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World Cup!

by Kathleen Donnelly

WHAT HAPPENED IN VEGAS, DIDN'T STAY IN VEGAS

Viva Las Vegas! What an electric and awe-inspiring show the World Cup was. After being to many major sport events, including the Stanley Cup Finals, I have to say the World Cup was one of the most amazing events I have ever been to. Never before have I been to a sporting event where the crowd understood so much of what was going on as well as being enthusiastic.

By now, probably most of you know that Anky van Grunsven won. This is Anky's 7th World Cup win. Her own student Edward Gal and his fantastic elastic stallion Ligh had the right stuff to beat Anky and Salinero, but came in a close second.

The hometown favorites Debbie McDonald and Brentina put in a wonderful performance that brought tears of joy to many eyes. The harmony of this horse and rider is apparent, even to my non-horsy husband who felt they should have beaten Anky. Debbie's freestyle was to Aretha Franklin's famous "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" and that is what everyone had for them with a standing ovation as they left the arena.

The other American riders held their own as well, showing the Europeans that slowly but surely the United States is becoming tougher competition. Robert Dover and Kennedy put in electric and accurate performances. Leslie Morse and her gallant stallion Kingston showed true power in their freestyle with beautiful piaffe and passage sequences. (Note: Leslie will be holding clinics in Colorado this summer – see the calendar.) Guenter Seidel and Aragon had some mistakes showing Aragon's inexperience, but his brilliance showed especially in the piaffe.

I could never put into words the excitement of the World Cup, but I would recommend that anyone go. Not only for the competition, but also



Anky von Grunsven

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THOUGHTS

from the President

It's June already, boy is the time ever flying by fast. Only 3 months until Championships ((all the people who make this show happen, volunteers, show management and exhibitors, are you ready?), 4 months until our wonderful Fall Symposium with Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly (look for all the signup info on later pages in this month's Centaur), 5 months until BOG (chapter presidents do you have your delegates?), and 6 months until USDF National convention & symposium to be held in Los Angeles this year (if you think you might attend let the RMDS office know) and then it's the end of 2005.

Last month Heather mentioned the upcoming review of the RMDS paid positions. Please it is so very important that the folks holding these positions know how their doing. We need all feedback to keep us ever present of representing our membership both positive and negative as this only makes us stronger. So again please the time to call or e-mail either Heather @ 719-573-0398, *slush@drwg.net* or me, Susan 970-227-9530 or *Susan10@juno.com*

Tune in June 6, at 4PM EDT on NBC for the World Cup Dressage final from Vegas.

These last couple of months I've traveled to several clinics and shows in our beautiful State of Colorado. You guys who make all these opportunities are the best. Thanks for all your hard work.

That's all for now, have a great month of June!

Susan Selby

The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



Summer is finally here and I am looking forward my first show of the season. I feel fortunate to even have a horse to show this season, as last year my Holsteiner gelding Corbet went through stifle surgery. I am a strong believer that everything happens for a reason

and now that Corbet's stifle surgery is in the past, I can reflect on what it has taught me. I have learned patience in allowing Corbet to tell me how fast to push him, thus learning to read my horse better. I have also learned that Corbet has an incredible heart and will even work through pain to try to please me. I hope in the future I never put him in this position again.

Additionally I have discovered other ways to appreciate my horse. For several months Corbet's rehabilitation program kept him out of the arena. I was instructed to trail ride him only on ground that would not stress his stifle. Last summer my horse taught me the benefits of going out of the arena and exploring around on trail rides. I was amazed by how calm he was and how much he enjoyed this new adventure. His ears were always forward and his walk active and free. Over time we worked our way back to the arena and schooling

dressage, but I make sure I take him for trail rides at least twice a week. I have now added hill work into the trail rides as well as cavalletti work in the arena. I have found not only has the cross training benefited his strength, but that his attitude is ten times happier. I have a stronger bond with him than I did before this injury.

While I am looking forward to seeing all of you at shows this summer, remember to enjoy the sport for what it is—an improved partnership with our horses. Get out of the arena. You and more importantly your horse will benefit immensely. Here's to many enjoyable trail rides!

Best regards,

Kathleen

Horse Humor - Top 10 Reasons to Spook

10. Blowing Paper

"At any moment it could whip up into our faces, covering our noses. We could suffocate. And don't try to tell us you'd do CPR."

9. Barking Dogs

"What? You've never read Steven King's CUJO?"

8. Puddles of Water

"Quicksand."

7. Trash Cans

"They've been known to swallow horses and transport them into another dimension."

6. Babies and Lil Kids

"Long lost tribe of horse-eating pygmies."

5. Plaid Horse Blankets.

"Hey, when was the last time you wore plaid? It adds at least 100 lbs."

