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Beautiful Weather For Paragon CDI**

By Janet Foy



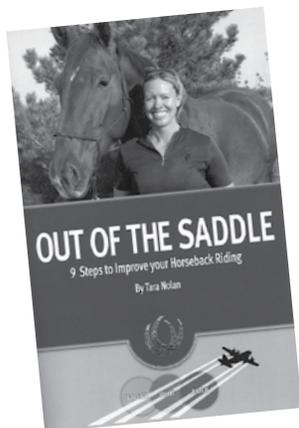
The weather could not have been more perfect. Cool nights and sunny days. No rain delays at all! Even though the 48 degrees in the morning made for a few fresh horses and a few chilly judges, by 10 am, the temperatures were perfect for riding. Coats were even waived by noon!

The CDI saw the highest scores ever seen at Paragon. Winners were collecting coolers with scores in the 68% range and Devon broke the 70% mark with her freestyle!

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Out of the Saddle **Step Two: Know Your Learning Style**

By Tara Nolan, Author



*"Clarity is power."
 -Buckminster Fuller*

Although dressage is a broad topic, learning some basic steps is required to master dressage riding. Mary Wanless states in the introduction of her book, *The Natural Rider*, "It's actually quite common for any breakthrough within a specific discipline to come from outside that discipline: it has to, in a way, because the experts are already thoroughly versed in all the knowledge that lies within their prescribed boundaries." This experience of combining academic and physical skill sets has taught me many ways in which to learn.

Step Two

Now that you have begun thinking about how you learn, you will discover that people learn in different ways. People can be right or left brain dominant. Learners will have a preference for a style of learning that is primarily auditory, kinesthetic (tactile or hands-on), or visual. You will also realize there are some defined theories about learning. Combining academic and physical learning processes makes a very powerful system for learning to ride horses as it did for learning to fly airplanes. Once you are aware of the power of self-knowledge, you will now

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NEWSFLASH!

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PROPOSED BYLAW AND STANDING RULE CHANGES

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President's Message



Lori and Unico GPA

Our show season has come to an end with the close of our 2012 RMDS Championships. It always seems that the season goes by so quickly. A great show with the continued dedication of our RMDS members who sponsored, donated items, attended as vendors, volunteers, and

spectators. 2White Feet, along with our RMDS Show Chair Committee, did a nice job of working together to make it all happen. Next year it will be bigger and even better with RMDS hosting the Region 5 Championships.

I want to bring the membership's attention to the upcoming 2013 Omnibus and future Centaur issues. The cost to publish and send out these two publications is astronomical. The RMDS Board looks at ways to trim the costs each year at our budget meeting in October, but it always comes back to the advertising. Without the advertising to offset the costs we operate these at enormous loss each year. If you like to see your Centaur in your mailbox and the Omnibus at your fingertips then I ask that you advertise in them. Contact Beth at the RMDS Central Office for advertising opportunities.

Speaking of the Centaur, I would love to see it have a new attitude. The editor, Cathy Van Berg has done a wonderful job with the new look, but I would like to see new content too. I would like to suggest that we bring back the Trainer Spotlight, Letters to the Editor (RMDS Board tool!) and add a Book Review. If any of you have a great story to share, a clinic you attended, or something to talk about, don't be shy! Write it up and send it in to Cathy.

RMDS is your organization, be a part of it!

"With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts." -Eleanor Roosevelt

-Lori Mitchell, President, RMDS



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Colorado Springs

The CSDA would like to thank all of the competitors, volunteers, and sponsors who helped to make the August RMDS competition a success. We had a great turnout and feedback was very positive from everyone in attendance. The CSDA board is reviewing the competition for lessons learned and to determine how we can improve any future shows we host.

If you have a CSDA trophy, or know someone who has one, please contact Joan Stang at stang204-joan@yahoo.com or (719) 633-7549 to arrange to return the trophies. All trophies awarded in 2011 need to be returned to Joan no later than Sept. 15. Winners who return their trophies after October 1 will be charged a late return fee of \$50.00.

CSDA general membership meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month and all CSDA members and their guests are welcome to attend. The agenda, meeting time, location, and directions are posted on the website at www.csdressage.org.

-*Patricia Leech*, President, CSDA

Pikes Peak Dressage Society

The Pikes Peak Dressage Society will start regular meetings again in October. We will meet the 2nd

Tuesday of each month—place to be announced. Check our website www.pikespeakdressage.org/ or our Facebook page <http://tinyurl.com/9ndgdjs> for the location.

Our plans for the fall include—Riding to Music, a trail ride, Shop-til-you-Drop at Bingo's on Nov 13th, and a Holiday Party at Simone's house on Dec 11th. For the new year we will start off with a bang with our Gary Rockwell clinic Jan 11 and Jan 13. Look for details on the clinic as we get closer.

-*Simone Windeler*, President, Pikes Peak Dressage Society

Foothills Chapter

The chapter will be having our last chapter meeting of the year on October 8th at El Senor Sol at the Arvada location at 6380 McIntyre. The chapter will be discussing our plans for 2013 and electing our new 2013 Foothills Chapter board members, that they might attend the RMDS Board of Governors' meeting.

Foothills Last Chance show was held over Labor Day weekend along with a Ride-A-Test, both at *A Rising Star Equestrian Center*. The Ride-A-Test filled just as quickly as the previous one did, therefore we will be looking to hold more of them in 2013. The Last

Chance Show was well attended, but we hope to make a few changes for next year. The amazing dedicated and hardworking volunteers made it all happen.

The Foothills Chapter hopes to continue our growth in 2013 and continue to push education for our chapter members and others. Join us for 2013!

