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## Collective Marks Boost Show Score

### *Don't Ignore Back Page of Test*

By Linda Gaber

*Linda Gaber is 2012-2014 Centaur Editor and RMDS Communications Chair.*

The Collective Marks on the back of every 2015 USEF test score sheet are “all about if the horse and rider’s basics are there.”

This is Colorado-based instructor Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez’s advice for 31 judge candidates and auditors for scoring gaits, impulsion, submission, rider’s position and seat, and rider’s correct and effective use of the aids on a dressage test.

Her audience traveled from their homes in North Carolina, Utah, Montana, Texas, Minnesota and Colorado to Castle Rock, CO, in March to attend the RMDS-sponsored program. This is the final portion of the A – C ‘L’ judge training series. She is a ‘S’ dressage judge, Sport Horse Breeding judge and USDF ‘L’ Faculty member.



*Prospective judges and auditors listen to Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez at Iron Horse Farms*

Her other topics focused on the principles of equitation, rider biomechanics, basics and freestyle. Only the judge candidates will participate in written, oral and practical testing to become new judges.

“The role of the judge is to correctly place a horse/rider pair in their class based on classical training principles,” she said to start her morning classroom segment. This evaluation by a judge promotes correct development of horses and riders, uniformly assesses their basics performing every movement, enhances the quality of the sport of dressage and upholds the standards of dressage, she said. To help judges do this, USEF test development committee members devised Collective Marks scoring categories to address these dressage principles.

Here are the desired characteristics of the Collective Marks: (Bold is text on the score sheet.)

**Gaits – Freedom and regularity.** Range of motion, scope, reach, elasticity, amplitude, regularity. Most often a horse’s walk brings a score down. Lack of rhythm is a problem.

**Impulsion – Desire to move forward, elasticity of steps, suppleness of the back, engagement of the hindquarters.** Horse’s desire to move forward, willingness to move forward, elasticity of steps. Horse must use his back.

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## President's Message

So Spring is officially here and as usual Colorado brought us variations of weather in April.

May brings that time of year where we must get our horse schedules organized. I am proud to announce that members are having to make choices on which clinic or show to attend. This means that the RMDS Calendar is full of so many opportunities. Train, Show or Play..... such a difficult decision to make when we think about spending more time with our beautiful horses.

As I write this I am anticipating a wonderful trip to Las Vegas to see the 2015 World Cup. I already know many RMDS members will be there. Hopefully one of you will be willing to write an article about your experience. As a judge and trainer I always look forward to watching the top riders and their horses. The level of communication and extraordinary brilliance they possess makes me smile.

The beginning of show season happened on April 11th at my home, Kaimana Farms in Elizabeth. Pikes Peak Dressage Society ran the show smoothly and had lots of fun in the process. Competitors had smiles on their faces and most of the horses



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

performed well. Since horses are full of their own ideas some riders had to meet the challenge of training.

Our first ever Professionals Symposium will be held this month at Iron Horse Farms on May 15th and

16th. Christoph Hess will be giving our trainers/instructors some much needed information and thoughts on working with their horses and the ability to pass it on to their clients. So I hope the trainers and instructors will find the time to take advantage of this special opportunity. Christoph Hess will also be available on Sunday the 17th to show the rest of the RMDS membership his technique.

Once again I stress the importance of members to participate in the educational opportunities that RMDS is providing. Education is why RMDS exists. Showing is also important, but only as a result of good education.

Looking forward to seeing everyone very soon!

*Aloha,*

*Gwen Ka'awaloa*

## Vice President's Message

Greetings RMDS Members! I am so excited about this show season. We are gearing up for a fantastic summer. The new Professional's Clinic will be held May 15-16 at Iron Horse Farm with Christoph Hess leading our trainer's session. Sarah Martin has agreed to moderate this event and will be helping with the discussion between trainers, as she has experience studying with Mr. Hess. In addition, we planned an all day clinic for May 17th for everyone to attend, and enjoy his amazing teaching expertise. Please send in your audit, or riding forms and join us for this great event.

I am looking forward to showing in the Colorado Springs area, and up in Estes this summer. We are so lucky



*Aline Brandau with her 8-year-old black Hanoverian "Aline's Sara" out of Simply Spruce Meadows bloodline.*

to have these wonderful shows and lovely venues in the mountains. I am building my new house out at my horse property, but I am still committed to riding, training and showing this summer. Seeing RMDS grow and flourish is one of the greatest motivators to keep studying and riding dressage. Please join us at our next meeting at Darcy's Irish Pub on Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30pm.

*See you there!*

*Aline Brandau*

## Pikes Peak Chapter

We would like to thank all those who are helping out, either in an official capacity, or, as a volunteer, at the Pikes Peak Dressage Society RMDS recognized Show at Kaimana Farm, Elizabeth. We are anticipating good weather and a great turn out of competitors! We are grateful to the many sponsors of prizes for this event, and a full report on the show will be in the next chapter report.

On the calendar for May 5th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., PPDS will host a Cinco de Mayo themed 'Shop 'til you Drop' Pot Luck at Bingo's Saddle Shop, 8th Street, Colorado Springs. This will be a social event, not a business meeting. We ask that each person who attends please bring a dish or dessert to share. Bingo's Saddle Shop has kindly offered to give 10% discount on each purchase, with 5% of the proceeds going to our Chapter. This event is not only for PPDS members, we invite anyone to join us, so come take advantage of reduced price riding attire, tack and horse related equipment, and have some Cinco De Mayo fun with us!

Our next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd June, 6:30 p.m., at the Olive Garden near Citadel Mall, Colorado Springs. We have enjoyed welcoming some new faces at our recent meetings. Our educational events planned throughout the summer are in the capable hands of our Education Chair, Nina Felsenthal, so check our website [www.pikespeakdressage.org](http://www.pikespeakdressage.org) for updates and information.

*Susan Borders,  
Pikes Peak Chapter President*

## GVDS Chapter

We have some events going on this year that may be of interest to others. Our club members have a growing interest in Western Dressage. We decided that when we hold our RMDS/UDS/USDF/USEF recognized show on the weekend of September 5 and 6, on Friday, September 5, the day before, we will hold a Western Dressage Only show. This will be a first for us. Our Judge for the long weekend will be Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and she has graciously offered part of her fourth day to teach lessons for a clinic. Every club member will be able to find an activity that weekend to interest them - either through entering, volunteering or spectating!

