

THE CENTAUR

CHAMPIONSHIPS!

Rain, wind & mud don't deter determined riders.

Parker - And God said to Noah, "Load the animals in the ark two-by-two..."

Yes, fall brought rain in Old Testament proportions to the to the Rocky Mountain

Dressage Society Championships & Open Show, held Sept., 21-24 at the Colorado Horse Park in Parker. But RMDS riders and show officials persevered through three days of overcast skies and soggy weather and were rewarded with a perfect sunny day for Sunday's final rides and the championship awards ceremonies.

Grounds manager Simone Windeler had to play rounds of musical chairs, switching arenas throughout the four-day RMDS breed show & championships. "Some of the decisions to relocate the arenas were questioned and it lead to some confusion among the riders, but the volunteers did a great job of informing everyone where their rides were to take place and the grounds staff at the Colorado Horse Park did an excellent job under very trying conditions," said Windeler.

"We all owe them our sincere thanks for all the extra work they did in moving are-

nas and making the best of the ground," she said.

By Sunday, the grim determination on rider's faces gave way to smiles and photos as the awards were presented.



Jr. Training level champs Annie Morris and Cinnamon. Photo courtesy Beth Villery.

Among Sunday's winners was Annie Morris, 21, who trains at Châtellen in Windsor, Colo., who placed first in the Junior Training Level Championship on Cinnamon, a 5-year-old Oldenburg mare owned by Liz Schump, but recently sold to Beth Villery.

"This is (Cinnamon's) first show season, and despite the mud and the excitement, I could feel her confide in me. She was excited but relaxed. I lost some sleep worrying about the ground, so I am

sure the show officials did too. But they did a good job in adjusting everything," she said.

Villery, who bought the horse prior to the show, said she was thrilled by the decision to keep the horse in the young rider's capable hands.

"I felt Cinnamon deserved her shot," said Villery, who recently moved back to Colorado from Maine. "Cinnamon has a dream half-halt and great canter departs.

"I bought her as much for Annie's training as for her own abilities. Annie is an awesome, up-and-coming trainer. She has

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thrown down the gauntlet for me - now I can't blame the horse if I don't do well!"

Morris also earned first-place honors in the Prix Saint Georges Freestyle Championship and the Jr. Prix Saint Georges riding AM Tawny Gypsy Man +/.

Trainers Grant and Shannon Schneidman of Westmanton Stables/Cañon Ridge Farm, Castle Rock, were all smiles on Sunday: three of their students, Kenneth Rohrbach, Kristi Wysocki and MaryJo Hoepner, claimed championships in their respective classes, while Grant took top-honors aboard Top Gun in the Second-Level Open Championship.

"All of the horses were fresh due to the weather and a lot had humps in their backs, but everyone did well," said Grant.. "And today (Sunday) was beautiful, and I didn't ride as well," he concluded with a laugh.

Scheidman, who had nine student riders at the championships, was impressed with the overall level of competition.

"I'm excited about the quality of the horses. In years past, there were one or two really good

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY

horses in each class, and now there are at least three or four in every class. The organization of the show is better than in year's past, especially under trying circumstances like these."

Among the well-mounted riders was Jenny Baldwin, a Swedish-raised and trained instructor and trainer out of Autumn Hill International Equestrian Center in Boulder. Baldwin excelled in the Third Level Open Championship aboard Fabrioso, a 7-year-old Hanoverian owned by Virginia Carr. The duo earned a 64.778, despite the horse's nervousness in the arena.

"He was scared of the judge's stand - before my ride, I didn't know if I would get him in the arena," said Baldwin. "But he trusted me, and he did it. Fabrioso is very talented. He gets nervous, but he doesn't show it. It is just something we've had to work through."

The turnout for the youth division was very encouraging, with particularly large participation in the training level championship.

Shannon Fox, 16, of Arvada, commented on all the youthful faces at the competition.

"The youth division has grown just in the years I have competed and there are more talented riders, which makes a championship even more meaningful," said Fox,



Grand Prix Freestyle Champ Meredith Mathers on Grand Glissando. Courtesy Equine Event Photo.

who won the Second Level Championship, Jr. Division, on her 7-year-old Hanoverian gelding, Escobar. The Ralston High School junior demonstrated her youthful exuberance, galloping her horse through the winner's circle with runner-up Rachel Israel on her horse, Golf.

