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Region 5 Brings Home Gold and Silver!

By Kathleen Donnelly, Region 5 FEI JRYR Coordinator



Young Rider Team with their Gold Medals (from left to right): Catherine Chamberlain, Aylin Corapcioglu, Brandi Roenick, and Madeleine Birch.



Junior Rider Team with their Silver Medals (from left to right): Talia Hershaft, Devon Wycoff, Brook Santangelo, and Taylor Lindsten.

The Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Riders had the experience of a lifetime at the North American Junior Young Rider Championships (NAJYRC). The Young Rider team defended their gold medal successfully. The team was made up of Brandi Roenick, Catherine Chamberlain, Madeleine Birch, and Aylin Corapcioglu. The Junior team came in as a rookie team and left with silver medals. Our Junior team riders were Devon Wycoff, Brook Santangelo, Talia Hershaft, and Taylor Lindsten.

All the riders worked extremely hard this year fundraising and qualifying for the NAJYRC. The teams arrived early before the competition to help acclimate the horses to the heat and humidity. Even with the advance arrival time, several of the horses needed

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The teams' breeches and jackets are from one of our sponsors, Elizabeth Israel, and her new clothing line, Nathalie Equestrian Apparel. Thank you Elizabeth!

Region 5 Report

Gold and Silver – we medal once again! Congratulations to the Region 5 Young Riders for winning Team Gold and to the Region 5 Juniors for winning Team Silver. Members of the Young Rider team were Madeline Birch and Uoeri, Catherine Chamberlain and Verdicci, Aylin Corapcioglu and Ruhmann, Brandi Roenick and Pretty Lady. Members of the Junior team were Taylor Hershaf and Westfalica, Taylor Lindsten and Raoul, Brook Santangelo and Daylight, Devon Wycoff and Power Play. Brandi Roenick and Pretty Lady also took the Individual Silver medal and several of our girls finished in the top 10 individual and freestyle results. GOOD JOB LADIES! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Kathleen Donnelly, who also was Chef d'Equipe for one of our teams and many thanks to Susan Rudman who was Chef d'Equipe for the other team. We could not have done it without you.

The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms, airfare, and register for the convention and symposium. We are in lovely San Diego this year November 30th-December 4th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at www.usdf.org/Convention/. All Group Member Organization's (GMO) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors' meeting by August 31st and if not determined by that date, the GMO president would become the delegate. If the GMO delegate/president is not able to attend the convention, a proxy for that delegate can be submitted at any time up until the night before the BOG meeting at the convention. The advantage for the GMO is that the delegate will be known and can receive communication from the USDF office earlier. GMO Delegates are included on a list of USDF delegates to receive e-mail

communications containing pertinent information on issues that will come before the 2011 BOG meeting at convention. If GMOs have not yet sent in their delegate information, please do so as soon as possible.

We have received two nominations for the USDF Region 5 Life Time Achievement award and we will award both nominees for 2011. We'll announce these recipients at the convention and present their awards to them there if they are attending. Please plan to attend the Region Meetings; we'd love to have your input.

Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open September 1st and close October 3rd. Join us in Scottsdale!

'Til next month!

-Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director

Important Things to Know this Month

Have you done your
SCORE CHECK?
Deadline for corrections is
October 10.

It's time again to suggest
Bylaw and Standing Rule
changes to be considered
at the Board of Governors'
meeting in November.
See the submittal form on
page 8.

Reserve your seats for the
Awards' Banquet, Saturday,
November 12th!
See page 9.



Simone and Gunnar.

seems the summer just flew by and it is hard to believe that we are almost finished with show season. As always championships are a major undertaking and we need many volunteers to pull off a show of this magnitude. If you wish to volunteer please contact Laura Speer at 970-371-2934 or write her at riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com or you can contact me. I want to thank all of the volunteers in advance - we really could not do it without you.

