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Megan Gregg, YR, at NAYRC: *A Lesson in Competing with Grace*

by Megan Gregg

I am writing on behalf of my journey to the NAYR Championships held in Chicago in August. We headed out Friday morning and arrived in Chicago Saturday evening. Verden traveled very well. Temple Farm was gorgeous.

There were trees, a pond and hospitable people helping out. Even though the stalls were temporary 10X10 stalls, they were set on grass and it was very nice. Verden had a nice snack.

I schooled Verden Sunday and Monday and all was well. Margo Gogan, my coach, flew in Monday evening so she would be there for the vet check jog and practice ride Tuesday morning. He passed the vet check and I received my Young Rider patch and number 61514. Margo, as my Chef d'Equipe, drew my ride time. The time she drew for the team test was 8:20 AM Thursday. That was the second day of the team test and also the individual qualifier. I went into the warm-up with everything going as planned. The temperature had dropped and it was rainy and windy. I don't mind the rain but Verden sure minds the wind. We went into the ring and had some exceptional moments and some awful moments. I had an 8 on one movement and a 2 on the next. It was insane. My score ended up being 55% and second to last. Needless to say, I didn't qualify for the individual but I still had the consolation ride. I could still go in there and just have fun.

I watched the rides on Friday which were the Individual Test and the freestyle qualifier. There were fantastic horses and riders. It was incredible to watch as the top Young Riders in North America competed for the individual gold. I was out of the running with my first ride, but what can you do except smile and say "Someone has to come in last and this time it is me and #61514." That was how I went around the Championships with a smile on my face and a "Hi" for anyone that passed by me.

Saturday rolled around which was the Consolation ride. I just wanted to go in there and have a blast my the last time riding in front of 5 FEI judges, some of whom were headed to the Olympics after the NAYRC ended. I went into that ring hoping for the best and what I got in return was some of the best riding I have ever done, but definitely not the best scores I have ever had. I was last. But it was a learning ride. But the most important thing to me was receiving the "Thack Hat" at the competitor's party Saturday night. I had heard the officials talking about how special the "Thack Hat" is and how it is the best award. My sister Kristy and I walked into the tent where the party was being held and at that moment, they were announcing winners and what not. Then to my disbelief the MC said, "Here

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THOUGHTS

from the President

by Heather Petersen

Show season is over and many of you are starting to prepare for next year's adventures. As the holiday season approaches, we'll take some time out for family, friends, rest and relaxation. Our horses have earned well deserve holiday treats and a few extra days off.

As Thanksgiving looms, let us take time to thank He who gave us life and those in our lives who've made us the people we are and helped us achieve the wonderful and not so wonderful things we've done this year. Mistakes may have been made, but we're learning from them and growing into better people because of them. Hopefully next year those past mistakes will help us make wonderful results! I personally have a lot to be thankful for this year...

First of all, I'm thankful for all of you - without the wonderful members of RMDS, there would be no RMDS. I had a chance to meet three of the founding ladies of RMDS at Championships this year. They were visiting Championships to see how RMDS had grown and it was wonderful to learn more about RMDS's roots. Many people in the RMDS community have brought, kindeled, and fanned the fire needed to make dressage grow in our community and I'm truly thankful for them, their ideas and their support.

Second of all, and perhaps the most important in my life, I'm thankful for my family - my husband and his never ending and tireless support; my daughter with her wonderful zest for life; my mother for her early support of my horsey dreams and her now ever present support when we trade the latest things our horses have done to try and make our lives harder; my animals, for loving me unconditionally and giving their heart openly; and my father, for just putting up with my mother and I and our crazy horses, dogs and cats.

Third, I thank my trainers these past couple of years for teaching me greater patience, utmost dicipline and an even deeper understanding and love of my horse.

And finally, I thank my friends, for putting up with me, sacrificing yourselves to volunteer and work at the shows I've been involved with, for just having a drink with me when life called for it, and for just telling me to shut up when I needed it!

