

THE CENTAUR

RMDS Clinic to Preview the new USDF dressage test

Be ready for the most important event of the winter

Castle Rock - Every four years, the United States Dressage Federation revises its tests. 2007 marks the year in which the new tests will be used for dressage competition, and fortunately, you won't have to struggle through the learning process alone.

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society President Heather Petersen announced that a clinic to help riders learn and master the intricacies of the new test will be held sometime in January 2007; although the time and date are to-be-announced, the clinic will be hosted by Janet Brown Foy, one of the most esteemed clinicians and judges in the Rocky Mountain West, and indeed, in the United States.

Foy helped write the new tests, and therefore has a depth of knowledge as to what changes have been made, and why.

According to Petersen, there are a num-

ber of reasons why RMDS members, or those simply interested in learning about the sport of dressage, would want to attend the clinics.

"For beginners, this clinic will be a great introduction into the sport of dressage and a chance to see the progression of the training scale and abilities of the horses and riders as they move up through the levels," said Petersen.

"It will also be a chance to see the 'who's who' of the local dressage community and meet people who will be valuable to the achievement of their training goals."

Indeed, while Brown explains the maneuvers required in each test and discusses how different elements were selected and how they fit together, riders will demonstrate each test. (Volunteer riders, here's a great opportunity to participate and gain valuable

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experience prior to the new show season).

More advanced riders and trainers will have a chance to fine-tune their education and conceptualization of the tests at every level and see what they will need to achieve

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My Odyssey With Chloe...the Final Episode by Carol Von Michaelis

Life is full of surprises...at the start of this show season I thought that I would devote my life and summer to being with horses and showing Chloe. Since then I met a great guy, quit my job and started my own company, moved Chloe an hour and a half away, found a graduate program, applied, got engaged to the great guy, adopted a new dog, interviewed at a university located in North Dakota and was accepted into the

graduate program, almost had a dog get eaten by a mountain lion, got married, bought a house, moved again, and traveled to Austria and Armenia. Somehow I had a hard time remembering the patterns for the dressage tests that I was riding.

Chloe also had other plans. She decided that she was an important part of my life and that she was going to make my job as a rider very demanding. She wasn't sure if she could be the same horse two days in a row, let alone two horse shows in a row. She made our tests memorable with bucks, kicks, stops, spooks, and the occasional take-off. Not only was my mind spinning but my horse was too!

For me everything had changed except that I had Chloe, and her way of helping was to make me concentrate so hard that I had to forget everything else. Looking back at the times that I wished that she and I had never met,

she was only trying her best to help me. Chloe made me concentrate at a time in my life when I was having difficulty putting a sentence together. While it may have seemed to the rest of the barn as carefree abandon in dealing with a stressed and crazy horse, Chloe was giving me exactly what I needed.

Susi (Susi Primgaard, my trainer) was amazing through all of this. Despite breaking her foot, she still helped us progress. She met me wherever my mental spot was and helped me from there. She made my lessons short when she knew that I could only concentrate on one short lesson, or she made them challenging when she could see that I needed something to focus on. Through all these ups and downs, Chloe has finally reached a point in her growth where she can truly function and progress. I see and feel the difference in her every day now and her arena

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to move themselves - and for those who teach, their clients - to the next step in their training.

"Probably the most valuable thing to be gained by attending is hearing why the tests were written as they were and what the judges will be looking for in each movement," added Petersen.

In addition to being a valuable learning experience for riders, the clinic will also be a benefit to judges.

"For our local 'L' (judges) graduates and higher, this clinic will help you to see how our international judges and top U.S. judges will grade the new tests. And, of course, to see how the new tests 'ride' prior to the show season, because this will truly be the first and best chance to see the new tests performed prior to the 2007 shows," Petersen added.

Those new to dressage may wonder why the tests have to be changed periodically, or why the wait is set at four years. According to Petersen, the reason the waiting period is four years is to enable competitors to work on training and improvement over an extended period so that each maneuver and movement to the next level builds on the exercises learned in the past.

However, that learning curve requires evaluation and modification, both to keep the learning process fresh and also to eliminate flaws which develop in the evaluation system over time. Petersen explains.

"For example, in the previous Third Level test, there was a stretchy sequence in the canter circles and it was difficult to determine how it should be judged. The riders could never agree on how to perform it, so it was changed. And that is just one example."

Petersen said that having Janet Foy Brown as the clinician provides an especially knowledgeable person to help riders learn the new tests.

Brown, a native of Colorado Springs, attended riding school in the United Kingdom and was selected by the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo as "Girl of the West." She is an FEI International-level judge and U.S. Equestrian Senior Judge. She is also a faculty member of the "L" (learner) Judge Program, the "R" (registered) Judge Program, and the "r" judge program.

In addition, Foy served as a past RMDS President and Region 5 Director for the United States Dressage Federation.

"Having someone of Janet's experience, someone with first-hand knowledge of the decisions that influenced the test changes

and who can explain the intricacies of the movements and the expectations that will guide judges for the next four years is really an invaluable resource," said Petersen.

"I really encourage all RMDS members who are able to attend to come to these clinics. I think you will miss out on a big competitive head-start if you can't make it."

The clinic is expected to take three hours, and will be held indoors. For more information on the clinic date and location, please check the RMDS web site (www.rmids.org), or look for updates in upcoming editions of *The Centaur*.

Written by RMDS and Centaur Staff.

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Chloe, continued from page one.

behavior is improving steadily. I even felt comfortable enough with her progress to put one of my young students on Chloe and let her out for a trail ride with her mom.

I did one last show and achieved my goal of getting to Second Level one rainy morning. These were not conditions for any horse to do its best but Chloe did better than she'd done all year. I am so happy, I am married, own a home, got into the school I wanted, and now am riding at second level. I decided to end the season on that note rather than participate in the RMDS Championships. Chloe has moved to a barn less than ten minutes from my house, and although I will miss riding with Fourth Level horses, it is nice to have the consistency and

convenience.