-*Lori Mitchell*, President, Foothills Chapter

Foothills Scholarship

It was so great to be awarded the Foothills scholarship this year. I chose to dedicate the full amount to both Heather Robertson clinics. I rarely have been able to financially commit to riding in educational clinics, so this was a great opportunity for me to ride! I learned so much and will always appreciate learning the art of dressage. Thank you so much Foothills Club for making this award available. I had a great time, learned a lot, and met some really wonderful people!

-*Kristie Cotton*, Recipient, Foothills Scholarship

Region 5 Report

The USDF convention is just around the corner and it's going to be a wonderful year. We are in revitalized New Orleans this year, December 5th-8th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/.

Your Participating Member Delegates to the USDF Convention for 2012 are Eva-Maria Adolphi, Rusty Cook, Kay Lorenzen, and Laura Speer. These ladies will be representing our Region during the voting portions of the Board of Gov-

ernors' meetings, in addition to representatives from each GMO. Please feel free to contact them regarding your viewpoints – their contact information can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/8jdocrnm>. We will be looking to approve the budget for the first National Championships in 2013, along with several other important financial issues. Several committees within USDF are adding new programs for the coming years and there will be lots of great informational sessions presented by presenters such as Hilary Clayton and Hilda Gurney.

For the northern part of our region, the show season is wrapping up and for the southern portion, it's just beginning. By next month, we'll be able to report on the USDF Region 5 Championships for 2012 that was held for the first time in Utah. As I write this, entries are coming in, and we'll know the results of the show when I next write. Hopefully I'll have seen you there!

Till next month!

Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

Important Things to Know This Month

IMPORTANT! **Membership Requirements** **For year-end awards:**

Adult Amateurs **MUST** submit their current USEF AA card to the RMDS Central Office - not just to show secretaries.

Score checks must be done: October 8 deadline for any corrections.

Ponies: Are your measurement cards on file with the Central Office? Not just show secretaries.

Read your Omnibus for all other requirements.

Membership Renewal Begins

October 15 - December 31

Membership renewal will be accepted through the Central Office via check, or through PayPal online. Membership fees are \$60 until December 31, after which they increase to \$65.

Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic

The USDF Apprentice Technical Delegate Clinic will be held on Friday, December 7, during the Adequan®/USDF Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA. This clinic is required for apprentice Technical Delegates but is open to all, and is an excellent resource if you are interested in learning about what a Technical Delegate does. Topics to be covered will include how to become a Technical Delegate, rules on dressage attire, tack and equipment, and USEF and USDF forms and publications. Register online through November 30.



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"L" Continuing Education

With Gary Rockwell

Stellar Stables, Parker

Saturday, Feb 9, 2013

TD & Show Management Clinic

With Veronica Holt & Heather Petersen

February 23-24, 2013

RMDS Symposium

With George Williams

OPEN TO ALL RIDERS

Tomora Training Center, Greeley

RMDS sends its sincerest condolences to **Kristi Wysocki** on the loss of her equine partner, **Red Adair**, to colic.

Hilda Gurney Next Clinician

Two-time Olympian and 2007 Roemer Foundation/USDF Hall of Fame Inductee, Hilda Gurney, has been signed as the clinician for the 2013-2014 Nutrena/USDF Adult Clinic Series. The series will begin in the spring of 2013 and run through the end of 2014, with a clinic in each of USDF's nine regions. Dates and details will be available after January 1, 2013. Visit e-TRAK to experience Hilda's teaching style.

USDF Region 5 will host Hilda April 20-21, 2013 in Arizona.

RMDS Scholarship Program

Applications must be received by November 30, 2012

Scholarships are granted on the basis of financial need and volunteerism.

Scholarship applicants must have completed a minimum of 8 hours of volunteering at RMDS events in the year prior to the scholarship year for which they are applying for a scholarship.

Scholarship recipients must complete an additional 8 hours of volunteering at RMDS events during the year in which they were awarded the scholarship.

Volunteer hours must be documented using the Volunteer Hours Form found on the RMDS website. <http://rmds.org/Publications/>

Scholarships Categories

The **"Leg-Up"** Scholarship will be awarded to riders, regardless of age, who are training at Intro, Training or First Level.

The **"Solid Seat"** Scholarship will be awarded to riders who qualify as USEF Adult Amateurs (must have a current USEF AA card on file with the RMDS Central Office). This scholarship is available to riders over the age of 21 and for any level.

The **"Junior/Young Rider"** Scholarship will be awarded to a rider under the age of 21 and is available to riders of any level.

The **"Opening Doors"** Scholarship will be awarded to riders/riding instructors of any age who are considered professionals according to the USEF rules. This scholarship is available to professionals, whether they compete or not, to help support their continuing education and/or competitive goals.

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Nov 10 RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting & Awards' Banquet

2013

Jan 12 Judges' Continuing Education with Gary Rockwell, Stellar Farm, Parker, CO - OPEN TO ALL
 Feb 9 Show Management & TD Training, Comfort Suites, Castle Rock, CO - OPEN TO ALL
 Feb 22 Trainers' discussion with George Williams-TBA
 Feb 23-24 Symposium with George Williams, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
 June 19-22 Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO
 Sept 18 Breed Show
 Sept 19-22 RMDS Championships & USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO

For details on these and other RMDS events:

Contact Michelle Anderson, the RMDS Education Chairman, at 303-646-1375, michand@hotmail.com. Also, read the Centaur, go to www.rmids.org, or contact the RMDS Central Office at 720-890-7825, rmids@rmids.org.

