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Qualifying for the NAYRC in Europe

by Anna Wood

When my parents gave me permission to take a year off before starting college, I knew exactly what I wanted to do: go to Europe to ride dressage horses! After trying a couple barns, I decided to train with Uli Beschnidt in Bavaria, Germany, not far from the Alps. I had known her before from a previous horse buying trip and was familiar with her superb training techniques and happy, laid back style. Furthermore, she has a big, warm and fun-loving family with whom I was invited to live. The best part of it all was that, included in my job of being a working student, I would be able to ride lots of horses

After a few months in Europe, my folks gave me the go ahead to start looking for a new horse. This was a Big Event for me. Luckily, Uli and her husband, Dieter Beschnidt grew up in the European horse world, they know all the trainers in the back country barns of Germany, so they can come up with suitable prospects without hugely inflated prices. In my case, I was looking for a 9 year old Prix St Georges horse with whom I wanted to try to qualify for the Advanced Young Rider Championships in North America. A few weeks later, we found him: Novarredo was his name and we still haven't come up with a nickname.

Next, I had to learn to ride him. Luckily, after four years of riding and working for Grant and Sharon Schneidman at High Prairie Farms in Parker, I was well prepared for the situation at hand. Together, we began training Novarredo, preparing him for the Young Rider tests and all the Prix St Georges movements: sequential changes, canter pirouettes, half passes and more. With Uli's expert guidance, he learned fast.

I called Sheila Forbes at the USDF office to find out how to qualify for the NAYRC in Europe. I remembered the huge amount of paperwork it had been, just doing it in the U.S. The European Young Riders have a different system for qualifying for their Championships and they do not have the designated regional qualifying shows that would work for me. I realized that I



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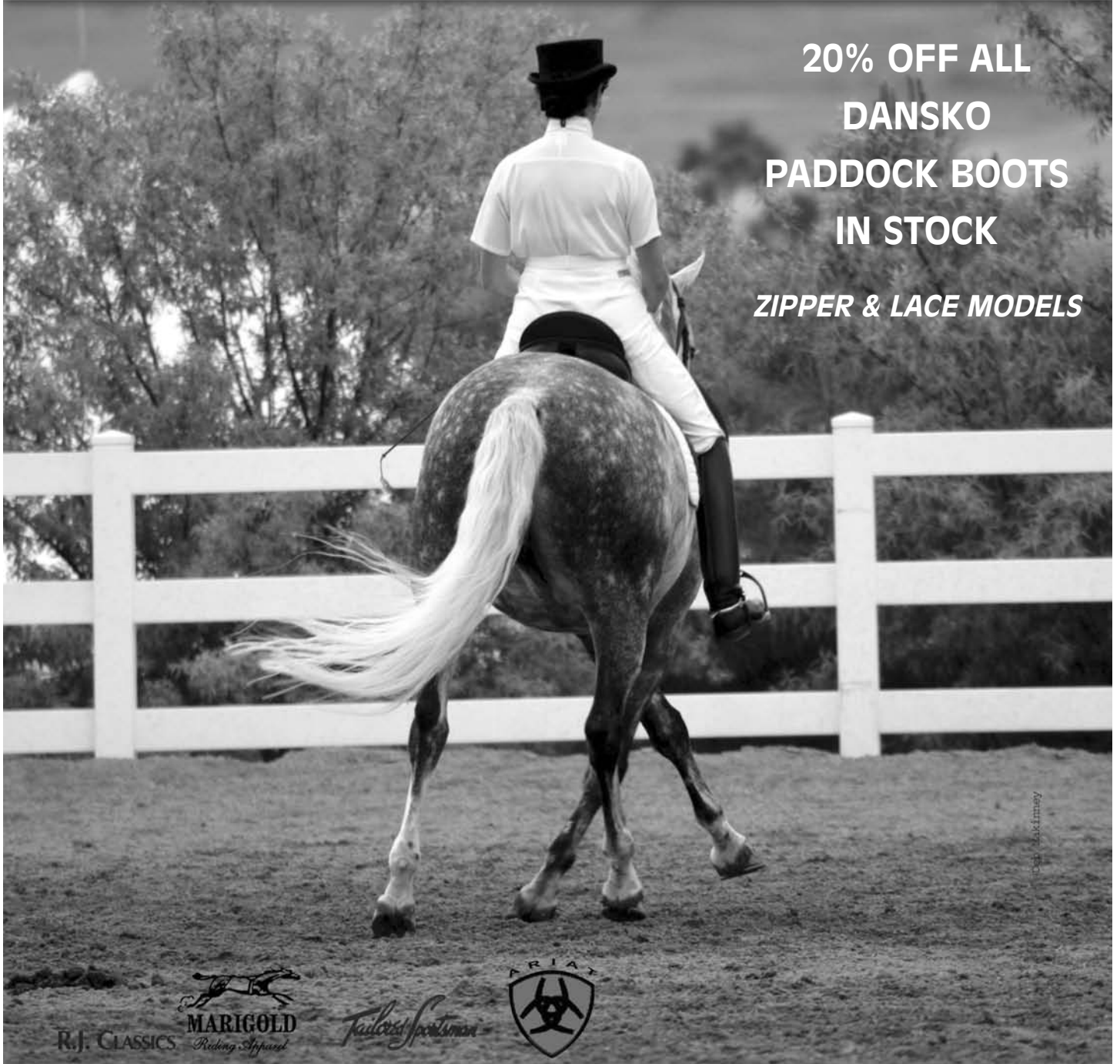
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Thanks to Volunteers for 'r' Judge Training