Fox, who says she is the only teen riding

dressage at her high school, enjoyed the camaraderie of the competition. "Everyone had a really nice time," she said.

Indeed, show manager Veronica Holt felt that the show was a success, despite the challenging weather.

"By-and-large, the competition was terrific," said Holt. "We were blessed with outstanding volunteers. People really stepped up. For example, our volunteer coordinator, Susanne Swenson, had to go to the hospital. Her entire family showed up to take her place while she was away. And Simone Windeler spent so much time working in the mud. But it all worked. Great stuff."

"The social events were well-attended. Dr. Marion, who sponsored the pizza party, put on a great presentation on digital radiography, and the turnout was far better than expected."

"We're all exhausted. This is a big show with all these horses, and harder still when everything you do is affected by the weather. But everyone made the most of the occasion, and I think we can all be proud."

Article by Gavin Ehringer

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Editor's Page

From the Desk of RMDS President Heather Petersen...

By the time this month's Centaur hits your mailbox, the annual meeting for the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society will be right around the corner. Elections for the 2007 Governor's Board take place on November 11.

The Governor's Board consists of about 20 directors, including Chapter Presidents. It provides vital leadership for our organization - and it just might be something you would enjoy doing.

The RMDS is especially in need of someone to serve as vice-president. In the past, this has been a two-year term, but a proposed by-law change (one that is likely to be approved) will make this a one-year commitment. Furthermore, the VP will

no longer be automatically positioned to take over the job of RMDS President (although whoever takes the job will gain valuable experience should she desire to sit in the president's chair).

Please, think about participating on the Board of Directors. It is a great opportunity to make an important contribution to our equestrian sport and, although there is a lot of work involved, it can be lots of fun.

In addition to the vice-presidency, there are openings for the following committees: Awards, Adult Amateur, Horse Shows, Communications, Education, Junior/Young Rider and Scholarships.

If you would like to learn more about these positions, contact RMDS president

Heather Petersen at 719-683-8435 or e-mail her at slush@drwgw.net. Or, contact Nominating Committee Chair Susie Gordon at 970-407-7357 or sgordon@fcgov.com. Feel free to get in touch anytime in the next month, but it is also okay to volunteer right up to the deadline of Nov. 11 by nominating yourself "from the floor" at the annual meeting.

Those of you who wish to help with these vital organizational roles will earn the thanks and appreciation of the entire RMDS dressage community!

Sincerely,
Susie Gordon,
Nominating Committee Chair

The Latest Scoop from the Editor's Stall.

It's Monday morning after championships, and I am frantically trying to put together the finishing touches on the Oct. issue of *The Centaur*. I hope you will forgive the typos and errors, I usually have a few days to make corrections ... not a few minutes!

I'd like to take this space to say how professionally the Championship show was managed and run this year. I have been to hundreds of horse shows at all levels, and I have seen what happens when the unexpected hits. Everyone pulled together to make this a first class affair, despite the unpredictable and down-right nasty weather that Colorado dished out in late September.

While I was collecting quotes and stories on the final day of the competition, I got roped into "volunteering" to help with the show. This involved everything from helping freestyle riders test their music on the public address system to running errands to Walgreen's for the show office, to helping pick up the arena stanchions at day's end. I got so busy, I omitted to gather a list of all the *other* volunteers. I had hoped to thank each and every one of

them by name. Alas, they will remain nameless, at least for now.

However, those of you who did the heavy lifting, who helped with the details big and small, you know who you are.

I'd like to say that volunteers are the backbone of any organization like the RMDS. Although we all have an obligation as members to fulfill minimal volunteer requirements, many were the people who went above-and-beyond during the four days of competition. Did you take a moment to say thanks?

If not, I would encourage you to do this at the next show you attend. Sometimes, we get so caught up in our own preparations that we forget to acknowledge with kindness the people standing in the wings, at the ready to make OUR dreams happen. Without them, we wouldn't have shows at which to show!

