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### **IMPORTANT!!**

**As of March 7, a new  
RMDS show entry form  
has been placed on the  
RMDS website.**

This form must now be used for all competitions. It is labeled as "April 1, 2006" in the upper right corner. Please make sure you're using the new form to enter competitions. Discard the entry form you received in your Omnibus - it is not USEF rule compliant.

## **Riders Beware – Don't Err!**

*by Kate Engel*

Having attended the recent RMDS Judge's forum as a non-Judge, I found the information very beneficial for riders! Although most of the information a rider needs for showing is in the USEF Rule Book, who actually takes the time to read it?! But remember, it is the competitor's responsibility to know the rules!

One of the more interesting topics at the forum was what the Judges do with Errors. I thought I'd summarize a bit in 'rider-speak' and add in the Elimination information as well!

### **ERRORS**

#### **Sample Errors**

- Wrong turn
- Omit a movement
- Adding a movement
- Trot rising, instead of sitting, and vice versa
- Salute without taking reins in one hand
- Transition or movement at incorrect letter

All of these errors are identified by the President of the Ground Jury (the Judge at C) and recorded on the test. The baseball system is used – 3 strikes and you're OUT! Three (3) errors will eliminate the competitor from the test (although the Judge may allow you to complete the test if it doesn't interfere with the next ride or pose a danger). Each error is more costly than the prior error: Error #1 is minus 2 points, #2 is minus 4 points, and #3 is ELIMINATION. These points are then taken off the total score of the test – a COSTLY mistake!

The Judge will 'sound the bell/whistle' for most errors. When the 'sounding of the bell/whistle' would unnecessarily impede the fluency of the test\*, the Judge may choose NOT to 'sound the bell/whistle'; however, if the Judge does NOT 'sound the bell/whistle' at an error in which the movement is repeated, and the error occurs again, only 1 error is recorded.

If the rider is sitting the trot instead of rising, or vice versa, the bell MUST be sounded and the rider warned that this is an error that accumulates if repeated!

Also note! If the rider starts a movement and circles (for whatever reason; out of control, horse takes off, etc), the Judge will score the 1st attempt only AND record an error – so be careful about your decision to do this as the 2nd 'chance' is not scored.

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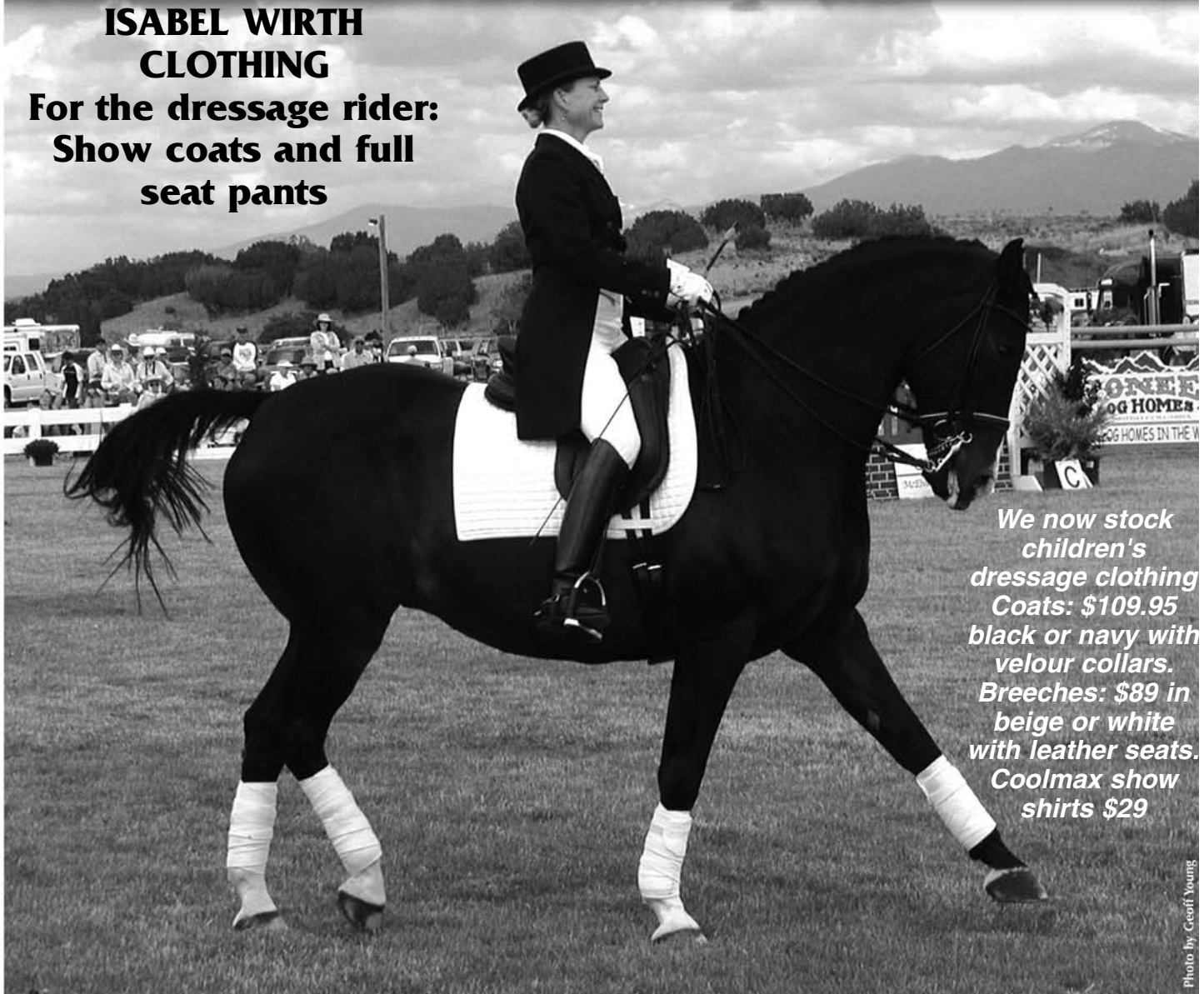
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# Thoughts

## from the President

Summer is upon us, competition season has started and believe it or not, Championships is just 4 months away!