May 13-15 was a weekend filled with angst for 9 "L" graduates now trying for their 'r' rating through USEF. The nine candidates came from all over the country, most of who had never been to this area.

RMDS would like to give a huge thank you to the following:

Table Mountain Ranch for the use of the facility. We took up 2 days of outside arena space.

Demo riders; No program can survive without you. You are all absolutely awesome for taking the time on such a busy weekend.

Saturday: The movements and gaits were highlighted for the discussion.

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Pam Geier
Otto Koch
Maureen Yaskanin
Joyce Kattman
Barbara Gardner
Camille Griffin

Tina Wright
Christie Kilburn
Rachel Ames
Sunaura Ogletree
Kevin Horst
Susan Kracklauer
Simone Ahern

Margaret Thompson was gracious enough to demonstrate lateral walk & trot, which is natural for her horse.

Sunday: The tests were ridden and judged as if it were the real thing.

Beverly Swanson
Tracey Stenzel
Courtney Brock
Donna Maloney
Susan Kracklauer
Lauralie Taubenheim
Lauren Brown
Sage Hanner
Marilyn Soby
Simone Windeler
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Scribes for Sunday:
Linda Ohlson-Gross
Lana Lipinski
Shipley
Barbara Gardner
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You will notice that some of the riders also scribed on Sunday. Thank you for doing double duty! If anyone has been left off, we are truly sorry & you are still greatly appreciated!

The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



How fast can a summer go? I don't quite know what happened, but here we are already in July! Fireworks are flying and the show season is half over, hence the article about Championships. Hard to believe, but September is just around the corner.

I recently competed in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the NCDRA Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire show because of the many friendly faces surrounding me. We all went out and rode our best and yet supported each other. I saw many competitors taking the time to sit in the bleachers and watch their fellow competitors ride. I was impressed by the sportsmanship and the quality of the rides. I am looking forward to my next show at the end of July and seeing everyone again.

This issue of the Centaur has lots of tidbits of information. Look for a quick write-up on the Leslie Morse clinic held at Legacy Hill Farms. To those out there holding clinics, please write up a synopsis of your clin-

ic and submit it. This gives us an opportunity to learn even when we have not had the chance to attend.

Please note the thank you from Beth Geier regarding the volunteers at the "r" program at Table Mountain. Volunteers such as the riders and scribes at this event influence the future of our sport. Without volunteers there would be a lack of future judges moving up the ranks. Please keep that in mind whenever you are asked to volunteer.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe Fourth of July. See you at the next show!

Best regards,

Kathleen

The Weight of Things

by Rochelle Costanza, Platinum Farms

We all carry our baggage from life onto our horses and then they must deal with the weight but often cannot. The older we get, the more burdens or baggage we seem to carry, so as adults we seem to transfer more of that onto our horse than children do. Children may carry their emotions from the day onto their horse and need to learn to control that a bit, but most of the baggage is not there yet. As adults, we become experts at controlling our emotions, but the horse can feel what you feel inside... whether it is inner peace, or inner anxiety, riding related or not. You may be fooling yourself or others, but you can never fool the horse. Sit and observe a large group of riders every day and see what I mean.

Horses are brutally honest and only react to what they feel at the moment, whether it is from the rider or an outside source.

If as a rider and a person we can learn to somehow "let go" of the baggage when we are on our horses, and quiet the negative "noise" in our brain, it will clear the static that interferes with the communication between us and our horse. The "static" in our head may be unintentionally processed by them as "panic" or "stress," or just make it difficult for them to understand what we are trying to tell them. This may affect the future perform-

ance of the horse as they will relate that same scenario the next time with panic or stress. If you punish them in a time of stress, thinking they are intentionally being disobedient, the outcome will be even worse.

This is not easy to do (deal with and let go of one's baggage... and I'm not just talking about horse related) and takes a great deal of focus and introspect, often to the point of "owning up" to some painful personal issues that we may be suppressing or not dealing with.... as a result, our poor horses must deal with it, and they cannot reason as to why, they just know what they feel at the moment.