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Meeting Schedule of the RMDS Executive Board

All RMDS Executive Board meetings are open to all and occur on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month. Meeting time is 6:30 pm. Meeting dates in 2012 are January 12, March 15, May 10, July 10, September 13, and October 20 Retreat. Contact the RMDS Central Office for location. Steering Committee meetings are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month. Board of Governors' meeting is held the second Saturday of Nov (this year is Nov 10). Contact the Central Office for precise details.

What delight

To back the flying steed, that challenges

The wind for speed! - seems native more of air

Than earth! - whose burden only lends him fire! -

Whose soul, in his task, turns labour into sport;

Who makes your pastime his! I sit him now!

He takes away my breath! He makes me reel!

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Trainers and Instructors:

Use the RMDS Website to Build New Business

If you wish to increase business, you can place your information on the RMDS website at very low cost. Send information to: RMDS Central Office, 2942 Park Lake Dr, Boulder, CO 80301, Phone 720.890.7825, or email: rmds@rmds.org (note on subject line "Trainer Info".) Please include your name, phone, address, email, training locations and other pertinent info such as awards, certifications, lesson types, schooling horses, etc.

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

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- Edit ad content.
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Awards are based on the information on your membership card. Be sure to double-check everything very carefully.

Duplicate cards are available for \$2.00. If emailed to you, they are free. Request a new one by mailing the Central Office at rmds@rmds.org.

Proof of AA status must be sent to the Central Office every year. Showing proof at shows is not enough for the year-end awards. Owner, rider, and horse **MUST** be current members **PRIOR** to any ride for the score to count towards qualifying for RMDS Championships and for qualifying for any year-end award. If PONY is not listed under breed and you have a pony, send a copy of the measurement form or the permanent pony card to the Central Office. Remember, membership and its details are your responsibility. Be sure corrections are made.

Technical Delegates, Judges, and Certified Instructors

Dressage Judge Ratings and Levels Qualified to Judge

Any class ridden before a judge not qualified to judge at that level must ride "Hors d'concours" where the score does not count.

Status	Status	Levels	Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training - Second (RMDS only)	"S"	Senior	All
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second	3* (FEI C)		All
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth	4* (FEI I) International		All
			5* (FEI O)		All

*may only judge at RMDS recognized shows.

FEI PARA Dressage 3*

Kristi Wysocki 303-648-9877

FEI 4*

Janet Foy^ 719-260-1566

USEF 'S'

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez^* 303-263-0768

Sandra Hotz^ 303-817-2030

Anita Owen 303-953-9904

Janet "Dolly" Hannon^* 303-919-4112

Kristi Wysocki^* 303-648-9877

^ = FEI Young Horse Certified

* = Dressage Seat Equitation Certified

USEF 'r'

Loni Gaudet 985-966-3832

Amy Jablonovsky 970-493-2833

Gwen Ka'awaloa 303-917-3679

USDF 'L' Graduates (Schooling and RMDS

Only recognized shows)

Simone Ahern* 719-749-9274

Julie Burt 719-431-2342

Alison Child* (UT) 435-640-3287

Linda Coates-Markle 303-469-0279

Alex Curnutte 303-906-7083

Kathleen Donnelly* 970-310-8729

Amy Fulstone* 775-721-1123

Beth Geier 303-673-9840

Jessica Greer 970-581-5613

Julie Haugen* 970-290-8360

Sarah Martin* 719-379-3716

Linda Ohlson-Gross* 303-840-9818

KC Parkins-Kyle 303-841-9953

Kathy Simard* 720-981-4448

Simone Windeler 719-287-2040

*Denotes Graduation with Distinction

Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judge

Janet Foy 'R' 719-260-1566

Gwen Ka'awaloa 'r' 303-917-3679

Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez 'R' 303-263-0768

Kristi Wysocki 'R' 303-648-9877

FEI Level 1 Dressage Steward

Rusty Cook 505-877-1456

Heather Petersen 719-683-8435

Technical Delegates USEF

Eva-Maria Adolphi (UT), r . 801-254-3247

Rusty Cook (NM), r 505-877-1456

Laurie Mactavish (CO), R . 970-390-5160

Debbie Moloznik (CO), r ... 818-515-0377

Heather Petersen (CO), r . 719-683-8435

Catherine Siemiet (CO), r . 719-942-5311

Dianne Stanley (MT), R 406-652-4061

Technical Delegates, RMDS sanctioned shows only

Joan Clay 970-420-0887

Jeannette Hillery 303-494-7718

Mary Jo Hoepner 719-495-3648

Mindy Maguire 720-301-0089

Dee Stiers 970-876-2987

USDF Certified Instructors

Training - Second

Julie Burt 719-431-2342

Jill Cantor Lee 970-209-8491

RaeAnn Cook 970-225-1408

Janet "Dolly" Hannon 303-279-4546

Ellene Kloepfer 303-523-0191

Clayton Martin 719-379-3716

Bridget Milnes 303-660-4986

Kristi Wysocki 303-648-9877

Training - Fourth

Simone Ahern 719-749-9274

Nancy DeVaney 303-681-2516

Loma Fowler 303-841-0417

Sarah Martin 719-379-3716

Kathy Simard 720-981-4448

Melinda Weatherford 970-484-5218

Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

OCTOBER 2012

- 5-7 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships, Wasatch Event Center, Heber City, UT**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 13 **Ride-A-Test Show/Clinic with Jenny Baldwin, Palomino Gaits, Canon City, CO**
Contact Jamee Amundson, piaffenpassage@aol.com, 308-672-1364
- 13-14 **GVDS Fall Harvest Schooling Show III Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net
- 20 **Dressage in Pink, Sextant Farms, Longmont, CO**
Contact Donna Baiter, 303-857-3879, highbrowblin@mesanetworks.net
- 20 **RMDS Executive Board Retreat, 9:00 AM Open to current and prospective board members.**
Contact RMDS Central Office for more details, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org

