

# THE CENTAUR



## Vaulting: Dressage Training for Riders

by Star Hughes

Vaulting is a systematic method of gymnastics training for riders. Just as dressage is based on improving the horse through gymnastic exercise, dressage training for riders uses gymnastics to improve the seat, coordination, strength, balance, courage, suppleness, and skills.

The classical principles of horsemanship are based on healthful habits of mind enabled by the correct development of the body. Rider and horse are then free to move with symmetry within a symbiotic system. Vaulting should be viewed as the necessary, solid base of the pyramid for training the rider, as practiced in dressage.

Knowing a little of the history of vaulting goes a long way towards understanding why vaulting is so successful for rider training in all disciplines. Gymnastics training for the Greek cavalry was introduced by Xenophon; vaulting masters trained the knights and princes of Middle Age Europe, and the military continued to utilize vaulting on up to "modern times" as late as the 1930's and early 40's.

The value of vaulting has been rediscovered in recent decades by Europeans and other enlightened horsemen worldwide. In Europe, vaulting training is a prerequisite for riders desiring to excel in the disciplines of dressage and jumping. Recreational vaulting clubs for young people of a hundred members or more are common in Germany.

At the beginning of chapter one of the USDF manual, Classical Training of the Dressage Horse, the purpose and objectives of dressage are described. I believe that it also expresses equally well the objectives of dressage training for the rider; so, have taken the liberty of a slight re-write. In the following sentences quoted from page one, I have exchanged the word "rider" for "horse" and vice versa. "Vaulting" replaces the word "dressage".

Objective of vaulting

The object of vaulting is the harmonious development of the physique and ability of

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the rider. As a result it makes the rider calm, supple, loose and flexible but also confident, attentive, and keen, thus achieving perfect understanding with his horse.

Vaulting is considered "classical training"

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## RMDS To Host Premier Freestyle Designer

Mark your calendars and save the date! World Class Freestyle designer Terry Ciotti Gallo will be coming to Colorado April 12-13, 2008 for a weekend of lectures and "hands-on" freestyle work.

Terry's broad and colorful history in sports, dance, and music stretches over 30 years. She started as a theatrical choreographer where her works were seen on stage, film and on video, but with a background as a competitive gymnast, she also acted as a dance instructor, choreographer, coach, and judge for international-caliber gymnastics. Terry coupled the sports world with her dance and music knowledge to help a variety of athletes with the total development of their freestyle performances. This led to the establishment of her company Klassic Kur in 1989. She has had the privilege of seeing her



Terry Ciotti Gallo and Debbie McDonald.

designs competed at the Olympics, Work Equestrian, World Cup, and Pan American Games, as well as the North American Young Rider Championships. Because she believes that volunteerism and philanthropy are an important part of being a member of

society, she donates her time to raise money for breast cancer research. She also serves as the chair for the United States Dressage Federation Freestyle Committee.

Terry works with Steffen Peters, Debbie McDonald, Guenter Seidel, George Williams and many other of the top US Dressage competitors.

The lectures and riding session will be open to auditors and the participating riding spots will be open to all levels of riders and all divisions of riders. We hope to offer Terry the chance to work with riders from First Level through Grand Prix. This will also give the auditors and participants the chance to work with and see freestyle design for a large variety of horses and riders. The riding application process will open shortly after the 2007 Championships.



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## Vaulting Basics *(continued from pg. 1)*

because it uses gymnastic exercises – a series of movements and figures – which have been studied and developed for centuries.

Vaulting should be therapeutic for the rider. When the vaulting exercises are done systematically and correctly, the rider will be supple on both sides...moving freely and energetically...to the maximum level of his athletic ability.

The gradual, logical progression of the gymnastic exercises...improves the seat, coordination, and feel of the rider.

A small number of dressage riders in the U.S. are familiar with the concept of lunge-line lessons. Fewer still have enjoyed the advantages of a knowledgeable instructor and a properly trained lunge horse wearing a well-fitting saddle, while being able to muster the strength and stamina to stay top-side in relative comfort long enough to reap the benefits of "seat exercises."

Vaulting gymnastics training, however, isn't done in a saddle. A vaulting student works hard but misses out on the scathed skin and the bruised crotch that come from banging about in a saddle. (One doesn't dare imagine what happens to the horse's back, as a result of the rider's studious efforts to maintain a relaxed position).

Beginners, novices, and advanced riders can all benefit from vaulting gymnastic training without taking a physical, mental, and emotional beating in the bargain. Vaulting begins with a very steady stationary "barrel" horse, on whom riders first learn position and movement exercises. Students continue to utilize this practice horse as a training tool on a regular basis.

Vaulting was once practiced bareback, but riders now sit on a comfortable backpad and grasp the handles of a sturdy leather surcingle for support and security while performing movements and exercises. A pad allows the rider to feel the horse's motion in "real time" and make instant adjustments of position without interference from a saddle and stirrups. The special pad also absorbs impact and protects the horse's back.

Many riders will be relieved to know that being able to vault onto the horse (mount a moving horse without stirrups) is not required except for competitive vaulting. Riders learning vaulting do, however, learn dismounts at various gaits as a safety practice.

Vaulting's "one-size-fits-all" training technique lends itself well to a wide range of rider ages, needs, and levels. The horse's gait and the chosen movement exercises may be tailored to the individual or standardized for a group. Beginning vaulters may work at the walk, more experienced, at the trot, and advanced riders at the canter. The instructor may select certain exercises for the individual rider she feels will provide the appropriate challenge without being daunting. The goal of all correct vaulting training is improving rider harmony with the horse.

At the RMDS Dressage Young Riders camp at CSU in July, students will have the opportunity to improve their dressage through vaulting training, working with instructor Star Hughes, her well-trained vaulting horses, and enthusiastic team assistant junior coaches.

Rachel Bublitz, assistant and EqueStarz coach, is a Silver Level vaulter and a member of the elite Golden Gate Vaulting Team, well-known in the multiple arenas of entertainment, performance, and competition.

Beyond being a training method for improving the rider, competitive vaulting is a discipline of its own. Successful competitive vaulters have mastered perfect timing and true harmony with the horse's movement, as they develop their skills into a guided, graceful dance on horseback. The strength and power of the correctly trained horse, combined with that of the vaulter, complement and flow into one another to allow for amazing feats of horsemanship and artistry.