There are many, many, many things we're all thankful for, but during this wonderful season of Thanksgiving, please take that extra step to let those you love know you're thankful for their love, support and presence. Life wouldn't be the same without them!

Respectfully yours,

Heather

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RMDS Education Column

by Leslie Easter

As you read this, we are already starting to enter the holiday season for 2004! For me this is always a time of reflection regarding my life and my goals, and where I am on my journey – both my dressage journey and through life. This year has been a real transitional year for me, and 2005 is looking to be even more so than 2004! While I look forward to growing and changing with my horse and in my life, sometimes the uncertainty is difficult! We already have a number of clinics and seminars set for 2005, but I'm interested in topics that folks might find interesting going forward – topics such as New Diagnostics for Lameness Exams, Nutrition for the Performance horse and the retired horse, Bits and how they work, etc. So if anyone has ideas for an informational seminar, please forward them to me – I'd like to get some set up.

On the topic of seminars and clinics, anyone who would like to work with me to set these up – please give me a call or email – I'd be happy for some assistance! We've got quite a bit going on for 2005!

UPCOMING IN 2005!

The Ground Manners Seminar/Clinic is really coming along well! I've received a number of suggestions for possible clinicians, and I'm in the process of following up with these folks! I think this'll be a great clinic! I'm planning on a late February date, and I'm also working on a site for the clinic! Thanks to everyone for responding with suggested clinicians!

2005 RMDS Education Symposium and Clinic: May 7, 8, 2005 and May 9, 10, 2005, is confirmed with Betsy Steiner, based on her new book "A Gymnastic Riding System using Mind, Body and Spirit". Watch for more information in upcoming issues of the Centaur as to location, cost, etc!

The Show Prep Seminar: OK, this one did not come together at all for this year, so I'm thinking of a late March / early April event next year – just before show season! We can see the latest fashions and grooming techniques, talk about getting our horses show ready, and keeping it all together during the show!! Who do you know that is super at grooming and putting the spit and polish on a horse? Who is the best braider? The best tail trimmer? I'd like to use the best groom(ers) that we have here in the Denver area, so please send me her/his name!!!!

Longeing, Long-Reining and In-Hand Work: We are going to table this idea for a year or so because the USDF Trainers Conference is going to be addressing these topics. However, I will be attending the USDF Trainers Conference, and plan to speak with Kathy regarding another clinic on these topics for 2005, so

don't despair, I'm still working on it!

New Clinic!

We are currently setting up a clinic for October with Toine Hoefs, a kWPN Breed judge, who has judged at many high profile shows, including the Sporthorse and Breed Show at Dressage at Devon 2003! We are planning a 2 day clinic, where on the first day, Mr. Hoefs will do a conformation clinic, evaluating each horse from the perspective of dressage or jumping, discussing what will be easy/difficult for each specific horse. Then on the second day, the horses will be ridden, we'll see if Mr. Hoefs evaluation is correct regarding the under saddle work, and he'll offer suggestions as to specific exercises to help the horses in their work! This clinic format has been well received by both NEDA, and the Indiana Dressage Association, so we are looking forward to it as well! Stay tuned for more information on this clinic during the spring and summer months of 2005!

Hope you are all enjoying our beautiful Colorado autumn. No snow down here as of yet, but sure to come in soon! Enjoy the sunshine while you can, and take advantage of these warmish days to go on a nice long trail ride!



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PROPOSED BYLAWS AND STANDING RULES CHANGES

2004 PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Article IV MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION , A.

e. LIFE BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS are business entities who have contributed an amount specified in the Standing Rules of the Society. They will be exempt from further dues and assessments from the Society.

