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HOEFS/CONNELLY CLINIC

*Registration page 7
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(see article on Toine Hoefs, pg. 6)

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February 3-5 Instructor Pre Certification – Training –2nd Levels CLOSER
Lilo Fore & Debbie Bowman - Columbine Equestrian Center

February 11 Continuing Education for TD's, Show Secretaries, and Show
Managers – Theresa Hunt Table Mountain Ranch

March 18-19 Winter Wake Up Show – Colorado Horse Park

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Thoughts

from the President

Hello Everyone,

Are your horses shedding their summer coat as fast as mine? Does this mean an early winter? Time will tell.

Check out these events coming up. Complete information can be found on inside pages.

Oct. 15-16, RMDS sponsored event with Kathy Connelly & Toine Hoefs.

Nov. 12, Board of Governors meeting

Nov.12, Awards Banquet

Nov. 29-Dec. 4, USDF annual convention, USDF.org

Heads up, 2006 USDF membership year will change to Dec 1, through Nov. 30. Act now and receive \$5.00 off your 2006 membership when you renew online @ USDF.org

The large animal evacuation center in Louisiana now has 275 horses and reports the situation stabilized. Hotline is 225-578-9501. They report that they are in pretty good shape thanks to the donations that have poured in. Tax deductible donations can be made through USDF Hurricane Equine Relief Fund at USDF.org

I just read about an educational CD on joint therapy I thought you might like to know about. Leutpold Pharmaceuticals, manufactures of adequan, The Official Joint Therapy of the USDF has released the new CD titled "Balanced Joints, Sound Horses". You can view it online at www.adequan.com or order by phone 1-800-974-9247

Chapter Presidents will soon be receiving information on the Board of Governors proposed standing rule changes and the number of delegates each of the chapters will need to attend. A chapter shall elect from its membership delegates, each Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) vote for every (20) members. I can't stress enough how important this meeting is to the organization. Every vote counts. After reviewing the changes and discussing them with your members your delegates will bring you votes, and any questions or ideas to the Board. We invite all participation. Be sure to notify the RMDS Secretary & Central office the names of your delegates as soon as possible.

Thanks and pet your horse today.

Susan

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The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



The leaves are beginning to change giving one of the few clues that summer is over. I am ready for a break from the heat and I'm sure the horses are ready for a weather change as well. I love a crisp fall day when the horses are full of energy and enjoying themselves playfully. Hard to believe that Championships really are over, bringing a close to show season. This time of year for many riders and trainers begins the process of winterizing.

Winterizing to me is everything from enjoying the great tack store sales, having the time to take more lessons, trail riding to decompress from show season, and of course attending the incredible fall seminar line-up. RMDS and several barns in the area are offering the chance to study, progress, and set new goals by the clinics being offered in October. It is not often that anyone has the chance to learn from the owner of the number one young horse in Holland, but RMDS is giving us this chance by bringing Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly here to Colorado. The response to this clinic has been incredible which is why the clinic venue has been moved to the Douglas County Fairgrounds.

Some of the other tremendous clinicians visiting Colorado are Debbie McDonald and Conrad

Schumacher. I have never audited a clinic given by Debbie McDonald, but after watching her inspiring performance at the World Cup, I am excited to see her teach. Schumacher is no stranger to Colorado and I am always inspired watching him teach. He is one of the most talented teachers I have ever watched. I was lucky enough to be able to ride with him as a Young Rider several years ago. Those rides were eye opening and inspiring. I am excited to go watch and I am thankful that we have barns willing to bring him to Colorado.

These are just a few of the clinics in Colorado. Read carefully over the Calendar section to find other great clinicians. There are too many to mention. This issue brings us some great articles including Part 1 of Sarah Martin's trip to the Pavo Cup and Aachen. Her insightful article is a must read allowing us to feel like we are there with her.

As always, Gretchen's nutrition article will give us some of the latest research on vaccines and perhaps open up some new questions to discuss with your veterinarian.

Best regards,

Kathleen

2005 Proposed Bylaws/Standing Rules Changes

2005 PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

NONE!

PROPOSED STANDING RULES CHANGES

Section V AWARDS - YEAR END

A. Eligibility:

c. i. & ii. Change reference in USEF Rule book to: DR119.3

c. iii. Change reference to: DR 127

Section VII USDF "L" Graduate Program for RMDS

Add: F. Must scribe 8 hours with a USEF judge at a USEF competition every year.

