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UPCOMING EVENTS

JR/YR SUMMER INTENSIVE: July 5-7

USDF REGION 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition: July 8

AUTUMN HILL DRESSAGE III, IV: July 29-30

DRESSAGE IN THE ROCKIES: Aug. 4-6

UPGRADE YOUR JUDGING EYE: Aug. 6

President's Message

Wow we have had a fantastic year so far. The crown jewel for RMDS was our partnership with the Colorado Horse Park for the inaugural Dressage Symposium in the Rockies. Thanks to Heather Petersen and Beth Geier for their time spent helping RMDS partner with the Colorado Horse Park to make the first year of DSIR a success. The weather was a challenge but the riders were awesome and the clinicians gave their all to everyone. What a fantastic opportunity for the Rocky Mountain region of dressage enthusiasts. If you did not attend then you missed an amazing opportunity. While turnout from RMDS members was a bit disappointing I hope that attendance will grow as this becomes an annual event. Mark your calendars for next year and don't miss out, May 17 - 20. RMDS Professionals clinic will be May 15 - 16.

The weather in May and early June has proven to be challenging for shows and clinics. Snow and rain caused delays and sent people scrambling for warm blankets for horses and riders. We persevere through it



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

all so we can improve our riding skills and watch our horses grow.

I have been a recipient of scholarships and riding clinic opportunities this year that have allowed me to improve my skills and knowledge. A little time writing applications and essays has proven to be worth every hour. RMDS has scholarships available to our membership as well. Read and apply so you can grow your knowledge and riding. (See "News You Can Use" pg 5)

RMDS also wants to educate our members through clinics that we sponsor or through support of the Colorado Horse Park. Scholarships

from RMDS and CHP are available, USDF provides grants and scholarships, The Dressage Foundation and the National Education Initiative. Time spent researching options and opportunities can prove very helpful in assisting you with your goals.

This year's Professionals clinic had many positive reviews including some from out of region participating auditors. Unfortunately we had lower overall attendance. I am sad that this special program for our professionals is not as successful as it could be. RMDS provides this opportunity to help all our professionals, from grass roots teachers to the FEI professionals. Next year we will change up the format a bit to try and draw more professionals.

As RMDS grows in membership so does our vision for our members. Change and expansion are part of growth. Let's promote our organization together.

*Aloha,
Gwen Ka'awaloa*

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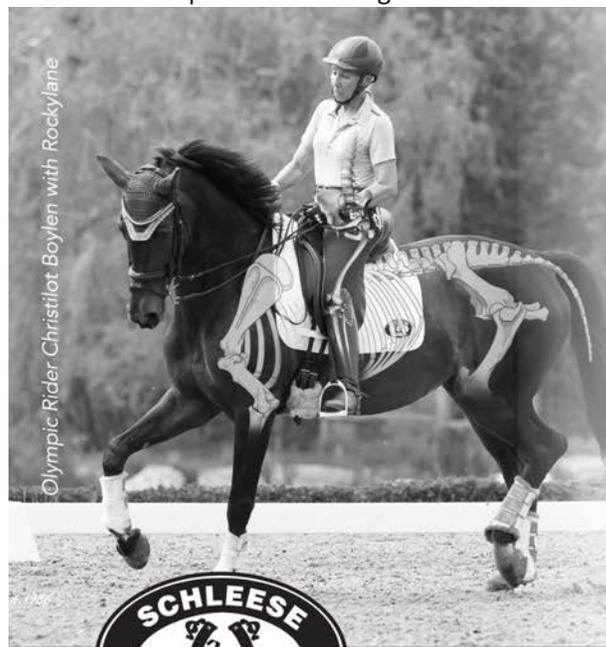
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Foothills Chapter

Riders ready to compete in 2017 filled both the Ride-A-Test Clinic on Saturday, June 10, with 'L' graduate Wendy Fryke, and the RMDS-regulation Spring Into Summer Show the next day, both at Table Mountain Ranch, Golden.

Our own Foothills' member, USEF 'S' Judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, rated the 60 riders competing June 11, including many vying for Western Dressage Association of Colorado high-point awards. She and TD DiDi DeKrey also noted a few rider rule infractions, including whips that were too long and a saddle pad commercial insignia. This was good information to have and errors to correct as the show season kicks off.

Another first was an eventer competing in her first dressage show, who scored 70s, and was so enthusiastic that she joined RMDS at the show.

Next up is the chapter's Last Chance Show on Saturday, Aug. 26, with Judge Julie Haugen 'r' also at Table Mountain Ranch. Check the RMDS Omnibus, and Foothills website and RMDS calendar for the prize list for dressage and Western dressage classes and entry information at www.cofoothillsdressage.org/. Overnight stabling is available at TMR with a horse health certificate.

Volunteers kept our shows running smoothly and on time. Many, many thanks to knowledgeable and congenial staffers Darrell Walters, Gail Wheat, Melanie Nuchols, Heather Appel, Karen Schoenecker, Marilou Metcalf and CC Ross.

Please join us Monday, Aug. 14 at 6:30 p.m., for our next Foothills Chapter meeting at Tuscan Tavern, Evergreen. Share a meal, a beverage and conversation.

For questions, contact President Kris Cooper at 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com.

Kris Cooper, Foothills President

On The Bit

Our first big event this year, a Kentucky Derby Party on May 6, was a great success. Almost 100 people were watching the Run for the Roses, while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres and mint juleps. Beautiful dresses and hats were awarded with special prizes. If you missed this party, make sure you will be there next year!

On May 18th we had an educational movie night scheduled. However, Wyoming spring weather interfered, and most of our members were snowed in and unable to attend. The few of us who made it there enjoyed delicious food and a glass of good wine, while watching beautiful horses and great riders. Since most members are busy during the summer, we decided to have the next movie night in the fall.

Another educational event this spring was a colic seminar on June 7 with Irina Weese, DVM. Irina's fun way of delivering scientific facts made her presentation on the digestive system of horses interesting and enjoyable for everyone. We are planning further educational events like this later this year, so make sure you check our facebook page or website for upcoming events!

Join us on July 22 for our On The Bit Summer Schooling Show at the Spur Ridge Equestrian Center! Entries will close on July 14 and you can find the prizelist on the RMDS calendar or on our website (www.onthebitdressage.com). Our judge, Julie Haugen, will be around for a clinic the day after the show, so if you are interested in riding, please contact us!