Article VIII A.1. Delete Web site Committee

- 3. b. Add web site management to the Communications Committee
- f. Delete the Registered Officials and Show Standards Committee
- j. Delete description of Website Committee

PROPOSED STANDING RULES CHANGES

SECTION V AWARDS

- E. Add:
 - 6. Special Breed Awards:
 - a: Horses must register with only 1 breed affiliation for year end Breed Awards. Horses may not cross enter breed registries.
 - b. Breed papers must be on file with RMDS central office. Grade horses do not require papers to be on file but must be stated as grade with central office.
 - c. Only One breed award per breed classification.
 - d. New breed awards may be added if there are a minimum of 5 horses of the requested breed affiliation competing and meeting minimum qualifying requirements. RMDS Executive board must also approve the addition of the new award.

SECTION VI. RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM

- A. 2. b. Add: Need to pass with a minimum average evaluation score of 70%.
 - d. Pass a written exam with a minimum score of 85%.
- B. 4. 4. Must attend either a RMDS or a US Equestrian Federation technical delegate-training program at least once every year since becoming a recognized RMDS Technical Delegate.
 - 5. Must officiate as the TD for a RMDS recognized show at least once every two (2) years.

SECTION VII. USDF "L" GRADUATE JUDGES PROGRAM FOR RMDS

- A. Must be certified by the USDF as having successfully passed the USDF "L" judges program, passing with distinction
 - D. Must officiate at a RMDS recognized competition once every two (2) years.

E. Must attend a RMDS, US Equestrian Federation, or USDF recognized continuing education program once every year.

Section VIII DUES AND ASSESSMENTS A.

Life Business \$3000.00

SECTION IX. MEMBER BENEFITS

A. 6. A card providing proof of RMDS membership shall be provided to each member at no charge. A fee will be charged to the member for additional copies of this card.

SECTION X.

CHAPTER - INITIAL FEES

Each new RMDS Chapter will be required to pay an initial organizational fee of \$40.00 to RMDS upon application for RMDS recognition. This fee must be accompanied by (1) an approved and current copy of its procedures or By-Laws, (2) a roster of its membership and (3) a list of elected officers

SECTION XIV. RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

Change % needed to qualify for RMDS Championships:

	Level		
	<u>Open</u>	<u>Adult Amateur</u>	<u>JR/YR</u>
Training	62%	60%	60%
First	62%	60%	60%
Second	60%	60%	60%
Third	60%	58%	58%
Fourth	60%	58%	58%
Delete 5th Level			
PSG	58%	56%	56%
INT I	58%	56%	56%
INT II	58%	56%	56%
GP	56%		

ALL SUGGESTIONS ABOVE ARE SUGGESTIONS ONLY. These need to be discussed, and passed or turned down as the delegates determine.

Megan Gregg at NAYRC cont.

is the Thack Hat and told of it's origin." He PAUSED, "and this award was won by an astounding number of votes-Meg..Megan Gregg." I could not believe it. I had just won the best sportsmanship award out of all three disciplines. It probably doesn't sound like much, but after the rides I had, it meant the world to me. This award is in honor of Col. Thackeray. Because of his undying dedication to this special competition, NAYRC started a tradition with his old straw hat which has been passed from one young rider competition to the next, collecting every pin along the way since 1981. This person should exemplify Col. Thack's spirit, enthusiasm, and love for their horse.

Sunday, the last day of the competition was awesome. Again I watch North America's finest come head to head in their freestyles to see who would win the Gold. The closing ceremonies were a lot of fun also. Some of us walked in and the others were mounted. They presented all of the Medals between all of the disciplines and then there were special awards. They were announcing some of the awards and the very last award they announced was the Captain Anthony B. de Szinay Memorial Sportsmanship Trophy. It was for the best sportsmanship out of all three disciplines at the Championships. The trophy is presented annually to the Young Rider who best personifies the high standards and virtues of integrity, sportsmanship, honor, team spirit, good temper and unselfishness. Presented annually by the US Equestrian Federation, the award honors the memory of Captain Andrew B. de Szinay, teacher, Dressage Judge, Technical Delegate and long-time friend and supporter of the Young Riders' Program. His dedication and support of the Young Riders' Program has encouraged its growth and expansion throughout the United States. They announced my name. I was utterly shocked. I had already won the "Thack Hat" and now I won another of the most prestigious awards. AMAZING.

