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Do You Know These Ponies?

Many of you may recognize the famous "Hollywood" (shown here on left with current owner Megan Kelleghan) who started Devon Wycoff on her successful dressage journey. Next to him is "Kelsey" ridden by Caroline Cheval, who also has a very special tale to tell.



Do you know a pony or "Steady Eddie" that has spent their years patiently teaching young riders the art of dressage? We want to salute these great educators both past and present. Send a photo and your story for future publication in the Centaur: CentaurPublisher@gmail.com.

Russ Fawcett Memorial Award

Donated by Janet Foy

RMDS To Recognize 'Lifetime Achievement'

The "RFMA" will be awarded to an individual (professional or amateur) who has shown dedication to the sport of dressage through education and "giving back." The RFMA will be awarded based on individual written nominations sent to the RMDS Central Office received by Sept. 1. Please send your nominations to the Central Office at: RMDS, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301 or email to: rmds@rmds.org

President's Message

Hello, Summer!

With Mother Nature expressing herself with torrential rain, hail and even a tornado or two, some of our members have had a rough start to the show season. Hopefully, the summer will be less eventful and we can find the time to enjoy riding again.

As we progress into the show year, our show managers and facility managers find themselves struggling once again to find the volunteers to run their shows efficiently, and with care and compassion for both exhibitors and horses. When a show has to run with minimal staff, we all feel the pain. As competitors, spectators and trainers, we need to find a way to help the shows run smoothly by providing the volunteer staff we all need.

Many volunteers are friends and family members of riders, but we of-

ten fall short. Please be sure to thank your volunteers. Try whenever you can to be a volunteer, and give back to the show and training community. With volunteers, we can keep costs down and provide a friendly working



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

atmosphere and successful shows. Even giving a half-day of your time can be so valuable to show management and fellow competitors.

As we approach the RMDS and Re-

gion 5 Championships in September, the need for volunteers and sponsors is at the forefront of our planning. If each RMDS member can provide a little time and effort, then the show will be fun for all.

We are so excited to make this a grand event. Volunteers at championships will be rewarded by receiving a special, once-in-a-lifetime shirt to wear. Make sure you don't miss your chance to earn one! The Chinese Year of the Horse theme will be prevalent throughout the show and we welcome your ideas on how to implement this theme.

All members are invited and encouraged to participate and provide ideas on how we can make the remainder of 2014 memorable.

Gwen Ka'awaloa, President, RMDS

Vice President's Message

Championships are approaching swiftly! So far, this summer has been amazing. I hope all of you have attended some the educational and fun events held by RMDS and our members. I recently attended a Judy Farnsworth clinic at Lost Lake Equestrian Center, hosted by Sabrina Bablitz and the generous Debbie Owens. They do not charge an auditing fee. Jennifer Kirsch had everyone over to her lovely home for lasagna and beverages afterwards. The weather was beautiful, and it was wonderful weekend. Dressage in Colorado is a warm, gracious and welcoming sport and I hope to always support this type of community.

We appreciate all your enthusiasm and care for the sport of dressage. I encourage you to connect with your local show organizers and volunteer. My son loves to come with me and ride the golf carts delivering scores.



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

My husband does not mind running while I am scribing or just watching my friends show. Please contact RMDS and volunteer at the championships. It is a great way to get to meet people from our whole region and

catch up on how things are done in our neighbor states. In addition, there are parties every night to meet other dressage enthusiasts, and we are also providing a free, special T-shirt to all volunteers, commemorating the "Year of the Horse." We would really love to meet you and get more people involved in our events.

I have had an extremely busy summer, with my two, new foals. I am the proud GrandMama of a new colt and filly! We are meeting every other month at "Darcy's Pub" in the Denver Tech Center at Belleview and I-25. I would love to see some new faces! All our meetings are open to the public. Please come introduce yourself and have a pint with me. As always, Best Wishes and Happy Horses!

*Warmest Regards,
Aline Brandau, JD, VP, RMDS*

Foothills Chapter

We have a Freestyle Clinic with Dolly Hannon coming up on July 19. This is at Bridlewood Stables in Conifer. It is the perfect setting for our own emeritus chapter president Dolly to help with your freestyle ideas. Education Chair Kristie Cotton (kristie@tpranch.us) can provide more information to anyone interested and everyone is welcome.

Our next chapter meeting is Aug. 11 at the Golden Hotel, Golden CO. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Kelly Leiken of Equibal-ance. Kelly offers Pilates classes and riding instruction which can create body awareness through Pilates techniques to improve the rider's ability. We are looking forward to the discussion on this topic.

