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 2018 DRESSAGE  
 SYMPOSIUM  
 MAY 17-20**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**HIGH PLAINS YOUTH CLINIC: MAR. 4**

**RMDS AA CLINIC WILLIAM McMULLIN: APR. 21-22**

**PROFESSIONALS' SYMPOSIUM: MAY 15-16**

**DRESSAGE SYMPOSIUM in the ROCKIES: MAY 17-20**

**RMDS 'L' GROUP SIT'TIME: MAY 27**

## President's Message

Spring is almost here and shows are around the corner. Clinics and schooling shows are under way and riders and horses are getting fit.

Horses are shedding their winter coats and the sun is hanging around a bit longer. With warmer weather we all seem to find more time to spend in the barn. Spring cleaning is on our minds, barn, trailers and maybe even our homes.

RMDS Executive Board members are working hard to get some things down on paper and to streamline a few programs and systems. As things fall into place we hope to get RMDS up to date on computer systems as well.



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

Several members have gone west this year to help out and learn at the Adequan West Coast Dressage Festival series. These series have been a wonderful opportunity to observe and learn. The Masterclass sessions have been widely praised for the quality and insight brought by each presenter.

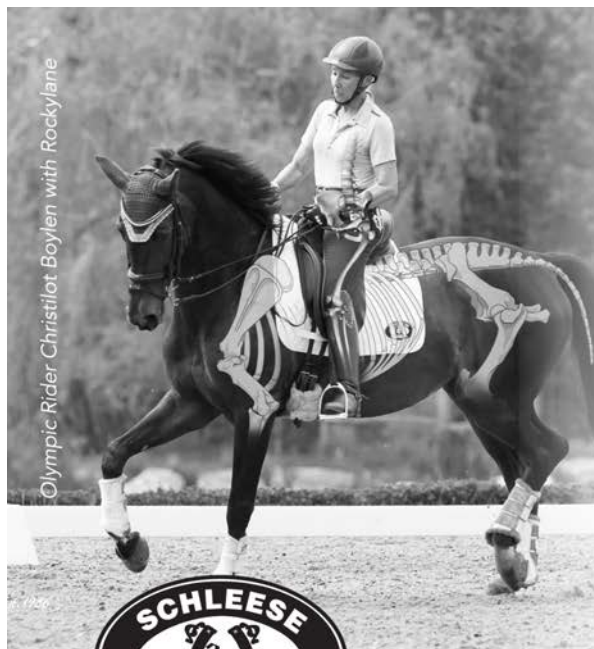
RMDS and the Colorado Horse Park are also striving to offer high quality clinicians. Please take the time and mark your calendars to join us in May for a wonderful educational experience.

As we look forward to spring and start to plan for our time with our horses take the time to check calendars and websites to keep up with all of us.

*Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa*

### New for 2018

**Riders or their representative are required to have a minimum of 4 recorded volunteer hours earned in the current competition year in order to be eligible for year-end awards.**



*Olympic Rider Christlöt Boylen with Rockylane*

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## Foothills Chapter

Members chose several activities to offer this year, including a Ride-A-Test on Saturday, June 2, at Table Mountain Ranch. Judge and staff are TBD. Also approved are a ground work clinic and equine wellness fair. The chapter's Education Committee Co-Chairs Corey Holtman and Jewlee Barber will look into arranging clinicians, a judge, dates and locations for these activities to take place. Watch this space for updates in upcoming printed Centaur newsletters.

New to the Foothills board as Show Co-Chairs are Kelsey Jacobsen and Nic Sigler. They also are managers of the two chapter shows planned this year: Spring Into Summer on Sunday, June 10, and Last Chance Show on Sunday, Aug. 26, both at Table Mountain Ranch. Their prize lists are included in the recently published 2018 RMDS Omnibus on page C-47. Both of these shows are recognized by the Western Dressage Association of Colorado for their members' scores to qualify for high-point awards.

Also new this year is an RMDS Learn-To-Scribe Clinic scheduled at our Last Chance Show on Aug. 26. RMDS Education Co-Chair Michelle Anderson is teaching the clinic. Also watch the Centaur for this registration form and more information.

All are welcome to join us for a casual meal, conversation and our next meeting on Monday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Table Mountain Ranch.

*Linda Gaber, Foothills President*

## On The Bit

We recently started having short presentations on topics of general interest at our monthly meetings. The first presentation was discussing whether there is evidence for higher colic risk during the winter months. Thanks Anna for providing so much interesting information! We will continue to have presentations at our meetings throughout the year, so feel free to contact us for information on upcoming topics!

In order to have a good start into the show season, we will have a movie night with potluck on April 24, where we will watch the On the Levels DVD. Guests are welcome!

We are currently working on planning a clinic in Laramie in late spring or early summer, so please check our website or facebook page for updates!

The highlight for our chapter this year will be our first RMDS recognized show in August. Check out the prizelist on our website ([www.onthebitdressage.com](http://www.onthebitdressage.com))!

We are always happy to see new faces, so if you would like more information or are interested in joining our chapter, connect with us through Facebook or join us at our meetings every first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Altitude Chophouse in Laramie, WY!

*Ginka Kubelka, On The Bit President*

## Pikes Peak

Hello All,

In April we will be hosting our PPDS RMDS Show at Latigo Trials in Elbert, Co on April 14th. We also have planned for an educational evening to learn about the volunteer positions at the shows so everyone interested can help in volunteering this next show season. It is scheduled for Tuesday March 13th at Bourdon Brothers off of I25.

Please keep looking and watching for update information on when we will be having events throughout this next year!

Stay warm!

*Tiffany Busch, PPDS President*

## Western Colorado

*Barbara McElnea, Secretary*

## Boulder Valley

Our Awards Banquet and Silent Auction held at the Boulder Country Club on January 28 was a huge success. We have many riders in the BVD club that had an excellent show season in 2017. Congratulations to all of them!

2018 Shows & Events:

BVD Spring/Summer Show-USEF/USDF  
Boulder County Fairgrounds June 30-July 1  
Judges: Melissa Creswick 'S', Gwen Ka' awaloa 'r'

Melissa Creswick 'S' Clinic-July 2  
Blue Roof Equestrian

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## Chapter and Committee News

September Fall Show-RMDS only  
Boulder County Fairgrounds September 8-9  
Judges: Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'S', Bill McMullin 'R'

Bill McMullin 'R' Clinic September 10  
Blue Roof Equestrian

Next Meetings: February 12, April 9, June 11, Aug 13, Oct 8

*Sandra Rosewell, BVDS President*

### NCDA

NCDA 2018 Board: President – Didi DeKrey, Vice President – Rose Balfour, Treasurer – Andrea Chirich, Secretary – Jackie Rosellen

Our guest for the January meeting was Ms. Lauren Harmon of Instill Harmony. Lauren is local to Ft. Collins and gave us a presentation about integrative bodywork for horses and humans. Lauren uses a gentle intuitive form of healing that blends Rolfing, Craniosacral, Principles of Osteopathy, energy work and movement.

