

THE CENTAUR

USDF Convention Preview: Plan Now for the Big Event!

Denver- Last year's United States Dressage Federation [USDF] Convention and Symposium emphasized horse health. This year, the theme of the convention and the myriad educational events to be held there is rider fitness.

This year's 2008 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention and Symposium is slated to take place at Denver's National Western complex, Dec. 3-6.

Having the national convention in our own backyard is a big enticement to attend, especially with internationally-acclaimed Finnish rider Kyra Kyrklund as the featured presenter on Friday evening, Dec. 5.

The fitness theme is in-keeping with Kyrklund's training philosophy, notes USDF Director of Marketing Linda Schultz.

"It works well with Kyra because a lot of her emphasis is on the rider's seat and on (her) own level of fitness and conditioning and how it affects the horse's movements and abilities to perform," said Schultz.

A total of four separate educational sessions emphasize different aspects of rider

conditioning and fitness. The Thursday session includes exercises to improve riding and a second session dedicated to stretching and strengthening techniques for the rider.

Friday's youth session is titled "Cross Training for the Equestrian." On Friday afternoon is a session on how the rider's body movements and position affect the horse, and on Saturday evening, Kyrklund will give a special ticketed lecture and demonstration titled "Reaching Your Peak Performance at Every Level."

While much of the convention's events emphasize rider improvement, there are also events that deal with business-related topics for equestrian professionals, organizational meetings for the USDF and related GMOs, and of course, the much-anticipated Awards Banquet.

"Some people will want to attend the convention for the business aspects, the meetings, and to find out about and influence the future of the sport," noted Schultz. "For riders, it's a great chance

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Revised Criteria for USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award

Lexington, KY (June 12, 2008) - The United States Dressage Federation has issued revised criteria, effective immediately, for youth members nominated for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award to allow volunteer hours accumulated between September 1 of the previous calendar year and August 31 of the current calendar year to be included in the required number of hours. This is a change from the previous requirement that volunteer hours must have been accumulated in the current membership year.

Nominations for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award can be made by any current USDF member and must be submitted to USDF by August 31. The

winner of this award is selected by the members of the USDF Youth Executive Board and recognized at the Adequan/USDF Annual Convention. In addition to having their name inscribed on the perpetual trophy housed in the Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame, the winner will receive a "keeper" trophy, a \$500 Youth Convention Scholarship, and be featured in the collector's edition of the USDF Connection yearbook.

For more information on nominating a deserving youth member, nomination criteria, or other USDF youth awards, visit the USDF Web site at www.usdf.org, e-mail youth@usdf.org or call (859) 971-2277.

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to improve. And for others, the main attraction is the shopping, the Awards Banquet, and the chance to enjoy themselves," said Schultz.

The much anticipated Awards Banquet is set to take place Saturday, Dec. 5 at the host hotel and is an individually-ticket event.

"It's the highlight of the year for many USDF members," said Schultz. "In addition to year-end awards such as the Horse of The Year Awards at all levels, we do a live auction whose proceeds benefit the national education endowment fund."

USDF has taken care to ensure that certain evnts - such as the rider health demonstrations and lectures - are grouped so that interested invidiudals can attend without having to be present for all four days.

Denver and the Rocky Mountains have not been the site of the USDF Convention for a decade, so this year's convention provides a rare opportunity to take full advantage of the event while foregoing the travel costs in traveling to more distant sites.

"I really encourage RMDS members in the Front Range area and in the four state-chapters to get in their cars and come to Denver for this year's event. There is a whole lot going on," said Schultz.

Gavin Ehringer, Centaur Editor

Fees Set for USDF Convention and Symposium

Denver - In June, the United States Dressage Federation determined the pricing structure for the 2008 Adequan USDF Convention and Symposium. Now, here's the good news: in this time of inflating prices, the convention package price is less than in 2006 and 2007.

This year's convention package is \$249 for USDF members and includes all business and education seminars. Those wishing only to attend the business seminars pay \$139.

Should a business attendee desire to upgrade their admission, a \$110 upgrade is available that will allow the person to attend five of the University educational sessions and one GMO "ticket required" education session. Business attendees can upgrade at any time during the convention with no penalty.

The symposium package, which includes the Kyra Kyrklund feature presentation and one "bonus" University session, is priced at \$349.

The best package for those wanting to get the most of the 2008 convention is a combined convention and symposium package, priced at \$499. This price provides a \$99 sav-

ings from the individual convention and symposium packages.