The other exciting news for us is having all our schooling and recognized shows in the newly completed second covered competition arena at the Mesa County Fairgrounds.

This second covered arena has great footing and its own warm up arena. The newly built stabling, plus two large covered arenas have enabled Mesa County to be a venue for several regional and national equestrian events. It will be fun to show at such an upgraded facility!

In February we held a Western Dressage focused horseless clinic with Frances Carbonnel which was well received with over 40 attendees. We expect to see our show entries for Western Dressage expand this year as further clinics with this focus are being planned.

We have a new local Pilates instructor, Caren Vogt, who is also an equestrian. She opened her studio recently in Grand Junction. We held our February meeting at her facility which was well attended by our members. She did a great presentation on the benefits of Pilates for dressage and mentioned she hopes to have horse and rider Pilates workshop later this year.

Future GVDS events include a demonstration by Jennifer Weber-Quigley on April 4th where she will highlight the training she obtained from her 2014 National Dressage Foundation scholarship.

During our first schooling show this year on May 2nd and 3rd we will be adding some new classes to encourage entries. We will offer our first Prix Caprilli classes and have clinics planned for April to show the members how this class is to be ridden. We are hoping to attract the younger riders with the addition of a few jumps in the dressage arena! We have also worked out a plan to offer a dressage test for combined training classes with the local Pony Club who is holding their jumping show the same weekend in May, in the other covered arena at the Mesa County Fairgrounds Complex. With these new classes, plus the great weather we've had all winter, we expect a full schooling show!

*Arlene Rhodes, GVDS President*

## On The Bit

We are very excited to be hosting our first schooling show in Laramie, WY on May 31st. It will be at the Albany County Fairgrounds. We are offering Dressage - Introductory through Third Level, Western Dressage - Test of Choice, and we welcome gaited horses. Stephanie Soule from Grand Junction, CO will be the judge. She is staying to offer a clinic on Monday for interested riders. We have stabling available and will have a block of rooms to provide

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a discount on hotel rooms if you're coming to the show. Information can be found on our new website: [www.onthebitdressage.com/event](http://www.onthebitdressage.com/event). Entries open May 4th, so don't wait! We're hoping to have enough interest to make this an annual event.

We have a lot of young or inexperienced members and this will be the first show for many of them. To help with preparation, we're having a dressage fashion show at our May meeting. We'll discuss the different attire requirements/allowances for a schooling show versus a recognized show, talk about show etiquette, learn about legal bits, and answer questions from our members.

Some of our members attended the On The Levels clinic in Boulder in February and were so excited about it that we wanted to have another viewing with the members who couldn't attend. We've scheduled that for May 12th. We hope these events will make the thought of showing seem approachable and fun and increase our attendance at our show, as well as shows around the region.

*Jessica Ford, On The Bit Chapter President*

## **NCDA Chapter Report**

Our Ride-A-Test on April 4th was a great success with perfect weather for riding. We had a good turnout. Our judge, Julie Haugen worked with some of the riders on elements of their tests before riding. This was very helpful as they had time to practice while warming up.

Our next event will be a Cross Training Clinic with Sarah Barnes on April 12th. We'll learn how to use cavaletti to improve our lengthenings and give our horses something else to think about.

Our first schooling show will be May 3rd at Tomora Training Center with Jessica Greer judging.

*Renee Martig, NCDA President*



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## Foothills Chapter Western Dressage Clinic

from Frances Carbonnel

Sunday, April 12, Foothills Chapter hosted a Western Dressage Clinic at Anchorage Farms, owned by Foothills Chapter President Kris Cooper.

As the clinician for the event, my thanks go out to FOOT-HILLS CHAPTER RMDS for sponsoring this groundbreaking clinic for western riders. What a wonderful collaborative day it was! Western riders discovered that dressage is FUN and USEFUL, and the dressage community, in its wisdom, welcomed some new friends into the world of classical horsemanship. Thanks to the vision and hard work of Kris Cooper for making a wonderful day happen!

## She Had A Dream

### *Lisa Robbins Memorial Perpetual Trophy*



*Lisa Robbins*

We all have dreams, aspirations and goals in working with our horses. Some of those dreams are quite ambitious, like earning a USDF Gold medal or competing successfully in a CDI. Some are more modest, perhaps earning a Bronze medal or a ribbon for yearend median score.

Many simply hope to have the time and financial resources to buy a nice horse, one that can carry them to a few good scores and ribbons.

And many riders just enjoy having that special partnership and those amazing days when the stars align and riding is effortless and magical.

Lisa Robbins was a woman with modest dreams. She worked hard at multiple jobs, saved her money, and was looking for a nice reasonably priced horse that she could enjoy riding. She had horses previously but sold them as marriage and different career opportunities took priority in her life.

She dreamed of someday riding on the beach. She also hoped to take dressage lessons and possibly show with the help of her friend, trainer Gwen Ka'awaloa.

Lisa was a familiar face to many in the Colorado dressage community as she often worked for OnSite EMTs at shows throughout the Denver area. She also worked for Stadium Medical, so many members of the Eventing community knew her when she manned the ambulance outpost next

to the cross country course.

In December 2009 Lisa began to feel flu like symptoms which she attributed to the colds and flu prevalent at that time of year. Just after the new year she became so ill that she was taken to the emergency room. Test results returned the worst possible news – advanced ovarian cancer that had spread throughout her body. On January 25, 2010, a mere 3 weeks after her diagnosis, Lisa lost her battle. She was 49 years old.



*Lisa Robbins Memorial Trophy*

Knowing Lisa, and seeing her leave this earth without even a small chance at fulfilling any “bucket list” wishes, had a profound impact on those of us who called her our friend. We have since pledged to live each day, and take each opportunity, as if it might be our last.

We may not realize our dreams, but we are determined to take every step we can to TRY.

In recognition of all our dreams, and those that Lisa was not able to realize, the Lisa Robbins Memorial Perpetual Trophy was donated by her friends to recognize the highest median score achieved by an adult amateur rider during that competition year. The trophy art is a beautiful sculpture of wild horses running with unrestrained joy and abandon. It is a unique piece found by Gwen in an antique store in Parker. Those of us who knew Lisa feel it represents the wild and crazy dreams that so many of us have, and that sometimes, we have the good fortune to realize.