We are always happy to see new faces, so if you are interested in getting involved in our club or attending some of our events, please come to one of our monthly meetings (first Tuesday of the month, 7 pm at Altitude in Laramie) or contact us through our website or facebook page!

Stephanie Gies, On The Bit Communications Chair

NCDA

NCDA 2016 Board: President – Didi DeKrey, Vice President – Rose Balfour, Treasurer - Karla Lauritsen, Secretary – Jacki Rosellen

NCDA is on Summer Break, will start back up in September.

Didi DeKrey, President

Pikes Peak

Unfortunately we had to cancel our last meeting for a horse emergency. Check in with us for exciting and fun events coming up soon.

For the most current information on our chapter activities visit our website at pikespeakdressage.org.

Tiffany Busch, PPDS President

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Arkansas Valley

It was a great day at the schooling show last Saturday. We had Mary Jo Hoepner to judge. Thank you so much for coming down and spending the day with us! Congrats to all the riders and to Amanda Shade who came away with high point!



*Brenda Haley on Faraons
Avalon Ariel*



*JoElyn Newcomb
and Ginny Sullivan*



Mary Jo Hoepner and Colleen

Much appreciation for all the time our show management team Renee McMillen and Sandy Vernon put into the show and a very special thank you and three cheers to all the volunteers!

Our next schooling show is in the fall, Sep. 30. Come join us! Auditors always welcome.

High Plains

High Plains held an Adult Amateur Clinic on May 13th at Julie Burt's farm in Parker. (See article on page 20) It was a fun and educational day for all. We had riders from all disciplines and RMDS and High Plains gained some new members! Kathy Simard and Julie Burt had a day of enthusiasm and education that received a lot of positive feedback to the chapter. The ladies who participated once again supported each other and enjoyed a very social lunch hour sharing stories about their horsey lives! One western dressage rider declared it the most fun she had ever had at a clinic! There were hopes expressed that High Plains would host another clinic this Fall. The board decided not to do another one this year due to lack of time to put together another quality clinic. However the Adult Amateur Clinic will be added to the 2018 schedule along with the continuation of our Youth Day Clinic.

We are in the midst of updating our website and you can also find HPD on Facebook to see what our upcoming meetings and events will be.

We all enjoyed the wonderful education events at the Horse Park in May and are excited to see the lineup for 2018. We will continue to see everyone at the shows!!

Kathy Simard, HP President

GVDS

The first weekend in June we held our first Dressage Foundation assisted clinic with Beth Baumert. The riders and auditors were treated to a beautiful facility at Mary Duke's Stirrup Cup Farm in Delta. Linda Chadwick-Wirth organized the clinic with pens, notebooks and handouts for all. There were prizes to be raffled, refreshments and good food provided. Beth is a clinician with years of experience working with the world's best dressage riders so she offered us tips and insight for every level. Our clinic was full with a waiting list and about two dozen people came to audit. We also offered USDF accreditation for educational credit for this clinic. Linda is preparing a full summary article to be submitted soon to the Centaur.

The second weekend in June we had our second schooling show with judge Sharron Sarchet. The temperatures were hot but we had fully covered arenas for warm up and for the competition. We also turned on the misters for the warm up arena which dropped the temperatures 10 degrees. Not many facilities compare to what we have here in Mesa County for our shows. The show was completely full both days and there were many smiles abounding as riders enjoyed their horses in this competition. The incredibly talented team of Dee Closson as show secretary, Pat White as show manager, and Deb Crooks as arena manager had everything completed and put away before the last competitor pulled out of the trailer parking area. I feel truly privileged to work with such generous and competent volunteers and staff.

Our summer is still going strong! We have a Debbie Riehl Rodriguez clinic July 1-2 at the same Stirrup Cup Farm facility as the first clinic. This clinic filled the first day and is offered to all to audit on a donation basis.

We are looking at dates for next year's shows already and discussing what we can do better to serve our members in 2018.

Arlene Rhodes, GVDS President

Russ Fawcett Memorial Award

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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" over a period of time. The RFMA will be awarded based on individual written nominations sent to the RMDS Central Office received by September 1.

Please send your nominations to the Central Office at:
RMDS, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301
rmds@rmds.org

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) Award Applications Coming Up

Carol Lavell Gifted Memorial Fund - Adult Amateur

Offers up to eleven \$1,000 scholarships per year – one for each USDF Region plus two wild card scholarships. The scholarships enable adult amateurs to set aside quality time, in concentrated training, away from the daily pressures of job and family with a horse the recipient owns or formally leases.

Application deadline –September 15th

Century Club

Recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined ages total 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a dressage test of any level, at a dressage show or event, and are scored by a dressage judge or a professional. The Foundation presents each team with a Century Club plaque and ribbon.

Applications should be sent at least a month prior to the Century Club ride.

Cynthia Aspden Youth Development Fund - YR

The goal of the Cynthia Aspden Youth and Young Rider Development Fund is to provide financial assistance to youth and young adult riders (age 25 and under) to aid in their development in dressage. Grants will typically range in the amount of \$250 - \$1,000.

Application deadline – September 1st

Championship Score and Eligibility Reminder!

PLEASE remember to check the following:

- Owner, rider, horse **MUST** be current **PRIOR** to ride for scores to count
- Score checks
- Adult amateur card on file with Central Office
- Pony cards on file with Central Office

Dressage for the Cure Recap

Thanks to some amazing donations from our members and their friends and families, Dressage for the Cure at the Peak raised nearly \$2100!!!

Thanks so much to everyone who participated in the auction and donated items - we had such a unique and wide variety up for bid this year!

For those who we have contact information for and picked up their items, as well as for those who donated items, you will receive an official letter from Sense of Security letting you know how much you are helping women of Colorado undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Thanks again for all your support, and we can't wait to see what next year brings!

Contact Shannon Lemons, Awards Chair, for more information or questions.

Is Your Horse A Cover Girl (Guy)?

Send a high-resolution, high-contrast picture, preferably a JPG, to the Centaur: CentaurPublisher@gmail.com.

Also, less background "noise" is best (fences, cars, busy scenery) and remember to identify your horse by full name, barn name, and your name.

We will let you know if your picture will be published!

Dressage Symposium - Lars Petersen Clinics

From Una Schade, Adult Amateur. Una is a member of High Plains Chapter and the Marketing Coordinator for RMDS.