Note that non-USDF members pay 20 percent *more* than the above-mentioned prices; late registration also carries a 20 percent penalty, making it beneficial to plan in advance if you want to attend rather than making a last-minute decision.

Youth attendees catch a great break: all the package prices are half-off the above-noted rates. Further, four deserving youth riders will be awarded \$1,000 scholarships to offset the cost of attending..

If you plan to attend, be aware that a few of the events are ticketed separately. The Salute Gala, for instance, is an additional \$85; the awards banquet is also \$85.

Note that the prices were announced just days prior to this publication's deadline. For the latest information on the 2008 Adequan USDF Convention and Symposium, please see the website at www.usdf.org.

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Editor's Page

From the desk of RMDS President Laura Speer

It always seems like I have somebody to recognize and thank when I am writing my monthly article. This month is no different. I would like to thank all of the Northern Colorado Dressage Association members and their friends and families for the outpouring of support for us victims of the tornados.

Yes, I said "us." My barn was hit by a small tornado the day after the big Windsor one. Roofs and sides of my barns were ripped off and strewn all over our property. One of our Tote-A-Sheds ripped up from its anchors and ended upside-down in the



middle of the field. This was only after it struck one of my broodmares. She lost her foal the next week. My show horse ripped his shoes and half his foot off frantically running in his pasture. I was lucky, as I was on the outskirts of the storm trying to bring horses in. I could have been injured too. This totally caught us by surprise as we were working outside and had no idea that a tornado had been spotted and was coming our way.

The previous day was the big Windsor tornado. I saw it while I was driving from the feed store on the west end of Greeley. That tornado struck several NCDA members' farms. The most devastation seemed to hit Zada Stiedl's place. I haven't been able to reach Zada and talk to her myself--phone lines have been down - so the rest of my story is what I was told by eyewitnesses. It seems that Joan Clay headed up relocating Zada's horses to the Fort

Collins Equestrian Center. Some needed medical attention. That Saturday, folks from Chatellen helped clean up debris at Zada's place.

I have lived in northern Colorado most of my life and have never seen such a disaster. The amazing thing was that our dressage community stepped up and helped when help was desperately needed. I wish Zada, and any other tornado victims, all the best rebuilding and recovering. I know first hand how encouraging it is to receive help, cards, phone calls, and flowers. Thank you to all of the people who helped in this time of need.

On a RMDS note, please remember that volunteers are still needed for the NAJYRC (contact Kristi Wysocki). Bids will be accepted on the advertised paid RMDS positions until July 8th.

With forward thoughts,

Laura Speer

Region 5 Report

DEADLINES: Region 5 GMO Volunteer of the Year Award, nominations for GMO Newsletter and Website of the Year are 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 ½ hotel expense) is due to USDF by August 31. The Youth Executive Board offers four scholarships up to \$1000 for the convention. Take advantage of this opportunity to attend the convention in Denver. Applications are due August 15 and are available on line at www.usdf.org.

The FEI Junior and Young Riders are preparing for the NAJYRC championships at Colorado Horse Park. As I write this we still have qualifying competitions and the teams are not selected. We have had a great fundraising year and a lot of enthusiasm. Good Luck to those that make the team and a big thanks for all the volunteers and contributions! Volunteers are needed for the Championships. Contact Kristi Wysocki at sk.wysocki@att.net

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This year our Regional Championships will be at WestWorld in Scottsdale, AZ Oct 31-Nov 2, 2008 and next year in Albuquerque, NM on Oct 16-18, 2009.

Stay Cool and Happy Riding!

Theresa Hunt
Region 5 Director

Editor's Page

Editor's Scoop

It seems intuitive that the current high-prices of oil and gas will have an impact on the health of the horse show business. Horse owners are toting up the already expensive costs of show weekends and then adding on the additional burden of \$4 a gallon fuel and weighing decisions about how often and how far they are willing to travel in order to exhibit their horses.

According to a USA Today poll, more than one-third of Americans are rethinking summer vacation plans, cancelling reservations and staying home, shortening the time of their stays, or staying closer to home.

Nearly three-quarters of the nation's 8.2 million motor home owners plan to travel for as many days

as last year, but according to a spokesman for the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association, many plan to stay closer to home.

Predictably, the American public is reacting to the sharp spike in prices in an almost panicked response pattern.


Clearly, we as horse owners have options. On the bright side, motel room prices will likely go down as chains react to the decreased demand for rooms. Careful planning and price-point shopping could offset the added fuel costs for exhibitors planning overnight stays. The soggy travel market means that show producers should be able to leverage substantial motel discounts for shows that typically pull exhibitors from a wide area.

