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OUR WINNING TEAM!



Bronze Team: Megan Gregg, Tyler Haney, Leigh Romano, Anna Wood

**Region 5 Takes the Bronze at
NAYRC**

Anna Wood Wins Individual Bronze

from Susan Gregg

Congratulations to Region 5 Young Riders Anna Wood, Megan Gregg, Tyler Haney and Leigh Romano who stood on the podium at the conclusion of the North American Advanced Young Rider Championships to receive their bronze medal for the Dressage Team Award Ceremony. The event was held in Lexington, Virginia, July 26 through 31 and is considered the premier equestrian event for riders aged 16 - 21 in North and South Americas. Anna Wood of Boulder, Co was also awarded the Individual Bronze Medal for three spectacular Dressage rides performed at the same Championships.

Apparently, this is the first time that Region 5 has ever been in the medals for the Team competition. There were 8 teams from the U.S. this year, plus one team from Canada and an individual rider from Great Britain. To quote Dressage Daily and Canadian Judge Joan McCarthy, "I am very impressed with the abilities of these competitors who are

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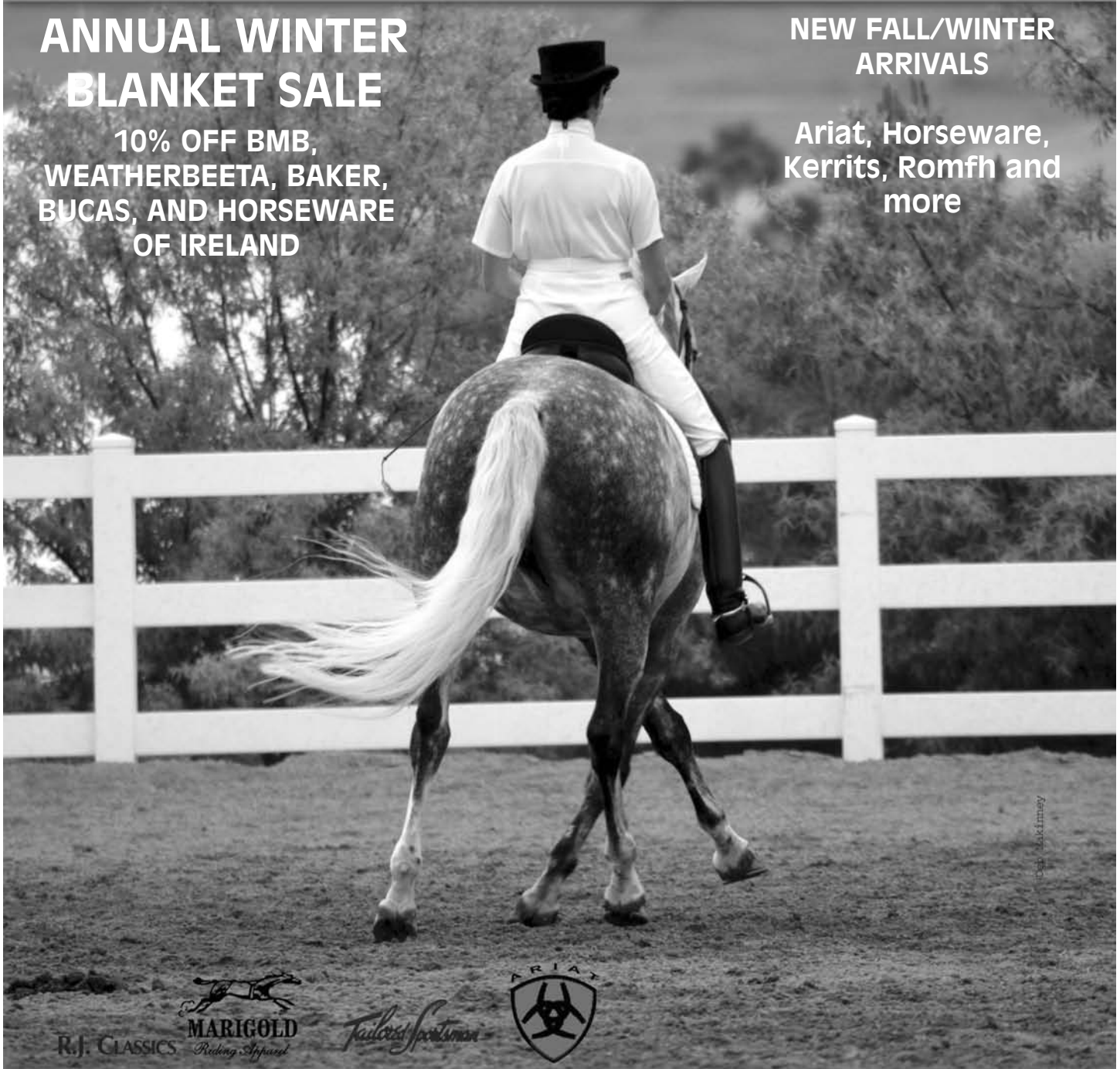
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Thoughts