## Collective Marks *cont. from cover*

Lower scores come from a horse that is too hurried, too quick, that doesn't have time to show flexion. Lack of impulsion and topline inhibit gates. Show that horse is relaxed and swinging through his back.



*Trainer Grant Schneidman observes during 'L' judge clinic at Iron Horse Farms*

There is no impulsion in the walk, but horse needs to show activity and a willingness to stretch. The stretchy circle is important.

**Submission – Willing cooperation, harmony, attention and confidence, acceptance of bit and aids, straightness, lightness of forehand and ease of movements.** We want to see thrust, see the horse going somewhere. Tail swishing adds to a submission score. Think about the hind legs and the back. Submission comes from the back.

For Second Level and above, uphill balance is good. Crookedness comes from horse avoiding engaging. Need rhythm, connection and balance in bend.

**Rider's Position and Seat – Alignment, posture, stability, weight placement, following mechanics of the gaits.** Riders should have heels down, hands down. Everything about the body should be independent, with steady hands, legs down, head steady. A 5 score indicates a rider isn't helping or hurting the horse, is in control of horse, isn't abusing the horse. Sit a little in front of vertical in post for quieter hands.

For stability, practice Pilates for core strength, be able to sit medium trot. Rider can use stampede strap.

For symmetry, ride and sit "between the horse's ears." A crooked rider loses points.

**Rider's Correct and Effective Use of the Aids – Clarity, subtlety, independence, accuracy of test.** Allow and follow the horse's movement to add freedom to horse's gaits. Follow with hands, not just with seat. Follow with both. Have a flexible elbow; elbows and hands go forward and back. No stiff arms. No low, wide arms, but elastic arms. Bend elbows and follow more.

### You Might Be Surprised to Hear This From a Judge . . .

- When in doubt, give riders the benefit.
- If you totally miss something or a rider did not do something, a judge can ask the rider to redo the movement.
- If a rider or test form is out of order, the pen leaks or something else crazy happens as a scribe or judge during a test, "don't panic. Correct things when you can. Make the best of it because, yes, everything (unexpected) eventually will happen."
- Should you "ring out a horse" (disqualify it) for lameness? Watch the horse. If it hurts me to watch, then yes. You want to be perfectly sure. You hate to do it to people, but we are looking out for the horse. Use your own judgment. At this level, (judging Training to Second Level tests), you will see a lot of stiff, older school horses.

*– Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez*



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# Christoph Hess – Dressage is Harmony and Balance

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Story – Chris Hector & Photos – Roz Neave

In the sometimes stuffy world of dressage, Christoph Hess is a breath, no, a whirlwind of fresh air. He is just about the most enthusiastic person I know, and luckily for the world's dressage horses, a large portion of that enthusiasm is directed at improving their lot, not just the way they are ridden but also how they are bred, raised and housed. And lucky for the horses, Christoph is a very influential man. In Germany he is the head of the Education section at Warendorf but he is also in constant demand as a judge, and more often, commentator, at the big German shows. Here he takes every opportunity to promote a horse friendly system of training – a dressage system that does what dressage is supposed to do, really promote the mental and physical well-being of the horse.

Christoph recently completed a barn storming tour of Australia, starting in the West, stopping off in South Australia and Victoria, before finishing up in New South Wales, and everywhere he had the same message: dressage should be logical, dressage should promote a happy horse: "This is our highest goal, a happy horse, a happy athlete..." he told the audience at the Dressage Judge, Coaches and Riders clinic at Werribee Equestrian Centre.

Christoph first conducted a theory session, where his first pair of photos really set the theme, the one on the left was of a horse at liberty, grazing in a field.

"In the old days it was terrible, all the horses were in the stable all the time. The more we see horses outside, the more we realize what we have to do when we school them under saddle."

"Many riders today have no contact with animals. It is im-

portant to realize that the horse is not born for the stable, the horse wants to be cantering in the fields. This picture is not perfect because the horse is alone, what is perfect is outside in a group of two or three horses."

Christoph emphasizes over and over again, that we should work with the horse:

"The horse always tries to run away, that is part of his nature. When the rider uses the bit to stop the horse, that is the rider's first wrong move. We must always give the horse an open door. When we hold the horse with our hands we take the horse out of its mental and physical balance, and that is the beginning of disharmony between horse and rider."



"Give the horse the feeling of freedom when you sit on it, always the feeling that it can move forward. Most riders all over the world use their hands to try and control their horse, the neck starts to shorten and then it all starts to go wrong."

Christoph's other opening photo, of a rider carrying another rider on his shoulders, opened up the second theme of his clinic: the responsibility of the rider to ride correctly.

"The better the rider's balance in the saddle, the better the communication. There are two things the rider must be – balanced, and supple. The less good the rider's seat, then the more often the rider is in the saddlery shop buying new saddles, new stirrups. The rider has to find his balance in the saddle, not being held in position by a saddle in which you cannot move."

On the weekend before the clinic, Christoph had judged at Werribee 3DE and had picked up the printed tribute to Bill Roycroft, here was a rider after Christoph's heart:

"I first saw Bill Roycroft at the Munich Games in 1972. Why was he such a great horseman? Because he learnt to

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## Christoph Hess *cont. from pg 8*

sit, he learnt to balance. He was riding his pony to school, not in a saddle that is more expensive than the horse, but bareback.”

Christoph is a keen student of the breeding of dressage horses, and his philosophy works hand in hand with the emergence of the new modern dressage horse: “The better the movement of the horse, the better rider you have to be. If you think all you have to do is buy a horse in Europe with wonderful movement, and you won’t have to learn to ride it, you are wrong. Big gaits are more difficult to ride, piaffe is easier than extended trot to ride.”

“I see top horses after a few years, weeks or even days with a rider that is not balanced or supple, and they go down. Rider’s often don’t realize that they are using their reins to balance their body.”

“Bill Roycroft could ride the showjumping course in Rome with one hand. It is the very best exercise to ride all the movements with one hand, then it is very easy to judge if you are riding the right way or the wrong way. I tried to bring a one handed movement into our dressage tests, no luck, but if you have the feeling the rider is able to ride one handed, that is a good horse and rider – wow!”

