

# THE CENTAUR

## Clinic Raises Money, Awareness for Women War Victims

Thanks to all you who participated in the first Horses For Humanity fundraising clinic/ USDF Continuing Education Forum with Rachel Saavedra and Jill Cantor Lee) on February 11-12. Because of all of you, Horses for Humanity raised \$2,500 for Women for Women International to help women survivors of war. Participants and presenters had a wonderful time, learned a lot, and enjoyed a sense of peace and community.

Horses for Humanity's goal is to use the art of dressage, the beauty of horses, and the thrill of competition to raise money for women and children in need. Because of its wonderful clinic participants, the newly-formed organization is off to a very successful start. According to Jill Cantor Lee, the event organizer, "[with] the clinic, we met all of our goals and then some. Not only did we raise financial support for Women for Women International, but three clinic participants also committed to being Women for Women International sponsors."

Sponsorship, Lee explained, entails developing a personal relationship with a woman survivor of war via mail. "It is an important mechanism for fostering hope and healing," said Lee. "Likewise, we were able to raise awareness about the amazing work Women for Women International does, and some of the projects Horses for Humanity is taking on."

The topic for the forum was "Riding from Power not Force: The Systematic Development of Influence in the Rider." Rachel Saavedra, who is on the USDF Faculty, a USDF Gold Medalist, and highly respected instructor, did most of the teaching. Lee presented most of the theoretical groundwork in morning lectures and talked with auditors while Rachel worked directly with riders.

"Working with Rachel like this was a true privilege for she is one of my oldest and dearest friends, and was one of my

first and most influential dressage instructors. In some instances, Rachel and I co-taught the same student and even though at times we saw things through different lenses, [we] were able to work collaboratively to bring about important changes in horse and rider."

The clinic developed a theme of harmony that extended beyond riding and into our relationships with one another in the horse community. Several other professionals in the RMDS attended: Simone Ahern-Harless, Frances Carbonnel, Maria Wassan, and Rachel Ames. Each shared their own experiences and points of view.

Women for Women International is an a-political non profit organization that helps women survivors of war get back on their feet by providing medical care, rape counseling, rights counseling, small scale business loans and skills training. For more information, go to [www.womenforwomen.org](http://www.womenforwomen.org).

Horses for Humanity is a fledgling organization originally founded by Jill C. Lee and Jasmine Becker. Horses for Humanity is in the process of applying for 501 (3) (c) status with the IRS. The theme of the organization is to "Celebrate Our Strengths" as riders and horse care professionals in order to serve others. They hope to accomplish this by hosting benefit educational events, collecting pledges on competition horses (like what's done in walkathons), and by sponsoring "A Horse for Humanity." The 2008 Horse for Humanity is currently in training with Lee and will ultimately be competed and sold with all profits from that sale going to help women and children in need. A Horse for Humanity is maintained by generous donations in kind from professionals within the horse community and other generous sponsors.

*For more information on Horses for Humanity and the Women for Women Int., contact Jill Lee at 970-209-8491.*

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## Colorado Horse Park Features Action-Packed 2008 Schedule

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“The 2008 season will be one of our best ever,” predicts General Manager, Rob Janson. “We have great awards and prize money, and offer some of the highest quality judges for all equestrian disciplines.”

Highlights of the 2008 calendar include the CIC\*\* Three Day Event, May 30-June 1, followed by Dressage at High Prairie, June 6-8. The Rocky Mountain Quarter Horse Show, held on June 20-22, features Western, English, and halter competitions for all skill levels. The summer fun continues with the Colorado Summer Circuit, including

three Grand Prix show jumping events, July 2-27, and Dressage in the Rockies, August 8-10, with great rewards and prize money. Families can mark their calendars to attend the Draft Horse and Gypsy Show with Sheep Dog Trials on August 15-17 and the famous Halloween with Horses on October 18.

For more than 15 years the Colorado Summer Circuit hunter/jumper show has been a spectator favorite. Over the course of four weeks, equestrian riders from around the globe compete for the chance to win the Colorado Horse Park Triple Crown and prize money worth over \$425,000. Overall the circuit features more than a half-million dollars in prize money.

Children of all ages can celebrate the fall season with the 9th Annual Halloween with Horses trick or treat barn, pumpkin patch, or stable of terror, while enjoying the famous costumed horse contest, petting zoo, the Stable of Terror, the Trick

or Treat Barn, face painting, pony rides, entertainment, food, crafters and more.

In addition to the usual events, The Colorado Horse Park welcomes back the North American Junior Young Riders Championships, July 29- August 3. These international championships for riders under 21 years of age in dressage, three-day eventing, show jumping and reining, showcase future Olympians and World Champions.

Janson continues, “The Colorado Horse Park is the cornerstone for equestrian competitions throughout the region. The Board of Directors is working hard to ensure that the future of the horse is bright here in Parker.”

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August 24

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All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Steering committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governor's meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov. Contact the Central Office for precise dates.

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Sept 25-27	RMDS Open and Championship Show - Colo. Horse Park

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## 2008 Omnibus Corrections

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Effective 4/1/08, All FEI Pony Rider Tests are equivalent to Second Level. All FEI Junior Rider Tests are equivalent to Third Level.

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8th Heaven Spring Starter Series III, May 10, TD - Susan Selby

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Add: **June 28**

Class 139, Young Horse TOC O,  
Class 140, Developing Horse Test O  
Class 150, Young Horse Test of Choice O  
Class 151 Developing Horse Test O, Q

**June 29**

Class 239 Young Horse TOC Markel/USEF Q  
Class 240 Developing Horse Test USEF Q/Gr.Amer.USDF Q  
Class 250 Young Horse Test of Choice, O, USEF Qualifying  
Class 251, Developing Horse Test O, Q, USEF Qualifying

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Dressage at Sun Prairie Stables-Aug 16 & 17-ADD **Sunday** to prize list; change TD to *Debbie Moloznik*

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Breed (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No. (include copy of papers) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Owner's Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-Mail) \_\_\_\_\_

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# Editor's Page

## Editor's Scoop

I took the job of editor of *The Centaur* last summer, hoping to learn more about the sport of dressage. What an experience it has been!