My Mom and Dad, Susan and Mike, my sister Kristy, Margo and her husband Marin and our friend Faye Watchorn came to support me in this great adventure. I thank God for letting me qualify for the NAYRC and for letting me have one of the most influential experiences of my life.

With these last words I depart-my grandfather reminded me of one of the truest quotes shortly after he heard what the outcome of my rides were-This is what he wrote "It is not if you win or lose but how you play the game." I played this game, the hardest game of my life and I lost, I lost by a long shot. Yet I won the two most respected awards of the whole thing over all the disciplines because of my attitude. Attitude is everything. No one should EVER, EVER forget that.

Thank you to all who supported me.

Megan Gregg

The Third Annual RMDS Member's Art Show

A Juried Exhibit of artwork by RMDS members to be displayed at the 2004 RMDS Awards Banquet in Colorado Springs on November 13, 2004.

Eligibility: Open to all RMDS members and juried by Divisions* as defined in Show Rules.

- Adult Amateurs
- Juniors
- Professionals

**If less than six entries per category, divisions will be combined*

Categories of Exhibit:

- I. Fine Art: Any original artwork on paper or board. Oils, pastels, watercolors, charcoals or other original two-dimensional art work framed and ready for display.
- II. Photography: Color or Black and White photographs or other original prints framed and ready for display.
- III. Mixed Media/Sculpture: Three-dimensional original artworks limited to overall size of 36"x36"x36" display ready; sculptures please include pedestals. Sorry, no jewelry.

Jurors: TBA

Awards: Champion and Reserve Champion per Division

Entries: Submit Entry on attached form by November 9, 2004. All entries must be delivered to the Park Plaza in Colorado Springs on November 13 between 9am and 12pm. All entries must be display ready as noted above. All entries must be picked up on November 13 between 8 and 10pm. Entries limited to 3 entries per member. Any work for sale must be listed on entry form for display tags to include this information. No commission to RMDS. Sale to be handled exclusively by Artist. Must be an RMDS member.

Fees: \$10.00 per entry. Send entry form to: Janet Alexander, 7536 Liberty Bell Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Coordinator: Janet Alexander, (719) 531-5182 for more info.

RMDS THIRD ANNUAL MEMBERS' ART SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

RMDS # _____

Phone contact name and number: _____

Division	Category	
Title/Description 1		Price
Title/Description 2		Price
Title/Description 3		Price

If your work is for sale, you (or a representative) must be in attendance at the Awards Ceremony to handle your business. RMDS accepts no liability for artwork.

TECHNICAL DELEGATES, JUDGES & CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS

DRESSAGE JUDGES RATINGS & LEVELS QUALIFIED TO JUDGE

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
USDF "L"	Learner (not a judge)	Training-Second	USEF "S"	Senior	All Levels
USEF "I"	Recorded	Training-Second	FEI "I"	International	All Levels
USEF "R"	Registered	Training-Fourth	FEI "O"	Olympic	All Levels

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Kathleen Mayger 970-310-8729

USDF INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

Applications are arriving for the 2005 USDF Instructors Workshop. Interest is equally split between Beginning to Second level and the Advanced level. At this time I am thinking of having two workshops so we can take as many of you as possible. If you would like to participate, or have an application but have yet to return it, please contact me as soon as possible.

Jill Cantor Lee has graciously donated her facility, Chatellen, to the program. Jill at Chatellen join Sheri Mattei-Mead at Cloud 9 at Stonegate in Ft. Collins, Simone Ahern and Sun Prairie Stable and Debbie Cranston and Canon Ridge Farms.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!!