SECTION XII. PROTESTS, CHARGES, HEARINGS, AND WARNINGS

Delete everything and add:

A. A non refundable fee of \$150 needs to be paid at the same time as a written request is submitted for regarding a hearing, protest, charge etc

B. Default to USEF Rules & Regulations

SECTION XIV. RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

B. Qualification For Dressage Championship Classes:

add: 1.Membership requirements: The horse, owner, & rider must be current RMDS members prior to qualifying rides.

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AN AUGUST TRIP TO EUROPE

PART 1: THE PAVO CUP IN HOLLAND

from Sarah Martin

The set up was irresistible- the Pavo Cup, Holland's Young Horse competition for the Four and Five-year-old Champion followed by a trip to Aachen. Add to the excitement was the fact that Toine Hoef's stallion was competing in the Four Year Old division of the Pavo Cup. We were also looking forward to cheering on the United State's Leslie Morse at Aachen with equine stars Kingston and Tip Top. There was no reason not to go and soak in the best of Europe.

The two venues were typical of European Competitions- LOTS of spectators, announcements not always in English, and arenas outside come rain or shine.

The Pavo Cup, no surprise, did not have the crowd [or expense!] of Aachen. The competition, in fact, is held in such a casual way it is hard to grasp that you are looking at the top four and five-year-olds that reside in Holland. That is until you see them move!

On arrival, you pay 12 Euro per person and park your car in a field. You walk in through masses of parked vans, with one fabulous horse face after another peering out over their doors. There is also stabling, but, like many of these European shows, there is a jumping competition going on at the same time, and many of the jumpers appear to be working out of their vans. Without signs or guidance you find your way to an absolutely packed indoor that seats about four hundred people, but about five hundred are trying to watch. Typical of Europe, it is alternately pouring rain and then sunny and hot. We arrived in time to catch the second half of the four-year-old division. The way the competition runs, the horses come into the ring in groups of three. A panel of three judges sits on the side, and the riders work the horses in front of them with no specific pattern imposed, although they work on one rein and then uniformly work the other. The judges ask for lengthening in the trot and canter, which are ridden over and over until the judges ask for something else. These horses are fit! They also do not resemble any normal four-year-olds.

Their musculature is very developed, their cadence and elasticity, balance and harmony, are that of happy third level horses- just the occasional burst of exuberance reminds you that there is a tremendous amount of barely bottled energy moving around the arena!

Deciding the Champion is no short race. On Tuesday the judges watched horses from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. From that about 27 four-year-olds, and another 27 five-year-olds, were selected to go on to Thursday's semi-final. On Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., the top 8 horses for each age group were selected. Starting at 5 p.m. on Thursday evening, despite the rain, the top 8 were brought into an outdoor grass arena in groups of two.

Their regular riders trot them around a few times, and then each horse is ridden by two guest riders. The guest riders are invited by the KWPN, and they get on each horse, ride at will for about six minutes, and then trade and ride the other horse. The guest riders are free to do what they choose- big gaits, little gaits, lateral work- it is their choice. One four-year-old kept trying to choose big gaits, especially a big canter, out of every corner. Watching these two riders keep their composure- and keep him in the arena- made me very sure that this particular honor was one I never hope to receive! One of the riders was Willy Arts, from DG Bar Ranch in California. It was a pleasure to watch him "test drive" these incredible horses, especially the top two at each level. The winners were not subjective- the top horses in both age groups so exceeded any ability in any age horse that it was just pure magic to watch them move. For anyone who thinks this would be boring, think again, the raw power, the pure fluidity and the unbelievable LOOK on these horses made you feel in the presence of true royalty. It was unreal.

As it was, our friend Toine Hoef's stallion "Uptown" won the Four Year Old division.

Dreamcatcher, a stallion by Daydream out of a Rubinstein mare, won the five year olds. I have to say, without prejudice, watching these two stallions was more exciting than just about any horse we saw in the Grand Prix at Aachen two days later.

Coming in November: Part 2: The Aachen Review

****PLEASE NOTE:** Toine Hoefs selected his stallion "Uptown" as a 3 month old colt at a keuring in Holland. He also bred and raised the stallions Juventus and Ex Libris. He will be here to share his knowledge of what to look for in young horses, from foals to three year olds, on Friday October 14 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Co. He will share with the audience what it is he looks for in type, conformation and way of going in these young horses. In the afternoon he will watch the three year olds under saddle and discuss with the audience what a "Materiale" class is, and discuss with the riders how best to present their horses under saddle. Tickets are available in advance from the Central Office or for \$10.00 more at the door.

