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March Madness

BREEDING ADVENTURES PART II

by Kathy Simard

Last month we ended with Ria pregnant and out to pasture. In February, after she received her final pre-labor vaccinations, I switched Ria's care over to the breeding facility's vet for the foaling and follow up.

March 2nd 2005 was the day I decided I would never own a breeding operation and it would be a long time, if ever, that I would breed a mare I owned again. While at work, I checked my voice mail and had two messages from the breeding facility. The initial excitement turned to panic as I listened. The first was the vet saying Ria was in labor and they were concerned because it was only 316 days. The second message was the manager of the facility saying Ria was in bad shape and being hauled to the vet's clinic where they had the proper equipment to treat her and the foal. He also said I needed to get to the clinic ASAP. Immediately, I left the barn and called the clinic. At the clinic, they said she was being worked on and to just get there quickly.



When I arrived, Ria was being walked around the building. I was relieved to see her upright and moving, but she did not look well. The vet tech walking her said Ria was okay but only with pain meds every half hour. She had been tubed for colic and fought a bit so she had the remnants of a bloody nose. I briefly spoke to the vet and then took over walking Ria. Ria promptly tried to throw herself sideways onto the ground thrashing in pain. I had never seen a colic this severe! The vet tech was close by and helped me get Ria up. She told me to watch Ria's hind legs for an indication she was going to go down and then to try to move her forward quickly. Ria just kept getting worse. Pain meds were now being injected on the move as we had to keep her walking.

To perform an ultrasound, we walked her into the clinic and gave her more meds to quiet her. The foal was hocks first against the cervix. There were no signs of labor other than the violent pain. The ultrasound was of limited use to determine the condition of the foal. They performed a belly tap and the fluid looked good. The vet and the techs left to run tests and plan a course of action. I was alone with Ria in a stall. Ria's pain came back in a rush. There was no room for me in the stall as she began to thrash. I moved quickly to the doorway, but got slammed from side to side as I tried to keep her upright. I was in pain, in tears and ready to just give up. It was too awful to watch. Ria went sideways and then back on to her hind end. A new vet

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Thoughts

from the President

Well, for most of us in the Colorado Springs area it's been a drier than normal winter. I'm greatly appreciate of this fact since I now have my horses at my new house and for the first time in 3 or more years, I don't have an indoor arena! I've gone back to my Iowa roots and I'm truly enjoying riding my horses out and about, whether it's in my "dressage arena" (a dressage ring set up on the grass of my yard) or out on the roads when we do actually get snow. I've set the limit at about 20 degrees, but if the suns out and it's 20 degrees, you'll see me out working. I think the horses do enjoy being home – I see them sunbathing far more then they ever used to! I'm not sure they like the increased work, but oh well... how can I resist sometimes riding twice a day when they're right there in the back yard!

I hope you have enjoyed your winter and are ready to swing back into training and showing and perhaps just getting out on the trails and having fun with your horses. While we all are starting to focus on the upcoming season, don't forget to get your horses out and about in some fun and relaxing ways – it will be good for your horse and for you!

The RMDS show season kicks off in a big way March 18-19 at the Colorado Horse Park with the RMDS Winter Wake-Up. This is a fully recognized show offering classes from Intro through Grand Prix, including the FEI Young Horse series, a Jr/YR Qualifier, and a HP Qualifier for the National I1 and GP Championships. We thank Paragon Equestrian Centre for their generous donation that has made the show very inexpensive for the competitors.

I would like to take this opportunity to also welcome Catherine (Cat) Siemiet and Brenda Haley to our board – these fine ladies come from Southern Colorado – even further south than Colorado Springs! Cat and Brenda will be heading up our Education and Adult Amateur committees. They have some great fresh ideas, but also need your input in order to provide you, the membership, with activities you would like, enjoy, and will participate in.

This leads me into a brief scolding...sorry! We recently learned that Lisa Wilcox is or has already moved back to the United States and will be living and training in Florida. I looked into having Lisa come to Colorado to do a symposium for the local membership. Needless to say, Lisa is not inexpensive and when figuring her costs and then considering the local attendance levels at recent RMDS symposiums, there is no way we could even consider having her in this area. The same goes for pretty much any of the

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The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



I hope by the time this Centaur comes out in print our weather has warmed up and this cold spell will be a thing of the past. I love winter and I have enjoyed the snow while watching the Winter Olympics. If only it would snow during Christmas too!