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High Plains News

HP NOVEMBER MEETING - 11/15/04

"WAR HORSE" Restaurant - Parker CO 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

2004 Christmas Party-12/11/04
2005 Show Plans
2005 Schooling Shows, Clinic, etc.
2005 - Election of Officers
2006 Show Plans, etc.

Scholarship applications deadline November 30th.

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Perc Chapter News 2004

When John R. Garrett wrote in the Centaur, "Make the energy of success a habit, and discover how much potential you have!" he was expressing a philosophy members used to motivate Perc plans through 2004. Each activity that we planned or executed this year has been centered on the positive mental attitude that makes horses and riders feel better about themselves. This approach seems to be doing all members some real good.

Perc has a resident instructor, in Sharon Ghilarducci, that members learn from and appreciate both through Spring and Fall Camps at Quail Ridge Farm, weekly clinic lessons scheduled at members homes, follow-up videos from Sharon's participation, with her horse Luminary, at various clinics and seminars such as her most recent Demo Riders learning session with Stefan Kieswitter during the Advanced Training Scale Seminar at Autumn Hill. During October, Sharon will attend the USDF Trainer's Conference offered by Kathy Connelly and bring back more new ideas to Perc member clinics planned for winter months.

A Fall Fun Day was enjoyed in September at Cis Harman's home including a relaxing trail ride, Quadrille practice ridden as a large Drill Team, and a potluck picnic including friends and family. During November, Lynette Anderson will host a Winter Game Day for members and families and we really look forward to great food and trail games with Drill Team activities.

Mary Rae shared information learned from her auditing of the final portion of the L Judges Program at the September Perc meeting. We were all delighted with the many valuable ideas that she could share with members. Mary is making plans to attend the Board of Governors meeting in Colorado Springs November 13th if weather and schedules cooperate.

Six members will be meeting Rene Johnson and some of her students from California and attending the World Cup in Las Vegas in April. We already have tickets and can't wait to see and appreciate this event.

Thanks, Members of Perc

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NOVEMBER 2004

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- 12-14 CINDY SPALDING CLINIC-LOST LAKE EQUESTRIAN CTR & URBAN FARM**
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- 13 RMDS BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING/AWARDS BANQUET**
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Western Colorado,TBA; :Linda Waag – (970) 923-6388
- 18 CLINIC-SUE HALASZ-FREEDOM FARMS-FRANKTOWN**
Contact Pat Propp 303-868-7511

DECEMBER 2004

- 10-12 CINDY SPALDING CLINIC-LOST LAKE EQUESTRIAN CTR & URBAN FARM**
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APRIL 2005

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- 9-10 BETSY STEINER CLINIC**
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- 13-14 GRAND VALLEY SPRING SHOW USEF--**
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- 20 DRESSAGE AT THE PEAK WARM-UP-RMDS**
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- 21-22 DRESSAGE AT THE PEAK-COLORADO SPRINGS-USEF-YR QUALIFIER**
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- 28-29 USDF INSTRUCTOR RIDING WORKSHOP - LILO FORE**
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- 28 DALWHINNIE DRESSAGE SHOW #1-RIDGWAY, CO-USEF**
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- 29 DALWHINNIE DRESSAGE SHOW #2-RIDGWAY, CO-USEF**
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JUNE 2005

- 3 DRESSAGE AT HIGH PRAIRIE #1-PARKER, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
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- 5 DRESSAGE AT HIGH PRAIRIE #3-PARKER, CO-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
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- 18-19 TRI STATE SUMMER DRESSAGE-RIVERTON, WY-USEF**
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- 18-19 COLUMBINE DRESSAGE SHOW #2-LITTLETON-USEF**
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- 24 DRESSAGE IN THE PLAINS #1-PEYTON, CO-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 25-26 DRESSAGE IN THE PLAINS #2-PEYTON, CO-USEF**
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- 24 HEBER VALLEY SUMMER DRESSAGE #1 -UTAH-USEF YR QUALIFIER**
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- 25 COTTONWOOD DRESSAGE I - BOZEMAN, MT USEF**
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- 26 COTTONWOOD DRESSAGE II - BOZEMAN, MT USEF**
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JULY 2005