The best U.S. vaulters, Rachel among them, will be competing at the American Vaulting Association National Championships, held this year in Denver, August 9-12. The best vaulters in the world will be competing at the World Equestrian Games at The Kentucky Horse Park, in 2010.

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# Editor's Page

*From the desk of RMDS President Jane McBride...*

Dear Members,

I'm delighted to welcome a new chapter to RMDS. The Arkansas Valley chapter is primarily located south and west of Colorado Springs. The new and first president is Catherine Siemiet. Congratulations!

I want to thank the Northern Colorado chapter for inviting me to their meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>. I was delighted to meet many new people. It was great to finally match some familiar names with faces. One of the reasons I visited was to give a USDF campaign presentation. We then had time for a question and answer period. It was great for me to get to hear about what Northern Colorado has been doing and is planning in the future. They had some good ideas for RMDS reaching its goals for the USDF capital campaign. Joe Skelton mentioned that our pledge adds up to approximately \$20 per RMDS member. Now all RMDS has to do is decide on an appropriate method to use to raise the funds. What a great group of people!

My clothes-eating horse prompted me to take advantage of the Spring sales on *Country Supplies* website. I found it very easy for

me to place my order and have 5% of my sales go to this year's Jr/Yr camp. The Code is: RMDScamp. It's that simple.

A reminder to look for the information regarding this year's Jr. Camp in each Centaur issue. You can also find it on the website. I'd like to thank the many sponsors and volunteers who are going to make this event so special. If you would like to help, please contact Hollee Price or Beth at the RMDS office.

RMDS would like to welcome Susan Rudman as the Junior/Young Rider coordinator (303-697-8528 sewrunred@msn.com) RMDS has regretfully accepted Colleen Diamond's resignation. Thank you, Colleen, for all your work on behalf of the Young Riders and especially for organizing the George Williams clinic. Great job.

The Centaur is always in search of horse-related articles. If you like to write, please help us out. We are also always interested in your opinions. So let us know what you think.

And lastly, I wish Joan Clay a speedy recovery. Take care of yourself and get well soon.

*Jane McBride*

## *The Scoop from the Editor's Stall...*

It's been nearly a year since I took over the editorship of *The Centaur*, and I can truly say that I am each day more impressed with the RMDS as an organization. Learning about the sport of dressage and meeting members at all levels of competition has been a great experience, one for which I am grateful.

At the last board meeting, we discussed a number of ways to improve the content and the effectiveness of *The Centaur*. Some of the suggestions were criticisms, others were more in the form of achievable goals.

I've said it before and I said at the meeting: this publication is not so much my baby as something that belongs to all of us. In the interest of making it more effective and better, I'd like to issue a challenge to the RMDS membership.

Each June, the American Horse Publications Council honors excellence in publishing among its member publications.

I would like to see the RMDS earn one of these prestigious awards in 2008. In order to do so, I want to work with the RMDS membership to create wide-ranging and well-composed editorial and photography to raise the overall quality of our newsletter.

I don't think an AHP award is out of reach. There are opportunities not only for individual articles but also for the publica-

tion's overall quality. Rather than compete directly with large-circulation periodicals, we would be judged against publications with small circulations.

We all like to compete; we like it even better when we win.

I invite RMDS members to put us in the running for an AHC honor in 2008. As I have said in the past, anything that you consider to be of interest is probably of interest to other RMDS members. Whether it is show coverage, a clinic review, a news item, or something as simple as a product review about something that you have discovered and use in your daily horse keeping activities, I consider it fair-game for inclusion in *The Centaur*.

I will pay special attention to my editing duties in helping improve article submissions. Thanks to those of you who help in the challenge of garnering accolades for the RMDS.

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*Gavin Ehringer, editor*

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## Youth Riders Share Their Experiences at the George Williams Clinic

The USDF Region 5 FEI Young Rider and Junior Rider clinic with George Williams was a huge success. Riders and auditors alike were treated to Mr. Williams's thoughtful, straightforward teaching style as well as some wonderful lunchtime lectures about topics very pertinent to all of us. In the May issue of *The Centaur*, Kathy King Johnson wrote a wonderful article that gave a very thorough account of both days of riding as well as the lunchtime lectures. If you have not already read her article, please be sure to do so.

I was fortunate enough to be able to help out at the clinic and was able to spend a little time each day speaking personally to Mr. Williams. He is a delightful man, with a warm, easygoing personality. He was able to make everyone feel included in the lecture sessions, and because of that, many great questions were asked by the audience.

At the end of the first day, all of the riders, their parents and the clinic volunteers were treated to a fabulous dinner at the Old Stone Church in Castle Rock. The food was fantastic and the riders had an opportunity to sit at the same table with Mr. Williams and have more personal conversations with him about their riding and their horse. This incredible dinner was made possible by the generosity of Alexandra Curnutte, Colleen Diamond and Nora and George Heinrichs. Thank you so very much to them for making the dinner possible!

I asked each rider to submit a brief paragraph about his or her experience at the clinic. Those paragraphs follow, but first, I want to thank all of the people and organizations that helped to make the FEI Young Rider and Junior Rider clinics possible. Without the support of all of them, these clinics simply would not happen. Having been lucky enough to be involved with these clinics since 1999, I can tell you that as a rider or as an auditor, they are an opportunity that should not be missed.

A great big THANKYOU SO MUCH goes to the local organizer, Colleen Diamond, our host barn, Crooked Willow Farm, USDF along with Sharon Van Der Ziel, Roberta Williams and the selection committee, all of our fabulous volunteers and last but not least, to The Dressage Foundation, whose generous support is vital to the continuing success of these and other wonderful educational opportunities for Dressage enthusiasts everywhere!

### **Morgan Heinrichs.**

My name is Morgan Heinrichs, I am 15 years old and I am from Boulder, Colo.

tight. In our second lesson we worked on shoulder-in and travers. We also got to work on our flying changes. We had some trouble changing from left to right. Mr. Williams emphasized letting the horse figure it out on their own instead of using stronger aids. I learned so much from this clinic and I really enjoyed riding with Mr. Williams. It was amazing to watch him teach because he can immediately spot the weakness in any horse and rider. He then knows the perfect exercises to help work through their problem. This was definitely a once in a life time opportunity and I would really like to thank Mr.