Toine will continue to share his expertise in a clinic for riding horses on Saturday and Sunday, joined by his business partner Kathy Connelly. Get there, or be left out of the best clinic RMDS has put on in a decade!

2005 SCHEDULE FOR TOINE HOEFS/KATHY CONNELLY CLINIC

To be held at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO

FRIDAY OCT 14 - Toine Hoefs

8:30 AM Introductions

8:40

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9 AM- 12 PM

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12- 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 5:00 Mature Horses presented in hand and 3 year old brought back under saddle

SAT Oct 15 - Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly

8:30- 12:30 Horses presented from Training through 3rd level

1:30-5:30 Horses presented from 4th level through Grand Prix

SUN Oct 16 - Kathy Connelly

8:30-12:00 Training through 3rd

1-4pm 4th- Grand Prix

COST OF CLINIC

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Taking a Shot

by Gretchen Topel

Now that it's fall, most of our calendars tell us it is time to vaccinate our horses. But, is there another way? Are there other options to insure that our horses will not catch the next epidemic or the large number of diseases that are common to the equine's body?

From the research conducted by leading veterinarians and medical doctors, there are options. There are two ways to address the health of the immune system: natural immunity and vaccinated immunity. This month's article will focus primarily on the immune system and how best to keep it healthy, warding off as many diseases as possible. If you are anything like me, my horses are very important to me and we only want the absolute best for them. After all, even if our horses are hit with a disease that takes simply tincture of time to cure, we have not lost our beloved horses, but have lost time in training, fitness levels, and pure fun with them to say the least. It would be best to keep them from getting sick all together.

Most have us have known horses who have suffered severe to minimal reactions from vaccines, and some of our horses have been fortunate enough to suffer absolutely no known symptoms after vaccinations.

Adverse vaccine reactions would be anything as innocent as a runny nose, cough, lethargy, a lump at the vaccine site, or a stiff neck for a short time, to the most severe vaccine reactions of ataxia, photic-headshaking, swelling, anaphylactic shock, anorexia, and even death. Why do some horses seem to handle yearly and bi-yearly vaccines just fine while others are really sensitive to them? Hopefully this article will serve to educate us more on how the immune system works versus how vaccines work to protect the body. Then each person is entitled to make their own decision on how to best support the immune system: naturally or with the help of vaccines, or a combination of both.

NATURAL IMMUNITY

According to Stephanie Cave, MD in *What Your Doctor May Not Tell You About Children's Vaccinations*, there is a difference between "natural" immunity and "vaccinated" immunity. Natural immunity mobilizes the entire immune system, from the respiratory tract to the liver, thymus, spleen, and bone marrow creating antibodies that confer life-long immunity against that invading virus and similar ones. The body is so effective at doing this, that it frequently will reduce or eliminate the disease even before symptoms show.

VACCINATED IMMUNITY

However, vaccinated immunity actually bypasses many of the body's initial immune system defenses with a sort of massive sneak attack. According to

Walene James in *Immunization: The Reality Behind the Myth* (2nd Edition 1995), vaccinated immunity results in the persisting of live virus or other foreign antigens within the cells of the body, a situation that may provoke auto-immune reactions later as the body attempts to destroy its own infected cells. Autoimmune diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, MS, asthma, and psoriasis, once considered rare, have risen sharply in the era of multiple vaccine immunization. Could this be compared with issues such as EPM, Cushing's, photic headshaking, and uveitis?

VACCINOSIS

I believe it is fair to say that most veterinarians and horse owners have the best of intentions for the horses when vaccinating, but what we must understand is that vaccinosis (reactions to vaccines) is a real problem. If a horse suffers any of the aforementioned reactions upon receiving a vaccine, it is best to never vaccinate that particular animal again. Here is a typical example of a horse that has suffered from vaccinosis: All of a sudden, the horse that seemed to be doing just great is now "falling apart". He is lethargic, has a poor appetite, loss of condition, ulcers, weaving, hoof cracks/abscesses, ataxia (stumbling gait). He most likely was vaccinated within the last two days to three weeks with multivalent (3,4,5, or 7-way) vaccines.

Some holistic vets believe that horses are the most over-vaccinated of all domestic animals in this country. Dr. Sunny Wayland, DVM, has a six inch file of reports she collected over a four month period in 2003 of owners who, following vet advice in vaccinating their bred mares, have lost their entire foal crop. "At this time, I cannot count the number of foals lost due to Placenta Previa, deformities, respiratory distress syndrome, displaced placentas, stillborns and many more illness. In my opinion, the only common link is the West Nile vaccine." She goes onto say, "My next question is this, will it affect the stallion in the same manner? I believe it will." She invites people to contact her: "Anyone with any questions about these issues may contact me at HORSEDOC03@aol.com."

