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Your Horse Could Be a Psychotherapist Professional Counseling & Corporate Training with Horse Sense

by Deb Stjernholm

I'm not a professional horse trainer but my horses work for a living. I am a licensed professional counselor and business consultant, and my horses are my assistants! We practice Equine Assisted Psychotherapy & Learning (EAP/L)". Ever heard of it? First off, let me tell you what it is NOT.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy & Learning (EAP/L) is not about horsemanship or horseback riding. In fact, you don't have to know a thing about horses, or even like horses to reap the benefits of EAP/L! It IS, however, a collaborative effort of a licensed psychotherapist, a qualified horse professional, and a horse, of course, working in partnership with a client to help that person grow. Both miniature horses and standard size horses are used.

What does an EAP/L session look like? Using the aforementioned team approach, a client (whether they are an individual, family or group coming for professional counseling, or perhaps a business conducting corporate employee development training), will participate in a wide range of ground activities with a horse. Through the PROCESS of the activities, not the activities themselves, clients will learn all kinds of things about themselves through the eyes of the horse.

For instance: A couple came out to participate in an EAP session, (rather than the traditional office "talking" therapy sessions that they had already tried). The instructions for the EAP activity, called "circular relations", were given separately, in private, to each person. The wife was asked to have a horse go clock-wise in a circle, and jump an obstacle which was placed on the parameter of the inside of a round pen. Her husband was given the same instructions, but with a hitch! He was to have the same horse go in the opposite direction, or counter-clockwise. I selected this exercise as this couple had indicated in the beginning of the session that they both felt as if they were working against one another. However,

they did not agree on what the problems were. The horse in this activity symbolized their relationship and the jump placed in the round pen as an obstacle in their relationship. Only one horse was in the round-pen with the couple. They began to engage in the activity assigned to them, when all of the sudden, another horse which was outside of the round pen, came over, and stuck its head inside! At once, the woman screeched: "That's just what his female friends do! They always have their nose where it doesn't belong, and he won't make them leave!" When asked to elaborate, it was discovered the wife felt threatened by, and was upset with, her husband's on-going single female friendships. The husband appeared shocked to see his marital dispute enacted right in front of him! This "outsider" horse clearly represented to the husband how his female friends were intruding on his relationship with his wife.

Since horses are naturally reflective creatures, they offer a "mirror" for people. As they are prey animals, their ability to stay alive is all about paying attention and reacting to everything going on in their environment, including the body language of those creatures around them. While the couple was engaging in the ground activity of "circular relations" the horses reflected what was happening in their relationship by responding to the non-verbal language being "spoken" by the couple. The couple had a great opportunity to see the issue presented to them, and an even greater opportunity to change it! When asked what they wanted to do with the "intruder" of the session, the wife mentioned her husband probably wanted her to let it in the round pen, and she expressed she wanted her husband to make it go away! When the wife "told" the intruder horse to leave, it just ignored her. However, the husband meekly asked the horse to leave and it ignored him as well. Clearly the husband illustrated his own ambivalence to removing the "third-party ob-

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stacles" in his relationship. The skills people use in their daily life to ask a boss for a raise, or ask parent for a favor, are the same skills they use to ask a horse to jump over the obstacle.

Because horses are big and powerful creatures (even the miniatures weigh over 200 pounds), they can be naturally intimidating to many people. Accomplishing a task such as asking a horse to jump over an obstacle without touching the horse, bribing the horse, or even talking to your team member (if you were doing this activity in a group) can really boost your confidence! The challenge of the activity can be closely linked to other challenges you may face in your work and family life environment.

Albert Mehrabian's study on communication reflects only 7% of communication are the words we use, where 38% is tone, pitch, and 55% is visual (the non-verbal communication). Since the client is physically practicing these skills and not just talking about them, the experience is more fully ingrained into their psyche and the "learned experience" or retention, improves over 38%.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) is just that: psychotherapy conducted in a

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team approach with the licensed therapist, horse professional, and a horse or horses. The session maintains the same confidentiality and psychological ethics used in traditional counseling performed in an office. EAP offers short-term therapy with oftentimes powerful results. It can be used to address marital counseling, anxiety disorders, high risk youth, and a multitude of other mental health maladies.