Adult Amateur with Lars Petersen

The Dressage Symposium in the Rockies was nothing short of amazing. I had the opportunity to ride with Lars Petersen on both Saturday and Sunday and walked away with more tools for my toolbelt as well as a greater understanding of dressage training in general.



Due to the fact it snowed Thursday and Friday, the clinic had to move to the indoor arenas for the Saturday riders. There were bleachers setup for the auditors, and the arena was set-up to perfection for the riders.

Day one with a clinician can always be a bit nerve racking as a rider (especially with bleachers full of auditors and professional videographers, etc.), but just a few minutes in it was easy to see that Lars was down to earth and had a sense of humor so I immediately relaxed. We focused on getting Fritz really round and supple before we added in any tricks, which was GREAT because that is something we have been working on a bunch at home. We really focused on the flying changes as well as the extended trot. I also need to stop hanging on his left side!! (My darn left hand has a mind of its own). After I dismounted Lars overheard me commenting to someone about Fritz being a rescue horse and we had a brief discussion about his/our history and that he broke my back. Lars told me that I have done a fantastic job with him.

Day two of the DSIR at the Colorado Horse Park was in the outdoor rings! Thankfully the weather was decent enough on Saturday to start to dry up the arenas. After meticulous grooming, they were perfectly rideable for Sunday. The two arenas that were going, were next to each other with a platform and tents in between for the VIPs. This was a bit intimidating, but Fritz handled it all in stride.

Immediately Lars commented that Fritz was starting off better than he did on Saturday. That made me feel great, because I typically have less of a horse on day two of anything (clinic/show/etc.). We worked a bit on getting him more connected through some shoulder-in, and really kept

focusing on more forward gaits. Lars borrowed my whip for a moment (and promised not to beat me with it LOL!), and used it to show me the bend required in the shoulder-in, half-pass, traverse, renvers. It was a great visual. The bend itself stayed the same but the horse's positioning comparatively to the rail changed. I need more bend! In basically everything. We worked on the changes, extended trot and then some pirouette work as well.



I learned so much and cannot wait to take this bigger more forward version of Fritz's gaits into our every day training, along with all the tools I learned for the lateral work, tempis, pirouettes, and extended trot. I can't thank Lars Petersen enough for his fun yet effective way of teaching and for bringing out the best in Fritz and I. And thanks to the Colorado Horse Park and RMDS for hosting this amazing event!

The Professionals with Lars Petersen

From Sarah Martin with RaeAnn Cook and Andrea Chirich

As a mid-May snow storm hit Colorado, RMDS dressage professionals headed to the Colorado Horse Park in Parker for the annual RMDS two-day Professional's Symposium. RaeAnn Cook and I were amongst the group looking forward to learning and discussing with this year's clinician, Lars Petersen, as he worked with several of our own professionals and their horses over the two days. We did not go away disappointed!

The RMDS Professional's Symposium is an opportunity for our professionals to learn and discuss training the dressage horse and rider with classical principles through the training scale. Our clinician was Lars Petersen, Danish, and now US, International dressage competitor, Olympian and five-time Danish National Champion. Sarah Martin did a skilled job

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moderating question and answer sessions during and after each of the seven rides over two days. The demo riders were from our own professional ranks which brought the rider's perspective to our discussion as well. Thank you to our fellow professionals for being demo riders: **Sarah Dodge, Gwen Ka'awaloa, Gigi Brittain, Glenda Needles, Jennifer Weber, Layne Stowell and Julie Burt.**

Along with his international success, Lars brings an engaging sense of humor to our often very serious sport. As RMDS President Gwen Ka'awaloa, with her Dutch Warmblood mare, Awentia, practiced half-steps Lars coached, "I do it a little differently. Shorten the reins, and prepare to hold on and I smack her with the whip on the rump!" That got a moment of shock from Gwen as Lars smiled and we all laughed!

Our demo riders brought an interesting variety of horses

To RMDS and Colorado Horse Park,

It never occurred to me that I would actually be selected for the RMDS Scholarship ride. I still have to pinch myself that this opportunity became a reality for me.

I had, what I think most would consider, a real life ride. It was not beautiful, it was anything but flawless. And, I am so grateful for the experience because I had a lesson that forced me to push outside of my comfort zone with this horse. Needless to say, Steffen's coaching was impeccable. His timing and kind teaching allowed my horse and I to work through issues in a positive, confident way.

Since the symposium, I have gone home and dug in to my homework. I try to ride with more clarity, intention and compassion and to impart those principals on to my students.

I hope to come back next year with the ability to pay my own way, and I look forward to seeing the future scholarship recipients getting a taste of the "good stuff".

I was so impressed with the facilities and set up for this event, and I'm excited about the growth of our dressage community. The footing was excellent, the stabling was well managed and the staff was so friendly and accommodating. I felt immediately at home. I want to say "thank you" again to the Colorado Horse Park, RMDS and Perfect Products for making this opportunity possible.

THANK YOU and Happy Riding!

Sara Storch, Scholarship recipient

with different strengths. Lars focused on the basics with each rider to improve the quality of gaits. I appreciated his assessments of each team, and use of exercises to build from there. Whether relaxation, connection, straightness, extended trot or tempi changes it was about using the basics and paying attention to the details. A younger horse became more connected, a nervous horse became more relaxed, and a seasoned pro became more expressive and collected. Our demo riders began their sessions with wonderful movement that, through attention to the basics and the details, became even more expressive.

No matter which horse and rider combination, or the experience of the horse, Lars focused on first the rider maintaining an effective position, and then managing the horse's body. This meant;

- Riding from the seat 80%, leg 15%, hand 5%
- A deep seat and loose knee and thigh, and supportive calves
- A steady hand and steady connection to the bit
- Always sending the horse forward and engaging the hind end
- Staying in the middle and balanced so the horse can be balanced
- Suppling with one rein, while thinking of filling up the other rein
- Guiding the horse's shoulders, and managing all four corners of the horse in all movements.
- Riding the hind legs under.