Williams, Crooked Willow Farm, and everyone who made it possible.

*Morgan is a sophomore at Alexander Dawson School in Lafayette and rides at Autumn Hill IEC with Jenny Baldwin. Royal Mirage is a 9-year-old Oldenburg mare, owned by Morgan and her mom Nora).*

### **Mary Sage Hanner.**

The Clinic with George Williams was amazing. I loved being taught by him, and watching him teach other riders and ride my horse. I learned more than I ever expected to, and

I really enjoyed the question and answer sessions during lunch, because we talked about competition and training. I really appreciated everyone's enthusiasm for the development of young riders. It's so great to have that support. Being selected for this clinic was such an amazing opportunity that I will always be thankful for.

*Sage is 15 years old and lives in Guffey, Colo. She is a sophomore at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs and she rides with Sarah Martin. Sage rode her horse Spencer, a 16-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding that she keeps at school with her. Sage is currently hoping to make this years Reg. 5 team for the NAJC.*



*George Williams, Danielle Culver, Greta Barringer-Richers, Anna Ross-McKirkman and Vitet, Morgan Heinrichs, Heather Sanders, Mary Sage Hanner, Christina Rudman, Amelia Newcomb and Colleen Diamond, clinic coordinator.*

Being chosen for the George Williams clinic was a big honor. My 8-year-old mare, Royal Mirage, and I are currently schooling third level. The week before the clinic, Royli was very tight. I was really excited about being in the clinic but I was also really nervous, especially because Royli wasn't quite herself. As soon as our first lesson with Mr. Williams started, he made Royli and I feel very comfortable and relaxed. The first day we worked a lot on making her more supple. Mr. Williams had us use a 20-meter circle to supple her by keeping the same rhythm. We then used transitions and 15-meter circles to supple her as well.

By the second day Royli was a lot less

**Heather Sanders.**

Experiencing the George Williams clinic was a true honor. He taught me many exercises to help develop "throughness" in my horse's back. There was a clear improvement in Mercury's gates that I could feel. I liked the way George rationalized his techniques of training. He emphasized to each rider to be calm with each of her aids especially one's hands and to have the horse always in front of one's leg. This encouraged relaxation in each of the horses and made each transition that much better. Throughout those two great days I learned so much with George Williams and will carry his theories and techniques with me not only in training but in the show ring as well.

*Heather is 17 years old and lives in Centennial, CO where she is a junior at Arapahoe High School. She keeps her horse, CP Mercury Bey+//, a 9-year-old Half-Arabian gelding, at Castlewood Equestrian Center and she trains with Sarah Martin.*

**Anastasia Ross-McKirman:**

Being able to clinic with George Williams was an amazing opportunity. Over the two lessons that I had with him I felt like I learned a huge amount. Watching some of the other girls, it seemed like we all got so much out of the time we had. During the first ten or fifteen

minutes of my first lesson, Mr. Williams helped me transform my horse. The way that my horse felt at the end of the clinic was truly incredible, I had never felt such a great connection with him before. Getting the opinion of an amazing trainer and rider who has never seen you or your horse before is invaluable. I hope to be fortunate enough to have another experience like this again. The George Williams clinic was made possible by a mixture of great people and organizations, and would not have happened without them.

*Anastasia is 17 years old and lives in Boulder, CO where she is a junior at Boulder High School. She keeps her 12-year-old Trakhener gelding, Vitet, aka. "Tate", at Autumn Hill IEC and she trains with Jenny Baldwin. She has earned her USDF Bronze medal. Anna is currently hoping to make this years Reg. 5 team for the NAJC.*

**Danielle Culver.**

My experience at the George Williams Clinic was unbelievable, to say the least. He was able to see my issues exactly and was then able to help me find the best way to resolve them. He used a very calm way of training that made you want to please him. His way of training was so clear and straight to the point. I feel as though, since the clinic, my training has improved. Each lesson he asked what I

wanted to work on, and each time he would not only help me with the movement but the preparation for the movement in a more elegant form. I would say that my half passes have much improved! I see the difference in Florian's response to my aids and it blows me away every time I ride him! If I had the chance to do it again, I would in a heart beat. I appreciate the chance and I will never forget the lessons I learned. Thank you to everyone!

*Danielle is 18 years old and lives in Boulder, CO where she is a senior at Boulder High School. She keeps her 9-year-old Westfalen gelding, Florian, at Autumn Hill IEC and trains with Jenny Baldwin. Danielle is currently hoping to make this years Reg. 5 team for the NAJC.*

**Amelia Newcomb.**

Mr. Williams not only had an uncanny ability to assess and assist each individual rider and their horse, but he was also a huge inspiration to me. I had an especially inspiring discussion with Mr. Williams over dinner regarding what it takes to be at the top in dressage.

Mr. Williams articulated that above all else, to be a top dressage rider, you must have an incredibly strong, internal desire to learn, improve, and perfect yourself. While it is also important to have good horses, good mentors, and at least a little talent, the key ingredi-

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ent is determination and desire. It is the ability to get up everyday and push yourself to improve and achieve the next goal. Mr. Williams not only helped me through two amazing sessions, but he also inspired my internal drive to become a top dressage rider.

