



# The Centaur

Educating Horse and Rider as Partners.

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## Congratulations to Dr. Jane Rutledge for Completion of Her Century Ride at Championships!

Dr. Jane Rutledge of Monument, Colorado and her hanoverian Gandalf the Gray completed their Century Ride at the Rocky Mountain Dressage Championships in Parker, Colorado.



The Century Ride is sponsored by the Dressage Foundation. The horse and rider age combined must be 100! Mr. G is 28 years old. The ride was performed at 3rd Level Test One. After the ride judges Maryal Barnett and Peggy Klump stood up and applauded along with the many well wishers who had driven to the horsepark to watch the ride.

Jane is a retired Air Force Major and has lived in Colorado since the early 80's. She raised top quality Hanoverians for many years. Easter, one of her horses, was the area Eventing Champion under Sean Worrall.

Jane returned to school and graduated from the University of Denver with her PhD in Psychology.

Janet Foy found Mr. G for Jane when he was 8 years old. He was owned at the time by USDF Region 8 Director Fern Feldman. Jane still rides a weekly lesson with Janet. Also pictured is Jen Gage, with whom Jane rides on a weekly basis.

Mr. G is kept happy and sound with special food and attention at Desert Skye Farms in Black Forest. His favorite treat is a peppermint, which he sucks on until it is gone.

Congratulations Jane and Mr. G. Welcome to the Century Club!

**For Championship results and photos, go to page 20.**

## Region 5 Report

The USDF Convention and Symposium is around the corner: December 1-5 in Jacksonville, FL. The Symposium with Lilo Fore and Gary Rockwell, "Cross the Bridge from Training to Showing: Learn to Ride the New Tests" should be great. The convention is a great way to get involved in the governance of our sport and to meet other dressage people from other states. You should review all proposed governance changes, rule changes, budgets, and contact your GMO or Participating Member delegates to voice your opinion if you would like them to discuss any concerns in the council and committee meetings. The meeting schedule is available on the USDF website and in the September

USDF Connection. The deadline for discounted online registration is midnight November 26.

USDF will be launching e-TRAK on October 1st. e-TRAK is USDF's new online learning center, providing online access to articles and videos. The site will initially feature over 500 educational materials, organized by topic, which can be accessed through a searchable database. The new member benefit will be available to all current member types, GM and PM, and will also be a core benefit for the new Education Membership that will be introduced this fall. e-TRAK will be accessed by members through the main USDF Web site.

USDF is also redesigning its website and has established a working group to identify specific problem areas using in-house resources with the assistance of an outside firm.

The Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider Clinic will be held on October 23-24, 2010 at Stellar Stables in Parker, CO with George Williams. Our team has done extremely well. Thanks to everyone for all the donations of time, fundraising efforts, and the hard work of competitors and their supporters.

Enjoy your Horses and Happy Riding!  
-Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

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### RMDS Special Business

- Check **Year-End Scores** at [www.rmids.org](http://www.rmids.org). Oct. 1 is the last day to make changes.
- **2011 RMDS Scholarship Amounts and Applications**  
Thanks to the generous donations of our members, we are able to increase the scholarship awards for 2011. Donations came in to the scholarship fund mainly as small amounts attached to show entries. To all those who have donated (be it small or large!) – Thank you!! The scholarship awards will be \$500.00 for 2011, and the application period begins on October 1 and ends November 30. We look forward to your applications! Loni Gaudet (Chair, 2008-2010) and Elaine Haberman (Chair, beginning 2011)
- Final deadline for **Perpetual Trophy** return is October 1st. Following that date, fines will be assessed. Mail to Shannon Lemons at 187 CR 51, Divide, CO 80814; contact her at 719-686-0064; or email at [lemons\\_shannon@yahoo.com](mailto:lemons_shannon@yahoo.com).
- The **RMDS Membership card** is now available online through the RMDS website, [rmids.org](http://rmids.org).
- The **December Centaur** will be devoted to *Thank You's*, *Appreciation*, and *Good Will*. Ad submission and payment deadlines are November 10th.

### **Foothills Chapter**

The foothills chapter will host a meeting at Dolly's house in October. Please contact Dolly directly at 303-919-4112 to RSVP and get directions. We've also included a short article in this month's Centaur from chapter member Betsy Mckenzie about the Integrated Clinic that Dolly Hannon and Nancy Hackett Harrison developed. We are hoping to offer another of these clinics in the near future where the chapter might help subsidize members who want to attend.

- Dolly Hannon, Chapter President

### **High Plains**

Show season is officially behind us, and cooler weather and shorter days are here. As with seasonal changes, so too has High Plains experienced changes. We wish Mary Buckley good luck in her move to Florida and thank her for everything she has done for the Chapter this year.

High Plains Chapter has 12 delegate slots for the BOG! Let your voices be heard. As host Chapter of the BOG/Awards Banquet, we are looking forward to seeing many of you on November 13th.

Two schooling shows will be on the 2011 calendar - so be on the lookout for the final dates. These shows will be offering some unique classes. Our goal is to encourage people to compete from outside the mainstream RMDS community in a stress-free, fun atmosphere. So look for some gaited dressage, cowboy dressage and eventing tests to be offered.

Hilda Gurney will be here on November 6 and 7 at Cresta Farm. Look for something exciting during one of the lunch breaks!!! This is a great symposium and we look forward to a packed house with auditors as we watch Hilda work with the demo riders.

Finally, we received great feedback from some members at a recent meeting with regard to educational offerings. Thanks and please come to our meetings and let us know how High Plains can serve YOU!

Cindi O'Shea, Chapter President/Secretary

### **Boulder Valley**

Many thanks to all those who helped make the second Boulder Valley Dressage cosponsored *USDF Adult/Youth Team Competition*, held August 13th & 14th at Autumn Hill Equestrian Center, such a great success. Thanks to managers Lori Mitchell and Colleen Mcfadden, secretary Beth Geier, Barb Goldman for doing awards and ribbons, and Julie Barringer-Richers and the staff at Autumn Hill. Thanks especially to Lori Mitchell, our RMDS Adult Amateur chairperson! Our *So Long To Summer* show at Somerset Farms on August 29th was also a big success; again thanks go out to all those who helped make this happen; show manager Jeannette Hillery, show secretary Beth Geier, Somerset Farm owner Kim Lampert, and of course all the wonderful volunteers - we couldn't do it without you!

We will be holding elections for 2011 officers at our October meeting; if anyone is interested in being an officer for our chapter and having more input on dressage in Boulder Valley, please contact Claudia Nissley, nominating chairperson, or just come to the October meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. We will also be selecting delegates for the annual RMDS Board of Governors' meeting to be held the day of November 13th, prior to the RMDS awards banquet. This is another opportunity for members to become more involved in the club, so please consider being a delegate for Boulder Valley.