We then pushed aside the tables and imagined our feet as pancakes, walked in circles, down the diagonal, paired up for balancing and generally had a fun and informative time!

Our board is eagerly anticipating the upcoming Circles In The Sand clinic open to any and all. It's unique format of lecture with demonstration riders, then clinic riding, and culminating in a coached Ride A Test is sure to give both mounted and unmounted participants a big boost! And, it's very cost effective!

General meetings are the second Wednesday of the month (September through May) at the McKee Building at The Ranch, Loveland, Colorado.

Stay tuned!

*Didi McKrey, NCDA President*

### Arkansas Valley

January was spent with a lot of planning for this year. We will have 3 schoolings shows in April, June, and October. They will be held at our local Pathfinder Park in Florence. Judges have been selected and we will have the day after for a clinic with the judge. The judges chosen are also instructors.

We have many new trophies that are being included in our awards program. Perpetual trophies will be for breed awards and for levels. High point awards will be given too and all of this will be posted on our website at [www.arkansasvalleydressage.org](http://www.arkansasvalleydressage.org)

We are very excited about a 2-day clinic scheduled for June 23 and 24. It will be held at Latigo in Elbert. This will be a camp format. Members are encouraged to bring in their motorhomes and campers. (Sounds like a party happening!)

Meetings have been well attended and one of our goals is to increase membership. We have eventers now and several western dressage enthusiasts. More people will be showing! Enthusiasm is good, and many have stepped up to the plate make this year a success.

*Brenda Haley, Arkansas Valley President*

### GVDS

We've had a warm winter which has been great for riding but we do need more moisture to get us through with enough water for summer. Local members have had sponsored clinics all winter so our members should be well prepared for our first schooling show April 28 and 29 with judge Simone Windeler "L".

Some new features for our upcoming shows:

1. Our webmaster Jennifer Weber has added an introduction to showing in the form of a video she made. Here is a link to it, a great first look at things to consider when starting to show: <https://www.whstables.com/dressage-entries-video>
2. We have decided to try online entries with Equestrian Entries ([www.EquestrianEntries.com](http://www.EquestrianEntries.com)) This site allows exhibitors to access the entry form and print and sign and mail in with their check with no cost to them. If they decide to submit online there is a fee but it will save the mailing time. We have had large entries to our schooling shows and the last few late entries due to mailing delays have caused some issues. We are hoping this option will help with this issue. GVDS show management does recommend entering EARLY to every show you want to enter.

We had such a great year in 2017 in our dressage community - looking forward to an even better 2018!

*Arlene Rhodes, President GVDS*

## Region 5 NAJYRC Fundraising 2018

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 201 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. The Championships will be held August 1-5, 2018 at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, New York. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams as most likely we will have to fly the horses in order to avoid 3 days of driving on either side of the competition. If we drive them, this will very much mean we will have to arrive to the competition quite early in order to give them enough rest before they show. We hope we will be able to send a 8 riders with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes. In addition to the transportation to the show, there are the expenses of hotel, team uniforms, chef expenses, feed, bedding and oh so much more that they need help with. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at [jnclay@comcast.net](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) or 970-420-0877 or our Fundraising Chair, Kathy Gillespie at [kjpagillespie@msn.com](mailto:kjpagillespie@msn.com) or 303-921-5253. If you are still interested in participating in the FEI Junior and Young Rider program for 201, the last intention deadline is May 15th but the less expensive deadline is May 2nd, so be sure to get in your intentions soon.

## USDF Announces Sport Horse Education Programs for 2018

Lexington, KY (January 30, 2018) - The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is pleased to announce three exciting and diverse opportunities for sport horse education in 2018. In regards to the upcoming opportunities, **Kristi Wysocki**, co-chair of the USDF Sport Horse Committee says, "We are very excited about the programs planned for 2018, in various parts of the country, and are thrilled to be working with some new venues, in addition to venues we've worked with many times before. We will have programs in both the south and the northwest this year, areas that have not held sport horse educational events for quite some time. There will be multiple opportunities for members, and non-members alike, to partake in a variety of sport horse related events."

The 2018 Youth/Young Adult Dressage Sport Horse Breeders Seminar will be offered for participants ages 14-27, and will be held June 22-24, at the beautiful Oak Hill Ranch in Folsom, LA. This exciting educational opportunity will be led by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judge **Susan Mandas**, with the support of **Regina Milliken**. Participants in this course will

have an orientation on Friday evening, followed by two full days at Oak Hill Ranch, where lessons specific to mare and stallion management, as well as handling and training young horses, will be presented. Attendees will also be given the unique opportunity to observe an inspection held by the Oldenburg Horse Breeders' Society North American Division of the GOV.

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Seminar, to be held in conjunction with the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic, has been scheduled for August 5-6 at DG Bar Ranch in Hanford, CA. The event will be instructed by USEF 'S' and DSHB 'R Judges **Kristi Wysocki** and **Hilda Gurney**, and will serve as a prerequisite for becoming a USEF-licensed Dressage Sport Horse Breeding judge. This seminar is also an outstanding opportunity for riders, breeders, owners, and trainers to learn about the roles that conformation and movement can play in a horse's competitive success, as well as how to evaluate horses for their dressage sport horse potential. USDF President **George Williams** sees this seminar as a unique opportunity for attendees and "another great example of how USDF can work closely with US Equestrian. By holding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic in conjunction with the USDF Sport Horse Seminar, it recognizes the importance and quality of the education and training provided at these events." For additional information regarding the USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Clinic component of the event, which is scheduled for August 6-7, 2018, please contact US Equestrian via Bailey Bianco, at [bbianco@usef.org](mailto:bbianco@usef.org).

The 2018 USDF Sport Horse Prospect Development Forum has been scheduled for October 20-21, at Sonnenberg Farm in Sherwood, OR. USDF is excited to be able to bring Scott Hassler and Michael Bragdell back to serve as the instructors for the forum, where riders and auditors will learn correct training strategies and building blocks for training the young dressage horse. This forum is open to anyone with the goal of developing a consistent training foundation for sport horse prospects.

For more information about USDF's sport horse education offerings, contact the USDF office at [sporthorse@usdf.org](mailto:sporthorse@usdf.org), or call (859) 971-2277.

### New for 2018

Riders or their representative are required to have a minimum of 4 recorded volunteer hours earned in the current competition year in order to be eligible for year-end awards.

# RMDS Sponsors Creswick Clinic at Lookout Ridge

By Michelle Anderson, PPDS member, RMDS Education Co-Chair

On the heels of the 'L' Continuing Education in Longmont, RMDS retained Melissa Creswick to teach a fun-filled and productive two day clinic, graciously hosted by Julie Smith at Lookout Ridge Farm.

Riders and auditors were treated to a variety of teaching exercises geared towards each individual's level.