from the President

Good Morning Everyone,

With me anyway, early morning is about the only time I get these days to read, write or compile a list of things that need to be done.

I trust everyone is well and that your horses are well also. With the temperature reaching 103 or better for a couple of weeks and then cooler, rainy with high humidity the next couple of weeks our horses have been stressed. Not to mention the human population.

I'm always saddened to hear when a horse dies and I know of a couple of members that have lost their horses this summer. My heart goes out to you. It is a reminder of how fragile horses really are.

USDF Region 5, after their outstanding performance won bronze at the USDF, North American Young Riders' Championships held in Lexington, Virginia. Way to go Anna Wood, Megan Gregg, Tyler Haney and Leigh Romano. The Virginia Dressage newsletter "The Salute" had a very nice article on Anna Wood and RMDS.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

1) RMDS Dressage Championships and Region 5 Championships, in Parker September 22-25, please attend and support our riders and if you can volunteer call Clarissa at 303-517-6427, she is the volunteer coordinator.

2) Board of Governors meeting November 12, plan on attending as there are important changes coming up for review and your input is important.

3) USDF National Convention and Symposium November 30 – December 4, 2005 in Los Angeles, PM Delegates from our Region are Elizabeth Glass, Lisa Hennessy, Sarah Martin, Jean Patton, Deeda Randle and Dianne Stanley. These are the folks who will be representing our interests at the convention.

Recently I was contacted about our GMO, how RMDS got started, what were some of the earlier challenges, where are we now in our efforts to promote dressage and how did we get there. What was it like over the years, who in our membership has gone on with the sport to international recognition or a horse that has reached a higher level in dressage. It got me to thinking about putting together a history of RMDS from its beginning with some pictures and some old prize lists etc. If you have an interest in helping with this or have some material from the earlier years would you let me know. Thanks 1-970-227-9530 or e-mail *susann10@juno.com*

The Latest Scoop From The Editor's Stall



As I'm sure many of you have heard by now, our Region 5 Young Rider team had an impressive finish at the North American Young Riders Championships winning a team bronze medal! This shows how much dressage has improved not only in our

country but in our region. This proves that with organizations such as USDF working steadily towards their goal, a country even as big as ours can begin to have a unity as far as improving riding, teaching, quality of horses, etc. Way to go to our team!

Speaking of our winning young riders, don't miss the article from Anna Wood's hostess, Frances Yeardley, of the Southwest Virginia Dressage Association, describing the behind-the-scenes experience. Anna obviously conducts herself with grace and dignity both in and out of the arena, an outstanding example to all of us in the dressage game.

Dawn Fisher attended the recent Eckart Meyners Seat Symposium, and writes about the experience in her review on page 22.

By the time this issue comes out Championships will be just around the corner. I wish everyone the best of luck in both the Regional and RMDS championships. I am looking forward to watching rides and will be volunteering at the show. I have read articles and even written articles stating that the future of dressage not only depends on quality riders and horses, but also on the behind the scenes people. I decided I needed to try a different side of showing so for at least one day I will be volunteering at the show. I look forward to seeing everyone there and if you have the time, contact Heather Peterson. I'm sure she would be glad to have you help out and if you don't have the time at least take a moment to thank Heather because without people like her we wouldn't even have Championships.

Best regards,

Kathleen

Dressage Tip - the Shoulder-In

by Christopher Bartle

In preparation for the shoulder-in, the inside rein must be shortened sufficiently to allow the hand to maintain the lateral flexion without any backward pull on the rein. In general, the inside hand should be kept just in front of the outside hand. The inside rein should never pull across the withers, as it will block the impulsion and engagement of the inside hand and cause the horse to fall outwards. It also tends to lead to overbending to the inside at the base of the neck. The axiom of 'straight line from elbow through the hand to the horse's mouth' applies equally to the horizontal plane as to the vertical (side to side as much as up and down).