At the time I was writing this letter the Winter Olympic Games were half way over. I love both the Summer and Winter Olympics for the variety of sports that would not normally be broadcast on Primetime television. After watching this year's Olympics, I am all for trying new sports. I would love to try the Luge or even Bobsledding. Curling started out a bit boring for my taste, but I was fascinated over time with the precision of the sport and even started telling the sweepers to half-halt. What I love the most however is the human interest stories that show mankind's ability to overcome seemingly impossible obstacles and persevere. This month's Centaur cover story is about the perseverance necessary in our sport, not only while being in the saddle, but also in breeding the new athlete. Kathy Simard's article is the second in her series on her experience on breeding her mare Ria. Kathy's story showed the compassion and care necessary to bring a new life into this world. I am looking forward to reading the next installment!

Simone Wendeler summed up the excellent Judging

clinic at Table Mountain Ranch. For a small sum of money, RMDS hosted a fabulous clinic with Dolly Hannon and Lois Yukins. Simone did a superb job of taking notes and summing up the clinic. The turnout was pretty good, but just to join our RMDS President Heather Peterson on the soapbox; we could still have a better turnout. I realize that everyone is busy (I know how hard it is for me to get away), but we need to support these clinics. Not only so RMDS keeps providing them, but also the learning experience is priceless. How often do you get the chance to question two great judges? Thank you to RMDS, Dolly Hannon, Lois Yukins, and all the demo riders for a great clinic!

I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to write and submit articles! I really appreciate the number of articles we have received and have enjoyed reading all of them. If you don't see your article published right away, don't worry, it might be saved for another issue of the Centaur. We'll let you know when your article is published. Please keep sending the articles! I really feel the last few issues have taken on their own personality through the members who have contributed.

Keep writing and riding!

Best regards,

Kathleen

Letters to the Editor

I strongly disagree with the recent letter by Catherine Bender in the January edition of 'Centaur'. I find the articles by Gretchen Topel to be refreshing, scientific and well-researched. We certainly don't need any more self-appointed medical experts rehashing old superstitions and traditional views- we get these continually in all other publications. I am always amazed and appalled by the arrogance of 'traditional' medical persons. If all that is revealed is dogma, no one learns anything. Besides, it simply isn't true that vets in general operate from a position arrived at by "rigorous experimental paradigms", as Ms Bender would have us believe.

I am weary of the opinion that any view other than the traditional should always provide for 'equal air time' for the status quo when that never, ever happens in the reverse.

Please continue to print Gretchen's column in future issues and don't apologize for providing us some new food for thought. And please, don't bend over backwards to ensure that the medical establishment has

equal time. If someone wants to write an article, fine, but I hope you stop short of pandering to their nonsensical view of the world and weird sense of what constitutes 'scientific study' and 'fair play'.

Thank you,

Katherine Tomsich-Evans D.C., CHt

Dear Katherine,

Thank you for your Letter to the Editor. I always enjoy the feedback. I am glad you enjoyed Gretchen Topel's articles. Gretchen committed to a whole year of writing articles and as of December she fulfilled that commitment. She will be available to write an article from time to time and is always open to questions submitted to the Centaur. Feel free to submit those questions any time to me at Centaur@rmids.org. Thanks again for your feedback!

Best regards,

Kathleen Mayger, Centaur Editor

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L Continuing Education

by Simone Wendeler

In January, I attended the continuing education program for L-Graduates at Table Mountain Ranch in Golden, CO, an ideal facility for events like these. They have a meeting room that actually overlooks the indoor arena. The room is well set up for lectures. For the “live horse watching” part, there is a great indoor and several outdoor arenas. The event was presented by RMDS and open to anyone interested in learning more about how judges arrive at a score.

The session was taught by two outstanding judges, Lois Yukins (S) and Janet “Dolly” Hannon (R). Yukins is the chair of the Judges Committee at USDF. Hannon is spearheading the offering of this particular Continuing Education program throughout the regions of USDF.