I had the greatest pleasure to organize and be selected as a demonstration rider for the Dressage Through the Levels Symposium with Janet Brown Foy and Steffen Peters. There was quite a diverse group of riders and horses from all over the Midwest and there were auditors attending from all over the country. The weekend was a great educational opportunity and I think most of us went home with our brains a little overloaded! I want to thank all of the great local RMDS demonstration riders, horse owners, volunteers and auditors. Looking at recent clinic/symposium attendance, this symposium had better than average turnout, but there was still a marked lack of numbers compared to events several years ago. I could have only hoped for better, but things are looking up, so that's a positive aspect!

As you start to compete this year, please remember to check the various programs you're looking at participating in. Year-end awards program differ between RMDS and USDF and the different levels of competition (national tests vs FEI tests). Make sure if you're going for year-end awards that you have all the proper memberships, know how many scores, show and judges you need to qualify and that you have breed papers in to USDF and RMDS for you horse if it's registered. Also make special note that USDF Qualifying percentages have increased for the 2006 Regional Championships in New Mexico. Even in the FEI levels you must have at least a 60% to obtain that needed score. The philosophy behind the rise in qualifying scores is to make the Regionals more of a year-end achievement and elite honor. We shall see if this will allow the Regional Championship Shows to keep fiscally sound – that is the largest concern at this point.

One final thing – if you're having a schooling show, clinic or any other educational opportunity that other RMDS members might enjoy, please be sure to email or phone Beth in the RMDS Central Office with the date, time and place (*rmads@rmads.org* or 720-890-7825). We can add your events to the RMDS calendar in the Centaur and on the RMDS website, *www.rmads.org* for no charge. If you would like to add a flyer or prizelist to the website, it's only \$20. This is very low cost advertising and the RMDS site is a very frequently visited venue that our members and non-members can take advantage of any time of day or night.

Until June -- Heather

## The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



After over a year of editing the Centaur I decided to make a tough decision. I have decided it is time to let someone else become Centaur editor. I have enjoyed getting to know more RMDS members and reading the stories as they come in. I will miss many

aspects of being editor. With a busy year ahead, I know that I would not do the Centaur justice if I remained editor.

I hope everyone continues to contribute and send in their stories. Beverly Swanson will continue to be the publisher and would be more than happy to have the content continue heading her way. She has been a great support for me as editor, as the two positions must work collaboratively to produce the Centaur and attend to all the details required. Beverly's e-mail is: bswanson2003@qwest.net.

RMDS will be taking bids for the editor position. Anyone interested please contact Heather Peterson or Beth Geier at the RMDS Central Office. I can personally say that being editor is rewarding. While every now and then we receive complaints, often getting to know

other members and reading their stories is worth the time and commitment. This is an excellent way to become involved with RMDS.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the shows this coming summer. Good luck to everyone!

*Kathleen*

Best regards,



## Riding Disciplines

**THE BACK YARD RIDER:** Usually found wearing shorts and a sports bra in the summer; flannel nightgown, muck boots, and down jacket in the winter. Drives a Ford 150 filled with saddle blankets and dog hair. Most have deformed toes from being stepped on while wearing flip-flops. Has a two-horse bumper-pull trailer, but uses it for hay storage, as her horse hasn't been off the farm in 6 years. Can install an electric fence, set a gate, and roll a round bale, solo. Rode well and often when she used to board her horse, 5 years ago. Took horse home to "save money" and has spent about 50 grand on acreage, barn, fence, tractor, etc. Has two topics of conversation- 1) How it's too hot/cold/wet/dry to ride. And 2) how she may ride after she fixes the fence/digs drainage ditches/stacks 4 tons of hay.

**THE NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP DEVOTEE:** Looks like a throwback from a Texas ranch, despite the fact that he lives in the suburbs of New Jersey. Rope coiled

loosely in hand in case he needs to herd any of those kids on roller-blades away from his F-350 dually in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Cowboy hat strategically placed, and just dirty enough to look cool. Levi's are well worn. "Lightning" is, of course, this natural horsemanship guy's horse. Rescued from a bad home where he was never imprinted or broke in the natural horsemanship way, he specialized in running down his owners at feeding time, knocking children off his back on low-hanging branches, and baring his teeth. The hospitalization tally for his previous handlers was 12, until he was sent to Round Pen Randy; after ten minutes in said pen, he is now a totally broke horse, bowing to the crowd, and can put on his own splint boots. (With R.P. Randy's trademark logo embossed on them) R.P.R. says, of all this, "Well, shucks ma'am, tweren't nuthin'!" "It's simple horsemanship." "With this special twirly flickitatin' rope (\$17.95 plus tax), you'll be round-pennin' like me in no time!"

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# An Unlikely Dressage Pair

by Carol von Michealisl

Down the center line at 6:30 am on a very smelly and dirty horse. It was the only time when I could ride before starting a long day of non-stop work, and I enjoyed the barn being quiet and free of chaos. I could hear Chloe's footsteps as I kept trying to get her to stop straight. We just couldn't get it together this morning. I wondered if it might be my aching back, and then I started doubting the worth of all this effort - was I chasing after an unrealistic dream.

Chloe isn't your typical dressage horse; she stands at 15'2 but her head is the size of some of the 17-hand warmbloods. Her loud appaloosa coloring defiantly stands out amongst the other dressage horses' solid colors. Her personality isn't one that will never put her into the "push button" category and sometimes she does things just to remind me that she is in control. Her breeding is questionable; I bought her mother as a high school project from the killers. The 2 year old wild filly, that we later found had been labeled "untrainable and dangerous" by a reputable local horse whisperer, baffled the vets when she delivered a big furry Chloe just two months later.

My mom fell in love with the new born foal and Chloe became her horse. I never paid much attention to her training as she was more of a pet. I started her when she was four and my mom rode her on the trails. Her only formal training was that whenever my thoroughbred went lame or was pregnant and I needed a horse to go do a pair pace or a small show, she would be the substitute. At that point I would ride Chloe for a few weeks, show her and then turn her out to pasture again.