I hope that my life will now get into a steadier routine, where I can train Chloe, take lessons with Susi, teach my students (who are now as excited about dressage as I am and who will join me next summer at shows), go to school, and most importantly, be a wife and supportive partner. As I type, I sense a degree of shock at these words and realize that much of my very eventful year happened partly because of Chloe. She has always been with me and reminds me daily to reach for goals that will improve both of our lives.

I now realize that the most important part of owning a horse isn't about getting a high score or a blue ribbon or even getting to the next level. Horses add a whole new dimension to one's life and the involvement grabs one's total attention for a while. The benefits can be greater than any help from a therapist, friend, or situation.

Thinking about it, dressage and Chloe have been a great way for me to lose myself in order to find myself. Riding dressage requires having to get out of one's self and pay close attention to another living being's minutest details. I don't know one other situation quite as demanding. Devoting energy and time to this endeavor is one of the most rewarding parts of my day. Dressage and Chloe certainly kept me going throughout a time of major life changes.

Author Carol Von Michaelis spent the last year documenting her season with her horse, Chloe. This is the final chapter in the series of articles which ran in The Centaur.

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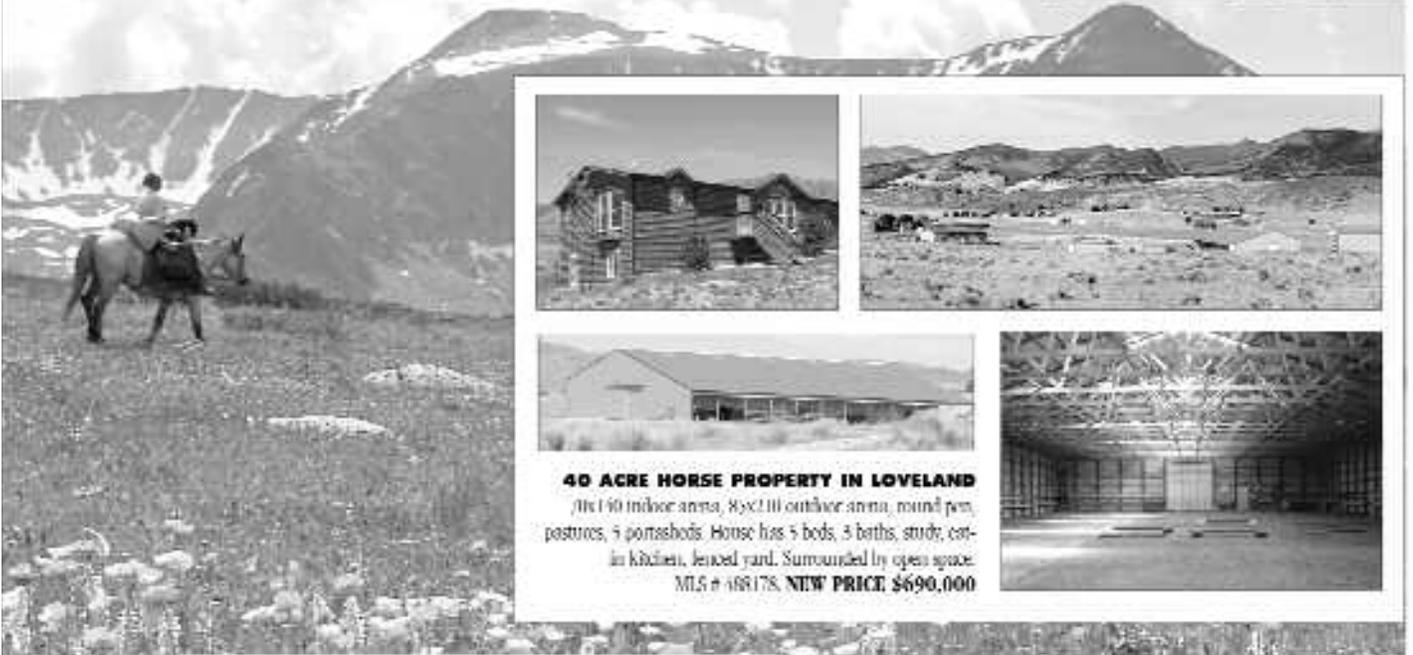
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Editor's Page

From the Desk of RMDS President Heather Petersen...

HEY, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!!!!!!

The USDF L Program is just around the corner, and you want to be sure to put the dates on your calendar so you can attend. Auditing Sessions A, B and C will increase your dressage knowledge tenfold. This program is NOT just for judge 'wanna bees' - it's for everyone with an interest in becoming a better equestrian.

Session A will discuss the biomechanics of the horse. Do you want to know what distinguishes classical dressage from "poodle" dressage? How can you improve your horse's gaits, physique (conformation and muscling) and improve the willingness and attitude of the horse? This session also covers United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. dressage rules (everyone could use a refresher here) and other important information.

Session B discusses gaits, the training scale, the principles of increased engagement and elevation as well as movements

from Training to Second Level. Each movement in the test will be discussed as follows: the purpose of the movement; the execution of the movement; the essence of the movement; the most common faults; and suitable vocabulary.

Session B will help you understand why each movement is performed, then how it should be performed, what is the most important part of the movement (the essence) and what most horses will do to avoid the movement. In the end, the group will talk about vocabulary to describe what actually happened during the movement. So, if you are having trouble figuring out what those comments on your test sheet really mean...

Session C works on understanding the collective marks and the freestyle. Do you want to get a higher rider score? Wonder why your horse only scores a 6 on gaits and a 5 on impulsion? Why did you get a 4 on submission when he did 'everything'? If you want to ride or design a freestyle, this is a good chance to get some tips on what to do

and what not to do.

Education is never finished, and these sessions will greatly enhance your understanding of the sport of dressage. Plan on attending. It's more than just judging!

If you are interested in being a full participant in the program, please contact Heather Petersen (719-683-8435 or slush@drwg.net). If you'd like to audit please also contact Heather. Advance registration is highly recommended so that we can make sure we have enough handouts and information packets for everyone.