I feel this is the number one issue that gets in the way of an adult's progress. Relaxed people who focus inward, tune out "static" and be humble and realistic about their goals seem to improve the most. They need not be athletes or "natural riders." Everyone is capable if they are able to resolve their issues. We don't like to "go there," but if we have high riding goals, especially competitive ones, and are serious about achieving them, we must "go there".

I know this sounds a bit "hokey", but I believe horses are here to teach us life lessons about ourselves, as they often seem to mirror what is going on inside of us.

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NAYRC...cont. from cover

would have to piece together a program, seeking out shows which offered the classes that I needed to ride, in order to meet the requirements set forth by USDF. Again, with invaluable help from Dieter and Uli, I was able to select some shows that met the criteria. A few of them were CDIs. I called Sheila again. "HELP!", I called. Sheila is amazingly patient and helpful. For the CDIs, I had to ask USEF to get permission from the European show manager to invite me to their show. I had to send the names of the judges in for pre-approval; I had to declare which shows would actually be the qualifiers; there were lots of other details, all a continent and 7 office hours away; the whole thing was mind boggling. But, we have wonderful people in Sheila Forbes and at the USEF office, who truly are there to support us, and so, with their help, I got through it.

One concern was that I would not embarrass the U.S. at the CDIs, after begging to be allowed to ride in them. At the CDI in Munich, for example, my Prix St Georges class had 19 riders, all among the top professionals in Europe, including five Olympians from various countries. There was not one young rider from Europe entered in that class. I am proud to say that Novarredo and I were placed in the event and I even won Euros! After a few of these shows, I got used to warming up with and even competing against the likes of Ulla

Salzgeber, Isabell Werth, Martin Schaudt, Lisa Wilcox, and other big names.

Competing in Europe is thrilling! There are so many people there to watch the dressage and they all understand what good riding is about. The shows are really "Shows" with a party atmosphere...lots of Champagne and of course, beer. It does rain in Germany. At one show, with 42 Advanced Young Riders entered, some of the best from throughout Europe, it began to rain. By the time our Advanced Young Rider class started, there were at least eight inches of mud and water in the entire arena. Amazingly, the show went on: rider after rider went in and came out completely covered with mud, from the top hat to the white gloves to the spurs, and the horses were also totally muddy. And the judging went on, too, like there was nothing wrong. So, the horses trotted through that mud and splashed through the water like it wasn't even there.

In May, we got news that one of the horses, named Patmos, that Uli had trained and sold last Fall, had just won the Hamburg Derby. This was cause for a great celebration. The Hamburg Derby is a prestigious event where the top 3 finishers in the Grand Prix each ride each others' horses, in this case they were mostly Olympic riders. Patmos had won with each rider, indicating what a fine and well trained horse he is.

I will be forever grateful to Dieter and Uli for hauling Novarredo and me to all those shows around Germany and giving me the opportunity of a lifetime. I am happy to report that I have met all the criteria set out by USDF and USEF for qualifying abroad for the NAYRC and finished with an average score of 67%. I am now waiting for Region 5 to confirm my position on their team. If they do, I will finish my stay in Europe by flying to Virginia with Novarredo to compete at the NAYRC in July. This will leave Uli and Dieter needing a new working student. If there is an enterprising young rider out there interested in this position, call them @ 011-49-172-821-4998. Not only will you ride a lot, but you will be completely immersed in the German culture, living in a quaint Bavarian town and you will learn to speak German!! On second thought, if I don't make the Team, maybe I'll just stay here and go to college!

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From Heather Petersen and Veronica Holt

It's almost here! Just a little over one month left to qualify and a little over two months until the show. We have several great competitors parties planned – hope to see everyone there. There will be a silent auction to help benefit the Region V efforts for the new USDF Education Center in Kentucky, the wonderful porta-potty contest and many other fun things to participate in and to just observe. We are looking for several more Championship sponsors and there are also many open classes that would like your support. We have also added Individual Breed Classes to the breed show, so if you have a breed you would like represented in a separate class, please contact Heather for more information.

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Sweets Are Not a Such a Treat!

by Gretchen Topel

Don't feed sweet feed to your horse! How does that statement sit with most of us? Is it even an issue really? What does it matter? Horses have been eating sweet feed for a long time and they enjoy eating it anyway, plus some need it to gain weight, right?

The possibility that sweet feed may not be the most appropriate concentrate to add energy to my horses' rations was beyond me after feeding sweet feed for at least sixteen years. I always figured that this is what horses like. I never imagined the ramifications that sweet feed and even large amounts of grains have on horses. This month's topic is devoted to gaining a better understanding as to how horses process molasses laden grains as well as larger amounts of grains and why it's not beneficial to their health.