Remember, particularly, to hold your tongue when someone who is there, graciously giving of their own free-time to help with a show, makes a mistake.. Everyone is human, everyone makes mistakes - but nobody deserves to be chastised for erring when they are trying to be helpful.

On the subject of volunteers, I'd also like to thank the people who have contributed to *The Centaur* over the last few months. They, too, are volunteers. Nobody is paid to contribute. I sincerely hope to have more people join in making this publication a valuable service to the RMDS community. We still need more contributions if we are to make *The Centaur* a success.

There isn't a lot of glory for volunteering, and it can be hard work. Still, there is a wonderful sense of accomplishment that comes from serving others. This is particularly true in the horse world ...

Truly, there is nothing like seeing the smiles on the faces of little boys and girls when they claim their first ribbons. And it's no different when we, as adults, get the chance to compete. Volunteers share in every win. So, those of you who I didn't name, thanks for being there for all the rest of us.

- Gavin Ehringer, editor
The Centaur

2006 Rocky Mountain Dressage Society Championships & Open Show - results.

For a complete listing of all show results, see the RMDS website at www.rmdf.org.

RMDS Training Level Championships - Junior, Annie Morrison Cinnamon, Training Level, Test 4 2003, JR/YR, 69.808%.
RMDS Training Level Championships - AA, Sue Boulware on Tango, Training Level, Test 4 2003, AA, 70.769%.
RMDS Training Level Championships - Open, Glenda Needles on Serious Hit, Training Level, Test 4 2003, Open 74.231%.
RMDS Training Level Championships - Pony Caleigh Hernandez on Hi-Jinx, Training Level, Test 4 2003, JR/YR, 64.808%.

RMDS First Level Championships - Junior, Amelia Newcomb on Rodenhuis, First Level, Test 4 2003, JR/YR, 68.194%.
RMDS First Level Championships - AA, Julie Hesseon Maude RF, First Level, Test 4 2003, AA, 70.972%.
RMDS First Level Championships - Open, Glenda Needles on Serious Hit, First Level, Test 4 2003, Open, 67.361%.

RMDS Second Level Championships - Junior, Shannon Fox on Escobar, Second Level, Test 4 2003, JR/YR, 62.353%.
RMDS Second Level Championships - AA, Jennifer Kirch on Paladin, Second Level, Test 4 2003, AA, 61.765%.
RMDS Second Level Championships - Open, Grant Schneidman on Top Gun, Second Level, Test 4 2003, Open, 69.020%.

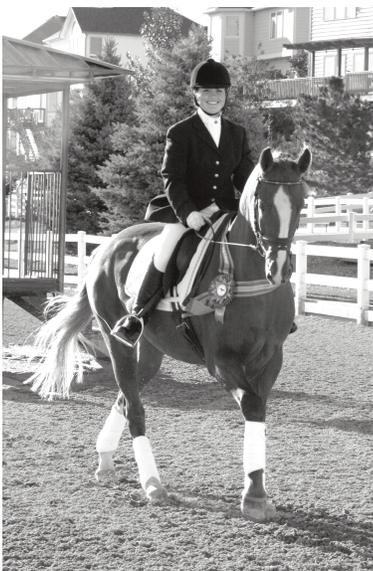
RMDS Third Level Championships - Junior, Greta Barringer-Richers on Nordic, Third Level, Test 3 2003, JR/YR, 63.000%.
RMDS Third Level Championships - AA, Alexandra Curnutte on Romeo, Third Level, Test 3 2003, AA, 56.111%.
RMDS Third Level Championships - Open, Jenny Baldwin on Fabrioso, Third Level, Test 3 2003, Open, 64.778%.

RMDS Fourth Level Championships - Junior, Dawn White-O'Connor on Rusticus, Fourth Level, Test 3 2003, JR/YR, 61.957%.
RMDS Fourth Level Championships - AA, MaryJo Hoepneron Made in the Shade, Fourth Level, Test 3 2003, AA, 58.370%.
RMDS Fourth Level Championships - Open, Shannon Dahmer on Viva Las Vegas, Fourth Level, Test 3 2003, Open, 68.696%.