The morning session started with some inspiration – a tape of Debbie McDonald’s freestyle from Las Vegas World Cup. After that Lois started with the basics, the Training Scale or Pyramid of Training. This scale is one of the essential tools used in judging. As horses progress through the levels, they climb higher and higher on this scale. But even at Training level, we are asking for several elements of the training scale to be present.

The first step is **Rhythm**. Judges would like to see this with energy and tempo. They will look for clarity of all three gaits. Should your horse have a tendency to a lateral walk (no clear 4-beat) or have an unclear rhythm in trot or canter, you will see this reflected in your gait score under collective marks at the bottom of your test.

The second step is **Relaxation** with elasticity and suppleness. Ideally the horse’s back is rounded up and he looks happy and comfortable. Relaxation also refers to the mental state of your horse. His willingness and good working attitude is equally important.

The third step is **Connection**. How well does your horse accept the bit and your aids? Connection should happen from rear to front. Unfortunately judges often see horses that are pulled or forced onto the bit. True connection is light and easy. At Training level a judge will only look for acceptance of the bit, but at First and Second level they would like to see the horse on the bit.

The fourth step is **Impulsion** – the release of forward and upward energy that has been created through engagement. Impulsion becomes a more important element at Second level and above as we start to see the medium and extended paces.

Fifth on the pyramid is **Straightness**. One looks for improved alignment and balance as well as levelness. While a horse may be straight, he could drop a shoulder or hip and therefore become unlevel. Increased straightness is required at the upper levels.

The sixth and final step is **Collection**. It is defined by increased engagement, lightness on the forehand and

self carriage. Collection is asked for the first time at Second level, though transitions within the gaits (e.g. from working to lengthened strides) as well as transitions between gaits already require a certain degree of collection.

Judges use the following methodology to arrive at a score:

BASICS + CRITERIA +/- MODIFIERS = SCORE

The Basics go back to the Training Scale or Pyramid of Training. Criteria of the movement refer to what you are supposed to do at the particular movement. It is highly recommended to read the Directive Ideas before you practice your test (that is the text in the box right next to the movement). The directives give the rider, a very clear idea of what the judge is looking for at that very moment.

Last are the Modifiers, e.g. when judging a rein-back, one would look at the halt before the rein-back. An excellent halt might improve your rein-back score, a bad halt might bring it down.

After refreshing the basic ideas, we reviewed some rule changes and discussed some of the strange things that can and have happened in the arena. Did you know for example that you could fall off your horse and as long as it does not leave the ring and you are not in immediate danger – you could go on with your test?

The afternoon on Saturday was spent watching the demo riders and horses.

Here are some helpful hints from Lois and Dolly:

For the stretchy, chewy circle – your horse’s trot ideally will improve. Take the first quarter of the circle to develop the stretch, show the stretch on the next half and then take the remaining quarter circle to gather up your reins.

Shoulder-in – your horse’s head needs to stay centered between his shoulders, when watched from the front – if not, most likely the neck is over bent.

Medium canter – the observer should see some separation of the hind legs.

Sunday morning was spent watching some videos and practicing judging. It was a great opportunity to get ready for the season, as most L-graduates only get a chance to judge once or twice per year.

Overall it was an extremely worthwhile experience. I would encourage everyone to attend in the future. Even if you are not an L-Graduate or even have any ambitions to ever go through the program, you will learn a lot. Many thanks go to all the demo riders, horses and their respective owners.

**RMDS is looking for riders and horses for the April 21-23 Final Testing of the
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FEI Young Horse Exams in Germany

by Janet Brown Foy

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The trip started badly for most of us. I had one flight in Denver delayed, so I missed my connection, but United put me on the direct Lufthansa flight to Frankfurt. However, even though I had to wait an extra 5 hours in the DIA airport, Lufthansa was unable to put my bag on this flight. So, I arrived very much later than expected with no bag. This was unfortunate as there was record cold in Germany, with highs of 10 degrees F and wind and snow. Anne had to change planes three times, and then catch a train from Dusseldorf. She did not know this train was one in which the front half went one way and the back half another. She was on the wrong half. Hilda lost her bags as well. Micheal seemed to have the best luck, having driven in from Amsterdam. The one blessing was that my rental car had a GPS with a very nice uppercrust British voice who politely told me where to go. If I did not follow his instructions, he told me to do a "U TURN". Even being very sleepy, I was able to drive the Autobahn 3 hours to Munster. I had to hold on very hard to the steering wheel. I was going 120 KM (about 80) and was passed by cars that peeled the paint off my little Chevy!