- 9 DALWHINNIE DRESSAGE SHOW #3-RIDGWAY, CO-USEF**
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- 10 DALWHINNIE DRESSAGE SHOW #4-RIDGWAY, CO-USEF**
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- 22-23 ASPEN FESTIVAL #1-CARBONDALE, CO-USEF**
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- 24 ASPEN FESTIVAL #2-CARBONDALE, CO-USEF**
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AUGUST 2005

- 5 DRESSAGE IN THE ROCKIES #1-PARKER**
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- 6 DRESSAGE IN THE ROCKIES #2-PARKER**
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- 7 DRESSAGE IN THE ROCKIES #3-PARKER**
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- 6-7 USEF "R" TESTING-JANET BROWN & LOIS YUKINS**
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- 6-7 CHEYENNE DRESSAGE & HUNT CLUB SHOW-CHEYENNE,WY-USEF**
Contact Susan Rocha 307-635-3296
- 13-14 USDF INSTRUCTOR TEACHING WORKSHOP - DEBBIE McDONALD**
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- 20 UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY SHOW #1-SANDY, UT USEF**
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- 21 UTAH DRESSAGE SOCIETY SHOW #2-SANDY, UT USEF**
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SEPTEMBER 2005

- TBA USDF INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP PRECERTIFICATION**
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- 21 RMDS BREED CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN BREED SHOW-PARKER, CO-USEF**
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- 22-25 REGION V/RMDS DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS & DRESSAGE OPEN**
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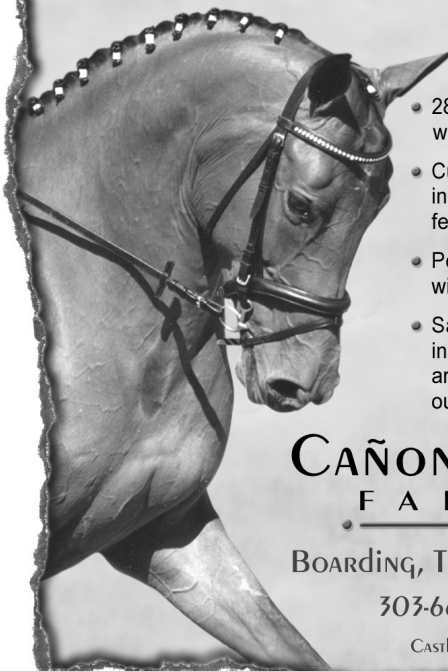
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- Boulder Valley, 1st Monday - even months**
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- Colorado Springs, Date and location vary,**
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www.csdressage.org
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Contact: Carol Milan - 303-279-1397
- Grand Valley, 1st Thursday - every month; Roaming
around;**
Contact: Kelly Schlagel - 970-242-5935
High Plains, TBA;
Contact: Terri Wallace - 303-695-8566
- Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday - every month;
CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.;**
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- Penrose, 1st Wednesday - every month; Roaming
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- To guarantee that ads and articles will be run in any given month, they must be received with full payment by the 10th of the month prior to month of publication! i.e. January 10 for February issue.
- If not received by that date, they will be placed in the following edition if not time-sensitive

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Articles: Please send all articles for editorial review to:
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P.O. Box 18857, Boulder CO 80308-1857, (303) 682-2817

The Centaur appreciates articles submitted by the membership for publication. Please remember – all articles submitted are subject to editorial changes and/or corrections at the discretion of the editorial staff.

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

Please include all information for person designated as representative.