VACCINE INGREDIENTS

There is a pretty good chance that the ingredients found in vaccines along with the fact that vaccines produce an unnatural response ("vaccinated" immunity) in the body, are at least some of the reasons why horses (and other species) suffer from vaccinosis. Vaccines commonly contain a preservative by the name of thimerosal, which is mercury, a highly toxic heavy metal. Formalin is another substance found in vaccines

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Andria Allen

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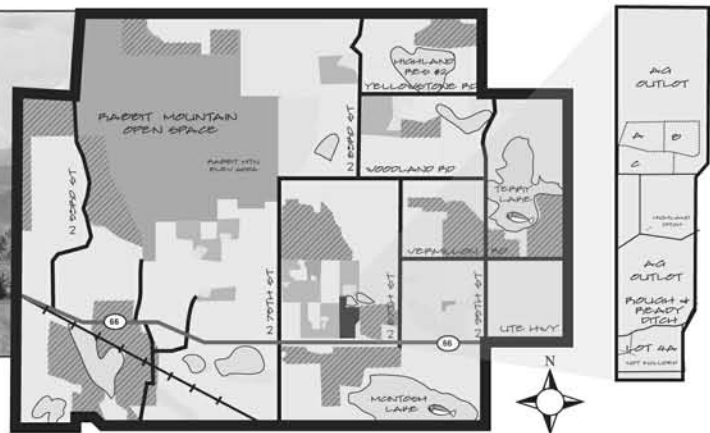
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| Status | Status | Levels | Status | Status | Levels |
|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|------------|
| USDF "L" | Learner (not a judge) | Training-Second | USEF "S" | Senior | All Levels |
| USEF "I"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

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Kristi Wysocki
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OCTOBER 13TH @6:30PM

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CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION *see calendar for details*

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Paul Belasik | Leslie Morse |
| Janet Brown Foy | Lars Peterson |
| Jill Cantor Lee | Steffen Peters |
| Kathy Connelly | Gerhard Politz |
| Jan Ebeling | Kathleen Raine |
| Toine Hoefs | Ralf Schmitzer |
| Max Gahwyler | Conrad Schumacher |
| Stephen Kiesewetter | Donna Snyder-Smith |
| Debbie McDonald | |

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OCTOBER 2005

- 1-2 Unity with Horses Dressage Clinic, Fort Collins at Esh's Training Center**
Paul Esh (970) 897-2479 or Kathleen Mayger (970) 310-8729 or www.paulesh.com
- 7-9 Conrad Schumacher Clinic-Canon Ridge Farms**
Debbie Cranston 303-663-3243 \$15 Audit fee
- 9 Urban Farm Schooling Show**
Contact Angel Hoskins 720-810-5466 ducino21@yahoo.com
- 15-16 Kathy Connelly & Toine Hoefs-**
Douglas County Fairgrounds
More details in this issue and on website.
Contact RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

- 20-21 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 22-23 JR/YR Clinic-Debbie McDonald-Crooked Willow Farm**
Contact Susan Gregg 970-243-5525
- 22 Kelly O'Leary Clinic - Black Forest Area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfaitranch.com
- 22 Petra Warlimont Clinic-Sunset Stables-Ft Collins**
Contact Tim Stanton 970-217-1016 - tim@sunsetstableswest.com
- 27 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Black Forest area**
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NOVEMBER 2005

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- 5 Petra Warlimont Clinic-Sunset Stables-Ft Collins**
Contact Tim Stanton 970-217-1016 - tim@sunsetstableswest.com
- 12 Board of Governors - High Plains Chapter host**
- 25-28 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148

DECEMBER 2005

- 3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley 970-248-9594

JANUARY 2006

- 28 "L" Graduates & Judges Continuing Education for Judges - Lois Yukins & Dolly Hannon - OPEN**
Contact: RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2006

- 11 Continuing Education for TD's & Competition Management - Theresa Hunt - OPEN**
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MARCH 2006

- 18-19 Winter Wake Up Show - Colorado Horse Park - USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net
- 31-April 2 Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser & Andrea Datz-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com

APRIL 2006

- 8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium**
Canon Ridge Farms
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net
- 21-23 USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING**
Penrose Stadium Contact RMDs Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- NEED DEMO RIDERS & HORSES**
- 26 Dressage in the Plains I-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041
- 27-28 Dressage in the Plains II-Peyton-USEF**
Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041

JUNE 2006

- 3-4 Creekside Dressage - Huntley, MT USEF**
Contact Barbara Ramlow 406-348-2280 crkside@nemontel.net


SEPTEMBER 2006, 2007, 2008

- 20-24 2006 RMDs Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF-RMDs Breed Championships & Open Breed Show**
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- 26-30 2007 RMDs Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show -Parker-USEF**
RMDs Breed Championships & Open Breed Show
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Embassy Suites Hotel
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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!