Over the past year-and-one-half, I have had the opportunity to meet some of the best trainers in Rocky Mountains and to attend numerous shows and clinics, either as a working journalist, a photographer, and as a volunteer.

Some observations. The sport of dressage in the United States remains a neglected step child of its counterpart in Europe. However, I am rather amazed by the exchange of talent and ideas that goes back-and-forth across the Atlantic. Hardly a week and seldom a month goes by when a preeminent instructor or trainer from Europe is not in the Rockies presenting his or her knowledge on the sport of dressage. Similarly, many RMDS members (espe-

cially our youth members) go out of their way, literally, to study and train in Europe as a means of furthering their educations.

Needless to say, this interchange is doing much to leaven the competitive ability of American riders, and it is easy to foresee a day in which our own home-grown talent will be competitive with - if not able to surpass - the riders from "the Old Country."

Similarly, the quality of horses being imported and bred in the USA seems to be a key factor in raising the game, so to speak, in North America. One deficit we suffer from here is the very democratic - or perhaps capitalistic - nature of horse breeding in the USA. There are no governmental controls on breeding, nor are there state-approved or sanctioned breed organizations. However, what America does have is a tradition of very determined individuals - or entrepreneurs, if you will - whose very determination

and will often prevail in the show arena.

All said, I think the USA is very well positioned to continue its ascent in the field of dressage. And the RMDS can rightfully hold its head high as one of the most innovative and forward-thinking members of the USDF in terms of its commitment to education and the furthering of its members' goals.

Very few of us will ever attain international championship status as riders. But it is heartening to know that the foundation upon which such accomplishments are achievable are here and that the contributions of the individuals in the RMDS are making such goals a reality for riders who strive to be the very best. We can all be proud of this club - and we can all add to its success with our own efforts throughout the year.

*Gavin Ehringer, editor*

## Region 5 Report

The agenda for Spring Executive Board meeting in April was online prior to the meeting that was held at the USDF National Education Center, in Lexington, KY. The agenda included an update on the Competition Standards, review of NA-JRYC criteria and qualifying competitions, and preparation for the 2008, 2009 and 2010 conventions. I will give you more details in my next regional message.

Lendon Gray has been appointed President and CEO of the Dressage Foundation effective September 1, 2008. In 2007 the Dressage Foundation awarded \$112,000 to further dressage education. 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 has \$800 per region available from the Dressage Foundation. Information about Lendon Gray and these grants are available on TDF website [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org).

USDF also has grant money 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 Conven-

tion, the Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund and the Youth Convention Scholarship, \$1000 and discounted registration.

USEF announced the Third Annual Youth Sportsman's Award. Nominations open May 1, 2008 and USDF forwards our nomination to USEF by October 31. The program is designed to recognize Youth (must be age 17 or under) who demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of the horse and serve as a role model for peers. Last year's winner was Kirstin Kimbler nominated by the American Endurance Ride Conference and the Arabian Horse Association. She received \$1000 scholarship and lifetime membership to USEF valued at \$2500 among other things. Its not too early to start looking at the criteria on the USEF website. I am sure we have Youth in our region that are deserving of this award.

Happy Riding!

*Theresa Hunt*  
Region 5 Director



## Editor's Page

### *From the desk of RMDS President Laura Speer*

Well, here we are again at the start of another busy summer season. If you are like me and the high fuel prices and slumping economy are making you cut your summer showing plans a little short, there are always other ways to stay involved in the dressage community.

I know I am always asking you to volunteer, but until you start organizing these events yourself, you truly don't know how much the volunteers are appreciated and needed to make everything happen. I've been able to help at a few of our RMDS sponsored events—like the Winter Wake Up and the January 'r' Judges show—plus I spent a few hours at the High Plains Chapter booth at the horse expo. The more I get down into the trenches with the hard working members, the more I realize that we need more volunteers. If you have time, please help and support the members who are out there trying to keep these events going!

A few more exciting events where you can volunteer are the NAYRC Championships July 29 through August 3 at the

Colorado Horse Park. This should be exciting and a great way to support this country's best young riders in all disciplines. If you can help, please contact the volunteer coordinator Kristi Wysocki at [sk.wysocki@att.com](mailto:sk.wysocki@att.com).

If you read the pages of last month's Centaur carefully, you probably saw the announcement that Kyra Kirkland will be here in Denver during the convention in December. You know what I'm going to say here—we need volunteers for both the convention and the symposium! Yours truly will be the volunteer coordinator for the convention and our ever faithful, Heather Petersen, will be coordinating the volunteers for the symposium. Keep the 3-7 of December on your calendars and plan on attending!

For the past year and a half, Gavin Ehringer has been the editor of The Centaur. Last fall, he moved to Mexico to help run a restaurant in a paradise of a place, Yelapa, Jalisco.

That means that he has been going back and forth between Colorado and Mexico,

trying to keep tabs on businesses in both places.

It would be a big burden off his shoulders if someone would take the volunteer position of editing The Centaur. Please write to Gavin at [gavinehringer@earthlink.net](mailto:gavinehringer@earthlink.net) if this is something that you might like to do. It mostly entails spending a few hours a month tracking down articles and then organizing them for the next issue. Good for anyone who wants to get a little publishing experience and credit on their resume.

The last thing I want to remind everyone about this month is to try to attend your local chapter meetings and events. Your chapter presidents and members spend a lot of their time arranging these meetings. It is very disheartening to plan a meeting or special event for the members of your chapter and have little or no people show up. Attending the meetings is a good place to start with being involved and having a say as to what is happening in your chapter.