Equine Assisted Learning is used with the same team, but the focus is work-related and skill-specific and does not address mental health maladies. EAL is an effective type of corporate training for areas such as team building, improving communication skills and leadership training. It can even be used to train specific office policies, such as diversity acceptance.

Whether EAP or EAL is used, it is usually short-term, and is solution-focused. It is a powerful learning tool, and can be exhilarating work for both the treatment/learning team and the client! And you know what? My horses love it. So would yours. Any horse can be used in Equine Assisted Learning and Psychotherapy. Even a retired horse and horses with psychological or physical disabilities can be used. They all have a purpose.

The Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (www.eagala.org), of which Debbie Stjernholm is a member, is the certifying organization for EAP.

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MEET

Nancy Smith

Nancy Smith's background is classical Dressage, successfully training multiple horses to the Grand Prix Level, and a member of the United States Dressage Bronze Medal Team at the 1989 North American Championships on *Felit* as well as the Alternate for the 1999 Pan American Games on *Ettas*. Several horses ridden and trained by Nancy have been long listed for the Olympics and World championships with Nancy in the irons, reflecting her talent for riding a wide variety of horses at the Grand Prix Level.

**Clinic
May 26-27**



As a teacher, Smith's goal is to help the rider gain a better understanding of the skills necessary to train each horse and to understand how the horse reacts and accepts the training.

"Helping the horses and rider communicate on the same level enables each combination to meet their goals. All riders that have a genuine desire to learn are welcome, regardless of what level they are."



Smith recently returned from Germany where she trained with Hubertus Schmidt (pictured here). Nancy is on *Donatella*.

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Clinic Review: George Williams' Colorado Debut

George Williams, 2003 rider of the Grand Prix Horse of the Year, Rocher, and vice-president of the USDF, presented a Region 5 Junior/Young Rider clinic at Crooked Willow Farms March 31 and April 1, in Larkspur Colorado. It was Williams' first clinic in Colorado.

Clinic participants were Greta Barringer-Richers on Lewis, Danielle Culver on Florian, Mary Sage Hanner on Spencer, Morgan Heinrichs on Royal Mirage, Amelia Newcomb on Samos, Anastasia Ross-McKirnan on Vitet, Christian Rudman on Oebalia, and Heather Sanders on CP Mercury Bey.

Williams generously admitted auditors to the lecture and discussion. There, he quizzed riders on the training scale, among other things. Williams defined the training scale and explained the reasoning behind the hierarchy:

Rhythm. Why is rhythm before relaxation? A reliable rhythm leads to relaxation.

Relaxation. Relaxation is the looseness of joints and muscles. Tension is tightness in the joints and muscles.

Contact. Contact is how the horse moves forward to hands and bit. Rhythm and relaxation must be in place. The horse has the feel of a "falling down neck," a neck that stays relaxed in place.

Impulsion. A better word for impulsion is throughness, the energy of the hind legs swinging to the bit.

Straightness. Why is straightness not first on the training scale? There are levels of straightness within the horse's body. With a young horse, contact and throughness must be there before you can make the horse straighter.

Collection. Piaffe, passage, and pirouettes, done well, have all the ingredients of the training scale.

Top riders maintain the qualities of all the scale. They go up the scale then back down it. As the horse becomes more through, with more impulsion, the better the contact, the looseness and the rhythm.

For some horses in the clinic, finding relaxation meant increasing the looseness in the topline in the collected trot. In the canter, it was better throughness through tempo, with more jump coming from a comfortable tempo. Horses were softened

laterally so they would give longitudinally.

No half halt was finished until there was a release.

For horses who were spooky and tight in the topline, it was OK to go slowly. It was not OK to chase a tense horse. Williams advocated teaching a spooky horse through ring figures rather than direct confrontation.

Putting the rider in charge of line and tempo was a subtle way of letting the horse know who was in charge, without confrontation. Williams said a horse who was too tense did not have his mind in the right place. The more tense the horses were, the more the riders were encouraged to relax. Keeping the horses loose or relaxed was foremost, and instructions came in the form of gentle horseplay: "play her round" or "tickle her with the whip."