4. Ropes and Hoses on the Ground

"Dreaded North American trail snakes."

3. Ponies.

"Cute, clever, hardy. They want to take over the World."

2. Windy Days.

"Two words: impending tornado."

And the number one scary thing in the minds of horses?

1. Carts and Wagons

Look. You put a human on our backs, we can always buck them off. But hitching a horse to a wheeled object. It's just not right. No matter how fast the horse trots, the dang cart is still running after him. Oh, the Horror!!!

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2005 USDF and RMDS Championship Column

From Heather Petersen and Veronica Holt

If you had fun or even heard about the fun at the World Cup this year, prepare to have just as much of a good time at the 2005 Great American/USDF Region V Championships and RMDS Championships. We have been working hard over the last year to help create a fantastic show! There will be many familiar features, but some fun news ones too! We will be featuring some of the championship classes in special settings, having some very unique prizes and offering some out-of-the-ordinary contests that will bring back memories of the past...

Championship class sponsors will be given the opportunity to join in our "Decorate the Porta-Potty" Contest. You will not get to take your potty home, but just think of the fun for those who use it. The Porta-potty voted the best will earn its sponsors a fabulous and zany prize. If we run out of porta-potties, we may turn to golf-carts... look out on those roads!

Friday evening will feature a catered competitor's party sponsored by Ariat and Merial – it'll feature great food, great music and some more wonderful prizes! Our FEI open classes are being sponsored by Harmony Sport Horses – Thank you Harmony!

Championship class sponsorships are going strong. If you would like to participate, call me as soon as possible (719-573-0398) as class choices are diminishing.

World Cup...cont. from cover

for the shopping, running into old friends and of course the black-jack tables in Vegas.

Rumor has it that Vegas put in a bid for the 2007 World Cup. If that's true I'll see you all there!



Debbie McDonald & Brentina



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Committee Member Profile

BARB GOLDMAN-AWARDS

Without the hard work of Barb Goldman, the yearly RMDS Banquet would not happen. Spending countless volunteer hours, Goldman orders all ribbons and plaques for each banquet. She also spends the time tracking down the year end award trophies and making sure they are ready to give out again.

"Every year at championships I collect all the trophies," explains Goldman. "I then have a trophy polishing party and make sure all the trophies are in one piece. Beth Geier sends me the results from the end of show season and I load my three horse trailer with all the awards, take them to the awards banquet and set everything up."

According to Goldman, every year the awards banquet becomes a bigger event. "Last year we gave out about 400-500 plates, 50-80 plaques and several hundred ribbons. RMDS budgets around \$4,000-\$5,000 for the awards. It is amazing how much the awards program has grown."

Goldman has witnessed first hand the upside of the awards program as well as the downside. "I can't stress enough to RMDS members to verify their scores and paperwork. Over the years I have watched many

riders earn their scores only to find out they were incorrectly reported or they had not paid their membership. Once the results are finalized, they can not be changed, so make sure to verify everything," said Goldman.

Another part of Goldman's job is to take care of new trophies being donated to RMDS. "We love people to donate awards, but trophies must meet certain criteria. They have to be sturdy because of the amount they're shipped around," emphasized Goldman.

While Goldman has thoroughly enjoyed being the committee chair for RMDS awards, she has decided to put out the call for a new person to take over. "I would be happy to work with someone and teach them the ropes. I think someone would find this an enjoyable volunteer job."

If you are interested in taking over the RMDS Awards Committee Chair, please contact the RMDS Central Office at (720) 890-7825.



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RMDS Jr/YR Report

Congratulations to Katryna Evans, 15 year old young rider, of Bailey, Colorado for acquiring her "Deutches Reitabzeichen Klasse II (Silber), Ä" (Otherwise known as the "German Performance Medals, which are the licenses to compete in Germany up to certain levels) this medal enables her to compete level M (Equivalent to third/fourth level US) in Germany. Katryna was recently training in Germany for 3 months during the winter at the premier sales barn "Stall Ramsbrock" located in Menslage, Germany. Towards the end of her 3 month working student program she attended the German Riding Academy in Vechta, Germany; where she passed with excellent marks in her full exam for her Silver Medal (Dressage, Jumping, and Theory). Katryna is very excited about spending the summer showing here in Colorado again with her third level horse "Roswell Wizard" and is currently very happily training with Laura

Ware at Swede Gulch Farm located near Evergreen, Colorado

Congratulations to Garion Evans, 15 year old young rider, of Bailey, Colorado for acquiring his Deutsches Reitabzeichen Klasse III (Grosse Bronze) this medal enables him to compete level L in Germany (Equivalent to first/second level in US). Garion has also recently attended the two week course at the German Riding Academy in Vechta, Germany. Garion passed his Big Bronze exam with very good marks and will be showing his horse, Ä"Camelot,Ä" second level this summer, here in Colorado. Garion is also doing very well in training with Laura Ware at Swede Gulch Farm located near Evergreen, Colorado.

