USEF**
Contact Stacey Hornsby 801-712-9621 stacey.hornsby@gmail.com

- 27 **Foothills Last Chance Show-
Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**
Contact Jan Danis 505-490-2805 jandalusian@gmail.com
- 28 **BVD So Long to Summer Show-Somerset Farm-Longmont, CO**
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 2016

- 2-3 **Grand Valley Fall Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-
Grand Junction, CO-Janet Foy-USEF**
Contact Arlene Rhodes 970-201-1779 arlene@skypony.org
- 4 **GVDS Schooling Show -Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 14 **X Halt Salute RMDS Show-Estes Park, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 14 **RMDS Sport Horse Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 15-18 **RMDS & Reg 5 Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net

OCTOBER 2016

- 1-2 **USDF "L" Program Final-Burbank, CA**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0645, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 8-9 **USDF Reg. 5 Adult Clinic: Kathy Connelly & Betsy Steiner
Reverie Farms, Longmont CO**
Contact Victoria Trout at USDF 859-271-7882 vtrout@usdf.org
- 8-9 **GVDS Schooling Show with Jessica Greer-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 16 **NCDA Schooling Show-Tomora Traing Center-Greeley, CO**
Contact Didi DeKrey denisedekrey@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2016

- 6 **RMDS Board of Governors-**
Contact RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 10-13 **Natl Championships-Kentucky Horse Park-Lexington, KY USEF**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – open to all-2nd Thursday of the odd months-6:30 pm. Contact RMDS Central Office for location For updates to the calendar, check the website at www.rmds.org

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**THESE EVENTS ARE DEPENDENT ON
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CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!**

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RMDS PAID POSITIONS

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

Bids due by Feb. 28, 2016

- Centaur Production-effective with May issue 2016
- E-Centaur Production-effective with June issue 2016
- Omnibus Production
- 2017/2018 Championship Show Management

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

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

Bids must be received by Feb. 28, 2016. We hope you will plan to attend the Mar. 12 Executive Board meeting as there may be questions asked of you.

*If you would like to write about your
Chapter Show,
please send report and pictures to
CentaurPublisher@gmail.com*

Don't miss the Annual Awards Banquet!
Jan. 16, 2016
**Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St.,
Denver, CO**

2016 RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Scholarship	MaryJo Hoepner	719-495-3648	scholarship@rmds.org

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

Banquet	TBA		
Western Dressage Liaison.....	Frances Carbonnel.....	720-979-3120	classicallegacy@aol.com

RMDS CENTRAL OFFICE

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High Plains.....	Olga Hendrickson	720-556-4852	olgahendrickson@gmail.com
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Western Colorado.....	Barbara Graham Terry	970-963-4649	bgterry1@comcast.net

GOVERNING BODIES

United States Dressage Federation (USDF)	859-971-227	www.usdf.org
4051 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511		

USDF REGION 5

Director	Heather Petersen	303-648-3164	slush@drwg.net
FEI Jr/YR Coordinator	Joan Clay.....	970-420-0887	jncly@comcast.net
Website			www.usdfregion5.org
US Equestrian Federation, Inc (USEF)		859-258-2472	www.usef.org
4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511			

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RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

Arkansas Valley: 2nd Thurs.-monthly, location TBD, Beth Hart, 719-821-9354, bethhart7@gmail.com1 check www.arkansasvalleydressage.org for times and locations

Boulder Valley: 2nd Mon., even months, location TBD, Robin Gay 303-516-1917 blondie17536@yahoo.com

Colorado Springs: 3rd Tues.-even months, location TBD, Pat Leech 719-749-2860 pat.leech@skybeam.com

Foothills: quarterly meetings, location TBD, Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 kris@anchoragefarm.com

Grand Valley: 3rd Tues. of the month, location: Mesa Mall Community Meeting Room 6:30pm Arlene Rhodes 970-201-1779 arlene@skypony.org