Session A will be February 3-4 in the Longmont/ Berthoud area and the instructor will be Lois Yukins.

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The Latest Scoop from the Editor's Stall.

Hello...

This marks the fifth issue of *The Centaur* that I have worked on, and it has been a lot of fun so far. Now, with some downtime after the RMDS Championships, I am hoping to catch my breath and do some planning for the upcoming year.

First, let me say thanks to those of you who have offered to send in articles, letters and photographs. The last few issues have been crowded with advertisements and official notices from the RMDS office, but I hope to use some of the backlogged materials in upcoming issues.

For instance, we introduced the series of articles on Classic Riding by Ralf Schmitzer in the July issue, and still have one more article in the series to print. I hope to get that out in one of the upcoming editions.

We were finally able to conclude Carol Von Michealis' series of articles on her year spent with her mare, Chloe. I would like to

thank Carol for this series - I think she proved that while life doesn't always allow us to proceed along the lines of our best-made plans, we still gain much along the route, even if we don't hit every goal. Her philosophical insights into what her horse meant to her life was, to my mind, as good if not better an outcome than if she had gone to championships and claimed a blue ribbon.

I am hoping, though, that a few of my plans will make it all the way to the podium. I particularly would like to see more practical, hands-on stories of interest to the RMDS membership. For instance, with the holidays upon us, could someone who is adept at shopping come up with a top-10 list of gifts for the dressage rider in your family? Perhaps it is self-serving, but such a list would be a handy thing to place carelessly by your spouse's chair or on a work desk in the study!

I am particularly interested in working

with our young riders. I was very surprised and heartened to see so many energetic and talented riders at the dressage championships in Parker. And I wondered, why don't more of them write?

Perhaps they are too busy blogging and IMing to do something as boring as writing for *The Centaur*. However, what if they could write a *Centaur* article and get credit for it? I am sure there are sympathetic teachers in English or Journalism classes who would welcome the chance to have one of their students actually get something published. And who doesn't want to encourage kids to write about the things that they have a passion for?

With the holidays nearly here, I hope everyone has a peaceful and joyous holiday season. If there is one gift you can give to me, it would be more great articles that I can share with the RMDS membership!

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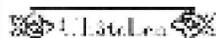
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The clinics will feature a lecture each day as well as riding for USDF members interested in benefiting from Jane's wealth of knowledge and expertise.

The series of clinics is aimed primarily at adults riding Training through Fourth Levels, however, FEI level riders are also welcome to attend.

"Jane brings a wealth of knowledge on how to eliminate mental barriers in your riding and that is the type of thing that many of our adult amateurs struggle with every day," said Katherine Robertson, Senior Coordinator for the program.

Riders and horses participating in these clinics should have a history together in order to maximize the auditor educational experience, but a competitive history is not necessary.

"Jane has also graciously offered to supply auditors with a few handouts and help them maximize their learning experience," adds Kathie. Jane and the USDF really want everyone to benefit from her many years of experience at the highest levels."

In addition to her skills as a coach, competitor, instructor, and clinician, Jane has penned many articles and books such as

That Winning Feeling, It's Not Just About the Ribbons, and *Cross-Train Your Horse* Books One and Two. Jane served as coach to the Canadian Olympic three-day event team in both Atlanta and Athens in 1996 and 2000. In addition, she was the reserve rider for the bronze-medal winning Olympic team at the Barcelona Olympic Games. In a continued effort to pass on her knowledge, Jane has also put together a series of instructional video tapes entitled *The Half-Halt Demystified, Putting Your Horse on the Bit*, and *Riding in Your Mind's Eye*.

For more information on the USDF Adult Clinic Series featuring Jane Savoie, please visit the USDF web site at <http://www.usdf.org/Programs> or contact Kathie Robertson at 859-271-7877 or via email at adultclinics@usdf.org.

RMDS PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Following are the by-law changes under consideration.

Changes are noted in *italic type*.

2006

For discussion and possible changes at the Board of Governors' Meeting - November 11, 2006

Use the 2006 Omnibus for reference.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

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Article VII: OFFICERS

B. Term of Office:

Delete section 3 and insert:

3. *The President shall be elected for a 2-year term to begin January 1 of the even numbered years.*
4. *The Vice President shall be elected to a 1-year term to begin January 1.*

PROPOSED STANDING RULES CHANGES

Page E-13 Discuss fee

SECTION III. RMDS RECOGNIZED/APPROVED COMPETITIONS

E. Applications for recognition ... are postmarked after November 1 will be assessed a late fee of \$25.

Page E-13 **Add & re-letter sections**

G. The show manager must be a member in good standing of RMDS.

H. The Show Manager must attend a Continuing Education for Show Managers once every two (2) years.

I. The show secretary must be a member in good standing of RMDS.

J. The Show Secretary must attend a Continuing Education for Show Managers/Secretaries once every two (2) years.

Page E-14 **change** Scheduling Chairperson to RMDS Central Office (house keeping)

L. N. RMDS Recognized Competition Approval: Chapter protected competitions that wish to permanently change their competition dates must send written notification of their intent to the (Scheduling Chairperson) *RMDS Central Office* for approval in accordance with the current Standing rules.

Page E-14 Discuss fee

N. P. If scores are not received within thirty (30) days of the last day of the competition; a penalty charge of \$50.00 will be assessed.

Page E-21 **Reword & add:**

SECTION VII. USDF "L" Graduate Program for RMDS

D. Must officiate at a RMDS recognized competition or dressage schooling show once every two (2) years

F. Must scribe or sit 8 hours every 2 years at a USEF Recognized show with an "R" judge or higher.

Page E-21 **Discuss fees and change:**

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C. There will be a \$25.00 charge plus bank fees

D. The lifetime horse registration fee is \$35.00.

There is a \$10.00 fee for any changes to the registration (i.e., horse name change, owner change, etc.).

The Society newsletter, Centaur, is available as a separate subscription for an annual fee of \$35.00.