An auditor later wrote *"Once again we had an opportunity to observe beautiful dressage horses at the Melissa Creswick clinic. I am grateful to be inspired by these athletes trained and ridden so well."*

Throughout the weekend Melissa emphasized correct training and movements within each horse's abilities. Her teaching methods are positive and include always praising the horse for their effort, even if not always successful.

As someone aspiring to 3rd level this season, I know I will hear Melissa's reminder in my head to half-halt my outside rein as I begin each half pass this year. She also provided some great exercises in preparation for flying changes.

Ginka Kubelka of the Wyoming based On the Bit chapter rode Mary Lynne Munn's horse King Arthur on Sunday and commented *"The clinic was amazing! Too bad I had to work on Monday and couldn't come back to build on what we achieved on Sunday!"*

Taryn Anderson rode Tammy Anderson's Addison both days and her own Romulus on Sunday. Taryn said that one comment that stood out for her was *"You're so afraid of speed, forget that! Speed is your friend."*

Melissa provided a helpful exercise for Taryn in addressing her horse's walk issues as well (see *"Pearls"* next page).

Andria Allen also rode both days on her 5 year old Hanoverian Armani and commented *"Thank you Beth and all who helped organize and conduct this clinic. It was amazing. Most of the participants I spoke with really enjoyed their lessons and look forward to another opportunity to ride with her. I know I certainly do."*

*She kept it fun but challenged me. She thanked me, and several others, for being brave as we challenged ourselves and our horses. Armani seemed to enjoy the challenge. She coached us through our first trot and canter half pass. I hadn't even thought of asking for this yet, but by keeping it fun, both Armani and I enjoyed it. She said we need to*



*Participants in the 2018 "L" CE in Longmont. Standing L to R: Kelly Boyd, Gigi Brittain, Beth Geier, Andrea Chirich, Eileen Claffy, Lydia Knurek, Kathy Simard, Melissa Creswick, Terry McDonald, Simone Windeler. Seated: Megan Bretey, Sharron Sarchet. Not pictured – Michelle Anderson.*

*"think out of the box" and "not expect a movement to be perfect but show an effort".*

*"She really helped me balance Armani more by slowing his gaits down but keeping the impulsion and hind leg moving. I feel like we had a bit of a breakthrough in this respect."*

And Lisa Battan, who rode her own Baltic 6 commented *"Thank you to Michelle, Beth, Melissa, Julie Smith and everyone who made this clinic possible. I know that there is a lot of work and effort which goes into organizing these events and everything ran very well and very smoothly. We are very fortunate to have these valuable learning opportunities."*

*"I greatly appreciate any opportunity to learn with my horse. The clinic was particularly good because Melissa moved away from assigning numbers to movements like a judge would during a test. But, instead she worked hard to improve everyone's riding. Melissa was particularly good at focusing on our relationships and communications with our horses and helping us become more effective and clear in our communication."*

Other riders included Jenny Baldwin on both Matisse and Evolution, Eleanor Harrison on Diederik, Sharron Sarchet on Julliette and Nancy Davis on Winzerheart.

Melissa Creswick returns to Colorado in late June for the Boulder Valley sponsored USEF/USDF recognized show, followed by another one day clinic. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn from one of the judges who will also be at this year's RMDS Championship show!

# Creswick:

## Pearls of Wisdom from Melissa Creswick

By Sharron Sarchet, Boulder Valley member

- You learn more when you are listening than when you are talking.
- If your mother is coming after you with a wooden spoon, you don't care what hand she is holding it in. Don't be transferring your whip back and forth from hand to hand everytime you change the bend or direction. Your horse understands that it is a correction whichever side you tap with the whip.
- Don't always follow the same pattern in your riding. Keep your horse guessing. Then he has to check in with you and often gets quieter because he has to tune in to you.
- Be the alpha female for your horse. He will worry less and tune in more.
- Use turn on the forehand in walk or trot to encourage the base of the neck to come up, to increase obedience, and to engage the inside hind leg. This exercise improves responsiveness, engagement, self carriage and general availability of the horse.
- If your horse feels a bit dull or tuned out, try turn on the forehand at the walk, followed by a prompt trot off. Walk and repeat. This quickly changed the attitude of several horses in the clinic.
- When your horse gets tense and has mind blocks about a movement, work through it. Open a door indicating where you want him to go. Profusely reward any effort in the right direction. Tell him he is the smartest horse in the world during a walk break.
- Don't say NO with your hands while saying GO with your seat and legs.
- The outside rein is so important. It determines the size of your circles, half halts for balance in the canter, controls the haunches in half pass, and keeps alignment in leg yield. Many riders hang on the inside rein going in one direction. Don't do it!



*Sharron Sarchet on Juliette vom Rappenhoff*

- In canter, follow the mechanics of the gait. Half halt with the outside rein, when the neck is up, not when the head and neck are down. This encourages the horse to bring the hind leg further under and improves engagement. Half halting when the neck is down, causes the horse to linger on the forelegs and move more downhill.
- Half halts include a release. Hanging on the mouth results in dullness and lack of self carriage.
- Don't clamp with your leg, hip, or thigh. Be loosey goosey to allow the horse to swing through his back.
- To help develop the flying change - establish the lead on the rail or the far quarter line, then leg yield from the outside leg across the ring to the other rail (keeping the horse straight). Arrive at the rail in shoulder fore and ask for the change. If the horse ignores your aids and doesn't try a change, have a riot. Sometimes it takes a little agitation to generate the energy for a change.
- In quieter horses, suppleness often comes from improved activity.
- Don't micromanage your horse. Take risks and allow him to fail when learning new things. You are aiming for self carriage.

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## Creswick Pearls *cont. from pg. 7*

- As a rider, don't obsess on small imperfections. Ignore the little bobbles and spooks and keep actively riding, rather than freezing your hands and seat in anticipation of trouble.
- Many horses need to canter before they can show a good trot. There is more natural impulsion in the canter, which helps improve activity and suppleness in trot. Plan your warm up accordingly.
- Play with the movements of the next level - without judgement or expectations. Reward the horse's effort and eventually they will do it well.
- Dressage should be a game. Play with your horse. Let him know when his response is what you are looking for. Tell him how smart he is.
- To improve (or teach) walk canter transitions - leg yield out in walk. Wait to ask for canter until horse is nicely in the outside rein.
- If the rider is tight in the hips, she cannot properly follow the horse. Ride sitting trot and canter without stirrups, concentrating on sitting on the seat bones (rather than lightening the seat), pointing the toes down to relax the glutes and hips, and making an H with the hips rather than a V by relaxing the glutes and hip flexors to allow more room between the thighs. This encourages the horse to swing through the back. You can ride three times the trot with half the effort.
- To fix goose stepping (tension in the shoulders) in collected walk - practice walking slow and small. Think one small step, halt, then another small step. When the horse starts to express tension in the shoulders, return to this small walk. Many horses returned to a correct soft walk within a couple strides.
- If your horse is not balanced correctly, fix the balance before attempting more challenging movements.
- Keep riding and influencing your horse, rather than letting him take control and setting the agenda. It is easy to go passive and become a passenger rather than the alpha female in the partnership.
- Good riding is a conversation with your horse.