The role of the outside rein is to regulate the pace and the bend. The half-halts promote greater collection by extending the moment of support of the inside hind leg. Keep the outside hand near the withers and act with a half-halt every time the outside forefoot comes to the ground (i.e. every other stride) but the intensity of the half-halt varies in relation to the response.

A frequent error is to use the inside leg to push the quarters over with a backward pressure, often com-

binated with the drawing up of the heel instead of opening the inside hip. At the same time, the outside leg comes off the horse, and the fence or wall of the arena takes over the role of the outside leg. Since, in most cases, dressage tests ask for the shoulder-in along the track, riders often get away with this until they have to ride the exercise on the center line. For this reason it is a good exercise to ride the shoulder-in away from the wall, for example along the quarter line or the center line.

It helps to point the outside foot down the line along which the shoulder-in is being ridden so that if the horse drifts outwards with the quarters or shoulders it will come against the outside leg, while if it drifts inwards it will come against the inside leg. The outside leg should be positioned so the stirrup leather is hanging vertically from the stirrup bar at, or just behind the girth, to correct the horse if it steps away from the inside leg rather than coming around it, or if it falls out with the shoulder.

Good Luck!

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On Saturday Toine and Kathy will look at the mature horse group, and discuss with the participants what conformation aspects are manifested in the horses' performance and start working on exercises that affect those issues. Saturday afternoon the young horses will be worked again under saddle, with continuing direction on specific exercises to balance and develop issues related to the conformation of the young horse.

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

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

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

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some of the best Young Riders we have to offer. It [this competition] is a great learning experience for them and hopefully will help mold them into our international riders of tomorrow."

The team competition started out on Wednesday with Megan Gregg on Verden, who entered the arena with a focused look of determination on her face and had the ride of her life, scoring a 63.7%. Next went Leigh Romano on Dominos Jongleur and she had a very respectable ride at her first NAYRC scoring 60.8%. Our team ended the first day after these two rides in fourth place, a fact that began them thinking of the chance to medal. The next day, Tyler Haney, who is only 16 years old, did a great job with her horse, Phoenix and scored a 63.2%. Riding last, the pressure was on for Anna Wood and Novarredo who had to perform very well to secure a team medal. They did, riding a brilliant test with no mistakes, scoring a 66.8%. This put the team into third place!

The next day was the Individual Prix St Georges which includes the top 25 horse/rider combinations based on their scores from the previous team test. Region 5 had 3 riders in the finals. Megan Gregg finished 25th with a 58.8%; Tyler Haney was 18th with a 61.1%; and Anna Wood finished second with a 69.3%, just 6/10's from the leader, Catherine Malone. Saturday was Leigh's turn to ride the consolation final which she did very well, earning 4th place with a 61.3 %. Sunday is the final performance of the Championships and is reserved for the top 15 scorers to ride the Prix St Georges Freestyle. Anna qualified for this and was the last ride of the day. Well into her piece, the music suddenly stopped. One of the judges told her to "start where the music stopped." So she and Novarredo had to wait in the arena several minutes until the music started over from the beginning and then try to figure out when to restart, in perfect cadence with the music. Anna managed it with complete composure and precision. She finished her freestyle beautifully, but as she said later, she felt it lost a bit of momentum when she had to restart. The judges placed her second with a 70.80%, just short of the winning score of 70.875%. The three rides added up to an individual bronze medal for Anna and her 10 year old Westphalian gelding, Novarredo.

The riders and their horses did an amazing job! However, they got lots of help and wish to extend their

thank yous to all their supporters. First of all, to their parents and their trainers: Margo Gogan, Megan's trainer from Utah; Uli Beschnidt, Anna's trainer from Germany; and Sarah and Clayton Martin, the trainers for Tyler Haney and Leigh Romano, all from Boulder. Big thanks also go to Veronica Holt for her great job as the Chef d'equipe, Susan Gregg for all her work as the Team Manager, Theresa Hunt, for her support as the Director of Region 5, and Julie Barringer-Richers for all her contributions and years of support. Thank you also to the wonderful sponsors: Dominos Pizza, Fresh Produce Sportswear, goodbye blue monday, RMDS and the many people who supported the Advanced Young Riders during their fundraisers and throughout the year.