Have you heard the great news about our juniors and young riders? They did extremely well this year at the Junior and Young Rider Championships in Kentucky. The Young Riders for Region 5 took Gold, the Juniors took Silver. A great success for our region. Read all the details elsewhere in this Centaur.

organization is the annual Board of Governors' meeting. Here we discuss changes in our bylaws and standing rules and elect new members to the board. As a matter of fact, we are looking for a new president as my term is coming to an end. If you wish to get involved with RMDS please contact me or the Central Office and we will be happy to get you all the details.

Do you own a stallion you'd promote it to the RMDS membership? We will have a special stallion issue for the Jan, 2012 Centaur. Currently we are planning to have full color ads for this issue. If you want to find out more please contact the Central office. If you know a stallion owner that might not be aware of this special opportunity to market their stallion to our great group - please share it with them.

Hello to All:

Championships are upon us and I hope many of you will join us to celebrate the end of the show year. It

As the year winds down, RMDS is working hard to improve. One of the processes that helps us evolve as an

Thank you and as always
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 -Simone Windeler, RMDS President

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Northern Colorado

Significant numbers of NCDA members participated August 6th and 7th at the Cheyenne Dressage and Eventing Club show. As promised in the prize list, the footing in the warm-up and show arenas was perfect. The indoor arena at LCCC provided relief from the sun and provided excellent acoustics. The casual, friendly atmosphere added a hometown feeling to this show which made it hard to beat. LCCC is only four miles from I-25, making it accessible for NCDA members in northern Colorado.

Very soon Raissa and Bill Chunko will be flying to Chicago so Raissa can show Max at Lamplight Equestrian Center. Joan Clay will be hauling Max. We wish them good luck and hope they enjoy the experience.

NCDA is considering a Halloween party/horse/costume event for October. Check out our web site for info or if you have suggestions.

It was 103 degrees in Fort Collins today at 5 o'clock. After a big day in Cheyenne, soaking in the Poudre River was the only solution. What a way to celebrate summer! Hope you are making the most of your summer, however you like it.

-Susie Reed, NCDA President

Colorado Springs

CSDA had a great show at Fountain Valley School - thank goodness for the covered warm up arena during such a hot weekend! We will be having a great educational event in October: "Winterize Your Horse" with Dr. Unruh of Colorado Equine. This will

be a great opportunity to make sure you are doing all you can to keep your horse healthy during the long winter. Good luck as you finish out the competition year; we hope to see many of you at Championships!

Happy riding!

-Shannon Lemons, President, CSDA

Boulder Valley

Show season is in full swing and our BVD members have been showing! July offered us two wonderful shows in Boulder County. Rocky Mountain Dressage II and IV combined with a sport horse breed show at Somerset Farms and Autumn Hill International Dressage Festival. Both shows were very well attended. The breed show at Somerset was amazing to watch. Lilo Fore brought her judging expertise to the ring at the show and to the farm for a one day clinic. She was one of the pioneers of the National Young Horse Program and it was a pleasure to learn from her.

RMD was a Young Horse qualifier. Somerset Farms has four horses qualified to compete in the National championship this August at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Chicago. Congratulations to Somerset Farms and trainer member Petra Warlimont. Another member making the trip is Lisa Nasrullah and her daughter who has qualified for the equitation seat National final.

Other BVD riders competing at the shows were happy to receive a BVD logo saddle pad just for showing up to compete!

Congratulations to Nancy Brenckman for earning her Bronze Medal! This year's USDF Convention is in sunny San Diego..so it's a great year to earn your medal....

The next event for BVD was the Adult/ Youth Team Competition July 30, 31. I'll have an update on that next time.

-Kim Lampert, President, BVD

Platte River

Greetings from the NEW Platte River Dressage Chapter of RMDS! This chapter was newly approved by the board this year and we are starting to grow our members! Although we started as the group representing the areas along the Platte River (Brighton, up to Greeley and out east), we welcome anybody from any region to join us! Whether you are an active chapter participant or wish to be a "silent" chapter member, we would really like to have to join our low-key, fun seeking chapter!

This year's officers are Laura Speer, President; Marsha Tallman, Vice-president; and Sharon Soos, Treasurer. PRD held our first few meetings earlier this spring. There will be no meetings during the summer but we will have a gathering in September.