*Amelia is 19 years old and lives in Boulder, CO. She currently attends The University of Colorado in Boulder and works with young horses in the Boulder area. She rides Samos, an 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Sandy Smith. Amelia currently keeps Samos at Autumn Hill IEC and she trains with Susan Halasz.*

**Christina Rudman.**

My name is Christina Rudman and I live in Parker Colorado. At the George Williams Clinic I rode Oebalia, an 11-year-old Dutch mare owned by Sarah Jancik of Morrison Colorado. I enjoyed auditing and riding with Mr. Williams. He used very small adjustments to accomplish a big change in the way that a horse & rider pair moved. He put things in a very simple way that made it easily understood. For example, in the half pass Oebalia has trouble with bend and I have been struggling with how my position can help her find the place where she can bend. He had me sit evenly on my seat bones and focus on bringing her hips so that she was straighter. I could feel the difference right away. When I was able to look in the mirror I couldn't be-

lieve how the sideways movement had improved. He was also very tactful in helping me correct Oebalia. She can get very tight and tense. Telling her to do something versus helping her think it through is often a fine line. I took away some different approaches to getting into a movement and helping it come through. I also realized when I could let her have a moment to herself. On Sunday I rode the Prix St. George test, which was very helpful. Schooling a test with such a capable person somehow makes movements clearer. During lunch time discussions, Mr. Williams went through the training scale and gave us some new definitions of words, talked about transporting a horse over long distances, and had a wonderful discussion about how to handle your nerves at a horse show. What he opened my eyes to is that there is all sorts of different ways nerves present themselves. In general I was delighted at how open Mr. Williams was for discussions and questions. He was wonderful at making all of us feel like he was on the same level as us and that he understood what we are trying to accomplish.

*Christina is 20 years old and lives in Parker, CO. She teaches lessons and trains horses at several barns in the Parker area, as well as at her home. Christina is a USDF USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and she trains with Sarah Martin. Christina is hoping to make this year's Reg. 5 team for the NAYRC.*

**Greta Barringer-Richers.**

The 2007 Region 5 FEI Junior & Young Rider clinic with George Williams was an invaluable experience for all of us who were fortunate enough to participate. I learned so much, not only in both of my lessons, but also in auditing the other riders. Mr. Williams gave me some very effective exercises to improve the through-ness of my horse's collected trot, the quality of my half-pass and canter pirouettes and the tempo of my three and four time changes. The one-on-one time that I had with Mr. Williams during the dinner was very insightful and his lunchtime lectures were full of information that will come in handy for the future. The opportunity to ride in these clinics is such an honor and I want to thank Mr. Williams for coming to Region 5. I would also like to thank the local organizer, Colleen Diamond, as well as Crooked Willow Farm, USDF and The Dressage Foundation for their support in making this clinic such a success!

*Greta is 20 years old and lives in Boulder, CO. She attends the University of Colorado and works as a trainer and instructor at Autumn Hill IEC. She rides Lewis, a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding owned by Victoria Monfort. Greta is a USDF Bronze and Silver Medalist and she trains with Susan Halasz.*

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# Trainer Talk with Kathy King Johnson

## Show to Train; Don't Train to Show

Showing in dressage can be a tremendous learning experience as well as a lot of fun. On the other hand, it can be nerve wracking, exhausting and frustrating.

How you view showing has a lot to do with the satisfaction you get from it. If you look at an individual show as a major goal and gear all your training efforts to that show, counting down points for awards, and trying to obtain impossible scores, then you will meet constant frustration. If, on the other hand, you look at each show as a short term objective in your overall training goals, then you can optimize your showing experience, progress in your training program, and hopefully raise your scores.

The learning curve and the skill set necessary to show are nearly as hard as learning to ride. Filling out the entries for the USDF shows requires many memberships and massive paperwork: Coggins tests, registration papers, horse numbers, owner numbers, trainer's numbers and so on. One

student said that it is so hard to enter a dressage show that the DQs should be running Homeland Security.

Learning to groom and braid for shows is another monumental task. Learning to trailer horses to shows takes yet another skill set. Once you arrive at the show, you need to know more than how to ride your horse. You need to know how to warm up in a busy environment, how to read a test, how to ride accurately in the dressage ring, how to please a judge, how to analyze and apply the results of your score sheet, how to get to the ring on time in one piece, and how to survive bit checks and officious TDs. And just when you think you've learned enough, you have to learn how to deal with railbirds and off-hand comments from spectators.

Because it takes so long to learn to show well, it helps to view each show as a learning experience meant to augment training. The overall goal of showing, the end result, is to

ride better and have a better trained horse. Showing should be a means to an end, not an end in itself. If showing becomes an end in itself, riders can become fixated on tasks that do not necessarily promote their overall goal, to ride better. If they have to get a 65% at such and such level, qualify for regionals, win high point championships, win all breed awards, ride the JR/YR tests, or go for Horse of the Year, then sometimes riders feel so much pressure they take shortcuts to win.

These shortcuts can be detrimental to betterment of the rider and to the overall training of the horse. For instance, riders may feel so much pressure to qualify for an award that they drill the horse endlessly, push the horse past the level it is ready for, or use quick fix gadgets, bigger spurs, and harsher bits to "train." The rider doesn't learn to ride better; the horse can break down from being physically pushed to do more than he should.

Objectives in showing are good. It is a worthy objective to reach a 65% at each level. Qualifying for Regionals, winning Horse of the Year and so on are all worthy objectives. However, objectives are not goals. The difference between goals and objectives is noteworthy for dressage competitors. Objectives are narrow, specific behaviors that can be verified or validated. A 60% score at second level is a great objective, easy to validate. But if the objectives becomes goals then riders can lose track of the bigger picture. Why do we want that 60% score? To show that we are riding better and that our horses are becoming better trained.

If showing is viewed as a means to an end, if we show to train rather than train to show, then riders take a lot of the pressure off of themselves and their horses. If you make short term showing objectives that lead to long term training goals, it will help allay nerves associated with performance anxiety. Each show, each test, each score takes on less importance in the overall scheme of things. Riders can prioritize more easily what shows and tests fit with their training goals. They are not as apt to push the horses past their limits knowing they have time to train. They are not rushed by some artificially dictated "year-end" award. Horses have no clue when the year ends. *Thanks Kathy! — Ed.*



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- 8-10 CHP Dressage at High Prairie #1, #2, #3** - Parker (USEF-YR Qualifier)  
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- 9-10 USDF 'L' Program-Session D1**- Lois Yukins - Colorado Horse Park  
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- 28-29 Sage Creek #3 & 4**-Charleston, UT-USEF  
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- 12-13 **Freestyle Clinic - Terry Ciotto Gallo** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

## AUGUST 2008

- 23-24 **USEF "r" - Pendragon Dressage - Parker** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

## SEPTEMBER 2008

- 25 **Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Chmp. & Qualifying Open Breed Show** Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 26-28 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show** - Parker-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

### Show Info

Always contact the individual to check show info, as dates, times and places may change. ALL COMPETITORS SHOULD DO A SCORE CHECK WITH THE CENTRAL OFFICE OR ON-LINE at [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org).