Anna Wood and Novarredo receive congratulations from FEI Judge Lorraine Stubbs of Canada

These medals surely mark a step up in the quality of Dressage for Region 5. It is worthwhile to note that these young women have come up through the years, participating in all the programs that our Region has provided for them. They camped out in the pony camps; dressed their horses up for Halloween festivals; they were there at the RMDS Championships, riding Training level, 1st and 2nd levels, on up. They were at the Regional Championships, the Jr Young Rider Championships, the Conrad Schumacher Clinics and

many other educational opportunities around the Region. The bottom line is that they would never be where they are now without the tremendous support shown them by the many trainers, show managers, volunteers, sponsors and everyone involved in Region 5. So, please realize that the years of effort put into developing our Jr Young Riders are really paying off. These riders want everyone to know that as they have grown and matured, they have appreciated your help and felt encouraged and nurtured by the Region 5 family. It takes a village to raise a successful Young Rider! Thank you one and all!!



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Chapter News

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Tri-State Dressage

It seems our chapter is spread out over 1/6 of the United States. We love you all and appreciate your dedication to the sport of dressage. Those of us in Fremont County WY wish you had been closer as we did our fundraiser at the fair this year. It involved dipping one's hand into icy water and dragging out the customers selected malt beverage. I think I have developed arthritis! But we sold lots and our portion of the profits should keep us financially sound for another year.

Planning some fun events for 2006! Keep tuned and hopefully some of you can make the trip(s). If you have any thoughts or suggestions for the club, please write or e-mail.

Tri State Dressage PO Box 1852 Lander Wy 82520
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BOULDER VALLEY NEWS

Fall has arrived! Show seasons is almost over with championships just around the corner. How quickly time flies. It feels like we were just getting ready for the BVD Spring Fling.

To everyone who volunteered during 2005. THANK YOU !!! Thank you for taking the time to help with the local shows and clinics. We couldn't make it happen with out you.

Please remember to take the time to thank the volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes a long way!

Speaking of the Spring Fling, we are in need of a Show Manager and Secretary for the Spring Fling and

So Long to Summer shows for the 2006 season. If you are interested, but worried about being inexperienced, you will have a support team. Please contact Barb Goldman @ 303 666-4528 if you are interested.

We are also planning on having a Fun Fall Festivity such as the Dressage Scramble. The Scramble will consist of a Dressage test and fun games on horseback, and a voluntary costume class. Last year we played egg-n-spoon and the beanbag game over and over because it was so much fun. There will also be a picnic and awards ceremony for the Boulder Valley Show series. Look for more details in the October Centaur.

The club would like your input regarding the direction of BVD for 2006. Please plan on attending our next meeting in October, as we will be discussing plans for next year.

Good luck at Championships!

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Notice: Proofs of photos from the Dressage in the Rockies and High Plains show will be available for viewing at www.equineeventphoto.com.

CLINICIANS COMING TO OUR REGION

see calendar for details

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

If you have a clinician coming to your barn, please list it on the RMDS calendar and we will include it on our clinician list!

2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 1 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Black Forest area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com
- 1-4 Equine Touch Level 3 Clinic-Jock & Dr Ivana Ruddock-Loveland**
Raian Kaiser 970-203-0725 equinetouchinfo@yahoo.com
- 3 Boulder Vly. Dressage Summer Show-Boulder-RMDS**
Contact Barb Goldman 303-666-4528
- 3 GVDS Open Show-Grand Junction-USEF**
Contact Candace Elderkin 970-216-1963
- 3-4 Jill Cantor-Lee clinic, Larkspur area.**
Call Meg 303-249-8695 (cell) or 303-681-2215 (home)
- 4 GVDS Western Slope Champs & Open Show-RMDS**
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- 4-6 Equine Touch Level 4 Clinic-Jock Ruddock-Loveland**
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- 9-11 Max Gahwyler Clinic - Creekside Ranch-MT**
Contact Barb Ramlow - www.CreeksideRanch.com
- 10-11 Leslie Morse Clinic - Legacy Hill Farms**
Contact Patty Sponseller 303-660-5648
- 9-11 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Casper, WY**
Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148
- 12-13 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Windsor, CO**
Contact Jill Lee 970-686-6025 or 970-209-8491
- 15 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Black Forest area**
Contact Patricia Janssen 719-749-9866 patricia@parfairtranch.com
- 16 Swedish Warmblood Inspections-Hudson**
Contact Yarbrough Stables 303-536-9524
- 17-18 USDF Instructor Workshop Precertification - Debbie McDonald - 3rd/4th Level**
Canon Ridge Farms, RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com
- 21 RMDS Breed Championships & Open Breed Show-Parker, CO-USEF** -Contact Camille Griffin 303-663-0041 breedsec@twowhitefeet.com
- 22-25 RMDS Dressage Championships & Dressage Open Show - Parker, CO-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net
- 22-25 Region V Championships -Parker, Colorado-USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen 719-573-0398, slush@drwg.net
- 30-Oct 2 - Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser & Andrea Datz-Loveland**
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OCTOBER 2005