We will also be determining our show dates for next year at the October meeting. Both of our chapter-sponsored RMDS recognized shows were well attended this year, in spite of weather problems that forced us to cancel the Ride-A-Test day scheduled for the day before the Spring Fling show, so it is very likely we will hold both shows again next year. There does seem to be a real demand for smaller shows at the local level.

Hope to see you there!

-Nicole Donohue, Chapter President

### **Arkansas Valley**

Fall brings renewed interest in riding as the days become pleasantly cooler. We are excited about our schooling show October 16. Many riders who are not willing to stop showing for the winter just yet will want to take advantage of this opportunity. We will be utilizing our local "I" judge Julie Burt. We will be offering Dressage Suitability, Dressage Equitation and Cowboy dressage along with the usual tests. We are trying to interest riders in the concept of team dressage with the team composed of Intro, Training Level and First Level riders to encourage more participation and mutual support. If we have enough interest, we will offer a nice award.

We have utilized the concept of an internet meeting to conduct business. It has been quite rewarding as we are able to gather more input from our far flung membership. We have been able to work conveniently on the show details using this means of communication and still allow members to use their valuable time for riding instead of traveling to meetings.

A September meeting will be held at the Pathfinder Park in Florence and will be coupled with videos of "The Visible Horse" and "The Visible

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## President's Message

There were 273 horses, 1,422 rides, 140 in-hand presentations, and 18 rings, all spanning the course of five days. Yes, it was a very big Championship show.

First and foremost, a very big thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, riders, trainers, judges, show staff, and everyone else involved in the show.

The feedback was great. Many riders came up to us to thank us for a wonderful show. We had outstanding weather, the arenas were perfectly prepared, the horses were magnificent – what else could we ask for? I hope many of you got a chance to ride, show in hand, or participate in some way at these Championships. This year we not only hosted RMDS but also the USDF Region 5 Championships, which, for practical purposes, doubled the Championship classes. With that many ribbons awarded we needed to hold four or five ceremonies per day to take care of all the winners.

And on that note – we could use your help. It seems no matter how many flyers were distributed and put in obvious places like the barns, the score board, and yes, the bathrooms, plus announcing it several times per day, some competitors were still confused about which ceremony they should be in. Some actually missed their ceremonies entirely. This is heart-breaking as the rider that misses the ceremony forfeits their score and placing. Any ideas about what we can do to get this information out more effectively?

The one thing we cannot do is get the awards' agenda out ahead of time as we need the daily schedule in place to determine when we hold the various ceremonies. The new rules allow us to only have a certain amount of horses per awards' ceremony which further limits our options. But if you have any ideas for improvement, let me know.

The show office staff spent a whooping 68 hours in the office over the course of the show. We actually began setting everything up on Monday so we were ready for competitors on Wednesday. The RMDS website had a new and improved search option for the show, allowing users to search by rider, ride time and arena, etc. It received more than 12,000 hits the week of Championships. Wow!

So pat yourself on the back for a job well done. None of this would have happened without each and every one of you.

We also decided to do something special for our volunteers this year – we raffled off some wonderful prizes (see pictures below). For every shift that worked, a volunteer was entered once in the drawing. Those that worked a lot obviously had more chances to win. Our top award was a bridle by Schleese valued at \$350 and won by Mindy Maguire. Several others won great prizes – many of them sponsored by our outstanding volunteer coordinator Elaine Haberman.

Did you know that RMDS awards scholarships every year? For 2011 we were able to raise the award to \$500 for each of the four scholarships. The application period opens on Oct 1 and ends Nov 30. Check the RMDS website for details – [www.rmids.org](http://www.rmids.org).

Here are the four categories you can apply for:

1. "Leg-Up" for riders that train at Intro through First Level (regardless of age).
2. "Solid Seat" for riders that are considered to be Adult Amateurs as defined by USEF, riding at any level.
3. "Junior/Young Rider" for riders under 21 years of age, riding at any level.
4. "Opening Doors" for professional riders to continue their education.

Obviously applicants must be a member of RMDS to be eligible – so if you know someone who could benefit from the scholarship but is not a member, let them know about this great program. Thanks to all of you who have given generously to the program either through your show entries (it's that little box at the end of your show entry that allows you to add a few dollars to your show fees) or an outright donation.

As the season winds down we still have WEG to look forward to. There will actually be some TV coverage. I hope you all get a chance to see some of the great riding.

I'm looking forward to a quiet fall with some trail rides and sharing a little fun with my horse.

-*Simone Windeler*, RMDS President



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Rider” by Susan Harris and a group riding session. Our goal is to have a least one group riding/educational activity a month. We have contacted several knowledgeable and interesting “I” judges, clinicians and personal health trainers who are willing to help us with our goals. Our programs will be directed toward not only riding skills but to the overall performance of the horse/rider combination. Some programs will address the

mental and physical challenges of the rider through the use of motion/flexibility experts and the use of Tai Chi for horsemen. Our ultimate goal is to enhance the knowledge of our members to increase their enjoyment of riding and consequently draw more members into our organization.

We should have delightful weather in October for our schooling show and great scenery with the changing

of leaves on the many trees along the river at Pathfinder Park. So consider taking a nice drive with your horse and join us at our schooling show October 16.

For more information contact me at marraelams@hotmail.com, or find the flyer at www.horsetop.com.

-Mary Rae, Chapter President

## Through the Grapevine

*What's happened lately in your life or with the friends you hold dear?  
Let us know "Through the Grapevine" at vanbergc@yahoo.com.*

**Congratulations** to **Kristi Wysocki** for earning “S” Judge status!

**Congratulations** to **Gwen Ka'awaloa** for earning “r” Judge status!

**Congratulations** to **Mindy Maguire** for becoming an RMDS Technical Delegate!

**Thank you Michael Petersen** for the new set-up for Championship ride times and classes on the website! We can now search by division, class, day, ring, rider, etc. Michael added some new search options, and it was really helpful at such a big event rather than scrolling down page after page. A couple of the other regions are also wanting to copy it, it worked so well! Go Michael!

## Proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule Changes, 2010

Discussed and Voted on at the Board of Governors' Meeting, November 13th, 2010.

Open to all to participate. Location:

The Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel  
7007 South Clinton Street  
Englewood, Colorado 80112

### RMDS Constitution & Bylaws

(Approved by 2/3 vote in favor)

#### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be ROCKY MOUNTAIN DRESSAGE SOCIETY, INC.

#### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES: (introduced by the RMDS Board, Marketing)

##### A. Purpose: Mission Statement

1. The purpose of the Society is to promote and encourage a high standard of accomplishment in dressage throughout the Rocky Mountain area and adjacent regions primarily through educational programs. In furtherance of this purpose the Society will work closely with local, regional, and national organizations. ***The Rocky Mountain Dressage Association exists to maintain a high standard of accomplishment in the region through educational support in Dressage. As a USDF Group Member Organization, RMDS is dedicated to providing educational programs to encourage the best horsemanship throughout our membership.***

2. The activities of the Society are limited to those activities consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

##### A. Membership: (introduced by Sharon Soos)

3. Upon joining the Society, members shall select a Chapter to represent their interests in forming Society policies and in managing the Society ***or may select to be a member-at-large***. Should a member fail to select a Chapter, he/she shall be assigned to a Chapter at the discretion of the RMDS Central Office. ***considered a member-at-large***. Members may change Chapter affiliation by notifying the RMDS Central Office in writing of their desire.

##### B. Chapters:

6. A Chapter shall annually elect from its membership delegates to the Society's Board of Governors. At a Board of Governors meeting, each Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) vote for every twenty (20) members or fraction there-of. Each Chapter shall notify in writing the Secretary of the Society as to how its voting rights are distributed amongst its delegates. ***Members-at-large may attend the Society's Board of Governors meeting in accordance with Article VI (D).***

## Standing Rules

(Approved by majority vote in favor)

### SECTION III. RMDS RECOGNIZED/APPROVED COMPETITIONS: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

A dressage competition shall be recognized by the Society if the following requirements are met:

C. **A recognition fee, set by the Executive Board**, must accompany the application for recognition of each competition. USDF Region V Championship, JR/YR Team Championships, Adult Amateur Team Championships, and the RMDS Championship Shows are exempt from this fee.

E. Applications for recognition of all previously approved competitions for the next competition year are due to the RMDS Central Office no later than November 1 of the current calendar year. Applications for recognition from previously approved competitions that are postmarked after November 1 will be assessed a late fee **of \$25**. All late fees will be assessed based on the postmark of the application.

O. Show management must submit legible dressage scores or USDF Dressage Sport Horse Breed (DSHB) show scores for RMDS recognized competitions to the designated address within fourteen (14) days following the competition. All scores submitted must include horse name and RMDS number, rider name and RMDS number. 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. All violators will be published in the Society's newsletter.

### SECTION IV. RMDS SANCTIONED EVENTS: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

C. Requirements:

1. Application and fees (**set by the Executive Board**) must be submitted to the RMDS Central Office at least 4 weeks prior to the event.

### SECTION V. AWARDS - YEAR END: (introduced by Kristi Wysocki)

F. Sport Horse Breeding Show Year End Awards

4. Horse Awards

h. Year end Awards will be awarded to the horse with the highest median from at least ~~two (2)~~ **Three (3) scores, two (2) shows, and two (2) judges** from any of the following categories:

**i. Current Year Foal (fillies & colts)**

**ii. Fillies (1-3 year olds)**

**iii. Colts & Geldings (1-3 year olds)**

**iv. Mares (4 years and older)**

**v. Stallions (4 years and older)**

i. Young Horse categories

ii. Mature Horse categories

i. Young Horse of the Year Award will be awarded to the horse with the highest median from at least two (2) scores, two (2) shows and two (2) judges from any of the following categories:

i. Fillies of current calendar year.

ii. Colts/Geldings of current calendar year

iii. Yearling Fillies

iv. Yearling Colts/Geldings

v. Two-year-old Fillies

vi. Two-year-old Colts/Geldings

vii. Three-year-old Fillies

viii. Three-year-old Colts/Geldings

j. Mature Horse of the Year Award will be awarded to the horse with the highest median from at least

~~two (2) scores, two (2) shows, and two (2) judges from any of the following categories:~~

- ~~i. Four year old and older Maiden Mares~~
- ~~ii. Four year old and older Broodmare (Yeld) - without foals~~
- ~~iii. Four year old and older Broodmares - with Foals (Mare only to be judged):~~
- ~~iv. Four year old and older stallions~~

## SECTION VI. RMDS TECHNICAL DELEGATES PROGRAM: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

RMDS has established a Technical Delegate Program to provide members with the necessary experience and training to officiate as Technical Delegates at RMDS only recognized shows. The program is administered by the RMDS Central Office.

### A. RMDS Technical Delegates Training Program

1. d. The candidate must **pay all required fees** at the time of application. ***The RMDS Executive Board shall determine the fees.***

## SECTION VIII. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

A. Membership classes are defined in the RMDS By-Laws. The membership application and dues should be sent to the RMDS Central Office. The Society's membership fees shall be as follows:

<b><i>Individual</i></b>	<b><i>55.00</i></b>
<b><i>Additional Family member</i></b>	<b><i>40.00</i></b>
<b><i>Life</i></b>	<b><i>650.00</i></b>
<b><i>Business</i></b>	<b><i>75.00</i></b>
<b><i>Business Life</i></b>	<b><i>?????</i></b>

C. There will be a **\$50.00** charge plus bank fees if applicable on all returned checks. Section XII, B of these Standing Rules provides other penalties, which may be applied for returned checks.

D. The lifetime horse registration fee is **\$40.00**. There is a **\$15.00** fee for any changes to the registration (i.e., horse name change, owner change, etc.).

E. Communications (Centaur & emails only) are available as a separate subscription for an annual fee of **\$35.00**.

## SECTION IX. MEMBER BENEFITS: (introduced by Sharon Soos)

RMDS members in good standing shall receive the following benefits unless otherwise indicated:

### A. General Benefits:

5. A Chapter basic membership, to be determined by the RMDS Executive Committee to pay for the Directors & Officers insurance, shall be paid by RMDS to the Chapter selected by the member. (Note: Chapters may charge a supplemental membership fee at their discretion in accordance with Article V, Section C of the RMDS By-Laws.). ***The basic membership fee for Members selecting to be a Member-at-Large shall remain with RMDS.***

## SECTION X. CHAPTER INITIAL FEES: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

Each new RMDS Chapter will be required to pay an initial organizational fee of **\$100.00** to RMDS upon application for RMDS recognition. This fee must be accompanied by (1) an approved and current copy of its procedures or By-Laws, (2) a roster of its membership and (3) a list of elected officers

## SECTION XII. PROTESTS, CHARGES, HEARINGS, and WARNINGS: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

Violations: A violation is any act by any individual member or group prejudicial to the best interests of RMDS and its Chapters as outlined in the current US Equestrian Federation Rule Book. Should a Chapter experience the need to expel members due to actions which it may deem improper, dishonest, or unsportsmanlike, it may request that the RMDS Executive Board hold a hearing, according to the procedures set forth herein, for the purpose of warning, suspending or removing the violator(s) from all organizational benefits and, in the case of financial fraud, until all debts with RMDS and/or its Chapters are settled

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. Must be filed within 30 days of the event.