Once again, the Foothills Chapter welcomes everyone; please join us. --Lori Mitchell, President, Foothills Chapter

Pikes Peak Chapter

Our May 6 business meeting involved a great deal of planning for the future of our club, including:

- We plan to continue our used tack and equipment show at the June Fountain Valley Show on Saturday afternoon June 14, followed by a potluck dinner for PPDS members and all competitors, volunteers and officials.
- PPDS will host a potluck dinner on Friday evening July 11, also at the Fountain Valley show.
- Future plans include our long postponed Lungeing and Long Lining Clinic, hopefully in conjunction with an October meeting. We are also looking at a yoga session to aid riders with out-of-the-saddle exercises, an evening of baking horse cookies in conjunction with our holiday party and gift exchange, and a liberty horse training clinic with a past member of the Cavalia troupe.

We have so many great ideas and people and so little time. Thanks to all the PPDS members and volunteers for their enthusiasm and participation in making our chapter a success!

As always, the most current information for our chapter is available at our website at <http://pikespeakdressage.org/Main/Home>.

– Michelle Anderson, President, PPDA

High Plains Chapter

The summer show season was kicked off with ribbons for Claire at the High Prairie Dressage Shows. The ribbons were worn by exhibitors and office staff to remember Claire Davis and the kindness that she displayed each day. Look on our Facebook page to see photos of all the wonderful people who exhibited the ribbons. Her family appreciated the show of compassion for Claire. Thanks to all the High Plains member who helped put together this tribute to Claire.

The Andreas Hausberger clinic is full for riders but auditing is still available. Andreas is the Chief Rider at the Spanish Riding School and will be at Stellar stables, July 19-21, 2014. There will be many different levels of riders, from Training through Grand Prix. He will teach a lunge and long line lesson also. Go to our website to sign up <http://www.highplainsdressage.org>

We are working on a fall potluck get together, we will have more details soon. Have a great summer.

– Jacque McIntyre, President, High Plains Chapter

Heather Petersen Named AA Chair

RMDS President Gwen Ka'awaloa has appointed Heather Petersen as Adult Amateur Chair to complete the year and to assist Education Chair Jon Haugen and Central Office Manager Beth Geier for the rest of the season. Heather, of Peyton, CO, also is USDF Region 5 representative.

USDF 'L' Program Offered in Colorado

The Part 1 schedule is:

A session - Nov. 1-2, 2014, Lois Yukins – Loveland

B session - Jan. 10-11, 2015, Bill Solyntjes – Greeley

C session - Mar. 14-15, 2015, Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
– Elizabeth

Participants and auditors need to sign up ahead of time. The only criteria to be a participant for Part 1: A-C is to be a member of USDF; group, participating or youth etc.

Contact education@rmds.org or the Central Office rmds@rmds.org for more information.

Bylaws & Standing Rule Changes

Hey RMDS members! This is your opportunity to add/edit/delete bylaws or standing rules in your organization.

Both bylaws and standing rules are printed in the current Omnibus and also on the website rmds.org under "Organization." Use the form on the facing page and mail to the Central Office.

All changes will be debated and voted on at the Annual Board of Governors meeting in November. Deadline for suggestions is Sept. 1, 2014.

Score Check!

Now that show season is started, make it a habit to regularly check your scores, both with RMDS and USDF, if applicable.

It's much easier to evaluate where you are and what you need to accomplish midway, than trying to catch up at the end of the season. Plus, you can check for any errors now!

*Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps
it from betting on people.*

W.C.Fields

Summertime

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Start with What You Can Do

Look around yourself and start with anything that you think you can do. Starting with what you are sure you can manage, you can lay a solid foundation for future steps. If you can step into a chair position, you may end up as president after a few years.

Don't Overburden Yourself

Remember that it is important to have the courage to say "no" to what you think is beyond your ability.

Believe in the Organization

You must believe in the organization, and what its leaders are trying to achieve and how they are going about it.

Be a Good Manager of Your Time and Energy

There is a limit to both the number of places where you can be involved and the amount of time that you can spend on your volunteer activities. Be aware of the limits, and match your efforts to your goals accordingly.

Be Friendly

Treat others like friends, and they'll do the same for you. Many people who volunteer meet new people with whom they want to stay friends. You might just meet someone who becomes a buddy for the rest of your life!

Be Selfless

Don't think about what you can do to help yourself. Think about what you can do to help others.

So, if you have some extra time to volunteer, want to help RMDS or your chapter, step up to volunteer. It can be rewarding, educational and a very fulfilling activity.

— Lori Mitchell is a former RMDS President.

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Start planning now to be qualified to apply for scholarship applications due in November.

Here are items to prepare now, so when you start your application you are ready to go. Hint for Junior/YoungRiders, this process could be a good project for a writing class at school.