As we moved through both days, with one day's work building on the next, I noted several coaching tips that Lars often returned to:

- It is our job to figure out how the horse best responds. You must have a system but you also must be flexible. Avoid arguing with the horse.
- You must have all four corners and both ends of the horse at the same time
- If you're not centered the horse can't be. Sit in the middle, even when weighting seat bones.
- Always do some lateral work at the walk first. Be sure the walk is good so the horse can move off into trot from the hind legs.
- The more unsteady the horse, the more you must ride forward into a steady hand. Do not try to fix the head with the bit. Instead think seat to hand.
- Ride to the end of the movement then continue to ride! You must continue to ride the horse.
- Aids are 80% seat, 15% leg, 5% hand. One can use the calf of the leg, but thigh and

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knee should be loose or they will block the horse's back and the flow of throughness.

- When it starts to get hard, don't let yourself tighten up. The rider must stay loose and use her weight.
- Let the horse take you forward.
- In stretching, let the horse carry your hand forward and maintain the connection.
- If it is hard to go forward it is impossible to collect.
- Collect with the seat, not the hand.
- Constantly ask yourself, "How is everything? What do I need to do to make it better?"

For the Young Horse

I especially enjoyed the work with the young horse. Lars coached to first get the horse going to the bit. Lars emphasized the importance of riding the horse forward and keeping the horse active with the hind legs. A young horse cannot balance on a loose rein and needs connection. Lars explained how the young horse will need to be heavy to the hand first, and learn to seek the bit with a forward feel, before he can work towards lightness. The rider must maintain a steady connection and never try to fix the horse's head with the bit. The more unsteady, fussy, wiggly a horse is the more the rider must ride them from the seat into the steady hand. Make leg aids more of a "tick" than a squeeze, and do not nag to maintain the forward energy. The rider should feel like the horse is taking them forward.

Lars cautioned against asking a young horse to bend too much as they easily lose balance. Focus on guiding the shoulders and allowing the horse's energy from the active hind legs to come through to both sides of the bit. Exercises helped the horse move into the connection, and strengthen the stifles and hind end;

- spiraling in on a 20m circle
- counter bending
- leg yield at the walk
- haunches in at the walk

With our mid-May blizzard, snow slid off the roof in loud rumbles. A little unnerving at times for us and the horses! All in all, they handled it like troopers, and gave Lars the opportunity to discuss riding a spooky horse forward. Lars was quick to remind that horses "are just being horses." We must guide them, and figure out how best they respond. The better the connection you have on a spooky horse the more control you will have. If the horse wants to be up in the neck you must control the base of the neck, getting him to drop his neck and quicken reactions behind.

Think down and round instead of long and low so the horse can be connected back to front. Again, riding the hind end forward to the bit to a steady connection with the hand.

Moving up the Training Scale: It's Still About the Basics!

Of course, lateral exercises are the building blocks for supplying, strengthening and improving our horses, and even with seasoned horses Lars said he always does lateral work before trotting off. When he asks the horse to trot off, he wants a good push off from the hind leg, not a pulling forward from the front end. He explained the correct connection will feel as if the horse is sucking the bit forward and carrying the rider forward. It is achieved by activating the hind end, and allowing the energy to come through to both sides of the bit. The horse's back must be up and swingy, not blocked or down. Lars shared that if the horse changes their head position during a half – halt you do not have their back. Ride forward and get the swinging back.

Lars reminded for front to back connection the rider's knees and thighs must be loose, with the rider on their seat. The calves gently support and are used as needed. Lars broke it down to riding 80% with the seat, 15% with the leg, and 5% with the hand. Lars worked with several of the riders on more collected work such as canter pirouettes or tempi changes achieving the collection with the seat. He had the riders think about holding the saddle down with her seat, while keeping a steady hand. To demonstrate the effectiveness of collecting with the seat, Lars would have riders take their legs off, and collect by strengthening the core, stretching the upper body up, and the seat down. The horses shifted into a lower gear, sitting down and collecting. Lars cautioned to hold for only 3-4 strides then relax the seat and think forward again so the horse does not get behind the leg. Even in collected work the horse must be in front of the rider's leg. The hands maintain a steady connection. The rider's seat does the work. He reminded us that when it starts to get difficult it is easy to tighten up, but we must stay loose and use our weight.

The RMDS Professional Symposium was two days packed full of information. A huge thank you to RMDS for providing this opportunity for us to come together and learn with each other. Thank you to Lars Petersen for sharing his knowledge and being so open to discussion. And, of course for his sense of humor and quick smile making us all feel welcome to ask questions. I encourage all of our RMDS professionals to make plans now to attend next year's RMDS Professional's Symposium!

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How you can help: reach out to businesses you have a personal relationship with and see if they would sponsor our Championship show. This event draws hundreds of competitors and spectators from all over Colorado, as well as surrounding states; with a varying demographic. If you would like an email template or help in asking for sponsorship please reach out to marketingrmds@gmail.com. ***No sponsorship amount is too small!***

AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES

TITLE SPONSORSHIP PARTNERSHIP: \$5,000

Be the official brand attached to the RMDS Championship Show this year. Lots of other benefits such as color ads in the program, announcements, eblasts to membership, Centaur ads, trade fair space, and much more!

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Includes title sponsorship of a Championship Arena & Pavilion barn, color program ad, trade fair space, and more!

BRONZE SPONSOR: \$500

Includes title sponsorship of an open show arena OR of Barn T, U or V for the full show, B&W program ad, RMDS marketplace advertising, and much more!

EVENT SPONSORSHIP: \$500-\$2,500

There are a variety of events at the Championship Show available for sponsorship including brunch and dinners. You would be the named sponsor and 2 banners (provided by you) at the event you sponsor, B&W ad in show program, and much more!

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES: \$40-\$275

There are a variety of other sponsorship opportunities ranging in price from \$40-275. They include program ads, being a sponsor of the official show t-shirt, golf-cart sponsorship, banner space, packet inserts, and class sponsorships.