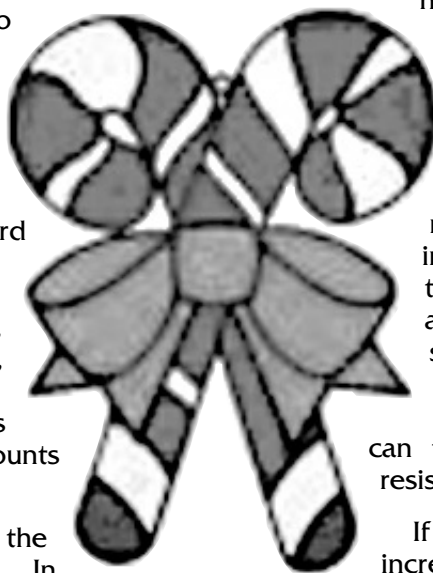
First of all, grain is not a feed that is natural to a horse. In the wild, a herd might have stumbled upon some oats, but they wouldn't feed on grains often. Horses also do not produce amylase, the enzyme that digests carbohydrates, in their saliva, but instead it's produced only in the pancreas. Obviously, horses were not designed to ingest large amounts of grains.

Now we move onto the health of the pancreas. Sugars stress the pancreas. In fact, many will have a tight back and will be unwilling to come round with decreased drive from behind from a stressed pancreas as the longissimus dorsi muscles that lay above the pancreas will be toxic and thus weakened. Sweet feeds are simply full of sugar in the form of molasses. The molasses added to livestock feed is not the same healthful molasses that you will find in the aisle at your local health food store. Organic blackstrap molasses is full of minerals, especially iron, and is actually alkalizing to the body, whereas the molasses added to the livestock feeds are more of a sugary by-product void of minerals.

Refined sugar, such as what is in sweet feed, has a very high glycemic index, therefore making it a very inappropriate feed for any horse, but especially those who are insulin resistant, or have EPSM/PSSM. The glycemic index is a reflection of plasma glucose and insulin responses to a meal, an in vivo estimate of the hydrolyzable carbohydrates in a feed. By keeping the blood glucose levels steady, a horse is not near as prone to joint problems or metabolic stresses. As an aside, when fat is added to the ration, the glycemic index decreases, thus making it safer to feed grains. But please recall last month's discussion on the type of fats to add to the ration-not refined oils!

Here is the bottom line as to why I steer people far away from feeding sweet feeds: high in sugar, stresses the pancreas, decreases performance due to toxins in the body, creates an acidic environment as both sugars and grains are acid producing. Almost all disease patterns are due to a body being over acid (i.e. Parasite infestation, viruses, bacteria, candida, ulcers, developmental orthopedic disease, etc.). Molasses is used to coax a horse into eating grains, whereas if the soils were properly mineralized, the crops would have a high brix measurement, which is the measure of natural sugar content. We wouldn't need to coax supplements and grain down our horses, and I

am sure our vegetables and fruits would taste much better too, but that is yet another separate discussion. Molasses will also conveniently disguise mold or discoloration, and will dampen down dust as well. Adding molasses also adds moisture, which increases the chances for mold. Now it's time to add chemical mold inhibitors and preservatives to keep the feed from spoiling. If that was not enough, molasses is also high in fluoride which occupies the iodine receptor sites and can then lead to hypothyroidism (insulin resistance, etc.)



If your horse does require grain to increase energy, not weight necessarily, but energy, then you can purchase a plain dry COB (corn, oats, and barley), or even better yet, buy whole oats, corn, and barley separately, and mix them 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 by weight not volume as corn is much more dense. It would also be wise to separate the grain feedings into several feedings per day, especially if the horse requires more than a few pounds per day. This will help stabilize the blood glucose levels. It is also best to let the horses eat on some hay for about 30 minutes or so before consuming their grain meal. This allows the saliva and hay/pasture to dilute the stomach acid a bit before adding in more acid in the form of grain.

In conclusion, grain can be fed safely as long as we go about it in a more natural sense. Staying far away from sugar laden feeds and dividing the grain feedings throughout the day, you will be setting the stage to improve your horse's health.

Gretchen Topel is a graduate of Colorado State University with a B.S. in Equine Science. She will be a regular contributor to the Centaur, so please feel free to send any questions or comments via the editor's e-mail: kathleendonnelly20@hotmail.com

RMDS Sporthorse and Dressage Clinic

With Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly

October 14,15,16 2005

To be held at Debbie Cranston's Canon Ridge Farms, Castle Rock, Co

This clinic contains something for everyone! Do you have a young prospect [weanling to 2 year old] you would like to get input on?

Or a young horse started under saddle [3-5] that you want to be sure you are starting correctly?

Or a more mature horse [6 and up] that you are interested in getting help from two world class Dressage trainers for?

Are you willing to ride in front of a large audience and candidly discuss your horses' conformation issues that are incorporated into your training method?

THEN THIS CLINIC IS PERFECT FOR YOU!!!