RMDS Prix St. Georges Championships - Junior, Annie Morris on AM Tawny Gypsy Man +/, FEI Prix St. Georges, JR/YR, 58.000%.
RMDS Prix St Georges Championships - AA Kenneth Rohrbach on Piet, FEI Prix St. Georges 2000, AA, 53.125%.
RMDS Prix St Georges Championships - Open Susan Halasz on Paradiso B, Prix St. Georges 2000, Open, 65.875%.

Thanks Volunteers!

The Championship Show takes blood, sweat, and smiles ... without the help of volunteers, the riders and their horses wouldn't have the chance to shine. We sincerely appreciate everyone who helped with all the show preparations and in greasing the wheels for the 2006 RMDS Championships. Pat yourselves on the back ... we hope to see you all again next year!



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RMDS Intermediaire I Championships - AA, Sue Boulwareon Lime Lite, FEI Intermediate I 2002, AA, 54.250%.
RMDS Intermediaire I Championships - Open, Kristi Wysocki on Billy Bell, FEI Intermediate I 2002, Open, 65.125%.

RMDS Grand Prix Championships, Meredith Matherson on Grand Glissando, FEI Grand Prix B 2003, AA, 58.125%.

RMDS Futurity Training Level Test 4, Glenda Needles on Serious Hit, Training Level, Test 4 2003, Open, 77.692%.
RMDS Futurity First Level Test 1, Glenda Needles on Serious Hit, First Level, Test 1 2003, Open, 71.111%.

RMDS 1st Level Freestyle Championship, Christa-Elaine Wood on Ganadora, USDF Freestyle, First Level 2004, Open, 69.896%.
RMDS 2nd Level Freestyle Championships, Jackson Freismuth on Floristan, USDF Freestyle, Second Level 2004, JR/YR, 62.188%.
RMDS 3rd Level Freestyle Championship, Susan Traylor on Movie Star, USDF Freestyle, Third Level 2004, Open, 60.833%.
RMDS 4th Level Freestyle Championships, Shannon Dahmer on Viva Las Vegas, USDF Freestyle, Fourth Level 2004, Open, 64.583%. **RMDS Prix St Georges Freestyle Championships**, Annie Morris on AM Tawny Gypsy Man +/, FEI Young Riders Freestyle PSG 2002, JR/YR, 57.125%.
RMDS Intermediaire Freestyle Championships, Susan Halasz on Paradiso B, FEI Freestyle, Intermediate I 2002, Open, 63.500%.
RMDS Grand Prix Freestyle Championships, Meredith Mathers on Grand Glissando, FEI Freestyle, Grand Prix 1999 rev, AA, 60.375%.

In-Hand Competition

USDFBC Filly Finals, Chad Toney with Awentia, USDF Prospects-in-Hand, Open, 154.30, 77.150%.
USDF Colt/Gelding Finals, Matt Davis with Adalade CWF, USDF Prospects-in-Hand, Open, 143.5, 71.750%.
USDFBC Mare Finals, Katrin Silva with Bergfee Bo, USDF Stock-In-Hand, Open, 145.19, 72.600%.
RMDS Championship Young Horse, Chad Toney with Awentia, USDF Prospects-In-Hand, Open, 154, 77.000%.
RMDS Mature Horse, Katrin Silva with Bergfree Bo, USDF Stock-In-Hand, Open, 142.9, 71.350%.
RMDS Grand Champion, Chad Toney with Awentia, USDF Sport Horse Group, Open.

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Trainer Hones Skills With US Team Coach

Denver - Heather Kennedy, a Denver based trainer, has moved to Europe for the next year, training with Klaus Balkenhol at his facility in Rosendahl, Germany.

While training with Stephan Peters in California, Heather and Peters had a discussion about her new horse, Don Fuego. A six-year-old Rheinlander stallion, Don Fuego was purchased with the cooperation of Heather's long time client, Alexandra Curnutte. Their mutual decision to send Don Fuego to the Westphalian Stallion Approvals meant that the horse was still in Germany. Stephan encouraged and facilitated Heather's contact with the Balkenhol's.

Upon arriving in Germany, Heather was able to start studying and training under Mr. Balkenhol. Initially, the plan was for Heather to stay for one month and then Don Fuego would go to the Westphalian testing center for completion of his 70 day stallion testing, at which time Heather would return to Colorado.