8:30am – 4:00pm Board of Governors Meeting
4:30pm – 5:30pm Rachel Saavedra Seminar “Training of horse & Ride”
5:30pm – 6:30pm Cocktail Hour-Cash Bar
6:00pm – 10:00pm, Dinner, Silent Auction, and Awards Presentation,

Please RSVP with check or money order by November 4th, 2005. 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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Parker, CO 80138
303-840-1559

(No reservations will be taken by phone)

Directions: From I-25, take Arapahoe Exit EAST to Havana Street, turn right (South) on Havana to Costilla Avenue and take a right. Hotel is on the left side of Costilla Avenue.

Accommodations: Embassy Suites Hotel (303) 792-0433. Price is \$79/room single or double. Please mention RMDS when making reservations to receive your discount. Numbers of rooms are subject to availability, so make reservations as soon as possible.

Please take my dinner reservation for- _____ # adults x \$38.00 = \$_____

And for _____ # children (age 10 and under) x \$15.00 = \$_____ TOTAL: \$_____

NOTE: Reservations are NON-REFUNDABLE but can be transferred to another party.

Name: _____ adult/child Phone: _____

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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.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Only attending members will have their names announced at the awards presentation.

RMDS and Centaur Information

DRESSAGE TRAINERS/INSTRUCTORS GROW YOUR BUSINESS!

If you'd like your business posted on the new RMDS Webpage send information to Michael Petersen, 5575 Heatherbrook Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80915, 719-573-0398 or email webmaster@rmds.org (make subject read "Trainer Info"). Include your: name, phone #, address, email address, barn location(s) where you train, if you travel/clinic, your experience/qualifications, what level you train through, what special awards earned (like USDF medals), if you have lesson horses available, and any other specialties.

Cost is only \$50 annually. The website currently averages 200 hits per month on the trainer page, and RMDS receives 25-30 emails a month requesting names of trainers/instructors in the RMDS region. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your client base and gain recognition.

Mail check to RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301.

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

All RMDS Executive Board meetings occur on the second Thursday of every odd numbered month. The steering committee meetings will be held on the second Monday of every even numbered month. The Board of Governors meeting is held on the second Saturday of November. Call the Central Office for exact dates.

ADULT AMATEUR

A copy of your USEF Adult Amateur Card must be filed with RMDS each year to update your record with RMDS and to qualify for RMDS A/A year end awards.

RMDS Central Office

Phone number: 720-890-7825
Address: RMDS Central Office
2942 Park Lake Drive, Boulder, CO 80301

Contact: Beth Geier, rmds@indra.com, www.rmds.org

Website Contact: Michael Petersen
5575 Heatherbrook Ct,
Colorado Springs, CO 80915
webmaster@rmds.org

NOTE: All competitors should do a score check with the Central Office, especially prior to Awards. Call the Central Office at 720-890-7825 or email rmds@indra.com

SHOW INFORMATION

ALWAYS CALL THE CONTACT, UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ALREADY, AS DATES, TIMES AND PLACES MAY VARY.

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions of events for inclusion in the Centaur 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 spell all names (clinicians/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with any questions. Send all calendar items and/or requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months

Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday – location TBD

Contact Simone Windeler - 719-287-2040 or check www.csdressage.org

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday – every month;

Table Mtn Ranch; Contact: Tina Wright 720-297-5192

Grand Valley, 1st Thursday – every month; roaming around

Contact: Kelly Schlager – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

Northern Colorado, 1st Thursday – every month;

CSU Vet Teaching Hosp.; Jennifer Nisbet 970-221-5545

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Features: 1000-1500 words. Find a great story and take the time to write it up as a feature.

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Ask The Barn Princess, Trainer, or Judge: Back by popular demand from our readers. Have a burning question that you don't know who to ask? This is your chance! Send your questions to the Barn Princess, Trainer, or Judge via the editor's e-mail. Each question will be answered personally.