## SECTION XIII. COMPENSATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: (introduced by the RMDS Board)

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

4. Managers for the following yearly competitions and events:

- a. RMDS Championships ***Owned Shows – Winter Wake-Up & RMDS Championships***
- b. USDF Adult Amateur Team Championships
- c. USDF ***Region 5 Adult & Junior Team Competition***
- d. RMDS Junior/Young Rider Camp
- e. ***Other event(s) as approved by the RMDS Executive Board***

## SECTION XIV. RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW : (introduced by Heather Petersen)

B. Qualification For Dressage Championship Classes:

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

- b. Horse/rider combinations may qualify for Musical Freestyle Championship Classes by submitting ***one two scores of 60% or higher from a recognized musical freestyle class at the same level*** plus one score from any test at the applicable level or higher meeting the minimum qualifying score specified in c. below.

## SECTION XIV. RMDS CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW: (introduced by Kristi Wysocki)

C: Qualification for Sport Horse Breeding Championship Classes:

1. General

***c. The horse with the highest average score, if judged by more than one judge, in each class will be the Champion of that class. The Young Horse Champion will be determined by calling back all of the Champions in the Young Horse categories. The Mature Horse Champion will be determined by calling back all of the Champions in the Mature Horse categories.***

***Current Year Foal***

***Fillies***

***Colts***

***Mares***

***Stallions***

***The Grand Champion Horse will be determined by the highest score of the Young Horse Champion or the Mature Horse Champion.***

UNITED STATES **Dressage** FEDERATION  
*Presents*

## *George Williams*

2010 Platinum Performance USDF FEI Jr/YR Clinic Series

*With funding from the Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund at The Dressage Foundation*

Region: 5

Facility Location: **Stellar Stables, Parker, CO**

Date: **October 23-24, 2010**

We are so pleased to present to our region, a two day Junior and Young rider clinic with George Williams. Auditors are welcome to attend. Please see the RMDS website at [RMDS.org](http://RMDS.org) for rider and auditor applications and rider eligibility criteria, or contact Susan Rudman at [sewrunred@msn.com](mailto:sewrunred@msn.com), or call at 303-697-8528.



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UNITED STATES *Dressage* FEDERATION

**2010 Platinum Performance/USDF FEI Jr/YR Clinic Series**



*With funding from the Renee Isler Dressage Support Fund at The Dressage Foundation*  
AUDITOR PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

*\*Pre-registration forms must be received in the USDF office 10 days prior to the clinic. Auditors may utilize the walk-in registration option and pay the additional fee if you did not pre-register. To pre-register multiple attendees, please fill out individual forms.*

Clinic Information

Region: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Auditor Information

Name of Person Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date required if registering for the youth fee: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*Auditor registration confirmation notices are sent via email, if provided.*

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<input type="checkbox"/> Two Day (Sat/Sun) Package	\$60	\$50	\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$35	\$30	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Only	\$35	\$30	\$15

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*USDF University Credits will be automatically applied for all GM/IM/PM members\*\***

**Payment Information**

Check or money order, payable to USDF (US funds only please) Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Number

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Expiration Date

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Signature of Card Holder

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**Please fax completed forms to USDF, Attn: Erica Minks at (859) 971-7722 or scan and email as an attachment to [jryoung riderclinics@usdf.org](mailto:jryoung riderclinics@usdf.org).**

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# Integrated Riding

## with Dolly Hannon and Nancy Hackett Harrison

-Betsy McKenzie, An Adult Amateur returning to riding after a three decade hiatus

I would like to share a positive experience I had at an Integrated Riding Clinic in May with Dolly Hannon and Nancy Hackett Harrison.

The clinic provided a clear and fresh perspective on effective rider position, a secure, strong seat independent of arm and leg movements that reduce tension transmitted from rider to horse and allows for clear communication between the two. The team approach used by Dolly and Nancy allowed one of the trainers to focus on the horse, and the other to focus on the rider, and for the rider to participate in an ongoing discussion with both of them. Each of these women has keen powers of observation, empathetic and effective verbal and physical descriptions, and great recommendations.

Dolly Hannon, as most readers will know, has years of experience and accomplishments including qualifications as a USDF certified instructor, earning her USDF bronze, silver and gold medals, plus several students having all three medals on horses they trained themselves. Last year she was certified as a USEF recognized "S" judge; one of only approximately 80 in the United States. I am fortunate to lesson with Dolly on a fairly regular basis and her lessons are fun and effective. Dolly trains at Legacy Valley Farm and Table Mountain Ranch in Arvada/Golden, as well as weekly clinics at Roberts Ranch in Littleton, CO.

Nancy Hackett Harrison has a riding instructor's background, rides and competes in dressage, and is a licensed physical therapist. As a physical therapist she specializes in biomechanical alignment and how it affects movement and efficient use of core muscles. Since the clinic, she has provided

me with assistance in correcting my asymmetrical stance off the horse as well.

The clinic was graciously hosted by Miggy Monroe at her private, immaculate Roberts Ranch Equestrian. We arrived on Friday afternoon to a warm welcome from barn manager Meagan Levitt, and were shown to roomy and safe horse accommodations. A brief welcome, introduction, and preview was given by Dolly and Nancy.

The clinic began Friday afternoon with a group warm-up on our horses, and then we rode individually with Dolly and Nancy who commented briefly on our riding abilities and video-taped us. We left our horses securely bedded down in roomy comfort for the night.

The real work started Saturday morning after coffee and homemade banana bread in a warm barn office when we learned how to control our posture both off and on the horse. This helped us achieve a stable and independent seat. Nancy had us stand and practice a 5-step progression that straightened our spines, made us more supple, and gave us a strong, relaxed position which allowed us to use our arms and lower legs independently. This enabled clear and refined communication with our horses once we got back in the saddle.

After practicing together without our horses, we tacked up and rode together in a group, Dolly mindful of our horses and their reactions, and Nancy encouraging our positions astride. Individual rides followed, again, with both Dolly and Nancy keenly observing, instructing, and video-taping.

We put our horses away and regrouped in the warm office to discuss

the horses' responses to our changes in posture, and to compare our before and after videos.