Volunteer Early and Often

Every applicant must have completed eight hours volunteering for his or her chapter or RMDS activity. Applicants must verify these hours on a Volunteer Hours Documentation Form <http://rmds.org/uploads/Publications/rmds-volunteer.pdf> that they send to the Central Office.

Check the RMDS.org calendar for events to volunteer for. If you are in a remote area, check with your local chapter to see what needs to be done

Think About What You Would Do with the Scholarship Funds

Check the calendar for educational events. Start checking with coaches for possible training opportunities. Then, creating a detailed activity plan and scholarship application will be straightforward.

Plan for a Horse to Use

If you do not already own the horse you intend to use, start checking with potential owners / leasers. Then you can get prepared to have the required waivers.

Put Together a Budget

Once you come up with a plan for your educational opportunities, start putting together a budget. Then, when you submit the scholarship application, it will be ready.

The Neighborhood Schooling Show

By Beverly Swanson

When it comes to horse shows, the schooling show is the first bar to clear for the greenest horse or the most inexperienced rider. But the lowly schooling show has many purposes beyond being a baby step to rated shows.

The neighborhood schooling show often brings a motley crew, with every horse and rider carrying a different aura and personality onto the grounds. The barn horses in their paddocks are on high alert, raising their heads to the fresh horse aroma, the unfamiliar greetings and defensive threats. The air is alive and throbbing with nerves, excitement, fear, courage. These are not seasoned show veterans; they are the beginning adult amateur, the fresh-faced teenagers, the youngster at her first show with her family in tow.

The horses are a similar mix of breeds and experience, from the rangy eventing horses to the unruly ponies and Steady Eddies leased by eager students. Humans outnumber horses by a factor of what seems like 10 to one, when you count the extended family and friends that come to watch, help, or in the case of husbands and fathers, to drive the rig.

Starched white shirts with tailored jackets are rarely seen. The schooling show is casual, a chance to express a bit of personal fashion and be comfortable. The horses have their style statements too, with crocheted bonnets on the jumpers and fancy western saddles on those trying out western dressage. All arrive in various states of readiness, so riders, moms and dads are all busy with brushes and wraps and tack, putting on the final polish.

Once rider and horse enter the arena, all bets are off. In the arena, you will see comical pairs, scary pairs, promising pairs, and what-were-they-thinking pairs. There will be profiles in courage, and astonishing displays of ignorance. There will be horses who strut proudly into the ring, showing the promise of ribbons to come. There will be school horses half-napping while they do Intro A by rote. There will be mismatched pairs, a young horse and a tentative rider who hang their trainer by her fingernails.

The force of pressure to perform on both horse and rider acts like a vise that squeezes until only the strongest personality traits of each are present. Watching the kids is a lesson in dignity and purpose: they are far less worried about their style than making sure they follow the pattern correctly. They kick their mounts furiously with their small legs, knowing from experience that the horse is fully ca-

Hold Your Own Schooling Show

It's not difficult to hold your own schooling show, and it's a fun way to make a little money and a lot of new friends. Do a little marketing with flyers or email blasts, put your show date on calendars (RMDS, WDACO, CHJA, MSEA) with contact information. Usual fees are \$25 office fee, and \$15-\$25 for each class.

Here's a checklist of what you need:

1. **Entry Forms.** You can use the RMDS Entry Form and modify it to fit your show.
2. **Arenas.** A standard 20m x 60m arena with a dressage arena setup of poles and letters (you can rent one from RMDS or other barns that may be willing to rent theirs).
3. **Warm-up area.**
4. **Trailer parking.** Plan on how you will park trailers and how many your facility can handle. If space is tight, plan on having a trailer parking manager to help you out.
5. **Show Insurance.** Your barn policy may already cover shows, or you can purchase an additional insurance rider to cover you.
6. **A judge.** Check the Officials List in the Centaur. Recent 'L' graduates are often seeking to add to their experience.
7. **Tests.** Decide what tests you want to offer. You will attract a wider range of entrants if you offer western dressage and eventing tests. Remember, you will need 2 copies of each test, one for the judge and one for the scribe. You can download the dressage tests from USEF.org, the western dressage tests from WDAA.org, and eventing tests at useventing.com
8. **Schedule Rides.** The USDF website has a downloadable form with all the suggested ride times for individual tests.
9. **Volunteers.** You will need at minimum a scribe, a ring steward, and an office secretary to add up scores and place competitors.
10. **Contact one of our many show secretaries, or the Central Office** if you need some coaching. Everyone is happy to help!

The Schooling Show

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pable of totally ignoring their efforts. These are confident kids that can hold their own in any situation.

The eventers and jumpers come to brush up on the obligatory flat work and equitation. They ride big horses who gambol along at the trot and cover huge lengths of ground at the canter. Their style is balls to the wall, ride it like you mean it. Restrained and stiff-necked is not their bailiwick, they seem to cut the ride time of a test in half.