NOVEMBER 2012

- 3-4 **USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.**
Contact Dorie Vlaten Schmitz, 480-580-0634, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 10 **RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting, 8:30-4:30, Renaissance Denver Hotel 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207**
Contact RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org
- 10 **RMDS Awards' Banquet, 5:30-Close Renaissance Denver Hotel 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207**
Contact RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org

DECEMBER 2012

- 5-8 **2012 Adequan/USDF Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA**
Contact USDF.org/convention

JANUARY 2013

- 12 **Judges Continuing Education with Gary Rockwell Stellar Farm, Parker, CO. OPEN TO ALL**
Contact Education Chairman, education@rmds.org 720-890-7825

FEBRUARY 2013

- 9 **RMDS Show Manager & TD Clinic, Comfort Suites Castle Rock, CO, OPEN TO ALL**
Contact Education Chairman, education@rmds.org 720-890-7825
- 23-24 **George Williams Symposium Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO, OPEN TO ALL**
Contact RMDS Central Office, 720-890-7825, rmds@rmds.org

APRIL 2013

- 19-21 **Dressage for the Cure, Colorado Springs, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 27 **BVD Ride-A-Test, Singletree Farm, Boulder, CO**
Contact Beth Geier, 303-673-9840, bethgeier1@comcast.net

- 28 **Boulder Valley Spring Fling, Singletree Farm, Boulder, CO**
Contact Beth Geier, 303-673-9840, bethgeier1@comcast.net

MAY 2013

- 11-12 **Rocky Mountain I & II, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 19 **Autumn Hill Spring into Summer Show, AHIEC, Longmont, CO.** Contact Julie Barringer-Richers, jabr57@gmail.com

JUNE 2013

- 15-16 **Rocky Mountain Summer I & II, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 19-22 **Junior Camp, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, CO**
Contact Julie Haugen, 970-217-7820, youngriders@rmds.org
- 29-30 **Autumn Hill Festival I & II, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

JULY 2013

- 6-7 **Rocky Mountain Summer III & IV, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 20-21 **Autumn Hill Festival III & IV, Longmont, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

AUGUST 2013

- 10-11 **Ride-A-Test/RMDS Show, Pikes Peak Chapter, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 16-18 **Paragon CDI, Estes Park, CO**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 25 **Boulder Valley So Long to Summer Show**
Contact Beth Geier, 303-673-9840, bethgeier1@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 18 **RMDS Breed Show, Championships & Open Show-Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 19-22 **USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships-Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 19-22 **RMDS Championship & Open Show-Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

For updates to the calendar, go to www.rmds.org

THESE EVENTS ARE DEPENDENT UPON VOLUNTEERS. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE EVENT ORGANIZER!

Rocky Mountain Dressage Society is proud to present
A Symposium with George Williams
The Training Scale



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Feb. 23 & 24, 2013

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Private Rides @ \$150/ride

Auditing \$45/day or \$80/weekend (\$50/day at door)

Special Friday Evening Session for Instructors with George at host hotel

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Watch the Centaur, www.rmids.org and future emails for details & rider application process

From his classical dressage background to a top International competitive career, George Williams has something to offer everyone with an interest in dressage.

George started riding dressage seriously in 1973. He traveled to Germany as a 17 year old to study and earned his German Bronze Rider Medal. He returned to the US, won 2 national AHSA and USDF Championships in 1981, and then followed his mentor Karl Mikolka to ride the famed Lippizan Stallions of Tempel Farms in Illinois for 20 years. He left Tempel Farms to follow a career path that led him to competing in dressage on the International level. In 2003, George and Rocher, owned by Chuck and Joann Smith, placed 5th in the World Cup in Sweden, won the USDF Grand Prix and Grand Prix Freestyle Horse of the Year and they were named Dressage Horse of the Year by the Chronicle of the Horse. He has continued to be a strong competitor Nationally and Internationally on many horses. George is also now President of the United States Dressage Federation, a member of the USEF Board of Directors and Dressage Committee, along with a contributing author to several books and publications.

USDF Convention

By *Stephan Hienzsch*, USDF Executive Director



New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

Education, Fun & Friends!

The United States Dressage Federation (USDF) will be hosting its 2012 annual convention in New Orleans, December 5 - 8. Dressage enthusiasts from all around the country will gather to further their dressage education, get more involved with the sport, and share experiences and achievements with peers and friends. Mixed in with the sights and sounds of New Orleans this year's Adequan/USDF Annual Convention promises to be unforgettable!

Legends of the sport, such as USDF Hall of Fame Inductee and Olympian Hilda Gurney, world renowned speaker Dr. Hilary Clayton, and an impressive line-up of horse health and industry experts will be presenting a wide range of educational topics. Roundtable discussions, open forums, and interactive meetings provide the opportunity for gaining insight into USDF programs and comparing notes with peers from across the nation.

Education topics and interactive sessions include harmonizing with your horse, the relationship between conformation and mechanics in the performance of the dressage horse, joint disease in the equine athlete, the importance and effective incorporation of carbohydrates in a horse's diet, minimizing the risk of colic, and rider strength and fitness. There are also opportunities to learn more about equine insurance, USD programs, professional continuing education and networking, and local clubs. The always popular GMO Roundtable discussions will cover topics such as creating surveys, hiring show management, motivating members to join, insurance needs for GMOs, and USDF e-TRAK as a member benefit.