Wow. The videos were clear evidence: less bracing, more schwung, rounder frames, and happier ears could be seen on all the horses. The angst of seeing one's self on video was easily outweighed by the benefit of seeing how we rode, how we over-corrected or under-corrected our aids while following instructions, and hearing comments made during our rides. What a great learning tool! As a group we could learn from everyone's videos. We were not alone in our weaknesses even while each rider and horse had their own set of challenges and goals. This was a great confidence builder.

These clinicians were clear and easy to understand and allowed us to take away useful information for future and continued use. Everything supported what I have recently read about harmonious dressage, position, and horse and rider communication. Indeed, this clinic has enhanced and enlarged my understanding of rider and horse communication and teamwork.

I hope Dolly and Nancy continue these clinics. I recommend anyone who enjoys working with their horse or reducing stress on their bodies sign up for the next one!

My thanks to Dolly Hannon for her experienced eye and empathetic instruction, and to Nancy Hackett Harrison for her keen powers of observation and clear demonstrations. Thanks also to Miggy: owner; and Megan: barn manager, for their gracious hospitality, warm welcome, and immaculate facility.

Happy horse ears!



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*-Henry Wynmalen  
"Dressage"*

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- 23-24 **USDF L Program, Session A, Central Arizona Riding Academy, Arizona**  
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- 23-24 **Lyndon Rife Clinic, Ft Collins Equestrian Center, CO**  
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- 2 **Janet Foy Clinic, Reiterhof Ranch, Franktown, CO**  
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- 6-7 **Hilda Gurney Symposium, Cresta Farm, Franktown, CO**  
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- 13 **RMDS Board of Governors Meeting, Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel, Englewood, CO**  
Contact Cindi O'Shea, cindioshea@yahoo.com, 720-951-3517
- 14 **Ft Collins Equestrian Center Schooling Show, Ft Collins, CO**  
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- 16 **Janet Foy Clinic, Reiterhof Ranch, Franktown, CO**  
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### JANUARY 2011

- 29 **Judges Continuing Education**  
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- 29-30 **USDF L Program, Session C, Central Arizona Riding Academy, Arizona**  
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### FEBRUARY 2011

- 12 **Show Managers Training & TD Clinic, Comfort Suites, Castle Rock, CO**  
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### APRIL 2011

- 2-3 **USDF L Program, Session D1, Central Arizona Riding Academy, Arizona**  
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### JUNE 2011

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- 4 **High Prairie Dressage II, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**  
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- 5 **High Prairie Dressage III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**  
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- 18-19 **USDF L Program, Session D2, Central Arizona Riding Academy, Arizona**  
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### AUGUST 2011

- 5 **High Prairie Dressage I, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**  
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- 7 **High Prairie Dressage III, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO-USEF**  
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### SEPTEMBER 2011

- 22 **RMDS Sport Horse Open Show & Championships**  
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- 23-25 **RMDS Championships**  
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### NOVEMBER 2011

- 4-6 **USDF L Program, Final Exam, Central Arizona Riding Academy, Arizona**  
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- 12 **Board of Governors' Meeting and Awards Banquet**  
NCDA Chapter host

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### 2011

Jan 29	Judges' Continuing Education with Sandy Hotz
Feb 12	Show Management & TD Training-Comfort Suites
Sept 22	RMDS Breed Show
Sept 23-25	RMDS Championships
Nov 12	Board of Governors' Meeting & Awards Banquet-NCDA host

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## RMDS Championships Training Level Open

1	Petra Warlimont	Romantico SF	72.200%
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5	Simone Ahern	Pamona	67.800%



## RMDS Championships Training Level Adult Amateur

1	Natalie Roach	Victory	68.800%
2	Margie McNew	Stamp n' Pirate	66.600%
3	Maria Teresa-Marti	Bohemio	66.000%
4	Kathleen Kennedy	Nina's Juliette	65.200%
5	Carol Mavrakis	Mirabelle	64.800%

## RMDS Championships Training Level Junior

1	Lauren Asher	Izmar	68.400%
2	Caroline Fernalld	Orrwood Madison Bay	67.200%
3	Emily Barnes	Remember Me	65.400%
4	Whitney Haugen	TJR Destiny's Tiara	65.400%
5	Raissa Chunko	Gilligan	63.400%

## RMDS Championships Training Level Young Rider

1	Gabrielle Flores	Reyner of Black Diamond	62.800%
2	Taylor Merritt	Manifest	60.600%
3	Julie McDermott	Donatella	49.400%

## RMDS Championships Training Level Pony

1	Raissa Chunko	Gilligan	64.400%
2	Kate Sotiroff	SP Hollywood Eclipse	62.000%
3	Paige Smith	Shot in the Dark	59.600%
4	Savannah Rose Franklunk	Lilliput	59.400%

## RMDS Championships First Level Open

1	Petra Warlimont	Dostojewski SF	73.158%
2	Anna Wood	Waikira	70.526%
3	Petra Warlimont	Seraphine SF	68.553%
4	Andrea Doelling	The Count Basil	66.447%
5	Susanne Primgaard	Ferdinand	65.526%



## RMDS Championships First Level Adult Amateur

1	Natalie Roach	Victory	67.763%
2	Elizabeth Nicholson	Hidde te R	66.711%
3	Jacqueline Braley	Legacy Clive	66.184%
4	Joan Stang	Lionheart	64.211%
5	Kathy Wilson	Dutchman	64.079%

## RMDS Championships First Level Junior

1	Brook Santangelo	Nu Shu Dance	65.658%
2	Caroline Fernalld	Orrwood Madison Bay	64.474%
3	Lauren Asher	Izmar	64.079%
4	Michaela Schenk	Simply Sterling	61.579%
5	Inga Fuengerlings	Milo	61.184%