Clearly, the best economy will come to exhibitors who pool their resources while attending shows. When given a choice of vehicles in which to car pool to shows, opt for the smallest trailer & truck combo that will accommodate your needs.

While not all shows are equal, it clearly behooves riders to plan their summer around competitions that are closest to home, venturing afar primarily for shows where point-earning possibilities are maximized. This may mean planning your show activities based on maximum travel efficiency over other factors.

Only time will tell if fuel prices severely impact show success this season, but with forethought and planning, they need not diminish your summer show experience.

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- Please use the current 2008 Bylaws and Standing Rules for your reference.
- Email (or mail) your suggested changes to the RMDS Central Office (rmids@rmids.org) by August 30, 2008 for consideration at the Board of Governors meeting November 8, 2008

Bylaw change _____ Standing Rule change _____

Page number _____ Article # _____ (be specific)

Rewrite section you wish to change and show what is to be deleted (if anything):

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

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RMDS Central Office-2942 Park Lake Drive-Boulder, CO 80301

Technical Delegates, Judges & Certified Instructors

Dressage Judges Ratings & Levels Qualified to Judge

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training-Second (RMDS only)	"S"	Senior	All Levels
"r"	Recorded	Training-Second	"I"	International	All Levels
"R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	"O"	Olympic	All Levels
* May only judge at RMDS shows.			Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" (score does not count).		
FEI 'I'		Beth Geier303-673-9840	TECHNICAL DELEGATES USEF		Sabine Kallas307-733-9497
Janet Foy719-260-1566		Ilyse Gold970-588-3859	Eva-Maria Adolphi (UT) -r		Ellene Kloepfer303-828-3879
USEF 'S'		Jan Goodrich-Spear.....303-664-0152	801-254-3247		Clayton Martin.....719-379-3716
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez ..303-642-7708		Gwen Ka'awaloa *303-646-4363	Veronica Holt - R303-646-3829		Sheri Mattei-Mead970-669-3733
Sandra Hotz303-817-2030		Linda Coates-Markle.....303-469-0279	Laurie Mactavish - R970-390-5160		Kathryn Meistrell303-646-9059
Anita Owen.....303-953-9904		Sarah Martin *719-379-3716	Deeda Randle (WY) - R...307-638-6737		Bridget Milnes303-660-4986
USEF 'R'		Kathleen Mayger*970-310-8729	Catherine Siemiet - r719-942-5311		Kristi Wysocki303-648-9877
Janet "Dolly" Hannon.....303-919-4112		Linda Ohlson-Gross *303-840-9818	Dianne Stanley - r (MT) - 406-652-4061		USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS
Kristi Wysocki303-648-9877		KC Parkins-Kyle.....303-841-9953	Libby Stokes - r.....303-688-2795		TRAINING - 4th
USEF 'r'		Sally Robertson.....303-237-6915	RMDS - (RMDS sanctioned shows only)		Simone Ahern-Harless719-749-9274
Loni Gaudet970-532-0852		Kathy Simard*720-981-4448	Joan Clay970-490-1927		Nancy DeVaney303-681-2516
Amy Jablonovsky970-493-2833		Maria Wasson303-682-9594	Rusty Cook505-877-1456		Loma Fowler303-841-0417
Suzanne Zimmer303-478-8325		Regina Wendler970-879-7505	Jeannette Hillery303-494-7718		Sarah Martin.....719-379-3716
USDF 'L' Graduate - Schooling & RMDS only recognized shows		Simone Windeler719-540-2000	Susan Selby970-227-9530		Kathy Simard.....720-981-4448
Simone Ahern-Harless* ...719-749-9274		<i>*Denotes graduating with distinction</i>	M. Elaine Thomas719-495-1510		Melinda Weatherford970-484-5218
Francie Brashear.....303-840-7626		DRESSAGE SPORT HORSE BREEDING JUDGES	USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS		
Gigi Brittain*303-646-1506		Janet Foy 'R'719-260-1566	TRAINING - 2ND		
Julie Burt719-372-6270		Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'R' .303-642-7708	Julie Burt719-372-6270		
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2008 Shows & Events