I am also not your typical dressage rider; I am only 5'2 and have short legs. On account of a back injury I am constantly fighting pain and stiffness. I am also not like the others riders at the barn who always look so put together and serious. When I am schooling I am wearing clothes that are typically too big and don't match. Chloe may be the only dressage horse at the barn that gets schooled bareback almost half the time (and sometimes with only a halter). While other lessons seem very serious, our lessons usually have more laughing and joking around as I have to have fun to do well. I do love dressage for its beauty and strength and for the partnership that is developed between horse and rider.

I just go about it in a slightly different way!

I had the opportunity to stable Chloe at a barn only a few months ago and started training with Suzanne Primgaard. We both could see beyond Chloe's shaggy coat and notice her latent talent. I started to wonder if I could be competitive on her and reach my long time goals of getting to the upper levels of dressage. Susi reassured me that Chloe has what it takes and that it was okay to be different.

At first Chloe wasn't sure if she enjoyed the "horse in training" lifestyle and started to throw huge temper tantrums. After a few weeks, though, she settled down and started to really enjoy being fussed over. She also accepted the daily routine and seemed to enjoy the work and she showed signs of wanting to please me. She was progressing rapidly and people started noticing her. Our relationship was being redefined as she started feeling less like my sister (my mom loves her that much) and more like a working partner. It was fun to set new goals and work towards achieving them.



Carol and Chloe

It has been a rocky road managing work schedules, my back pain, and a minor injury Chloe incurred while being body clipped, but we still plan to show at all thirteen shows this summer. At time of writing, the first show was less than a week away and I became very nervous, something I had not felt in a long time. How would Chloe and I measure up to the other riders and would I be able to remember the tests while under a fair amount of stress. I hoped that this first show would be a good beginning for the rest of the season and that as the season progresses our comfort level and confidence will continue to improve.

As it turned out, the first show took place yesterday on a cold Colorado day when weather forecasters were calling for a bumper snowstorm. We were lucky to be assigned the first slots in the arena so we could pack up early and get the equipment back home in the mountains before the snowstorm set in. The sound of a propane heater keeping the judges warm spooked Chloe and I found that I need to learn test routine better.....However, it was wonderful to experience the team effort between man and beast...Chloe was clearly enjoying the event as much as I did.



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# Don't Err...from cover

\*Fluency of test example: transition made at V instead of K, or a pirouette performed at D instead of L. The flow of the test is not interrupted but incorrectly placed.

## ELIMINATIONS

There are different types of Elimination - elimination from a test and/or elimination from the competition!

### From current or next class.

- Horse's tongue tied down
- Cruelty
- Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry
- Failure to wear Competition #
- Dress Code Violations-discretion of Ground Jury
- Evidence of Blood (Horse)
- Use of illegal equipment
- Horse leaves arena (all 4 feet), even after the final salute - if not at A!
- Late entry into arena (45 + seconds)
- Concern for safety of rider, other exhibitors or their entries
- Any direct Rule violation
- Resistance preventing continuation of test (20+ seconds)
- 3 Errors in the test
- Lameness
- Unauthorized Assistance

### From Competition

- Horse's tongue tied down
- Cruelty
- Misrepresentation of entry or inappropriate entry

Ultimately, the President of the Ground Jury (Judge @C) makes the call on eliminating a horse from a test. There is no argument, so don't go there!

## VOICE

The use of voice in any way or clicking the tongue once or repeatedly, is a serious fault. This is NOT an error, but does result in the deduction of 2 points from each movement they occur in....so, hushhhhh

To check out this information in more detail, go to: [www.usef.org](http://www.usef.org) and look up the rules!

## NCDA CHAPTER NEWS

NCDA's April 2 schooling show proved once again that there are is some great equestrian-ship going on around here in Northern Colorado. We had a great turn-out and really enjoyed working with Beth Geier as our judge. Our club's members seem to be having lots of fun planning their spring and summer activities with plenty of shows and clinicians getting scheduled for the area.

It was a nice change to hold our March club meeting in Greeley, at J&T Country Feeds. We received a request for financial support from Annie Morris, who has set her sights on competing on the Region Five Team at North American Young Riders Championships and is clearly working very hard to pay her expenses. NCDA has given Annie a small scholarship; if there are other sponsors who are interested in supporting her efforts, you are welcomed to send donations care of Susie Gordon at 3326 Hearthfire Drive, Ft. Collins, CO 80524

NCDA's April 18 meeting is scheduled to be held at Dr. Kerri Belsito's new place west of Campion (between Berthoud and Loveland) and will feature the folks from Skelton Dream Mountain Ranch. Joe Skelton is receiving national acclaim for his successful Andalusian breeding program, which we're looking forward to hearing about (and hopefully watching some demonstration rides, too). Please feel free to join us for this very special presentation.

Don't forget to sign up for NCDA's ever-popular show in Cheyenne on June 10-11, famous for its friendly hospitality and fun!



# Growing Up Equine

## *The Final Installment of the Breeding Adventure*

by Kathy Simard

Celtic Knight became a mouthful to say, so my husband gave Ria's colt the barn name of Renny. Renny was a good size baby for a first foal so his front legs were contracted. This is not unusual in large foals. The more he walked around the straighter his legs became. The problem was the weather. Being a March baby meant some cold wet days spent inside. On these days, his legs would seem to contract again, but when the weather was nice and he could walk outside, they straightened. It never seemed to bother Renny and we decided against any kind of treatment for it.

Renny was a smart foal who showed good common sense. Each visit I would run my hands over his entire body and I brought a soft brush to begin grooming him. The barn manager helped me get a halter on him the first time and the staff began to put the halter on to lead him. He was able to follow Ria, with the help of a butt rope, outside to the paddocks. I can't stress enough how important this regular handling was for Renny. He quickly learned good manners. Any attempts to bite or even nibble were quickly discouraged. He tested all of us more than once. Each time it was met with a quick flick of the fingers on his nose and he quickly gave it up.