The seminar began with a hotel lecture. Dr. Hilary Clayton was invited and presented a great presentation on the biomechanics of the young dressage horse. FEI I judge Anky Fromming discussed the training scale. Dr. Werner Schade discussed breeding programs for dressage horses. In the afternoon we took buses to the Westphalian Equestrian Association headquarters for practical work with Dr. Dietrich Plewa, Dr. Clayton and Dr. Schade. Judging discussions were lead by the examiners, Mariette Withages, Stephen Clarke and Dr. Dieter Schule.

The highlight of this day was watching Ingrid Klimke present the 2005 World Champion 5 year old, stallion Damon Hill. He is a son of Donnerhall. What a wonderful rider, very supple and tactful. The horse had incredible movement and balance.

The second day also began with a lecture and then we transferred to Warendorf, where the German federation put us in the 'old' arena because it had heat! The beautiful 'new' arena was freezing cold. We all were very thankful! A good variety of horses were present-

ed again for our education.

That evening, the German Federation hosted a lavish sit down dinner for everyone. The food was fabulous (I think we all gained a few pounds) and we all enjoyed the good company. We tried to get to bed early (10:30) so we would be prepared for the exam.

We judged 3 five year old and 3 6 year olds. We were our own scribes and after we handed in our tests they were scored. After all of the horses were presented, the examiners adjourned to look over our comments and results. We were told about noon that we passed! So Anne, Michael and I took off through the snow in our little Chevy to the heaven of horse sales, PSI International. Uli Kasselmann had invited Anne for a drink, as she is the liason for our Junior Program and they are the sponsors. Michael and I tagged along. The house is 1000 years old, and the Kasselmann family has lived there all this time. I have never seen so many barns, and indoor arenas. What a production. The highlight for me was going into the stalls (no halters mind you!) of their stallions. We say Sandro Hit, Welt Hit and Lord Sinclair. Sandro Hit is pure black, big eyes, a dishy face and the sweetest thing in the world!

Overall, 119 people from 25 countries took advantage of this great program. Remember that USA Breeders and Trainers are also invited! If you would like to go next year, please contact Lynn McCoy and the USEF office in Kentucky. Thank you to the German Federation for making this not only an educational experience but also an inspirational one!



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Olympic riders and trainers. This area has been very unsupportive of clinicians as a whole in the recent years and it discourages people from bringing in respected members of the dressage community. Please, consider supporting events outside of your barn and outside of your chapter perhaps. I understand a lot of barns are starting to bring in their own clinicians and this spreads people a little thinner in their education budget, but RMDS is an educational group and we'd like to also offer symposiums and events our membership will support.

Hope everyone has a green Saint Patrick's Day, a wonderful start to Springs, and don't forget that the time changes again on April 2nd!

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		Duellfarm
		Gaston
		Dohle

TECHNICAL DELEGATES, JUDGES & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

DRESSAGE JUDGES RATINGS & LEVELS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
USDF "L"	Learner (not a judge)	Training-Second	USEF "S"	Senior	All Levels
USEF "r"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
USEF "R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	FEI "O"	Olympic	All Levels