In May, a Kentucky Derby themed Pampered Chef fund raiser party was held at Laura Speer's house and \$60 was raised for the club. Since the club is new, we will be working on raising funds the next few years.

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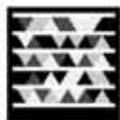
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Also, PRD held a Dolly Hannon clinic which was much appreciated. Thank you, Dolly!

Again, we would like to welcome anybody and everybody to the Platte River Dressage chapter!!

Respectfully,

-*Laura Speer*, President, PRD

Foothills

The Foothills Chapter is celebrating awarding two 2011 scholarships to Chapter members. Linda Gaber and

Laura Quakenbush are this year's recipients and both will share their experiences through stories in upcoming issues of *The Centaur*. We wish them and their horses well in their endeavors!

Plans continue apace for the Last Chance Show (please note: it is a one-day show on Sunday, September 18 at A Rising Star Equestrian Center). This is a terrific, fun, friendly show opportunity. Don't miss your last chance just before Championships!

Volunteers needed and treated well! Please contact Dolly Hannon for volunteer information: dollyhannon@msn.com

The Chapter next meets on September 6, 6:30pm at Tuscan Tavern in Evergreen to discuss finishing touches for show planning and to begin brainstorming Chapter activities for 2012.

On behalf of the Foothills Chapter,
-*Heather Fitzgerald*, Secretary

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fluids to help them overcome the conditions. Kentucky at the time was experiencing heat indexes of about 113 degrees!

The fluids helped the horses tremendously and the riders' next obstacle at the competition was the jog. Each rider did a great job trotting their horse in-hand and only one horse was held. That horse was presented to the ground jury again and passed with no problem.

Dressage was one of the first disciplines to compete at the NA-JYRC. The competition started early Wednesday morning to help beat the heat. The decision was made by the FEI steward to ban coats and each team rode in team shirts. The gold medal for the Young Riders was clinched by Region 5's last rider Brandi Roenick. The Junior team compe-

dition went on simultaneously and the Juniors had solid performances helping them win Silver.

The Individual competition was held on Thursday. All of our riders placed well and Brandi Roenick won the individual silver. The top 15 riders from the Individual tests were allowed to ride their Freestyles. Five out of our eight riders qualified for the Freestyle. The freestyle competition was interrupted by a thunderstorm that poured rain, created flash floods including the barn aisle, and knocked out power when lightning hit a transformer. Waiting for the transformer to be fixed meant that the competition would be delayed for hours, so a generator was found that could power the sound system and the riders finished their Freestyles. Scores had to be found the old fashioned way—going to the show of-

ficie. Over the week, riders, parents, and chefs had become accustomed to watching the scores come up on a jumbo screen and being able to check standings from smartphones.

Our riders placed well in the Freestyle, even with the nasty weather, with Brook Santangelo finishing 4th, Devon Wycoff finishing 7th and Talia Hershaft finishing 11th. For the Young Riders Brandi Roenick finished 4th and Madeleine Birch finished 5th.

Not only did Region 5 place well in the standings, but the team showed incredible sportsmanship by cheering each other on and making the time to come watch their teammates ride. They showed integrity and determination throughout the competition making all of us proud to be a part of Region 5!





RMDS AWARD BANQUET 2011

Hosted by the Rocky Mountain Dressage Society
Saturday, November 12th, 2011
At the Renaissance Denver Hotel
3801 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207



- 5:30 p.m. Cocktails, Hors D'oeuvres, and Art Show
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner Service Begins
- 6:30 p.m. Awards presentation Begins

Please RSVP by November 4th, 2011. 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 7th for an additional \$10 fee.

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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 2011 are January 13, March 10, May 12, July 21, September 8. 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. Contact the Central Office for precise details.

Scholarship and Grant Opportunities through *The Dressage Foundation*

-Jenny Johnson, The Dressage Foundation Administrative
Director

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Status	Status	Levels
"L"	Learner*	Training - Second (RMDS only)
"r"	Recorded	Training - Second
"R"	Registered	Training - Fourth

*may only judge at RMDS recognized shows.