For another horse who was tense through the topline, but quite forward, the rider was also admonished not to rush the horse forward. She was instructed to soften him, then forward, then soften, then forward. Even in the piaffe work, with pressure at its utmost, relaxation reigned. The rider was asked not to drive too much in the piaffe, as too much pressure makes the horse tense. Too much energy creates too much pressure, leading to tension. Energy was not the issue, softness and throughness were.

By going up and down the training scale, Williams solved upper level issues. Horses having problems in the four tempis worked them out by returning to straightness. Issues in tension in the highest level horses, such as immobility in the halt, were solved through relaxation, using treats or waiting until the horse stood still to dismount, as dismounting is the greatest reward for the horse.

As an auditor, I have seen far too many clinics resulting in tight, balled up, sweaty horses and exhausted, confused riders. Too many clinicians preach the training scale, but force the tricks. Williams truly practices what he preaches, the training scale at its best. Colorado Junior/Young riders did an excellent job going up and down the training scale, and every horse improved in gaits and movements. Riders in the clinic will be presenting their clinic experiences in Part 2 in the June issue of the Centaur.

Editor's Page

From the desk of RMDS President Jane McBride...

Dear Members,

After investigating our financial situation and reviewing our by-laws I brought to the board the need for RMDS to either perform a review or an audit. Our by-laws require us to have an audit with each treasurer change. I know that after last year, when we did not receive regular treasurer reports, some of us were beginning to feel unsettled. No one I have asked could remember the date of the last audit or review. We have a wonderful new treasurer this year in Lisa Wiggins. I asked Lisa to present to the board her opinion of an audit vs. a review.

The board voted to have Lisa perform a review. She has a very busy schedule, but she believes the review will be completed by the May meeting. Since Lisa does this work for a living and it takes a great deal of time, we agreed to pay her for this service. I believe that after the May meeting your board of directors will have a clear picture of RMDS's financial situation.

Hollee Price, our camp organizer, found a wonderful fundraising opportunity for

RMDS. All proceeds will go to Camp and the Jr/Yr fund. When anyone orders online from **Country Supply** 5% of all sales will go directly to RMDS. Please use the **Code: RMDS camp** and the **Password: dressage** when making your online order. So, please go take a look and see if there are products that you could buy from Country Supply. A very Big Thanks to Hollee and all her work to make this year's camp outstanding!

In March I had a wonderful time volunteering at the Winter Wake-up show. I encourage everyone to help out with this year's shows and events. It's a great way to see and visit with friends. The George Williams clinic was unbelievable. George is a soft-spoken instructor who almost magically enhances the performance of the rider and horse. I remember attending an instructor's clinic where we had to write positive things to say to students. In one hour I counted 15 different positive phrases used by Mr. Williams. He encouraged each rider to ride to the best of her ability. Every rider was trained in a different way according to what

work Mr. Williams thought needed to be done. In two full days of riding there wasn't one repeated lesson!

Colleen Diamond, the coordinator for the event, turned out to be the Martha Stewart of clinics. The tables were so beautiful and the food so wonderful that it was truly like being entertained. The riders were wonderful and spent so much time writing thank-you notes that it seems as though they must have included everyone! I would like to thank all the volunteers and riders who made this event so memorable. I would also like to thank Crooked Willow for donating its beautiful facility.

I love my little collection of Horse Quotations. Here is one to share and read slowly:

"Far back, far back in our dark soul the horse prances...The horse, the horse! The symbol of surging potency and power of movement, of action..." — D.H. Lawrence
Happy Riding.

Jane McBride

The Scoop from the Editor's Stall...

I am not a big believer in alternative medicine. But then my adopted Australian Shepherd, Kona, began having an astounding number of seizures over a period of just a few days, I was at my wit's end as to what to do.

My normal veterinarian prescribed a steady course of phenol barbitol, a drug that effectively controlled the seizures but that, I knew, would eventually lead to her liver being compromised.

A friend suggested that I visit Dr. Jim Friedly, who runs a holistic veterinary clinic in Falcon, Colo.

I didn't realize it at the time, but I had met and spoken with Dr. Friedly early in my career when I was researching freeze branding, a relatively new means of permanently marking a horse at that time.