Calendar Submissions: Submissions of events for the RMDS calendar need to be received no later than the 5th of the month prior to the date of the calendar listing. Please be sure to correctly spell all proper names (clinician/judge/location/contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with questions. Send calendar items and events requiring RMDS sanction to Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825.

**THE CENTAUR NEWSLETTER**

The Centaur Newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 10th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 10 for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters to the editor: Centaur editor Gavin Ehringer, PO Box 9, Colorado Springs, CO 80901 ph. 719-471-8764, e-mail gavinhringer@earthlink.net.

**ADVERTISING**

RMDS office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301 ph. 720-890-7825, e-mail rmds@rmds.org.

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING**

For information about corporate advertising and/or sponsorships, please contact Beth Geier (contact info above).

Artwork (ads) must be provided in electronic format only. Acceptable forms include: JPG, PDF, TIFF, EPS, Quark XPress (include all fonts and image files). IF UNSURE ABOUT AD FORMATTING, please contact editor (contact info above) for consultation and advice. Microsoft Word IS NOT an acceptable form of advertisement submission, except in the case of classified ads.

No substitutions may be accepted. If your ad is submitted in a file format other than those listed above, you will be contacted regarding an additional charge for reformatting or redesign. Hourly charge for redesign/reformat is \$35, in minimal units of one hour.

Please be sure to include a printed version of your ad with your payment so that the ad may be proof-read against the electronic version. Printed ad copy cannot be used as final art.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Classified ads may be submitted via e-mail to the RMDS office, address above. You may also type or hand-write a classified ad and mail it to RMDS headquarters, attn. Beth Geier, The Centaur. Please, limit your classified ad copy to 50 words or less. Exceeding 50 words will result in additional charges per line.

**PAYMENT AND AD COPY DELIVERY**

E-mail ads to: RMDs@rmds.org, and cc the electronic copy to: gavinhringer@earthlink.net. Send payment and hard-copy to: RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301.

**AD RATES AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS.**

Classified \$12 per item for sale. 50 words maximum.  
w/photo .....\$22 per item for sale.  
Full page .....\$125.....7.5" x 9.5"  
Half page .....\$85.....7.5" x 4.75"  
Outside back half.....\$100.....7.5" x 4.75"  
1/4 page.....\$50.....3.75" x 4.25"  
1/8 page (business card) .....\$25.....3.625" x 2.25"  
Ask about discounts for multi-month or annual ad contracts.

**EDITORIAL POLICY**

Articles submitted for publication will not be returned. Please contact the editor before submitting unsolicited articles or photos. Articles represent the work and views of their authors, not necessarily the RMDS, its officers or employees.

**TRAINERS AND INSTRUCTORS - Get on the World Wide Web and 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: Michael Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831, ph. 719-683-8435 or e-mail: webmaster@rmds.org (note on the subject line "trainer info").

Please include your name, phone number(s), postal addresses, e-mail, locations where you train and other pertinent info, i.e. awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 e-mails per month requesting names of trainers/instructors 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 webmaster is notified in advance (webmaster@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

Please limit content of the ads to 20 words. E-mail and website addresses will be displayed as links.

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

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

Awards are based on the information on your membership card. Be sure to double-check everything very carefully. Duplicate cards are available for \$2.00. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by emailing the Central Office at rmds@rmds.org

Proof of adult amateur status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards.

Owner, rider, 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!

Beginning October 1, 2007 all horse registrations will be \$40 and corrections will be \$15 per correction.



## RMDS Membership Form

RMDS is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Individual Membership - \$50.00 (prior & renewing members add \$5 after January 1)

Additional family members (same address) - \$35

Business Memberships- \$75.00 Centaur newsletter only - \$35.00 Life Membership - \$650.00

All business memberships include one individual membership.

Please include all information for person designated as individual member.

All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Indicate Local Chapter (only one):

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Arkansas Valley                         | <input type="radio"/> Colorado Springs                   | <input type="radio"/> Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) |
| <input type="radio"/> Boulder Valley                          | <input type="radio"/> Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)   | <input type="radio"/> Penrose (Canon City)          |
| <input type="radio"/> High Plains (Parker, Littleton, Aurora) | <input type="radio"/> Western Colorado (Aspen, Vail etc) | <input type="radio"/> Grand Valley (Grand Junction) |
| <input type="radio"/> Tri-State (Wyoming, Adjacent States)    |  |   |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-Mail) \_\_\_\_\_

USDF No. \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Names, DOBs, & USDF #s of additional family members \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards the RMDS pledge to the USDF Capital Campaign. (Include amount with your membership check)

Type of Membership: (check one)  Individual  Business  Family  Centaur Only

\_\_\_\_\_ Please remove my name from lists sold by RMDS  Renewing member - Need another binder-include additional \$6.00

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### Horse Registration Form

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

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

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

Lifetime Registration Fee - \$35.00 Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) \$10.00

Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Breed (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (include copy of papers) \_\_\_\_\_  
(list grade if no registry papers available.)

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

Address of Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-Mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**to: RMDS Central Office - 2942 Park Lake Dr. - Boulder, CO 80301 720-890-7825**

## MANY THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES SUPPORTING THE RMDS JUNIOR CAMP

DONATING 100 BAGS OF SHAVINGS & MIDNIGHT HORSE KITS: Don Yeackley, Owner, **The Stock-Terra Company** making Airlite Animal bedding, Milford, Nebraska 68405 Phone 888-838-3772 don.yeackley@stockterra.com www.wildhorsefeathers.com www.stockterra.com

DONATING 5% OF SALES TO RMDS CUSTOMERS **County Supply** www.countysupply.com

DONATING EQUINE AROMATHERAPY GIFT BAGS FOR CAMPERS AND INSTRUCTORS Frances Fitzgerald Cleveland, **Frog-Works, Inc.** *Natural Healing with Plants & Essential Oils for You & Your Animals*, phone 303.973.8848; 877.973.8848; 303.973.7106 (fax); 6810 N Roxborough Park Road, Littleton, Colorado 80125 www.frogworks.com