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

20-21 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Casper, WY

Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148

22-23 JR/YR Clinic-Debbie McDonald-Crooked Willow Farm

Contact Susan Gregg 970-243-5525

27 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Black Forest area

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3 Janet Brown Foy Clinic-Black Forest area

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25-28 Stephan Kiesewetter Clinic-Casper, WY

Contact Anne MacGuire 307-237-9148

DECEMBER 2005

3-4 Paul Belasik Clinic-Cottonwood Farms-Grand Junction

Contact Lynea Schultz-Ela 970-872-3961 or Debbie Hanley 970-248-9594

JANUARY 2006

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FEBRUARY 2006

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MARCH 2006

31-April 2 Equine Touch Level 1 & 2 Clinic-Raian Kaiser & Andrea Datz-Loveland

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APRIL 2006

8-9 Steffen Peters & Janet Brown Symposium

Canon Ridge Farms

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21-23 USDF CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR FINAL TESTING

Penrose Stadium Contact RMDS Central Office 720-890-7825 rmds@indra.com

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SEPTEMBER 2007

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2005-2006 SHOWS & EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2008

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WE NEED CHAMPIONSHIPS VOLUNTEERS

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In Memory of Silvia (Kaiser) Saint-Vincent

I always thought she was quite lovely.

Clear child-like skin with a creamy glow

Eyes that sparkled with glints of green, blue and gold.

Long red hair draped gently over her shoulders

Very berry colored lips dotted her face.

"Unkind thoughts or words are wasted time," she said to me.

She must have known her fate was soon. Time to her was far too precious to dwell on barn politics. Will we all learn this lesson?

I realize now, after her death, that every person I meet or speak to today – I may not see tomorrow, or ever... "Unkind thoughts or words are wasted time" ring clearly in my head.

My mind is filled with images of her:

At Columbine, in Peyton, in Evergreen with friends, at my home for dinner and later on for a clinic. I can't believe she's gone.

It's not possible. She's too vibrant, clear and alive.

Her death cannot be real.

All I have left of this special person is images in my mind of a special girl that lived her life so supremely, she was taken in an instant.

The good do die young.

--Anonymous

Championships Updates

Classes added in the Championships - late entries will be accepted with no penalties.

333 USDF FEI Junior Championships - riders ride Junior Team Test

334 USDF FEI Young Riders Championships - riders ride Young Rider Team Test

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

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

RMDS EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

ADULT AMATEUR

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

RMDS Central Office

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

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

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

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

SHOW INFORMATION

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

CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS

Submissions of events for inclusion in the Centaur calendar need to be received no later than the 5th of the month prior to the month that the item is to run. Please be sure to spell all names (clinicians/judge, location, contact) and include a phone number where you can be reached with any questions. Send all calendar items and/or requiring RMDS sanctions to: Beth Geier, RMDS Central Office, (720) 890-7825

RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Boulder Valley, 1st Monday – even months

Contact: Barb Goldman – 303-666-4528

Colorado Springs, 3rd Tuesday – location TBD

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

Foothills, 2nd Wednesday – every month;

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

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

Contact: Kelly Schlager – 970-242-5935

High Plains, TBA;

Contact: Terri Wallace – 303-695-8566

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- The Centaur newsletter is published monthly .
- To guarantee that ads and articles will be run in any given month, they must be received with full payment by the 10th of the month prior to month of publication! i.e. January 10 for February issue.
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Breed (if known) _____

Breed No. (include copy of papers) _____

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Owners Phone (Home) _____ (e-mail) _____

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2005 USDF and RMDS Championship Column

From Heather Petersen and Veronica Holt

Please make an important note – the 2005 Championships will be a qualifier for the 2006 North American Young Riders Championships. The designated classes will be the classes listed or the FEI Tests of Choice – this will allow the Young Riders to possibly ride their qualifying tests on Thursday or Friday and not conflict with their respective Championship classes. We will be offering fun and exciting competitor parties each day – please look for these events and be sure to thank their sponsors!