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4*	(FEI I) International	All
5*	(FEI O)	All

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-Maya Patel

Shows and Events

All shows are RMDS recognized except schooling shows.

SEPTEMBER 2011

- 2 **GVDS Fall Show I, Grand Junction, CO, USEF**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660,
classicaldressage@earthlink.net, **CANCELLED**
- 3 **GVDS Fall Show II, Grand Junction, CO Schooling Show**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660,
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- 3-4 **AA Clinic with Heather Robertson, RMDS Sponsored Event, Capricorn Farm, Golden, CO**
Contact Lori Mitchell, bandwdressage@aol.com, 303-816-2375
- 4 **GVDS Fall Show III, Grand Junction, CO, Schooling Show**
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- 6 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com
- 8 **RMDS Executive Board meeting, OPEN to all 6:30pm, Romano's Restaurant, Highlands Ranch, CO**
Contact rmds@rmds.org
- 9 **CSDA Fall RMDS Show, M & M Ranch, Mountain, CO,**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net, **CANCELLED**
- 10 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show, Mariah Farms, Castle Rock, CO,** Contact Lisa Lamke, 303-660-2456, www.mariahfarms.net
- 10-11 **James Shaw: Tai Chi for Equestrians, Windy Creek Ranch, Longmont, CO**
Contact Sarah Barnes, 303-817-2783, sarahvbarnes@yahoo.com
- 11 **Centaur Rising Dressage Show II, Anchorage Farms, Pine, CO**
Contact Kris Cooper, 303-838-5086, kris@anchoragefarm.com
- 17 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show, Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie, 970-201-0747, stephanie.soule@msn.com
- 17 **Whispering Winds Schooling Shows, Monument, CO**
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- 18 **Last Chance Show, Rising Star Equestrian Center, Arvada, CO**
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- 20 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com
- 21 **Swedish Warmblood Inspection, Keuring & Clinic, Yarbrough Stables, Hudson, CO**
Contact Kathy, 720-261-3965
- 22 **RMDS Sport Horse Open Show & Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO, USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net
- 23-25 **RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO, USEF**
Contact Heather Petersen, 719-683-8435, slush@drgw.net

OCTOBER 2011

- 4 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
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- 8 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show, Mariah Farms, Castle Rock, CO,** Contact Lisa Lamke, 303-660-2456, www.mariahfarms.net
- 8-9 **Patrice Edwards Clinic, Glory Falls Ranch, Black Forest, CO**
Contact Kim Martin, 719-440-8875, glory.falls@yahoo.com

- 15-16 **GVDS Schooling Show, Grand Junction, CO, USEF**
Contact Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660,
classicaldressage@earthlink.net
- 18 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com
- 22 **Dressage in Pink, Sextant Farms, Boulder, CO**
Contact Camille Griffin
- 22-23 **USDF Region 5 Junior/Young Rider Clinic with George Williams. Stellar Stables, Parker, CO**
Contact Susan Rudman, 303-697-8528, sewrunred@msn.com
- 28-29 **Christine Traurig Clinic, Sedalia, CO**
Contact Jayne Cordes, 720-936-6691, jaynecordes@aol.com
- 29 **Rancho del Soule Schooling Show, Grand Junction, CO**
Contact Stephanie, 970-201-0747, stephanie.soule@msn.com

NOVEMBER 2011

- 1 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com
- 4-6 **Region 5 Championships, West World, Scottsdale, Arizona.**
Contact Jay Chabucos, 623-221-0707
- 5-6 **USDF Region 4 Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore, Palmyra, NE**
Contact USDF, www.usdf.org/education/clinics/adult/index.asp
- 12 **RMDS Board of Governors' Meeting, 8:30 am.** RMDS Committee host.
- 12 **RMDS Awards Banquet. 5:30 pm.** RMDS Committee host.
- 12 **Mariah Farms Schooling Show, Mariah Farms, Castle Rock, CO.** Contact Lisa Lamke, 303-660-2456, www.mariahfarms.net
- 15 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com
- 19-20 **USDF L Program, Session D1, Tucson Dressage Fall Festival, Tucson, Arizona.**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0634, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 30-Dec 2 **USDF Convention, San Diego, CA**
Contact USDF, 859-971-2277, www.usdf.org