On the other hand...do you not currently have a horse to present, but you wonder "What are ways that you can strengthen a horse with a long back vs. a short backed horse? "

"When a horse has a very short poll and blocky throatlatch, how can 'on the bit' be comfortable?"

"How can you look at a weanling and predict what their future career can be?"

THEN THIS CLINIC IS FOR YOU, TOO!!!

Toine Hoefs is a KWPN Breed judge in Holland. He has bred and trained some of the top stallions in that country. Kathy Connelly is a well-known Grand Prix trainer here in the States. The two of them are being

brought in to present a clinic on Conformation and Development of the Dressage Horse from Weanling to Grand Prix. On Friday Oct 14 Toine will look at young sporthorse prospects and discuss with the audience what you are looking for in Dressage and Jumping prospects. He will review with the audience what the Dutch Stallion Judges are taught to examine, and bring his lifetime of experience judging and selecting young stallion prospects to share with the participants. In the afternoon he will look at 3-5 year olds in hand and under saddle, and discuss their conformation and how it will affect their training plan for the weekend.

On Saturday Toine and Kathy will look at the mature horse group, and discuss with the participants what conformation aspects are manifested in the horses' performance and start working on exercises that affect those issues. Saturday afternoon the young horses will be worked again under saddle, with continuing direction on specific exercises to balance and develop issues related to the conformation of the young horse.

Saturday evening Toine and Kathy will be available for discussion and questions after an appetizer buffet for all auditors and participants.

Sunday will be the conclusion of work for the mature horses, presented mainly by Kathy and incorporating any long line or in hand work that may also enhance the development of these horses.

Interested in attending, or bringing a horse to present? Contact Beth Geier at the RMDS Central Office at RMDS@indra.com or call 720-890-7825 during office hours.

Or, fill out and mail the application form in the Centaur on pages 23-24, or on the web at RMDS.ORG

Clinic with a Cause

from Patty Sponseller

Fun and phenomenal education was experienced by all at the recent two day clinic with Leslie Morse, one of the world's top international riders. Leslie finished 6th on her impressive stallion Kingston at the recent World Cup in Las Vegas. Ten exceptional riders rode with Leslie both days and from the talk around town everyone gave a huge thumbs up on her incredible depth of knowledge, precise teaching skills and such an easy, comfortable style.

The clinic was clearly a success and Legacy Hills Farm was more than

happy to donate all proceeds to the Karen Perkins Fund. Everyone was so honored to have Karen attend the clinic for lunch and a little socializing on Saturday. Leslie will be teaching at Legacy Hills Farm every 6-8 weeks. Her next two clinics are scheduled for July and September. We would like to wish Leslie all the luck in Aachen, Germany, this August, which is one of the best horse shows in the world! Thank you Leslie for a great clinic and thank you to all who came and supported one of our own.



Leslie Morse on Kingston

TECHNICAL DELEGATES, JUDGES & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

DRESSAGE JUDGES RATINGS & LEVELS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
USDF "L"	Learner (not a judge)	Training-Second	USEF "S"	Senior	All Levels
USEF "r"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
USEF "R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	FEI "O"	Olympic	All Levels

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Chapter News

DRESSAGE FOR THE CURE WRAP-UP

Hello RMDS! Dressage for the Cure wanted to take a few moments to reflect on this year's DFTC! Our goal for 2005 was to double 2004's total donation of \$11,000.00 and ladies and gentlemen I am proud to say that we more than succeeded!! This year we have very nearly made \$30,000.00 for Renee's Friends Fund!! We could not have done it without the support and devotion from equine and dressage enthusiasts such as all of you. Your participation is what made all of this happen and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

We would also like to take a moment to give personal thanks and much deserved gratitude to:

Cottonwood Riding Club for the donation of their facility. They provided (as usual) a beautiful location along with a warm atmosphere and dedication to make DFTC a successful event!

Emmy Detlof for volunteering her time to judge DFTC
Sarah Martin for not only judging for DFTC but for her exhibition ride and commentary as well- DFTC hopes to see you again in 2006!

Tyler Haney (Sarah's student) for sharing her time and showing us the harmony and beauty of Dressage with her equine partner Phoenix

Veronica Holt for her enthusiasm and time to act as TD for DFTC.

Heather Petersen for her expertise and volunteering to be the show secretary

Moki Steele for her inspiration with leis~ they were a big hit with participants and spectators alike!

Julie Barringer-Richer and her Jr/YR's for their hard work with Braid for the Cure. Please remember that all of their proceeds go to Renee's Friends Fund!

Jay Newkirk for sharing his special microbrews with all of us for the beer tasting

All of the volunteers~ without you all this could not have gone as smoothly as it did. You all work hard throughout the year and help make this a very special event for all that attended.

Again, thank you for your support and devotion to a cause that seems to affect us all in some way. This year was a huge success and we only hope that it continues to grow. With the help and support from people like all of you in the dressage community we can only get bigger and better! Thanks again to all that participated in 2005 and we hope to see everyone in 2006!