“The second test, is the rider able to give both reins? Often this would be a complete disaster, the horse just run away. Is the rider able to ride all the movements with a long rein, long with contact, then as long as possible. It is possible to ride piaffe on a long rein when the rider rides 100% with a balanced body, and the horse is on his aids.”

“These are the basics of the spirit of good riding.”

“Grand Prix is basic, basic, basic. It is not trick riding, it is basic work. Basics may seem easy but they are in fact complicated – you need someone on the ground to help you. Someone who can say, too fast, or too slow.”

“Is the horse properly seeking the bit? Some top class horses are light in the neck and head, but always behind the bit. You always have to have the feeling that the horse learns to stretch its body. Not just stretching his front and neck, but the whole body. The horse needs his neck to balance his body – it is not so important that the horse’s nose is in front or behind the vertical, as long as the horse is stretching. If the horse is not stretched it is impossible for it to flex. First stretch, then flex.”

“Why do we ride the horse long when we want it to go in nice self-carriage? Because that self-carriage is the result of stretching.”



*This is the way a horse has to move; this is the feeling we need when we school.*

“When I talk to the eventing rider, William Fox-Pitt, he has changed his attitude to dressage. Once his attitude was: on one day we jump, the next day we gallop, then there is a terrible day called dressage, maybe I can get my girlfriend to do that. Now he realizes that dressage is not a special discipline but an overall discipline – to make the horse obedient and balanced, that is all dressage.”

“I used to judge his eventing dressage tests and he used to look so unhappy, now he sees that dressage is part of his overall training.”

“One of the first things in riding is to get the horse to accept the inside leg. The rider’s inside leg makes the horse, it governs speed and straightness, but it only works in conjunction with a proper outside rein, and in conjunction with the rider’s outside leg, that leg should be five to ten centimeters back, more like five than 10.”

And as you would have expected from someone in Christoph’s position, the centre of his address was the German Training scale, and in particular, the first three elements.

“Rhythm, this is absolutely important, four beat walk, two beat trot, and three beat canter. Many judges don’t look enough at the three beat of the canter. They look at the walk, and if it is two beat, that’s it, 1 mark, and they kill it for life, but they look at a four beat canter and remark ‘lovely collected canter’. Rhythm has to include ‘tempo’ – you can ride the whole time too fast or too slow. The paces have to be active but not hurried and show enough swing in the back, the back is the bridge between the hind legs and the front legs. The better the tempo, the more elasticity the horse will show in the paces. The good rider has a

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## Christoph Hess *cont. from pg 9*

wonderful feeling for timing in the saddle. The goal is to make the lazy horse more active, and the too energetic horse to slow down.”

“Relaxation is very important. All over the world we see riders who can control tension and produce a spectacular test, but they are not able to show a supple horse.”

“Contact is about stretching through the whole body. Is the movement starting behind, swinging over the back and to the horse’s mouth? The rider has to feel the horse’s hind legs in his little finger.”

“The rider’s hands listen to the horse’s mouth. Is the horse happy? Is it stretching? In front of the aids? Accepting the bit? The most sensitive part of the horse is its mouth, this is the opportunity for the rider to feel what is happening. This is where we talk with the horse, our sensitive contact with the mouth.”



“Some people think the more loose the contact, the better, but the horse has to seek the contact. Sometimes it is better to have a stronger contact than loose. Often horses are born with a tendency to a loose contact – we have to be very careful in our stallion selection not to look for the pretty stallions with very long necks, and very soft contact – these horses are ‘loose’ but they are mainly over-bent and they don’t have a proper forward tendency. At first we want a steady contact, then as soft as possible. Never work without a steady contact.”

“People say that horses today are much better but the riders are not better. I did not come from an equestrian family, my father was a lawyer, but when I was eight years old, I rode the neighbour’s horses and thought, wow, that

is my life. It was a Hanoverian mare, bred for the farm, with a huge neck, and I tried everything – it was the time of Alwin Schockemöhle – to get her nose in. Today’s horses are always in a frame, but often they don’t seek the contact properly, and you can’t give high marks to a horse that is behind the bit.”

“This is flexion. Many people think they have to bring the horse’s head as much as possible to the left or the right, so the horse is saying good morning. No – this is not what we want, we want to see just a little bit of the horse’s eye and nose. Don’t take the horse out of balance.”



*“Look at the face of the rider, this is a happy amateur. When you judge, watch the body language of the horse, but also the body language of the rider...”*

“The goal of dressage is to have a horse in harmony and in front of you. This is wonderful communication, the horse trusts the rider to jump – both horse and rider are relaxed, positive and forward. Dressage is not doing movement, movement, movement because they are in the Rule Book, it is making the horse obedient, making the horse supple, making the horse in front of you. The happy athlete.”

### **RMDS Clinic with Christoph Hess**

**Sunday, May 17, 2015**  
Iron Horse Farm, Elizabeth, CO

**Auditors Welcome**

Register at **[WWW.RMDS.ORG](http://WWW.RMDS.ORG)**

# Veronica Holt Remembered

from Rusty Cook

Veronica Holt was a great friend and mentor to me and always gave me good advice. I am only one of many who owe their careers, or second careers, to her.

I had recently retired from teaching High School Biology (and gotten a USEF Steward's license) when I met Veronica at the Arabian Sport Horse National Championships at Rancho Murieta a number of years ago. When I was finished with the scribing duties I had signed on for, Veronica allowed me to follow her around for an afternoon and see what being a TD was all about. She encouraged me to attend the RMDS training and become an RMDS TD. One of the results of that was that I became a Life Member of RMDS. She then encouraged me to pursue the USEF license. There were a number of hurdles I needed to overcome to even get into the USEF program. Veronica allowed me to work as Assistant Secretary at an RMDS show, and let me stay at her house when staying at a hotel would have been a burden. She gave me eggs from her chickens, and had her son come from Denver to liberate my car from the snow drifts in her driveway so I could get home.

I apprenticed with Veronica at a large show in California. There was a CDI attached to that show, which she told me in advance I'd have absolutely nothing to do with (since I'd never even been to a CDI). When we arrived at the show grounds, she immediately sent me off to help Dr. Mike Tomlinson check in the CDI horses. Later that day, when almost all the show staff had left the grounds, a CDI rider came into the office and requested that someone supervise his training session with his young horse. Veronica said, "Of course. My apprentice will." The rider was Steffen Peters.