Find more details, and the sponsorship packet here: <https://goo.gl/VdyZxi>

Also, please feel free to contact our RMDS Show Liaisons:

Una Schade , 720-862-4444, unaschade@gmail.com or Andrea Chirich, 810-569-5088, ajc2314@gmail.com



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Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

RMDS CALENDAR

2017

JULY 2017

- 1-2 Clinic with JP Giacomini-CH Equine-Brighton, CO**
Contact Carrie Harrison 720-312-9139 info@ch-equine.com
- 5-7 JR/YR Summer Intensive-Table Mountain Ranch**
Contact Cassandra DiPentino dipentinodressage@gmail.com
- 7 Lunch & Learn with Gaye Barrett-Colorado Horse Park-Central Park Pavilion-12 pm**
Contact Sarah Tredennick 303-886-6367
- 8 USDF Region 5 Adult & Youth Team Competition Table Mtn. Ranch, Golden CO**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 8-9 Millbrook Farms Summer Dressage Festival-Fairfield, UT USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 13 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-Open to all-D'Arcy's Bistro-4955 S. Ulster #103-Denver, CO**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 14 Lunch & Learn with APS for Companion Animals-Colorado Horse Park-Central Park Pavilion-12 pm**
Contact Sarah Tredennick 303-886-6367
- 15 Western Dressage Schooling Show-6771 Hwy 79-Bennett, CO**
Contact Ann Judge 303-907-4782 annjudgewegener@netecin.net www.wdaco.org
- 16 Centaur Rising Dressage Show-I Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 18-23 NAJYRC-Saugerties, NY**
- 21 Lunch & Learn with Adequan-Colorado Horse Park-Central Park Pavilion-12 pm**
Contact Sarah Tredennick 303-886-6367
- 21-22 Sage Creek I & II-Charleston, UT USEF**
Contact Donnette Hicks 435-901-0095 hickssagecreek@gmail.com
- 22 On the Bit Schooling Show-Spur Ridge Equestrian-Laramie, WY**
Contact Jessica Ford 307-460-3459 info@onthebitdressage.com
- 22-23 SFDA Dressage at Santa Fe I, II-Hipico-Santa Fe, NM-USEF**
Debbie Garris 847-367-8813 dgarris@horseshowolutions.com
- 29 Shiloh Ranch Schooling Show 1 -Shiloh Ranch, Black Forest**
Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 www.theelegantrider.com
- 29 Hidden Creek Schooling Show-Peyton, CO-Simone Ahern**
Contact Sue Borders-719-740-1099 susan.e.borders@gmail.com
- 29-30 Autumn Hill Dressage III, IV-CSU -Ft Collins, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 31 Gary Rockwell Clinic-Loveland or Longmont, CO**
Contact Sharron Sarchet 720-320-4461 scsarchet@alum.mit.edu

AUGUST 2017

- 4-6 Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III-Colorado Horse Park Parker, CO USEF**
Contact Monica Fitzgerald 954-647-7940 mon1206@aol.com
- 12 Triple Creek Ranch Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 12-13 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Fairfield, UT USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 13 Centaur Rising Dressage Show-II Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 18-20 Estes Park I, II-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net

- 19-20 Utah Dressage Days I & II Millbrook Farms-Fairfield, UT USEF**
Contact Caryn Bloom 214-551-1211 stryker520@gmail.com
- 26 Foothills Chapter Last Chance Show-Table Mountain Ranch Golden, CO**
Contact Linda Gaber 303-674-7998 wriders@icloud.com
- 26 Hidden Creek Schooling Show-Peyton, CO**
Contact Sue Borders-719-740-1099 susan.e.borders@gmail.com
- 27 BVD So Long to Summer Show-**
Contact Patti Hallock 720-323-6691 bvdressage@comcast.net
- 29 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-Open to all-D'Arcy's Bistro-4955 S. Ulster #103-Denver, CO**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 1-2 Grand Valley Dressage Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Junction, CO USEF**
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- 3 GVDS Schooling Show Mesa County Fairgrds-Grand Junction, CO**
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- 9 Shiloh Ranch Schooling Show 1 -Shiloh Ranch, Black Forest**
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- 8-10 Dressage in the Rockies Fall Dressage I, II -Colorado Horse Park Parker, CO USEF**
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- 12 X Halt Salute RMDS Show- Colorado Horse Park -Parker, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 13 GAIG/USDF Breeders' Championships & RMDS Sport Horse Championships-USEF- Colorado Horse Park -Parker, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen, 303-648-3164 slush@drwg.net
- 14-17 USDF Region 5 Regionals & RMDS Championships- USEF-Colorado Horse Park -Parker, CO**
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- 23 Triple Creek Ranch Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**
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OCTOBER 2017

- 7 Shiloh Ranch Schooling Show 1 -Shiloh Ranch, Black Forest**
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- 7-8 GVDS Schooling Show Mesa County Fairgrds-Grand Junction, CO**
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- 12 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-Open to all-D'Arcy's Bistro-4955 S. Ulster #103-Denver, CO**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 15 NCDA Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**
Contact Denise DeKrey 970-222-3104 denisedekrey@gmail.com
- 28 Triple Creek Ranch Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2017

- 4 Board of Governors -TBA**
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 9-12 USDF National Finals**
Contact USDF
- 18 Triple Creek Ranch Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 18-19 TDC Fall Festival I & II-Tucson, AZ**
Contact Debbie Garris 312-401-1157 dgarris@horseshowolutions.com

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JANUARY 2018

20-21 TDC Winter Heat I & II-Tucson, AZ
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MAY 2018

17-20 DSIR-Dressage Symposiums in the Rockies-Colorado Horse Park
 Contact Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – open to all-2nd Thursday of the odd months-6:30 p.m. See Calendar listings for dates, contact RMDS Central Office for location updates. For latest updates to the calendar, check the website at www.rmds.org

**For updates to the calendar, go to the website:
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**THESE EVENTS ARE DEPENDENT ON
 VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE
 CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!**

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Contact RMDS Central Office for location

Championship Score and Eligibility Reminder!

PLEASE remember to check the following:

- Owner, rider, horse **MUST** be current **PRIOR** to ride for scores to count
 - Score checks
- Adult amateur card on file with Central Office
 - Pony cards on file with Central Office

OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

- Page A-9** The Tack Room-should be: Connie Woodruff
- Page A-12** Janet Foy FEI 5* change from FEI 4*
- Page A-14** Technical Delegates/USEF: change Heather Petersen to "R"
- Page C-3** Add:
- Mar 18-19 TDC March Madness I & II-Tucson, AZ-USEF
 Contact Debbie Garris 312-401-1157
 dgarris@horseshowolutions.com
- April 15 Pikes Peak Dressage RMDS Show-Latigo Trails-Elbert, CO
 Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164
 slush@drgw.net
- April 30 Lookout Ridge - 8750 Lookout Road,
- Nov 18-19 TDC Fall Festival I & II & AZ State -Tucson, AZ-USEF
 Contact Debbie Garris 312-401-1157
 dgarris@horseshowolutions.com
- Page C-49** Magic City – secretary change to: Didi DeKrey denisedekrey@gmail.com 970-222-3104
- Page C-52** Centaur Rising Show I - Change date from July 9 to July 16

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

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

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

Grand Valley: third Monday of the month, February through November at Canyon View Vineyard Church, Classroom T106, at 736 25 1/2 Rd, Grand Junction, Arlene Rhodes 970-201-1779, arlene@skypony.org

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

Northern Colo.: 2nd Wed.,September - May, location TBD. Didi DeKrey 970-222-3104. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/myNCDA/>

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, Tiffany Busch 719-237-4115, tiffanybusch@hotmail.com

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RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

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2017-18 RMDS-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

All events are open to **EVERYONE** to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning! Register for these events at www.rmds.org

A lot is happening in RMDS throughout the year - DO NOT MISS OUT!