Dr. Friedly had helped to invent and pioneer freeze-branding, a humane and effective alternative to the hot iron brand commonly used to mark livestock.

Anyway, I visited his clinic and I must say, the doc took an entirely different ap-

proach to the standard examination. He considered Kona's resting pulse not only as a reflection of her heart rate and the fitness of her circulatory system, but also for its insights into Kona's Yin and Yang - the opposing but complimentary principles said to be found in all living beings.

He identified several fatty tumors that had developed under her coat. We discussed herbs and nutrition and exercise - all things to help her lose some excess weight and to help her thyroid, which tests had shown to be underperforming.

I left not entirely convinced that the mixture of eastern medicine and western medicine was necessarily going to cure my dog of her seizures. Time will tell.

But I do think that we too often try and treat ourselves and our animals solely through quick fixes: pills and potions, liniments and lotions, rather than taking a look at the big picture.

On a ranch, where my first dog was raised, we never had to worry about the animal becoming overweight. The work day

demanding hours and hours of walking for our horses and our dogs. They had marvelously fit respiratory systems and typically lived lives that were much longer than one expects from the pampered pets and stable-kept horses in my urban experience..

When we place animals in artificial environments, we tend to anthropomorphize their real needs, worrying about their comfort. As we know, too much comfort and a lack of exercise is what makes humans obese and contributes to early health problems. So it is with animals.

I am resolved to give my dogs more exercise and be more attuned to their fitness. While I have never overfed them, I do notice that everyone else who takes care of them when I travel does (Kona probably gained five pounds while I was on vacation in Mexico!)

Sometimes, we can be guilty of loving our animals to death. It is always good to consider their real needs and not impose our human preconceptions instead.

Gavin Ehringer, editor

Andria Allen

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Cindy LeFevre Dressage has moved from our main barn in Parker—which closed as scheduled to make way for housing development. Fortunately, we found a facility that is even better, in the beautiful rolling hills north of Elizabeth—with trail riding and a cross-country course! We are happy to still be operating in cooperation with Jim Rea's Colorado Natural Horsemanship Center (CNHC). CNHC offers Natural Horsemanship training, lessons and clinics, and will continue to provide outstanding barn management services. www.gentlehorses.com

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May 2007 Message

The agenda for Spring Executive Board meeting in April included an improved budgeting protocol, review of the preliminary 2008-9 budget, changes in educational grant guidelines, proposals to improve the annual awards ceremony, and many other items. The USDF 2006-2007 Fiscal Year ended March 31. Indications are that the financials will be in the black and positive to the budget. I will give you more details in my next regional message.

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 Dres-

sage 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 FEI Junior/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 Rudman, 303-697-8528, or Julie Barringer-Richers 303-3415033. This year FEI North American Young Riders' Championships (NAYRC) and FEI North American Junior Championships for Dressage (NAJC), will be held again at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia July 31-August 5, 2007, a long haul from our region. Please help the Young Riders in this fundraiser.

Happy Riding!
Theresa Hunt
Region 5 Director

Beware Blister Beetles

Colorado Springs – Horse owners who buy their feed from eastern Colorado and the southern Arkansas Valley forage crop growers should be aware of an infestation of blister beetles.

Blister beetles produce cantharidin, which is toxic to people and animals. In Colorado, *E. murina* and *E. fabricii* often are most abundant in June, while other *Epicauta* species are more abundant in July and August. After emergence, adult blister beetles are strongly attracted to alfalfa and other blooming hosts. Adult feeding generally is not significant enough to warrant intervention. However, certain blister beetle species, particularly the striped blister beetle, tend to congregate in swarms. The presence of such swarms in alfalfa at harvest is of concern because of the large amounts of cantharidin contained in these congregations.

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North Country Adventure:

A Trainer Experiences the Dressage Coaches Conference

by Frances Carbonnel

This March I took the opportunity to visit a dear friend in the Edmonton area for a few days. As good conscientious horse buddies try to do, we decided to spare her husband and son the ennui of listening to us hash and rehash the WEG, Anky's Olympic freestyle, etc. We instead took our inquiring minds to a wonderful two-day conference sponsored by the Canadian Dressage Federation, hosted at Flying Colours Farm, just south of town. For those not familiar with Alberta, the Edmonton area is beautiful with rolling country with large hay meadows (no dog sleds!) and a thriving dressage community.