JUDGES	FEI "I"	USEF 'S'	USEF 'R'	USEF 'r'	USDF 'L' Graduate	Technical Delegates	USEF	USDF Certified Instructors	USDF Certified Instructors																
Julie Burt 719-852-5269	Kathy Simard* (720) 981-4448	Catherine Siemiet (719) 942-5311	Sabine Kallas (307) 733-9497	Janet Brown Foy (CO) (719) 633-0231	RaeAnn Cook* (970) 225-1408	Diane Stanley (MT) (406) 652-4061	Ellene Kloepfer (303) 828-3879	Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez (CO) (303) 642-7708	Emmy Detlof (719) 495-4188	Maria Wasson (303) 682-9594	Libby Stokes (CO) (303) 688-2795	Clayton Martin (303) 652-1158	Sheri Mattei-Mead (970) 669-3733	Marti Foster* (303) 277-1132	Regina Wendler 970-879-7505	Simone Windeler 719-540-2000	Joan Clay (970) 490-1927	Jeannette Hillery (CO) (303) 494-7718	Jane McBride (719) 598-4496	Susan Selby 970-227-9530	M. Elaine Thomas (719) 495-1510	Bridget Milnes (303) 660-4986	Kathy Simard (720) 981-4448	Kristi Wysocki (303) 648-9877	
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CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION
see calendar for details

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!

Paul Belasik
Janet Brown Foy
Jill Cantor Lee
Steffen Peters

Chapter News

Foothills Chapter News

New officers!

President: Kathy Johnson

Vice-President: Christian Hawley

Treasurer: Laura Quakenbush

Secretary: Maureen Yaskanin

We welcome your input! Please attend our monthly meetings (2nd Weds. of each month, 7:00 pm at Table Mtn Ranch) to help make the Foothills Chapter your local source for educational and fun activities!

New Videos Coming! The chapter video library is located at Table Mountain Ranch. We've just ordered five new videos, including the 2005 Las Vegas World Cup.

Ride-A-Test! Saturday, April 22, 2006, with 'S' judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, at Table Mountain Ranch.

Summer Fun RMDS Show! The Foothills Chapter RMDS show is August 12 at Table Mountain Ranch. We will need volunteers to help run the show.

New Scholarship Program! Our new Scholarship Committee is planning a Scholarship Program for Chapter members.

Updated Website! The updated chapter website is available to post member's photos to share, and as well as ride times for shows and other upcoming events. www.foothillsdressage.org

E-mail Address Please! We need your email address to send you the latest news about Chapter activities and events. If you have not already received one newsletter from the Foothills Chapter this year, please send your email address to the Chapter Secretary, Maureen Yaskanin, at mmyask@comcast.net. We promise not to share it with anyone!

2006 OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

C-7 Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club Dressage Show, Cheyenne, WY

C-69 Secretary Kathi Averill - same contact information

C-25 Manager Sept 2 show - Jeannette Hillery
303-494-7718

Secretary April 23 show - Nell Foxworth 303-545-5988

C-38 TD: Jane McBride

2006 High Plains Chapter

After getting off to a slow start we are officially up and running. Our first priority this year is to connect with more HP Chapter members. It is a huge group, hailing from many area's like ; Littleton, Parker, Elizabeth, Franktown, Castle Rock and more. We plan to have meetings at different locations through out the year to make it easier for members to try and attend at least one meeting.

Check out the RMDS website for March and April places and times. Keeping in mind that part of your RMDS dues go directly to the Chapters, come help us shake things up and jump start this Chapter into high gear.

At this time we are planning 2 schooling shows for late spring/early summer. More on that in upcoming newsletters. We can't wait to hear from you.

Alexandra Curnutte Pres. curnutttes@msn.com
Terri Wallace Vice Pres.
Nancy Evans Tres.
Jennifer Slade Sec.

BOULDER VALLEY DRESSAGE WINTER UPDATE

BVD held its annual awards banquet and end of the year party on January 21. We said Happy Birthday and a big Thank You to our outgoing president of the past four years, Barb Goldman, and presented her with a lovely jacket as a token of appreciation. We also celebrated our many winners and the inaugural year of our "Summer Show Series" awards. The Champion in each class was awarded a saddle pad donated for 2005 and 2006 by Barb Goldman and Lori Oakley. We have many exciting events planned. Our Spring Fling show is scheduled for April 23, show secretary is Nell Foxworth, and are still confirming the manager. The So Long to Summer show will be September 2, show manager is Jeannette Hillery and we are still confirming the secretary. Please see our website <http://www.bvdressage.org/> or the Omnibus for more details.