DECEMBER 2011

- 3-4 **USDF Symposium, San Diego, CA, with Anne Gribbons, Debbie McDonald, Jeremy Steinberg, and Scott Hassler**
Contact USDF, 859-971-2277, www.usdf.org
- 6 **Janet Foy Clinic, Linda Ohlson-Gross, Parker, CO**
Contact Jody, 303-646-9520, jbdrsj@hotmail.com

JANUARY 2012

- 21 **RMDS Judges' Continuing Education with Janet Foy, Sun Prairie Stables, Peyton, CO**
Contact Michelle Anderson, michand@hotmail.com, 303-646-137

APRIL 2012

- 7-8 **USDF L Program, Session D2, ADA Spring Celebration, Tucson, Arizona.**
Contact Dorie Vlatten Schmitz, 480-580-0634, dvschmitz@msn.com
- 21-22 **Region 5 USDF Adult Clinic with Lilo Fore, Utah**
Contact Nance Allen, 801-274-1288, nance@xmission.com

OCTOBER 2012

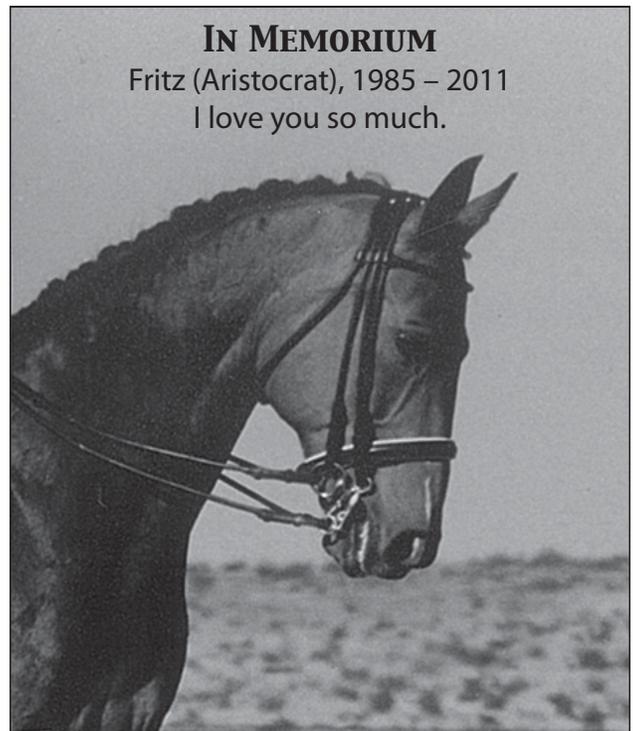
5-7 USDF/Great American Region 5 Championships, The Collectives, Salt Lake City, UT

NOVEMBER 2012

3-4 USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.
Contact Dorie Vlaten Schmitz, 480-580-0634, dvschmitz@msn.com

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A committee will review applications and choose the winner. Please send your nominations to the Central Office at: RMDS, 2942 Park Lake Road, Boulder, CO 80301; rmids@rmids.org; fax:720-890-7825

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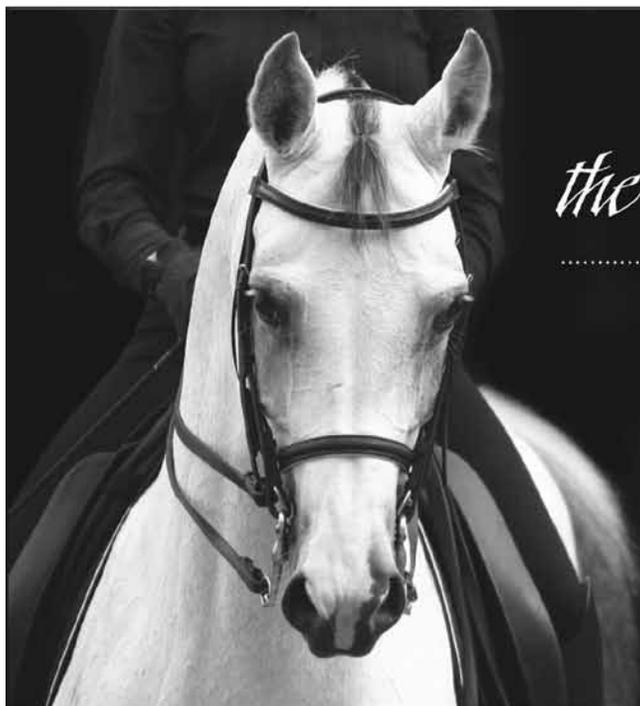
All events are open to everyone to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