On a cold Saturday morning we pulled in to Flying Colours' snow-lined drive and found our way into the heated barn and arena. (One does not ride in the winter there without heat!) The conference was on the effect rider position has on the performance of the dressage horse. The clinician was Californian Alexandra "Sandy" Howard, whose same presentation to the USEF Dressage Test Committee so swayed its members that the Collective Marks in the new tests now proudly display a coefficient of "3" for Rider Position. My friend and I joined a group of perhaps 30 local dressage coaches who, like me, were eager to hear what had so impressed the Test Committee.

Sandy wasted no time in getting down to the nitty-gritty. Although she was feeling so under the weather that she nearly cancelled, her diva presence prevailed. Her presentation from DVD made a thorough case for many of the problems routinely seen by judges at all levels being a result of errors in rider position. She gave example after example from actual tests, where some simple fundamental changes in rider position could lead to greatly increased rider effectiveness, and much higher scores.

And she pounded home the concept the "It's time we stop blaming the horses and take responsibility as riders." Wow! That got our attention!

Briefly, she taught us a very effective new

vocabulary and concepts for teaching seat and position. Her first step was to ask the demo rider to ABDUCT, that is draw straight out away from the saddle, THE THIGHS. Then she asked the rider to ROTATE the thighs inward. The result was a strong, deep and stable base of support for the rider's torso. It also helped the rider FIND THE FLAT PART OF THE SEAT BONES, rather than the front (fork seat) or back (chair seat) of the seat bones. Then she asked the rider to place a hand under on seat bone and allow all her weight to relax into the seat bone. That weight she called Zero. She then asked our rider to contract her seat, thighs and torso until her weight was entirely off of the seat bones, and this, Sandy called "Ten." Finally, she asked the rider to FIND "FIVE", or halfway between the totally relaxed (slumped, heavy) and the tense (stretched, perched)

torso.

So to briefly summarize,

- 1) Abduct and rotate the thighs
- 2) Sit on the flat part of the seat bones
- 3) Find "Five", or halfway between the relaxed, and tense torso.

Sandy then proceeded to teach these simple, though sometimes difficult, concepts to a series of demo riders ranging from lower to upper levels, and invited us to note the changes in the effect of their aids on their horses as she worked with them. We watched happily as an older woman was able to sit her bouncy horse's trot for the first time ever! and a PSG level rider obtained much better collection from her somewhat sluggish equine partner.

Importantly, too, we observed a much more effective method of teaching rider position than the usual admonishments to



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“Stretch up!” or “Close your thighs!” or “Sit deep!” Instead, for instance, Sandy was able to ask a rider if she was sitting closer to “Ten” or to “Zero” in a given movement, and then make a recommendation to move up or down the scale to become more effective. She also made, and then demonstrated, the tremendously important observation that many riders do not know how to move to the back of the saddle and sit down to ask for collection, while bringing the thigh into a more horizontal position. Instead they drive their knees downward, bringing the thigh into a more vertical position and driving the dynamics of their weight down into the horse’s shoulders at the very moment when the horse is trying to shift its weight into the hind quarters!

For two days we had the privilege of watching a fine teacher work her magic and the rare chance to ask many questions. Thanks to Sandy Howard, Flying Colours Farm and our northern neighbors for a very insightful instructors clinic!

Special thanks to Frances Carbonnel for her contribution. — Ed.

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Black Hills Dressage Show
June 16-17, 2007