With forward thoughts,  
*Laura Speer, RMDS President*



*Spring training: Frances Carbonnel and one of her client's Andalusian stallions in the warmup arena. Photo: Gavin Ehringer*

# Enter At “A”: Notes for Novices by Grace Maddox

I am sure by now that most of you have heard about a proposal to change standards for moving up the competitive levels of dressage. As the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is the governing body for internationally recognized horse sport in the US, the Federation will have the final say on the adoption of these standards. The United States Dressage Federation, the organization with which many of us have a closer relationship, has input into this process through the USEF Dressage Committee. This committee reads like a “Who’s Who” of US dressage riders, judges, instructors and trainers.

Nineteen people sit on 12 sub-committees that address clinics, rules, judge education, and so on. The (USEF Dressage) Performance Standards Sub-Committee is the one working on the proposed standards changes. The chair of this eight-member committee is Janet Foy and its members are

Jayne Ayers, Sam Barish, Jan Ebeling, Lisa Gorretta, Marianne Ludwig, Debbie McDonald and Axel Steiner.

Like many of you, I first heard about these proposed changes in late December 2007. The proposal appeared in my email inbox and I was besieged by commentary from left, right and center. I had no idea of what was going on, so I began investigating. I quickly learned that the proposal changes nothing at the lower levels of our sport. It only kicks in for riders competing at Third Level and above. Since I may never ride at Third Level, this all seemed to me rather theoretical at first. However, I was intrigued by the Standards Committee’s goal of designing a system similar to those in place in Europe. Since dressage and horse sport in general is much more popular in with the public in Europe and they have a much longer history with dressage, I decided to educate myself.

According to what I have read, the rule change proposal came from the sub-committee’s concern over two is-

1) the welfare of the horses and 2) riders’ ineffective (sometimes bordering on abusive) aids. I believe that these two issues may have gotten lost in the furor when this proposal was announced. I also believe that had the USEF Dressage Committee kept USDF members informed of their plans, this would not have come as such a surprise and there would have been far less backlash. It has come to my attention that many judges, show organizers and others have known that this proposal was in the works for some time—a couple of years or more. Many of the rest of us (including me) felt as if we had been ambushed. Surprise is rarely a good marketing tactic.

The rule change proposal (December 2007 version) “preamble” states: “After gathering comments and feedback for several years from officials and exhibitors, the USEF Dressage committee would like to implement a system of rider qualification through the dressage levels called ‘Performance Standards’. This system, in-

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“r”	Recorded	Training-Second	“I”	International	All Levels
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Anita Owen.....303-953-9904		Sarah Martin * .....719-379-3716	Deeda Randle (WY) - R...307-638-6737		Bridget Milnes .....303-660-4986
<b>USEF ‘R’</b>		Kathleen Mayger* .....970-310-8729	Catherine Siemiet - r .....719-942-5311		Kristi Wysocki .....303-648-9877
Janet “Dolly” Hannon.....303-919-4112		Linda Ohlson-Gross * .....303-840-9818	Dianne Stanley - r (MT) - 406-652-4061		<b>USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS</b>
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Amy Jablonovsky .....970-493-2833		Maria Wasson .....303-682-9594	Rusty Cook .....505-877-1456		Loma Fowler .....303-841-0417
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spired by existing European models, would only apply for riders competing at Third Level and above beginning in the 2010 [now 2011] competition year. The mission of Performance Standards is to fully prepare riders with positive competitive experiences in order to be able to successfully move up the levels, while supporting the welfare of the horse." The beginning date changed in January 2008, when USEF tabled the proposal for one year. USEF President David O'Connor stated, "This was an important first step. We look forward to seeing the specific proposals as they are further developed." The USEF takes up the proposal again at their January 2009 annual meeting. The Sub-Committee then has two years to refine the rule changes and present them for USEF approval. The changes will not go into effect until 2011.

The first part of the proposal names the Levels as Basic (Training – Second), Medium (Third & Fourth), Advanced (Prix St. George & Intermediare I) and International (Intermediare II & Grand Prix).

The second part of the proposal is the one that caused most of the uproar last December. The proposal is to use a point system for riders who wish to compete at Third Level and above at USEF/USDF or FEI competitions to qualify to do so. Included in the qualifying verbiage are grandfathering and appeals processes. Because of space limitations, I cannot include all the details here. I ask you to read the print and online resources below if you are not already familiar with the proposed point system.

The reasons that the Dressage Committee felt compelled to act, according to information that I have gathered, is that there are quite a number of competitors who do not understand the correct use of the double bridle and do not use the classical aids effectively. [I am certainly one of these people at present.] One popular way to move up the levels in recent years is to buy a school master, score 58% or 60% at the current level, then move up to the next level. This is often possible to do because of the quality of the horse and his gaits, despite the lack of skills of the rider. [Before you

inundate me with email, I am not stating an opinion, just re-stating the opinions of many riders, instructors, trainers and judges. I cannot verify the accuracy of this; I am just passing on feedback from people I know and respect.] As Jennifer Bryant, editor of the USDF Connection wrote last month, "It's hard to argue against sparing our equine partners the disharmonious, painful-to-watch tests at which we've all cringed. (However, it's also hard to argue that all top competitive dressage riders are automatically good and humane, by virtue of their medals and winnings.)" I think she sums it up well.

I encourage each of you—no matter whether you compete, no matter what level you ride—to read up on this issue. I have offered a few resources of news below and there is much more out there. There are a number of chat forums where you can hear the array of opinions from the US dressage community. The rule change proposal will greatly change dressage in the US for years to come. Do the stated problems warrant the proposed changes? Do you believe that the changes will effectively address the problems? If you think solutions do not correctly address the problems, what do YOU think will address them? [I know, I know; who has the time to track all this down? But it is important. Just as with any other government, an informed public/membership ensures the best interests of the group as a whole.]