Page E-22 **Discuss fees and change:**

SECTION IX. MEMBER BENEFITS

A. General Benefits

5. A Chapter basic membership fee of \$10.00 shall be paid by RMDS...

Page E-23 **Discuss fees and change:**

SECTION X. CHAPTER INITIAL FEES

Each new RMDS Chapter will be required to pay an initial organizational fee of \$100.00 to RMDS

Page E-24 **Discuss fees and change:**

SECTION XII. PROTESTS, CHARGES, HEARINGS, and WARNINGS

A non-refundable fee of \$150 needs

SECTION XIII. COMPENSATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

C. Contracts that the Society awards on a yearly and/or bi-yearly basis may include the following:

4. *The RMDS Treasurer shall be a paid contract position that shall perform those duties as required by the current job description for this position.*

Page E-25 **add:**

SECTION XIV. RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

A. General:

4. For Training through Fourth Level & First through Fourth Level Freestyle Championship Classes, horse/rider combinations are not eligible to compete in any Championship Classes if they have previously participated in any RMDS, US Equestrian Federation or USDF recognized competition at two or more levels higher. For FEI Championship Classes, horse/rider combinations may have previously competed at any FEI level.

5. Horse and rider combinations, which are champions from previous years *and received an RMDS qualifying score* for Training Levels through Fourth Level & First through Fourth Level Freestyle are not eligible to compete again in Championship Classes at the same level, at which they were champions.

Page E-26 **add & renumber:**

B. Qualification For Dressage Championship Classes:

The rider must have volunteered 4 hours during the show season at a RMDS recognized show/function/event.

5. Horse/rider combinations may qualify for Championship Classes by submitting scores meeting the following criteria:

c. The horse/rider combination must receive two (2) qualifying scores from RMDS recognized competitions at the level of the Championship Class that they wish to qualify to ride *in the current RMDS show year.*

Region 5 News

November 2006 Region 5 Message

The Great American Insurance Group/USDF Regional Championship show at Expo New Mexico in Albuquerque on October 6-8, 2006 was a successful competition for the top riders in our region.

Thanks to Donald Simpson, show manager, and New Mexico Dressage Association, host GMO for the event. The highlight was the delicious, free Mexican dinner during the awards ceremony Saturday evening. Congratulations to the Regional Champions and everyone who competed, participating at this level is quite an accomplishment. Dian Seabury from Tucson, Arizona won the raffle for the Logan two-horse trailer. Our next championship show will be at Colorado Horse Park September 27-30, 2007. The show secretary will be Heather Petersen,

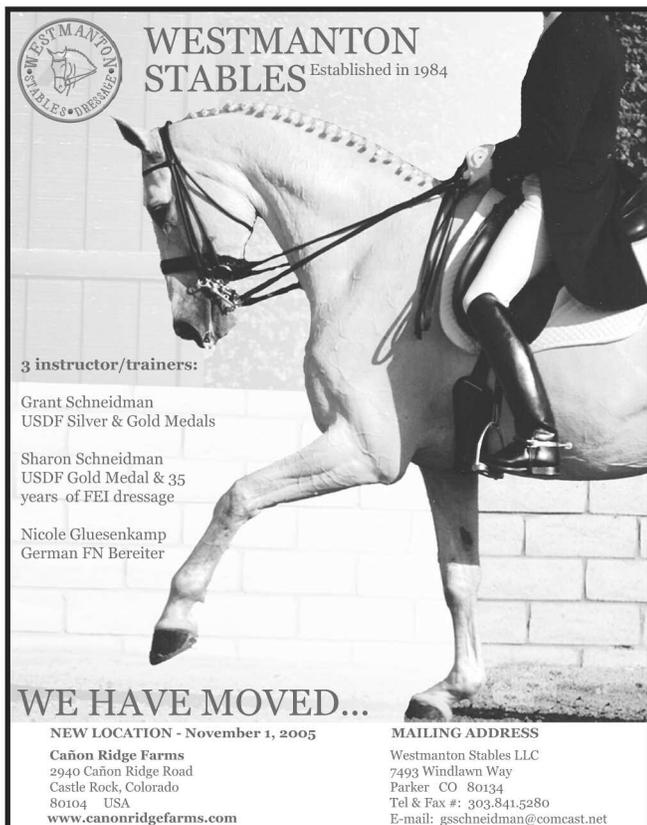
slush@drqw.net or 719-683-8435. In 2008 I am planning to rotate the regional championship show south, with Arizona will hosting the championships.

Remember to renew your memberships to USEF, USDF, and your local GMO. USEF is offering a \$5 discount if you renew online. You can print out a single sheet with all six memberships USEF/USDF horse/rider/owner for the show season. It is very simple and easy—it took me just a few minutes. You can access this on <http://www.usdf.org> and follow the links or access it directly by going to <http://eqverification.org>. This is the first step to simplify things for our members. USDF is working on the next step, a project that will enable members to go online and print one USEF/USDF membership card.

New national level dressage tests are available online and go into effect December 1 2006. USDF will have "On The Levels" DVD that will demonstrate how to ride the new tests, what the judges are looking for and how not to ride certain movements. Many GMO's are having symposiums on the new tests, a good way to prepare for the coming show season.

I hope to see many of you at the USDF Convention in Kansas City. Registration is easy, available online and the tentative agenda is also on the USDF website.

Happy Riding!
Theresa Hunt
Region 5 Director



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ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE TO AUDIT OR PARTICIPATE IN
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A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE LEARNING!