High Plains: Bimonthly- location-TBD, Olga Hendrickson 720-556-4852 olgahendrickson@gmail.com

Northern Colo.: 2nd Tues., each month, location TBD Renee Martig 970-278-0500 silverpony@frii.com

On the Bit: location TBD, Jessica Ford 307-797-2478 aprilscomet97@yahoo.com

Pikes Peak: 2nd Tuesday of the month - check www.pikespeakdressage.org for dates & location, Susan Borders susan.e.borders@gmail.com 719-740-1099

Platte River: location TBD, Laura Speer 970-371-2934 riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com

Western Colorado: location TBD, Barbara Graham Terry 970-963-4649

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates in 2016 may be variable, please check the calendar or the website. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location.

2016 RMDS-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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

Jan. 16	Awards Banquet-Renaissance Denver Hotel-Quebec Street-Denver, CO
Jan. 30	Judges Continuing Education – Dolly Hannon - Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO
Feb. 6	TD/Show Management Clinic – Douglas County Fairgrounds – Castle Rock, CO Laurie MacTavish & Heather Petersen
Apr. 18-19	Professionals Symposium with George Williams-professionals only (Monday/Tuesday)
Apr. 20	Clinic with George Williams – open to all (Wednesday)
Jun. 11	Adult/Youth Team Competition – Tomora Equestrian Training Center – Greeley, CO
Sep. 14-18	RMDS Championships & Region 5 Championships – Stanley Park Fairgrounds – Estes Park, CO

For details on these and other RMDS events:

- Contact the Education Chairman: education@rmds.org
- Read the Centaur
- Go on the website - www.rmds.org
- Contact the RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

The Centaur Newsletter

The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 7th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters-to-the-editor: RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301, Phone: 720.890.7825, email: rmds@indra.com

ADVERTISING

RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301, Phone: 720.890.7825, email: rmds@indra.com

DISPLAY ADVERTISING

For information about corporate advertising and/or sponsorship, please contact Beth Geier (contact info above.)

Artwork (ads) must be provided in electronic format. Acceptable forms include: jpeg, pdf, tiff, eps, and doc. IF UNSURE ABOUT AD FORMATTING, please contact the editor (contact info above) for consultation. No substitutions may be accepted. If your ad is submitted in a file format other than those listed above, you will be contacted regarding an additional charge for reformatting or redesign. Hourly charge for redesign/reformat is \$50, in minimal units of one hour.

Please be sure to include a printed version of your ad with your payment so that the ad may be proof-read against the electronic version. Printed ad copy cannot be used as final art.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads may be submitted via email to the RMDS office (address above.) You may also type or hand-write a classified ad and mail it to RMDS headquarters, attn: Beth Geier, The Centaur. Please limit your classified ad copy to 50 words or less. Exceeding 50 words will result in additional charges per line.

PAYMENT AND AD COPY DELIVERY

Email ads to: rmds@indra.com, and cc the electronic copy to nicbiz@indra.com. Send payment and hard-copy to the RMDS office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301.

AD RATES AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

Classified \$20 per item for sale (includes web listing.) 50 words maximum. Classified w/photo \$32 per item for sale.

Full Page \$150 7" x 9.5"

Half Page \$90 7" x 4.5"

Outside back half \$105 7" x 4.5"

1/4 Page (Vertical Only) . \$55 3.25" x 4.5"

1/8 Page (Business Card) \$30 3.5" x 2"

(Horizontal only)

Ask about discounts for multi-month or annual ad contracts.

Payment for ads is due on the 7th of the month. If not received by the following 7th of the month, the person will be listed on the RMDS website under the suspended category.

EDITORIAL POLICY

Articles submitted for publication will not be returned. Please contact the editor before submitting unsolicited articles or photos. Articles represent the work and views of their authors, and not necessarily that of RMDS, its officers or employees.