The good news is that USEF Dressage Performance Standards Sub-Committee will soon be asking you to voice your opinions via surveys it will release in May 2008. In an email addressed to me and dated 4/8/2008, Janet Foy, Chair of the Performance Standards Sub-Committee wrote:

The Dressage Committee has the latest draft [of the survey] ready to go. We will distribute this draft to all GMO Presidents and PM delegates as well as Regional Directors. It will be their job to distribute it to their 'constituency'. There will also be an electronic survey that USDF members will be asked to take. This survey will then electronically tabulate the response and feedback for the Dressage Com-

mittee. This should be out within the next 30 days.

I think that all the USDF members who gave us feedback and ideas in the past few months will be happy to see that many of their ideas have been incorporated into the latest draft.

Janet Foy

This is a great step toward including RMDS and USDF members in this important decision-making process. I congratulate the committee on getting these surveys done in such a short time and look forward to completing them.

Please note that the Dressage Committee and Performance Standards Sub-Committee members are not currently accepting letters, emails or calls right now. Please study the issue and make sure to fill out the surveys. That will be the most efficient method of providing USEF with your feedback.

#### RESOURCES:

Current text of the proposal:  
<http://www.vadach.org/2010PerformanceStandard.pdf>

Article on *Dressage Daily* (1/9/2008)  
site:[http://www.dressagedaily.com/2008/dd\\_200801/dd\\_20080109a-usef.html](http://www.dressagedaily.com/2008/dd_200801/dd_20080109a-usef.html)

Press release (1/15/08) from USDF:  
<http://www.usdf.org/press/news/view-news.asp?news=211>

See "A Change is Gonna Come," the column by Jennifer O. Bryant, Editor of the USDF Connection, March 2008, p.8 and "USEF Tables Dressage Qualifying Rule Proposal," March 2008, p. 12.

See also "Sparks Fly Over Performance Standards," by Debra Reinhardt in *Dressage Today*, April 2008, pp. 30-33.

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# Chapter News

## Arkansas Valley Dressage Assoc.

April 5th was the first of the River Walk Schooling Show Series. It was a beautiful day with over 30 rides. The classes consisted of the typical dressage classes but included Western Dressage, Prix Caprilli, and Sport Horse in hand.

We had many breeds from ponies to warm bloods and riders of all ages. We really enjoyed our young rider participants. It's so refreshing to see young people in the dressage sport. Riders came from several areas, including Fairplay, Buena Vista, Salida, Colorado City, Pueblo, Colorado Springs and all our surrounding communities.

Beth Geier was the judge. She was fun and supportive and made it a pleasant experience for the beginners, as well as those more seasoned. Concessions were available through Coyote Den, with pastries, sandwiches, burritos and more.

Some of the volunteers had never even been to a dressage show, but they stepped up to the plate and kept it running smoothly. We want to give them a big thank you for their help. We have since received several Kudos for a

job well done, expressing enthusiasm for dressage activity on this side of Colorado!

We look forward the next two shows May 3rd and June 7th. It's going to be a great year!

## Colorado Springs Dressage Assoc.

Colorado Springs Dressage is please to announce that the Dressage at the Peak II Summer show in Estes Park is now an official Qualifying Competition for the 2008 Markel/USEF Young Horse Dressage National Championships (4, 5 & 6-year-olds), and for the 2008 USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship (7-9 year-olds at the PSG level). An updated prize list with these classes will be available at [www.csdressage.org](http://www.csdressage.org). If you have any questions concerning these classes, please contact Heather Petersen at [slush@drwgw.net](mailto:slush@drwgw.net) or 719.683.8435.

## Grand Valley Dressage Assoc.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the spring schooling shows. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed

having you! A very special thanks to our volunteers. Without you, there would be no shows. It takes a lot of organizing and hard work and dedication on everyone's part to pull off these shows.

We have two more shows coming up in May. And we are looking for more of you to step up and help. We need a barn manager, office help, etc. If you have never done these jobs before and are reluctant to volunteer, we can partner you up with someone who does have the experience and it won't seem so intimidating. The bottom line is, no volunteers, no shows. So please let us know what you would like to do. If you were a volunteer, report and mail it to our post office box.

Thank you again for your support in the past - as well as the future.

One last note: the RIDE program for the disabled is in need of English saddles and children's English saddles. The saddles must be in good condition so that they are comfortable for students. Please contact Dee Stiers at 970-876-2987.

Kathy Sasso, GVDS Show Secretary

## NAJYRC 2008

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# Chapter News

## Penrose Chapter

There will be a "Drop In" Dressage ride a test at Julie Burt's new facility in Penrose on April 26th and then again on May 24th. It will be a fun day with the opportunity to desensitize young horses or get up to speed for the show season. We are extremely appreciative of Julie's generosity in hosting this event at her new facility.

Meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact Sally Strom for times and locations. 719/275-5162.

Sharon Ghilarducci

## Tri-State Dressage

Our first Schooling Show of the season held on April 5th & 6th went well despite the wind and the cold and the brush fire across the street and the fire trucks with sirens screaming. Needless to say, this was a little much to expect of the horses doing tests in the outdoor 20x60m arena. There were two rides left that required the large arena. One scratched and the other opted to ride the test in the 20x40m indoor arena. The rest of the day was great, nothing like an indoor arena to fix all the weather issues and the Firefighters to put out the blaze, luckily none of horses

living in the pasture were the fire was were injured and no structures were burned. The Clinic held the next day went very well, full day of rides and no wind. I would like to thank the Show Management and all the volunteers that worked the show and Central Wyoming College Equine Center for the use of their facility.

We have three more schooling shows / clinics scheduled and our Free Youth and Beginner

Adult Clinic, to introduce dressage to youth and there parents of our area along with two afternoons this month scheduled for membership drive / group rides.

Come join us with our educational and fun adventures in Dressage.