The adult first-timers show up with more baggage. They feel slightly ill-at-ease, unsure of how to fit in to this new social experience of showing. Often behind in skill than the skinny young girls on top of highly-muscled dressage horses, they steel themselves to enter the ring with confidence on their first horse since childhood. But self-consciousness jumps out of the saddle at A, and they ride in with concentration and hope. There is always a courage and dignity in putting oneself up to be judged, no matter what level of rider you are.

One of the nicest features of the neighborhood schooling show is the kindness and generosity of an experienced judge. They recognize that this is a learning experience for all, and most do their best to be helpful in their comments, giving of their time and knowledge, less demanding in their scores. Watching as a nervous rider falls off and gets

up with a tear in her eye, a compassionate judge urges her to get back on, if she thinks she can, and finish the test. At the schooling show no one gives up, no matter how badly things go. And with most classes having one or two entries, it's guaranteed that everyone goes home with a ribbon.

As the hours and rides pass by, the palpable relief of tests finished and breaths taken fill the barn. Laughter and words of encouragement are heard in the office and at the trailers lining the drive. Every contestant has run the gauntlet and survived with a tale to tell all their friends and stable-mates back home. Horses are loaded and goodbyes and thanks follow the trailers back out on the road, with plans for the next show already underway.

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Beverly Swanson is the Championships Show Liaison and does the typesetting and design of the Centaur. She also publishes "The Horse reSource Book," a compendium of information and resources for all horse owners in the Rocky Mountain region, available free at many establishments throughout the area. The book is also online at www.HorseResourceBook.com.



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Lessons, History and Lipizzan Stallions Make Spanish Riding School Golden for Hallé

By Suzie Haynes Hallé

In the Fall of 2013, RMDS High Plains Chapter's Suzie Haynes Hallé of Englewood, CO, attended two theoretical training seminars at the Spanish Riding School in Austria. She credits her work there, in addition to her training with Maureen Sterling, with helping her earn her USDF Gold Medal in Colorado in June. Here is her report, edited for space. Her full report with additional photos and video is at http://www.dressagefoundation.org/our_stories/archives/aa_stories/suzie_halle.html.



As the first North American Adult Amateur to receive and use a grant from The Dressage Foundation to attend theoretical courses at the Spanish Riding School's Training Center in Heldenberg, it is a privilege to share with you some of what I experienced there

My interest in learning classical riding stems from my belief that in order to improve in anything, you need to draw from a solid foundation. I learned that the goal of classical training of horses is to teach them how to use their entire musculature, through tried and true gymnastic movements. These movements are introduced at specific times by knowledgeable trainers with proper use of equipment and rewards. The goal for the rider is to develop a proper seat that allows the horse to execute the most difficult movements with ease, balance, lightness and harmony.

Heldenberg Training Center, completed in 2005 as a summer stable for the school's stallions, features 80 spacious stalls with attached runs. There is a tea room, locker room, office, classroom, heated drying and wash areas and laundry. Chief Rider Andreas Hausberger, the Director of Heldenberg, guided us through lessons on in-hand work and the influences of classical training greats such as Xenophon, Eumenes (Alexander The Great's assistant), Frederico Grisone (16th century), Antoine de Pluvinel and Francois Robichon de la Guérinière.

Acceptance Without Fear

When a stallion begins his training there at about 4 years of age, he has never ever seen a saddle or bridle before. The sensitivity of the mouth is so respected by the school, every consideration is made to preserve it. To that end, they are never led by the reins, ever. A cavesson for leading, custom made for each horse, is what is used for their entire lives.

In-Hand Work Plentiful

Fitness is the top priority for both rider and horse. You must also understand that the rider is "alpha." Empathy, or knowing how far to push and when to stop, is key. Hand/eye coordination is also important, as you must know where to apply the aid and be capable of applying it. Working in a good arena with vertical walls is best for in-hand training. Correct equipment includes: back longe line, gloves, proper whip (minimum 180 cm), a cavesson, side reins, surcingle, and passage stick, just to name a few. Understanding how and being able to properly use your equipment is mandatory. Timing is of the utmost importance. For instance, negative and positive reward must be done within 4 seconds or you're too late. You must know when and how to use soft assuring pats and sugar.

Work on the Long Rein

Before beginning on the long rein, you must be certain that the horse has full acceptance of the whip in-hand. Some horses will never have the temperament for it. In long rein work, the most important quality is going forward. Once introduced, one month is considered a very short time to be doing long rein work and the most important quality is going forward. Equipment used is a bridle (no cavesson) and the long rein, which is not adjustable. There is one set for each horse. If a small adjustment is needed, you can make a knot at the end. It is a mistake to use the handler's body to influence the horse, especially in the corners. The inside-to-outside rein connection is paramount. If the horse is cutting a corner, for example, a whip is added at the inside leg position rather than the handler's temptation to physically push the horse over. It is standard practice to use a voice command by clicking the tongue.