A special event, "Looking Back at London" will provide an opportunity to hear from an entertaining array of Olympic guests, who will share their Olympic experiences and provide insight into what happened behind the scenes.

On Friday and Saturday, join us for the Board of Governors' General Assembly where all of the yearly USDF decisions will be made and delegates will vote for USDF President, Treasurer, and Regional Director for all even regions. Also, special recognition of GMOs and regional volunteers will take place with the awarding of the GMO Newsletter Awards, Website Award, Photography Award and recognition of the Regional GMO Volunteers of the Year. Make sure to be in attendance to have your voice heard, to receive your awards, or to support your fellow GMOs and volunteers for their outstanding achievements!

The highlight of the convention will be the Salute Gala and Annual Awards Banquet. Join your friends in a festive, Mardi Gras-themed, masquerade ball as we honor Hall of Fame inductees, Olympians, leaders of the sport, and annual award recipients.

The Southern Eventing and Dressage Association (SEDA) will be extending southern hospitality and hosting an authentic Cajun welcome party at Mulate's, a local venue providing food, music, and atmosphere that must be experienced to be believed.

The convention host hotel is the Sheraton New Orleans, just steps from the heart of the historic French Quarter. Dine at some of the finest restaurants in the country, experience the architecture of an old world city, and enjoy the music, culture, and flavor that is New Orleans with a stroll down Bourbon Street, a hot Dixieland band, and even hotter Creole cuisine.

As they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!" (Let the good times roll!)

To find out more about participating, visit www.usdf.org/convention



Beautiful Weather For Paragon CDI** *By Janet Foy*



Devon Wycoff and Horseshow.com sponsor Gil Merrick with manager Janet Foy

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In the open show many high scores in the 78% range were seen and an open Grand Prix ride was scored 69% for all three days. So much for the rumor that says FEI judges won't give high scores!

The addition of the fundraising Sunday brunch for the therapeutic riding program *Hearts and Horses* was a resounding success. All 100 seats were sold out. Gil Merrick, who is the current head of Horseshow.com and the former USEF Director of Dressage was on hand to give an interesting introduction to the sport prior to the start of the competition. Next year this event promises to be even bigger with everyone who attended this year promising to come back and bring their friends!

Vendor Alley ran the entire way on both sides between the barns and the arenas. Over 14

vendors brought their wares, from the usual horsey stuff to welding art to purses and jeweled flip-flops. The shopping was amazing and next year Janet Foy will have to make sure there is a layout with designated spots for each vendor. Just like Dressage at Devon?

The Competitor (free) chicken dinner was again a huge success as was the welcome cocktail barn party on Friday night. Heather and Janet hope to make these events even bigger next year!

Horseshow.com came on as the CDI Ring Sponsor and has generously offered every competitor at the 2012 competition a FREE evaluation of their ride from Paragon. Download your video on the website and have one of Horseshow.com's top FEI judges evaluate your ride for hints on how to get more points! In 2013 this will also be available prior to the competition.

The August 16-18 competition for 2013 will feature judges: Jeanne McDonald and Jane Weatherwax from the USA; Peter Hollar from Germany; Cara Whitham from Canada and Gaby Armando from Argentina will return again for 2013. Nicho Meredith will be our announcer and Joan Darnell from Texas our USEF "S" judge. Joyce Hardesty will be the USEF TD and Elisabeth Williams will serve as the FEI Chief Steward. Dr Mike Tomlinson will be the FEI vet.

2013 will return to a CDI*** and will qualify riders for:

2013 USET Festival of Champions (to be held in California in the Fall)

So Ponies, Juniors, Young Riders, PSG riders and Grand Prix riders put this show on your 2013 showing schedule!

The 2013 Competition will also be the host site for the USEF Dressage Seat Equitation Championships. This is the first time these Championships have been held in the Rocky Mountain Region! We look forward to hosting the two groups of riders from all over the country for this wonderful event!



“The CDI saw the highest scores ever seen at Paragon. Winners were collecting coolers with scores in the 68% range and Devon broke the 70% mark with her freestyle!”

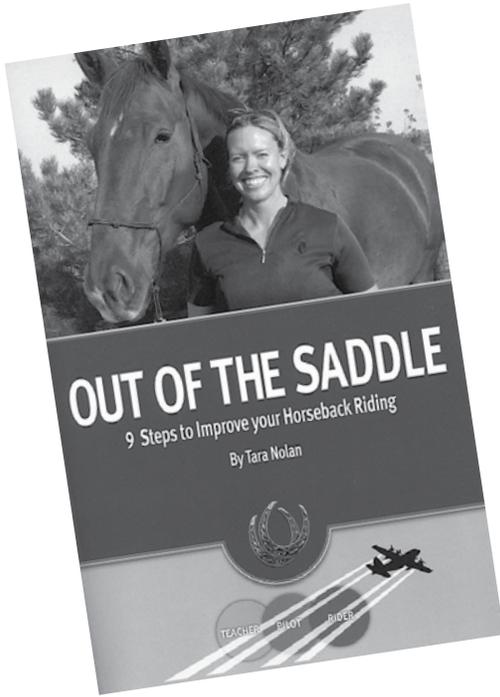


Judge Lorraine MacDonald awards the Paragon cooler.

Out of the Saddle

Step Two: Know Your Learning Style, a Continuation From August 2012

By Tara Nolan, Author



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experience how to create synergy in your own learning processes. Most of us have a learning paradigm shaped by our classroom experiences and forget our body awareness which manifests as kinesthetic learning. The real challenge of dressage is that you have to link what you understand in your head with what you feel and do with your body. Have you ever had a riding instructor tell you to put your right hand down? And, before you looked down you would have sworn your hand was in its proper place even though it turned out to be three inches higher than your other hand?