I subsequently got my "r" TD license. Veronica hired me to TD a show she managed in Ohio, and I know she passed my name on to other show managers. She suggested to Beth Jenkins that I be hired to work at the NEDA Fall Festival and Region 8 Championships in 2010, which I was, and I also went back the following year.

More recently, Veronica pushed me to apply for the "R" TD Training Program, and I was accepted a few weeks ago. About a week before Christmas I sent her a card telling her about that, and thanking her for all the help she had given me over the years. I hope she got it, and I hope she continues to watch over me as I complete my apprenticeships this year. I hope, also, that I will be a credit to her as I continue to work as a TD. I will always remember her kindness, knowledge and encouragement.



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# Traurig Named U.S. Dressage Young Horse Coach

From the USEF Communications Department

Lexington, Ky. - The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) is pleased to announce the appointment of Christine Traurig as the U.S. Dressage Young Horse Coach, pending contract negotiations.

"I am so fortunate to have this opportunity of becoming the Young Horse Coach. All my life as a rider, trainer, and horsewoman, my biggest passion has been to develop horses to the best of their athletic abilities. My goal for this program is to make America a country that produces top-quality international horses to field Championship Teams and Junior/Young Rider Teams so that one day we can proudly say: MADE IN AMERICA!"

Traurig joins the U.S. Dressage Program led by Robert Dover, USEF Chef d'Equipe/Technical Advisor, which includes Debbie McDonald, U.S. Dressage Developing Coach, George Williams, U.S. Dressage Youth Coach, and Charlotte Bredahl-Baker, Assistant U.S. Dressage Youth Coach.

"I am thrilled that Christine has been named as our new Young Horse Coach. She brings enormous talent and

years of experience with young horses and top coaching at all levels," said Dover. "Christine will build upon the last decade of great work by Scott Hassler. Our world-class machine, with adequate funding, will produce sustainable excellence, resulting in medals for America."

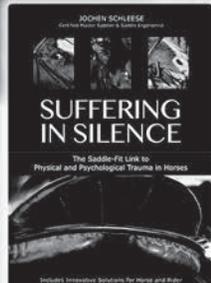
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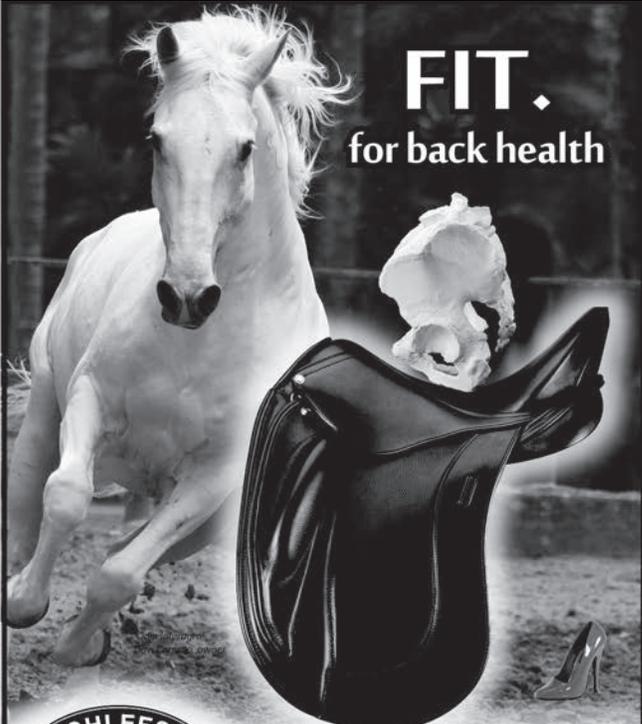
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## Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

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#### MAY 2015

- 2** **Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**  
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- 2** **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show Series-Longmont, CO**  
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- 2-3** **Grand Valley Schooling Show I-Grand Junction, CO**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes Arlene@skypony.org
- 3** **NCDA Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**  
Contact Didi DeKrey windyridge@frii.com
- 3** **Foothills Chapter Ride-A-Test-Table Mtn. Ranch-Golden, CO**  
Contact Kris Cooper 303-847-9862 kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 9** **Clinic with Amber Clark-Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**  
Contact Susan Borders susan.e.borders@gmail.com
- 9-10** **USDF JR/YR Clinic with George Williams-Stellar Farms-Parker, CO**  
Contact Katharine Robertson 859-271-7877 krobertson@usdf.org
- 10** **Dressage Schooling Show-Plane View Farm-Erie, CO**  
Contact Lauren Gueswel 303-532-9381 www.planeviewfarm.com
- 15-16** **RMDS Trainers' Seminar-Christoph Hess-closed-open to professional riders only-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO**  
Contact Beth Geier 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 16** **Clinic - Circles, Circles, Circles with Simone Windeler-deBettencourt Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Simone Windeler 719-287-2040 simonedressage@gmail.com
- 17** **RMDS Seminar with Christoph Hess-open to audit-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO**  
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- 16-17** **Rocky Mountain Dressage I & II-Somerset Farm-Longmont, CO-USEF**  
Contact Dian Seabury 520-906-5545 dfseabury@gmail.com
- 22-24** **Paragon I, II, III & CDI-Young Riders/Young Horse/Sport Horse-Estes Park, CO USEF**  
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- 23** **Dressage Schooling Show-Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**  
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- 23** **Dressage Schooling Show- Cottonwood Riding Club-Littleton, CO**  
Tara 303-791-7656 comments@cottonwoodridingclub.com
- 23-24** **Anne Howard Clinic-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**  
Contact Elaine Haberman 719-495-7004 www.windsweptfarms.net
- 29-31** **High Prairie Dressage I, II, III-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO USEF**  
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- 30-31** **USDF L Program D1 Session-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO-Closed**  
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- 31** **On the Bit Schooling Show-Albany County Fairgrounds-Laramie, WY**  
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- 6** **Mariah Farm Schooling Show-Castle Rock, CO**  
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- 6-7** **Cheyenne Dressage & Eventing Open Show I & II**  
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- 7** **Foothills Chapter Schooling Show-Anchorage Farm-Pine, CO**  
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- 12-13** **Sage Creek Dressage 1 & 2-Utah**  
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- 13-14** **Rocky Mountain Summer Dressage I, II-Somerset Farm-**