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# Junior and Young Rider Opportunities

## **QUALIFYING PERIOD EXTENDED FOR THE 2018 DRESSAGE ADEQUAN® FEI NORTH AMERICAN JUNIOR AND YOUNG RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY GOTHAM NORTH**

*From the US Equestrian Communications Department*

Lexington, Ky. – US Equestrian (USEF) is pleased to announce that the USEF Ad-Hoc Selection Group of the USEF Board of Directors has approved an extension to the qualifying period for the 2018 Dressage Adequan FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships presented by Gotham North (NAJYRC). The updated qualifying period is August 1, 2017 – June 18, 2018, adding seven days to the original period.

By extending the qualifying period, there will be an additional 10 qualifying events for dressage competitors across the nine regions associated with United States Dressage Federation and USEF. This additional week of competition will be an asset to riders seeking qualification for the 2018 Dressage NAJYRC at Old Salem Farm in North Salem, N.Y., beginning August 1, 2018.

For more information on the 2018 Dressage NAJYRC, contact Hannah Niebielski, Director of Dressage National Programs at [hniebielski@usef.org](mailto:hniebielski@usef.org). Follow @NAJYRC on Facebook and Twitter and use #NAJYRC on Instagram.

## Call for Technology Upgrade Donations

We are well into the 21st century and technology has increasingly become part of our everyday lives.

Whether you own the latest iPhone, or have Siri or Alexa giving you and your household directions, or are a Luddite like me still texting with a slide out Qwerty keyboard, we are all using technology that was only developed in the last decade, and was unheard of 20 years ago.

RMDS has been very fortunate to have been guided into the 21st century with the assistance of tech savvy members and their family members.

Our website not only allows you to look up dates of events, download registration forms or locate an important contact number, it even enables you to view and verify scores during the show year.

Behind the web scenes our capable office manager Beth Geier is using that technology to track membership by chapter, horse registrations, "L" graduates CE credits, insurance and other paperwork for our many shows and educational events, and volunteer hours for every member.

Unfortunately the hardware and software we all depend on to keep the RMDS organization running smoothly dates back to the 1990s, making it a dinosaur in technology terms!

RMDS has begun the process of taking that next step into the 21st century, ensuring our members continue to receive the highest quality of information and support from their central office.

### ***We need your help!***

While members of our executive board assemble the requirements for a planned hardware, software and database upgrade and plan a request for bids in the near future, we also need the funding for this major project. Initial estimates range up to \$30,000 to position RMDS for future growth and improved membership services.

Tax day is approaching soon. As you review your expenses for 2017, would you please consider a TAX DEDUCTIBLE donation to Rocky Mountain Dressage Society for 2018, earmarked for our computer upgrade? We are a 501c(3) as designated by the IRS and your donation will greatly help us continue to serve our members well into the future.

Let's help RMDS continue to provide the outstanding membership services and support we all depend upon!



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## Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

### RMDS CALENDAR

2018

#### MARCH 2018

- 3 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show #2 - 4490 Hwy 86, Castle Rock**  
Contact Lisa Lamke llamke@yahoo.com mariahfarms.net
- 4 **High Plains Youth Clinic-Iron Horse Farm-Parker, CO**  
Contact Stephanie Figgins 720-480-7044 stephanieeffiggins@gmail.com
- 8 **Executive Board Meeting-Darcy's Pub-4955 S Ulster St #103**  
Denver, CO OPEN to all  
Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 9-11 **Booth at Horse Expo-Denver Coliseum**  
Contact Sharon Soos 303-904-7534, sksoos@mesanetworks.net
- 17-18 **TDC March Madness I & II-Tucson, AZ USEF**  
Contact Debbie Garris 312-401-1157 dgarris@horseshowolutions.com
- 24-25 **Day 1 & 2 'Circles in the Sand' with Joan Clay-Tomora Equestrian-Greeley, CO**  
Contact Rose at events.ncda@gmail.com

#### APRIL 2018

- 7 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show #3 - 4490 Hwy 86, Castle Rock**  
Contact Lisa Lamke llamke@yahoo.com mariahfarms.net
- 7 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 8 **Day 3 'Circles in the Sand' with Joan Clay-Tomora Equestrian-Greeley, CO**  
Contact Rose at events.ncda@gmail.com
- 8 **High Plains Chapter Ride-A-Test-Julie Burt's Farm-6796 Ponderosa Dr.-Parker**  
Contact Stephanie Figgins 720-480-7044 stephanieeffiggins@gmail.com
- 14 **Pikes Peak Spring RMDS Show-Latigo Trails- Elbert, CO**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwgw.net
- 21-22 **RMDS Adult Amateur Clinic with William McMullin -Reverie Farms-Boulder, CO**  
Contact Anclaire Spaulding 303-903-7878 anclaire.spaulding@gmail.com
- 22 **NCDA Spring Schooling Show - Tomora Training Center**  
Contact Didi DeKrey, denisedekrey@gmail.com
- 28-29 **GVDS Schooling Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct, CO**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org

#### MAY 2018

- 4-6 **Dressage for the Cure Warm-up & Show-Colo Horse Park**  
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- 10 **Executive Board Meeting-Darcy's Pub-4955 S Ulster St #103**  
Denver, CO OPEN to all
- 12 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show #4 - 4490 Hwy 86, Castle Rock**  
Contact Lisa Lamke llamke@yahoo.com mariahfarms.net
- 15-16 **Professionals Symposium with Lilo Fore-Colo Horse Park**  
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@rmds.org
- 17 **Adult Amateurs Clinic with Lilo Fore-OPEN TO ALL-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO**  
Contact Sarah Tredennick stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com
- 17-20 **DSIR-Dressage Symposiums in the Rockies-Colorado Horse Park**  
Contact Sarah Tredennick stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com

- 25 **Western Dressage in the Rockies Schooling Show-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO**  
Contact Sarah Tredennick stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com
- 25-27 **Paragon I, II, III- Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
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- 26-27 **Western Dressage in the Rockies Spring Show 1 & 2-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-USEF**  
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- 26 **Shiloh Schooling Show-Shiloh Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 elegantrider@gmail.com
- 26 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 27 **RMDS "L" Group Sit Time-Colorado Horse Park**  
Contact Michelle Anderson education@rmds.org
- 28 **Western Dressage Clinic- Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-USEF**  
Contact Sarah Tredennick stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com