Renny quickly started to outgrow the stalls and paddocks at the breeding facility. He was a month or two earlier than the other foals he was going to be in pasture with, so he had to stay at the breeding facility until some of his future friends were born. By the beginning of May, the other farm mares were having their foals and Ria and Renny were moved to that property. They were put in a large European design mare and foal stall that allowed plenty of room for both of them. They went out in a paddock during the day and eventually moved to a grass paddock to adjust to being on pasture. They were able to get to know the other mares and foals over the fence. The breeding farm has an area they call kindergarten that all of the mares and foals go into. This is great for the normal development of the foals. They learn about the herd and their status in it. They also get some lumps and bumps in the process. At first Ria and Renny were out with three other mares and their foals. More were added as foals were born and each time there was a shift in herd hierarchy. Eventually, the herd was split. Thoroughbred mares in one group and warmbloods in another. Ria went with the Thoroughbreds as she seemed to get along better with them.



One caution about large facilities such as the one I used. Communications can sometimes get lost or confused in translation. Renny was almost three months old before he was wormed or vaccinated because of miscommunication. Luckily there were no negative effects from this. Also it is very important to check your mare and foal on a regular basis. Facilities like these are very busy and although the mares and foals are kept close to the barn, they cannot watch twenty-four hours a day seven days a week. Horses are horses and things happen.

As summer passed, Renny continued to prove himself as a level-headed colt. He calmly took wormer. He learned to stand politely for the vet and the farrier. He learned about fly spray, grooming, and wet cloths to clean a cut or a dirty face. One day when the equine dentist was doing Ria's teeth, Renny was exploring the equipment. He accidentally stepped on a foot pedal that started one of the electric tools. Renny just watched the tool begin to spin and listened to it make noise. It didn't scare him one bit!

In August while playing with his friends, Renny got a small scrape on his leg. This cut refused to heal over the next day or two and his leg began to swell. Renny and Ria were moved inside to a stall. On the first vet visit, the cut was cleaned, wrapped, and antibiotics were given. A few days later Renny went back outside, but no one had taken his bandage off. I took it off, but it had bunched up a bit and there was swelling around the cut. I figured the bandage had tightened and a little walking would get the circulation back to normal. Instead of returning to normal it became worse. Another vet came to look at it. She gave Renny a very mild sedative so she could poke and prod at the lump. Renny was a perfect patient as she tried to get something to either drain out or a foreign object to come out the small hole that had begun to form in the center of the cut. Even a needle put in it got nothing to drain. She cleaned and wrapped it and said she would be out to the farm in a few days. If it did not look better, she would x-ray it. When she called with the x-ray results, I couldn't believe it. The x-ray showed a bone chip above the knee that appeared to be caused by a kick from one of the other foals. Renny needed surgery to remove the chip. Luckily, I had just insured him and he had medical coverage!

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# TECHNICAL DELEGATES, JUDGES & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

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*see calendar for details*

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Paul Belasik  
Janet Brown Foy  
Stephen Kiesewetter  
Steffen Peters  
Ralf Schmitzer  
Kristi Wysocki & Matt Davis

# Chapter News

## HAPPY HALF HALTS TRI STATE DRESSAGE CHAPTER

What a fantastic turnout we had to kick off the 2006 schooling show season. A one day clinic with Sue Gentle from Cheyenne on April Fools Day followed by a show that had so many entries we had to scratch some multiple rides. We particularly enjoyed the little ones on their GREAT horses doing such a fine job in the arena!

The Tri State Dressage recognized show is a bit later this year, hoping more of us will be prepared by July. Seems like the snow barely disappears and the judge is sitting at C. Opening date is June 12. Check your RMDS Omnibus for the particulars. If you have any questions, please give us a call or drop us an e-mail at happy-halfhalts@hotmail.com

Wishing everyone a great summer. Husband and I are off to Spain to do some riding near Seville and to see those fabulous Andalusians at Real Escuela Andaluza del Arte Equestre (the Spanish school for riders, drivers and trainers). Hope your travels bring you near our neck of the woods.

Condolences to our regular HHH editor Jen Bundy, who lost her father. Darlene Vaughan President TSD

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## BOULDER VALLEY CHAPTER

The Boulder Chapter had their latest meeting on April 10 at the Boulder office of Chase Home Finance - Barb Goldman's office. Our Spring Fling show is scheduled for April 23 at Single Tree Farms in Boulder - our sincere thanks to them for hosting the show again this year. New this year we will be holding a Ride A Test the day before the school - a great way to get rid of those pre show jitters and get your horse used to the new surroundings. If this goes well we will consider organizing another Ride A Test before our So Long To Summer Show in September. We are in dire need of volunteers for all of our events. Volunteering is a wonderful way to get your feet wet at a dressage show. We need people with a diverse skill set - from parking directors to gate keepers, scorers and scribes. Don't be intimidated, we will teach you what you need to know, feed and water you and generally make you feel like the competent caring wonderful people we know that you are. Speaking of volunteers we are looking for people to step up and be the show secretary and show managers for our 2007 shows. Again - no experience or special skills are needed. Both jobs require about 10

## 2006 HIGH PLAINS CHAPTER

Derby Day Schooling show is moving ahead quickly. We have all kinds of fun stuff planned for the show. Roses to the winners, special Derby day food and drinks, and more. The show is May 6th. If you have time come by and cheer on your favorite horse.

We are running a training session at the show for volunteers. This is a great opportunity to learn how to scribe or be a ring steward. Those of you interested should contact Kate Engle at kengleco@yahoo.com or Alex Curnutte at curnuttes@msn.com before April 30th.

Our next meeting is May 15th at the War Horse in Parker on Main Street, 6:30 pm.

At our last meeting we had a great discussion about various activities and events that the chapter could hold. Adult camp, show prep session and a member party were some of things talked about. We are looking for more ideas and input so come to the May meeting and help us put together some terrific plans for the coming year.

A June show is still in the works. We will have more info on that in our chapter newsletter.