2017:

May 18-19	Professionals Symposium with Lars Petersen-Colorado Horse Park
May 20-21	Adult Clinic with Lars Petersen-Colorado Horse Park
July 5-7	JR/YR Summer Intensive-Table Mountain Ranch
July 8	Adult/Youth Team Competition – Table Mountain Ranch
Sep. 12	X Halt Salute RMDS Show-Colorado Horse Park
Sep. 13	USDF & RMDS Breeders' Championships-Colorado Horse Park
Sep. 14-17	RMDS Championships-Colorado Horse Park

2018:

May 17-20	DSIR Symposium – Colorado Horse Park
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For details on these and other RMDS events:

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

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The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 5th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 5th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

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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.

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

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

(Horizontal only)

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Utilize the RMDS Network

Trainers and Instructors

Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

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

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

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

Advertise Events on the RMDS Website

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

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

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

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

Important Info on RMDS membership

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

Duplicate cards are available for \$2. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by mailing the Central Office at rmds@indra.com.

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

Technical Delegates, Judges and Certified Instructors

Dressage Judge Ratings and Levels Qualified to Judge

All Current RMDS Members

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

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

FEI 5*

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USDF Instructor/Trainer Faculty

Training - 4th Level

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Note: If you are a TD, Judge, or Certified Instructor and a current RMDS member and your name is not listed here, please contact the Central Office at 720-890-7825 or email: rmds@indra.com

Please remember that judging is a tough job, one which requires tremendous focus and attention, from the first rider at 8:00 am to the last rider, no matter how late. That can be 6:30 or 7:00 pm. They must persevere in rain, wind, heat and cold and never miss a beat in the horses' steps.

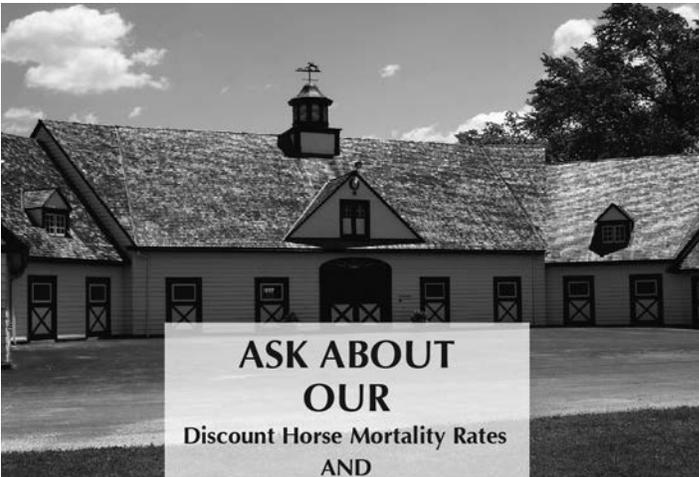
Without exception, every judge I've worked with, from schooling shows to Dressage In The Rockies to the Colorado Western Dressage Fall Finale, has been kind, considerate and helpful. These people are on the rider's side, rooting for them all the way. They delight in giving a high score, look for positive comments to make about both the rider and horse, and groan when they are forced to give a low mark. They will wait patiently when a horse spooks at the judge's table and work hard to give the benefit of the doubt if something is unclear.

Note to Judges:

You will LOVE this article!

At the end of the day, sometimes a very long day, I've had quite an education. Not only have my own lessons been confirmed, but I now have many, many more questions for my instructor. The result is a deeper level of understanding and, more importantly, the confrontation of "knowing what I don't know." Have you ever heard something, over and over, and felt you have at least an analytical understanding? Then, in one magical instant, you get that "A-ha Moment", and there it is – that true meaning you can feel all the way down to your toes. For me, those moments often come after watching hundreds of riders make the same mistake, just like I have hundreds of times. All in all, it's pretty humbling, but an experience which will only make you better for your horse. In my mind, that's who we're here for.

Pat Van Buskirk is an avid equine enthusiast who has been writing for various horse and auto magazines since 1994. She and her Quarter Horse, Saint Chic, are training with Katherine Simard to learn the fine art of classical dressage, along with her three-year old colt, Merlin The Magician. She and her husband live in Kiowa along with 6 horses, 3 dogs, 3 cats and several deer, antelope and coyotes.



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High Plains Adult Amateur Clinic: A Western Dressage Rider Tries The "Other Side"

By Pat Van Buskirk, Clinic Participant

May 13, 2017

The High Plains Adult Amateur Clinic held at Julie Burt's facility was, in my humble opinion, a roaring success. As a western rider, I was a little intimidated to ride with what I call RD (real dressage) riders, but was pleasantly surprised to find two more participants in western gear, eager to learn proper classical techniques. I felt welcomed by all and later said it was "The most fun I've had in a clinic in many years."



Saint Chic thanking Julie Burt for getting his rider more coordinated.

Taught by Kathy Simard and Julie Burt, Kathy began with an introduction to the Pyramid of Training. This chat could be an article in itself, but there were a few highlights that really stood out for me. First, that the horse's jugular groove disappears under tension – what a nifty way to assess my boy's stress. Kathy talked about our dominant vs non-dominant sides and the imbalance this causes for both riders and our horses. Her suggestion was to start everything we do when not mounted with our non-dominant hand or leg. For instance, step up first with your non-dominant leg onto stairs, into the horse trailer, etc.

We rode in individual lessons with Kathy and Julie, splitting the wonderful outdoor arena. For those who wanted more boundaries, Julie shared her new indoor arena with us. Along with the auditors, we were invited to watch the les-

sons before and after our rides. It's always easier to watch and listen after your ride is over.