Nov 11	RMDS Board of Governors meeting
Nov 18-18	Rachel Saavedra Clinic - Sun Prairie Farm - Peyton
2007	
Jan 27	"View from C" Judges Continuing Education - Kristi Wysocki Freedom Farm - Franktown
Feb 3-4	USDF "L" Session A - Lois Yukins - Paragon - Berthoud
Feb 10	Show Managers & TD Continuing Education - Table Mountain Ranch - Golden - Heather Petersen, Cat Siemiet & Joan Clay
March 10-11	USDF "L" Session B - Janet Foy - Paragon - Berthoud
March 24-25	RMDS Winter Wake Up Show
April 14-15	USDF "L" Session C - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez - Somewhere Farms - Elbert
June 9-10	USDF "L" Session D - Lois Yukins - Colorado Horse Park - Parker
Sept 26	Breed Show and Breed Championship - Colorado Horse Park - Parker
Sept 27-30	RMDS Open and Championship Show - Colorado Horse Park - Parker
Sept 27-30	Region V Championships-Colorado - Colorado Horse Park - Parker
Oct. 13-14	Reunion V - Jane Savoie Phantom Hill Farm - Fort Collins

USDF "L" Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

Read The Centaur for details on these and other RMDS events.
Contact the RMDS Central Office for more information
720-890-7825 or rmds@rmds.org
Catherine Siemiet, Education Chairman 719-942-5311 catsbarn@piopec.net



Call for 2007 RMDS Board Members from the Nominating Committee

Ever wondered what goes on at the Board of Directors meetings? If you've ever thought about joining this leadership group to help make decisions that guide our organization, now's your chance! There are a number of openings this year for officers, including the vice presidency and chairmanships for seven standing committees: Awards, Adult Amateur, Horse Shows, Communications, Education, Junior/Young Rider, and Scholarships.

Officers and Standing Committee Chairs typically serve two-year terms. They each hold a vote on the Board of Directors, and therefore are asked to attend bi-monthly evening meetings in Denver. Each job is important for helping RMDS maintain its vitality and relevance to the membership. Committee chairs are fully authorized to develop their committees, with plenty of support (and appreciation!) from the rest of the Board. If you'd like to know more about the responsibilities that come with any of these jobs, please contact president Heather Petersen at (719) 683-8435 or slush@drwg.net.

Any current RMDS member may be nominated for a position, and it's completely OK to nominate yourself, but we'll need to hear from you no later than mid-October for the elections in November. Call the Nominating Committee Chair, Susie Gordon, at (970) 407-7357 or contact her by e-mail (sgordon@fcgov.com).

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2006/07 Shows & Events

NOVEMBER

- 2 Janet Brown Foy Clinic -Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 3-5 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic – Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 7 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 11 RMDS Board of Directors & Awards Banquet**
Contact: RMDS Central Office
- 11-12 Region V JR/YR Clinic-Debbie McDonald-
Scottsdale, AZ**
Contact USDF-Sheila Forbes 859-271-7879
- 14-15 Joe Sevriesn Clinic Chatellen Farm- Fort
Collins Contact Britt Mactavish 970-231-2251/Liz
970-481-2621**
- 18-19 Rachel Saavedra – Instructor Workshop &
Adult Amateur Education, Peyton, Colo.**
Taught by Local Professionals – OPEN TO ALL –
auditors welcome. Contact RMDS Central Office
720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 18 Kelly O’Leary Clinic - Black Forest, Colo.**
Contact Patricia, 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 20 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com

DECEMBER

- 5 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 16 Kelly O’Leary Clinic - Black Forest, Colo.**
Contact Patricia, 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 19 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 21 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitranch.com

JANUARY 2007

- TBA USDF New Test Seminar - location TBD.**
- 11 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM**
Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel - Denver
Contact RMDS Central Office - 720-890-7825
rmds@rmds.org

- 27 Judges Continuing Education – Kristi Wysocki -**
OPEN to All; Freedom Farms - Franktown, Colo.
Contact RMDS Central Office –
720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 13 New Test Clinic with Janet Brown**
(DATE TENTATIVE) contact Heather Petersen
719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net

FEBRUARY 2007

- 3-4 USDF ‘L’ Program-Session A-Lois Yukins**
Paragon - Berthoud, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drwg.net
- 10 TD’s and Show Managers Continuing
Education – Open to All**
Table Mountain Ranch, Golden
Contact RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825
rmds@rmds.org

MARCH 2007

- 8 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm**
Perkins Restaurant, I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 10-11 USDF ‘L’ Program-Session B - Janet Foy**
Paragon - Berthoud, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drwg.net
- 24-25 RMDS Winter Wake-Up/USEF YR Qualifier**
Parker, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drwg.net

APRIL 2007

- 14-15 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-
Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961
lynea@direcway.com
- 14-15 USDF ‘L’ Program-Session C-
Somewhere Farm - Elbert**
Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drwg.net
- 21-22 World Cup-Las Vegas**
- 28-29 Dressage at the Peak Mid-Spring/USEF YR
Qualifier,**
Colorado Springs, Colo. Contact Heather Petersen
719-683-8435 slush@drwg.net
- 28 Boulder Valley Schooling Show - Singletree,**
Boulder Contact Patti Taylor 303-772-3087
turnerrealty@earthlink.net
- 29 Boulder Valley Spring Fling RMDS - Singletree,**
Boulder Contact Patti Taylor 303-772-3087
turnerrealty@earthlink.net

2006/07 Shows & Events

MAY 2007

- 10 RMDS Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm
Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 12 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #1**-Longmont-
RMDS contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com
- 25 Dressage in the Plains I-Peyton**-USEF
Contact Camille Griffin
glenhavenfarm@hotmail.com
- 26-27 Dressage in the Plains II-Peyton**-USEF
Contact Camille Griffin
glenhavenfarm@hotmail.com

JUNE 2007

- 5-7 Karl Mikolka Clinic - Fort Collins Equestrian Center**, Contact Ann Hagaman 970-493-4662
- 9-10 USDF 'L' Program-Session D1-Lois Yukins-Colorado Horse Park**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drgw.net
- 16-17 Black Hills Dressage Show - Rapid City, SD USEF** Contact Sue Hinker 605-348-2816
thinker@rapidnet.com
- 30-July 1 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival I/USEF-YR Qualifier - Longmont, Colo.**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com