Letters to the Editor: Have any article ideas or just have a comment about the Centaur? Here is your opportunity to voice your opinion. Write a letter to the editor!

Chapter News: Attention all RMDS Chapters. Every month there is a 1/4 page just for your chapter news. There is no charge for this 1/4 page, so submit your material ASAP!

NEWSLETTER NOTES

- The Centaur newsletter is published monthly .
- 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

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

Articles: Please send all articles for editorial review to:
Kathleen Mayger, kathleendonnely20@hotmail.com
2304 Brianna Ct. Johnstown CO 80534(970) 587-5546

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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- No Ads will be accepted without full payment.

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MEMBER AD RATES AND SIZE SPECIFICATIONS

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| Classifieds | \$12 per item for sale | |
| With picture (digital only) | \$22 per item for sale | |
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| Half Page | \$85.00 | 7.5" x 4.75" |
| Outside Back Page | \$100.00 | 7.5" x 4.75" |
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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.

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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) Western CO (Aspen, Carbondale)
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USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

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Date of Birth _____

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RMDS is a USDF Group Member Organization and RMDS members are automatically USDF Group Members

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- 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:

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With Toine Hoefs and Kathy Connelly

October 14,15,16 2005

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Toine Hoefs is a KWPN Breed judge in Holland. He has bred and trained some of the top stallions in that country. Kathy Connelly is a well-known Grand Prix trainer here in the States. The two of them are being brought in to present a clinic on Conformation and Development of the Dressage Horse from Weanling to Grand Prix. On Friday Oct 14 Toine will look at young sporthorse prospects and discuss with the audience what you are looking for in Dressage and Jumping prospects. He will review with the audience what the Dutch Stallion Judges are taught to examine, and bring his lifetime of experience judging and selecting young stallion prospects to share with the participants. In the afternoon he will look at 3-5 year olds in hand and under saddle, and discuss their conformation and how it will affect their training plan for the weekend.

On Saturday Toine and Kathy will look at the mature horse group, and discuss with the participants what conformation aspects are manifested in the horses' performance and start working on exercises that affect

those issues. Saturday afternoon the young horses will be worked again under saddle, with continuing direction on specific exercises to balance and develop issues related to the conformation of the young horse.

Saturday evening Toine and Kathy will be available for discussion and questions after an appetizer buffet for all auditors and participants.



Kathy Connelly and friend

Sunday will be the conclusion of work for the mature horses, presented mainly by Kathy and incorporating any long line or in hand work that may also enhance the development of these horses.

Interested in attending, or bringing a horse to present? Contact Beth Geier at the RMDS Central Office at RMDS@indra.com or call 720-890-7825 during office hours. Or, fill out and mail the application form in the Centaur on pages 23-24, or on the web at rmds.org



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Leslie Morse
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For the 3rd-4th level workshops, the response has not been as overwhelming. We still have a few slots available for the participating instructors. The slots for participating auditor are filled.

If you still wish to attend, please do so by signing up at the Central Office now. There can be unlimited auditors at \$30 per day. A great deal with a chance to greatly enhance your education!

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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

The Region 5 USDF Adult Clinic featuring Betsy Steiner was held in Santa Fe, NM September 10-11. Thanks to Karen Bershadt for hosting the clinic and Jane Bagwell for organizing it. Riders and auditors heard, "More forward into a softer connection and ride with your seat." I hope one of the attendees will give us a full report.

Make plans to attend the USDF Convention and National Symposium with Klaus Balkenhol. Advance registration deadline is November 16. The Symposium ---"The Rider Makes the Horse" will have live horses show the training progression from a two year-old on a lunge line to a Grand Prix horse and rider. Demonstrations will explain muscle development at different stages of training, the basics of a half-halt, how to develop strength and know when the horse is strong enough to accept the movements, sensitive aids, and always go back to the basics. If that is not enough to inspire you to go to Burbank---Two USDF Trade Expos! One at the convention and one at the symposium. Plus many education highlights will be held during the convention: "What the Competitor Should Know to Gain a Competitive Edge" and "Why Does My Horse Do That? Learning Theory for the Equestrian" are just a few of them. I hope to see many of you there since it is so close to our region.

The USDF FEI JR/YR Clinic with Debbie McDonald will be held Oct 22-23 at Crooked Willow Farm. Check the USDF web page for information and rider application forms. Auditors of all ages and levels are welcome. Potential FEI Juniors and Young Riders should contact one of our FEI JR/YR Coordinators. In the north we have Susan Gregg in Grand Junction Colorado, email MikesOtto@aol.com and in the south Tracy Roenick, Dynamite Dressage, Scottsdale, AZ, email tracyroenick@cox.net.