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- 13-14** **Fountain Valley Dressage-Young Horse/Young Rider Fountain, CO-USEF**  
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- 13-14** **Grand Valley Schooling Show II-Grand Junction, CO**  
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- 14** **Dressage Schooling Show-Plane View Farm-Erie, CO**  
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- 19-21** **Alfredo Hernandez Clinic-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 20** **Dressage Schooling Show- Cottonwood Riding Club-Littleton, CO**  
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- 20** **Clinic - Perfect Transitions with Simone Windeler-deBettencourt Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 20-21** **Autumn Hill Dressage Festivals I & II-USEF CSU Events Center, Ft Collins, CO**  
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- 26** **Showing On A Shoestring Show-Heber City, UT USEF**  
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- 28** **USDF Youth & Adult Team Competition-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**  
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- 5** **Dressage Schooling Show-Plane View Farm-Erie, CO**  
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- 10-11** **Dressage at the Peak Warm Up/Dressage at the Peak II-USEF**  
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- 11-12** **Rocky Mountain Dressage III, IV-Somerset Farm-Longmont, CO-USEF**  
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- 11-12** **Millbrook Farms Summer Dressage Festival-Fairfield, UT USEF**  
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- 14-19** **NAJYRC-Kentucky Horse Park-Lexington, KY**
- 18** **Dressage Schooling Show-Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**  
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- 18** **Clinic - Exciting Lengthenings with Simone Windeler-deBettencourt Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 19** **Centaur Rising Dressage Show-I-Pine, CO**  
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- 24-25** **Sage Creek Dressage 3 & 4-Utah**  
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- 25-26** **Autumn Hill Dressage Festivals III & IV-USEF CSU Events Center, Ft Collins, CO**  
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- 31-Aug 2** **Dressage in the Rockies I, II, III-Colorado Horse Park Parker, CO**  
Contact Glenda McElroy 818-841-3554 glenda@glenroys.com

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- 1-2** **Dressage in Big Sky I & II- White Aspen Ranch-Billings, MT**  
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- 1-2** **USDF L Program D2 Session-Colorado Horse Park-Parker, CO - Closed**  
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- 8** **Shiloh Ranch Schooling Show-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 8-9 **Millbrook Farms-Fairfield, UT USEF**  
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- 9 **Clinic – Lateral Fun with Simone Windeler-deBettencourt Ranch-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 9 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show-I-Pine, CO**  
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- 14 **Estes Park I-Sport Horse-Estes Park, CO USEF**  
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- 14-16 **USEF r Judges Program - Estes Park –**  
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- 21-23 **Alfredo Hernandez Clinic-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 22 **Dressage Schooling Show-Hidden Creek Equestrian Center**  
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- 22 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show Series-Longmont, CO**  
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- 22-23 **UDS Dressage Days I & II-Wasatch County Special Events Center Heber City, UT**  
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- 22 **Pendragon Stud Dressage Show-Larkspur, CO**  
Contact Leslie Terry
- 29-30 **Anne Howard Clinic-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 30 **BVD So Long to Summer-Singletree Farm-Boulder, CO**  
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- 30 **Dressage Schooling Show-Plane View Farm-Erie, CO**  
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#### SEPTEMBER 2015

- 4 **Western Dressage-Grand Valley Fall Show-Grand Junction, CO**  
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- 5-6 **Grand Valley Fall Show-Grand Junction, CO**  
Contact Arlene Rhodes 970-201-1779 skypony@aol.com
- 6 **Foothills Last Chance Show-A Rising Star-Arvada, CO**  
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- 12 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show Series-Longmont, CO**  
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- 12 **Shiloh Ranch Schooling Show-Black Forest, CO**  
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- 17 **X Halt Salute RMDS Show -Estes Park, CO**  
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- 17 **RMDS Sport Horse Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**  
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- 18-20 **RMDS Championships-Estes Park, CO USEF**  
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- 26-27 **Anne Howard Clinic-Windswept Farms-Black Forest, CO**  
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#### OCTOBER 2015

- 3 **Triple Creek Dressage Schooling Show Series-Longmont, CO**  
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- 10-11 **Grand Valley Schooling Show III-Grand Junction, CO**  
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- 18 **NCDA Fall Schooling Show-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO**  
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- 16-18 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Scottsdale, AZ**
- 25 **Dressage Schooling Show-Plane View Farm-Erie, CO**  
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- 31-Nov 1 **USDF L Program Final-Westworld-Scottsdale, AZ-Closed**  
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#### NOVEMBER 2015

- 6-9 **USDF Natl Championships-need to qualify through Regionals**

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- Page C-5 September 5-6 arlene@skypony.org
- Page C-7 September 4 arlene@skypony.org
- Page C-27 Boulder Valley Ride-A-test: Judge Kathleen Donnelly
- Page C-31 June 13-14: Judges: Jennifer Rorh, 'S' CA and Creeky Ralston 'S', CA  
July 11-12: Judges: Beverly Rogers 'S' AZ, Dinah Babcock 'S' TX
- Page C-55 Foothills Last Chance Show- Secretary: Didi DeKrey - 10318 Miners Lake Road - Ft Collins. 80524

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**Foothills:** quarterly meetings, location TBD, Lori Mitchell 303-816-2375 [klassicalride@aol.com](mailto:klassicalride@aol.com)

**Grand Valley:** 3rd Tues. of the month, location: Mesa Mall Community Meeting Room 6:30pm Tammy Fagan 970-858-1604 [tfagandressage@wyoming.com](mailto:tfagandressage@wyoming.com)

**High Plains:** Bimonthly- location-TBD, Olga Hendrickson 720-556-4852 [olgahendrickson@gmail.com](mailto:olgahendrickson@gmail.com)

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## RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. Meeting dates in 2015 may be variable, please check the calendar or the website. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location.