Tammy Fagan, Tri-State President

## Northern Colorado Dressage Assoc.

NCDA is gearing up for our June 14-15 Rocky Mountain Classic show in Cheyenne at the Larimer County Community College. This is our big annual RMDS/USDF/USEF show that is now back in the newly remodeled LCCC facility. We are looking forward to enjoying the improvements! As always, we

are planning a super show with friendly people so plan on showing at this one. If you are not showing, volunteers are greatly appreciated. Please contact Susie Reed at 970-416-7831.

This also hails the last year that Jane Donnelly will be the show secretary. We are looking for bids for show secretary for 2009. If you are interested, please contact Laura Speer at 970-330-7233 for details.

Laura Speer, NCDA President

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# 2008 Shows & Events

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- 1-4 Ralf Schmitzer of Germany-Clinic-Whispering Winds Farm**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com
- 3 Riverwalk Series Schooling Show-Pathfinder Park, Florence**  
Contact Brenda Haley 719-369-2421 or Karen Randall 719-275-4220 or go to www.horsetop.net
- 4 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1, Longmont.**  
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 8-11 Ralf Schmitzer of Germany-Clinic-Franktown**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com
- 9 Grand Valley Spring Show #1, Grand Junction-USEF**  
Contact Lisa Binse 970-243-8543
- 10 8th Heaven Farms Spring Starter Series #3-Castle Rock.**  
Contact Beverly Swanson 303-584-9904 eightheavenhorses@yahoo.com
- 10-11 Grand Valley Spring Show #2, Grand Junction-USEF.**  
Contact Lisa Binse 970-243-8543
- 13 Janet Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**  
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn
- 16-17 Bent Jensen Clinic - Wild Wind Farm, Elizabeth**  
Contact Anne Edelman 303-228-1684 aedelman@edelmanlawfirm.com
- 17 Cheyenne Schooling Show - Dressage & X Country**  
Contact Rowena Heckert 307-632-4151 rheckert@msn.com
- 17 Dressage for the Cure, Littleton.**  
Contact Tara Hieb 303-619-5101 tara@cottonwoodridingclub.com
- 18 Foothills Spring Dressage Show, Golden.**  
Contact Aimee Edwards 720-981-0996 aimeeedwards@msn.com
- 18 Dressage Schooling Show-Stone Gate Ranch**  
Contact Miriam White 970-430-0181 mimiwhite54@hotmail.com
- 17-18 Paul Belasik Classical Dressage Clinic, Grand Junction.**  
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@paonia.com
- 23 Dressage in the Plains #1, Peyton-USEF.**  
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 24 Photographing Horses for Amateurs w/Carol Walker, 8th Heaven Farms**  
Contact Beverly Swanson 303-688-5727 info@8thheavenhorses.com
- 24-25 Dressage in the Plains #2, Peyton-USEF.**  
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 24-25 Sabine Kallas Clinic - Huntley, Montana**  
Contact Barbara Ramlow, 406-348-2280 crkside@nemontel.net
- 27 Janet Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**  
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn/
- 27-28 Loma Fowler Clinic - Circle Back Farm, Berthoud**  
Contact Loni Gaudet 985-966-3832 loniguadet@earthlink.net
- 5/30-6/1 Grand Valley Memorial Show, Grand Junction-USEF.**  
Contact Lisa Binse 970-243-8543

- 31 Mariah Farms Schooling Show.** Mariah Farms, Castle Rock.  
Contact: Lisa Lamke (303)660-2456, llamke@msn.com