As things turned out, Mr. Balkenhol, asked Heather if she would like to stay longer and continue training at his facility. Of course Heather said yes. Training under the US Dressage Team coach represented the opportunity of a lifetime.

With the purchase of another horse by long-time friend Michelle Long, Heather is able to continue training while Don Fuego is completing his testing. Heather said that this is such an incredible opportunity. To be able to learn and ride under

the tutelage of Klaus Balkenhol is a dream come true.

Life kept getting more exciting and interesting for Heather when the US Dressage Team arrived for the selection process to participate in the WEG in Aachen, Germany.

"To be here training at the same time this is happening is so unbelievable" said Heather. "The best dressage riders in the USA are here training right in front of me."

Heather hopes to stay for a year in Germany, training and learning. She says she misses Colorado and her friends and horse, Kolo, but how could she not stay?

Article by Alex Curnutte.

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

Page E-6

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:**

SECTION VIII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

A. Individual	<i>50.00</i>
Additional Family member	<i>35.00</i>
Life	<i>650.00</i>
Business	<i>75.00</i>

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

October 2006 Region 5 Message

The USDF Convention and Symposium is around the corner, November 29-December 3 in Kansas City, MO. The convention is a great way to get involved in the governance of our sport and to meet other dressage people from other states. If you are unable to attend, please contact your GMO or Participating Member delegates with any concerns or questions. At the Symposium, Ingrid Klimke, daughter of the legendary Dr. Reiner Klimke, will discuss the development of riders of all levels and the use of cross-training methods to keep horses fresh in their work. Registration on-line is easy and Kansas City is renown for their barbeque, jazz, and hospitality. It should be fun, and don't forget the trade fair for shopping. It is a great opportunity for our region to get together and talk. Advance registration ends

on November 5th. Hope to see you there.

The USDF FEI JR/YR Clinic with Debbie McDonald will be held November 11-12 at Dynamite Dressage in Scottsdale. Check the USDF web page for information and rider application forms. Auditors of all ages and levels are welcome.

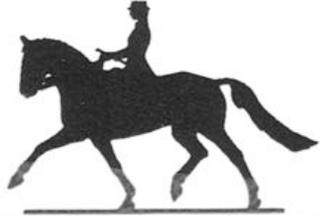
The September *USDF Connection* has some great articles "Rediscovering the Pyramid" that translates the training-scale into more clear terminology; Janet Brown Foy illustrates how to make a good impression at shows with "Miss Ring Manners' Guide to Dressage Etiquette", and "Kansas City in Pictures" to preview the convention.

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Nov 11	RMDS Board of <i>Governors</i> meeting
Nov 18-18	Rachel Saavedra Clinic - Sun Prairie Farm
2007	
Jan 27	"View from C" Judges Continuing Education - Kristi Wysocki
Feb 3-4	USDF "L" Session A - Lois Yukins
Feb 10	Show Managers & TD Continuing Education - Heather Petersen, Cat Siemiet & Joan Clay
March 10-11	USDF "L" Session B - Janet Foy
March 24-25	RMDS Winter Wake Up Show
April 14-15	USDF "L" Session C - Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
June 9-10	USDF "L" Session D - Lois Yukins
Sept 26	Breed Show and Breed Championship
Sept 27-30	RMDS Open and Championship Show
Sept 27-30	Region V Championships-Colorado
Oct. 13-14	Revion V - Jane Savoie



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).

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 30-July 1	Autumn Hill Dressage Festival

For Event Details, see the RMDS Calendar in this issue.