The group meshed well into great camaraderie, enjoying lunch together, chatting and sharing our experiences of the day. The atmosphere was relaxed and friendly, the perfect environment for learning.

The lessons I took away from my ride and from watching others could fill several articles. One of the highlights for me was the transition work – teaching me not to stop my body during a downward transition, but to keep riding forward. We also worked on the proper geometrics of a three-loop serpentine, always a nemesis for me. I learned that I needed to swing my hips more in my post; this alone brought up the energy of my horse, encouraging a more proper trot. Bend, especially to the left, has always been a challenge for us and I found that I needed to be more firm, getting in, getting out and not nagging. And finally, Julie demonstrated how she practices gaits with her body on the ground, skipping to change leads.

Many thanks to both Julie and Kathy for sharing their incredible knowledge and to Julie for letting us invade her wonderful facilities. Kudos to Audrey for the arena drag and to Andrew Davies for all his hard work. To Lori Keilt, hugs for such a great lunch! And, of course, Anclaire Spaulding, thank you so much for organizing such a fantastic event. None of this would have happened without you.

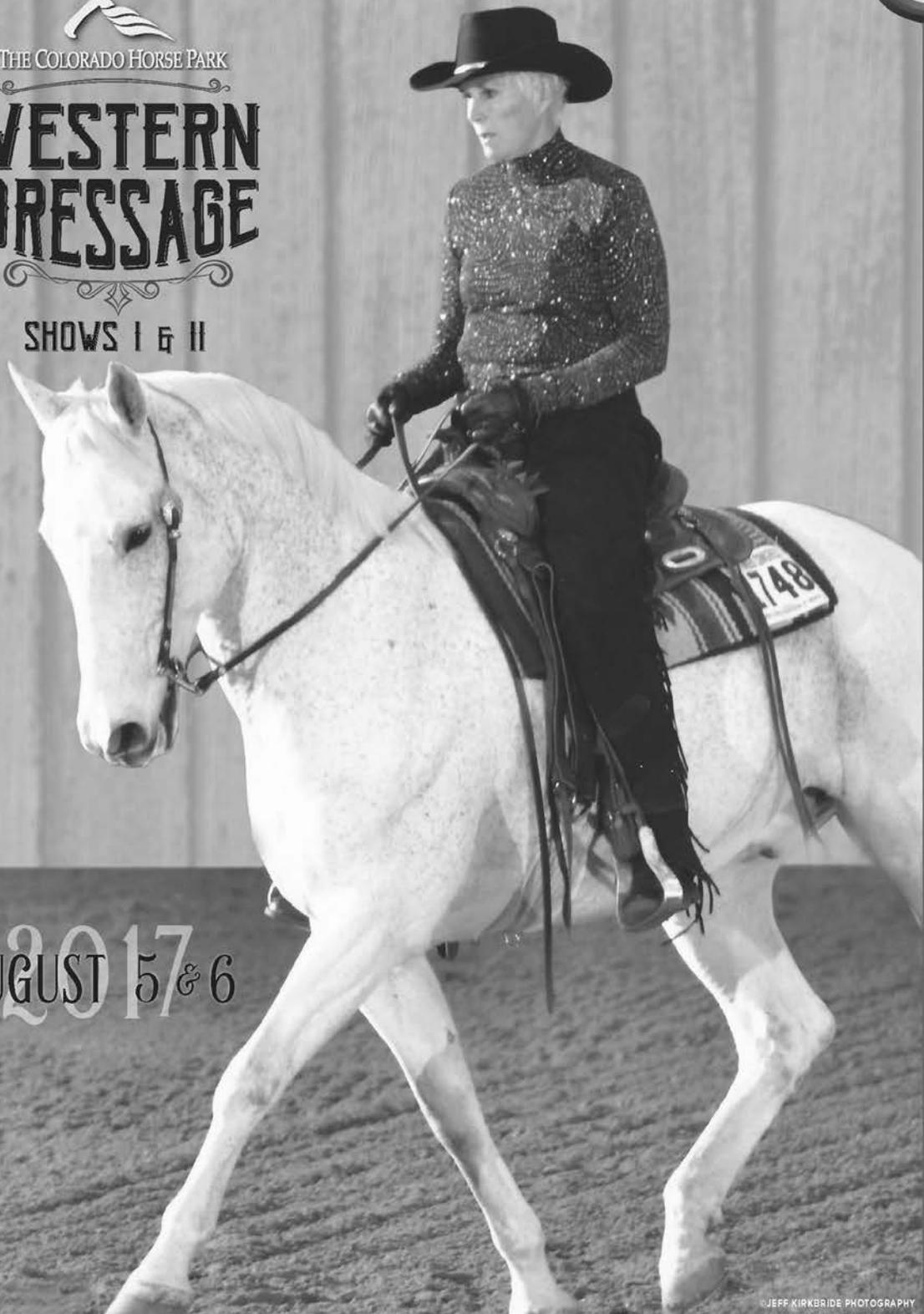
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I know we all value the extensive opportunities we all have to show across Colorado and in neighboring states. Let's not risk losing that!