Region 5 May Have Full Team for NAYRC

Dear Friends of Dressage,

For the first time in 3 years that Region 5 may have a full team going to the North American Young Rider Championship (NAYRC). Our region has nine Advanced Young Riders trying to make this year's team for the NAYRC that will take place in late July in Lexington, VA. The NAYRC is a Junior Olympic event held each year for riders at the Fourth and Prix St. Georges levels of Dressage. Riders 16-21 come from Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, The Caribbean Islands and the U.S.A. to compete for team & individual championships. NAYRC is the highest FEI (Federation Equestre Internationale-the international governing body for equestrian sport) rating outside of the Pan American Games or the Olympic Games in all of North, Central and South America.

All of these Young Riders have worked very hard with their horses to reach this level in their training and most of them finance all or part of their training and other horse expenses by working as a working student or holding down various jobs.

Participating in the NAYRC requires not only successfully competing in the qualifying shows, but also raising enough funds to transport themselves and their horses to Virginia. The cost for each horse and rider can be upwards of \$5,000.00 for transportation, lodging and other expenses. This is where you, a friend and enthusiast of the sport of Dressage, can help.

If you would like to make a cash donation to the team, simply write a check to: U.S.D.F. Region 5 Advanced Young Riders and mail to: Julie Barringer-

Richers, 8747 Quail Road, Longmont, CO 80503

The Young Riders will also be holding a Silent Auction during the Dressage at High Prairie Shows, June 3-5, 2005. We are in need of auction items such as tack, other "horsy" items, services (lessons, breeding, etc.), gift certificates, artwork, useful household items, etc. If you would like to donate something, please contact: Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5003 or Susan Gregg 970-243-5525 970-216-3131

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Watch the Fat!

by Gretchen Topel

How many barns have you been to where you see huge bottles of corn oil, or better yet, canola or vegetable oil, sitting inside the feed room or outside the horse's stall? I don't know about you, but I have seen more bottles of oils in the feed rooms than I care to ever see again! In fact, I cringe when I see a horse being fed oil, and here are the reasons why.

Horses do not have a gallbladder, the organ that helps assimilate fats; therefore they are obviously not designed to be heavy fat eaters. Horses are able to process a small amount of fat, but not much. When you think about it, in the wild, how often are horses exposed to fractionated oils (separated from their original seed source) such as flax, corn, canola, soybean oil and the like? NEVER! The small amount of fat they do consume is going to be in the form of the whole crop: the whole corn, the whole seed, the whole soybean, etc., which contains not only the fat but also the enzyme that helps breakdown the fat contained therein. The fat has not been fractionated; that is the key.

Horses that are fed fractionated oils, whether as a top dressing over their feed, or even if it has been added to their concentrate, are bound to develop some major health issues down the road. You see, because they do not have a gallbladder to properly process fractionated oils, the lacteal ducts in the intestinal tract become clogged. The lacteal ducts just so happened to also be the receptor sites for the fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K, therefore, the absorption of these vitamins is inhibited. Vitamins A, D, E, and K are essential to calcium assimilation, antioxidant function and blood clotting ability. I personally cannot think of any horse from pasture pet, to broodmare, to growing horse, to a horse that is in full training that would benefit from this. You get horses who bones are weak, who have depressed immune systems, and decreased chances to clot blood naturally after being cut or even foaling.

"But feeding oils makes my horse's coat look and feel so soft and shiny!" My thought is this: who cares what the coat looks like! How about the organs? How about the strength of the bones? How about the vitality of the immune system? That is what we should really be concerned about.

It's like observing a skinny super model. She's thin, and gorgeous, but then you find out she maintains her

thin figure by drinking coffee and smoking cigarettes, amongst other stimulants, ignoring that her organs and tissues are a mess or at least heading that way, but not caring because after all, she looks really pretty on the outside. She may temporarily appear beautiful on the outside, but what is her diet doing to her insides? Is she feeding her body (her organs, tissues, bones, etc.) or are the coffee and cigarettes breaking her down slowly over time?

Here's yet another point to consider. Almost all oils are high in Omega 6 making them prone to producing inflammatory prostaglandins thus contributing to both structural deficiency and future joint problems.

Some have also tried to supplement their horses with animal fat. Why in the world should we feed an herbivore animal fat? Rice bran has its own woes, but is also commonly preserved with oils or animal fats. Enough said.