Other upcoming events include: A Show Prep workshop - how to fill out your entry form! Joder Arabian Ranch, date TBD. Ride A Test Challenge - tentatively scheduled for April 22 at Single Tree. We are also planning an Adult Amateur Camp for the summer of 2007 - we need an volunteer to organize this event. This year we are committed to getting more members involved in the club and to increasing communication. Please see our website for the latest news and look for a postcard with a summary of upcoming events. To volunteer, ask questions, comment etc - please feel free to contact me.

Claudia Barkmeier
President Boulder Valley Dressage
cbarkmeier@rwbarid.com, 303-417-1675

2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

MARCH 2006

- 4 **Kathleen Mayger Clinic - Whispering Wind Farm, Monument CO**
Judi Tobias, (719)593-7310 horsinaroundevents@yahoo.com.
- 5 **NCD A Schooling Show-Ft Collins Equestrian Center**
Contact Sherry Jefcoat 970-530-0772
- 9 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 11 **Columbine Spring Series #2-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 14 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 16 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 18-19 **Winter Wake Up Show - Colorado Horse Park - USEF**
High Performance Qualifying Show and NAYRC Qualifier
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 28 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 31-2 **Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic- Raian Kaiser & Andrea Datz-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 2006

- 1 **CSDA Schooling Show - Penrose Stadium**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 2 **CSDA Show Series #2 - Penrose Stadium-RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 2 **NCD A Schooling Show-Ft Collins Equestrian Center**
Contact Sherry Jefcoat 970-530-0772
- 6 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 8-9 **Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium - Penrose Stadium**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 11 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 15 **Columbine Spring Series #3-Littleton-RMDS**
Contact Kate Engel 303-840-1559
- 20 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 22 **Foothills Annual Ride-A-Test - Table Mountain Ranch**
Contact Christian Hawley 303-669-6888 ilovefirmus@yahoo.com22
- 23 **Boulder Valley Spring FLING - Singletree-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com
- 21-23 **USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING Training-4th Level - Penrose Stadium**
RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
NEED DEMO RIDERS & HORSES
- 25 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 29-30 **Columbine Dressage Show #1-Littleton-USEF**
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

MAY 2006

- 7 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1 - Autumn Hill-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
- 11 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 12 **Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #1 - Gr. Jct - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 13 **Dressage for the Cure - Cottonwood Riding Club - Littleton - RMDS**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 13-14 **Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #2 - Gr. Jct - USEF**
Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com
- 16 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 20 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 20-21 **Dressage at the Peak - Penrose Stadium-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 20-21 **Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com
- 26 **Dressage in the Plains I-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 **Dressage in the Plains II-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 **Dalwhinnie Dressage Show-Ridgway-USEF-YR Qualifier**
Contact Veronica Holt 303-646-3829 veronicholt@comcast.net
- 28 **Tai Chi for Equestrians Clinic-Urban Farm-Denver**
Contact Christy Landwehr 720-857-6160 landwehr8@msn.com
- 30 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

JUNE 2006

- 2 **Dressage at High Prairie #1- Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3 **Dressage at High Prairie #2- Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 4 **Dressage at High Prairie #3 - Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com
- 3-4 **USDF "L" D2 Session - Dressage at High Prairie - Marilyn Heath**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 3-4 **Creekside Dressage - Huntley, MT USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280 crkside@nemontel.net
- 10-11 **NCD A Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic - Cheyenne, WY-USEF**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 denty20@msn.com
- 10-11 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show - Lehi, UT - USEF**
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 13 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

17-18 Black Hills Dressage Show-Rapid City,SD-USEF
Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rap.midco.net

17-18 Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF
Contact KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

24-25 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

27 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

30 Dressage at the Peak II Warm up- Penrose Stad.-USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

JULY 2006

1-2 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show- Penrose Stadium-USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

9 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2 - Autumn Hill, Longmont -RMDS
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

11 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

13 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825

14 Rocky Mountain Iberian All Breeds Dressage Show-Castle Rock-RMDS
Contact Kris Garrett 303-841-2875 temerarioVII@aol.com

15 Twin Peaks Dressage #1 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net

16 Twin Peaks Dressage #2 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF
Martha Fischer 303-652-1648 marthafischer@earthlink.net