JULY 2008

- Sats. Pay It Forward Clinics** Legacy Hill Farms, Castle Rock
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www.legacyhillfarms.com
- 8 Janet Foy Clinic** Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn
- 11-12 Dennis Callin Clinic** A Rising Star Stable, Arvada
Contact Glenda Needles, 303-619-8292
geminidr@geminidressage-11c.com
- 12 Taka Chi Dressage Summer RMDS Show** Blanca
Contact Sarah Martin 719-379-3716
- 12 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Meadow Creek Farms, Erie
Contact Gwen 303-885-3363 clinics@meadowcreekfarms.net
- 13 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2** Longmont
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 13-14 Dennis Callin Clinic** Kaimana Farms, Elizabeth
Contact Gwen 303-646-2795 kaimanafarms@hotmail.com
- 16-17 Linda Strine Clinic** Circle Back Farm, Berthoud
Contact Loni 970-532-0852
- 17-20 Boulder Valley Adult Camp** Longmont
Contact Barbara Goldman boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 18 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm Up** Estes Park USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 19-20 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show** Estes Park USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 20 Centaur Rising Dressage Show II** Pine - RMDS
Contact Kristann Cooper, 303-838-5086.
- 22 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Meadow Creek Farms, Erie
Contact Gwen 303-885-3363 clinics@meadowcreekfarms.net
- 22 Janet Foy Clinic** Reiterhoff Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn/
- 25 Sage Creek Dressage #3** Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier
Contact Alison Childs 435-640-3287
- 26 Sage Creek Dressage #4** Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier
Contact Alison Childs 435-640-3287
- 26 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #3** Longmont USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 27 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #4** Longmont-USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 29-8/3 Platinum NAJYRC Championships** Parker.
Contact USDF 859-971-2277
VOLUNTEERS contact: Kristi Wysocki, sk.wysocki@att.net, 303-648-9877

AUGUST 2008

- 2-3 Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Open Show** Cheyenne USEF
Contact Rowena Heckert 3007-632-4151 rheckert@msn.com
- 4 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Meadow Creek Farms, Erie
Contact Gwen 303-885-3363 clinics@meadowcreekfarms.net
- 5 Janet Foy Clinic** Reiterhoff Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn/
- 5 Ballet on Horseback** Boulder County Fair, Longmont (7 PM)
Contact 303-772-7170
- 8 Dressage in the Rockies #1** Parker-USEF
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 9 Dressage in the Rockies #2 (USEF) & USDFBC Sport Horse Competition** Parker
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 10 Dressage in the Rockies #3** Parker-USEF
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 16-17 Dressage at Sun Prairie (USEF) & USDFBC Sport Horse Competition** Peyton
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 16-17 Paul Belasik Classical Dressage Clinic**-Grand Junction
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@paonia.com
- 17 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3**, Longmont. Contact Contact
Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 19 Janet Foy Clinic** Reiterhof Ranch
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- 22 Paragon Dressage I & USDFBC Sport Horse Competition**
Parker USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 23 Paragon Dressage II** Parker USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 24 Paragon Dressage III** Parker USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 23-24 USEF "r"-Paragon Dressage** Parker
Contact Heather Petersen
719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 23 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1** USEF
Contact Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247
- 24 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2** USEF
Contact Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247
- 24 Centaur Rising Dressage Show III** Pine RMDS
Contact Kristin Cooper, 303-838-5086.
- 25 Dolly Hannon Clinic** Meadow Creek Farms, Erie
Contact Gwen 303-885-3363 clinics@meadowcreekfarms.net
- 30 2008 Dressage Classic Boulder Valley/Meadow Creek** Erie
Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718
or Sarah Barns 303-817-2783

2008/09 Shows & Events

30 Aspen Ridge Schooling Show Monument
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com

31 Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show Monument.
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com

31 - 9/1 Sarah Martin Clinic Meadow Creek Farms, Erie
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840

SEPTEMBER 2008

2 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn/

5 RMIHC All-Breed Dressage Show Castle Rock
Contact Tracy Vale 719-495-0248 valmoor@aol.com

6 Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show Larkspur
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147 leslieT34@aol.com

6 Grand Valley Dressage Fall Show Grand Junction USEF
Contact Lisa Binse 970-243-8543

7 Western Slope Championships & Open Show
Contact Lisa Binse 970-243-8543

6-7 Boulder Valley/Meadow Creek Dressage Classic #2, Erie.
Contact Sarah Barnes 303-817-2783

13-14 Biomechanics Symposium with J Ashton Moore Durango
Contact Mary Ann Towsley 970-382-3485
mtowsley@animas.net