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RMDS Championships First Level Young Rider			
1	Kristen Becker	Esperanza GPA	65.132%
2	Grace Kennedy	Kennedy Rain	63.816%
3	Martha Anderson	BQH Charmin	58.026%
RMDS Championships First Level Pony			
1	Michaela Schenk	Simply Sterling	66.053%
2	Ruan Seville	Scarlet's Affair	65.526%
3	Kathleen Donnelly	Rashad Alcibiades	61.316%
4	Sophie Nasrullah	Deja	60.789%
5	Laine Collins	Lily	58.684%
RMDS Championships First Level Freestyle			
1	Andrea Doelling	The Count Basil	68.750%
2	Margi Evans	Love That Jazz	68.229%
3	Caroline Fernalld	Orrwood Madison Bay	65.208%
4	Brook Santangelo	Nu Shu Dance	63.854%
5	Kate Sotiroff	SP Hollywood Eclipse	61.979%
RMDS Championships Second Level Open			
1	Kim Elsner	Aragon	66.310%
2	Christina Rudman	Ricardo	65.952%
3	Patti Thurman	Gallahan	65.357%
4	Susanne Primgaard	La Dolce Vita	65.357%
5	Greta Barringer-Richers	CF Godiva Chocolate	64.881%
RMDS Championships Second Level Adult Amateur			
1	Margi Evans	Love That Jazz	66.667%
2	Wendy Fryke	Lateran	65.714%
3	Beth Villery	Legende	64.643%
3	Christine De Herrera	Festivo	64.643%
5	Susan Lucas	Silverado	62.738%
RMDS Championships Second Level Jr/YR			
1	McKinley Harvey	Maverick	64.405%
2	Alicia Goode-Allen	Vitet	62.500%
3	Morgan FlemingMon	Cher	60.952%
RMDS Championships Second Level Freestyle			
1	Susan Traylor	Jip van Stal Geurts	67.292%
2	Mary Stack	Cary	62.604%
3	Morgan Fleming	Mon Cher	59.583%
RMDS Championships Third Level Open			
1	Petra Warlimont	White Sun	70.930%
2	Sandra Hotz	Napali	70.465%
3	Grant Schneidman	Counselor	69.419%
4	Kristi Wysocki	Labri	68.605%
5	Simone Ahern	Brisa	65.116%
RMDS Championships Third Level Adult Amateur			
1	Lisa Peterson	Willow	65.814%
2	Suzie Halle	Tennyson ISF	65.581%
3	Robin Gay	Odyssey	64.651%
4	Christine De Herrera	Festivo	63.837%
5	Annette Coester	Sam	61.977%



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## RMDS Championships Third Level Jr/YR

1	Aylin Corapcioglu	Ruhmann	67.674%
2	Jordan Farr	Phoenix	65.930%
3	McKinley Harvey	Maverick	64.302%
4	Jessica Swenson	Jubilee Banjo	63.605%
5	Devon Wycoff	Mejicano XXXIV	63.256%

## RMDS Championships Third Level Freestyle

1	Jordan Farr	Phoenix	66.875%
2	Jessica Swenson	Jubilee Banjo	63.125%
3	Rachel Dodd	Kuriant	61.146%
4	Connor McPeak	Passhawn	61.042%
5	Andrea Doelling	BCM Unforgettable	58.021%

## RMDS Championships Fourth Level Open

1	Grant Schneidman	Counselor	68.659%
2	Petra Warlimont	Rohmero	68.293%
3	Shannon Dahmer	Marsel	61.707%
4	Emily Lasher	Flash	59.268%
5	Julie Haugen	Le Filou	56.707%

## RMDS Championships Fourth Level Adult Amateur

1	Ann Edelman	Boucheron	62.683%
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## RMDS Championships Prix St Georges Open

1	Susan Schneider	Sir Sherlock, JSS	67.368%
2	Grant Schneidman	Frodo	66.842%
3	Jenny Baldwin	Chrysler	65.351%
4	Shannon Dahmer	Rock On	64.825%
5	Kristi Wysocki	Dominante XXIX	64.649%

## RMDS Championships Prix St Georges Adult Amateur

1	Susan Alvey	Hotchkiss	63.246%
2	Ann Edelman	Boucheron	59.737%
3	Jennifer Kirch	Paladin	59.561%
4	Marci Krummick	McKinley	56.316%
5	Beth Geier	Matador	51.316%

## RMDS Championships Prix St Georges Jr/YR

1	Victoria Fernalld	O'Neal	60.263%
2	Rachael Motsinger	Donaukonig	56.711%

## RMDS Championships Intermediate I Open

1	Susan Schneider	Sir Sherlock, JSS	67.895%
2	Jenny Baldwin	Fabioso	62.895%
3	Beatrice Marienau	Quirinius	61.930%
4	Jasmin Becker	Romie	61.579%
5	Glenda Needles	Serious Hit	60.263%

## RMDS Championships Intermediate I Adult Amateur

1	Pat Roark	Alvaro TCV	61.053%
2	Camille Griffin	Munesicht's Compassion	58.947%

## RMDS Championships Intermediate I Jr/YR

1	Victoria Fernalld	Prince	64.211%
2	Victoria Fernalld	O'Neal	61.711%

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RMDS Championships Intermediate Freestyle			
1	Jenny Baldwin	Fabrioso	67.125%
2	Victoria Fernalld	O'Neal	62.125%
3	Susan Schneider	Wagner de Bonce	61.750%
4	Susan Schneider	Sir Sherlock, JSS	61.250%
RMDS Championships Intermediate II Open			
1	Beatric Marienau	Reve de Neige	62.895%
2	Gwen Ka'awaloa	Safarie	58.070%
3	Ellene Koepfer	Nantes	53.246%
RMDS Championships Intermediate II Adult Amateur			
1	MaryJo Hoepner	Made in the Shade	55.263%
RMDS Championships Grand Prix			
1	Grant Schneidman	Superman	66.241%
2	Simone Ahern	Ravenelli's Wizard	60.922%
3	Beatrice Marienau	Reve de Neige	60.355%
4	Shannon Dahmer	Najinska	57.589%
5	Lauren Smith	Lamiro	57.234%
RMDS Championships Grand Prix Freestyle			
1	Meredith Mathers	Grand Glissando	60.250%
RMDS Futurity			
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5	Rebecca Lerwill	Ivey	67.200%
Great American/USDF Training Level Open			
1	Linda Ohlson Gross	Ali'i	71.200%
2	Petra Warlimont	Romantico SF	70.800%
3	Michelle Vergez	Premonition	70.000%
4	Trisha Kerwin	Casini	67.400%
5	Petra Warlimont	Seraphine SF	67.000%
Great American / USDF Training Level Adult Amateur			
1	Natalie Roach	Victory	66.000%
2	Martha (Max) Despain	Sweet Addiction	65.400%
3	Kathryn Bloom	Mr. Stubbs	64.000%
4	Sandra Eckles	Arnoud	63.400%
5	Joanne Glantz	Sabella	61.000%
Great American / USDF Training Level Jr/YR			
1	Lauren Asher	Izmar	67.733%
2	Trenton Gage	Flash Zayraff	65.067%
3	Caroline Fernalld	Orrwood Madison Bay	64.267%
4	Savannah Rose Franklund	Lilliput	63.067%
5	Kate Sotiroff	SP Hollywood Eclipse	62.133%
Great American / USDF First Level Open			
1	Anna Wood	Waikira	73.158%
2	Leslie Apfel	Bergren	70.526%
3	Petra Warlimont	Dostojewski SF	68.684%
4	Susanne Primgaard	Ferdinand	68.421%
5	Christina Rudman	Ricardo	67.105%