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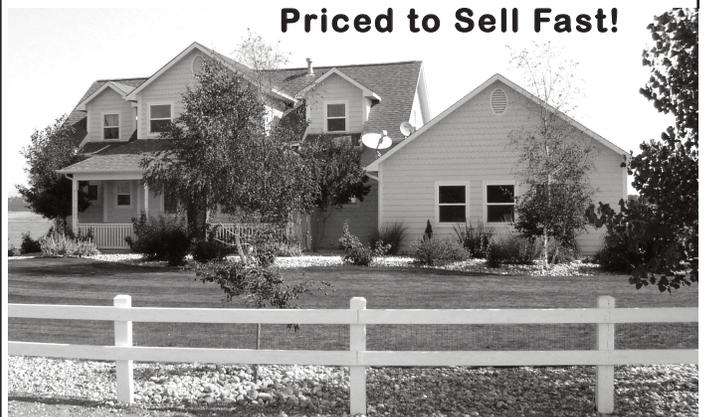
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- 3 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 5-8 Ralf Schmitzer Clinic - Whispering Winds**
Contract Petra 303-646-9530
- 6-8 Region V Championships – Expo New Mexico, Albuquerque**
Contact Donald Simpson 505-550-6735
dsimpson62@aol.com
- 7-8 Paul Belasik Clinic - Cottonwood Farm Grand Junction**
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961
lynea@direcway.com
- 13-14 Schleese Saddlery & Service Ft. Collins Equestrian Center, Contact Ann Hagaman, 970-493-4662**
- 17 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
reiterhofranch@aol.com
- 18-21 Uwe Steiner Clinic Casper Wyo.**
Contact Deb Wilke 303-829-3805
ddwilke@concentric.net
- 20 Bent Johnson Clinic - Wild Wind Farm Elizabeth, Colo., Contact Ann Edelman aedelman@edelmanlawfirm.com**
- 20-22 Christianne Borchet Clinic – Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 21 Kelly O’Leary Clinic - Black Forest**
Contact Patricia 719-749-9866
patricia@parfaitfarm.com
- 28 Freestyle Clinic Barbara Gardner - Phantom Hill Farm, Elizabeth. Contact Janet Duvall, 970-484-8757 jsduvall@frii.com**
- 31 Janet Brown Foy Clinic - Reiterhof Ranch**
Contact Jody 303-646-9520
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- ## 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
- 18-19 Rachel Saavedra – Instructor Workshop & Adult Amateur Education, Peyton, Colo.**
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JANUARY 2007

- 11 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 PM**
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rmds@rmds.org
- 27 Judges Continuing Education – Kristi Wysocki - OPEN to All; Freedom Farms - Franktown, Colo.**
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FEBRUARY 2007

- 3-4 USDF ‘L’ Program-Session A-Lois Yukins Paragon - Berthoud, Colo.**
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- 10 TD’s and Show Managers Continuing Education – Open to All**
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2006/07 Shows & Events

MARCH 2007

8 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm
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10-11 USDF 'L' Program-Session B - Janet Foy
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24-25 RMDS Winter Wake-Up/USEF YR Qualifier
Parker, Colo.
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
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APRIL 2007

14-15 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961
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14-15 USDF 'L' Program-Session C-Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez
Contact Heather Petersen 719-683-8435,
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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

MAY 2007

10 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm
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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@drwg.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

6 Dressage at the Peak Summer Warm-Up USEF, Colorado Springs
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435
slush@drwg.net

7-8 Dressage at the Peak Summer USEF
Colorado Springs

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12 RMDS Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm
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Contact Central Office 720-890-7825

27-29 Autumn Hill Dressage Festival II USEF Longmont, Colo.
Contact Jane Donnelly 970-669-5775
dendy20@msn.com

SEPTEMBER 2007

2 Aspen Ridge Dressage, Monument, Colo.
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slush@drwg.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
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26-30 Region V Championships-Parker-USEF
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OCTOBER 2007

13-14 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farm-Grand Junction
Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 lynea@direcway.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 Governors meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2008

24-28 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show Parker-USEF

RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show
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Indicate Local Chapter:

- Boulder Valley Northern Colorado (Fort Collins)
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Breed (if known) _____

Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____

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Address of Owner _____

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

RMDS MEETING SCHEDULES

RMDS Executive Board

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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

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"R"	Registered	Training-Fourth
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"I"	International	All Levels
"O"	Olympic	All Levels

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Clinic News & Reviews

LESLIE WEBB CLINIC Review

by Kathryn Meistrell

It seems that in every occupation or art, there are those who can do, but who cannot teach. Then, there are those who are not only gifted with talent, but have the ability to pass their abilities onto others. That's what makes for a great teacher, like clinician Leslie Webb.