Because there are some horses that do require a diet higher in fats and lower in carbohydrates, we must consider how to best meet their needs and benefit the WHOLE body. EPSM/PSSM (Equine Polysaccharide Storage Myopathy), Cushing's, insulin resistance, founder, and hypothyroid horses all require a diet higher in fat. To best supplement them with fats, here are some options:

1.) Whole extruded soybeans – These are full energy soybeans meaning the whole bean is intact: the protein, the fat, the enzymes, and all the vitamins, minerals, and amino acids are present.

2.) Black oil sunflower seeds

When you look at a label and the supplement or feed contains corn oil, mineral oil, soybean oil, etc., immediately red flags should raise in your mind. Remembering that horses do not have a gallbladder, you can look for ways to supplement non-fractionated fats into your horse's diet. In this way, you will be promoting the health of the whole body by feeding the whole crop.

Gretchen Topel is a graduate of Colorado State University with a B.S. in Equine Science. She can be reached via the Centaur with any nutrition questions.



Equine Acupuncture

by Dr. Turie Norman, DVM

Why and how would your horse benefit from acupuncture? This is an article that will introduce you to acupuncture in a friendly lighthearted way.

Let's take this case: a 12 year old Morgan mare suffered from a bout of strangles a month ago. She has recovered from the abscesses but she still is coughing occasionally, is lethargic and has clear nasal discharge, has labored breathing, has lost weight, and has swollen glands. The mare improves after 2 acupuncture treatments, her breathing was normal, the nasal discharge gone and she no longer coughed. WOW! No pharmaceuticals.

So what's up with this Chinese medicine and what else can it be used for?

First, allow me to introduce you to Traditional Chinese Medicine with a brief overview.. Let us start with some important vocabulary words.

Pericardium - is considered an organ. Its job is to protect the Heart.

Triple Heater - is an organ – it consists of the 3 body cavities (Upper – houses the Heart and Lungs. Middle – houses the Liver, spleen, Stomach, Gallbladder, and Kidney. Lower - houses the Bladder and the Large Intestine.) Triple Heater is associated with hormone balance and water metabolism.

Qi – life force energy

Yang – qualities of light, masculine, dry, hot, expansive, hollow.

Yin – qualities of dark, damp, female, cool interior, dense.

There are 12 meridians that I will mention along which Qi flows through the body. The meridians travel along a predictable path. There are points along the meridian that reach the surface of the skin that have specific effects when needled called acupuncture points. Each point can have from 1 to 3 functions. The meridians are paired Yin with Yang respectively:

Heart and Small Intestine

Liver with Gallbladder

Kidney with Bladder

Lung with Large Intestine

Spleen with Stomach

Pericardium with Triple Heater

When I examine an animal I do a Tongue and Pulse diagnosis. It gives me information about whether the problem is excess or deficient, hot or cold, dry, damp or windy and which organ system or meridian is involved. In the case of the Morgan mare her tongue is pale, Chinese medicine has taught us that means there is no longer any heat in the body, in her case in her respiratory tract (the active strangles infection is

gone.) Also, the nasal discharge is clear, again, a sign of cold (yellow discharge would be a heat sign.) The pulse is slow vs. rapid (rapid pulse is a heat sign, slow pulse is a cold sign.)

Each meridian has specific functions. I've summarized them as follows:

Lung meridian – is in charge of respiration and gathering Qi from the air. It opens into the nose. It manifests in the skin and body hair. It governs the emotion of grief or loss.

Spleen meridian - It is in charge of digestion. It governs muscles. It influences the immune system. It opens into the mouth. It rules the emotion of contemplation or over thinking.

Kidney – is in charge of water metabolism, reproduction and development. It rules bones and teeth. It governs the emotion of fear. It opens into the ears.

Liver – stores Blood, disperses Qi. It governs tendons and ligaments. It opens into the eyes. It governs the emotion of anger.

Heart – is in charge of Blood circulation and it governs all the other organs. It houses the mind. It manifests in the face. It opens into the tongue, and it rules the emotion of joy.

I chose acupuncture points along the Lung meridian for the Morgan mare. The Lung meridian is in charge of upper and lower respiratory health. I picked points that tonify the Lung Qi rather than sedate it because the mare has a deficient condition (because of the weak pulse, cold signs, and pale tongue.) Where as a month ago when she first got the active infection that was an excess condition (due to heat, pus, and inflammation.) Tonifying Lung Qi will help the Lung meridian better perform its job. I heat up the needles because, as I mentioned before, this is now a cold condition.

A disturbance of energy flow along the meridian can be likened to a tree falling across a stream. Water will build up above the jam and will decrease below the jam, just like the energy flow. Often lameness problems can be as simple as this and all that needs be done to remedy it is to reestablish the energy flow along that meridian.