Live, Love, and Ride for the Cure,

Donna Stephens

Dressage for the Cure

HIGH PLAINS DRESSAGE SHOW

August 20-21st

Columbine Equestrian Center

Open Date: July 15, 2005

Judges: Hilda Gurney and
Thomas Poulin

TD: Veronica Holt

Show Manager - Terri Wallace

303-478-8838

Show Secretary - Angie Joyce

303-887-3720

See Prize List in Omnibus!

We need Volunteers!

Notice: Proofs of photos from the Dressage at the Peak and Dressage at High Prairie shows will be available for viewing at www.equineeventphoto.com.

CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION

see calendar for details

Paul Belasik	Debbie McDonald
Janet Brown	Leslie Morse
Jill Cantor Lee	Lars Peterson
Kathy Connelly	Steffen Peters
Jan Ebeling	Gerhard Politz
Toine Hoefs	Rolf Schmitzer
Max Gahwyler	
Stephen Kiesewetter	

If you have a clinician coming to your barn, please list it on the RMDS calendar and we will include it on our clinician list!

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

JULY 2005

- 1 **Dressage in the Plains #1-Peyton, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 2-3 **Dressage in the Plains #2-Peyton, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 9 **Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #3-Ridgway, CO-USEF**
Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 9-10 **USDF Instructor Teaching Workshop - Cindy Sydnor**
Training - 2nd Level
Sedalia-Mt Magic Sport Horses Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 10 **Jill Cantor-Lee clinic, Larkspur and Black Forest areas**
Call Meg 303-249-8695 (cell) or 303-681-2215 (home)
- 10 **Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #4-Ridgway, CO-USEF**
Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 10 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 12-13 **Leslie Morse Clinic - Legacy Hill Farms**
Contact Patty Sponseller 303-660-5648
- 16 **CSDA Schooling Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 17 **RMDS/CSDA Show Series #3-Latigo Trails**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 16-17 **Jackson Hole-Jackson, WY USEF-CANCELLED**
Contact Wendy Morgan 307-733-7541
- 22-24 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival-Longmont-USEF-BREED**
Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 22-23 **Aspen Festival #1-Carbondale, CO-USEF**
Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 24 **Aspen Festival #2-Carbondale, CO-USEF**
Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 23-24 **Black Hills Dressage-Rapid City,SD USEF**
Laurel Creed-605-787-9814 unbridledhorse@rap.mldco.net
- 30 **Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #1-Larkspur USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 31 **Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #2-Larkspur USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net

AUGUST 2005

- 5 **Dressage in the Rockies #1-Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 6 **Dressage in the Rockies #2-Parker, CO USEF**
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- 7 **Dressage in the Rockies #3-Parker, CO USEF**
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- 6-7 **USEF "r" Testing-Janet Brown & Lois Yukins CLOSED**
Contact USEF 859-258-2472 or RMDS Office 720-890-7825
- 6-7 **Cheyenne Dressage & Hunt Club Show-Cheyenne,WY-USEF** - Contact Susan Rocha 307-635-3296
- 10-11 **Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Windsor, CO**
Contact Jill Lee 970-686-6025 or 970-209-8491
- 13 **Foothills Chapter Show-Golden-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 13-14 **USDF Instructor Workshop 3rd-4th Level-Ft. Collins**
Rachel Saavedra atChatellen, Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 14 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3-Longmont-RMDS**
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- 20 **Utah Dressage Society Show #1-Sandy, UT USEF**
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- 21 **Utah Dressage Society Show #2-Sandy, UT USEF**
Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 20-21 **High Plains Dressage Show-Littleton,CO-USEF**
Contact Angie Joyce 303-887-3720
- 25-28 **Lars Peterson Clinic-Phantom Hill Farm-Ft Collins**
Contact RaeAnn Curtis 970-225-1408 phfdressage@msn.com
- 27 **Aspen Ridge Schooling Show-Monument**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 28 **Aspen Ridge Show-Monument-RMDS**
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- 28 **Conti'Divide Morgan Horse Asso.—Loveland-USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 1-4 **Equine Touch Level 3 Clinic-Jock & Dr Ivana Ruddock-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com
- 3 **Boulder Vly. Dressage Summer Show-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528
- 3 **GVDS Open Show-Grand Junction-USEF**
Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 3-4 **Jill Cantor-Lee clinic, Larkspur area.**
Call Meg 303-249-8695 (cell) or 303-681-2215 (home)
- 4 **GVDS Western Slope Champs & Open Show-RMDS**
Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 4-6 **Equine Touch Level 4 Clinic-Jock Ruddock-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com
- 9-11 **Max Gahwyler Clinic - Creekside Ranch-MT**
Contact Barb Ramlow - www.CreeksideRanch.com
- 10-11 **Leslie Morse Clinic - Legacy Hill Farms**
Contact Patty Sponseller 303-660-5648
- 17-18 **USDF Instructor Workshop Precertification - Debbie McDonald - 3rd/4th Level**
Canon Ridge Farms, RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 21 **RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show-Parker, CO-USEF** -Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041 breedsec@twowhitefeet.com
- 22-25 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show - Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 22-25 **Region V Championships -Parker, Colorado-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drgw.net
- 30 - 2 **USDF Instructor Workshop Final Testing 3rd/4th Level**
Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 30-Oct 2 - **Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser & Andrea Datz-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 2005