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Sept 3-4	AA Clinic with Heather Robertson, Normandy Farms, Littleton, CO
Sept 22	RMDS Breed Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Sept 23-25	RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Nov 12	Board of Governors' Meeting and Award's Banquet, NCDA Host

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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Review: Sporthorse Handling Clinic

By Michelle Anderson, RMDS Education Chair

Photos by Kathleen Bryan



Kristi Wysocki lecturing to the clinic participants.

"I think we are told 'look to make sure the horse isn't this or that' while we are shopping, but most people don't have any idea WHY they don't want that characteristic in their dressage horses." -Jamee Amundson

"I thought I had to run faster - when it really is to run (or walk) differently."
-Debbie King

The enthusiastic audience at the RMDS Sport Horse Handling Clinic, hosted July 30 at Kaimana Farm in Elizabeth, soaked up a wealth of information from presenters Kristi Wysocki & Chad Toney.

The clinic began with a lecture and slide presentation from Kristi, an in-depth examination of the conformation, age and gender variations, and presentation issues that can make the difference between a championship and an unsuccessful season.

The form to function information was great for learning how to judge the horses for breed shows, but I

found it to be really great information for people that are horse shopping. *"I think we are told 'look to make sure the horse isn't this or that' while we are shopping, but most people don't have any idea WHY they don't want that characteristic in their dressage horses."*
-Jamee Amundson

During a catered lunch Chad Toney discussed grooming, handling, warm-up and finishing touches.

Gwen Ka'awaloa then provided a very amusing visual of how NOT to show a sport horse, subjecting her dirty and unbrushed Grand Prix horse Safarie to a poorly adjusted bridle, incorrect setup and SLOW walk, all while dressed quite inappropriately like a rapper!

Chad took over to show Awentia, Gwen's now 6 year old filly who has

earned two USDF Region 5 Championships in-hand. "Tia" demonstrated her experience and long-time training and, while Tia is not a perfect horse, Kristi and Chad explained how some of her flaws could be minimized through proper presentation.

Safarie returned with a clean coat and properly adjusted tack to WOW the audience with an impressive medium trot in-hand, proof positive that even 9 years after his last sport horse outing, the old boy still knew how to strut his stuff!

Finally the time had come for eager auditors to become participants, with Kristi providing judge's commentary and Chad, hints and tips to train the in-hand horse to shine. Each person bringing a horse received one-on-one instruction on improving their presentation. In some cases Chad took

“Horses understand body language. You have to move the way you want them to move, stand the way you want them to stand, and believe that your horse is the best animal out there!”
-Chad Toney



Chad Toney, Jay Smith, and Jay's mare Santiana.

over the reins to demonstrate and teach the horse before returning them to their owner to continue learning together.

“The biggest point driven home for me in the handling portion was confidence! I was aware how the handler's gaits can affect a horse's gaits in the ring, but I was not aware how much the handler confidence level was important.” -Jamee Amundson

The camaraderie among participants was infectious, with the audience cheering and clapping as each handler demonstrated remarkable improvement from start to finish.

“Don't drag your horse like a wagon!”
-Kristi Wysocki

Jeff and Valerie Foltz greatly regretted not bringing their mare so Safarie was engaged once again to help both Jeff

and Jay Smith learn just how closely a well trained sport horse follows their handler's body language. We were all treated once again to an amazing display of athletic prowess, both human and equine!