Leslie Webb was the featured clinician at the 30th anniversary celebration of Mile High Horse Ranch August 26 through 27 in Parker. There, years ago, Webb worked for her aunt, Vanda Werner, riding and training under retired Olympic coach Eric Bubbel. Her talent and drive has earned her many successes, including the team and individual silver medal at the '95 Pan American Games.

Rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the riders or Leslie's energy in the long first day of teaching. On Saturday, Webb taught 15 lessons, a mixture of half-hour and 45 min. time slots. On Sunday, with the same mixture, she squeezed eight lessons into a half-day.

Despite the exhausting schedule, Webb gave her full attention to each and every student, giving detailed instruction throughout.

Webb's main emphasis was focused on correct half-halts. Using the rider's shoulders and upper body to influence the

horse's shoulders and front end is critical to the half-halt. Helping the horse re-shift balance to the hind legs, she asked riders to watch the outside front leg as it started off the ground and use the upper body to make the leg "hesitate" in the air. This timing helps lift the front end of the horse while it's not bearing weight and gives the inside hind leg more time to travel under the body.

The other part of the half-halt Leslie emphasized focused on the seat: the rider's core, pelvis and seat bones. These parts

of the anatomy influence the horse's hind legs. While the front end of the horse hovers in the air, the "push" of the rider's core and stroke of the pelvis (or seatbones when sitting) tell the horse's hind legs how far, how much, how fast.

To coordinate the effects of the rider's body, the clinician emphasized using diagonal aids; the inside leg to the outside rein, stressing that the half-halt was always taken on the upbeat in the trot and canter and when the outside front leg is advancing in the walk.

Introducing the shoulder-in to Megan Roche and her horse, Red, Webb had them pair leg yielding on the long side of the arena. As they approached the rail, Webb had Megan turn the horse's shoulders off the track as if they were starting the first step of a circle. Then using her inside leg and keeping her hips pointed straight down the track, Megan told the horse they were not continuing the circle but going straight down the track with the same bend.

Correct rider position is inseparable from a half-halt, Leslie told Jody Baumgartner in her lesson, as she pointed out stronger ways for Jody to use her body. Using an indirect rein to not just create flexion

behind the jaw but also to create a bending in the neck is helpful in all lateral work, Webb said, also telling Jody that the dominant leg in half-passes and haunches-in is the outside one, which drives the outside leg into the indirect rein. Diagonal aids once again, but this time they were reversed.

Following the outside leg/inside rein pairing, this rider Jody was instructed to use haunches-in on a 10 meter circle at walk as an exercise, getting a prompt and strong forward response of the horse's outside leg to inside rein by asking for a trot while staying in position. Asking the horse to come forward readily into

several trot steps prepares him to be active behind as the rider stays in haunches-in and makes the circle smaller and smaller until the horse can maintain an active turn-on-the-haunches.

Correct basics, rider position and emphasis on the half-halt were the common starting point in all the lessons. The goal of reaching

step "D" was not attainable unless steps A through C were in working order. With careful attention to the riders, Leslie Webb made sure it was all there.

Come back soon Leslie!

Danish Team Rider Bent Jensen To Conduct Colo. Clinic

Elizabeth, Colo. - For more than 20 years, Bent Jensen's name has been synonymous with upper-level dressage competition in Europe and the USA. Jensen will bring his decades of experience to an all-level riding clinic at the Wild Wind Farm in Elizabeth, Oct. 20, 2006.

Jensen competed as an Olympian on the Danish team in Barcelona, Spain, and made his mark in the Grand Prix dressage world with a string of successes in CDIs from New England To Florida. He is a two-time National Danish Champion Rider of the Year in dressage.

Born in Copenhagen, Bent began his formal training at the age of seven. As an adult, he trained for more than five years with his mentor, Lis Hartel, two-time Olympic Silver Medalist and World Champion.

Jensen works on perfecting solid basics with the eventual goal of developing rider and horse to their fullest potential.