14 Foothills Last Chance Show Golden
Contact Aimee Edwards 720-981-0996
aimeeedwards@msn.com

16 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn/

20 Cottonwood Riding Club Show Littleton
Contact Tara 303-791-7656 www.cottonwoodridingclub.com

25 Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Championships & Qualifying Open Breed Show (USEF) & USDFBC Sport Horse Competition
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

26-28 RMDS Championships & Open Show Parker-USEF
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30 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
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OCTOBER 2008

3-5 Ralf Schmitzer Clinic Whispering Winds Farm, Monument
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 or T.J. 303-941-9949

7-9 Ralf Schmitzer Clinic Whispering Winds Farm, Monument
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11-13 Ralf Schmitzer Clinic Casa Serena, Monument
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11-12 Milbrook Farms Autumn Dressage Show Lehi, Utah-USEF
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31-11/2 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional V Dressage Championship Scottsdale, AZ
Contact Sue Plasman 530-695-0509 splasman@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 2008

4 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
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18 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
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DECEMBER 2008

3-7 USDF Convention Denver
Contact RMDS President Laura Speer to volunteer
970-330-7233 riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com

6-7 Adequan/USDF National Symposium * Kyra Kyrklund
Denver
Contact USDF www.usdf.org 859-971-2277

9 Janet Foy Clinic Reiterhof Ranch
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SEPTEMBER 2009

24 Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Championships & Qualifying Open Breed Show USEF
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25-27 RMDS Championships and Open Show Parker-USEF
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For updates to the calendar, go to the website: www.rmids.org. These events depend upon volunteers. If you can help, please contact the event organizer.

** Symposium volunteers contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net*

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Chapter News

Boulder Valley Dressage Society

Boulder Valley Dressage is hosting an adult dressage camp at Autumn Hill Farm on July 17th-20th. This camp is designed for both the beginner and FEI rider.

The three day camp will feature instructors Ida Anderson, and Kristen Aggers. Ida is a USEF(S) Judge, FEI competitor, and an enthusiastic and articulate teacher. Kristen is an FEI level competitor who focuses on creating a successful and harmonious partnership between horse and rider. Please feel free to check out their websites: www.dressageclinics.com and www.kristenaggersdressage.com

Horses will arrive on Thursday evening, and campers will enjoy an orientation social. Each rider will have 2 days of 2 lessons on Friday and Saturday and finish up on Sunday with an educational and fun event. Each evening a dressage related lecture will be given. The camp participants will eat all meals together and stable their horses' right at the facility. Camp tuition includes stabling, all meals and beverages.

Please contact:
Barbara Goldman
303-666-4528
barbara.r.goldman@chase.com

This is a busy year for BVD, in addition to the Adult Dressage camp and sponsoring the 2008 Dressage Classic Boulder Valley on August 30th. BVD is also hosting the RMDS Board of governors meeting and banquet in the fall. This event will be held at the Spice of Life Center on Arapaho in Boulder.

Possibilities for the future
The board for BVD is looking into the possibility of offering a 'Ride a Test' event where dressage enthusiasts can pick a test they want to practice, come to the facilities that we contract with and ride before a judge. Riders will get feedback and have some fun without the pressure of showing at an event.

If members are interested in learning more about the behind the scenes workings of dressage shows we have volunteer opportunities at our shows. Contact Grace Maddox for more information grace.maddox@gmail.com

We are in the process of creating a

'History of BVD' page for our website. Are there members out there with good stories, antidotes, facts and interesting tidbits? If so, please contact Sandi Sandra.Rosewell@Colorado.edu or Grace grace.maddox@gmail.com

At our last board meeting we discussed some interesting and fun additions to the next BVD awards banquet

- Some ideas included:
- Video loop of riders and horses
 - Door prizes for lessons and/or clinics
 - Live music
 - Silent auction
 - Games

If our members have ideas or would like to volunteer to assist with this important function, please contact Sandi Rosewell.

Colorado Springs Dressage Assoc.

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Simone Windeler, CSDA president

High Plains Chapter Notes

High Plains is hosting a Nutrition talk with Dr. Toll from Littleton Large Animal Clinic in June. We hope to follow up in July with a talk about Hay and the properties that you would look for in good hay. Check the High Plains Website for more information on this presentation. www.highplainsdressage.com.

As always, we are looking for members to step up and get involved and help direct the chapter toward more positive community involvement and events. Our meetings are normally on the Third Tuesday of the month in Parker, Co. Contact one of the chapter officers or check the website for more up to date info.