## JUNE 2008

- 5 Riverwalk Series Schooling Show-Pathfinder Park, Florence**  
Contact Brenda Haley 719-369-2421 or Karen Randall 719-275-4220 or go to www.horsetop.net
- 6 Dressage at High Prairie #1, Parker-USEF-YR Qualifier**  
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 7 Dressage at High Prairie #2-Parker, USEF-YR Qualifier**  
USDFBC Sport Horse Competition  
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 8 Dressage at High Prairie #3, Parker-USEF-YR Qualifier**  
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 10 Janet Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**  
Contact Jody 303-646-9520 www.geocities.com/ingolfn
- 14-15 NCDA Rocky Mountain Classic - Cheyenne, WY**  
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775 denty20@msn.com
- 14-15 Millbrook Farms Dressage Show-Lehi, UT USEF**  
Contact Jan Lawrence 801-768-8739 millbrk@xmission.com
- 14-15 Black Hills Dressage Classic, Rapid City, SD USEF**  
Contact Eve Vavra 605-267-2407, www.sddressagesociety.com
- 15 Centaur Rising Dressage Show I - Pine - RMDS**  
Contact Kristin Cooper, 303-838-5086.
- 20 Sage Creek Dressage #1, Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier**  
Contact Alison Childs 435-640-3287
- 21 Sage Creek Dressage #2, Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier**  
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- 24 Janet Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**  
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- 28 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #1, Longmont-USEF-YR Qualifier.**  
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- 28 Cottonwood Riding Club Schooling Show - Littleton**  
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- 29 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #2, Longmont-USEF-YR Qualifier**  
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 29-7/2 RMDS Junior Dressage Camp, 8th Heaven Equestrian Facility**  
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- 12 Taka Chi Dressage Summer RMDS Show- Blanca**  
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- 13 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #2, Longmont**  
Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 17-20 Boulder Valley Adult Clinic (see advertisement in this issue)**  
Autumn Hill Farm, Contact Barbara Goldman.
- 18 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm Up, Estes Park USEF**  
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- 19-20 Dressage at the Peak II Summer Show, Estes Park USEF**  
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- 20 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show 1 - Pine - RMDS**  
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- 25 **Sage Creek Dressage #3**, Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier  
Contact Alison Childs 435-640-3287
- 26 **Sage Creek Dressage #4**, Charleston, UT USEF YR Qualifier  
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- 26 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #3**, Longmont-USEF  
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- 27 **Autumn Hill Dressage Festival #4**, Longmont-USEF  
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- 29-8/3 **Platinum NAJYRC Championships**, Parker.  
Contact USDF 859-971-2277  
VOLUNTEERS: Kristi Wysocki, sk.wysocki@att.net,  
303-648-9877
- AUGUST 2008**
- 2-3 **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Open Show**, Cheyenne-USEF.  
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- 8 **Dressage in the Rockies #1**, Parker-USEF  
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554
- 9 **Dressage in the Rockies #2**, Parker-USEF  
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- 10 **Dressage in the Rockies #3**, Parker-USEF  
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- 16-17 **Dressage at Sun Prairie**, USDFBC Sport Horse Competition Peyton-USEF Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 16-17 **Paul Belasik Classical Dressage Clinic**-Grand Junction  
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@paonia.com
- 17 **Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3**, Longmont. Contact Contact Camille Griffin 719-488-2812 camillegriffin@msn.com
- 22 **Paragon Dressage I**, Parker-USEF  
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 23 **Paragon Dressage II**, Parker-USEF  
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 24 **Paragon Dressage III** Parker - USEF  
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- 23-24 **USEF "r"-Paragon Dressage, Parker.** Contact Heather Petersen  
719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net
- 23 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #1**, USEF  
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- 24 **Utah Dressage Society Annual Show #2**, USEF  
Contact Eva-Marie Adolphi 801-254-3247
- 24 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show 1 - Pine - RMDS**  
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- 30 **2008 Dressage Classic Boulder Valley/Meadow Creek**, Erie  
Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718
- 30 **Aspen Ridge Schooling Show**, Monument.  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com
- 31 **Aspen Ridge RMDS Dressage Show**, Monument.  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 wjsimone@msn.com
- SEPTEMBER 2008**
- 5 **RMIHC All-Breed Dressage Show - Castle Rock**  
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- 6 **Pendragon Stud RMDS Dressage Show**, Larkspur  
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- 6 **Grand Valley Dressage Fall Show**, Grand Junction-USEF  
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- 7 **Western Slope Championships & Open Show**  
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- 6-7 **Boulder Valley/Meadow Creek Dressage Classic #2**, Erie.  
Contact Sarah Barnes 303-817-2783
- 13-14 **Biomechanics Symposium - J Ashton Moore - Durango**  
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- 14 **Foothills Last Chance Show**, Golden  
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- 20 **Cottonwood Riding Club Show - Littleton**  
Contact Tara 303-791-7656 www.cottonwoodridingclub.com
- 25 **Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Championships & Qualifying Open Breed Show-USEF**  
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- 26-28 **RMDS Championships & Open Show**, Parker-USEF  
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- OCTOBER 2008**
- 11-12 **Milbrook Farms Autumn Dressage Show**, Lehi, Utah-USEF  
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- 31-11/2 **Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional V Dressage Championship**-Scottsdale, AZ  
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- DECEMBER 2008**
- 3-7 **USDF Convention - Denver**  
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- 6-7 **Adequan/USDF National Symposium \* - Kyra Kyrklund - Denver** Contact USDF www.usdf.org 859-971-2277
- SEPTEMBER 2009**
- 24 **Rocky Mountain Sport Horse Breeding Championships & Qualifying Open Breed Show-USEF**  
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- 25-27 **RMDS Championships and Open Show**, Parker-USEF  
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**These events depend upon volunteers. If you can help, please contact the event organizer.**

**\* Symposium volunteers contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435, slush@drwg.net**

# Trainer Tips with Sarah Martin

## Tips every rider should know for horse shows

Preparing a week ahead of time:

1. Know your test [s] by memory.
2. Visualize them daily. In bed before you get up is excellent- picture the arena where you will be, and ride through every detail of every movement in your mind. When you feel a place where your horse stiffens or is reluctant to move with you, go back and re ride that piece until your horse feels cooperative. This is only an indicator of where in your mind you are not absolutely clear on how to ride the movement or the feel of that part of the test. Start this at least a week ahead as it will give you good insights on what you need to work on with your horse when you do ride.
3. Draw your test so you are absolutely sure of your geometry and touch points.
4. KNOW your geometry and letters!
5. Pick up your coat from the drycleaners.
6. Be sure your show boots still fit. Ride in them.
7. Do major cleaning projects well ahead- thorough tack cleaning, polish boots, bathing and clipping your

horse- then just touch everything up the day before.

8. Make equipment changes at home- ride in your new bridle, new girth, new pad, new gloves, new hat- anything new- at least once to be sure that it works and is adjusted correctly.
9. Plan your time frame. Take your ride time and work backwards- warm up, tacking, grooming, braiding, feeding, walking, perhaps lunging, driving from wherever you start the day. Add an hour.
10. Know your goal. Commit to it and write it down, and review it daily. You may not accomplish your goal and then criticize yourself for what did not get accomplished. Make your goal and stick to it!
11. For young horses or the first time riding a test on a horse who has not shown with us before our goals go like this:

- A] First time in, complete the pattern
- B] Second time in, complete the pattern with the ability to OBSERVE what needs improving
- C] Third time and forward, complete the pattern and make corrections

as you go- train the test as you ride it. 12. Create and maintain a list of what you need for the show. Keep it posted in your trailer, in your tack box and at your house. If you show a lot, gradually develop a complete set of gear that only goes to the show. Clean it as soon as you return and have it waiting for next time.

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This year's JR/YR Camp will be held on June 29, 30, July 1,2 ; at 8th Heaven Farms in Castle Rock, Colorado. K.C. Parkins-Kyle will act as director of the camp. If you would like to attend, this year's cost is \$275 per camper,

This year we will be staying in two person tents. (If weather is poor, indoor option is available). We will ride 2 times daily: One lesson, one fun ride. Three meals a day, tons of informational sessions, and a fun horse show on the last day. Take care of your own horse by cleaning his stall, feeding, watering, etc.... Ages 10-18, boys or girls who ride and can bring a horse. The lease of school horse optional if your horse isn't quite ready yet. (Call K.C. for details).