Utilize the RMDS Network

Trainers and Instructors

Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

If you wish to increase business, you can place your information on the RMDS website at very low cost. Send information to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Dr, Boulder, CO 80301, Phone 720.890.7825, or email: rmds@indra.com (note on subject line "Trainer Info".) Please include your name, phone, address, email, training locations and other pertinent info such as awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website marketplace receives between 300-400 hits per month, and the trainer page averages about 80. RMDS receives emails requesting names of trainers in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Cost is \$50 annually. Mail check to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive. Boulder, CO 80301.

Advertise Events on the RMDS Website

Website ads on the RMDS site provide your event with high visibility. Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears. Unless the RMDS Central Office is notified in advance (rmds@indra.com), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

Please limit content of the ad to 20 words. Your email and website addresses will be displayed as links.

Because of the implicit connection to the RMDS, we reserve the rights to:

- Refuse any ad.
- Edit ad content.
- Limit the number of ads displayed at any one time.

Important Info on RMDS membership

Awards are based on the information on your membership card. Be sure to double-check everything very carefully.

Duplicate cards are available for \$2.00. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by mailing the Central Office at rmds@indra.com.

Proof of AA status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, and horse MUST be current members PRIOR to any ride for the score to count towards qualifying for RMDS Championships and for qualifying for any year-end award. If PONY is not listed under breed and you have a pony, send a copy of the measurement form or the permanent pony card to the Central Office. Remember, membership and its details are your responsibility. Be sure corrections are made.

Technical Delegates, Judges, and Certified Instructors

Dressage Judge Ratings and Levels Qualified to Judge

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.

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second	3*	(FEI C)	All
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth	4*	(FEI I) International	All
"S"	Senior	All	5*	(FEI O)	All

FEI 4*

Janet Foy^{^*}719-260-1566
Sandra Hotz [^].....303-817-2030

FEI PARA Dressage 4*

Kristi Wysocki303-648-9877

FEI PARA Dressage 3*

Sue Curry Shaffer [^] 707-483-0860

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Kristi Wysocki303-648-9877

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Janet "Dolly" Hannon ^{^*}.....303-919-4112
Sandra Hotz [^].....303-817-2030
Anita Owen.....303-953-9904
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Kristi Wysocki ^{^*}303-648-9877

[^] = FEI Young Horse Certified

* = Dressage Seat Equitation Certified

USEF 'r'

Amy Jablonovsky970-493-2833
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USDF 'L' Graduates (Schooling and RMDS

Only recognized shows)

*Denotes Graduation with Distinction

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Megan Bretey970-250-5812
Julie Burt720-347-8084
Kathleen Donnelly*.....970-310-8729
Wendy Fryke720-314-0974
Beth Geier303-673-9840
Jessica Greer970-581-5613
Julie Haugen*970-290-8360
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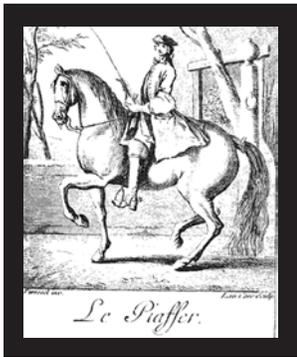
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Ask the Pros

Lets YOU Ask the Question



Sarah Dodge, 2016 Professional Liaison for RMDS, edits this feature column. RMDS members are encouraged to send questions to Sarah for area trainers to answer in the Ask The Pros column. RMDS professionals who are interested in contributing as a guest responder also are asked to contact her at sarahdodge3@gmail.com.

What's Your Question?

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5 Questions For Professionals

From Sarah Dodge

I asked three professionals the same five questions to help members get to know their RMDS professionals better. In the following columns, I will ask five questions of our Adult Amateurs and Juniors/Young Riders as well.

The three professionals for this Q&A are Petra Warlimont, Jenny Baldwin and Sarah Dodge.

1. How did you get started in dressage?



Petra Warlimont on Highschool MCF.