Hope to see you at the next meeting May 15th or the June meeting which will be in Castle Rock. Read the High Plains Newsletter for more on meeting places and dates.

to 15 hours of work over the course of a year and your presence the day of the show. We will teach you, mentor you and hold your hand the whole way. If you can't do it yourself perhaps you and a friend could share the job? Please email or call me at the numbers below if you can help in any way. Other events we would like to plan are an adult amateur camp for the summer of 2007 - need a good organizer here to run it and Barb Goldman has volunteered to organize a fun event in October. What other events would you as our members like to see in the next few months? We are open to suggestions and value your input. Don't forget to check out our website at <http://www.bvdressage.org/page.html> for upcoming events and the latest news. Our meetings are held the second Monday of even numbered months, the next meeting will be at my house 3796 63rd St Boulder on June 12 at 6:30 - we will feed you pizza and soda so come on by and join us! As always please feel free to contact me at 303-417-1675 h, 303-786-7240 w or email me at [cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com](mailto:cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com) with comments, suggestions etc.

Your President, Claudia Barkmeier

# 2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

## 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**  
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- 13 Kelly O'Leary Clinic - Black Forest Area**  
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 13 -14 Grand Valley Dressage Spring Show #2 - Gr. Jct - USEF**  
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- 16 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 19-21 Christianne Borchet Clinic - Casper, WY**  
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 20 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**  
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- 20-21 Dressage at the Peak - Penrose Stadium-USEF**  
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- 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**  
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- 28 Tai Chi for Equestrians Clinic-Urban Farm-Denver**  
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- 30 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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## JUNE 2006

- 2 Dressage at High Prairie #1- Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**  
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- 3 Dressage at High Prairie #2- Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**  
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- 4 Dressage at High Prairie #3 - Colorado Horse Park - Parker - USEF**  
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- 3-4 USDF "L" D2 Session - Dressage at High Prairie - Marilyn Heath**  
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- 3-4 Creekside Dressage - Huntley, MT USEF**  
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- 10-11 NCDA Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic - Cheyenne, WY-USEF**  
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- 10-11 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show - Lehi, UT - USEF**  
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- 13 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 13-15 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic - Ft Collins**  
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- 16-18 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic - Casper, WY**  
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- 17-18 Black Hills Dressage Show-Rapid City,SD-USEF**  
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- 17-18 Columbine Dressage Show #2-Littleton-USEF**  
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- 22 Janet Foy Clinic -Black Forest Area**  
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- 24-25 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF**  
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- 27 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 30 Dressage at the Peak II Warm up- Penrose Stad.-USEF**  
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## JULY 2006

- 1-2 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show- Penrose Stadium-USEF**  
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- 13 RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**  
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- 14 Rocky Mountain Iberian All Breeds Dressage Show-Castle Rock-RMDS**  
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- 15 Twin Peaks Dressage #1 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF**  
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- 16 Twin Peaks Dressage #2 - Tomora Training Center-Greeley-USEF**  
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- 15-16 Tri State Summer Dressage Show-Riverton,WY-USEF**  
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- 21-23 Autumn Hill Summer Dressage Festival - Longmont - USEF**  
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- 27 Janet Foy Clinic -Black Forest Area**  
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- 29 Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #1 - Larkspur -**  
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- 30 Kristi Wysocki/Matt Davis Clinic-Crooked Willow**  
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- 4 **Dressage in Rockies #1- Colo Horse Park-Parker - USEF**  
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- 5 **Dressage in Rockies #2- Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF**  
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- 6 **Dressage in Rockies #3 - Colo Horse Park -Parker - USEF**  
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- 5-6 **USDF "L" Final - Dressage in the Rockies - Marilyn Heath, Lois Yukins**  
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- 5-6 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Club Dressage Show- Cheyenne,WY-USEF**  
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- 7-9 **Christianne Borchet Clinic - Casper, WY**  
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- 11-12 **Christianne Borchet Clinic - Ft Collins**  
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- 12 **Foothills Chapter Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**  
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- 13 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3 - Longmont-RMDS**  
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- 15 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 19 **Sun Prairie Stable Sport Horse & Breed Show- Peyton-USEF**  
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- 26 **CSDA Schooling Show - Aspen Ridge**  
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- 26 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1-Bluffdale, UT USEF**  
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- 27 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2- Bluffdale, UT USEF**  
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- 27 **Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show- Aspen Ridge**  
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- 29 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 2 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer - Somerset Farm- Longmont-RMDS**  
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- 2 **Grand Valley Fall Show - Grand Junction - USEF**  
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- 3 **GVDS Western Slope Championships and Open Show - Grand Junction - USEF**  
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- 9 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show #2 - Larkspur -**  
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- 10 **Table Mountain Ranch Dressage Show-Golden-RMDS**  
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- 14 **RMDS Executive Board Meeting-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver**  
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- 19 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 21 **2006 Cosequin/Breeders Champ & RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**  
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- 22-24 **RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF**  
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## OCTOBER 2006

- 3 **Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 6-8 **Region V Championships - Expo Albuquerque, NM**  
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## JANUARY 2007

- 27 **Judges Continuing Education - OPEN to all**

## FEBRUARY 2007

- 3-4 **USDF 'L' Program-Session A-Lois Yukins**  
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- 10 **TD's and Show Managers Continuing Education - OPEN to all**

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# RMDS and Centaur Information

## DRESSAGE TRAINERS/INSTRUCTORS

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Cost is only \$50 annually. The website currently averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page, and RMDS receives 25-30 emails a month requesting names of trainers/instructors in the RMDS region. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Mail check to RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301.