Enjoy your Horse and Happy Riding!

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Considerations for a Disaster Situation

Provided by the Jefferson County Horse Council

Prioritize: Your life and your family should always come first, then your animals, then your property. Insurance companies recommend that you have a video or photo inventory of all your important possessions. This should include your tack too! Be sure to check with your insurance agent about having proper policies and coverage.

Make Prior Arrangements: Know your county's evacuation procedures and coordinate various plans, information and phone contacts with neighbors. Have a list of family or friends outside of your area who could house your animals if necessary. If your horses have current Coggins and shots, they may be welcome at most commercial boarding facilities. As a rule, horses picked-up by rescue workers will be taken to the local fairgrounds or a safe holding facility. For a worse case scenario, make sure you have designated someone to make legal, financial and care decisions regarding your horses.

ID Your Horse: Have a halter and lead rope for each horse. If possible, have your name and an emergency contact number other than your home telephone (remember, you may not be home for some time!) on the halter. Dog-type ID tags can work well for this. If necessary, write the information with permanent marker on a duct-tape style collar or spray paint it directly onto your horse.

Prepare your Horse: A well-mannered horse makes rescue efforts easier. Teach your horse to walk on a loose lead, to "stand-stay" at all gates and doorways until being led through, and how to load into a trailer easily and safely. Practice with as many different people and situations as possible, and even include teaching your horse to be tolerant of being touched all over his or her body.

Prepare your Facilities: Keep your barn as safe as possible by selecting fire retardant building materials and clearing trees, shrubbery, and underbrush 20 to 30 feet away from all structures. Remove cobwebs and check electrical wiring annually; and store flammables, feed, and bedding away from where animals are housed. Local fire departments and the U.S. Forest Service will offer other specific recommendations on further prevention measures. If you have a horse trailer, make sure it's in good operating condition. Are the floorboards safe? Are the tires properly inflated? Are the hitches and lights in good working order?

Prepare an Emergency Information Packet: Using heavy sheet protectors or plastic brochure boxes organize all of the necessary paperwork where it can be easily seen and retrieved in case of an emergency. Provide information on each animal including: photographs and a written description; copies of registration/sale papers and brand certificates or travel cards; name and telephone of your veterinarian along with any known allergies, medical or behavioral condition(s); and detailed feed and care information including all supplements and medications. Also include a list of personal contact and insurance information,

Prepare a Disaster Kit. In a large, waterproof container like a "Rubbermaid" trunk compile the following items.

- First aid kit including: sharp wire cutters and a knife, bandage scissors, elastic wraps, towels, cotton bandages, compresses, adhesive tape, surgical or bacterial soap and/or saline solution, Epsom salt, fly repellent, antibacterial wound dressing, rectal veterinary thermometer, hoof pick, twitch, and duct tape.
- Prepare hay, grain and supplements in watertight containers
- Water bucket(s) and water or electrolytes if possible because many horses will not readily drink unfamiliar water
- Leg wraps and horse blankets
- Lead ropes, halters, or shanks
- Shovel or manure fork
- Portable radio, flashlights, and extra batteries
- Lime, soap and bleach (disinfectants)
- Prescription medicines and/or a copy of the prescription from your veterinarian so more can be obtained

Be sure to try and have a 10 to 14 day supply of as many items as possible. Blizzards or extensive disaster damage can block roads and prohibit you from getting in or out for extended periods of time.

Time is of the essence! If possible, don't wait until the last minute to evacuate. Disasters can be unpredictable and spread quickly. Animals can also become uncooperative. Remember that accesses can become obstructed and heavy traffic may increase travel times. Anything you do now to prepare for a possible emergency evacuation may save precious minutes and even lives!

Taking a Shot...cont. from pg. 8

as well. Formalin is a 37% solution of formaldehyde with the addition of methyl alcohol. It must be disposed of as a hazardous waste. Unfortunately, you can find it in common equine flu vaccines.

Solutions

What is one to do then? Do we just discontinue the use of vaccines? No, that is not a stance that anyone should suggest or push onto another individual for this is a very sensitive issue and must be left up to the individual owner. However, whether or not you personally choose to vaccinate your horses, we all must keep in mind that a healthy immune system is really where combating disease begins.