#### JUNE 2018

- 1-3 **High Prairie Dressage I, II, III - Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
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- 2 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show #5 - 4490 Hwy 86, Castle Rock**  
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- 9-10 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Show I & II**  
Contact Deeda Randal 307-631-1875 drandle@wyoming.com
- 9-10 **GVDS Schooling Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Jct, CO**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 10 **Foothills Spring Into Summer Show-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**  
Contact Kelsey Jacobsen 303-903-3451
- 15-16 **Sage Creek I & II-Heber City, UT-USEF**  
Contact Donnette Hicks 435-901-0095 hickssagecreek@gmail.com
- 16-17 **Fountain Valley Dressage**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwgw.net www.2whitefeet.com
- 23 **High Plains Adult Clinic-Julie Burt Stables**  
Stephanie Figgins 720-480-7044 stephanieeffiggins@gmail.com
- 23-24 **Magic City Dressage I & II- White Aspen Ranch-Billings, MT-USEF**  
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- 23 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 lynntriplecreek@gmail.com
- 30 **Shiloh Schooling Show-Shiloh Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 elegantrider@gmail.com
- 30-Jul 1 **BVDressage at the Fairgrounds I & II-Boulder County Fairgrounds-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 slush@drwgw.net www.2whitefeet.com

#### JULY 2018

- 2 **Melissa Creswick Clinic-Blue Roof Equestrian-Boulder, CO**  
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 5-7 **Junior Summer Intensive-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**  
Cassandra DiPentino-dipentinodressage@gmail.com
- 8 **Region 5 Adult/Youth Team Competition-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**  
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 bethgeier1@comcast.net
- 7-8 **Millbrook Farms Summer Dressage Festival-Fairfield, UT-USEF**  
Contact Jan Lawrence 8001-631-2516 millbrk@xmission.com
- 12 **Executive Board Meeting-Darcy's Pub-4955 S Ulster St #103 Denver, CO OPEN to all**

- 14 **Shiloh Schooling Show-Shiloh Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 [eleganttrider@gmail.com](mailto:eleganttrider@gmail.com)
- 14-15 **Santa Fe Dressage I & II- Santa Fe, NM-USEF**  
Debbie Garris 312-401-1157 [dgarris@horseshowolutions.com](mailto:dgarris@horseshowolutions.com)
- 20-21 **Sage Creek I & II-Heber City, UT-USEF**  
Contact Donnette Hicks 435-901-0095 [hickssagecreek@gmail.com](mailto:hickssagecreek@gmail.com)
- 22 **Centaur Rising Show I-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**  
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 [kris@anchoragefarm.com](mailto:kris@anchoragefarm.com)
- 28-29 **AHIEC III & IV - CSU, Ft. Collins**  
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## AUGUST 2018

- 3 **Western Dressage Clinic- Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-USEF**  
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- 3-5 **Dressage in the Rockies-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO**  
Contact Meg Krieger 303-841-5550 x 1213 [mkrueger@coloradohorsepark.com](mailto:mkrueger@coloradohorsepark.com)
- 4-5 **Colorado Horse Park Western Dressage Show 1 & 2-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)  
[www.2whitefeet.com](http://www.2whitefeet.com)
- 11 **Shiloh Schooling Show-Shiloh Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 [eleganttrider@gmail.com](mailto:eleganttrider@gmail.com)
- 11-12 **On The Bit Dressage Show I & II-Spur Ridge Equestrian-Laramie, WY**  
Contact Jessica Ford 307-460-3459 [paladinviatoni@yahoo.com](mailto:paladinviatoni@yahoo.com)
- 11-12 **Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Fairfield, UT-USEF**  
Contact Jan Lawrence 8001-631-2516 [millbrk@xmission.com](mailto:millbrk@xmission.com)
- 12 **Centaur Rising Show I-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**  
Contact Kris Cooper 303-838-5086 [kris@anchoragefarm.com](mailto:kris@anchoragefarm.com)
- 17-19 **Estes Park Dressage I & II, Estes Park Fairgrounds**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)  
[www.2whitefeet.com](http://www.2whitefeet.com)
- 24-25 **GVDS Fall Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Junction, CO USEF**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes [Arlene@skypony.org](mailto:Arlene@skypony.org)
- 25 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 [lynntriplecreek@gmail.com](mailto:lynntriplecreek@gmail.com)
- 26 **GVDS Schooling Show-Mesa County Fairgrounds-Grand Junction, CO**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes [Arlene@skypony.org](mailto:Arlene@skypony.org)
- 26 **Scribing clinic with Michelle Anderson-Table Mountain Ranch**  
Contact Michelle Anderson [education@rmds.org](mailto:education@rmds.org)
- 26 **Foothills Last Chance Show-Table Mountain Ranch-Golden, CO**  
Contact Kelsey Jacobsen 303-903-3451

## SEPTEMBER 2018

- 6 **Executive Board Meeting-Darcy's Pub-4955 S Ulster St #103 Denver, CO OPEN to all**  
Contact RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825 [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org)
- 8 **Western Dressage in the Rockies Fall Schooling Show-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO**  
Contact Sarah Tredennick [stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com](mailto:stredennick@coloradohorsepark.com)
- 8 **Shiloh Schooling Show-Shiloh Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 [eleganttrider@gmail.com](mailto:eleganttrider@gmail.com)
- 8-9 **BV Dressage Festival I & II-Boulder County Fairgrounds-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Patti Hallock 720-323-6691 [bvdressage@comcast.net](mailto:bvdressage@comcast.net)
- 8-9 **Dressage in the Rockies Fall I & II-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
Contact Teresa Griner 352-636-2669

- 9 **Western Dressage in the Rockies Show 1 & 2-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)  
[www.2whitefeet.com](http://www.2whitefeet.com)
- 10 **Bill McMullin Clinic – Blue Roof Equestrian-Boulder, CO**  
Contact Beth Geier 303-673-9840 [bethgeier1@comcast.net](mailto:bethgeier1@comcast.net)
- 20 **Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championships & RMDS Sport Horse Championships-Colorado Horse Park-USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)  
[www.2whitefeet.com](http://www.2whitefeet.com)
- 21-23 **RMDS Championships-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
Contact Heather Petersen 303-648-3164 [slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)  
[www.2whitefeet.com](http://www.2whitefeet.com)
- 29 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 [lynntriplecreek@gmail.com](mailto:lynntriplecreek@gmail.com)

## OCTOBER 2018

- 5-7 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Scottsdale, AZ**  
Contact USDF [usdf@usdf.org](mailto:usdf@usdf.org)
- 11 **Executive Board Meeting-Darcy's Pub-4955 S Ulster St #103 Denver, CO OPEN to all**  
Contact RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825 [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org)
- 13 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 [lynntriplecreek@gmail.com](mailto:lynntriplecreek@gmail.com)
- 14 **NCDAs Spring Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**  
Contact Didi DeKrey [denisedekrey@gmail.com](mailto:denisedekrey@gmail.com)