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First Level - AA	Cottonwood Riding Club - The Gandomcar Family
First Level - Junior	Mistanny Troika Memorial Trophy - Madeline and Debi Smith
First Level – Freestyle	The Wycoff Family – Autumn Hill IEC
Second Level - AA	Sun Prairie Stable - Simone Ahern
Second Level - Junior	Taka Chi Dressage Stables - Sarah & Clayton Martin
Third Level - AA	8th Heaven Gaited Farms - Sarah Bushong-Weeks
Third Level - Junior	Gemini Dressage - Glenda Needles
Third Level - Freestyle	Skelton Mountain Dream Ranch - Joe and Dee Skelton
Fourth Level - Open	Kiamana Farm - Gwen Ka'awaloa
Fourth Level - AA	Marti Foster
Fourth Level - Junior	Sue Halasz
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USDF Region Five Report

by Theresa Hunt, Region 5 Director

Congratulations to our riders who qualified for the North American Young Riders Championships at the end of July! Anna Wood on Novarredo qualified in Europe with a 67.071% average; Tyler Haney on Phoenix with a 66.400%, Megan Gregg on Verden with a 62.586%, and Leigh Romano on Dominos Jongleur qualified with a 61.614%. Tyler and Leigh live in Colorado and train with Sarah Martin. Megan is from Grand Junction, CO, but lives in Utah and trains with Margo Gogan. Veronica Holt is our Chef d'Equip. This is our first team since 2002! It really has been a team effort from the shows that hosted NAYRC Qualifying classes, to all the effort of the riders, parents, silent auction contributors, and supporters throughout our region. The transportation costs to Virginia alone were a significant hurdle. Susan Gregg, our northern FEI Jr/Yr Coordinator worked diligently with everyone to make this happen. I am sure our team represented our region well at the Championships and had a great learning experience, along with some fun.

We need to start planning for next year. Potential FEI Juniors and Young Riders should contact one of our FEI JR/YR Coordinators. In the north we have Susan Gregg in Grand Junction Colorado, email MikesOtto@aol.com and in the south Tracy Roenick, Dynamite Dressage, Scottsdale, AZ, email tracyroenick@cox.net. Our region's FEI Jr/Yr Clinic with Debbie McDonald will be

held at Crooked Willow Farm, Larkspur, CO on Oct 22-23. Applications are on line at www.usdf.org. Auditors of all ages and levels are welcome.

The Capital Campaign has raised over \$2 million for the construction of the USDF headquarters. Our goal is \$5 million, so we need to keep on raising funds for our new home in Lexington, KY. We will have a silent auction during our regional championships to help raise funds. The final qualifying and closing date for our Regional Championship show that will be held in Parker, Colorado September 22-25 is August 25. You can find the prize list and entry form on www.usdf.org. Sponsorships, volunteers, and donations for the silent auction are needed to help with the show. Contact Heather Peterson at slush@drqw.net.

The USDF Convention and Symposium is in Burbank, California on November 30 – December 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with USDF and attend the Symposium featuring Klaus Balkenhol at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center. Also, don't forget the trade fair with great shopping!

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Eckart Meyners Seat Symposium Review

I feel as though I just came back from a trip to Germany! But, I was in Parker, Colorado! From July 21-31 I immersed myself in an intensive course with Eckart Meyners, Christiane Meyners and Hannes Mueller. Eckart, is a professor of sports physiology at the University of Lueneburg, Germany, and has worked with the German National Equestrian Federation for 25



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plus years developing equestrian training and instruction. Over the past few years he has been kind enough to share his methodology with us here in America. His wife Christiane assists and shares her experiences with body movement, riding, and training. The pair combine their knowledge with the incredible expertise of the Chief Trainer of the German Academy for Professional Riders, Hannes Mueller. You can imagine how 10 days with this trio gives you the feeling of Germany itself!