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

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

Indicate Local Chapter:

- Boulder Valley Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
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2005 HORSE REGISTRATION FORM

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

Horse Name _____ Sex _____

Breed (if known) _____

Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____

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

Address of Owner _____

Owners Phone (Home) _____ (e-mail) _____

Name of Representative (if owner is a business)

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

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Awards Banquet 2004

“An Olympic Celebration”

Saturday November 13, 2004
Park Plaza Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO

You are cordially invited to an evening of fun and fellowship in celebration of the accomplishments of our RMDS members and their equine partners.
Please come join us!

Contact Simone Windeler (719) 540-2000 or (719) 287-2040

8:30am – 4:00pm Board of Governors Meeting
4:30pm – 5:30pm – “How to Win” – Discover the Power of Your Mind
6:00pm – 11:00pm, Cash Bar, Buffet Celebration Banquet, Awards Presentation, Olympic Highlight Presentation

Please RSVP with check or money order by November 6th, 2004. A \$5.00 per plate late charge will be assessed for late reservation. SORRY, NO RESERVATIONS after November 9th!

Make checks payable to RMDS. Please fill out the form and send to:
Judi Tobias, 13550 Lariat Pl., Elbert CO 80106

Directions: From I-25 North exit at Garden of the Gods Exit and west on Garden of the Gods Road to Popes Bluff Trail. Address is 505 Popes Bluff Trail

Accommodations: Park Plaza Hotel (719) 598-7656. Price is \$69/room single or double. Please mention RMDS when making reservations to receive your discount. Number of rooms are subject to availability, so make reservations as soon as possible.

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We DO NOT plan on attending the banquet but will be attending the awards presentation and are enclosing a \$5.00 fee per person to help cover the banquet costs.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Only attending members will have their names announced at the awards presentation.

Turnout Time

Barn and Rider Profile: Legacy Hill Farms

By Claudia Barkmeier
Contributing Writer

When Michelle and her husband Dr. Bernd Lauber built Legacy Hill Farms six years ago they were dreaming of creating an environment that was nurturing, harmonious and safe for both the horse and the rider. Michelle envisioned a caring supportive family where she could share her depth of knowledge of dressage riding and training: A place where students could learn not only from her, but from each other, where horses were trained by their riders and the horses could teach their riders.



*Ulla Salzgeber, Michelle
and friend Lisa*

Located in Castle Rock, Colorado, Legacy Hill Farms sits on 40 acres, has 24 stalls and a full sized indoor dressage arena. Michelle believes very strongly in the German philosophy of training through the levels and invests her time and money every year with frequent visits to Germany to perfect her skills and learn new techniques. Michelle's early influences in her career of 17 years were Sue Halasz and Axel Steiner. The most important influence on her riding and training is the coaching she has received from Ulla Salzgeber over the past 3 years. In addition, she spent two months living with and training under Ulla Salzgeber in Southern Germany at her farm in Bad Woerishofen. There she obtained a much deeper understanding of what a systematic training program really means. She also developed an "understanding of what it is to have the horse correctly connected and engaged" along with a "more complete understanding of not riding too deep, and the importance of being able to ride the horse in different frames but coming through the hind legs" To

Michelle the most important single thing to remember is "The connection you form with the hind legs is paramount in every gait and in every movement and you cannot lose this connection – ever."

Although teaching is very important to Michelle, the main focus of the barn is to import and resell quality dressage horses throughout North America. While looking for horses to bring back to the United States Michelle focuses on several different traits. The horse must have a strong character and work ethic, he must have the talent to progress to the FEI level (Michelle deals only in geldings) and be exciting enough to interest the professional rider, but kind and calm enough to suit the amateur. This requires culling through hundreds of prospective candidates and five or six trips a year to Germany.

Looking to the future, Michelle's goal is to continue to encourage harmony not only between rider and horse, but between the riders in our own dressage community. She is sponsoring a series of clinics entitled "Raise the Bar" – the purpose of which are to bring in top quality trainers, judges, riders and instructors from around the United States and Germany to share their expertise so we can all improve all aspects of riding, training and judging. By doing this she hopes not only to "raise the bar" of what we are all capable of, but also to encourage us all to work together to help each become better riders and a more harmonious riding community. Contact Legacy Hill Farms at www.legacyhillfarms.com for info.