Learning Styles Defined

So now that we have identified what your current learning style preferences are, let's discuss each style in more detail. Here is a brief description of the main learning styles:

Auditory Learner

An auditory learner prefers to learn through the spoken word so lectures are valuable. Learning may also be aided by reading aloud or listening to voice recordings. If this is your style of learning you will connect with an instructor with high verbal skills. You will need an instructor who can process and communicate instruction quickly and succinctly, so you can apply it as you ride. It is a challenge to find an instructor with this fairly unique skill set.

Kinesthetic (tactile) Learner

A kinesthetic learner prefers to learn through moving, doing, and touching, so a hands-on approach works best. Exploring and experimenting will be much more interesting to you than sitting still for long periods of time. A kinesthetic instructor will actually touch the muscle they are telling you to activate. Amazingly, this touch allows your brain to synch up the verbal description with your body almost instantly.

Visual Learner

Visual learners prefer learning through seeing so they like to sit at the front of a classroom. Flip-charts, videos, books and hand-outs, as well as seeing the teacher's body language all aid their

learning. As a visual learner, you will best learn your dressage test by drawing it out on paper or a grease board.

If you know how you learn, you can take control of your education and find the most effective method of study. My mom is a strong visual learner; she learns very well at a desk with her books. But, when she went to medical school she checked out recorded copies of the lectures to listen to as she commuted back and forth to school. Even though the auditory style was not her primary method of learning, she maximized options to fit her existing life routine. Can you imagine the time and money you will save when you identify and select a riding instructor based on how their teaching style connects with your preferred learning style? Not to mention the excessive frustration you will eliminate!

Let's review the work of Dr. Neil Fleming, who is a leading researcher in academic learning, regarding learning styles (www.vark-learn.com). Dr. Fleming actually breaks out the visual learning style into two separate categories: visual and read/write styles. And, he adds a multimodal learning style. The table from the previous page defines each style. I have added a third column of corresponding equestrian study options.

Learning Styles		
Styles	Preferred Method of Learning	Horse Applications
Visual	Lecture, Video, Graphs and Charts	Auditing, DVDs
Auditory	Classes, Discussions, Tutorials	Auditing
Kinesthetic	Learn by Doing	Riding Lessons, Clinics
Read/Write	Lists, Definitions, Textbooks	Reading Books, Magazines, Online Articles
Multimodal	Multiple preferences. You are in the majority; approximately 60% of any population fits this category	Mix-n-Match
<p>Learning Styles by Neil Fleming (www.vark-learn.com) © Copyright Version 7.0 (2006) held by Neil D. Fleming, Christchurch, New Zealand, and Charles C. Bonwell, Springfield, MO 65804</p>		

Learning to ride is a very physical, therefore kinesthetic, process. In fact, an article in the October 2010 *Dressage Today* magazine noted that most top riders in the country are kinesthetic learners (as are most pilots, too). But, just like Air Force pilots, opportunities to learn in different ways and from a variety of methods should not be overlooked.

Although it may at first appear that time spent in the saddle will be the most effective way to make progress, listening to experts (auditory), observing experts and reading books (visual/read-write) written by experts will unequivocally enhance the learning process.

Have you ever had a riding instructor who used sarcasm or dry wit? How did you respond? Did the sarcasm help your learning process? How could you use your knowledge of your learning style to change this dynamic? Since riding is an activity we choose and pay for, we have a bit more control of the situation. You may want to find an instructor who can engage your learning style to put yourself in an optimal setting for learning.

Synergy of Styles to Achieve Feel

One of the great points of confusion in dressage comes from both reading and from instructors trying to describe a feeling; you know the sweet spot—in the "zone." The problem is that the description may or may not click or make sense to you. An instructor can only create the situation and let the rider know when it is good. Ultimately the rider has to identify the "feels" and learn to recreate the feel again on their own.

Many internationally renowned clinicians I have heard have repeated over and over how hard it is to teach feel. One instructor even said it could not be done! Horse-focused trainers teach kinesthetically. Some trainers actually ride your horse along with you from the edge of the arena. These instructors manage invisible reins and apply half-halts that do not always match the verbal instruction they are giving. Because these

instructors are dominantly kinesthetic, they feel in their bodies what needs to be done. on the horse but do not necessarily have the fluid verbal ability to explain quickly in a real-time lesson. There was not time to stop and analyze and repeat the exact same thing again.

So now when I teach someone a new feel on the horse I use a technique that begins at the halt. When I am helping someone find a good feel in their body for sitting the trot, first we discuss the exercise. They will move their horse around me on a 20-meter circle and pick up a sitting trot. I will say, "Now" when their body is in a good place. We will do this several times. My student's job is to take a mental snapshot of this feel in their body. Was their belly sucked in or pushed out, were their heels down, was their head still or bobbing around? Then they stop the horse and describe to me what they felt. Because I am on the ground watching, I cannot know what it feels like to them in their body when I say "Now." I can have my student identify and describe what it felt like to them. This approach works particularly well for non-auditory learners. They can easily process one word; "Now," while it is likely they would tune out a running explanation.

Riding for instructors who explain the "why" behind an exercise allows a student to link the feel of the moment to a purpose that can be written down after the lesson. This makes work at home much more productive because it helps the student identify the holes in their understanding of an exercise. At the next lesson it is easier to ask a better question because the point of confusion has been identified. A combination of auditory, kinesthetic, and visual processes creates synergy of learning styles to develop and learn feel.