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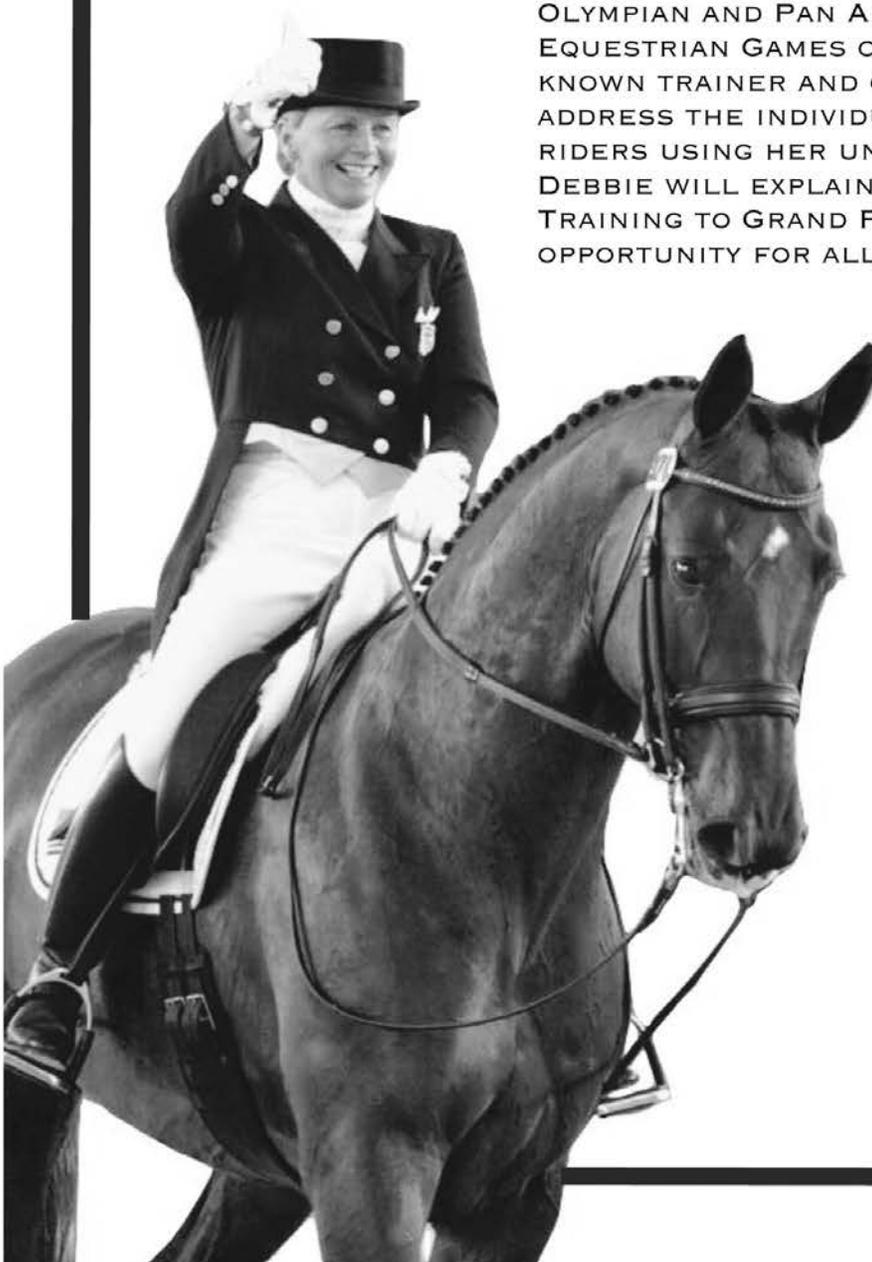
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I hope everyone is having a great summer! I am taking a big family summer vacation for the first time in a long time and wondering how this break in my horse show season will go :) It's going to be a wonderful trip, I'm just not used to down time during the summer much anymore. The temperatures for the summer could be a little lower, but I'm a warm weather kind of girl, I enjoy the 60s much more than anything else. Hopefully everyone is staying cool!

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 August 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 August 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 2017 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The grant includes full convention registration and partial reimbursement for travel expenses. Applications due by August 31
- GMOs must return their GMO Delegate/Proxy Authorization form to the USDF office to appoint representation to the Board of Governors meeting at the USDF Annual Convention November 29 – December 2, 2017 in Lexington, Kentucky.

The end of the qualifying period has come for the 2017 NAJYRC Championships, this year in Region 8 at the HITS facility in Saugerties, New York. Congratulations to our Juniors and Young Riders who worked to make the teams or decided to qualify instead for the Lamplight National Championships. It has been a tough year for our kiddos. NAJYRC is very expensive due to its location on the East Coast and many folks have juggled the decision of whether they could afford to go or not. The kids have worked hard at a lot of the qualifier competitions as show elves – reading tests, braiding, cleaning stalls, night checks, morning checks and oh so much more. These funds will go to helping them get to all of the various championships they working towards. We will know a bit more about who is going to the NAJYRC in the next few days, but not at the time I write this.

The qualifying period for the 2017 USEF Championships Programs for Young Horses, Developing Horses, Ponies, Young Riders, Juniors and U25 Grand Prix will close at the end of July. We wish all our intended competitors good luck in their endeavors for those championships as well.

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. 14-17, 2017 – Colorado Horse Park, 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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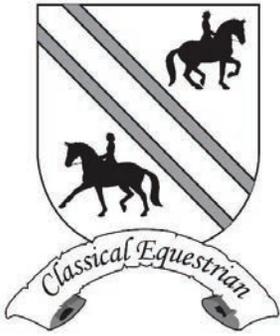
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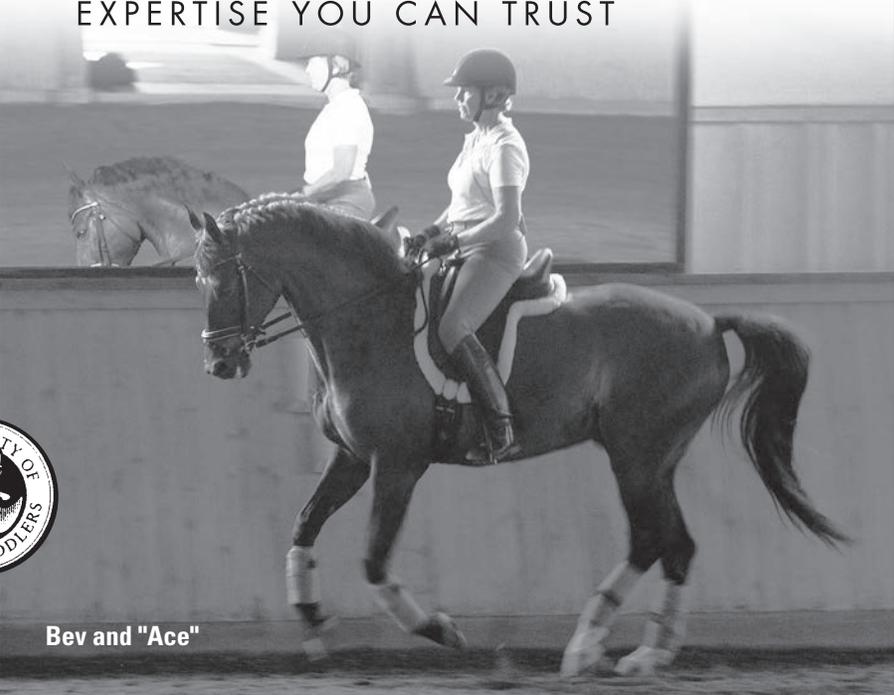
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