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Andreas Hausberger, Chief Rider and Director of the Spanish Riding School is coming to Colorado for the first time to work with riders and auditors July 19-21. Sponsored by the RMDS High Plains Dressage Chapter, events are in the indoor arena at Stellar Stables in Parker. Andreas will instruct riders from Training Level to Grand Prix, two of whom will work on the long rein and one in a longe lesson. Rider spots are available on a wait-list, but up to 30 auditors can attend each day. To register, visit HighPlainsDressage.org, click on: Clinic Sign Up:Audit/Ride.

Spanish Riding School *cont. from pg.9*

The position of the handler is the key. The handler can be directly behind the horse, almost touching the tail, or to the right or left. At walk or trot non-lateral work, the position is directly behind or just to the inside of the horse, but the handler's body position moves to the outside to cue for "canter." Moving your body to the outside in the long rein is interpreted by the horse, just as a leg aid would be when it slides back. The horse makes this connection and the training is easily transferred from long rein to under-saddle work and back again.



Contact with the bridle while working with the long rein is the same as under-saddle. If the horse is behind the vertical, you do the same correction: drive the horse forward to regain a correct connection. The handler's stride indicates rhythm and tempo to the horse. It should be long and cadenced. The whip is used carefully and is never a punishing aid.

On the long rein, we saw all the movements required for a Grand Prix test, and then some. Riders had stallions ex-



ecuting half-pass zig-zags in trot and canter, beautiful lines of one-tempi changes, pirouettes, piaffe and passage, all done without anyone in the saddle! This training demonstrates that a rider and a horse can transfer their knowledge of impulsion, rhythm, cadence and everything from the saddle to the long rein.

Exercises on the Longe to Take Home

For Straightness in your torso: At trot and canter – turn your core right then left. It is harder than you think to keep both arms exactly even and parallel to the ground without flapping while the body is deep in the saddle moving with the horse, relaxed.

Independent arms: At trot and canter – inside arm relaxed down, outside arm up at ceiling. Rotate like a pinwheel. Maintain loose hands/fingers, no tension. Reverse direction. Don't just circle your arms, really open the chest muscles to feel the stretch while staying quiet in the saddle with your seat.

Core: Plank at the halt – Seated, legs down, hold pommel, swing straight legs up behind into "plank," click ankles together three times, lower legs to sitting. Repeat three times quickly.

Core: Reverse plank at the halt – Seated, legs down/straight, hold the cantle, swing straight legs up in front, above the mane, click heels. Return to sitting. Repeat three times.

Independent seat: At the halt, turn around in the saddle. Front/side/back/side/front.

Body position: Visualize in the canter that toes are up. Keep arms down, relaxed hands, legs and seat quiet. For me, keep inside shoulder down and back. Feel seat bones.

Body position check: Are shoulders back? Without leaning forward, just glance down. If you see your toe, move your lower leg back. Move wrists and fingers to relax them and your arms.

For more information, visit the Heldenberg Training Center Fund web page or call (402) 434-8585. For deadlines to the various Foundation grants available, visit <http://www.dressagefoundation.org/apply/deadlines.html>

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RMDS Championships - Get Your Sponsorships Now

Championships will be here before we know it. We are all preparing to ride our best in the upcoming shows, hoping to qualify in our chosen class.

RMDS also needs you to think about procuring sponsorships and program advertisers. This is a great opportunity for local and national businesses to showcase their products, services, or just say "thank you" to a trainer or owner.

There are many levels of sponsorship, with great branding opportunities:

- Program advertising
- Signage/banners on arenas
- PA announcements
- Inclusion in all PR events
- Presence on RMDS website

We have a **great new opportunity for local sponsors** in the Parker/Franktown/Elizabeth/Castle Rock areas. Sponsor a class or place an ad, and

RMDS will pinpoint the location on a map handed out to all. This is a great way for local retail and restaurants to capture some extra business during the show.

Expenses for the Championship Show have increased significantly, due to the Colorado Horse Park arena fees. It takes a great deal of work and scores of people to produce this 5-day show, particularly when we also host the USDF Region 5 Championships.

Please think about your contacts and others who might be interested in being an integral part of keeping the art of dressage alive and vibrant in the Rocky Mountain West.

Check the Championships page on the website, rmds.org, for the complete Sponsor package that you may download and print.