Corrections to prize list page C-59 in the Omnibus

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- 10 RMDS Executive Board Meeting**-6: 30 pm Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 11-13 Grand Valley Spring Show #1 & 2**-Grand Junction-USEF Contact Candace Graus 970-245-2886
- 12 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1**-Saturday-Longmont- RMDS Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
- 12 Dressage for the Cure**-Cottonwood Riding Club-Littleton RMDS Contact Tara Gandomcar 303-791-7656
- 12-13 Dressage in the Four Corners** - Farmington, N.M. USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
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- 17-18 Christiane Borchert Clinic** Chatellen - Fort Collins Contact Liz Schump 970-532-4603 eschump@aol.com
- 19 The Urban Farm Schooling Show** Denver Contact Angel Hoskins 720-810-5466 ah@angelhorses.com
- 20 Foothills Spring Dressage Show**-Table Mtn Ranch-Golden RMDS Contact Kathy King Johnson 303-494-0905
- 22 Janet Foy Clinic** - Reiterhoff Ranch Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfin/ or reiterhoffranch@yahoo.com
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- 5-7 Karl Mikolka Clinic**-Ft Collins Equestrian Center Contact Ann Hagaman 970-493-4662
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- 16-17 NCDA Rocky Mountain Dressage Classic**-Ft Collins-USEF Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
- 16-17 Black Hills Dressage Show**-Rapid City, SD USEF Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816 thinker@rapidnet.com

- 16-17 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show 1** - Lehi, Utah USEF Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 16-17 High Plains Schooling Show & Clinic & RMDS Show** Colorado Horse Park RMDS Contact Sharon Soos 303-904-7534 sks-redvette@worldnet.att.net
- 22-23 Sage Creek #1 & #2**-Charleston,UT-USEF-YR Qualifier Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
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- 29-7/1 Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic** - Loveland Contact Raiann Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com
- 30-7/1 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I**-Longmont, CO-USEF-YR Qual. Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033

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- 5-8 Boulder Valley's Adult Camp** - Autumn Hill IEC - Longmont Contact Claudia Barkmeier 303-786-7240 cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com or Barb Goldman 303-666-4528 barbara.r.goldman@chase.com
- 8 The Urban Farm Schooling Show** Denver Contact Angel Hoskins 720-810-5466 ah@angelhorses.com
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- 20-22 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up & Show**-Colorado Springs-USEF Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 27-29 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II**-Longmont, CO-USEF Contact Julie Barringer-Richers 720-341-5033
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24-26 **Paragon Dressage I,II,III**-Colorado Horse Park-Parker-USEF
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8 **Boulder Valley Schooling Show** Somerset-Longmont
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Website ads on the RMDS site provide your event with high visibility. Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears. Unless the webmaster is notified in advance (webmaster@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

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

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

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

MEMBERSHIP

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

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

Owner, rider, horse MUST be current members PRIOR to any ride for the score to count towards qualifying for RMDS Championships and for qualifying for any year-end award. If PONY is not listed under breed and you have a pony, send a copy of the measurement form or the permanent pony card, to the Central Office.

Remember, membership and its details are your responsibility.

Be sure corrections are made!

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



RMDS Membership Form

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

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

Additional family members (same address) - \$35

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

All business memberships include one individual membership.

Please include all information for person designated as individual member.

All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Indicate Local Chapter (only one):

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| <input type="radio"/> Arkansas Valley | <input type="radio"/> Colorado Springs | <input type="radio"/> Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) |
| <input type="radio"/> Boulder Valley | <input type="radio"/> Northern Colorado (Fort Collins) | <input type="radio"/> Penrose (Canon City) |
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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State/ZIP _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (E-Mail) _____

USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

Names, DOBs, & USDF #s of additional family members _____

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

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

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

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Horse Registration Form

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

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

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

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

Horse Name _____ Sex _____

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

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

Address of Owner _____

Owner's Phone (Home) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) _____

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS to: RMDS Central Office - 2942 Park Lake Dr. - Boulder, CO 80301 720-890-7825

Qualifying for RMDS or USDF Championships? There is a Difference!

by Heather Petersen, educ. chair

There have recently been some things incorrectly identifying the processes for qualifying for Championships so here's a very brief "How to."

The Championships this September 27-30 in Parker will be two *different* championships: the RMDS Championships and the Great American/USDF Region V Championships.

In order to Qualifying for RMDS Championships, you and your horse (and if not riding your own horse, then the horse's owner also) must be members of RMDS before you earn your scores. You will need to earn two scores from two judges at two shows - these scores can be any test of the level and can be earned at RMDS recognized shows (they can also be USDF/USEF shows, but they must be RMDS shows

also). Scores can be earned all the way up to championships and one score can even be earned at Championships if it is done before your ride.