*Clinic set-up at
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CALL FOR STORIES

This year, RMDS would like to publish a special Christmas issue celebrating the favorite and special horses that have graced our lives.

If you have a special horse you'd like to honor, please send a short submission, along with a picture if you'd like, to the Centaur at bswanson2003@qwest.net or mail to the Central Office

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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

In September I attended the Region 2 Dressage Championships at the Lamplight Equestrian Facility, west of Chicago. Lamplight is gorgeous: weeping willows, flowers everywhere, it was like being in a lush botanical garden. I saw many familiar faces from Region 5: From Colorado, Janet Brown and Kristi Wysocki were judges, Veronica Holt was one of the TDs, and Dianne Stanley, our TD Coordinator from Montana, was assisting with equipment inspections. On Friday there were eight competition arenas. Saturday and Sunday had five arenas of Championship Classes only. It was an intense educational experience for me as an apprentice "R" Technical Delegate.

The USDF Convention is right around the corner. Registration must be received in the USDF office by Monday, November 15. The agenda and symposium booklet are a pull-out section in the September issue of the USDF Connection. The convention meetings are opportunities for you to influence our organization. Your GMO's are sending representatives to the Board of Governors meeting. Participating Members are also represented by elected delegates who are Janet Alexander, Jane Bagwell, Beth Geier, Jeanette Harrison, Sarah Martin, and Jean Patton. Our representative for the Youth Executive Board is Vanessa Simon.

I would like to welcome a new GMO to our region, the Southern Arizona Dressage Association (SAzDA). Their members are dressage riders from southern Arizona: Sierra Vista, Sonoita, Patagonia, and Tucson. The President is Elizabeth Palmieri of Tucson and Vice President is Scarlett Fahrenson of Sonoita with Beth Glass, the Membership coordinator and Awards chairperson. The newsletter editor is Cheryl Rodriguez and her email is: crodriguez@earthlink.net.

Our regional competition manager coordinator, Joe Coleman, has moved to Kansas, outside region 5. Heather Peterson, our nominations coordinator, who has done an excellent job and has experience as a show manager and secretary, will replace him. Susan Slack, has volunteered to replace her as nominations coordinator. They both will attend this year's convention.

Educational Grant Deadline Extended to January 15, 2005! I have not received any grant applications for the USDF fiscal year starting April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. The purpose of the grants is to make dressage education more affordable for our members. Grants will be awarded for programs based upon the greatest educational value---they need to be more than a riding clinic. If you need an application please send me an email at huntery@mindspring.com.



Legacy Hill Farms Bringing Excellence in Dressage to Colorado

Michelle Lauber is now accepting a limited number of students for her training program at LHF in Castle Rock, Colorado. She possesses 17 years experience in dressage and has competed in the FEI levels for 14 years. She has successfully trained horses through the Grand Prix level. Living in Germany, she trained with Ulla Salzgeber, learning the philosophy of this incredible rider and trainer as well as the philosophies of Ulla's trainers, Ernst Hoyas and Jo Hinneemann. Michelle regularly travels to Germany to purchase horses for her resale business which enables her to continue her training. In addition, Legacy Hill Farms will also begin hosting a "Raise the Bar" series of informative clinics. Just some of the topics coming up will include "Successful Lunging", "The Effective Half Halt", and "How to Select Your Next Dressage Horse". Our clinicians will include Leslie Morse, Jan Ebeling, surprise guests from Europe and a few of our own wonderful trainers from Colorado. Rider and auditor space will be limited so call early for your reservation. Some clinics will include discussion, lecture time and videos. We want to make it fun and informative. Check out the RMDS and LHF website for our upcoming schedule, times and directions



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