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Address of director: K.C. Parkins-Kyle, 2870 Flintwood Rd., Franktown, CO 80116. Phone: (303) 841-9953

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Other #: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit check # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Boulder Valley Dressage Adult Camp

July 17-20, 2008 Autumn Hill Farm

**Opening Date May 1 - Closing date May 31st**

**Cost for Boulder Valley Members \$325 /non members \$350.00**

Boulder Valley Dressage is hosting an adult dressage camp at Autumn Hill Farm on July 17th-20th. This camp is designed for both the beginner and FEI rider due to the experience of both clinicians.

The three day camp will feature instructors Ida Anderson, and Kristen Aggers. Ida is a USEF(S) Judge, FEI competitor, and an enthusiastic and articulate teacher. Kristen is an FEI level competitor who focuses on creating a successful and harmonious partnership between horse and rider. Please feel free to check out their websites: [www.dressageclinics.com](http://www.dressageclinics.com) and [www.kristenaggersdressage.com](http://www.kristenaggersdressage.com).

Horses will arrive on Thursday evening, and campers will enjoy an orientation social. Each rider will have 2 days of 2 lessons on Friday and Saturday and finish up on Sunday with an educational and fun event. Each evening a dressage related lecture will be given. The camp participants will eat all meals together and stable their horses right at the facility. Camp tuition includes stabling, all meals and beverages. Campers will need to provide their own shavings (3-4 bags).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

home phone \_\_\_\_\_ work phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

horses name \_\_\_\_\_ sex \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Levels shown \_\_\_\_\_ currently taking lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require lodging? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have special dietary requirements? \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies?? \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the completed form with the **NON REFUNDABLE** deposit of \$150.00 to:

Barbara Goldman  
1300 Olympian Circle  
Lafayette, CO 80026

Camp entries will be accepted by the order of the postmark date on the letter. The first 16 spaces will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. All Boulder Valley members applying by the closing date will be given priority. Campers accepted for the clinic will be contacted by phone. A confirmation letter will be sent 1 week after the closing date with a detailed camp schedule and questionnaire. If there is space, second horses will be welcome when all other entries are accepted.

# **ATTENTION**

## **JUNIORS AND YOUNG RIDERS**

With the 2008 NAJYRC approaching, we are diligently working on earning the funds required for both our Junior and Young Rider teams. People throughout the Region are already working hard on fundraising. Food concessions have been successful. Get involved--spend time with your fellow Jr/YR's! Here are some upcoming dates for fundraising events that you can take advantage of and do your share:

April 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, Sat. & Sun. @ 8th Heaven Farm

April 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Sat. & Sun. @ Autumn Hill - Terri Gallo Clinic - Breakfast & Lunch concessions

April 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat. & Sun. @ Cactus Creek Ranch - Dressage at the Peak Horse Show –  
Breakfast & Lunch Concessions

May 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday @ 8<sup>th</sup> Heaven Farm - RMDS Show – Lunch Concessions

A special “Thank You” to all of the facilities and event management  
for allowing the Jr/YR's the opportunity to raise funds!

Also, “Thank You” to all of the Jr./Young Riders that have already volunteered:

Morgan Heinrichs, Devon Wycoff,  
Hannah Lewis, Jessica Sheppard,  
Rachael Motsinger, Kailey DeVore,  
Lauren Rudman and Caroline Schenk .

Please call Susan Rudman, 303-697-8528 to volunteer. Enjoy your time volunteering and appreciate the opportunity to come to know everyone. You don't need be a Jr/YR intending for the NAJYRC in 2008. This offers a great opportunity to become aware of what it means to be involved such a prestigious Championship!

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# Tug of War: Highlights of a clinic with Dr. Gerd Heuschmann

By Dawn Fisher

On April 4th I flew to Utah to immerse myself in the work of Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, author of "Tug of War: Classical versus 'Modern' Dressage." After recently reading his book, I had to see for myself the methods employed to keep dressage horses sound and by using 'classical techniques' given to us by the old masters.

Dr. Heuschmann's veterinary specialty is equine orthopedics; lameness and biomechanics are his specialty. Combined with his riding knowledge as 'Pferdewirt' (professional rider and trainer) he's not your typical clinician. He gave answers to the many challenges we face when training our horses.

The morning started with a 3 hour presentation designed to teach us what to look for in the 8 demo riders/horses we'd watch during the clinic. Dr. Heuschmann's lecture included diagrams, photos and video clips explaining: basic equine anatomy, correct physiological training, training from a veterinarians view point and how to recognize correct and in-correct training.

He thoroughly explained the muscles and structure of the horses' back, neck and hind end to show how horses 'can' carry a rider.

My light bulb moment came in understanding the fact that the long muscles of the horses back are the strongest muscles used for movement and not for carrying. If the horse carries the rider with those muscles, they become tense rather than moving as they are intended for. This creates a horse with a dropped back, croup high and not coming through from behind. I've always understood that horses (by nature) weren't meant

to carry humans – but now it has a whole different meaning!

In another part of the lecture Dr. Heuschmann expanded upon the bone structure of the horse, specifically the spine, vertebrae and joints of the hind end. According to Heuschmann, one of the most important to be aware of are the neck vertebrae. If the neck muscles become contracted and short the neck vertebrae make the shape of a tight 'S'. When the horse stretches it's neck forward, down and out (as if grazing) it creates 'positive tension' in the neck ligament and triggers the long muscle in the back to rise and the 'S' shape becomes straighter. Only then will the important neck and back muscles strengthen and carry our weight without tension.

After the lecture we headed to the arena with Dr. Heuschmann to watch how this all played out in the demo horses. Now we get to see this put into action! The demo horses were of all sizes, breeds and training... from a 16 year old Morgan mare competing at PSG to 4 year old Arab previously ridden saddle-seat.