- 15-16 **Kathy Connelly & Toine Hoeffl**
Canon Ridge Farms
More details in this issue and on website.
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

22-23 JR/YR Clinic-Debbie McDonald-Crooked Willow Farm
Contact Susan Gregg 970-243-5525

NOVEMBER 2005

12 Board of Governors - High Plains Chapter host

DECEMBER 2005

3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley
970-248-9594

JANUARY 2006

28 "L" Graduates & Judges Continuing Ed - OPEN
Contact: RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2006

11 TD Workshop & Competition Management - OPEN
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MARCH 2006

31-April 2 Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser &
Andrea Datz-Loveland
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 2006

8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium
Canon Ridge Farms
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21-23 USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING
Penrose Stadium
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SHOW UPDATES

DALWHINNIE SHOWS - JULY 9TH AND 10TH

Date: Mon, 23 May 2005

USDF #57843 and #54844

USEF #297996 and #316049

RMDs #1011 and #1012

We have had a judge and technical delegate cancellation for our July shows

Judge - Gary Rockwell has been replaced by Kristi Wysocki, 'R'

TD - Veronica Holt has been replaced by Melia Langdon.

SHOW UPDATES

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Cost is only \$50 annually. The website currently averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page, and RMDS receives 25-30 emails a month requesting names of trainers/instructors in the RMDS region. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

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

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd numbered month. The steering committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of every even numbered month. The Board of Governors meeting is held on the second Saturday of November. Call the Central Office for exact dates.

ADULT AMATEUR

A copy of your USEF Adult Amateur Card must be filed with RMDS each year to update your record with RMDS and to qualify for RMDS A/A year end awards.

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

SHOW INFORMATION

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

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

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months

Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday, Penrose Equestrian Center, Sirloin room, Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or

check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Tuesday – every month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Tina Wright 720-297-5192

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around

Contact: Kelly Schlagel – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month;

CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.; Jennifer Nisbet 970-221-5545

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

Contact: Sharon Ghilarducci – 719-462-5760

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Contact: Darlene Vaughan – 307-332-726

Western Colorado;

Contact: Barbara McElnea – 970-963-3234

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

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2304 Brianna Ct. Johnstown CO 80534(303) 587-5546

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- Boulder Valley Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
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Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____

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RMDS #1002

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Closing Date: August 1, 2005

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5575 Heatherbrook Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

MANAGER: TBA

JUDGE(S): Beth Geier (L), second judge TBA, if necessary

TD: Jane McBride

CLASS # DESCRIPTION

- 1. O,J,A Training Level Test 1
- 2. O,J,A Training Level Test 2
- 4. O,J,A Training Level Test 4
- 11. O,J,A First Level Test 1
- 12. O,J,A First Level Test 2
- 14. O,J,A First Level Test 4
- 21. O,J,A Second Level Test 1
- 22. O,J,A Second Level Test 2
- 24. O,J,A Second Level Test 4

10. First Level Freestyle

20. Second Level Freestyle

30. Test of Choice – Any level including Walk/Trot

O: Open J: JR/YR A: Adult Amateur (must include copy of '05 card with entry)

ENTRIES: Use 2005 RMDS entry form and be sure to fill in and sign all spaces. \$25 per class. No additional divisions or cross entries. \$25 nonrefundable Office Fee. No USEF drug fee, non-member fee, or bridle tag deposit! Please include proof of negative Coggins dated after January 1, 2005, and a copy of RMDS membership cards for rider, owner, and horse. If entering in amateur division, a photocopy of your current USEF amateur card is required with your entry. \$15.00 fee for each change after closing date. Post entries accepted with management approval and with \$15.00 late fee. A \$25 fee will be charged for all returned checks. Send entry to Secretary. Make checks payable to "Foothills Chapter".

NO DOGS ALLOWED!!

TIMES: Include SASE (stamped!) with your entry for ride times.

REFUNDS: Before closing date, entire entry minus office fee will be refunded. After closing date until the day before show, refunds will only be for class fee if ride(s) can be filled. During competition, no refunds of any kind for any reason.

AWARDS: Ribbons to sixth place; special prizes for "High Point" and "Best Turnout".

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DIRECTIONS: Hwy 93 south from Boulder or north from Golden; east on W. 58th Avenue (traffic light); _ mile to TMR on the right.

