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DOLLY HANNON CLINIC
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NCDA SCHOOLING SHOW
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**RMDS BANQUET &
AWARDS**
JAN. 13, 2018

SHILOH SCHOOLING SHOW
OCT. 7

**TRIPLE CREEK RANCH
SCHOOLING SHOW**
OCT. 28, NOV. 18

**SCORE CHECK ON RMDS
WEBSITE**
DEADLINE OCT. 3

PROPOSED BYLAWS AND STANDING RULE CHANGES
To be voted on at Board of Governor's Meeting



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is here, cool morning air and the colors of Colorado are bright and beautiful. The Championship Show is over and many prizes and smiles were seen throughout the show grounds. As usual Colorado challenged us with weather, hot days and cool days. The judges were seen smiling as they adjusted to our changing weather.

RMDS acknowledged Lilo Fore on her soon to be Induction into the USDF Hall of Fame. We also honored Colorado's first FEI 5* Judge Janet Foy. RMDS and Region 5 were very lucky they were able to come to our show.

The RMDS Executive Board stepped up when we were short on volunteers. Sometimes they had to jump positions to make things work. Some RMDS members were at the show for several days as volunteers and had to adjust on the fly to provide coverage in all 4 rings. Didi Dekrey worked tirelessly to keep the volunteer spots organized, a very difficult job.

Another year finished well because of the outstanding management team of Two White Feet. This group of wonderful individuals seem to find a way to accommodate and adjust as needed. We are lucky to have such a skilled team available to RMDS.

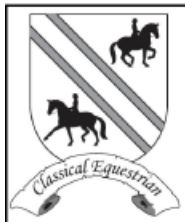
With a show of this size it is hard to make it work perfectly, but the ability to adjust and then regroup as needed makes the show continue forward. I am proud of the teamwork and camaraderie of everyone involved in the show.

Fall brings cool weather, clinics and time to set new goals for our equine partners. Keep an eye on the RMDS calendar as educational events will be listed and updated monthly.

Next major RMDS event is the Board of Governors Meeting in November. Details and such are in the Calendar. Make your concerns and needs known to your Chapter Delegates. All members are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions for 2018.

Stay warm and enjoy the season.

Aloha, Gwen Ka'awaloa



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What Championships is Really About

From Caroline Cheval



While I may not have had a horse, 2017 Championships was still a wonderful experience and really reminded me what this sport is all about. I saw so many people reach their goals and so many achieve more than they came for. There was so much teamwork and support and above all so much love for the horses and a great reminder that it isn't always about the ribbons and the placings but the journey with the horse. Congratulations to everyone!

For more pics by Caroline, email her at caroline.ccheval@gmail.com

Watch for the November 2017 Centaur for a complete recap of
2017 RMDS and Region 5 Championships!



THE COLORADO HORSE PARK

Apply for an RMDS Scholarship

From Mary Jo Hoepner, Scholarship Chair

Did you volunteer at Championships? Or other RMDS events this past year? Looking for a little assistance for a clinic or show? Then you might want to consider applying for one of RMDS' four scholarships:

- 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.

Find out more on the website, including [forms](#) for volunteer hours, [here](#). You must apply between October 1, 2017 and November 30, 2017 to be considered for a 2018 Scholarship.

AA 2017 First Level Champion Lisa Battan Inspires Those Who Want to Get Back in the Saddle

Shared from The Chronicle of the Horse

By Laura Lemon

With a 70.80 percent score, Battan took the adult amateur first level championship at the Great American/USDF Region 5 Dressage Championships, held on Sept. 14-17 in Parker, Colo., on her Baltic 6. But the 6-year-old Hanover gelding (Belissimo M—Laura) wasn't the only Battan taking trophies. With trainer Jenny Baldwin taking the reins, Battan's 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding Evolution (Florencio—Usenka Kluyt) took the open third level championship.

Click [HERE](#) to read how Lisa came back to horses after a 25-year break.



Laura Battan on Baltic 6 as they claimed the adult amateur first level championship at the Great American/USDF Region 5 Dressage Championships. Photo by Your Horses Photography

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