JULY 2007

- 12 RMDS Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm
Perkins Restaurant I-25 & Buchtel-Denver
Contact Central Office 720-890-7825
- 20 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up USEF**, Colorado Springs
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435
slush@drgw.net
- 21-22 Dressage at the Peak Summer USEF**
Colorado Springs
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435
slush@drgw.net
- 27-29 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II USEF Longmont, Colo.**
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com

AUGUST 2007

- 19 Autumn Hill Sunday Series #3-Longmont - RMDS** contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com
- 26 Utah Dressage Society Annual Show I-**
Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi
801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

Utah Dressage Society Annual Show II-
Charleston, UT-USEF Contact Eva-Maria Adolphi
801-254-3247 adolphi@redrock.net

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 1 Aspen Ridge Schooling Show-Monument, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435
slush@drgw.net
- 2 Aspen Ridge Dressage, Monument, Colo.**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435
slush@drgw.net
- 8 Boulder Valley Schooling Show- Somerset-Longmont** Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718
jmhillery915@comcast.net
- 9 Boulder Valley Goodbye to Summer Show- Somerset-Longmont-RMDS**
Contact Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718
jmhillery915@comcast.net
- 13 RMDS Executive Board Meeting**, 6:30 pm,
Perkins Restaurant, i-25 & Buchtel, Denver
Contact Central Office, 720-890-7825
- 26-30 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show** Parker-USEF

RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show, Parker
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drgw.net
- 26-30 Region V Championships-Parker-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drgw.net

OCTOBER 2007

- 13-14 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@di
recway.com
- 13-14 Jane Savoie Clinic, Phantom Hill Farm,**
Ft. Collins, Colo. Contact USDF Katherine
Robertson or RMDS Central Office

NOVEMBER 2007

- 10 RMDS Board of Directors & Awards Banquet - NCDA Chapter**

SEPTEMBER 2008

- 25 RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drgw.net
- 26-28 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show Parker-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
slush@drgw.net

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

For article suggestions, articles, columns, letters to editor: Centaur editor Gavin Ehringer, PO Box 9 Colorado Springs, CO 80901 ph. 719-471-8764 e-mail gavinehringer@earthlink.net

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RMDS Office, Beth Geier, 2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301 ph. 720-890-7825 e-mail rmds@rmds.org

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Please be sure to include a printed version of your ad so that it can be proof-read against the electronic version. Printed copies cannot be used as final art.

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Classified ads may be submitted via e-mail to the RMDS office, address above. You may also type or hand write a classified ad and mail it to the RMDS headquarters, attn. Beth Geier, The Centaur. Please, limit your classified to 50 words or less. Exceeding 50 words may result in additional charges per line.

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Half Page	\$85	7.5" X 4.75"
Outside back half page	\$100	7.5" X 4.75"
1/4 page	\$50/issue	3.75" X 4.25"
1/8 page (business card)	\$25/issue	3.625 X 2.25"

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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, not necessarily the RMDS, its officers, or employees.

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If you wish to increase business, you can place your information on the RMDS webpage at very low cost. Send information to: Michael Petersen, 12395 Gull Lane, Peyton, CO 80831, 719-683-8435 or e-mail webmaster@rmds.org (note on the subject line, "trainer info)."

Please include your name, phone number(s), postal address, e-mail, locations where you train, and other pertinent info, i.e. awards and certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

The website averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page and RMDS receives 25-30 e-mails per month requesting names of trainers/instructors in the RMDS region. Don't miss the opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Cost is \$50 annually. Mail check to RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301.

ADVERTISE EVENTS ON THE RMDS WEBSITE

Website ads on the RMDS site provide your event with high visibility. Your ad will run for one month from the date it first appears. Unless the webmaster is notified in advance (webmaster@rmds.org), the ad will be removed from the website once the date of the event advertised has passed.

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

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RMDS Information

RMDS 2007 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Please include all information for person designated as representative. All individual members receive the Centaur newsletter and the RMDS Omnibus. RMDS is a group member organization of United States Dressage Federation and RMDS members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Indicate Local Chapter:

- Boulder Valley Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
 High Plains (Parker, Littleton and Aurora) Colorado Springs
 Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) Penrose (Cañon City)
 Western CO (Aspen, Carbondale) Tri-State (Wyoming, adjacent states) Grand Valley (Grand Junction)
 Renewing member need new binder (\$6)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

County _____ State/Zip _____

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

USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

Type of Membership (one) Individual Business Family

CENTAUR Only

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Date of Birth _____

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2007 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) _____

Mail form and check payable to RMDS to:

RMDS Central Office,
2942 Park Lake Dr., Boulder, CO 80301 • 720-890-7825

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

RMDS MEETING SCHEDULES

RMDS Executive Board

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

RMDS Chapter Meeting Schedule & Contacts

Boulder Valley, 2nd Monday, even months.

Claudia Barkmeier 303-417-1675 cbarkmeier@rwbaird.com

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tues., location TBD.

Simone Windeler, 719-287-2040, or check CSdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Kathy Johnson, 303-494-0905

Grand Valley, 1st Tues. every month, roaming location.

Kelly Schlagel, 970-242-5935

High Plains, 3rd Monday every month, location TBD.

Alexandra Curnutte, 303-663-0358 curnuttet@msn.com

Northern Colo., 3rd Tues every month, CSU Vet Teaching

Hosp., Susie Gordon, 970-407-7357 sgordon@fcgov.com

Penrose, 1st Wed., every month, roaming location

Sharon Ghilarducci, 719-462-5760

Tri State, TBA; contact Darlene Vaughan, 307-332-7261

Western Colo., contact Judith Family, 970-923-8832

DNS@rof.net

Show Information

Always call the contact individual to check show info, as dates, times and places may change.

NOTE: ALL COMPETITORS SHOULD DO A SCORE CHECK WITH THE CENTRAL OFFICE, ESPECIALLY PRIOR TO AWARDS. Phone: (720) 890-7825

Calendar Submissions

Submissions of events for the RMDS calendar need to be received NO LATER THAN the 5th of the month prior to the month that the item is to run. Please be sure to correctly spell all proper names (clinician/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with questions. Send all calendar items and/or events requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825.