In Conclusion to Part Two

You will start to attract the kinds of teachers you want when you know clearly what kind of instruction you need. Knowing your learning style is a short-cut to mastering a new skill because you can align your needs with the instructor you

RMDS thanks Tara abundantly for letting us see bits and pieces of her fabulous new book, "Out of the Saddle." Here's a little bit about our fellow dressage rider: She has a BS in Biochemistry, an MBA, and MS in Cell and Molecular Biology. She has completed Air Force Survival Training. She was an aircraft commander of a C-130 military cargo aircraft and has many hours of combat time over Iraq and Afghanistan. She is registered with the FAA to fly small private jets, and has taught undergraduate biology at the Air Force Academy. She has FINRA approved licenses. She has started many green horses successfully, and has earned her United States Dressage Federation (USDF) Bronze Medal. Life has taken her down many different paths and now she's currently a devoted student of the art of dressage working towards Grand Prix.

Tara's website and blog are
www.taraEnolan.com and
www.taranolanhorses.com

select. If your desire is to develop confidence and competence in the saddle then you must apply the same discipline to your instructor selection. Although riders and trainers are in the business of education, most focus on improving their riding and horse training skills. Many trainers have not been exposed to recent educational theories and concepts they could use to enhance their student/teacher skills. Knowing and understanding the different learning styles, if you use them together, creates synergy which speeds your learning process. As adults we are trained to read and study (visual) so you must provide yourself the opportunity to read about an exercise. Then you must give the exercise a try (kinesthetic). If you have the opportunity to attend clinics and listen to explanations (auditory) this is one more way to put the information into your head. After you have put the tactile feels into your body, you also need to mentally rehearse the steps of the horse and your own body.



RMDS AWARDS BANQUET 2012

Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society

Saturday, November 10th, 2012

At the Renaissance Denver Hotel

3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207

6:00 p.m. Cash Bar & Hors D'oeuvres
6:30 p.m. Dinner Service & Awards Presentation

Please RSVP by November 2th, 2012. Reservations and payment must be received by this date. A completed form with payment constitutes your reservation. Sorry, no phone reservations accepted! Late reservations will be accepted until November 5th for an additional \$10 fee.

Make checks payable to RMDS and mail to:

Laura Speer, 4020 Empire Street, Evans, CO 80620

Directions: From east or west take I-70 to Quebec Street and turn south. Go south ¼ of a mile. The hotel will be on the right. Free covered parking in the parking garage! (Tickets validated at the front desk.)

RESERVATIONS at \$38 per person:

(Fill in the name of the reservation, phone number and circle one dinner choice per person.)

Name: _____ phone: _____ dinner choice: A B C

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Name: _____ phone: _____ dinner choice: A B C

A- Slow Cooked Beef w/au jus

B- Chicken Marsala

C- Vegetarian Pasta Primavera

All dinners served with Chef's choice of vegetables, salad, and dessert.

The Renaissance has a block of rooms under the RMDS name for the nightly rate of \$99 per room (not including tax) and will be held until November 1, 2012. Call the hotel at 303-399-7500 to make a reservation.

Call Laura Speer, Banquet Chair, at 970-371-2934 for RMDS banquet questions.

Call Shannon Lemons, Awards Chair, at 719-686-0064 for Awards questions.

RMDS Banquet and Awards Presentation By Laura Speer, RMDS Banquet Coordinator

The Rocky Mountain Dressage Society will once again host the annual Banquet and Awards Presentation on Saturday, November 10th, 2012. For the second year in a row, it will be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver at Quebec and I-70.

Anyone in attendance at last year's event will surely vouch that this was one of the most entertaining evenings ever held by RMDS. Host Julie Barringer-Richers presented awards with the comedic interjection from professional speaker

(and auctioneer) Dave Mitchell. The evening was filled with good friends, food, drinks, and super entertainment!

Once again, in addition to the dinner and awards presentation there will be a live auction of various items including the ever popular chapter baskets, door prizes, and raffles for free show office fees at selected shows.

This event is usually completed by 9:30 p.m. but those traveling long distances, or wishing to

continue to gather with friends in the Renaissance lounge, are welcome to book a room at a special RMDS rate and stay the night.

RMDS cordially invites you to attend the 2012 RMDS Banquet and Awards Presentation. Whether you are anticipating receiving one of the numerous RMDS Awards, or just want to have a good evening with all of your dressage friends, this should be another remarkable evening to remember!



Proposed 2012 Bylaw & Standing Rule Changes

RMDS Bylaws to be voted on at the BOG

ARTICLE IV. Membership And Representation

- A.** Membership:
3. Upon joining the Society, members shall select a Chapter to represent their interests in forming Society policies and in managing the Society. Should a member fail to select a Chapter, he/she shall remain a member-at-large and will not have Board of Governors representation. Members may change Chapter affiliation by notifying the RMDS Central Office in writing of their desire. **BOARD**
- B.** Chapters:
3. All members of a Chapter must be members of the Society in good standing. If a Chapter board member who is elected by the membership is not a member of RMDS in good standing by the January RMDS Board meeting they can not take office and will not be included in the D&O insurance and not be recognized as a board member (RMDS or Chapter) and no other board member can take that responsibility unless elected by the membership or Executive Board. **BOARD**

ARTICLE VII. Officers

- A.** The elected officers of the Board of Governors being, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, shall act in their respective capacities as the officers of the Society. All officers shall be members of the Society in good standing and a participating member of the United States Dressage Federation.
- B.** Term of Office:
4. The Vice President shall be elected to a 1-year term to begin January 1, limited to two consecutive terms.
- D.** President:
4. ... In the event the president is unable to complete their term, the Office shall normally be filled by the ascension of the Vice President. In the event the office of Vice-President is either vacant or held by an appointee of the Executive Board, the office of President shall be filled within 30-days by an election of the Board of Governors and shall fulfill the remainder of the term. **BOARD**