For a listing of what scores you need at each level and for each division, please see the RMDS website - www.rmids.org or the RMDS Omnibus.

Qualifying for the USDF Regional Championships is quite different. All scores must be earned at least 30 days prior to the show (it **MUST** be a USDF/USEF recognized show). Qualified scores can only be earned at the highest test of the level, and you must pay a \$10 qualifying fee (Q) in order for the scores to count towards qualifying. You must be a participating member of USDF and a member of USEF (and the horse owner if not rid-

ing your own horse). Your horse must be lifetime registered with USDF and either annually or lifetime recorded with USEF. If you're also a member of RMDS, the scores you earn for USDF Regional Championships will also help you achieve the goal of qualifying for RMDS Championships. The last show to qualify for USDF Regional Championships in 2007 is the Paragon Dressage I, II & III. All shows after that point will start to qualify you for the 2008 USDF Regional Championships. A list of what scores are needed at each level and division for USDF Regional Championships can be found at www.usdf.org or in the RMDS Omnibus.

Any Questions? Feel free to call Heather Petersen at 719.683.8435 or email slush@drwgw.net



REGISTRATION FORM RMDS Jr./Young rider camp 2007

Campers Name & Age: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Parents Names: _____

Horse's Name, Age, Sex: _____

What type of riding do you normally do? _____

Do you take lessons? For how long? _____

Your Instructor: _____

Do You compete? _____

Have you ever been to camp? _____

Please mail your registration with a \$100.00 deposit ASAP (made out to RMDS). We have a limited number of slots available. Once registrations are received all forms and the camp schedule will be sent to you. Total camp tuition will be due by May 15th. Tuition will be refundable less deposit up to 30 days prior to camp if campers slot can be filled.

Mail To:

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When: July 8th–13th

Where: CSU in Ft. Collins

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

Age: 9–18

Campers will be Participating in dressage lessons each day (fit horses are required)
Stalls are provided at the equine center, but each camper is responsible for feed and bedding for their horses
All meals are included in camp costs as well as lessons and most extra curricular activities
For more information please go to www.rmds.org or contact Hollee price at hollee24k@comcast.net

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



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SHARON SCHNEIDMAN CLINIC June 16 – Contact Terri Wallace 303-478-8838
Colorado Horse Park, Parker, Co
RMDS # 1061

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

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

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

FEES:

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

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

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

SHARON SCHNEIDMAN CLINIC ENTRY FORM

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

Rider Name _____ JR ___ YR ___ AA ___ O ___

Address _____ Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact _____

Horse's Name _____ Age _____ Breed _____

At what level are you Schooling/Training? _____

At what level are you showing or wanting to show? _____

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

CLINIC FEE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHECK-IN REQUIRED PRIOR TO SCHOOLING – ALL HORSES MUST HAVE BRIDLE TAGS ON WHILE ON SHOW GROUNDS!!
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Chapter News

Colorado Springs Dressage Assoc.

CSDA is proud to announce a special seminar by Dr. Margot Nacey, Sports Psychologist. She will give a presentation on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 pm. The location is TBA. This seminar is free to CSDA members and also open to the public for a fee of \$5.

Dr. Nacey brings many years of experience as a competitor as well as a technical delegate for dressage.

She is trained in natural horsemanship, dressage, and animal communication.

We are looking forward to a very exciting seminar about improving your show performance and hope to see many of you there.

On June 19th we welcome Kelly Stoochnoff at 6:30 pm, location TBA. Kelly's company Equine Bio Energy specializes in rehabilitation techniques to restore your horse to top performance. Her services can reduce the recovery time by as much as 50% after an injury. She will give an overview of her techniques and show some interesting case studies. This seminar is free and open to all that are interested. For more information about location for the seminars or any other details please check out the CSDA website at www.csdres-

[sage.org](http://www.csdres.org) or call Simone Windeler at 719-287-2040.

Penrose English Riding Club

The Penrose English Riding Club (PERC) Meeting opened April 4th at the Village Inn in Canon City with a warm and inviting welcome to our new PERC President, Marlene Coonradt. Using a round table comment format, each member expressed support and delight in her acceptance of the PERC Presidency after the departure of Cat Siemiet from this position in March.