The longer the meridian is out of balance the more likely it will affect another meridian(s). Then reversal of the problem becomes more complicated and takes more time. So acute problems can be reversed in a short amount of time and chronic problems reverse over a longer period of time.

For more information, contact Dr. Turie Norman, DVM, 303.554-7141.

TECHNICAL DELEGATES, JUDGES & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

DRESSAGE JUDGES RATINGS & LEVELS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
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USEF "I"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
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GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER AND SHOW NEWS

We are off to a great start this year! Our first schooling show in March was a success and we are busily planning for the recognized shows in May. We have a bit of news regarding the Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show II. Unfortunately, Hilda Gurney will not be able to judge the show. Paula Lacy (S) from California has agreed to be the judge for Show II. The charge for RV camping was listed incorrectly as well. The charge for RV camping will be \$15 per night instead of the \$10 per night listed in the prizelist.

We are very excited that we will be sponsoring the "View from B" educational program for the third year on Saturday during the Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show II. Betsy Berrey (S), the judge from Show I, will be offering commentary on the rides and you will be able to rent headphones to listen to her comments as the rides are happening.

We continue to have a great group of members that make it possible for the club to offer many events and shows. Thank you to all the volunteers! You are GREAT!



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

CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION

see calendar for details

Paul Belasik	Leslie Morse
Janet Brown	Lars Peterson
Kathy Connelly	Steffen Peters
Jan Ebeling	Gerhard Politz
Toine Hoefs	Rolf Schmitzer
Debbie McDonald	

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

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

JUNE 2005

- 3 Dressage at High Prairie #1-Parker, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 4 Dressage at High Prairie #2-Parker, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 5 Dressage at High Prairie #3-Parker, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com
- 4 Creekside Dressage Show #1 Huntley, MT-USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280
- 5 Creekside Dressage Show #2 Huntley, MT-USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280
- 11-12 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction**
Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley 970-248-9594
- 11-12 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Lehi, UT-USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 11-12 NCDA Rocky Mountain Classic-Cheyenne,WY-USEF**
Contact Don Randle 307-638-6737 DRandle380@aol.com
- 12-15 JR/YR Camp - Colorado Horse Park**
Beverly Swanson 303-584-9904 bswanson2003@qwest.net
- 18-19 Tri State Summer Dressage-Riverton, WY-USEF**
Contact Denise Denhardt 307-332-4722
- 18-19 Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF**
Contact: KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953
- 24 Heber Valley Summer Dressage #1 -UTAH-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
Wendy Gray Bizzaro 435-655-9992 wendygraybizzaro@aol.com
- 25 Heber Valley Summer Dressage #2 -UTAH-USEF YR QUALIFIER -**
Wendy Gray Bizzaro 435-655-9992 wendygraybizzaro@aol.com
- 25-26 Autumn Hill Harvest Dressage Festival-Longmont-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 25 Cottonwood Dressage I - Bozeman, MT USEF**
Contact Wendy Cochran 406-582-8889
- 26 Cottonwood Dressage II - Bozeman, MT USEF**
Contact Wendy Cochran 406-582-8889
- 30-3 Lars Peterson Clinic-Phantom Hill Farm-Ft Collins**
Contact RaeAnn Curtis 970-225-1408 phfdressage@msn.com

JULY 2005

- 1 Dressage in the Plains #1-Peyton, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 2-3 Dressage in the Plains #2-Peyton, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 9 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #3-Ridgway, CO-USEF**
Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 9-10 USDF Instructor Teaching Workshop - Cindy Sydnor**
Training - 2nd Level
Sedalia-Mt Magic Sport Horses Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 10 Dalwhinnie Dressage Show #4-Ridgway, CO-USEF**
Contact Carol Patzau 970-626-4253
- 10 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 12-13 Leslie Morse Clinic - Legacy Hill Farms**
Contact Patty Sponseller 303-660-5648

- 16 CSDA Schooling Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 17 RMDS/CSDA Show Series #3-Latigo Trails**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398 slush@drgw.net
- 16-17 Jackson Hole-Jackson, WY USEF-CANCELLED**
Contact Wendy Morgan 307-733-7541
- 22-24 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival-Longmont-USEF-BREED**
Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 22-23 Aspen Festival #1-Carbondale, CO-USEF**
Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 24 Aspen Festival #2-Carbondale, CO-USEF**
Contact Barbara McElnea 970-963-3234
- 23-24 Black Hills Dressage-Rapid City,SD USEF**
Laurel Creed-605-787-9814 unbridledhorse@rap.mldco.net
- 30 Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #1-Larkspur USEF**
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- 31 Pendragon Stud USDF Dressage #2-Larkspur USEF**
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AUGUST 2005