Petra – I started riding when I was 9 years old. In my riding club in Germany, we always were encouraged to do both disciplines, dressage and show jumping. At the time, I enjoyed jumping much more and at the age of 16 I quit dressage and focused on jumping only. That said, my jumpers all worked on Third Level movements, just in a different frame and without the cadence.

When I moved to the U.S. for college, I did whatever I could to ride horses. I worked for a hunter jumper trainer in Seattle, a dressage rider in Maine and, when I finally moved to Colorado, I was introduced to a lady who imported dressage horses for re-sale. I was very lucky to meet her and to get to ride these wonderful horses. I still didn't own boots then and rode with my stirrups 5 holes shorter! That's really when my love for dressage started, since I got to feel true collection and cadence in a horse.

Jenny – I got started in dressage as a necessary evil to jumping. As a teenager I loved the thrill of jumping and riding cross country. To be successful you have to ride dressage well, however. As an adult, I love the art form of classical dressage.

Sarah – I started riding at an eventing barn when I was 11. When I was 12, we moved from Illinois to Boulder and by chance ended up at Singletree. There I met Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez. I saw her training her huge gray horse Revelation and I was hooked. I had never seen anything like it. One day she let me “cool him out” by walking him around the track out back. I was in love! I started training my OTTB in dressage with Debbie and never looked back.

2. What products do you use that you can't live without?

Jenny – My bamboo socks from Sweden. Roeckl gloves with leather backing.



Petra – Argyle socks! And only the Waldhausen brand. You will never see me wearing any other socks when it comes to riding.

Sarah – I feed my horses RenewGold which I love, and I have a N2 Saddle that is the most comfortable saddle I've ridden in.

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3. What has been your most memorable horse show experience?

Petra – Highschool MCF's third place finish at the 2014 National Developing Horse Championships. He was 8 years old at the time. I had previously sold the Hanoverian gelding, now owned by Susan and Tom Alvey, when he was 5 years old. He was returned to me four months later rearing and with absolutely no confidence. To this day I don't understand what happened to him. But he just keeps trucking along now and keeps surprising us with his willingness to learn and endless talent. I am so very proud of this horse.



Jenny Baldwin.

recognized me instantly and I could not help giving him a little wave and a big smile as I rode by his judge booth. The test was great and I can still recall the feeling of pride and happiness.

Sarah – Competing in Spain on the Sunshine Tour. I was living in Germany at the time and was able to take my Young Rider's horse Format, and my Grand Prix horse Woodman for a whole month to Spain. The competition is three CDIs, a new show started every Wednesday. My coach at the time was also the coach of the British Olympic team, so we were stabled right next to Emile Faurie, Carl Hester and many other top European riders. It was incredible to compete alongside these professionals.

4. Outside of the barn, what activities do you enjoy?

Petra – I like skiing, diving (in the ocean... skydiving was a one-time thing), cooking and traveling.

Jenny – Outside the barn I enjoy fly fishing and gardening.



Sarah Dodge.

Sarah – If I'm not at the barn, I am with my husband and our 4-year-old son doing family stuff. Although, somehow we always end up at the barn!

5. What advice would you give to an aspiring professional?

Petra – Don't ever turn down a horse just because it is not fancy enough or it has some issues. They are all here to teach us something. Every horse I have ever ridden has given me another tool and knowledge I can use again and again. Never take short cuts and stay true to yourself. And: Have fun! Because if you don't, you will not make it in this profession!

Jenny – My advice is to seek out an established trainer and get a good working student position. Stay with that professional for at least three times as long as you set out to do.

Sarah – Go for it! Get the best dressage education you can afford. One of my trainers said to me 20 years ago, "There is no expense too great when it comes to education." That really stuck with me. I didn't have the money to "pay my way," so I earned it through hard work. No matter how you do it, get a solid education, ride as many horses as possible and learn the business side of the sport.