MEET NEW TRAINERS MEET NEW RIDERS GET FRESH IDEAS

WANT SOME NEW TRAINING IDEAS BEFORE WINTER?
WANT TO MEET NEW RIDERS?
WANT TO SEE OTHER TRAINING TECHNIQUES IN ACTION?
WANT TO DO ALL THIS WITHOUT SPENDING A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY???

Then plan to attend the **RMDS EDUCATIONAL FORUM** led by **RACHEL SAAVEDRA** USDF Faculty Member and USDF Gold Medalist of San Ramon, CA.

To be held **November 18-19** at Sun Prairie Stables, Peyton, Colo. (NOTE: NEW LOCATION!)

RMDS introduces an innovative new format based on the structure of USDF Teaching workshops, but **OPEN TO ALL!**

INSTRUCTORS: Receive the opportunity to market your skills to a broad audience. Receive input and exercises to add to your portfolio. Brainstorm with Rachel and other participating trainers at the Saturday night Round Table.

RIDERS: Receive a lesson geared to your specific needs. Get input from Rachel as well as the trainer you ride for. Watch a number of lessons to gain a variety of approaches, and learn about the many trainers in your area.

AUDITORS: Come observe the wealth of information provided as trainers hone their skills under the expert advice of Rachel Saavedra. Listen to the exchange of information, and submit your questions that will be discussed before lunch and at the end of each day.

This will be a two-day format with the opportunity to participate on one or both days. Lessons will be 50 minutes long and there will be 10 sessions per day. Riders will be matched with a trainer new to them. An evaluation will be held, whereupon the rider, trainer and Rachel will agree on the topic to be worked on. 30 minutes will be allowed for work, and 15 minutes left for Rachel to add her input to the rider. Rachel is an exceptionally talented and tactful instructor. She is positive and very effective, and her teaching workshop received rave reviews from all involved. This clinic is in answer to the request that we “DO THIS AGAIN” but this time make it accessible to all riders and trainers who care to participate- not just Certified Instructors. RMDS hopes that this format will provide an opportunity for Certified Instructors to receive continuing education, for those not Certified to get exposure to the caliber of training guiding the program, for general membership to get the opportunity for a huge educational experience, either riding or auditing, and for everyone to get an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas away from the hectic atmosphere of horseshows.

APPLICATION ON PAGE 19 of *THE CENTAUR*

RMDS EDUCATIONAL FORUM

featuring RACHEL SAAVERDA



RIDER APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
E Mail _____ phone _____

Please list one reference with phone or email contact:

What level are you currently riding and what topic would you like help with?

Would you like to ride Sat ____ Sun ____ Both _____ [no overnight stabling available].
\$55.00/day – includes lunch

INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
E Mail _____ phone _____

What levels are you comfortable teaching _____
Are you USDF Certified OR have you participated in any workshops?

Number of lessons you would like to teach Sat _____ Sun _____

Riding level you would like to teach [not guaranteed] _____

Please list one reference from a student or another trainer who knows you
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Clinic News & Reviews

Review: Jeremy Steinberg Clinic in Huntley, Montana

On Saturday & Sunday, October 7th & 8th, Creekside Ranch hosted a clinic with Jeremy Steinberg.

Jeremy's National Debut was in 1996 at the USDF Young Rider Championships where he earned the individual gold and team silver for Region 6. In 2001 he was a demo rider at the USDF Isabel Werth Symposium. In 2002 he was a demo rider for the USDF Convention Symposium led by Debbie Mcdonald. The summer of 2004 Jeremy covered for Robert Dover in Florida while the Olympian was training and competing on behalf of the United States. For more than 10 years Jeremy trained with German Master, Deitrich von Hopffgarten. He also studied at the Gestut Vorwerk. His goal for riders: to understand the basic philosophies of Dressage, enabling them to be successful with their horses.

Jeremy comes to Creekside Ranch bi-annually to teach eager riders. It was cold enough to keep the activities indoors, but we missed the snow – until the morning after the clinic! There were 8 riders each day, I was fortunate to be one of them. Jeremy was easy going and supportive, setting a pleasant and light atmosphere. Several riders, including myself, have some confidence issues from past riding accidents. Jeremy really understood how to keep things comfortable and positive, making learning easy and fun, not too intense, at all levels for both horse and rider. He always ended the session in a good place; the point at which it was good for both horse and rider, after pushing just slightly past the comfort level, but leaving the rider wanting more, and the horse feeling good. This enabled the partnership to be better prepared for their next lesson. Riders were from Training Level to Third Level, ages eighteen to sixty. Jeremy focused on what each rider was working on and if they had a goal for their lesson. Each rider came away feeling one step (even

if it was a small one!) closer to what we all strive to be.

Saturday evening participants were invited to an informal dinner with Jeremy in Billings to get to know the clinician better.

One highlight of Jeremy's visit was on Sunday when he rode "Chewy", a 5 yr old gelding at Training Level, owned by Barb Ramlow. Watching him put into action the very fundamentals he had been teaching throughout the clinic, really made the work hit home. It was a productive clinic, rider's feeling good, and looking forward to Jeremy's next visit in the spring of 2007!

To find out more about Jeremy go to www.steinbergdressage.com. To find out about clinics and other activities in Huntley, Montana go to www.creeksideranch.com.



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Anne Huber and Heather Bonser were among the Steinberg Clinic's happy participants.

2007 NAJRC & NAYRC Qualifying Shows

Nov. 2006	ADA Fall Show
Jan. 27-28	TDC Winter Heat
March 24-25	RMDS Winter Wake-Up*
April 7-8	ADA Spring Celebration
April 28-29	Dressage At The Peak*
May 26-27	Dalwhinnie Dressage Show
June 8-10	High Prairie Dressage
June 23-23	Sage Creek Dressage I - II
June 30-July 1	Autumn Hill Dressage Festival

**For Event Details, see the RMDS Calendar in this issue.
* Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435**

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Chapter News

Boulder Valley Dressage

Our last meeting for 2006 was held at Beth Geier's home on Monday Oct. 9. We held our annual elections and all the officers from 2006 are returning for 2007. The President is Claudia Barkmeier, Vice President Glenda Needles, Treasurer Beth Geier and Secretary Nell Foxworth.