If you would like the Show Liaison to contact someone about sponsorship, email Beverly Swanson at: [ShowLiaisonRMDS@gmail.com](mailto>ShowLiaisonRMDS@gmail.com) or phone 720.401.0357.

Thank you!



"The Year of the Horse"

Artwork by Stephanie Gallegos

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Individual Membership - \$60.00 (\$65 after January 1-late fee) Additional family members (same address) - \$45

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Please include all information for person designated as individual member. If an adult amateur, include current copy of USEF AA card. All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard or email. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS.

Indicate Local Chapter (only one):

Arkansas Valley

Foothills (Golden, Evergreen)

Pikes Peak (Colo. Spgs. area)

Boulder Valley

Grand Valley (Grand Junction)

Platte River (Greeley, E. Colorado)

Colorado Springs

High Plains (Parker, Littleton, Aurora)

Wasatch Mountains (Utah)

O N. Colorado (Ft. Collins, Loveland)

O Western Colorado (Aspen, Vail etc.)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (E-Mail) _____

USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

Names, DOBs, & USDF #s of additional family members _____

I pledge \$ _____ to go towards the RMDS Scholarship Fund. (Include amount with your membership check)

____ Please remove my name from lists sold by RMDS ____ Renewing member: Needs binder-**include additional \$8.00**

____ Referred by: _____: _____ Permanent Bridle Tag (a pair) **add \$50**

RMDS Horse Registration Form

Horses must be registered with RMDS to be eligible for year-end awards and for horse-of-the year award.

Eligibility starts on the date the envelope containing this form and check is postmarked.

Both rider AND horse AND owner must be current before scores count toward year end awards and qualifying for RMDS championships.

The name and all information on this registration must be the same as that used on horse show entry forms.

Check One: ____ Lifetime Horse Registration - \$40.00 ____ Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) - \$15.00

Horse Name _____ Sex _____ Breed (if known) _____

Registration # (include copy of papers. List grade if no registry papers available.) _____

Owner Name(s) (one owner must be an RMDS member) _____

Address of Owner _____

Owner's Phone (H) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) _____

Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

JULY 2014

- 5-6 **Rocky Mountain Dressage III, IV-USEF**
Somerset Farm, Longmont, CO-
Contact Kim Lampert show@somersetfarms.com
- 5-6 **Millbrook Farms Summer Dressage Show-Fairfield, UT USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 5-6 **Jean Luc Cornille Clinic & Lecture-TBA-Elizabeth, CO**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 8 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-TBA**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 10-13 **Phillipe Karl Clinic-Trinity Ranch-Santa Fe, NM**
Contact Terry Flanagan 505-231-5180 www.santafepk.com
- 11-12 **Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up & Dressage at the Peak II-USEF**
Fountain Valley School-Colorado Springs, CO
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
- 19 **Dressage in the Forest II Schooling Show-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**
Contact Lani Tolari www.windsweptfarms.net
- 19 **How to Improve and Develop a Winning Freestyle-Dolly Hannon-Bridlewood Stables-Evergreen, CO**
Contact Kristie kristie@tpranch.us
- 20 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 20 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie Soule 970-201-0747 stephanie.soule@msn.com
- 25-26 **Sage Creek III & IV-Utah-USEF**
Contact Sue Jero 801-330-5763 dressageshow@sue@aol.com
- 26-27 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival III, IV, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net

AUGUST 2014

- 1-3 **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III-USEF**
Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 2 **The Magic of Shoulder In Clinic-TBA**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 9 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show-Triple Creek Ranch-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 9-10 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Fairfield, UT USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 10 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
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- 10 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie Soule 970-201-0747 stephanie.soule@msn.com
- 15-17 **Estes Park I, II-CDI 2*-USEF**
Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
- 15-17 **USEF r Judges Program - Estes Park -**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
- 23-24 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I & II-USEF**
Wasatch County Special Events Center-Heber City, UT
Contact Corinne Cody 435-901-3181 corinnenpc@gmail.com

- 24 **BVD So Long to Summer Singletree Farm-Boulder, CO**
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 30 **Ride Your Best Transitions Ever Clinic-TBA**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 30-31 **GVDS Fall Recognized Show-USEF**
Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Junction, CO
Contact Tammy Fagan 970-858-1604 tfagadressage@wyoming.com