## NOVEMBER 2018

- 3 **Board of Governors-TBA**
- 10 **Triple Creek Schooling Show-Longmont, CO**  
Contact Lynn McChesney 303-444-4291 [lynntriplecreek@gmail.com](mailto:lynntriplecreek@gmail.com)
- 17-18 **TDC Club Fall Festival I & II-Tucson, AZ**  
Contact Debbie Garris 312-401-1157 [dgarris@horseshowolutions.com](mailto:dgarris@horseshowolutions.com)

## 2019

## JANUARY 2019

- 12 **RMDS Banquet and 2018 Awards dinner-Renaissance Hotel-Quebec St-Denver**  
Contact RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825 [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org)
- EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – open to all-2nd Thursday of the odd months-6:30 p.m. See Calendar listings for dates, contact RMDs Central Office for location updates. For latest updates to the calendar, check the website at [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org)**

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[www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org)**

**THESE EVENTS ARE DEPENDENT ON VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – open to all-2nd Thursday of the odd months-6:30 p.m.**

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<b>US Equestrian Federation, Inc (USEF)</b> .....	859-258-2472	www.usef.org
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**Boulder Valley:** 2nd Mon., even months, location TBD, Robin Gay 303-516-1917 blondie17536@yahoo.com

**Foothills:** quarterly meetings, location TBD, Linda Gaber 303-674-7998 wriders@icloud.com

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

**High Plains:** Bimonthly- location-TBD, Stephanie Figgins720-480-7044 stephanieefiggins@gmail.com

**Northern Colo.:** 2nd Wed., each month, McKee Building in the Ranch-Loveland, CO, Didi DeKrey, 970-222-3104, denisedekrey@gmail.com

**On the Bit:** 1st Tues. of the month 7 p.m. Altitude Clubhouse-Laramie, WY, Ginka Kubelka, 307-399-8763, gbuchner@uwyo.edu

**Pikes Peak:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - check [www.pikespeakdressage.org](http://www.pikespeakdressage.org) for dates & location, Tiffany Busch 719-237-4115, tiffanybusch@hotmail.com

**Western Colorado:** location TBD, Heather Lafferty 970-379-5459 hlafferty84@hotmail.com

## RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates in 2017-18 may be variable, please check the calendar or the website. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location.

## 2018 RMDS-SPONSORED EVENTS

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

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

### 2018:

#### March

9-11 Booth at Horse Expo-Denver Coliseum

#### April

21-22 RMDS Adult Amateur Clinic with Bill McMullin-Reverie Farms-Longmont, CO

#### May

15-16 Professionals Symposium with Lilo Fore-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO

17 Open day with Lilo Fore -Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO

#### July

5-7 JR/YR Camp-Table Mountain Ranch

8 USDF Region 5 Team Competition-Table Mountain Ranch

#### August

26 RMDS-Scribing Clinic at Foothills Last Chance Show

#### September

20 Great American Insurance Group/USDF Breeders' Championships & RMDS Sport Horse Championships-Colorado Horse Park-USEF

21-23 RMDS Championships-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF

#### November

3 Board of Governors – must be a delegate to vote-anyone may attend

### ***For details on these and other RMDS events:***

- Contact the Education Chairman: [education@rmds.org](mailto:education@rmds.org)
- Read the Centaur
- Go on the website - [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org)
- Contact the RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org)

## The Centaur Newsletter

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

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### ADVERTISING

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### DISPLAY ADVERTISING

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

Artwork (ads) must be provided in electronic format. Acceptable forms include: jpeg, pdf, tiff, eps, and doc. IF UNSURE ABOUT AD FORMATTING, please contact the editor (contact info above) for consultation. No substitutions may be accepted. If your ad is submitted in a file format other than those listed above, you will be contacted regarding an additional charge for reformatting or redesign. Hourly charge for redesign/reformat is \$50, in minimal units of one hour.

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

### CLASSIFIED ADS

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

### PAYMENT AND AD COPY DELIVERY

Email ads to: [rmds@rmds.org](mailto:rmds@rmds.org), and cc the electronic copy to [nicbiz@indra.com](mailto:nicbiz@indra.com). Send payment and hard-copy to the RMDS office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301.

### AD RATES AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

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

Full Page .....	\$150 .....	7" x 9.5"
Half Page .....	\$90 .....	7" x 4.5"
Outside back half .....	\$105 .....	7" x 4.5"
1/4 Page (Vertical Only) .....	\$55 .....	3.25" x 4.5"
1/8 Page (Business Card) .....	\$30 .....	3.5" x 2"

(Horizontal only)

Ask about discounts for multi-month or annual ad contracts.

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

## Utilize the RMDS Network

### Trainers and Instructors

#### Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

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

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# Getting Back to Work

## A Guide to Safe Rehabilitation

By Dr. Aden Hardison, DVM, Partner with VetWerx Equine South

*Editor's Note: Due to my back injury, my horse has been out of work for several months. I asked Dr. Hardison to give an overview of bringing a horse back into shape after time off or injury.*

Many horse owners have faced the daunting task of rehabilitating their equine athletes. Whether due to a soft tissue injury, surgery, or simply getting them back into shape after the "off season", coming up with a suitable and practical program to get them back in competition shape can be challenging. **Moving too quick after an injury can cause worsening of the original problem or going too slowly can mean precious time lost on the athletic use of your horse.** Working closely with your veterinarian on a rehabilitation protocol that is tailored specifically to your horse and its particular issue is of utmost importance.

Controlled exercise is the mainstay of rehabilitation of any type but especially in the case of soft tissue injuries. Exercise helps the tendon or ligament lesion heal with correct fiber alignment and can prevent adhesions. It allows the new collagen fibers to align along the stress lines in the limb rather than simply forming a scar. Incremental increases in exercise should go hand in hand with veterinary and ultrasound examinations. Depending on the specific condition being treated this can vary widely, but overall, the goal is a gradual return to function and to improve strength, conditioning and coordination. After the acute phase of injury, or after surgery; stall rest with gradually increasing amounts of hand walking is usually the first step. Even though hand walking sounds simple, a horse that has been on stall rest or restricted turnout may not be amenable to just walking in hand. An experienced handler, nose chain, good footing, and sometimes a light sedative may be necessary to insure the horse does not have an episode where it is able to reinjure itself. Occasionally skipping hand walking to walking under tack can be a safer option, depending on the injury and individual horse. After the initial injury has healed and your veterinarian has given the okay, your horse may begin to return to work.

**Getting a horse back into work should be a progressive schedule that should take 60-90 days depending on the initial injury and time spent out of work.** Begin with walking, 10 minutes per day, increasing by 5 min each week for one month. Walking in a long, low frame will allow the horse to stretch better and engage its musculature. During the first month, walking over poles or walking hill work can be started after two weeks. Going over poles are a great way to get a horse to stretch. In addition, icing the

injury site after exercise can also be extremely beneficial when beginning an exercise program.

The second month, trotting can be started at 5-10 minutes, be sure to go both directions and increase trot time by five minutes each week. **Tight turns, tight circles or lateral work should not be done at this time.** Be sure to warm up and cool down with walking time. When a slow trot can be done for 20 minutes without problems, the speed of the trot, can gradually be increased. In the third week of the month trotting on small hills may be added. Footing can be very important in these cases, especially with a soft tissue injury, as it should not be too deep.