Going back to the beginning of the year when we discussed proper pH, improved digestion, mineral balance and availability, thereby encouraging the health of the total body, organs, and glands included, we can understand in a practical sense how this will help the body's natural immunity. Once again, natural immunity is where the entire immune system is mobilized, from the respiratory tract to the liver, thymus, spleen, and bone

marrow creating antibodies that provide life-long immunity against that invading virus and similar ones.

I don't believe that it will ever be possible to vaccinate against every single bug and disease that comes by, and therefore I would rather put the focus on building the whole body, which will therefore build the immune system. Through the use of specific minerals, antioxidants, digestive aids and a clean foundational diet of mostly grass hay and little to no grain products, we will see a more efficient functioning immune system. After all disease is attracted to the weak, whereas if the body is stronger than the bug that is trying to invade it, the stronger will conquer.

Gretchen Topel is a graduate of Colorado State University with a B.S. in Equine Science. She can be reached via the Centaur with any nutrition questions.



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Auditors Welcome at Conrad Schumacher Clinic

Castle Rock, CO, August 22— Cañon Ridge Farms has just scheduled a clinic with world-renowned coach and trainer, Conrad Schumacher for October 7-9, 2005. A full schedule of rides is planned each day and auditors are welcome for just \$15 per day. Schumacher is famous for his limitless exercises that result in immediate improvements for horse and rider as well as his ability to get the best out of his students.

"We really want to make this clinic available to everyone," said Deborah Cranston, owner of Cañon Ridge Farms. "At just \$15 per day, this is a very affordable way to increase your dressage education exponentially."

While Schumacher was a successful rider, he is best known as coach and trainer. Among his famous protégés are Olympic medalists Sven Rothenberger and Ellen Bontje. In the United States, Schumacher has been actively involved with the USDF Young Riders program and has worked with dozens of students who have gone to have success at the North American Young Riders Championships and other international shows.

"Mr. Schumacher has been an amazing influence on me. He is very meticulous and he always has a wonderful solution to any riding problem," explained Sarah Dodge, who has worked closely with Schumacher since

her Young Rider days. "Riders at any level can learn from him and auditing his clinics is very valuable."

Please call 303-663-3243 for more information and to reserve space. Visit www.canonridgefarms.com for a complete schedule of special events.

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To: RMDS JY/YR Advanced Team

Thank you for your financial support for my Heber Valley Summer Dressage Show. It is much appreciated.

**Thanks again,
Wendy Gray**

To Everyone at RMDS,

Thank you so much for everything you did to support me and the whole Region V yYoung Rider team. We could never have made it without your continued help & support.

**Thank you !
Anna Wood & Novarredo**

OBITUARY FOR JANET S. SCHNEIDER-CATE

Janet S Schneider-Cate, 78 passed away, May 6, 2005, in Casper, Wyoming, after a long illness.

Janet was a life-long admirer and supporter of equestrian sports, in particular dressage. She was active in the sport of dressage on a local level, for many years, supporting the local dressage chapter and actively riding and competing, herself, on her beloved mare "Hansi". She was a member of RMDS, the Tri-State Chapter. She was a member of USDF since 1988 and USEF (AHSA) since 1987. She was a member of the American Trakehner Society. Janet supported her sport, locally by not only participating in dressage, but by supporting and riding with clinicians, like Denny Emerson and Janet Brown. She was active in supporting local chapter activities and needs. Janet attended the WEG in Sweden as well as Holland, in 1991 and 1994. In 1995 Janet made a significant gift to USET and in recognition of her support, her name appears on one of the stalls in



Stallion Row, in Gladstone, NJ. As a reflection of her enduring love and respect for the horse, she helped support the Front Range Equine Rescue, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 2003 and 2004.

Janet continued to actively ride until 1998. Starting in 2002, through the American Equestrian Foundation, she donated funds to support American riders, riding abroad, on behalf of the USA.

Janet also owned and supported two horses of international quality, namely Sir Sherlock JSS and Maximus JSS, that were and are competing in Europe, under the guidance of their trainer and rider, Ms. Catherine Haddad. In early 2004, before an injury temporarily sidelined him, Maximus JSS under Ms. Haddad, was listed, by the USEF as being in contention for the selection trials for Athens, 2004.

Among the fond memories of Janet, one is knowing that Janet was a true friend to the horse and equestrian sports, in the best sense.

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If we somehow missed your ad, please let us know. Our Central Office manager, Beth Geier, suffered an injury and was unable to finish last minute details on this issue of the Centaur.

We apologize, and will run missed ads in November.

Thank you, Beverly Swanson

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