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Great American / USDF First Level Adult Amateur			
1	Jacqueline Braley	Legacy Clive	65.789%
2	Elizabeth Nicholson	Hidde te R	64.474%
3	Melissa Mullin	Indorado	63.421%
4	Kate Banuelos	Tara	63.158%
5	Natalie Roach	Victory	61.842%

Great American / USDF First Level Jr/YR			
1	Hilary Alweis	He's Somebody	70.526%
2	Grace Kennedy	Kentucky Rain	70.526%
3	Lauren Asher	Izmar	68.158%
4	Inga Fuengerlings	Milo	65.395%
5	Caroline Fernald	Orrwood Madison Bay	63.158%

Great American / USDF First Level Freestyle			
1	Andrea Doelling	The Count Basil	67.361%

Great American / USDF Second Level Open			
1	Leslie Apfel	Zilker	72.460%
2	Susanne Primgaard	La Dolce Vita	68.175%
3	Kim Elsner	Aragon	64.762%
4	Patti Thurman	Gallahan	64.762%
5	Greta Barringer-Richers	CF Godiva Chocolate	64.127%

Great American / USDF Second Level Adult Amateur			
1	Beth Villery	Legende	65.952%
2	Gwendolyn Suttles	Donnerwolke	61.667%
3	Mary Stack	Cary	60.952%
4	Susan Lucas	Silverado	59.524%
5	Christina Peterson	Rising Reminder	57.857%

Great American / USDF Second Level Jr/YR			
1	McKinley Harvey	Maverick	65.397%
2	Alicia Goode-Allen	Vitet	61.270%

Great American / USDF Second Level Freestyle			
1	Sean Cunningham	Aaron	66.042%
2	Susan Traylor	Jip van Stal Geurts	64.167%

Great American / USDF Third Level Open			
1	Petra Warlimont	White Sun	74.070%
2	Grant Schneidman	Counselor	73.256%
3	Stephanie Busley	Welkin	68.372%
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1	Robin Gay	Odyssey	65.814%
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4	Christine De Herrera	Festivo	62.093%
5	Annette Coester	Sam	61.240%

Great American / USDF Third Level Jr/YR			
1	McKynzee Wiggins	Donatello W	62.636%
2	Connor McPeak	Passhawn	60.155%
3	Devon Wycoff	Mejicano XXXIV	59.457%
4	Evan Hills	Megabucks	56.357%
5	Haeley Hutchison	Crown B Special	55.736%



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Great American / USDF Third Level Freestyle			
1	Jessica Swenson	Jubilee Banjo	63.542%
2	Craig Heckert	Red Rubin	62.361%
3	Andrea Doelling	BCM Unforgettable	61.667%
Great American / USDF Fourth Level Open			
1	Petra Warlimont	Rohmero	67.317%
2	Trisha Kerwin	B Titans Image	64.065%
3	Shannon Dahmer	Marsel	62.276%
4	Katy Lindberg	Beaumont	55.122%
Great American / USDF Fourth Level Adult Amateur			
1	Ann Edelman	Boucheron	65.528%
Great American / USDF Prix St Georges Open			
1	Petra Warlimont	Rohmero	69.342%
2	Jenny Baldwin	Chrysler	64.211%
3	Lauren Ogden	Legacy	64.211%
4	Kristi Wysocki	Dominante XXIX	63.947%
5	Andrea Doelling	Amazing	63.553%
Great American / USDF Prix St Georges Adult Amateur			
1	Susan Alvey	Hotchkiss	59.079%
2	Ann Edelman	Boucheron	58.553%
3	Beth Geier	Matador	50.395%
Great American / USDF Prix St Georges Jr/YR			
1	Victoria Fernald	O'Neal	58.772%
Great American / USDF Intermediate I Open			
1	Jenny Baldwin	Fabrioso	66.228%
2	Nicole Glusenkamp	Eeltsje F.	65.702%
3	Glenda Needles	Serious Hit	65.526%
4	Susan Schneider	Sir Sherlock, JSS	64.825%
5	Jasmin Becker	Romie	60.439%
Great American / USDF Intermediate I Adult Amateur			
1	Taminy Marshall	Alleluiah	59.474%
2	Pat Roark	Alvaro TCV	55.526%
Great American / USDF Intermediate I Jr/YR			
1	Victoria Fernald	Prince	67.895%
2	Victoria Fernald	O'Neal	61.404%
Great American / USDF Intermediate Freestyle			
1	Jenny Baldwin	Fabrioso	62.750%
Great American / USDF Intermediate II Open			
1	Beatrice Marienau	Reve de Neige	62.237%
2	Gwen Ka'awaloa	Safarie	48.553%
Great American / USDF Grand Prix Open			
1	Grant Schneidman	Superman	63.262%
2	Simone Ahern	Ravenelli's Wizard	61.418%
3	Lauren Smith	Lamiro	56.170%
Great American / USDF FEI Junior Team			
1	Jordan Farr	Phoenix	64.595%
2	Aylin Corapcioglu	Ruhmann	58.829%
Great American / USDF FEI Young Rider Team			
1	Rachel Motsinger	Donaukonig	55.439%



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303.799.6200**

**5:30 PM                      Cocktails (cash bar)  
6:00 PM                      Dinner Service Begins  
6:30 PM                      Awards Presentation Begins  
9:30 PM                      Prize Drawing (must be present to win)**

Please RSVP by November 3, 2010. Reservation and payment must be received by this date. A completed form with payment constitutes your reservation. No phone reservations-no exceptions! Late reservations will be accepted until November 12<sup>th</sup> with an additional \$10 fee.

Make check payable to RMDS and mail to:

Cindi O'Shea, 18249 E. Mainstreet, #8-101, Parker, CO 80134

Directions:

From the North or South: Take I-25 to Arapahoe Road (Exit 197). Head East on Arapahoe. Turn right on S. Clinton Street, heading south. The hotel will be on your right.

### Reservations at \$34.50 per person:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select one entrée choice per person and indicate the number of persons per entrée:

- \_\_\_ Cilantro Grilled Chicken – grilled and topped with a chunky avocado salsa
- \_\_\_ Pasta Primavera – penne pasta with assorted vegetables in a marinara sauce topped with parmesan cheese
- \_\_\_ Flank Steak – marinated flank steak served with a caramelized onion jus

All entrees are served with Chef's choice of vegetables and starch and a garden salad with assorted dressings, fresh baked rolls with sweet butter.