# 2015 RMDS-SPONSORED EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

All events are open to **EVERYONE** to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

May 15-16	RMDS Trainers' Seminar-Christoph Hess-closed-open to professional riders only-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO
May 17	RMDS Seminar with Christoph Hess-open to everyone to audit-Iron Horse Farm-Elizabeth, CO
May 30, 31	USDF "L" D1 session (closed) - Colorado Horse Park-Castle Rock, CO
June 28	USDF Adult/Youth Team Competition-Tomora Training Center-Greeley, CO
August 1, 2	USDF "L" D2 session (closed) - Colorado Horse Park- Castle Rock, CO
Sept 17	X Halt Salute RMDS Show-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Sept 17	RMDS Sport Horse & USDF Breeders' Championships-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Sept 18-20	RMDS Championships-Stanley Park Fairgrounds-Estes Park, CO
Oct 31-Nov 1	USDF "L" Final (closed)-West World of Scottsdale-Scottsdale, AZ

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

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

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The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 7th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### CLASSIFIED ADS

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### EDITORIAL POLICY

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

## Utilize the RMDS Network

### Trainers and Instructors

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

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

The website marketplace receives between 300-400 hits per month, and the trainer page averages about 80. RMDS receives emails requesting names of trainers in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

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Proof of AA status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, and 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.

# Technical Delegates, Judges, and Certified Instructors

## Dressage Judge Ratings and Levels Qualified to Judge

### All Current RMDS Members

Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" where the score does not count.

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second	3*	(FEI C)	All
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth	4*	(FEI I) International	All
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# Secrets from the Trainers' Vault

## Lets YOU Ask the Question



*Simone Windeler, Professionals & Trainers Liaison for RMDS, edits this feature column, "Secrets from the Trainers' Vault." RMDS members are encouraged to send questions to Simone (simonedressage@gmail.com) and she will publish a select query with answers from member professionals. If you are a professional and would like to take part as a guest responder, contact Simone with your info and area of expertise.*

*This month's column is from Susan Borders, President of the Pikes Peak Chapter, and owner of Hidden Creek Equestrian Center in Falcon, CO.*

# What's Your Question?

## Children and Horses

Children are the future, and therefore children are the future for horses. They are the horse keepers, owners, trainers, farriers, veterinarians, and instructors of tomorrow. So, shouldn't we be doing our best to nurture and protect that innocent love of horses by choosing wisely when it comes to purchasing a horse for our young rider's?

Beyond the initial riding lessons, tack cleaning, poop scooping and initiation into the world of the local barn and devotion to the much loved lesson horse, each child will eventually want a horse of their own, and it's our responsibility, as an adult, to be an educated buyer.



Far from being a complete list, here are a few paragraphs on how you can be better prepared to purchase a horse for a child rider.

**Bombproof!** While few horses can honestly be classified as completely bombproof in all situations, you can buy a well broke, seasoned, older horse who is currently being ridden by a child and is doing exactly what you plan your child to do. Don't buy a barrel

racer and then expect the horse to perform Introductory Level dressage, it just won't happen. Make sure the horse is gentle and respectful, submissive and kind, and expect to do the necessary work to keep the horse that way. It takes time, effort and dedication to train a horse, and then it takes more time, effort and dedication to maintain the horse in that manner. If you do not have the time or skills, then expect to pay a trainer to do the work for you.

**Help!** Engage the help of a professional when you first go look at a horse, and make sure that the seller, or their agent, rides the horse before you climb aboard. THEN, if all is going well, you can arrange for the child to ride. Expect to pay professionals for their time and knowledge; becoming educated was not free for us, so show respect for the person you employ. Just because we truly care that horse and child rider should be the right match, does not mean that we should be expected to give our time freely. If possible, make arrangements to see the horse on several occasions, and having the horse checked out by your veterinarian is an absolute must.

**Red Flag!** Don't buy a young horse so that horse and rider can 'grow up together and learn together' – green and green makes black and blue, and your child's safety is worth far more than saving a few dollars buying a young horse for less money. Most often, the money you save on the purchase will be spent paying for professional training as the child will not have the experience or skills to 'train' the horse. Horses need to be trained by skilled and experienced professionals.

**Confidence is EVERYTHING!** Buy a horse that instills confidence in the young rider, and is less likely to challenge the aids applied by one smaller and weaker than an average adult. Horses will always

challenge, but in different degrees, depending on their personality, age, and level of training. Confidence with horses is precious, especially in the young and vulnerable rider. Confidence can take years to build and yet can be destroyed in an instant and, in the worst case, the child could lose confidence completely and/or become injured. Choose instructors and trainers wisely, and make sure that they have experience working with young riders – it's not the same as teaching adults!



**Whoa!** Don't buy a horse with lots of 'go' just so the child doesn't have to work too hard while riding, it's good for a child to learn that horses take work, and that they have to build muscles and stamina to ride. Those muscles will help them keep their 'seat' if things go awry. 'Whoa' is much more important, and, much safer, than 'Go'.

**Safety First!** Invest in safety; well fitting tack, helmets, gloves, boots, breeches, safety stirrups, correct riding attire. You can never do too much to help keep children and horses stay safe together. Fasten jackets when riding, no flapping scarves or dangling jewelry. Check riders feet are not 'home' in stirrups, check girths religiously, twice before mounting, check again once mounted, and again before trotting, cantering and jumping. Do your best to avoid incidents so that children can continue to learn with and enjoy horses. Be aware of the riding environment, and remember that horses will always be horses; instincts don't disappear with training, so it's the adult's responsibility to watch out for blowing trash, barking dogs, lawn mowers, stray cows, llama's and other potential horse-devouring monsters.

Finally....Children are only children for so long, and this can also be said of beginner/novice adult riders who feel an age or mobility-related deadline. If you have to spend years training a young or green horse, you may lose that enjoyment time. Why not purchase a horse that you can enjoy right away? Unfortunately I have seen too many children and novice adults scared and/or discouraged by

horses that are too young and green, 'too much horse' for them. The horse-rider partnership has to be the right match, or it just won't work out. And arguing with 1,000 lbs. of flight instinct, powered by 55% muscle, is most likely not going to turn out well for you. Quite often, 'the horse you want is not the horse you need', so put your ego aside, put your and the horse's welfare first, resist that beautiful, prancing 4 year old Arabian or powerfully muscled handsome Warmblood, better left for the experienced rider, and do your best to choose the right, rather more seasoned, equine partner.

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 Business Memberships - \$100.00 Education (non-competing) - \$45.00 Life Membership - \$750.00  
 Life Business Membership \$1,000.00 - Transfer Life Business to new owner \$100.00

All business memberships include one individual membership.

Please include all information for person designated as individual member. If an adult amateur, include current copy of USEF AA card. All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard or email. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS.