ARTICLE IX. Executive Board

- A.** The Executive Board shall consist of the four elected Officers, the Chairpersons of the Permanent Committees, the immediate past President of the Society, and the President of each non-suspended Chapter. Executive Board members shall not hold a chair position for which they receive remuneration for activities related to that committee. Nor shall they hold a proxy for that chair position. The Central Office Manager shall not hold a board position or carry proxies. **LAURA SPEER**



RMDS MEMBERSHIP FORM

RMDS is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Individual Membership - \$60.00 (**\$65 after January 1-late fee**) Additional family members (same address) - \$45

Business Memberships - \$100.00 Centaur newsletter only - \$35.00 Life Membership - \$750.00

Life Business Membership \$1,000.00 - Transfer Life Business to new owner \$100.00

All business memberships include one individual membership.

Please include all information for person designated as individual member. If an adult amateur, include current copy of USEF AA card. All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard or email. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS.

Indicate Local Chapter (only one):

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pikes Peak (Colo. Spgs. area) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boulder Valley | <input type="checkbox"/> Grand Valley (Grand Junction) | <input type="checkbox"/> Platte River (Greeley, E. Colorado) |
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Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State/ZIP _____

Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (E-Mail) _____

USDF No. _____ Occupation _____

Names, DOBs, & USDF #s of additional family members _____

I pledge \$ _____ to go towards the RMDS Scholarship Fund. (Include amount with your membership check)

____ Please remove my name from lists sold by RMDS ____ Renewing member: Needs binder-**include additional \$8.00**

____ Referred by: _____: _____ Permanent Bridle Tag (a pair) **add \$50**

RMDS Horse Registration Form

Horses must be registered with RMDS to be eligible for year-end awards and for horse-of-the year award.

Eligibility starts on the date the envelope containing this form and check is postmarked.

Both rider AND horse AND owner must be current before scores count toward year end awards and qualifying for RMDS championships.

The name and all information on this registration must be the same as that used on horse show entry forms.

Check One: ____ Lifetime Horse Registration - \$40.00 ____ Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) - \$15.00

Horse Name _____ Sex _____ Breed (if known) _____

Registration # (include copy of papers. List grade if no registry papers available.) _____

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

Address of Owner _____

Owner's Phone (H) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) _____

Proposed 2012 Bylaw & Standing Rule Changes Cont'd

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RMDS Standing Rules to be voted on at the BOG

SECTION III. RMDS Recognized/Approved Competitions

M. RMDS Recognized Competition Approval:

1. Chapter sponsored competitions that are presented and recognized at the RMDS Fall Board of Governors meeting shall have their dates protected for one year. **BOARD**

SECTION V. Awards - Year End

A. Eligibility:

2. Only current members of the Society in good standing shall be eligible to receive Society Year End Awards.
 - a. Members who have failed to return or make restitution for missing/damage perpetual trophies from previous years, by Oct 20, shall not be considered in good standing and will therefore not be eligible for Society Year End Awards.
 - b. Members must complete 4 hours of documented volunteer hours in order to be eligible for any year-end award. Members should submit proof of volunteer hours to the Central Office by October 1.

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8. In order to receive a year-end award, you must volunteer 4 hours at an RMDS recognized show or event during the current season. If you are unable to do this, someone may do this for you. A volunteer form must be filled out, signed by the organizer of the event and submitted to the Central Office by October 1 of the same year. **SHANNON LEMONS & HEATHER PETERSEN**

E. Perpetual Trophies:

1. Perpetual trophies are the property of RMDS and are loaned to the recipient contingent upon the signing of a contract specifying penalties for late return, damage or loss of the trophy. Trophies must be returned by Oct. 20 to the RMDS Awards Chairperson. A keeper ribbon will be provided by RMDS.
2. If the trophy is not returned by October 1, a fine of \$25 will be assessed. If the trophy is not returned by October 20, it will be considered lost and the recipient will be required to pay for a replacement trophy. **BOARD**

SECTION VI. RMDS Technical Delegates Program

B. RMDS Technical Delegates Continuing Recognition Requirements RMDS Technical Delegates who meet the following conditions shall be approved to continue to officiate at competitions recognized only by RMDS.

6. An RMDS Technical Delegate must take a technical delegate's exam once every two (2) years and must receive a mark of 85% or better before their certificate is renewed. The test is to be administered in October of the odd numbered years.
7. If test is not passed, must do whole program again: as stated in Section VI, A. above. **BOARD**

SECTION XIV. RMDS Championship Show

A. General:

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

B. Qualification For Dressage Championship Classes:

Championship Classes shall be open to all Society members in good standing who meet the qualifying criteria specified below:

5. Horse/rider combinations may qualify for Championship Classes by submitting scores meeting the following criteria:
 - b. 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; one of the tests must be the highest test at that level. The scores must be from two (2) different judges at two (2) different shows. The minimum qualifying score for each level for RMDS Championships ONLY shall be: Not to exceed USDF requirements) **BOARD**



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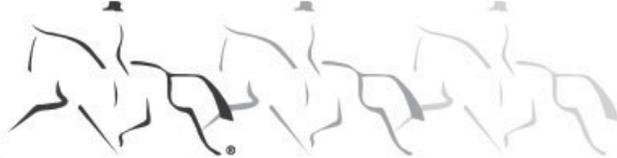
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