DONATING GIFT CERTIFICATES Ann Materasso **Nightwinds Tack Shop Inc.**, 357A Mountain Ave. Berthoud, Co. 80513 phone: 970 532-2463 nightwindstack@aol.com www.nightwindstack.com  
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DONATING PERFUME & POSTERS, **Nuzzle Eau de Parfum.**

## A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNIOR CAMP

**Jane McBride** - Addressing our group on team building

**Heather Petersen** - Lecture/showing A to Z

**Colleen Diamond** - Evaluations, Training

**Debbie Stjernholm** - LPC, CAC II, EAP II Equine Physiology workshop (debbie@c-horseconsulting.com www.c-horseconsulting.com Fax: 303-646-2474 Phone: 303-809-3817)

**KC Parkins-Kyle** - Training (murphyhors@aol.com)

**Barbara Gardner** - Freestyles

**Greta Barringer-Richers** - Training

(Greta.BarringerRichers@Colorado.EDU)

**Dr. Sandra Grover** - lecture: chiropractic care/dental care (www.horsevetdentist.com horsevetdentist@yahoo.com)

**Wendy Lanham** -Training

**Birgitt van Deijken** - Training (www.birgitt.info)

**Sarah Dodge** - Lecture/young riders (Sarahdodge3@aol.com)

**Jason Hays** -Lecture: feet

**Jan Kelly** - Equine RIKI

**Simone Windeler** - Quadrille (wjsimone@msn.com)

**RaeAnn Cook** - Judge

**"Stacey" Susan Mikula** - Western Couturier (303-722-5204 s2mikula@msn.com)

**Jasmine Becker** - Mane Imports (www.maneimports.com info@maneimports.com)

**Star Hughes** - Vaulting instruction (equestar@rkymtnhi.com)

**Lisa Wiggins** - Show Coordinator

**Jim & Belinda Christner** - Creative Barn Solutions Hauling shavings/ camp set up (www.creativebarns.com)

### 2007 OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

A-9 Correct zip for USDF is 40511

C-14 Junior Tests-Junior Individual can be used to qualify for 4th level Great American/ USDF Regional Championships

Young Rider Test-YR Team Test is equivalent to 4th level not Prix St Georges

C-29 Boulder Valley So Long to Summer September 2 Judge: KC Parkins-Kyle "L"

Cancel the September 1 schooling show

C-31 Columbine Show I & II Show I – Judge: Nancy Thacher –R; TD: Catherine Siemiet; Show II – Judge: Christine Hastings-S; TD: Deeda Randle

C-33 Grand Valley Dressage Shows Open Date: April 9 May 11-13 Show Secretary: Kathy Sassano

Send entries to: Grand Valley Dressage Society-PO Box 4093-Grand Junction, CO 81502

C-37 Autumn Hill Sunday Series – TD July Show-Susan Selby

C-59 Black Hills Dressage Show (See ad in May issue Centaur)

Add: June 16 - Sport Horse Breeding Show

C-63 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival: Secretary Bonnie Greist-(See ad in May issue Centaur)

C-71 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II: Secretary Camille Griffin-(See ad in May issue Centaur)

Past issues of the Centaur may be found at our website: www.rmids.org



## 2007 RMDS Junior Riders Dressage Camp @ Colorado State University

Join us for a great camp from July 8<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> on the beautiful Campus of CSU in ft. Collins

- Great Dressage instruction
- Lunge line instruction, quad Drill, Vaulting, freestyle
- Arts and Crafts
- Swimming
- New and old friends come together for a GREAT TIME
- show off all your new skills at our show
- Amazing Prizes—donated by some great retailers and dressage supporters throughout Colorado



When: July 8<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup>

Where: CSU in Ft. Collins

Cost: estimated to be no more than \$600.00. We are looking for donations to subsidize some of the cost for our campers. Final cost will be determined by May 2007  
Limited to our 1<sup>st</sup> 12 registrants with a \$100.00 deposit

Age: 9–18

Campers will be Participating in dressage lessons each day (fit horses are required)  
Stalls are provided at the equine center, but each camper is responsible for feed and bedding for their horses

All meals are included in camp costs as well as lessons and most extra curricular activities  
For more information please go to [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org) or contact Hollee price at [hollee24k@comcast.net](mailto:hollee24k@comcast.net)

Complete registration will be published on the web and in the centaur beginning March 2007



HIGH PLAINS DRESSAGE
SCHOOLING SHOW JUNE 16, 2007 • RMDS SHOW JUNE 17, 2007
SHARON SCHNEIDMAN CLINIC June 16 – Contact Terri Wallace 303-478-8838
Colorado Horse Park, Parker, Co
RMDS # 1061

Opening Date: May 21, 2007 Closing Date: June 9, 2007
Judges: Emmy Detlof 'L', Suzanne Zimmer 'r'
TD: Jeanette Hillery (RMDS)
Show Mgr: Alexandra Curnutte
Show Sec: Sharon Soos 33500 Meadow Hill Lane, Elizabeth, Co 80107
(303) 904-7534 sks-redvette@worldnet.att.net
Schedule: Details posted on Calendar at www.rmids.org

Divisions for all classes: O-Open; J- Junior; Y-YR; A- Adult Amateur (copy of '07 USEF AA card w/entry). We reserve the right to combine, split or cancel classes based on entries. J = under 14, Y= 14-21.

- 1. Training 1 7. First 3 13. Novice A
2. Training 2 8. First 4 14. Novice B
3. Training 3 9. Second 1 15. USDF Intro A (Schooling Show only)
4. Training 4 10. Second 2 16. USDF Intro B (Schooling Show only)
5. First 1 11. Second 3
6. First 2 12. Second 4

FEES:

Office Fees (per horse/rider combo): \$15/Schooling Show, \$20/RMDS Show
Per Test Fees: \$25/Schooling show, \$30/RMDS show
Late Fee: \$15 Trailer- in (per day/per trailer): \$15 Stabling \$25/day Contact Show Sec.