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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](mailto:rmds@indra.com), [www.rmds.org](http://www.rmds.org)

Website Contact: Michael Petersen  
12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831  
[webmaster@rmds.org](mailto:webmaster@rmds.org)

NOTE: All competitors should do a score check with the Central Office, especially prior to Awards. Call the Central Office at 720-890-7825 or email [rmds@indra.com](mailto:rmds@indra.com)

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## RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

### Boulder Valley, 2nd Monday – even months

Claudia Barkmeier 303-417-1675 [cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com](mailto:cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com)

### Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday - location TBD

Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or check [www.csdressage.org](http://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, 3rd Monday every month, location TBA;

Alexander Cumutte 303-663-0358 [cumuttes@msn.com](mailto:cumuttes@msn.com)

### Northern Colorado, 3rd Tuesday – every month; Location

CSU Vet Teaching Hospital Susie Gordon 970-407-7357

[sgordon@fcgov.com](mailto: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

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Judith Family 970-923-8832 [DNS@rof.net](mailto:DNS@rof.net)

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### IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

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

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- Individual = \$50     Business = \$75     Lifetime = \$650  
 Centaur newsletter only = \$35 (no other benefits)  
 After one family member joins as an individual member, others in family may join at \$35 each.

Please include all information for person designated as representative.

All individual members receive the Centaur newsletter and the RMDS Omnibus.

RMDS is a group member organization of United States Dressage Federation and RMDS members are automatically USDF Group Members.

### Indicate Local Chapter:

- Boulder Valley                       Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)  
 High Plains (Parker, Littleton and Aurora)                       Colorado Springs  
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Be sure to send a copy of your 2006 Adult Amateur Card from USEF along with this membership form!

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- Horses must be registered with RMDS to be eligible for RMDS year-end awards and for horse-of-the year award.
- To be eligible for year end awards, both owner and rider must be members of RMDS and the horse must be registered with RMDS.
- The name on this horse registration must be the same used on horse show entry forms.
- \$35 for a lifetime registration of horse, \$10 change fee.

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

Breed (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Breed No. (include copy of papers) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Owners Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (e-mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Representative (if owner is a business)

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Membership renewal is January 1 annually.

Any memberships received after Oct. will be issued for the following year.

# More Chapter News

## CSDA News

Our next fully recongized show will be held on May 20 and 21. Judged by Anita Owen and Trena Atkins, we have several exciting things to offer:

1. Our third annual Evening Under the Lights show - Freestyles and FEI rides
2. It is once again an Junior/ Young Rider qualifier
3. We have added some classes for riders with disabilities - Anita Owen is fully qualified to judge those, as she did this in Athens for the Paralympics

In conjunction with our show we are holding a 2-day clinic for riders with disabilities on May 18 and 19. The clinic will be conducted by Jerry Schwartz, one of the coaches for Paralympians. We have already filled this clinic.

Both events are held at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

Last year our May show received a footing award for outstanding footing during the show. The facility is ideally located close to downtown Colorado Springs, with many restaurants and hotels close by. Our featured hotel is the Clarion, ask for the special show rate.

CSDA is looking for volunteers and sponsors. For volunteers please contact Judy Carnick, our volunteer coordinator at [judy@carnick.com](mailto:judy@carnick.com). For sponsorship opportunities please check out our website at [www.csdressage.org](http://www.csdressage.org) or contact Simone Windeler at [wjsimone@qwest.net](mailto:wjsimone@qwest.net) or Heather Petersen at [slush@drwgw.net](mailto:slush@drwgw.net).

## PERC Chapter News

Meeting was held at Sally's Wed. April 5th. We discussed the show at Pathfinder Park on June 3rd. We are planning dressage in the morning with Emmy Detlof judging and about 8 flat classes in the afternoon with adult and junior age divisions if there are enough entries. Hope the 4H riders will use this as a warm up. We need a judge for the flat classes. Los Pinos is available if Pathfinder is not ready. Sally is working on the show bill.

Camp at Sharon's could be held in May sometime between the 19th and the 25th. We can discuss it Saturday when Sharon comes for our clinic. Clinic Sat. the 8th from 9 til noon.

Sharon will be riding with Schumacher Thurs at 8 am on the 20th of April and does not have the other ride times yet on the previous two days. Call Sally if you wish to attend.

Sally and David took a tour of the prison and BLM horse program and were impressed. There will be a 20 year anniversary celebration with demo rides and the Westernairs at Broken Spoke on May 6. Also will have horses available for sale. Please lets support this event.

PERC members plan to volunteer for Instructor's clinic that Brenda will be in charge of on April 22 from 9 til noon. Call Sally if you can help.

### Foothills Chapter News

**Ride-A-Test - Saturday, April 22**, with 'S' judge Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez, at Table Mtn. Ranch. See p. 20 of the March Centaur for entry form, or contact Christian Hawley at [ilovefirmus@yahoo.com](mailto:ilovefirmus@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**New Scholarship Program!** Our Scholarship Committee is excited to announce a new Scholarship Program just for Chapter members; see details on Foothills Chapter web site.

**Applications due May 1.**

**5 New Videos Are Here!** The Chapter video library is located at Table Mtn. Ranch. View video selection at our website.

**Summer Fun RMDS Show Reminder** - The Foothills Chapter RMDS show is August 12 at Table Mtn. Ranch.

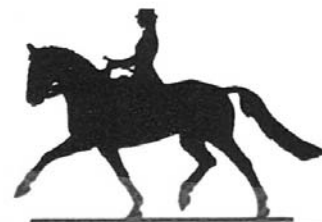
**We want and need your participation!** Please attend our monthly meetings (2nd Weds. of each month, 7:00 pm at Table Mtn. Ranch) to help make Foothills a vibrant and strong chapter.

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## Calendar (cont.)

### 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  
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.com  
14-15 USDF 'L' Program-Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez  
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

21-22 World Cup-Las Vegas

### JUNE 2007

9-10 USDF 'L' Program-Session D1-Lois Yukins-  
Colorado Horse Park  
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

### SEPTEMBER 2007

26-30 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open  
Show -Parker-USEF  
RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show  
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### OCTOBER 2007

13-14 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction  
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### SEPTEMBER 2008

24-28 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open  
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## Riding Disciplines...from pg 4

**THE ENDURANCE RIDER:** Wears Lycra tights in wild neon colors. The shinier the better, so the EMT's can find her body when her horse dumps her down a ravine. Wears hiking shoes of some sort, and T-shirts she got for paying \$75 to complete another torturous ride. Her horse, Al Kamar Shazam, used to be called "you bastard" until he found an owner almost as hyper as he is. Shazam can spook at a blowing leaf, spin a 360, and not lose his big trot rhythm or give an inch to the horse behind him. Has learned to eat, drink, pee, and drop to his resting pulse rate on command. He has compiled 3,450 AERC miles; his rider compiled 3,445 (the missing five miles are the ones when he raced down the trail without his rider after performing his trademark 360. Over-heard frequently: "Anyone have Advil?" "Anyone got some food? I think last year's Twinkies went bad." "For this pain I spend money?" "Shazam, you bastard-it's just a leaf [thud]!"