- 5 Dressage in the Rockies #1-Parker, CO USEF**
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- 6 Dressage in the Rockies #2-Parker, CO USEF**
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- 7 Dressage in the Rockies #3-Parker, CO USEF**
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- 6-7 USEF "r" Testing-Janet Brown & Lois Yukins CLOSED**
Contact USEF 859-258-2472 or RMDS Office 720-890-7825
- 6-7 Cheyenne Dressage & Hunt Club Show-Cheyenne,WY-USEF -** Contact Susan Rocha 307-635-3296
- 13-14 USDF Instructor Workshop 3rd-4th Level-Ft. Collins**
Rachel Saavedra atChatellen, Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 14 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3-Longmont-RMDS**
Barb Goldman-303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 20 Utah Dressage Society Show #1-Sandy, UT USEF**
Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net
- 21 Utah Dressage Society Show #2-Sandy, UT USEF**
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- 20-21 High Plains Dressage Show-Littleton,CO-USEF**
Contact Angie Joyce 303-887-3720
- 25-28 Lars Peterson Clinic-Phantom Hill Farm-Ft Collins**
Contact RaeAnn Curtis 970-225-1408 phfdressage@msn.com
- 27 Aspen Ridge Schooling Show-Monument**
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- 28 Aspen Ridge Show-Monument-RMDS**
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- 28 ContiIDivide Morgan Horse Asso.—Loveland-USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 3 Boulder Vly. Dressage Summer Show-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528
- 3 GVDS Open Show-Grand Junction-USEF**
Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 4 GVDS Western Slope Champs & Open Show-RMDS**
Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

- 10-11 Leslie Morse Clinic - Legacy Hill Farms**
Contact Patty Sponseller 303-660-5648
- 17-18 USDF Instructor Workshop Precertification - Debbie McDonald - 3rd/4th Level**
Canon Ridge, Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825
- 21 RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show-Parker, CO-USEF** -Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
breedsec@twowhitefeet.com
- 22-25 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show - Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net
- 22-25 Region V Championships -Parker, Colorado-USEF**
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- 30 - 2 USDF Instructor Workshop Final Testing 3rd/4th Level**
Contact Pam Geier 720-890-7825

OCTOBER 2005

- 15-16 Kathy Connelly & Toine Hoeff-**
Canon Ridge Farm
Watch the Centaur and website for details.
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 22-23 JR/YR Clinic-Debbie McDonald-Crooked Willow Farm**
Contact Susan Gregg 970-243-5525

NOVEMBER 2005

- 12 Board of Governors - High Plains Chapter host**

DECEMBER 2005

- 3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction**
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JANUARY 2006

- 28 "L" Graduates & Judges Continuing Ed - OPEN**
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FEBRUARY 2006

- 11 TD Workshop & Competition Management - OPEN**
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APRIL 2006

- 8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium**
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KAREN PERKINS BENEFIT HORSE SHOW

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Contributions can be also made by check made payable to Wells Fargo and mailed to Cindy Peacock at 11725 W. Belleview Ave. Littleton, CO. 80127. For more info, contact Cindy Peacock at 303-979-0921 (H), 303-359 8153 (C), or peahen10@aol.com.

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Save the Wild Horses – A Personal Appeal

Carol Walker

Over the past year, I have been spending time with wild horses in their environment in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana. I have focused on one herd in particular, in Southwestern Wyoming, in an area called Adobe Town Horse Management Area by the BLM. These horses are not used to people – most of their human contact is from pickup trucks speeding by on their way to the many drill sites in the area. The horses are in bands of 3 – 7, generally with one stallion, mares, foals and yearlings.

There are about 7 bands that I have contact with almost every time I go out – they have become like friends over this past year. I have found that if I approach slowly, and sit down at a distance that isn't too close, most often their curiosity will entice them to come closer, get downwind, and check me out. By far

my favorite band has an older gray stallion decorated with many battle scars. He has a beautiful white mare, a reddish yearling filly, and a new foal, a colt, born in late May. On one occasion last summer, I spot them about 1/2 mile from the road, on the crest of a hill. I park my vehicle, and start walking slowly toward them. From a long way off the stallion spots me, and starts running toward me to investigate. He moves downwind of me at a trot, and stops about 20 feet away. He puts his head down, then licks and chews, and turns to head back to his band, as if to say "Oh, it's just you." I follow him up the hill to the rest of his band, and sit down about 25 feet away, which seems to be their comfort zone. It seems to be nap time for the foal, which lies down right in front of his mother's front legs. Then the yearling filly lies down in front of the stallion, whose eyes are closed. Then the mare lies down carefully on her side next to her foal. Last, the stallion lies down next to the filly. All four of them are lying down asleep in front of me. As I sat there quietly watching, with the ever present wind

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Wild Horses...cont.

blowing, the horses sleeping, and the deep stillness in the sagebrush and sky with no one else around for miles, I know that this is why I am here with the horses.