The Sheraton has a block of rooms under the RMDS name. Room rates are \$69.00 (not including tax) and will be held until November 1, 2010. Call the hotel at 303.705.6636 Monday – Friday or toll free at 800.325.3535 at any time 24/7 to make reservations.



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## Mary Jo Hoepner and Made In The Shade

I was selected to ride in the *Dressage Through the Levels* symposium with Steffen Peters and Janet Foy as a scheduled rider in Sunday's Intermediare II/Grand Prix group, and reserve rider in Saturday's group. I thank the organizers for allowing me to ride in the symposium. It was a huge step for me to take to even apply — I have a severe issue with performance anxiety. It's extremely hard for me to ride in front of those I don't know. But thanks to the RMDS "Solid Seat" scholarship, I was able to attend. I encourage anyone with interest to apply for one of the four available scholarships (<http://rmds.org/Organization/Scholarship>).

As the time for the symposium approached and I became more frantic about the prospects, I was sent this quote. I put it on my wall at work and at home and continue to refer to it:

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is not effort without error and shortcomings; but who does actually strive to do the deed; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly. So that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." -*Teddy Roosevelt*

The instruction we received throughout the sessions we audited and rode in was valuable for all levels of horses and riders. The consistent message was forward, light, supple, straight, supple within the gaits, supple between the gaits, LIGHT, uphill, and straight. Janet helped us understand how and what the judge sees in the ring. Stephen helped us understand how and what exercises to do to help horse and rider perform better.

Each horse and rider contributed to the learning experience. When a misunderstanding occurred we all benefited by seeing how to make the corrections necessary for both horse and rider. We also learned how to prevent misunderstandings from occurring in the first place by having horse and rider communicate lightly through the aids, by preparing for each movement, by asking "is the horse responding lightly to my aids," "is my horse listening," "am I asking in a consistent manner," and, "will my horse move forward and back quickly and lightly within the gait?" One common thread was to not just sit there and wait until there was an issue, but test the communication continuously. When things went perfectly it was good to see what was supposed to happen.

The overall experience of the symposium was not limited to what we saw in the arena. I was also touched by the camaraderie I observed and felt among all the demo riders and those who came to support the demo riders. I know most felt some anxiety. We all cheered each other on, and encouraged one another back at the stabling area. It was a good supportive environment. I will remember that portion of the symposium nearly as much as the actual training sessions. I appreciate that the reserve riders who didn't get to ride had their horses braided, and they were dressed and ready to go in case they were needed.

That took a lot of commitment and effort on their part. Thanks for your efforts.

Overall, I perceived what I learned from the entire process — putting together an application complete with video, preparing for the symposium mentally and physically, watching and learning from other teams of horses and riders, as well as the actual ride time — was well worth the time and energy.

## Judy Carnick

With the help of RMDS through the scholarship fund, I was partially able to realize my goal of improving my own skills as a dressage rider and trainer. This, in turn, helped me give better quality lessons to my students. Since the goal of any trainer should be to improve their own knowledge and then let that input help improve their students, this has been a wonderful opportunity.

I received the scholarship in late Nov, 2009. On Jan 19th, 2010, I attended the L Judges' Clinic with Dolly Hannon. It was a cold crisp sunny day and the sun never stopped shining as far as I was concerned. Dolly was her usual cheerful, funny self. Her vast knowledge, plus her own journey through the judges' training program provided deep and thoughtful insights into the value as well as the process of the program. She was open and frank about the costs as well as the benefits of the L Judge program during the morning discussion and her commitment to the L program is unwavering. But her honesty about the costs and time commitment were frank. She discussed going "up the levels" and changes in the bylaws that were coming. It was packed inside the lounge with folks wanting to hear her insights.

Then we began to talk through the actual ability of participants to judge

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what they are seeing. We went into the indoor at the Fort Collins Equestrian Center. It was “nippy,” but everyone was really busy keeping up with Dolly as she scored demonstration riders up through the levels. At first she had folks in the program calling the scores they would give for each movement in the test. Dolly would discuss each with us as it was called. She would then talk about the overall scores and discuss questions people had on the scores and comments for each rider. Then we were all asked to score the tests on test sheets. After those rides, Dolly would tell us what she had. If you had a question, she was more than happy to discuss it.

The last exercise was to score a test and then leave it with Dolly. She took the time after the clinic was finished to look at each participant’s test and comment on the scores and mail it out to each person who left a scored test with her. What a wonderful commitment to the process!

I had a great time at this clinic. When I left, I felt energized and excited all over again about dressage. I love the way Dolly works with everyone. Her sense of humor and her knowledge are wonderful spring-boards for discussion. The clinic gave me an opportunity to compare what I was seeing with what Dolly saw. It allowed me to realize that I’m a bit generous and let some things go that I should not.

I was not able to do anything else until June 29, 2010. The bad weather kept me hustling to reschedule lessons for weekends when I would have much rather been educating myself. I was also concerned about driving conditions. It seemed like the things I wanted to attend were always in the Longmont or Boulder areas. It was too risky to register for clinics and try to drive with the bad weather we had.

In June, I attended the Janet Foy/Steffen Peters clinic at Somerset Farms in Longmont. I was simply delighted! I had NO idea what to expect and I was overjoyed with this magic com-

ination. It was great to see BOTH sides of the picture: Janet discussing the scores she would give on gaits and movements, and then Steffen working on the impediments he saw to each horse and rider’s development in terms of Janet’s comments.

These two experts worked together so smoothly. Janet with her usual aplomb making light of the guffaws and letting the auditors know what her reasoning was behind the scoring. Then Steffen coaching and riding the horses to show both auditors and riders what he thought were the keys to working through problems Janet brought up. I am sure that the auditors were the big winners at this clinic. The riders had to wait down at the far end of the arena while each participant had their turn. Auditors, on the other hand, got to hear and see everything! Steffen’s insistence that the horse be obedient to the aids from the get-go, and his interesting comment that it’s too late to get a whip or spurs when you need them and don’t have them. While he always had spurs

on and carried a whip, his aids were as light as a feather. His calm demeanor and sense of humor felt like a soft blanket. You could see the horses listening and staying relaxed as opposed to getting spun up and anxious as he worked through their issues.

This clinic reconfirmed my commitment to getting it right “softly” before going on. It also helped me see how the patience we all strive to have is so important to our goals. Steffen does not let horses or riders off the hook. He just patiently asks until they come up with the right response. It was delightful. You could actually see the horses trying to figure out what he was asking of them.

In mid-September I will be attending a biomechanics clinic with Elizabeth Andersen. I have not been exposed to this type of theory and am looking forward to gaining a better understanding of how the strengths and weaknesses of a rider and mount can be used to improve the overall quality of the ride. 🐾

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