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ALSO

October 15-16, 2005 Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly Clinic

At Canon Ridge Farms – Castle Rock

Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825; rmds@indra.com; www.rmds.org



USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

HELP WANTED: We need two regional coordinators---Small GMO and Competitor. These are great opportunities to get involved in USDF. You will represent our region in conference calls and in meetings at the convention. This is your chance to have a voice in developing programs, discussing issues, and governing our sport. We also need a Capital Campaign Coordinator to help raise awareness and funds for our National Headquarters. Please contact me as soon as possible at huntery@mindspring.com.

DEADLINES: July 1 was the deadline for shows to apply to be qualifiers for NAYRC for 2006. I have received only three applications so far, send them in ASAP. We can have ten for our region. Show Managers can get the application form on the USDF website. Potential Young Riders, contact your local show managers and the AYR Coordinator. We need to know who is trying out for next year so we can have qualifying shows for you. Contact Susan Gregg, MikesOtto@aol.com, Tracy Roenick, tracyroenick@cox.net, or myself. Region 5 GMO volunteer of the year award is due to USDF by August 31. The Ruth Arvanette Grant for three members to go to the USDF convention (up to \$500 airfare expenses, plus free registration, and _ hotel expense) is due to USDF by August 31. A Youth Scholarship is also avail-

able for the convention, go to the website or contact Sheila Forbes, sforbes@usdf.org.

You can view the progress of the Capital Campaign and the actual construction site of our new headquarters on the USDF website. Click on the Capital Campaign Banner on the top right of the home page www.usdf.org.

Mark your calendars for the USDF Convention and Symposium Nov 30-Dec 4, 2005 at the Burbank Hilton and Los Angeles Equestrian Center. The Symposium will feature three-time Olympic gold medalist, Klaus Balkenhol. Make your reservations early; it will be an excellent opportunity to see him in person. To get a preview of his philosophy and approach, read the excellent article in the June issue of Dressage Today "U.S. Coach Klaus Balkenhol Teaches Rider 'Feel'".

There is the strong possibility that the FEI World Cup Jumping and Dressage will return to Las Vegas, Nevada in 2007---I will definitely go again, it was fantastic!

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Theresa Hunt

Region 5 Director

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OCT 14,15,16 at CANON RIDGE FARMS, CASTLE ROCK, CO**

RIDER/HANDLER/OWNER INFORMATION

Name _____ phone _____ email _____

Address _____

HORSE INFORMATION

Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____

Sire _____ Dam _____ Intended use _____

Show in hand only _____ Show in hand and under saddle [3 yrs and up] _____

Have you shown a horse on the triangle in hand before? _____

If a foal or weanling, will the dam be present? _____

FOR RIDING HORSES 3 and UP:

Has your horse shown before and if so what level [including materiale classes?] _____

What level would you like to demo? _____

What conformation aspects do you feel your horse presents that make him/her interesting for this clinic? [Perfection is o.k., too!] _____

Is your horse comfortable working in long lines? _____

Please submit a short video by August 20 that shows conformation of your horse from front, both sides and rear, walking and trotting on a more or less straight line from the camera and if applying under saddle please include a test ridden at the highest # at the level you wish to demo. [i.e. Training 4, 1st 4, materiale just walk, trot, canter, etc.]

WE HOPE TO PRESENT A HORSE AT EVERY LEVEL. THIS IS A CLINIC FOR EVERYONE- IF YOU CANNOT RIDE, PLEASE PLAN TO AUDIT. TOINE AND KATHY HAVE GIVEN RMDS A BREAK SO EVERYONE CAN AFFORD TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE. YOUR HORSE CAN BE ANY BREED OR NO BREED AND YOU CAN STILL APPLY!!!!

(Schedule on back of this form)

SCHEDULE FOR TOINE HOEFS/KATHY CONNELLY CLINIC
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FRIDAY OCT 14 - Toine Hoefs

8:30 AM Introductions

8:40 Toine will address the KWPN Conformation sheets used in the stallion and KWPN criteria. He will review conformation issues and common themes.

9 AM- 12 PM Horses from weanlings to 2 yr olds presented to audience and discussed.

12- 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 5:00 Mature Horses presented in hand and 3 year old brought back under saddle

SAT Oct 15 - Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly

8:30- 12:30 Horses presented from Training through 3rd level

1:30-5:30 Horses presented from 4th level through Grand Prix

SUN Oct 16 - Kathy Connelly

8:30-12:00 Training through 3rd

1-4pm 4th- Grand Prix

COST OF CLINIC

Horses in hand only [weanling -2 year old] - \$40

Horses under saddle [3 and up] - \$170 for all three days

(If space available, it will be \$140 under saddle - weekend only)

Prepaid Audit Fees: (Postmarked prior to October 1)

1 day - \$30

2days - \$50

3 days - \$70

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Send application to:

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