Our annual banquet is scheduled for January 19, 2007 from 6:30 to 10:00 at the Spice of Life Catering Center. This year we would like to put together a slide show of members' activities through out the year. Please email any pictures you would like to share to either me or Glenda Needles. This is your big chance to see yourself on the big screen!

At the banquet we will also be honoring our year end award winner. If you haven't met your requirement of four volunteer hours to be legible for year end awards there is still time. Please contact Glenda at PinsAnd@aol.com or (303) 422-8757 and she will help you find an appropriate opportunity.

And speaking of banquets, don't forget the RMDS banquet on Saturday Nov. 11; see the ad in the Centaur for more details. We are still looking for one or two delegates from Boulder Valley to attend the Board of Governors meeting on Saturday during the day. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in this fascinating and eye opening opportunity.

We have already received many questionnaires back, but it's not too late! Please return them to me by Nov. 15 in order to be eligible for the drawing. If you haven't received one please contact me and I will send one right out to you.

Many of you have indicated an interest in a Quadrille event, either a festival or clinic. We are looking for someone to volunteer to put this event together – please contact Glenda Needles if you are interested. That about wraps it up for Boulder Valley this month. We hope you have a great month and get lots of riding time in during the beautiful Fall weather.

Claudia Barkmeier
President Boulder Valley Dressage
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High Plains Chapter

Plans for November include reviewing the October Fest show results. This was our first attempt at a RMDS recognized show for the new officers. Hopefully, we were successful. Will let you know. We are planning a RMDS March 07 show and possibly an August 07 show.

Our November meeting will include elect-

ing officers for 07. The Vice Presidents position is open and available. Any interested persons should come to our November meeting or call Alex Curnutte. The meeting will be in Parker at the War Horse Restaurant. Thank you to all whom have come to the last few meetings. It is very rewarding to have more people attend these meetings. Also, thank you ahead of time to those of you whom have stepped up to be delegates at the BOG meeting. I hope that you find it as interesting as I have in the past.

Even though it seems like the slow time of the year for horses, now is when the planning for next year takes place. As always, we need help and input. Even a phone call is appreciated. Call Alex Curnutte at 303 663 0358 or curnutttes@msn.com.

I hope to see some of you at the Awards Banquet. It is a great place to put the face to the name. Try and attend.

Alexandra Curnutte Pres. High Plains Dressage Chapter

Foothills Chapter News

"SHOW"-ing our Gratitude! A HUGE "Thank-You!" to those who helped make our August and September RMDS shows a success, especially Susan Kracklauer, Marti Foster, Kathy Johnson, and numerous other willing volunteers who worked tirelessly (despite significant challenges) to make sure everyone had a good show. It truly is appreciated!

Officer Elections: It's that time of year... the Chapter must elect officers for 2007 at our November 8 meeting, which will be our last meeting prior to the RMDS Board of Directors meeting on November 11. We need new faces and new energy to keep this chapter going strong!

Join Us! For the November meeting we will be focusing on officer elections and planning activities for next year. Join us for refreshments and snacks at our monthly meeting November 8th, 7:00 pm at Table Mtn. Ranch, 19000 W. 58th Avenue in Golden.

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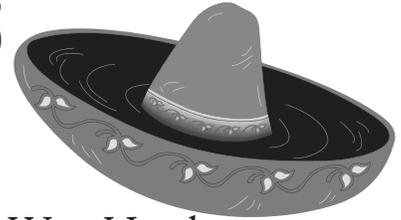
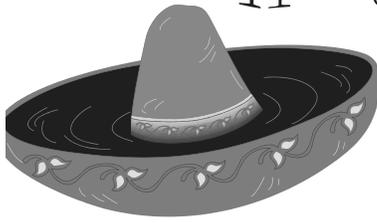




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5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Dinner, Silent Auction, and Awards Presentation

Please RSVP with check or money order by November 6, 2006 (completed form and payment must be received by 5:00 pm on Mon, Nov. 6). A \$10.00 per plate late charge will be assessed for late reservations. SORRY, NO RESERVATIONS after November 9th! Make checks payable to RMDS. Please fill out the form and send to:

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Accommodations: Sheraton Denver West Hotel (303) 987-2000. www.sheraton.com/denverwest. Price is \$79/room single or double (\$10 ea. add'l person over 2). Mention RMDS when making reservations to receive your discount. Rooms at this rate are subject to availability. Cut-off time/date for room reservations is 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 2006.

Dinner Entrée choices (all come w/ mixed greens salad, vegetable selection, and caramel chocolate torte):

A – Lemon Herb Crusted Salmon (*Atlantic salmon filet rolled in a mixture of herbs atop an orange tarragon butter sauce with wild rice pilaf*)

B – Chicken Marsala (*Sauteed chicken breast with wild mushrooms, Marsala wine, and grated Romano cheese with saffron risotto*)

C – Pistachio Crusted Pork Chop (*Center cut pork chop baked atop a ginger plum sauce, with dried cranberry stuffing*)

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We DO NOT plan on attending the banquet but will be attending the awards presentation and are enclosing a \$10.00 fee per person to help cover costs.

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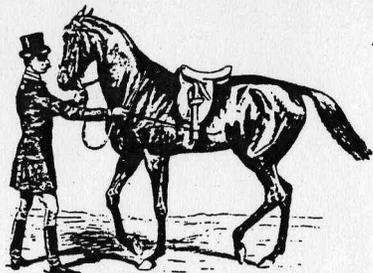
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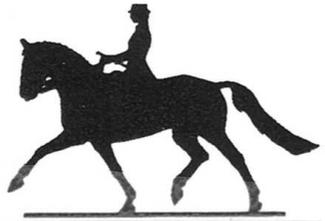
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