**THE HUNTER RIDER:** Is slightly anorexic and trying her best to achieve the conformation of a 17-year-old male in case she ever has a clinic with George Morris. Field marks include greeny-beige breeches and a baseball cap when schooling or mud colored coat and hardhat with dangling chinstrap when competing. Forks over about a grand a month to trainer for the privilege of letting him/her "tune" up the horse, which consists of drilling the beast until its going to put in five strides on a 60 foot line no matter WHAT she does. Sold the Thoroughbred (and a collection of lunging equipment, chambons, side reins) and bought a Warmblood. (Bought a ladder and a LONG set of spurs) Talks a lot about the horse's success in Florida without exactly letting on that she herself has never been south of the Pennsylvania line.

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## HIGH PRAIRIE DRESSAGE I, II &amp; III

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## Riding Disciplines...cont. from pg. 19

**THE DRESSAGE QUEEN:** Has her hair in an elegant ponytail and is wearing a visor and gold earrings sporting a breed logo. A \$100 dollar custom jumper (also with breed logo) is worn over \$300 dollar full-seat white breeches and custom Koenigs. Her horse, "Leistergeidelsprundheim" ("Fleistergeidel" for short) is a 17.3-hand warmblood who was bred to be a Grand Prix horse. The Germans are still laughing hysterically, as he was bred to be a Grand Prix JUMPER, but as he couldn't get out of his own way, they sold him to an American. His rider fell in love with his lofty gaits, proud carriage, and tremendous athleticism. She admires mostly while lunging. She lunges him a lot, because she is not actually keen to get up there and try to SIT that trot. When she rides, it's not for long, because (while he looks FINE to everyone else), she can tell that he is not as "through" and "supple" as he should be, and gets off to call the chiropractor/massage therapist/psychic, all of which is expensive, but he WILL be shown, and shown right after he perfects (fill in the blank). The blank changes often enough that the rider can avoid the stress of being beaten at Training 1 by a Quarter Horse.

**THE EVENTER:** Is bent over from carrying three saddles, three bridles, three bits, and three unrelated sets of clothing (four, if she is going to have to do a trot up at a 3-Day) The hunched defensive posture is reinforced

by the anticipation of "a long one" a ditch and a wall, and from living in her back protector. Perpetually broke because she pays THREE coaches ( a Dressage Queen, a jumper rider, and her eventing guru, none of whom approve of the other) and pay trailers/stabling/living expenses to go 600 miles to events that are spread out over 5 days. She is smugly convinced that Eventers are in fact the only people in the world who CAN ride (since Dressage Queen's don't jump, the H/J crowd is to afraid to go OUT of a ring, and the fox hunters-a related breed-don't have to deal with dressage judges). Hat cover on cross-country helmet is secured with a giant rubber band, so she can look like her idol, Phillip. Her horse, (who has previously been rejected as a race horse, a steeplechase horse-got ruled off for jumping into the in field tailgating the crowd- a jumper, a fox hunter, and a polo pony (no bit stops this thing) has two speeds: gallop and "no gallop" (also known as stop 'n' dump). Excels at overjumping into water, doing a head first "tuck and roll" maneuver and exiting the complex (catch me if you can!) before his rider slogs out of the pond. Often stops to lick the Crisco off his legs before continuing gaily on to the merciless oxer jump just ahead. Owner often threatens to sell, but as he has flunked out of every other English-riding discipline, it will have to be to a barrel racer.



# USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

USDF has moved into our new home in Kentucky Horse Park. If you ever have a chance to visit, you will be amazed at the beauty of the countryside---horses everywhere, with white fences and lush green pastures. The Kentucky Horse Park has a museum of the horse, many exhibits including markers showing the stride of Man O'War, Secretariat, and others. It is pretty amazing to walk in their huge strides. I will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony at the USDF National Education Center during the Spring Executive Board meeting. Our region has a tree with a dedication plaque for our pledge and I will look for it, trees are one thing I miss since I have been residing in the Arizona desert.

Grant money is available to each region, generally for group educational activities. From USDF: Adult Education, \$1,500; Adult Regional Team Competitions, \$500; Youth Education, \$750, Youth Regional Team Championship, \$1000. From USDF for Convention, the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund and the Youth Convention Scholarship, \$1000 and discounted registration. The Dressage Foundation offers multiple scholarships each year for Instructor/Trainers and the Carol Lavell Gifted grants for amateurs. The Continuing Education Program for Judges and USDF "L" Graduates have \$800 per region available from the Dressage Foundation. Information about these grants are available on the USDF and TDF websites. Much of this funding has not been used.

Region 5 Young Riders are having a silent auction at the June show at High Prairie. If you would like to make a donation or know anyone that would like to donate please call Susan Gregg, email: [sgregg77@msn.com](mailto:sgregg77@msn.com), 970-243-5525 or Julie Barringer-Richers 303-776-5746. Tracy Roenick will be heading the fundraising in the south, please contact her with donation or ideas for fundraising at [tracyroenick@cox.net](mailto:tracyroenick@cox.net). This year, along with the traditional FEI North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC), the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia, will host the inaugural FEI North American Junior Championships for Dressage (NAJC), August 1-6, 2006. This year the North American Advanced Young Rider Championships will be held in Virginia, a long haul from our region. Please help the Young Riders in this fundraiser.

The FEI JR/YR clinic with Debbie McDonald will be held at Dynamite Dressage November 11-12, information will be available on the USDF website.