15-16 Tri State Summer Dressage Show-Riverton,WY-USEF
Denise Denhardt 307-332-4722 happyhalfhalts@hotmail.com

21-23 Autumn Hill Summer Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

25 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

29 Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #1 - Larkspur -
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147

AUGUST 2006

4 Dressage in Rockies #1- Colo Horse Park-Parker - USEF
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com

5 Dressage in Rockies #2- Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com

6 Dressage in Rockies #3 - Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF
Contact Jennifer Killinger 818-841-3554 jennifer@glenroys.com

5-6 USDF "L" Final - Dressage in the Rockies - Marilyn Heath, Lois Yukins
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

5-6 Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Club Dressage Show-Cheyenne,WY-USEF
Contact: Rowena Heckert 307-632-4151

12 Foothills Chapter Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS
Contact Susan Kracklauer 303-421-3511

13 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3 - Longmont-RMDS
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775

15 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

26 CSDA Schooling Show - Aspen Ridge
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

26 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1-Bluffdale, UT USEF
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

27 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2- Bluffdale, UT USEF
Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi 801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

27 Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show- Penrose Stadium
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

29 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
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SEPTEMBER 2006

2 Boulder Valley So Long to Summer - Somerset Farm-Longmont-RMDS

Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 boelandjarb@hotmail.com

2 Grand Valley Fall Show - Grand Junction - USEF

Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com

3 GVDS Western Slope Championships and Open Show - Grand Junction - USEF

Contact Zoe Krakowski 970-245-7444 songlady@rentalsgj.com

9 Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #2 - Larkspur -
Contact Leslie Terry 303-688-4147

10 Table Mountain Ranch Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS
Contact Peg Cannell 303-279-4546 cannell747@aol.com

14 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825

19 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

21 2006 Cosequin/Breeders Champ & RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

22-24 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net

OCTOBER 2006

3 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

6-8 Region V Championships - Expo Albuquerque, NM
Contact Donald Simpson 505-550-6735 dsimpson62@aol.com

7-8 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com

17 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 reiterhofranch@aol.com

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All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd numbered month. The steering committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of every even numbered month. The Board of Governors meeting is held on the second Saturday of November. Call the Central Office for exact dates.

ADULT AMATEUR

A copy of your USEF Adult Amateur Card must be filed with RMDS each year to update your record with RMDS and to qualify for RMDS A/A year end awards.

RMDS Central Office

Phone number: 720-890-7825
Address: RMDS Central Office
2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301

Contact: Beth Geier, rmds@indra.com, www.rmds.org

Website Contact: Michael Petersen
5575 Heatherbrook Ct,
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
webmaster@rmds.org

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SHOW INFORMATION

ALWAYS CALL THE CONTACT, UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ALREADY, AS DATES, TIMES AND PLACES MAY VARY.

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Submissions of events for inclusion in the Centaur calendar need to be received no later than the 5th of the month prior to the month that the item is to run. Please be sure to spell all names (clinicians/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with any questions. Send all calendar items and/or requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 2nd Monday – even months

Claudia Barkmeier 303-417-1675 cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday – location TBD

Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday – every other month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Kathy Johnson 303-494-0905

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around

Contact: Kelly Schlager – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Alexander Cumutte 303-663-0358 cumuttes@msn.com

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month;

Susie Gordon 970-407-7357 sgordon@fcgov.com

Penrose, 1st Wednesday – every month; Roaming around;

Contact: Sharon Ghilarducci – 719-462-5760

Tri State, TBA;

Contact: Darlene Vaughan – 307-332-726

Western Colorado;

Judith Family 970-923-8832 DNS@rof.net

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- If not received by that date, they will be placed in the following edition if not time-sensitive

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Kathleen Mayger, kathleendonnely20@hotmail.com
2304 Brianna Ct. Johnstown CO 80534(970) 587-5546

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RMDS Central Office, attn: Beth Geier
2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301

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tech arrived and said I could try walking her again. As soon as we stepped out of the barn, Ria hit the dirt. We got her up and the tech went to inform the vet and get more pain meds. As I was walking, Ria continued to try to go down. She knew I would not let her so when she felt the pain she began to trot. The pain was so severe she was crashing on her nose and knees onto the driveway. My mare was now scraped, bleeding and in horrible pain.