Last week I found out from a BLM employee in Rawlins that they plan to round up over 400 adult horses from this herd management area this summer. There are approximately 1000 horses in the area. I was shocked to hear this, knowing that placing 400 horses from this area, with all the other round ups scheduled this summer is going to be a near impossible task.

You may have heard that on November 30, 2004, Senator Conrad Burns added rider 142 to the Federal budget, and this rider takes away Federal Protection for wild horses and burros which was granted by the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act. All horses over 10 years old and those who have remained unadopted after 3 attempts, are subject to sale, and this sale may be to slaughterhouses. The BLM is required to continue to sell horses until "appropriate management levels" have been reached in all of the



herd management areas. There are currently 8,400 horses held in long term holding facilities that must be sold under this new bill, and are at risk of being sold for slaughter. The BLM plans to remove another 9800 horses from their ranges all over the country by the fall of 2005.

Currently, H.R. 297 is in the House Committee on Resources. In the Senate, there is S. 576. These bills will restore the prohibition on the commercial sale and slaughter of wild horses and burros. Colorado Representative Mark Udall is on the House Committee on Human Resources, and if you would like to help support the passage of H.R. 297, you can write him at the House Committee on Resources, 1324 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, and request that he support the bill and bring it to public hearing.

More information on the history and background of the issues can be found at www.wildhorsepreservation.com, as well as an online petition to save the wild horses, and sample letters you can write to your Congressmen.

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Reservations will be necessary. Please be clear as to which level you are attending and which dates. Please make your reservation today by sending your check. Remember, it is first come first serve. RMDS Central Office-2942 Park Lake Drive-Boulder, CO 80301 720-890-7825



USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

The USDF Capital Campaign to build the National Education Center at the Kentucky Horse Park is well underway---\$2 million in pledges with a goal of \$5 million. The Center will be the permanent home of USDF. "Home ownership" makes much more sense than renting year after year and will save funds that can be used for more education. Our home will be in the neighborhood with other important equestrian organizations, next door to the USEF. We will have a Hall of Fame to honor those who have contributed to the growth of our sport and will showcase the history of dressage in the United States. Over a million horse enthusiasts visit Kentucky Horse Park annually and will have the opportunity to visit the center. Of the Capital Campaign's proceeds, \$500,000 is earmarked for the principal of the USDF National Education Endowment Fund.

At this time there is a \$500,000 Challenge Pledge that we need to match this year. We are off to a great beginning, led by a \$75,000 "GMO Builder" pledge made by the California Dressage Society, a \$5,000 "GMO Benefactor" pledge made by the Connecticut Dressage Association, and an \$8,000 "GMO Champion" pledge made by the Houston Dressage Society. Many other GMOs have made pledges to the USDF Campaign, including Indiana Dressage Society, Alaska Dressage Association, Kansas Dressage &

Eventing Association, Crossroads Dressage Society, Paso del Norte Dressage Society, All Dressage Association, Northern Ohio Dressage Association, Columbia Dressage Association, Crossroads Dressage Association, and Good Horsemen Foundation. Pledges can be made over a 5 year period and Letters of Intent are non-binding if financial circumstances change. For updated campaign information go to www.usdf.org.

Now is the time for our region to meet the challenge! At the Regional Championships we are planning to have a silent auction to raise money for the campaign. We need a Regional Capital Campaign Coordinator (or one for the northern part and one for the southern part of our region), if anyone is interested please contact me, hunterry@mindspring.com or 480-634-7588.

Happy Riding!

Theresa Hunt

Region 5 Director

BETSY STEINER TO CONDUCT USDF/REGION 5 ADULT CLINIC

Betsy Steiner will be the featured clinician at the 2005 USDF Region 5 Adult Clinic scheduled for September 10-11, 2005, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This clinic is generously hosted by Pinon Farm and organized by Jane Bagwell.

A USDF Gold, Silver and Bronze Medalist, Betsy Steiner has represented the U.S. in major competitions around the world, including the FEI World Equestrian Games in Stockholm. Currently, Betsy is showing several horses at various levels, from Training through FEI, coaching top riders at competitions and conducting clinics throughout the U.S. She has trained with Dr. Reiner Klimke, Egon von Neindorff, Uwe Steiner, Herbert Rehbein, Klaus Balkenhol and Guenter Seidel. An advocate for equestrian fitness throughout her career, Betsy has developed Equilates, a sport specific equestrian workout program designed to meet the unique needs of the rider, www.equilates.com, and is the author of *A Gymnastic Riding System using Mind, Body & Spirit* (Trafalgar Square, 2003), a revolutionary

new book which promotes the mental, physical and spiritual training of both the horse and rider. Together with her daughter Jessie, Betsy owns and operates Betsy Steiner Dressage (www.betsysteiner.com), based in Florida and New Jersey.