Watching Dr. Heuschmann ride was a different experience. His goal was to get the horses' back up and allow the neck to stretch forward into the contact. Effectiveness was a priority and he used very simple techniques to achieve it. First, give room to the horses' long back muscles to move and come up by using a 'light seat'. Second, use leg yielding in walk and trot to cross the hind legs which helps raise the back. Third, allow the horse to stretch his neck forward, down and out toward the contact. And, last but not least, allow the horse to go forward in

canter to utilize back and stomach muscles.

All the horses improved remarkably each day. By the end of the clinic some were moving 100% better than they did on the first day! Correct riding means the horse continues to move through the back as you pursue more difficult movements.

Dr. Heuschmann is kind, conscientious and different from other clinicians I've experienced. He continually made the comment to be 'friendly with your hands and seat' - but not passive, and noted positive aspects of each ride. He rode in 'light seat' most of the time since the horses weren't used to his weight. He encouraged riders to reward the horse by letting them stretch for a moment and when the rider got a good feeling, he'd ask them to take a small break as a reward.

Amazingly, after only 3 days with Dr. Heuschmann I've been able to simplify everything I've learned over the past 30 years!

Dr. Heuschmann asks that we support correct training of horses whether they are for competition or not. We can preserve our horses physically and mentally by understanding structure and bio-mechanics and training with true classical principles.

My hope is that all riders, trainers and teachers develop an 'awareness' and concern for these training aspects regardless of their aspirations.

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## 2008 DRESSAGE Schooling Show series!

March 29<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Closing dates are the Monday prior to each show date.**

**This show will offer tests Introductory through First level only! Simply fill out the application below and we will have times available by phone and on the website by the Wednesday before the show. When you get to the show simply tell the judge what test(s) you would like to ride.**

### RULES:

1. Absolutely **NO DOGS** allowed.
  2. Warm up/schooling: Schooling will be allowed in show arena from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M. Schooling will be allowed to show participants only. Warm up will be available all day in designated arenas only. All riders must use caution at all times while riding but especially while in the warm up arena.
  3. Classes will begin at 9:00 A.M.
  4. Informal riding attire is acceptable, however snow boots and T-shirts will not be allowed. All horses must be in proper English attire, according to RMDS rules, boots and wraps will be accepted
  5. Any and all changes are \$10
  6. LATE FEE any entries received after the closing date will be assessed a \$10 late fee.
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**ENTRIES:** Each test is \$10 and there is a \$10 office fee. All entries need to be sent with a check for the proper amount

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given through 6<sup>th</sup> place and three riders must ride that test in order for awards to be given.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Santa Fe and C470, go south on Santa Fe to Titan road (roughly 4 miles) and go west (2 miles) to Roxborough park road take a right and our driveway is the first left. Follow the signs for trailer parking.

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Name of Rider \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_

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I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Cottonwood Riding Club, and all employees and volunteers from any liability relating to accidents, injury, theft, or damage to me or anyone else associated with me, including animal, and children under my care. This release shall bind heirs, my assigns and me. Warning! Under Colorado Law, an equine professional is NOT liable for any injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities pursuant to section 13-21-120.

Signature of Rider or Parent or Guardian, if under 18yrs \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to ride in (circle as many as you like):	Intro A	Training 1	First 1
	Intro B	Training 2	First 2
		Training 3	First 3
		Training 4	First 4

## Tri-State Dressage

### 2008 Schooling Show Series and Clinic Schedule

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Schooling Show # 1 - Central Wyoming College Equine Center Judge: Barbara Bell  
Show Manager: Darlene Vaughan [popoagieranch@hotmail.com](mailto:popoagieranch@hotmail.com)

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Clinic with Barbara Bell - Central Wyoming College Equine Center  
Clinic Manager: Tammy Fagan [tfagan@wyoming.com](mailto:tfagan@wyoming.com)

April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun) – Tri-State Membership Drive and Free Group Ride - CWC Equine Center  
from Noon – 3pm  
Manager: Joyce Hazlewood [thehazlewoods@wyoming.com](mailto:thehazlewoods@wyoming.com)

April 19<sup>th</sup> – Tri-State Youth and Beginner Adult Free Programmed Ride / Dressage Clinic -  
CWC Equine Center  
Clinic Manager: Tammy Fagan [tfagan@wyoming.com](mailto:tfagan@wyoming.com)

April 20<sup>th</sup> (Sun) - Tri-State Membership Drive and Free Group Ride - CWC Equine Center  
from Noon – 3pm  
Manager: Joyce Hazlewood [thehazlewoods@wyoming.com](mailto:thehazlewoods@wyoming.com)

May 17<sup>th</sup> Schooling Show # 2 - Fremont County Fair Grounds – Judge: TBA  
Show Manager: Darlene Vaughan [popoagieranch@hotmail.com](mailto:popoagieranch@hotmail.com)

May 18<sup>th</sup> Clinic – TBA  
Clinic Manager: Tammy Fagan [tfagan@wyoming.com](mailto:tfagan@wyoming.com)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sun) Schooling Show # 3 - Fremont County Fair Grounds – Judge: Marina Murray  
Show Manager: Darlene Vaughan [popoagieranch@hotmail.com](mailto:popoagieranch@hotmail.com)

June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Mon) Clinic with Marina Murray – Bebout’s Indoor Arena  
Clinic Manager: Tammy Fagan [tfagan@wyoming.com](mailto:tfagan@wyoming.com)

July 25<sup>th</sup> (Fri) Fremont County Fair Open Dressage Show / Schooling Show # 4 - Fremont  
County Fair Grounds – Judge: Marina Murray  
Show Manager: Darlene Vaughan [popoagieranch@hotmail.com](mailto:popoagieranch@hotmail.com)

July 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Clinic with Marina Murray – Bebout’s Indoor Arena  
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