For information on the clinic, contact Ann Edelman, 303-228-1684 or 303-756-1130. E-mail: aedelman@edelmanlawfirm.com



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Chapter News

Boulder Valley Dressage

The show season is winding down and the Boulder Club celebrated Labor Day weekend in style with our annual So Long to Summer Show. First time Show manager Jeannette Hillery and first time Show Secretary Barb Newman both did a wonderful job – this is the first time Barb and Jeannette had done these two important jobs and they were both fantastic. We are happy to announce that Jeannette has volunteered to be our show manager for next year too. As you may recall Barb has already volunteered to be the show secretary for both of our shows next year and Patti Taylor is the show manager for the Spring Fling. The So Long to Summer show was a big success – we had over 60 rides and our hosts at Somerset Farms couldn't have been nicer or more accommodating. We saw many new faces at this show and hope that they all enjoyed their first experience with Boulder Valley. If you want to look at your show results they are posted on our website or you can look up your scores at the RMDS website.

As we approach the end of the year we need to begin planning for next year. With that in mind we are accepting nominations for all officer positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. We have already had some names thrown in the hat for Secretary, but don't be shy – we can always use the help. Contact me if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions. Other activities we are contemplating for next year include a Quadrille festival. Not necessarily a competition but an opportunity to show off some of those skills that you and your friends may practice together to make lesson time more fun. Please let me know if you are interested in participating or helping to organize this. How about everyone getting together for a fun and easy trail ride fol-

lowed by a picnic or barbeque? It would be a nice change of pace for both us and our horses, to say nothing of the fun potential. Look for news on these and other events on our website www.bvdressage.org. By the time you read this you should have received our questionnaire by either email or regular mail. When you return it to we will enter your name in drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from a local tack store, so if you haven't already done so – please return it to us ASAP. And last but not least, our next meeting will be held on Monday October 9th at Beth Geier's home, 2942 Park Lake Dr. Boulder 80301. Please give Beth a call at 303-673-9840 if you need directions. As always we will feed and water you at our meetings. Hope that you are having a wonderful Fall season and as always, any feed back is always appreciated.

Claudia Barkmeier, Chapter President
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High Plains Chapter

High Plains Chapter is hosting a RMDS show on October 14th, 2006. It will be at Rieterhof Ranch in Elizabeth. Everyone should have received a flyer with prize list included by now. If you haven't received one please contact Alex Curnutte at curnutttes@msn.com. This is our first of hopefully many RMDS show's to come. We are planning a series of shows for next year.

The chapter meetings have been increasingly well attended. Several new faces and some old ones have made great effort to attend. As our attendance at these meetings increases, we are able to get new ideas and help implementing them. 2007 should be a much more productive year because of all the great input from members.

We are starting to discuss officers for next year. We welcome all members to consider how they could help.

With such a large membership base, the more people who participate, the more events we can plan that apply to membership interests.

As always, contact Alex Curnutte with any ideas or questions. Our October meeting will be on October 16th. Time is 6:30 pm, place to be decided. We would really like to see some faces from our Aurora, Denver and surrounding areas there. If any of you have an idea for a meeting location in one of those areas please contact Alex.

Hope to see you at the awards banquet in Fort Collins on November 11th.

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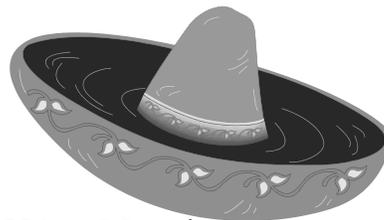
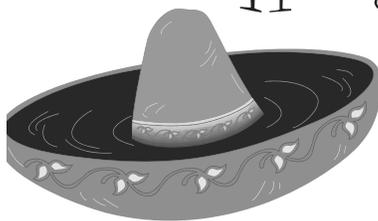
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Awards Banquet 2006

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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!

- 8:30 am – 4:00 pm Board of Governors Meeting
- 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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303-988-1304 (NO reservations will be taken by phone)

Directions: *From I-25*, take 6th Avenue Exit WEST to Union/Simms exit, turn left (South) onto Union Blvd. Turn left at the first light – the Sheraton is on the right.

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

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

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Children (under 12) (breaded chicken strip dinner):

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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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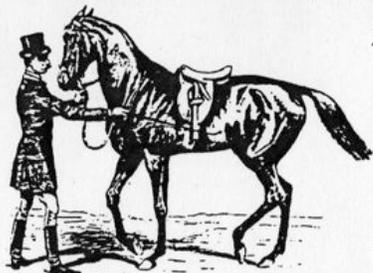
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