Clinic Fees: \$85/private, \$55/semi-private. Auditors free. Contact Terri Wallace: 303-478-8838, email: terri.wallace@worldnet.att.net

ENTRIES: Use the 2007 RMDS entry form- send separate entries for schooling show and RMDS show with separate checks. Make checks payable to High Plains Dressage and send entries together with check to Secretary. A copy of your 2007 RMDS Horse/Rider/Owner Card must be submitted for scores to count for qualifying for RMDS Championships and year-end awards from the show on June 17. REFUNDS: Up to closing date, all fees refunded except office fee. From day after closing to day prior to competition, class fees will be refunded only if ride(s) can be filled from wait list and a valid Vet excuse is provided. During competition days no refunds including Acts of God. Office fee is non refundable. Stabling available at noon on Friday June 15th, 2007. Shavings and feed available on grounds, place orders in show office. Schooling show on June 16, 2007- ASTM safety helmet and hard boots required.

SHARON SCHNEIDMAN CLINIC ENTRY FORM

Please submit by May 31st, 2007 - Contact Terri Wallace at 303-478-8838

Rider Name \_\_\_\_\_ JR \_\_\_ YR \_\_\_ AA \_\_\_ O \_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_

At what level are you Schooling/Training? \_\_\_\_\_

At what level are you showing or wanting to show? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you wish to work on in your session with Sharon? \_\_\_\_\_

CLINIC FEE:

Private Session: 45 minutes \$85 \_\_\_\_\_ Semi Private Session: (2 riders) 60 minutes \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Stabling: \$25/day Trailer In: \$15/day

Will you be participating in the H.P. Schooling Show held this same day? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Please make check payable to: High Plains Chapter of RMDS/Clinic

Mail to: Terri R. Wallace, 8238 So. Sicily Court, Aurora, CO 80016

(303) 478-8838 cell or (303) 952-9433 home

CHECK-IN REQUIRED PRIOR TO SCHOOLING – ALL HORSES MUST HAVE BRIDLE TAGS ON WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS!!
Refunds only if ride is filled. All riders/auditors must sign release form. Please use the back of the RMDS entry form for release signature and mail with Clinic entry form and payment.



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### Dressage Judges Ratings & Levels Qualified to Judge

Status "L" "r" "R"	Status Learner* Recorded Registered	Levels Training-Second (RMDS only) Training-Second Training-Fourth	Status "S" "I" "O"	Status Senior International Olympic	Levels All Levels All Levels All Levels
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\* May only judge at RMDS shows.

**FEI 'I'**  
Janet Foy .....719-260-1566

**USEF 'S'**  
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez ..303-642-7708  
Sandra Hotz .....303-817-2030  
Anita Owen.....303-953-9904

**USEF 'R'**  
Janet "Dolly" Hannon.....303-919-4112  
Kristi Wysocki .....303-648-9877

**USEF 'r'**  
Amy Jablonovsky .....970-493-2833  
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**USDF 'L' Graduate** – Schooling & RMDS only recognized shows  
Simone Ahern-Harless\* ...719-749-9274  
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Gigi Brittain .....303-681-2516  
Julie Burt .....719-852-5269

Rae Ann Cook \*.....970-225-1408  
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Beth Geier .....303-673-9840  
Ilyse Gold .....970-588-3859  
Jan Goodrich-Spear.....303-664-0152  
Gwen Ka'awaloa \* .....303-646-4363  
Linda Coates-Markle.....303-469-0279  
Sarah Martin \* .....719-379-3716  
Linda Ohlson-Gross \* .....303-840-9818  
KC Parkins-Kyle .....303-841-9953  
Sally Robertson .....303-237-6915  
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Regina Wendler .....970-879-7505  
Simone Windeler .....719-540-2000  
\*Denotes graduating with distinction

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Kristi Wysocki 'r' .....303-648-9877

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Deeda Randle (WY) - R...307-638-6737  
Catherine Siemiet - r .....719-942-5311  
Dianne Stanley - r (MT) - 406-652-4061  
Libby Stokes - r.....303-688-2795

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Jeannette Hillery .....303-494-7718  
Jane McBride.....719-598-4496  
Susan Selby .....970-227-9530  
M. Elaine Thomas .....719-495-1510

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Julie Burt .....719-852-5269  
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RaeAnn Cook .....970-225-1408  
Janet "Dolly" Hannon.....303-279-4546  
Sabine Kallas .....307-733-9497  
Ellene Kloepfer .....303-828-3879  
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Sheri Mattei-Mead .....970-669-3733  
Kathryn Meistrell .....303-646-9059  
Bridget Milnes .....303-660-4986  
Kristi Wysocki .....303-648-9877

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**TRAINING – 4th**  
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Loma Fowler .....303-841-0417  
Sarah Martin.....719-379-3716  
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**1997 Polish/Russian Arab:** Gelding-Built like a warmblood! Gray-15.2 hands. Excellent conformation-flashy. First level scores in the mid-sixties. Initial training by one of Debbie McDonald's proteges-showed at River Grove. Great on trails and endurance-very pretty movement. Started over fences. No vices. Full guarantee on health. Easy keeper, nice ground manners and not dominant with other horses. \$9,000 OBO. Horse is showing locally in combined training and dressage. Child-proof. Single owner. Call Pamela Clarke at (307) 745-8794 or email: pclarke@uwyo.edu

**Haflinger at stud:** Alpenprinz-Andri: elegant dark chestnut registered Haflinger with flaxen mane and tail. Proven stallion out of historically strong Austrian lines. Traditional confirmation. Imported from Canada in 2006. Documented history with logging, traffic-proof driving, riding. Wonderful disposition. Cover price \$350 (AI \$450). Contact Diane Kempson at Nightingale Haflingers at (307) 745-8794 or dkempson@uwyo.edu

**AT STUD:** American Saddlebred, liver chestnut, 16 hand, big bones, short back, old bloodlines of Wing Commander and Stonewall King. Early bookings \$500.00 after June \$1000. AI available. Also offering well papered Saddlebred mares for lease and have a few nice 2 & 3 year olds for sale, starting at \$1800. Contact: Peggy Want, (307) 857-0012 or email blackcrow@wyoming.com.