The group of teachers that gathered from 13 states and 3 countries came to demystify the art of teaching “feel” through the use of Eckart’s techniques. Then add Hannes Mueller to the scene and you can imagine how grateful a rider is to be a part of this! Hannes is a kind, soft-spoken, German. Riding expert - meet motion expert! I was lucky enough to ride both my young horse and my PSG horse with both gentlemen. The lessons I received were more than enough to carry me through into the next year. However, I am also anxious to go to Germany to get even more training at the academy!

At 9 a.m. sharp each morning, we started with a 20 minute overall warm-up session followed by detailed exercises for each of Eckart’s “6-points” of the human body. Every session taught our group of instructors new ways to release tensions and increase range of motion in riders, which of course impacts the horse as well. A combination of simple exercises, tendon releases, and

from Dawn Fisher

work on the Balimo™ chair provided immediate results with riders (and their horses) that typically would take months for a “left brained” instructor, shouting commands, to get the message across to a “left brained” student. Eckart’s system gives instructors a way to teach “feel” with the use of new tools and techniques, including “task” oriented teaching.

What I recognized after the 2nd day of warming up and stretching each morning was my new level of energy. Pretty amazing considering I’ve got a fair amount of energy to begin with! My new found energy was so dramatic that Eckart had to take the edge off my “electricity” by having me dismount and skip! He said “have fun” as he tired me out, improved my cross-coordination and mobilized my sacral joint by skipping!

Lesson learned: the rider must put out equal, if not less, energy than the horse. NO muscle power. Just motion power!

Afternoons were dedicated to the “hands-on” segment of the workshop. Core Instructors (CI’s) got an opportunity to teach in the new and improved way in front of an audience, including Eckart and Hannes. In addition to CI’s practicing their teaching skills, we heard lectures on communication, personality styles and fear issues by psychologist Kathy Kelly. All of us found out which “animal” we represent based on personality.

Later in the day we worked on how improving the quality of motion and balance in the rider equals improving the motion of the horse. Abiding by the training scale equals improving the balance and quality of the horse. Simple and basic! That was the message I took from Hannes and Eckart. Both of my horses made huge changes in their bodies as a result of the changes in my body.

I am more than delighted to be learning how to become a “Motion Mediator” and help my students become self aware. As a rider I am much more aware of when I “slip” – although Hannes assures me it is ok to make mistakes! But now I can feel and take ownership of the right place to be in order to allow and encourage a full range of motion. The proof comes in the horses themselves. As a trainer and teacher I am responsible for bridging the gap in communication that often falls apart. With my increased awareness I now feel I am better able to help bridge that gap between riders and horses, creating an equal partnership for both. It is simple when you understand how!

Thank you to everyone who participated!

Dawn Fisher

NAYRC - The View from Anna's Hostess

from Frances Yearley, Southwest Virginia Dressage Association

I had the pleasure of keeping at my farm for 11 days, a pretty 19 year old Young Rider named Anna Wood, her gorgeous PSG horse Novarredo and her trainer Uli Beschnidt of Germany. Anna and her horse have been training with Uli in Germany for the last year. They left Germany on July 11th, flew to NY, stayed in quarantine for the required time and arrived in Lexington the 15th at 5:30am (do horse transports ever arrive during normal hours?) in a huge semi. By 7:30am, we had Novarredo settled in, the van long gone. The phone rang. I ask who would dare to call so early? The van driver.....turns out 70 acres is not enough room to turn a rig around if the grass is wet. Anna's mom Tina, and her trainer Uli are both scheduled to fly on Monday, the 18th. Tina's flight departs Roanoke at 2pm, Uli's flight arrives Roanoke at 4pm. Weather delays abound and Tina is stranded in Detroit until Tuesday, Uli finally makes it to Roanoke at midnight. Anna has spent a long day at the Roanoke airport. But I think it is good omen for horse shows to have Murphy's Laws applying themselves early, get all the things that can and will go wrong out of the way before the tests begin!

Novarredo settled in immediately. He is a 17'2 hh 10 year old Westphalian who just oozes elegance and self confidence. The peaceful setting seems to suit him and he is fascinated with the lightning bugs in the evening.