The third month, continue to walk and trot, and add canter work. Trotting and cantering in circles may begin, but keep to a large circle, at least 20 meters. Trotting over poles may be incorporated as well. **Lateral work should not be added until the horse can canter for 15 minutes without any problems.** After a full month of canter work, a horse can usually resume its previous exercise regime.

Swimming or underwater treadmills are another option for equine rehabilitation that can be incorporated into your horse's plan if appropriate. Some benefits include improving cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone and joint movement without the concussive stresses on the musculoskeletal system. **Horses tend to use different muscles while swimming and the propulsive action of the rear limbs is exaggerated while underwater.** In addition, their back becomes lordotic (concave), so many horses with rear limb injuries or back pain, should not swim. With an underwater treadmill, the water provides resistance to the body movement which provides better muscle development and muscle tone. This better balance of muscle groups, while maintaining a constant symmetrical gait can significantly improve the horses' postural stability. Safety is extremely important with either of these options. Most horses are good swimmers and adapt easily after a brief amount of introduction and training to the pool or treadmill. However, a thorough inspection of the facilities and discussion with handlers is recommended before starting your horse in an aquatic program.

There are many other additional modalities that can be incorporated into a rehabilitation program such as equine massage, stretching, kinesiotaping, laser treatments, therapeutic ultrasound, chiropractic and acupuncture. Discussing all your options with your veterinarian will help planning the best rehabilitation program for your horse.



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## Suggestion for training in the winter: BASICS BASICS BASICS !!!!

by Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez

This time of year riding becomes more challenging to keep up on a regular basis due to the frequent deep freezes and inconsistent weather patterns. Those who are fortunate enough to have an indoor arena have it a bit easier to keep training but even with this if the temperature dips too low or the wind is howling like it has been quite a bit lately, it is hard to get in consistent work with our horses. Some of us who work out of boarding barns where the arena can become crowded can make things even harder, with various other riders trying to get their own horses worked and possibly other lessons going on as well. I find the horses get a bit bored being inside constantly and anytime we have a decent weather day, its best to get the horses outside to work them, even if it just means a walk around the outside of the arena or better yet and occasional trail ride.

If possible this is a good time to just put the horse in a trailer and haul to another barn for a change of scenery as well as having them become more seasoned to going places.

For the times when we are stuck indoors or limited on our riding hours, now is a good time to start preparing our goals for the year with our horses. Are you planning to show this year, and if so, are you going to move up a level or just wanting to improve your scores at your current level? If you do not show, but simply just want to continue to train and learn more with your horse I'd like to offer some suggestions for you here.

With all the information available to us in magazines and online, you should all be aware of the pyramid of training and the steps it lists in order to develop our horses correctly. Take time to thoroughly analyze this and see if your horse is TRULY following along these lines. Do you focus on maintaining the correct rhythm with your horse, as this is the first step and the

most important in being able to build your solid foundation. It does not matter what level you are riding, even FEI riders need to consider this every moment of every ride. Evaluate the rest of the pyramid and see if you are honestly following these guidelines in your daily work.

The basics are extremely important and they are what judges are considering when evaluating you in a test. They



*Debbie recommends getting horses outdoors for work, when possible in winter.*

are considered not only in each movement but also in the collective marks. Now is a good time to go back and review how correct your training really is. One of the most beneficial exercises to work on to improve throughness, suppleness, and submission, are transitions. I am referring not only to transitions from one gait to another but also within a gait. Can your horse perform a few steps of lengthenings or go to slightly more collection within a gait without losing the rhythm, or coming off the aids? Can you ask your horse to take bigger steps or shorter steps without the tempo changing? It doesn't have to be huge differences here, just a "test" to see if the horse

is truly working with you. Be aware of the horse using his back properly at all times and that he is active stretching over the topline into a correct contact. Try to improve your connection by testing subtle changes of balance such as riding with a slightly longer neck at times and encouraging the horse to really reach to the contact. Try to be sure you are riding always from back to front.

***Take time to work on your seat and position, preferably getting some lunge lessons whenever possible. If you do not have a regular instructor, try to get a friend to lunge you and practice without stirrups and reins***

Take time to work on your seat and position, preferably getting some lunge lessons whenever possible. If you do not have a regular instructor, try to get a friend to lunge you and practice without stirrups and reins, and work to improve your balance and develop a deeper seat and core strength. We are all aware of how important this is, and its so easy to become dependent on our reins for support

rather than develop truly independent aids.

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## BASICS! *cont*

If your horse is particularly stiff this time of year, which is quite common with standing in the cold for long periods, be sure to allow for sufficient warm up time, with lots of walking and stretching. You can proceed to work on lateral



*Yes, we KNOW you've all seen it - but it never hurts to review those BASICS!*

suppleness with using small circles, shoulder fore and shoulder-in as well as haunches-in, even if only doing this at a walk on an especially cold day that you don't want to over tax your horse. There are many variations of leg yielding, either on a diagonal, or head to the wall, or on a circle, that are very helpful. Remember the old spiral in and out exercise? Be aware of your horse's response to your leg, that he is prompt to answer you, as well as listening to each leg evenly with the same degree of pressure. Every horse will always tend to be more responsive from one leg more than the other so now is a good time to go back and address improving this.

It is wise to be careful not to get the horse too sweaty on those very cold days but with these exercises you have plenty to work on even if its just at the walk. Practice your halts, taking care that you can keep your contact and ask your horse to remain on the bit. If you have mirrors, its a good time to teach your horse to stand "square". You can also have a friend tell you where the legs are positioned and which one needs to be brought forward to make the horse square up. Try to focus on "feeling" where the legs are under you and if no one is there to help you, then just look down to check but see if you can sit centered and try to determine which leg feels too far back or forward.

On warmer days work your horse a bit harder but be mindful of his condition so that he does not become sore from 'too much too soon'. Stay positive knowing that spring will be coming soon and we can get more done and start working toward a new show season.

Also this is a good time to review last years tests and see if you are getting repetitive comments in one particular area and know that is what you need to concentrate on improving. The judges job is to protect the welfare of the horse by giving an evaluation of your training and we all try to do our best to give proper guidance by our comments.

So, heres to looking forward to a new year and a good show season, and remember

## **BASICS, BASICS, BASICS !**

*Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez is a USEF 'S' judge, a USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge and is on the USDF Sport Horse Seminar Faculty*

*This article originally appeared in the March 2014 issue, but as you can see, Debbie's advice is timeless!*

# 2018 RMDS Junior/Young Rider Summer Intensive

*July 5-7, 2018*

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# Our Link to Spain and the Art of Bullfighting

By Frances Carbonnel

Frances is a frequent performer at "The Mane Event" held at the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo, as are Karen Oberlohr and Milo, featured on our cover. Karen is wearing an authentic replica of a Portuguese Bullfighting outfit. This is a tradition that dates back to the 18th century. To this day costumes like this are worn during those bullfights, but also worn for 18th century classical dressage and high school demonstrations.