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**SAMOS:** flashy, imported 16'1, 8yr old DWB, sire: Gribaldi. Three lovely gaits, super extended trot, easy lateral work and changes. Great work ethic. Third level working fourth and PSG. Sue Halasz 303-619-5365 suehalasz@mail.com

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# Chapter News

## Arkansas Valley

We are excited to announce a new chapter! The Arkansas Valley Dressage Club is in the southernmost part of Colorado, encompassing Salida, Cotopaxi, Westcliffe, Canon City, and surrounding areas. We encourage everyone to come and join us for comradery, support, and educational activities. We are committed to expanding the dressage community through learning and social events. Stay tuned to the Centaur for more information and pending schedule. Call our secretary Karen Randall for more details at 719 275-4240.

## Boulder Valley Dressage

Boulder Valley dressage held our annual Spring Fling Ride A Test and Dressage Show on Saturday April 29 and Sunday April 30. We had very good participation with over 50 riders from Intro thru Level 2. Our show manager Patti Taylor did a terrific job maintaining a calm and relaxed atmosphere through out the event, while our wonderful show secretary Barb Newman kept everything in line in the office. Beth Geier graciously moved her schedule around to be our judge when our originally scheduled judge, KC Parkins- Kyle realized that she had a conflict. Our TD was Susan Selby – she stepped in at the last minute to rescue us after Joan Clay had an unfortunate accident and was unable to attend. We all wish Joan a speedy recovery. Despite these challenges, the weather mostly co-operated and the show was a great success. As always Single Tree Farm was an excellent host, we can't thank Jan Treadwell and all the boarders enough. High Point winners for the show were: Mary Stack, Adult Amateur, Christa Elaine Wood in the Open Division and Kelly Christensen in the Junior Division – congratulations again to all of our riders and thanks for all our wonderful volunteers. Our next show is scheduled for Sunday September 2 at Somerset Farm in Longmont. Please note the date – it is Sunday September 2 – in some printed material it shows up as the 9th – but it is definitely Sunday September 2. Due to a scheduling conflict the Ride A Test / Schooling Show on Saturday September 1 has been can-

celled. Another casualty of scheduling problems is the Adult Amateur Camp. It is with great regret that we are postponing this until the summer of 2008. We want to make sure that we put on a quality event and we were not able to get all of schedules aligned. Our next meeting will be on Monday June 11 at 6:30 PM at my house – please note that I have moved and my new address is 7091 Roaring Fork Trail Boulder 80301. Don't forget to check the website for the latest updates, show results and ride times.

Claudia Barkmeier

President cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com

## Colorado Springs Dressage Association

[www.csdressage.org](http://www.csdressage.org)

Upcoming events for 2007:

June 19 Kelly Stoochnoff, Equine Bio Energy Seminar at Whispering Winds Farms 6:30 pm

July 20 Dressage at the Peak – Midsummer Warm-up, Norris Penrose Event Center Judge: Kristy Wysocki (R)

July 21-22 Dressage at the Peak – Midsummer Norris Penrose Event Center Judge: Brian Ross (S)

We held our Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring show on Apr 28 and 29. The judges Charlotte Trentleman and Beverly Rogers were outstanding and all our competitors quite happy with the scores and the footing. We have decided to bring those judges back. It was a very relaxing and comfortable show.

We are looking forward to our next seminar; attendance for Kelly Stoochnoff is free. Simone Windeler, President, CSDA

## Foothills Chapter

The Show Grooming For Dummies clinic was very well attended. Our model, Rebel's Finale had a complete make-over to prepare for his dressage debut on May 20th.

Foothills members showed up in force at Autumn Hill May 12th. Congratulations to Sarah, Anna, and Emily Barnes, Grete Gansauer and Annette Gafner. The weather held and Autumn Hill did a great job treating

the customer right. Thanks to the volunteers and staff of Autumn Hill for running such a nice show.

The Foothills spring RMDS show on May 20th is coming up. We'd like to thank show secretary Heather Petersen for all her hard work. We'd especially like to thank The Tack Collection and Bev Harrison for their generous donation of our high point prizes for the amateur, open and junior divisions.

We will show our appreciation for our volunteers with a free lunch and volunteer party during the May show. Thanks to all who helped make this show run so well.

Don't miss our Last Chance Show Sept. 16th 2007. Check for details and prize list at our website, [www.foothillsdressage.org](http://www.foothillsdressage.org) Kathy King Johnson, President

## High Plains Chapter

High Plains is about to have its biggest venture so far, the June HP Dressage show and Clinic with Sharon Schneidman. This will all take place on June 16th and 17th at the CHP. June 16th will be the clinic and a schooling show and then Sunday, the 17th will be a two ring RMDS show. We are all praying for good weather and happy riders/horses! For more info on the Shows' contact Sharon Soos at [sks-redvette@att.net](mailto:sks-redvette@att.net), and for info on the clinic contact Terri Wallace via email at:

[terri.wallace@worldnet.att.net](mailto:terri.wallace@worldnet.att.net).

Of course we are always looking for help, those interested in volunteering should contact Alex Curnutte at [curnuttes@msn.com](mailto:curnuttes@msn.com). We need all levels of volunteers for any time period!

We are starting to look at other events that the chapter can sponsor. Any ideas from the members would be appreciated at this time. We are discussing a 'Fear Clinic' for horse and rider at 8th Heaven Farms and various other ideas have been tossed around.

Come to the next meeting, Tuesday, June 19th. Place to be decided yet. Contact Alex at [curnuttes@msn.com](mailto:curnuttes@msn.com) or watch your email for announcements.

Look forward to seeing you at the June Show and the next meeting.

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Peter is a member of the examination committee for aspiring professional horse trainers (Bereiter), riding master candidates and judges, a position he has held for the last decade.

He has a Masters degree in riding and teaching which he received in 1990 with distinctions. He was director and riding instructor at the RV Heiden from 1988 to 2004, while competing successfully at the Grand Prix level. Today he continues to show top stallions, Floribot and Rheingau.

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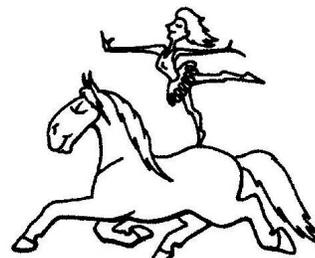
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