He is a perfect guest, he never whinnies or creates any trouble, he likes my hay and doesn't mind being in the barn alone. He is looking great despite coming from cooler Germany to this horrible heat and humidity here. Anna is wise and arranges to ride next door at Lazy Acres under the covered arena.

Watching Anna and Uli work Novarredo is fun. They work on the new freestyle they plan to use at the NAYRC. It's beautiful, powerful and fluid. The music is a medley of Broadway that includes one of my favorites from West Side Story. I have always felt the PSG test was one of the most lovely, and Anna's PSG freestyle is as well. Anna rides like a seasoned pro, she and Novarredo make a very impressive team. Anna's position is as classical as they come.

Anna is quiet and serious. She is a very dedicated and mature young lady. There is no ego, no bragging, no criticism of others, just hard work and hope. But at dinner, the teen shows through - I ask her if she has a boyfriend, and she tells me yes! I ask if he rides, she says no, but he is involved with the sport. She's blushing and giggling while she offers up other tidbits, he has red hair that he wears in a ponytail. Even after she says he is a good mover, I am slow to realize that she is describing Novarredo...so the joke's on me!

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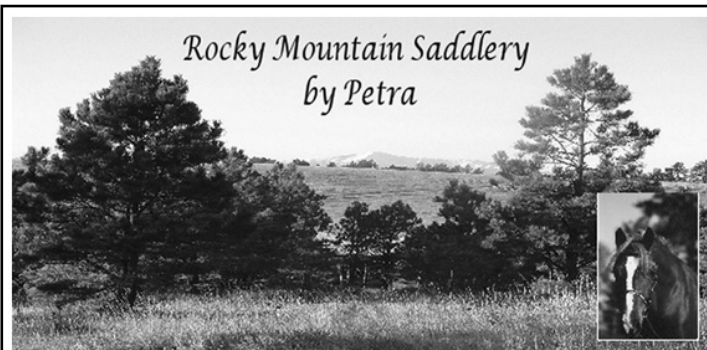
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Thursday is the team competition, and Anna's team is third due in part to her high score! Friday in the individual competition, Anna places second. Sunday, Anna is the last ride to go in the Musical Freestyles. Anna's test flows beautifully, then unbelievably, the music quit! Anna is told by one judge to "Start where the music stopped." She and Novarredo have to stand there and wait from the beginning of the music and pick the choreography back up where the music was lost. I don't know how she did that with such precision, composure and tact, especially since I know she never even heard her freestyle music until she arrived in Lexington. Still, she scores well to place second, which earns her the NAYRC Individual Bronze Medal. I am heartbroken that she didn't get the Gold Medal, she deserved it. But Anna is all smiles, poise and good sportsmanship.

I am going to miss them all. But I bet we will hear lots more about Anna Wood! If she is the future of dressage, then dressage is in good shape! Anna is the real deal. And there are rumors already that they may hold next year's NAYRC in Lexington again, so maybe Anna will come back and get her gold. I hope so!

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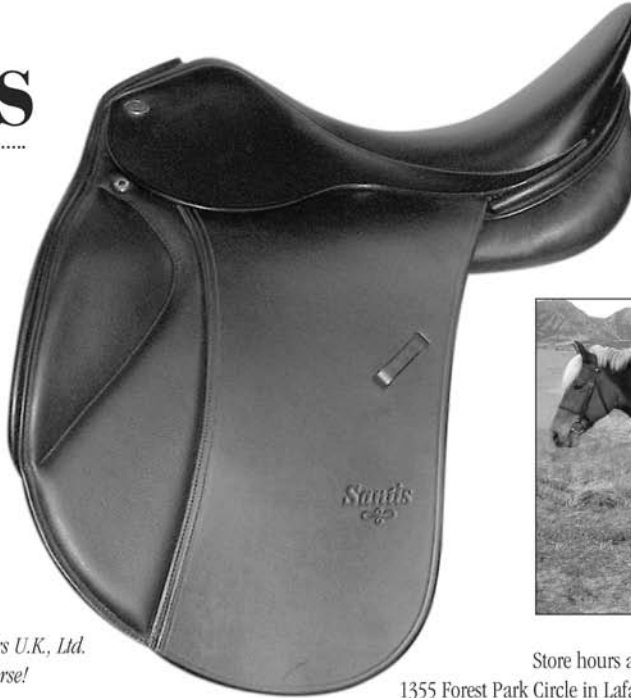


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