The vet told me that she had called a second vet for another opinion. She feared the baby was lost and we needed to focus on saving Ria. The foal was in a dystocia position and could not be delivered. Ria's cervix was not dilated and she had no milk. The options were to put Ria in a hoist and pull the foal out or perform a C-section. Both meant a dead or nonviable foal and serious risk to Ria.

At this point, I knew I could not handle this alone and needed a fellow horse person to hear the information, ask questions, and help me make decisions. I called Jan, my assistant at the barn I was working at when I get the messages about Ria's condition. She said she would come immediately.

Watch the April Centaur to find out how Ria and Kathy do with Ria's delivery, see pictures and read the conclusion of her story.



2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

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MARCH 2007

- 10-11 **USDF 'L' Program-Session B-Janet Foy**
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APRIL 2007

- 14-15 **Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
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- 21-22 **USDF 'L' Program-Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez**
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JUNE 2007

- 9-10 **USDF 'L' Program-Session D1-Lois Yukins-Colorado Horse Park**
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- 26-30 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF**
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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

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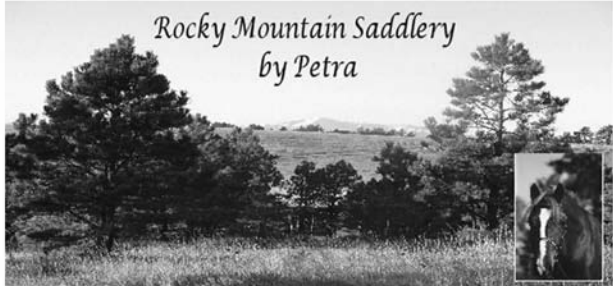
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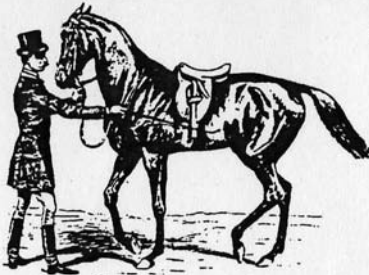


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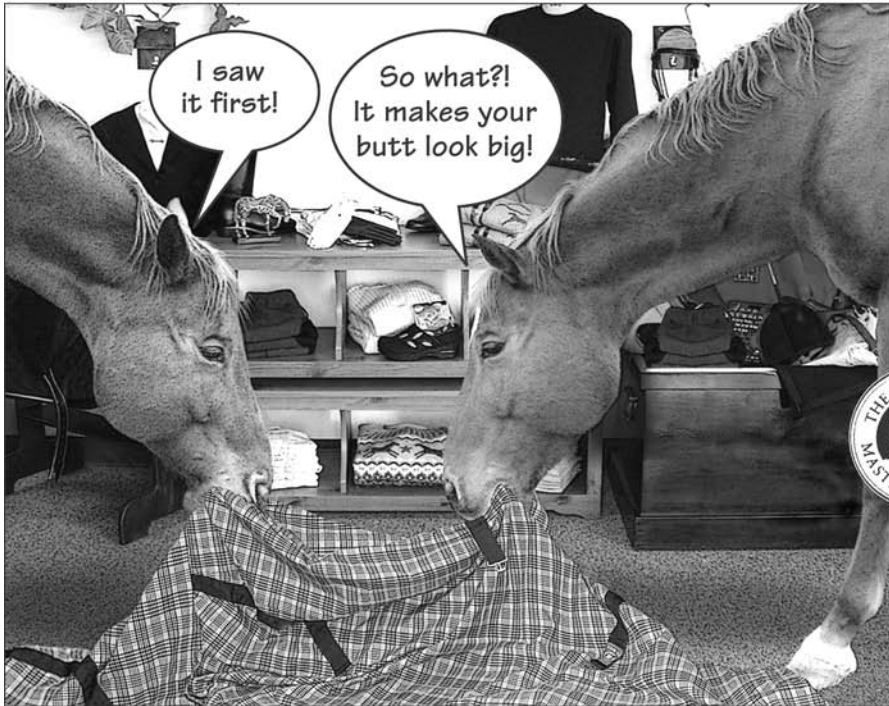
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