Rider applications are being accepted by USDF through August 1, 2005. Applicants must be current USDF participating, group, or intercollegiate/inter-scholastic members.

Current USDF members who pre-register to audit by September 2, 2005, will receive a pre-registration discount off the walk-in/non-member auditing rates.

For further information, visit www.usdf.org/adult-clinics.asp, or contact USDF at (859) 271-7877 or adultclinics@usdf.org.

RMDS SPORTHORSE AND DRESSAGE CLINIC

With Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly Oct 14,15,16 2005

To be held at Deb Cranston's Canon Ridge Ranch, Castle Rock, Co

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

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

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

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

THEN THIS CLINIC IS PERFECT FOR YOU!!!

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

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

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

THEN THIS CLINIC IS FOR YOU, TOO!!!

Toine Hoefs is a KWPN Breed judge in Holland. He has bred and trained some of the top stallions in that country. Kathy Connelly is a well-known Grand Prix trainer here in the States. The two of them are being brought in to present a clinic on Conformation and Development of the Dressage Horse from Weanling to Grand Prix. On Friday Oct 14 Toine will look at young sporthorse prospects and discuss with the audience what you are looking for in Dressage and Jumping prospects. He will review with the audience what the Dutch Stallion Judges are taught to examine, and bring his lifetime of experience judging and selecting young stallion prospects to share with the participants. In the afternoon he will look at 3-5 year olds in hand and under saddle, and discuss their conformation and how it will affect their training plan for the weekend.

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

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

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

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

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

**APPLICATION TO RIDE IN
TOINE HOEFS/ KATHY CONNELLY CLINIC
OCT 14,15,16 at CANON RIDGE, CASTLE ROCK, CO**

RIDER/HANDLER/OWNER INFORMATION

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HORSE INFORMATION

Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____

Sire _____ Dam _____ Intended use _____

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

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

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

FOR RIDING HORSES 3 and UP:

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

What level would you like to demo? _____

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

Is your horse comfortable working in long lines? _____

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

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(Schedule on back of this form)

**SCHEDULE FOR TOINE HOEFS/KATHY CONNELLY CLINIC
To be held at Deb Cranston's Canon Ridge Ranch, Castle Rock, Co**

FRIDAY OCT 14 - Toine Hoefs

8:30 AM Introductions

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

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

12- 1:30 LUNCH

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

SAT Oct 15 - Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly

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

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

SUN Oct 16 - Kathy Connelly

8:30-12:00 Training through 3rd

1-4pm 4th- Grand Prix

COST OF CLINIC

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

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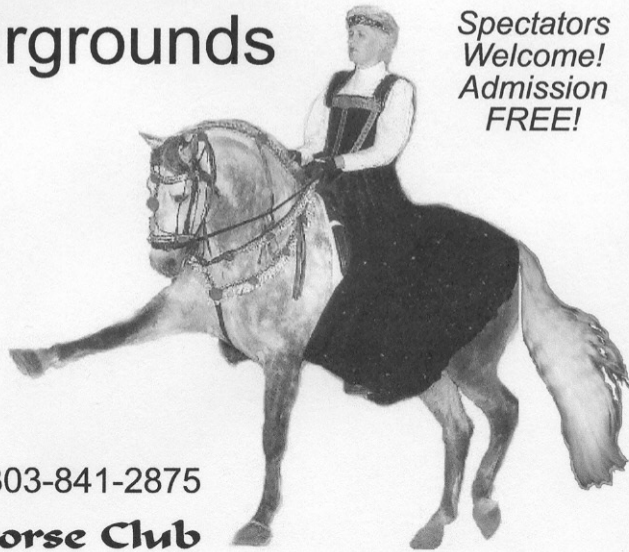
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The Continental Divide Morgan Horse Club will host a USEF, USDF, and RMDS dressage show. This show is open to all dressage competitors on any breed of horse. The show date is August 28th, 2005 at The Ranch in Loveland, CO. This show will have classes from Introductory to Fourth Level and is one of the last qualifiers for the RMDS and GAIG/USDF Regional Championships.

Kristi Wysocki (R) and Amy Jablonovsky (r) will be the judges along with Laurie Mactavish (R) as the TD. The show secretary is Jane Donnelly and the show manager is Kathleen Mayger. To obtain information and/or a prize list please contact Jane Donnelly at (970) 669-5775 or via e-mail dendy20@msn.com. The **Opening Date** of the show is July 11, 2005 and the **Closing Date** is August 13, 2005.



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