Do you know where Western Riding has its origin? Here is a very condensed version of that fascinating history...

Spanish Conquistadors brought their ranching and livestock management traditions to the Americas in the 16th century along with their war strategies. Spanish Doma Vaquera riding has been used for hundreds of years on the Iberian peninsula to work the fierce fighting bulls. The saddles and riding style which evolved to herd cattle came from a mixture of Iberian and Moorish traditions which became known as the "La Gineta" style, which was based on relatively short triangular stirrups and quick, agile, hot blooded war horses that could stop and turn on a dime in battle. *La Gineta* was distinctively different from the style of riding used by the heavily armored mounted knight, called "La Brida" who by necessity, rode a cold-blooded draft type horse capable of carrying the enormous weight of a man plus his armor, formidable in a forward charge, but not easily maneuverable on the battlefield. Over time in Spain, *La Gineta* riding evolved into the *High School* war moves of the classical period known as *Doma Classica* (or Classical Training) and the ranch horse training called *Doma Vaquera*.

The horses brought by the Conquistadors to conquer the Americas were not the heavy expensive knights' chargers. These heavy horses could not have survived the rigors of the New World, starving to death on the meager forage and harsh conditions or perishing on the transatlantic voyage. Nor were they the "Andalusian" which had yet to be created. By the time of the Conquest, which was at the same time period that the Moors were expelled from Spain, the era of the heavy armored knight had waned, and battlefield conditions required lighter, more easily maneuverable cavalry. The horses that first crossed the Atlantic were small, wiry Barb horses of North Africa, and Sorraya horses of the Extremadura, which were cheap, tough, inured to hardship, and expendable. The Conquistadors wore light armor into battle, and depended on firearms and light lances, so the saddles they used were of the *Gineta* tradition, comfortable for long distance riding, and not confining, like the heavy knights' saddles. Doma



*Vaquera* saddles were practical for both warfare and ranching,

Over time in the Americas, *Doma Vaquera* evolved to deal with our unique ranching conditions, changing from use of the lance, or garrocha, to herd dangerous horned bulls, to the use of the lariat to capture fleet and less aggressive North American cattle. But the high cantle and pommel, large saddle tree, and wide

triangular stirrups of the Spanish saddle are echoed today in the modern western saddle, with the addition of the horn and fenders to enable the use of the lariat. The flat hat of the vaquero became the wide brimmed cowboy hat.

In California, Nevada and the High Plains, the *Doma Vaquera* traditions survive in the *Vaquero* school, with its bosal and spade bit, while in Texas and the middle section of the US, conditions and a different mix of cultural influences dictated the use of the snaffle and grazing curb to train horses. But the horn, the deep cantle, prominent pommel, wide stirrups and the large tree of the western saddle remain essentially the same.

Likewise, the hardy Barb and Sorraia horses evolved into the mustang horse, complete with all the varied colors, easy gaits, hardiness, and smaller height. From there the evolution of the Quarter Horse is but a short jump.

That, in a very small nutshell, is the fascinating evolution of our western saddle and our own unique western cattle working traditions. For a quick version of how *Doma Classica* evolved into modern dressage, we'll have to wait for the next article. Thanks for reading!

## COME BY RMDS BOOTH AT THE HORSE EXPO!

As another tradition, Sharon Soos and her husband, Pete Soos, will be manning the RMDS booth March 9-11 at the National Western Stock Show Complex. Stop by and say hello and thanks for their dedication in managing this for so many years.

The Mane Event is at Event Center at the National Western Stock Show Complex. Shows start at 7:00 PM Friday and Saturday evenings. [www.coloradohorsecouncil.com](http://www.coloradohorsecouncil.com)



I know a lot of us in Colorado are happy we have had some smaller snow falls and we would sure appreciate more moisture soon (at least at this point in mid-February!), but at least the weather is warm and we are getting lots of riding in!

Fundraising efforts are once under way for the USDF Region 5 Juniors and Young Riders as they try to qualify and travel to the 201 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships. The Championships will be held August 1-5, 2018 at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, New York. It is going to require a tremendous amount of funding to send our teams as most likely we will have to fly the horses in order to avoid 3 days of driving on either side of the competition. If we drive them, this will very much mean we will have to arrive to the competition quite early in order to give them enough rest before they show. We hope we will be able to send a 8 riders with their horses, grooms and Chef d'Equipes. In addition to the transportation to the show, there are the expenses of hotel, team uniforms, chef expenses, feed, bedding and oh so much more that they need help with. If you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI coordinator at [jnclay@comcast.net](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) or 970-420-0877 or our Fundraising Chair, Kathy Gillespie at [kjpagillespie@msn.com](mailto:kjpagillespie@msn.com) or 303-921-5253. If you are still interested in participating in the FEI Junior and Young Rider

program for 2018, the last intention deadline is May 15th but the less expensive deadline is May 2nd, so be sure to get in your intentions soon.

Regional Championship bids for 2019 have been received and we should know soon where the competition will be held, though only one bid was received for Region 5. USDF will announce the locations of the 2019 Regionals in May. I hope everyone is planning on attending the Regionals in 2018 in Scottsdale, Arizona at WestWorld. It's a beautiful venue with lots of fun things to do. It should be a great show hosted by the Arizona Dressage Association!

If you are interested in being a delegate to the Board of Governors meeting, please contact our Nominating Council representative and have your name added to the ballot for Participating Delegate. Please contact Eva Maria Adophi at [adolphi@redrock.net](mailto:adolphi@redrock.net) and let her know your interest and she can provide you with more details on the potential responsibilities. PM Delegate nominations are due in to the USDF office no later than April 15th.

Till next month!

*Heather Petersen*  
Region 5 Director

## 2018 OMNIBUS CORRECTIONS

Educational members and horses owned by education members are NOT eligible for RMDS year-end awards or qualifying for RMDS Championships. Riders and horse owners must be general members.

Page C-40 - Grand Valley Dressage Society Recognized Show August 24-25, and Schooling Show August 26, 2018. The judge for these shows is now: Louise Koch "S"

Page C-42 – Somerset Farms - All shows are cancelled

Page A-13 & C-53 – Gwen Ka'awaloa is now an "R" rated judge.

Page C-64 – Clinic with William McMullin now being held at Blue Roof Equestrian-Boulder, CO

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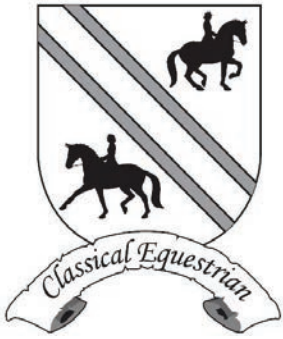
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