Discussion quickly became productive as a June 9th date was selected for a

Ride A Test Show and Clinic at the Los Pinos Equestrian Center in Florence.

A full day of rides will be scheduled with Julie Burt as judge and clinician.

Plans were completed for a family picnic and trail ride at Cis Harman's house scheduled to take place Saturday May 19th.

There will be a potluck lunch, an optional low level country jump course, a bit of quadrille practice for those interested, and a trail ride covering the outer limits of land surrounding Sumo Golf Course.

May will be busy with Amy

Mason, our member and resident DVM, presenting a Practical Horse Owner Information Clinic offering useful medical information to all PERC members seeking to successfully manage their own horses.

May 13th, 14th, and 15th Sharon Ghilarducci, our resident PERC instructor, will once again have the opportunity to ride and clinic with Conrad Schumacher when he stops in Castle Rock. All of Sharon's students benefit significantly from her clinic rides with Mr. Schumacher through the instructor "trickle down" effect. During this particular clinic session, Sharon's students will have an opportunity to visit with Mr. Schumacher and learn from the clinic rides as they take place.

The meeting quickly moved to making plans for a committee to organize and promote a Tack Sale including used tack and an opportunity for local 4H kids to exchange clothes and equipment necessary

2007 Omnibus Corrections

- A-9 Correct zip for USDF is 40511
- C-14 Junior Tests-Junior Individual can be used to qualify for 4th level Great American/USDF Regional Championships
Young Rider Test-YR Team Test is equivalent to 4th level not Prix St Georges
- C-29 Boulder Valley Spring Fling - Judge: Schooling Show RaeAnn Cook
Judge swap: Beth Geier to judge April show; KC Parkins-Kyle to judge September
- C-31 Columbine Show I & II Show I – Judge: Nancy Thacher –R; TD: Catherine Siemiet
Show II – Judge: Christine Hastings-S; TD: Deeda Randle
- C-33 Grand Valley Dressage Shows
Open Date: April 9
May 11-13 Show Secretary: Kathy Sassano
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Chapter News

to complete their horse projects.

Looks like the date for the Tack Sale and Exchange will be May 12th at Los Pinos Equestrian Center in Florence, Colorado.

The April meeting closed with a thank you expressed to Karen Randall for producing an informative and inviting riding clinic at Marcy Wadlington's wonderfully groomed new arena in Canon City. All those attending the clinic appreciated Karen's energy and insights.

Happy riding,
Sally Strom

Grand Valley Dressage Society

Hello All GVDS Members and Sponsors:

I hope you are enjoying the series of articles by Ellen Shuthof with Kip Mistral. Please let us know so we can be sure to let them know how much we appreciate their loan of this article to our club. This article is going in a nationally published magazine

every month and then they allow us to publish it the next month in our newsletter.

Also, our "ask the experts" column is gaining some momentum. We need questions and experts to answer them. Please keep it going strong.

The club is asking that everyone get at least a \$25 dollar sponsor. Please note the next general membership meeting has been moved up to April 26th.

Also, was able to get the March schooling show results into a separate file after I got the newsletter already finished. The show management did not send the champions and reserve champions at the different levels and I will get them out in the next newsletter.

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Happy Riding!!!!

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Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I, June 30-July 1, 2007

Mail to: Bonnie Greist 9718 S.W. Hwy. 54, Augusta, KS 67010

Phone 1-316-775-5512 Fax 1-316-775-2072

Email briarfox-bon@msn.com

Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II, July 27, 28 & 29, 2007

Mail to: Camille Griffin P.O. Box 192, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Phone 1-719-488-2812

Email camillegriffin@msn.com

Entries for the Autumn Hill Sunday Series RMDS recognized shows on May 12, July 15 & August 19, 2007 should still be sent to:

Autumn Hill Sunday Series Show

9417 N. Foothills Hwy.

Longmont, CO 80503

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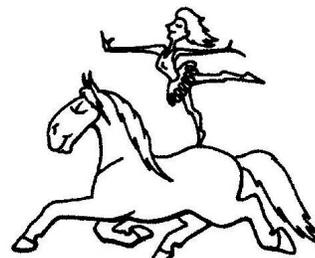
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