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I hope everyone is having a great Holiday season! We had a great week at the USDF Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many thanks to those of you who joined us and there were a lot of you. We had one of the highest attendances for Region 5 for the meetings and the awards dinner ever! It's always a great chance for networking, catching up with old friends and participating in the governance of our great sport. Our 2 regional meetings went very well and a lot of great information was exchanged. The weather was cooler for Las Vegas, but comfortable in the evenings with



a light coat. I have to admit I definitely took advantage of the destination and did the most tourist activities at this convention then I've done in years. I enjoyed the roller coaster, wine cellars, the NASCAR parade, the Ferris wheel High Roller, the fountains at Bellagio, shopping and dinner at many great restaurants of the strip in the local part of Las Vegas. We had our own person cab driver the whole week and he was fantastic about taking us to some fun and unique spots. The hotel was pretty nice and I even

spent a few dollars in the slot machines and at the Texas Hold'em table.

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 2016 USDF Convention in St Louis.
- The budget was presented as balanced and was approved. The finances of USDF are looking very good and we are doing well as an organization
- PM membership is up. GMO member is down a little but overall USDF membership is doing very well.
- USDF National Championships continue to be very well received and more rave reviews this year. We were at approximately the same number of entries for 2015 as we were for 2014. Bids are soon going to be open for the management of the 2017-2019 Finals

The USDF Board of Governors voted to keep the Finals in Kentucky for the time being and not move West until such time Region 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 can come forward to the BOG with an adequate venue that meets the needs of the show in terms of weather, footing, stabling and several other factors.

The awards banquet was very fun again this year. Congratulations to everyone on their medals, their Horse of the Year standings and their All Breed Awards. We had a lot of awards winners this year!

Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

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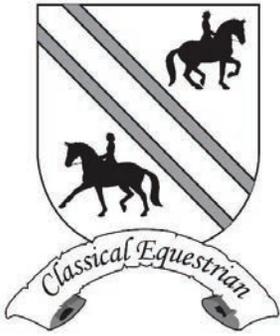
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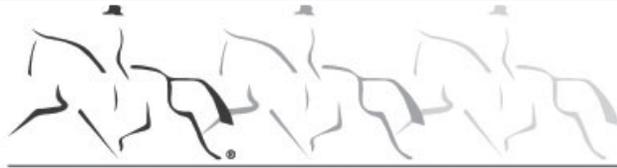
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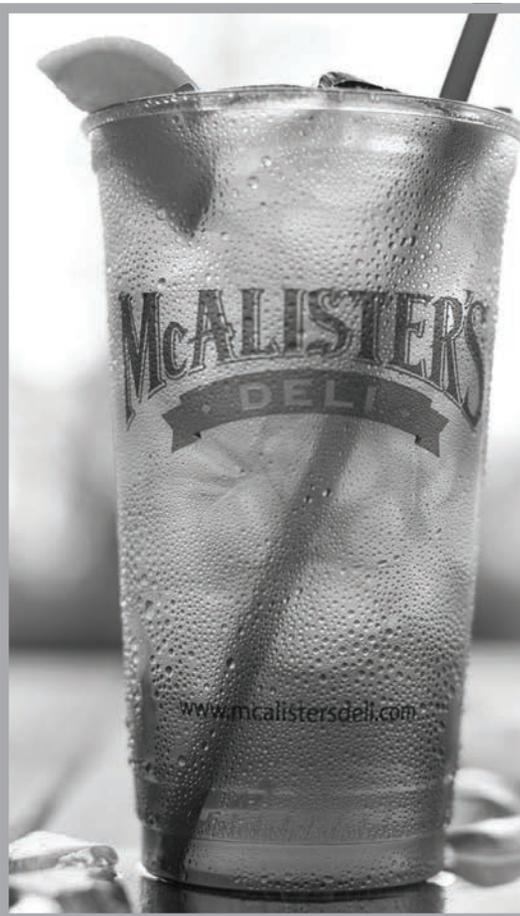
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