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 3 **ISR/Oldenburg Mare & Foal Inspection-Millbrook Farm, UT**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 5 **RMIHC Dressage/Western Dressage Schooling Show-Douglas County Fairgrounds-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 6 **RMIHC Working Equitation and Fun Show-Douglas County Fairgrounds-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 6 **Pendragon Stud Equestrian Dressage Show-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Leslie Terry (303) 688-4147 lt2@kellin.net
- 6 **Cottonwood Riding Club Dressage Schooling Series-Littleton, CO**
Contact Tara Hieb 303-791-7656 comments@cottonwoodridingclub.com
- 6 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show-Triple Creek Ranch-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 7 **Last Chance Show-Foothills Chapter-Rising Star Equestrian Center-Arvada, CO**
Contact Jan Danis 505-490-2805 jandalusian@gmail.com
- 11 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-TBA**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 17 **RMDS Breed Championships & Open Show/ USDF/Great American Breed Championships-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
- 18-21 **RMDS Championships & Open Show/ USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drgw.net
- 20 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie Soule 970-201-0747 stephanie.soule@msn.com
- 20-21 **USEF Judges Continuing Education - Colorado Horse Park -**
Contact Chuck Walker at USEF for more information
- 27 **CDEC 2-Phase Schooling Show-Cheyenne, WY**
Contact Jane Swanhorst-Ringolsby 307-634-2870 www.cheydressageandeventing.com
- 27-28 **Dressage and Western Dressage Schooling Show-Douglas County Fairgrounds-Castle Rock, CO**
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com

OCTOBER 2014

- 4-7 **Philippe Karl Clinic-Trinity Ranch-Santa Fe, NM**
Contact Terry Flanagan 505-231-5180 www.santafepk.com
- 5 **NCDAschooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**
Contact Didi DeKrey 970-568-3916 www.windyr ridge@frii.com
- 9 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-TBA**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 11 **River Walk Schooling Show-Pathfinder Park-Florence, CO**
Contact Marcy Wadlington avda@earthlink.net
- 11-12 **GVDS Schooling Show III- Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jctn, CO**
Contact Tammy Fagan 970-858-1604 tfagadressage@wyoming.com
- 18 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show-Triple Creek Ranch-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 24-26 **USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshop-Final Testing-Training-4th Level-TBA**
Contact RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org or Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com

NOVEMBER 2014

- 1 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show-Triple Creek Ranch-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 1-2 **USDF "L" Education Program Session A-Lois Yukins-Larimer County Fairgrounds-Berthoud, CO**
Contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 6-9 **National Championships, Lexington, KY**
- 15 **RMDS Board of Governors Meeting-Renaissance Hotel-Denver, CO**
Contact RMDS Central Office
- 15 **RMDS Awards Banquet**
- 16 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show-Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie Soule 970-201-0747 stephanie.soule@msn.com

JANUARY 2015

- 10-11 **USDF "L" Education Program Session B-Bill Solyntjes-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**
Contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 31 **Judges' Continuing Education-Freestyle Clinic-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Larimer County Fairgrounds-Berthoud, CO**
Contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2015

- 21 **RMDS TD/Show Management Workshop**
- 28 **Intro to New Tests with Kristi Wysocki-Petra Warlimont Dressage- Longmont, CO**
Contact Jon Haugen defiancesport@q.com or RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

MARCH 2015

- 14-15 **USDF "L" Education Program Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO**
Contact Jon Haugen 970-217-7820 defiancesport@q.com or RMDS Central Office-720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

AUGUST 2015

- 14-16 **USEF r Judges Program - Estes Park -**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@dr gw.net

For updates to the calendar,check the website at www.rmds.org

IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!

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People on horses look better than they are.

People in cars look worse than they are.

~Marya Mannes

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GOVERNING BODIES

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

USDF REGION 5

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|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Director | Heather Petersen | 719-683-8435 | slush@drwg.net |
| FEI JRYR Coordinator | Joan Clay..... | 970-420-0887 | jnclay@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, Brenda Haley 719-369-2421 check www.arkansasvalleydressage.org for times and locations

Boulder Valley: 2nd Mon., even months, location TBD, Sarah Barnes 303-817-2783 sarahvbarnes@yahoo.com

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

Foothills: quarterly meetings, location TBD, Lori Mitchell 303-816-2375 klassicalride@aol.com

Grand Valley: 3rd Tues. of the month, location: Mesa Mall Community Meeting Room 6:30pm Tammy Fagan 970-858-1604 tfagandressage@wyoming.com

High Plains: Bimonthly- location-TBD, Jacquelin McIntyre 303-910-3672 jacquehm4@comcast.net

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, Michelle Anderson 303-646-1375 michand@hotmail.com

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

Wasatch Mountain: location TBD, Sally Shaffer 435-640-8797

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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 2014 may be variable, please check the calendar or the website. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location.