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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Names, DOBs, & USDF #s of additional family members \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to go towards the RMDS Scholarship Fund. (Include amount with your membership check)

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### RMDS 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.

Both rider AND horse AND owner must be current before scores count toward year-end awards and qualifying for RMDS championships.

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

Check One: \_\_\_\_ Lifetime Horse Registration - \$40.00 \_\_\_\_ Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) - \$15.00

Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Breed (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # (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 (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (E-Mail) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) \_\_\_\_\_

# Prize Money Announced for Great American/ USDF Regional Dressage Championships

Lexington, KY

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) and Great American Insurance Group are pleased to announce the prize money for the 2015 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships Series, presented by SmartPak and supported by Merial. Prize money totaling over \$160,000 will be awarded at the 2015 Great American/USDF Regional Championships, divided evenly among the nine regions and 35 divisions that are offered, allowing each region to present competitors with over \$18,000 in prize money and awards. Champions in each region and division will receive \$306 in prize money and an embroidered jacket and gift certificate provided by SmartPak, official supplement feeding system of USDF. Reserve champions in each region and division will receive \$204 in prize money, along with a saddle pad provided by the Great American Insurance Group, title sponsor of the championships.

“It is with great pleasure that we continue to provide recognition to these outstanding competitors through our sponsorship of the regional championship program,” stated Kathy Sedlak, Great American Insurance Group Assistant Vice President of the Equine Division.

“We're so pleased that through the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to see this program continue to grow and be so well received by USDF members,” adds Stephan Hienzsch, USDF Executive Director.

For more information about the Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Dressage Championships, please visit the USDF website or contact the USDF office.

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As I write this, I'm getting ready to head to Las Vegas for the USDF Spring Executive Board meetings and the FEI World Cup! I look forward to sharing with you the great things going on in our organization in my next monthly update. These meetings are always rewarding and productive and remind me of why we have such a neat organization. It will be a doubly rewarding week as we get to see some of the world's best dressage horses competing in an amazing venue.

There are many educational events around our Region so if you're not spending a weekend with family or showing, consider supporting one of our well-organized and great educational opportunities sponsored by the local GMOs (Group Member Organizations) such as Arizona Dressage, Utah Dressage, New Mexico Dressage, Rocky Mountain Dressage and so forth.

As of April 30th, our potential candidates for the 2015 FEI North American Junior and Young Rider Championships will be finalized. As I write this in mid-April, we have 8 declared Juniors and 3 declared Young Riders. I hope we have enough folks to field two full teams to Kentucky in July. It's the experience of a lifetime for our Youth and if you would like to contribute or help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Joan Clay, our Region 5 Jr/YR FEI co-

ordinator at [jnclay@comcast.net](mailto:jnclay@comcast.net) or 970-420-0877 or Julie Barringer-Richers, our fundraising coordinator at [jabr57@gmail.com](mailto:jabr57@gmail.com) or 720-341-5033. These young adults work very hard, as do their parents, trainers and friends and every little bit of support is greatly appreciated.

Please note that the dates for the 2015 Region 5 Great American/USDF Regional Championships are changing! The new dates will be October 16-18, 2015 at WestWorld in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Please don't forget that there are several new rule changes that went into effect both December 1 and April 1! Read through your USEF rulebook and make sure you know the rules before you go out and show. If you have news you'd like to share, please let me know, we're happy to get it out and about for you.

Happy Spring!

Till next month!

*Heather Petersen*  
Region 5 Director

RMDS Online - [www.rmids.org](http://www.rmids.org)

## Forms Online:

- USDF Instructor/Trainer Workshop Application
- RMDS 2015 Membership Forms
- 'L' Program - Judges Continuing Education
- RMDS Clinic with Christoph Hess

Find Complete Awards list from The Dressage Foundation: [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org)

2014 USEF Dressage Developing Program:  
[www.usef.org/documents/highPerformance/dressage//2014/2014DevelopingDressageProgram.pdf](http://www.usef.org/documents/highPerformance/dressage//2014/2014DevelopingDressageProgram.pdf).

# Pikes Peak Dressage Show Report

Once again, our spring show was a fun and friendly first show of the season for many competitors. The weather was gorgeous at Kaimana Farms, Gwen Ka'awaloa's barn, the footing was fabulous, and everyone was happy to be out and showing their horses.

videographer) and Pro Horse Nerium provided water to the competitors as well as the reduced fee on videos. And the horses say thanks to Michelle Anderson and her homemade horse cookies, which looked so good they may have made it to more than one human mouth!



*Some unconventional uses: (L) the judge's "stand" and (R) the TD's "golf cart"*

PPDS is blessed to have an 'r' judge, Gwen Ka'awaloa, an experienced Show Secretary, Simone Windeler, Show Manager, Michelle Anderson, and a TD, Mary Jo Hoepner, all as members who donated their services for the show. A special thanks to Nina Felsenthal, who stepped in as Show Manager after Michelle was called away on an emergency.

Thanks also to PPDS member volunteers and friends Carie Sciss, Susan Borders, Judy Carnick, Bonnie Clemons, Vivian VanBuren, Craig Carnick, Bill Borders, Rebecca Fullmer, Kerry Louise-Boucher, Darlene McInness, Emily Olivier and Karen Oliver. Michael Bilbo and Christy Shires did a lot of work both before and during the show.

The show had a total of 40 rides and 22 horses, ranging from Intro to Second Level, and several Eventing Tests. High Point of the show went to Bryn Jorgensen with a score of 72.037% at First 1, earning her a gift certificate to Equiline \$25.

High Point PPDS member was Elizabeth Petersen with a score of 67.273% at Training 3. Elizabeth won a custom wire horse donated by Bingo's Saddle Shop.

Special mention goes to the food vendor "Hawgs & Dawgs" - their food was reviewed quite favorably! Thanks to Susan DeSylvia of Pro Horse Productions for offering video at only \$10 per test (Susan's son Isaac was the



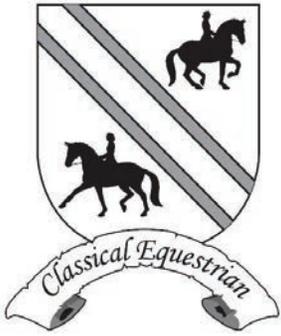
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