Alexandra Curnutte

Foothills Chapter

The Foothills Chapter meets at Table Mountain Ranch , Golden, Colorado, at 7:00 PM on the first thursday of each month.

We had a small show in May. Entries were down but everyone who came had a good time. Suzanne K-Shipley did an excellent job of managing. Our president, Aimee Edwards, moved to Texas and we will miss her. Dolly Hannon has taken over as president and

Lori Mitchell is the new vice president. We are looking for a show manager for our September show. This is a paid position. Please call Dolly Hannon at 303-919-4112 if you are interested.

We welcome new members and have an education program each month. So far we have had a judge discuss methodology, a pilates instructor, and a presentation on iwrap therapy for horses.

Dolly Hannon, President

2008 Omnibus Corrections

Page B-3	effective 4/1/08 All FEI Pony Rider Tests are equivalent to Second Level. All FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level.
Page C-59	AHIEC June Show - Add Classes: June 28 Class 139 Young Horse TOC O Class 140 Developing Horse Test O June 29 Class 239 Young Horse TOC Markel/USEF Q Class 240 Developing Horse Test USEF Q/Gr.Amer.USDF Q
Page C-65	Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show - Add Classes: Saturday Class 150 Young Horse TOC O Class 151 Developing Horse Test O,Q Sunday Class 250 Young Horse TOC O USEF Qualifying Class 251 Developing Horse Test O,Q USEF Qualifying
Page C-71	Dressage at Sun Prairie Stables-Aug 16 & 17- ADD Sunday to prize list - now have stalls Change TD to Debbie Moloznik

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1. Be sure your wraps are OFF and your stock tie is ON.
2. Be ready ahead of time. Go in once the horse in front of you has left his final halt.
3. Know what you want to accomplish around the outside of the ring. Does your horse need time at the judges stand? By B? Is he lazy and needs to remember how to go- or the type that a long side of walking will put the world right for?
4. Know whether your ring is a whistle or a bell.
5. Know your strides to X for a polished entry. Remember to salute, and not with your whip in your hand! Wait for the judge to acknowledge you - but if they just sit there staring assume that is an acknowledgement and get going.
6. Be on centerline.
7. Know your geometry and letters, and which way you turn at C.
8. Prepare transitions and plan to ride them one stride early.
9. Accurate means the letter is located between your foot and your horse's shoulder.
10. If you get blown off course, listen to the judge COURTEOUSLY. Ask where they would like you to start. Be clear- you are not in trouble, and getting to do it again means you get to do it that much better!
11. Do not talk to your reader - or your horse...
12. Be aware of the judge's perspective. Keep shoulder fore going away from the judge and do not over ride the neck going towards him. Think "A is for angle, C is for clear."
13. Whatever passes in the arena, keep your thoughts to your horse positive. A horse can not distinguish between thoughts you have for yourself ["I can't believe I am so stupid! Why did I come here?"] and thoughts you have for him. Dressage works because our horses hook up with us physically and mentally. Be responsible for knowing how you are thinking and keeping your body language and mental language positive for your horse.
14. Return to the warm up and cool down your horse as you would with a regular ride. Keep it positive, even if it is necessary to fix an issue that came up. Try to have a treat or at least a lot of positive pats for your horse. Beat yourself up for an off course or a missed letter when you are well away from your horse.
15. Make the show ring a place of joy and ease and pride- not stress! Then your horse will not learn to dread it.

Sarah Martin is a USDF Certified Instructor through 4th level. She holds her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals. Sarah is a USDF "L" graduate with distinction, and teaches clinics throughout the United States and South America. Twice tapped by The Dressage Foundation to chaperone their Olympic Dream Program [in 2006 and 2007] she does most of her writing on airplanes. Sarah can be reached via the World Wide Web: www.blancadressage.com.

USDF Symposium with Kyra Kyrklund
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Demonstration Riders Needed!

Anyone interested in being a demo rider should send BIO and a video tape/DVD of them riding the horse they wish to be considered to Kathie Robertson in the USDF Office.

We will be selecting 12 horse/rider combinations to arrive on Thursday prior to Symposium. Kyra will work with all 12 on Friday morning and make her final selection. We don't know how many that will be, however all 12 will be invited to stay and audit for the weekend.

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Send the videos by AUGUST 1ST to :

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 USDF Programs & Education Senior Coordinator
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The videos can be of tests, general arena riding, etc. They should show all the movements for the "slot" you're applying for - or just show all the horse is capable of and we'll place it into a slot.

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