2014 OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

Added Information:

Name of horse on Coggins test MUST be the same as the name on all horse membership cards

The following classes will not be recognized by RMDS for qualifying for RMDS Championships or for RMDS Year-end Awards:
Green Horse/ Green Rider

Page A-11 add to FEI Level 1 Dressage Steward: Debbie Moloznik 818-515-0377

2014 RMDS-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

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

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| Sep 17-21 | RMDS Championships & Region 5 Championships-Parker, CO |
| Oct 24-26 | USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshop-Final Testing-TBA - Closed to auditors – Need demo horses & riders |
| Nov 1-2 | USDF "L" Education Program Session A-Lois Yukins-Larimer County Fairgrounds |
| Nov 15 | RMDS Board of Governors' and Awards Banquet- Renaissance Hotel-3801 Quebec Street-Denver, CO |

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| Jan 10-11 | USDF "L" Education Program Session B-Bill Solyntjes-Tomora Equestrian |
| Jan 29 | Freestyle Clinic with Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Judges Continuing Education- Larimer County Fairgrounds |
| Feb 28 | Intro to New Tests with Kristi Wysocki-Petra Warlimont Dressage-Longmont, CO |
| Mar 14-15 | USDF "L" Education Program Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, 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@rmds.org

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@rmds.org

ADVERTISING

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

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

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@rmds.org), 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@rmds.org.

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 |

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

What's Your Question?

Q. What specific training methods do you use to introduce kids to riding and dressage?

Answer from Melissa Scott of Pony Patch and Cadence Riding School of Equitation. Contact her at ponypatchkids@gmail.com.

As always, it really depends on the child. A person that is passionate about dressage would always teach its values. If you have a person who walks in as a barrel racer who wants to better their bending, you would start helping with forward and lateral. If it was a reiner, you would work on getting the hind end working better and leg, leg, leg.



With children, I never say to them, "We are learning dressage." I start them with safety, hopefully a good seat and a lot of fun so they come back.

It's as a child becomes more serious that you start calling what they have been doing dressage. I constantly expose even small kids to videos and take them to shows. But, I never push being competitive on them. I really think the art of dressage comes with a rather serious commitment. As my students want more I start explaining the difference between being a passenger (a safe passenger) and a real rider. Often others hear the comment and ask how they can be a real rider.

I currently have a student that is using me only through default. She wants to become a Grand Prix jumper. I have nice jumps but that's about as far as it goes. She keeps steering with the face to get from one jump to the next. When I put my best rider on her horse and she is more successful steering with the body and creating some bend and roundness, the horse stopped running out.

Now the jumper rider bought a pair of full-seat breeches and has stopped begging for more jumping, and has come for extra flat lessons and wants to now audit dressage clinics.

It's all in presentation. If dressage is the basis of all riding, put it into all riding and stop putting verbal emphasis on it.

At least this is what we do.

Melissa (Missy) Scott created The Pony Patch at Doolittle Ranch, Salida, CO, to encourage children to enjoy the sport of riding and become safe, competent horsemen and women.

Find out more at 719-530-8315 or email ponypatchkids@gmail.com.

Shake a Volunteer's Hand

By Kelly Roper

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I hope everyone has had a great start to their summer! I know we've been busy up North with final qualifying for NAJYRC and the start of the major show season, but it's now quite warm down south and I hope those of you down there are enjoying some lighter riding at the cooler times of the day. Perhaps all of you are enjoying time with friends and family this summer.

Several important DEADLINES are coming up:

- USDF National and Regional GMO volunteer nominations, as well as GMO award nominations, are due to the USDF office by Aug. 31.
- ❖ GMOs can submit nominations for Newsletter Awards, Website Awards, and Photography Awards. Don't forget that all nominations are due to the USDF office by Aug. 31. No more submitting hard-copy nominations! See the nomination forms for detailed information.
- ❖ Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year nominations can be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Region Director.
- ❖ Volunteer of the Year and Youth Volunteer of the Year nominations can also be submitted by any participating member, group member or the Regional Director.
- ❖ One deserving group member will receive the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund Grant to attend the 2014 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Cambridge, MA. The grant includes full convention registration



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and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by Aug. 31.

- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meet-

ing at the USDF Annual Convention Dec. 3-7, 2014 in Cambridge, MA.

The end of the qualifying period is coming for the 2014 NAJYRC Championships as is the period for the USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses and Brentina Cup. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors.

Please mark your calendars for our Region 5 Championships and plan to join us! It will be a fun week.

- USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships – Sep. 18-21, 2014. Parker, Colorado.

There are many educational opportunities being held over the next year around our region. Please be sure to double check your local calendars and those of the GMOs and barns just *outside your area and take part in one of these wonderful events.*

Till next month!

Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

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- Judges Continuing Education-Bill Solyntjes-Laramie County Fairgrounds-Loveland, CO
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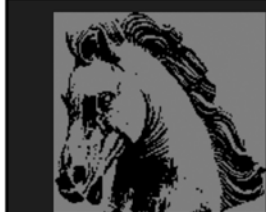
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