REMINDER to show managers: The deadline to submit shows to be Advanced Young Rider Qualifiers for the 2007 season is July 1. We can have a maximum of ten in our region and I would like them to support the demographics of our Advanced Young Riders. The application form is on the USDF website [www.usdf.org](http://www.usdf.org).

*Happy Riding!*

Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

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## Growing Up Equine...cont. from pg. 11

On the day of the surgery, I loaded Ria and hoped Renny would follow. He didn't quite understand and did a few laps around the truck and trailer. We got a halter on him and the guys from the farm hoisted him into the trailer. I called ahead to Littleton Large for someone to meet us when we pulled in. Ria and Renny unloaded and politely went to a stall and waited for surgery. Ria was given a sedative while Renny had surgery. All went well. The damage was a little more than expected, but the knee joint was not involved and the prognosis was good. When I brought them back to the farm, Renny came very close to getting on the trailer himself. He just needed a little boost. Once he was on, he looked back at us as if to say "I could have figured that out myself you know!" Ria and Renny had to be on stall rest with limited turnout for a month. Renny also required oral meds twice a day. I decided to do it myself to make sure he got them.

On the first day, I turned them out in a paddock. Remember the communication thing I mentioned earlier? Well, as I saw both mare and foal do about ninety mph around the paddock, I realized they had not been getting regular turnout since being brought in from pasture. One of the guys who works on the farm tried to help me catch them, but we had to wait for them to tire to get them into a smaller paddock with less running room. Luckily, Renny looked pretty good post surgery and he didn't do any damage running around.

My next worry became the inspection. As I said in my first article, Renny was not eligible for either the Hanoverian or Holstein Registries. Renny's father is also approved by the Rheinland Pfalz-Saar International (RPSI). People often mistakenly call these horses Rhinelanders, but the name of the breed is actually Zweibrucker. RPSI was holding an inspection at the farm September 12, 2005. I was hoping to have both Ria and Renny ready for the inspection. Renny had the stint removed from his knee and a week later the stitches came out. He was amazingly good with bandage changes and letting us put the meds in his mouth. After all he had been through, he should have been crawling the walls when he saw us coming with a syringe, but he never once fought with us.

The vet did not want Renny to go on the trailer for the short ride to the inspection at the main farm. Arrangements were made for the inspectors to come to the mare and foal farm at the end of the day to inspect Ria and Renny. I took the day off to primp and braid


both horses. Renny came over to me as I braided Ria and I took these opportunities to put a few braids in his mane. When he couldn't stand still any longer, I let him walk away and went back to braiding Ria. When the inspector came both horses were ready. The inspector immediately liked Renny's "excellent type" and was impressed with Ria's pedigree. We showed both horses loose in the small indoor arena. Ria was accepted to the RPSI Main Mare Book. Renny was awarded Silver Medal status, which was quite good for a colt on three legs. I questioned if I should have waited to present him, but the inspector said I was right in doing it while he was at his mother's side. He said he thought Renny was of Gold Medal quality, but two weeks post surgery with a bandage on his leg, they couldn't award it to him.



Having survived surgery and the inspection, Renny now had to survive weaning. On September 27, Renny was 28 weeks old and his post op x-ray showed he was ready to return to the herd. Weaning was scheduled for the first week of October. I worried about Renny's strength after the long period of stall rest and limited turnout. Ria and Renny looked exhausted the first few days back in the pasture and Renny was weaned only a few days later. Ria and Renny handled it well. I was told there were only a few small whinnies between the two of them. Both were ready to move on. Renny and his friends huddled together like a school of fish the first few days, but spent the fall and winter playing and doing all the things foals like to do. He took awhile to regain his strength, but seems to have a relatively high position in the herd as one of the oldest in the group.

Renny is now a year old and it is time to think about gelding him. I am going to wait until at least the fall. His knee is normal and he is strong, but he has been through so much that I want to give him time to develop more. A few of his buddies are also not being gelded right away, so they will move to a pasture together. Renny and I are planning on attending a breed show or two this summer, so look for us in the ring.

Ria is back in training. I will probably wait awhile before we are in the show ring again. I want to give her time to regain her strength. I originally did not plan on having two horses, but after all we have been through, I am quite attached to both. However, it is horses and I am a professional, so I guess I should never say never to selling either one of them. For right now, I will just enjoy my two special bay horses and hopefully a quiet and uneventful year.




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*Oh dressage arena, with flowers all round,  
I enter at A without a sound  
Stare at the judge watching from C  
suddenly aware I should have gone pee.*

*Hang on a sec, which way do I track?  
LEFT calls the reader, DYSLEXIC ATTACK!  
whew, got it right for ahead I see B  
Crap, missed what she said, should I circle and see??*

*If the whistle is silent, I made the right choice  
goddamnit I missed it again, where's her voice?  
Diagonal maybe then canter at A?  
oh no, there's the next move... what did she say??*

*I just cut the corner, his head in the air,  
we fly up the long side his nostrils aflare.  
Spooked by the sound of a backfiring truck,  
as we skid round the corner, now ain't that my luck?*

*The wind picks this moment to kick it in gear  
and all chairs blow over that are anywhere near.  
All hope of transition to trot are now dashed,  
so I circle in wrong lead, sure we will crash.*

*At last he slows down and finally breaks  
I bobble and bounce and my hands have the shakes.  
What's that I hear as the sweat drips and falls?  
"A, down center line" a distant voice calls.*

*Like landing a jet, I settle down slow  
"At X halt, salute" I am smiling you know!  
Vision is back, I can hear things again  
Ah my sweet earth, where have you been???*

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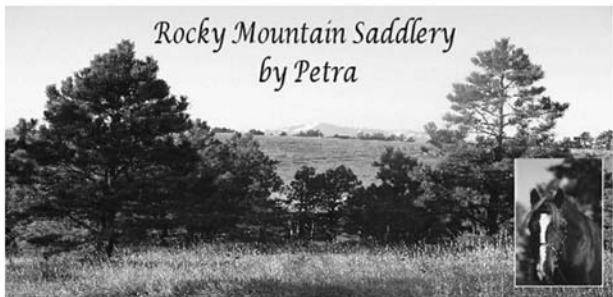
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