“Horses understand body language. You have to move the way you want them to move, stand the way you want them to stand, and believe that your horse is the best animal out there!” -Chad Toney

A huge THANK YOU to Kristi Wysocki and Chad Toney for sharing their expertise, Gwen Ka'awaloa and Chad once again for their work in preparing the farm for this clinic, Mary Jo Hoepner, Ashley Koren and Justine Hensler for volunteering before and during the clinic, and Mary Jo for publicizing it within the Arabian world, Glenn Dupler for a yummy lunch, Kathleen Bryan for photos, and all of our participants: Heather

Petersen, Lisa and Sophie Nasrullah, Laura Smith, DVM, JJ Kane, Maureen Dunn, Jeff and Valerie Foltz, Jamee Amundson, Debbie King, Jay and Madalyn Smith, Mary Rae, Bill and Rhonda Horst, Lee VanNostern and all our equine participants as well!



A follow up report from the Sport Horse classes at Dressage in the Rockies the following weekend:

“Thanks so much to Kristi and Chad for their wonderful coaching. I was able to go to the triangle very confidently with my modestly bred two year old and get a very respectable 75% from Hilda Gurney.” -Laura Smith, DVM

Jay Smith also reported that he and Lauren Smith's mare Santiana had a much improved walk at the show!

Barn Spotlight: Blue Roof Equestrian Center (BREC)

By Beverly Swanson, Owner, Piaffe Design and Marketing

Walking into the grounds at Blue Roof Equestrian Center brings an immediate sense of calm serenity, from the welcoming riot of flower gardens along the fence line to the inspiring view of majestic Longs Peak in the distance. This is a barn that is gently organic, both in appearance and philosophy.

Owner Kristi Cooper says BREC is growing and evolving from the spirit that founded it: an honest respect for the horse as he was meant to be, and a belief that every horse has the capacity to become confident and light in his movement.

It began several years ago with a lesson from Dawn Fisher, now BREC's resident trainer, who was at Joder Stables at the time. "I started as a Western rider, did Little Britches, was even working on my Pro Rodeo card," says Kristi. Then, like many of us, family and career put horses on the back burner for several years. "When I came back to my equine roots, I decided to try English riding. Tried jumping until I took a few headers, then started with dressage. I knew there was an artistry there that I wanted, the feeling of lightness and beauty and effortlessness of true partnership. But the tension and stress of competitive dressage wasn't for me, I needed both more and less. That's when I found Dawn."



The grounds at Blue Roof Equestrian Center.

Dawn had been on her own quest to achieve new levels of harmony with her horses. She worked extensively with Karl Mikolka, former Chief Rider of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, her most influential mentor, with whom she trained for several years. She apprenticed under the expertise of Kathy Connelley, and attended clinics with Lendon Gray and with Anja Beran and Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, two forces in the dressage world to whose philosophy she ardently subscribes. Although she rode competitively at top levels back East, like Kristi, she wanted more of the dance. When the two met up, it was serendipity, and Blue Roof Equestrian Center was born.

"I admit it was a little selfish," says Kristi. "I wanted my own barn and I wanted Dawn to come train me there. Plus I wanted a place where my friends could bring their horses and ride with me. So I knew I had to build a facility that would live up to my vision. My husband and I purchased a fixer-upper, waded through the permitting process, and with Dawn's help planning and designing, proceeded to make our dreams a reality. Most importantly, I would like to recognize my husband Dave. Without him BREC would not exist. He built the barn (talk about blood sweat and tears!) and now continues to run it every day."

Now complete, BREC boasts 22 stalls, all with runs, in three separate areas: the original small barn with 4 stalls, a loafing shed with 8 separate runs with shelter, and 10 stalls attached to the north side of the arena. The oversized indoor arena is light and airy with mirrors, a comfortable spectator viewing area, and footing consisting of angulated sand with wood shavings and treated with mag chloride.

A nicely appointed rider lounge with a kitchen, two tack rooms, and convenient indoor bathroom facilities make life comfortable for the riders. Daily pasture turnout and personalized feeding 4X per day make life comfortable for the horses. The grounds and indoor areas are all clean and neat and

well-maintained, and friendly dogs and cats roam about greeting everyone.



Trainer Dawn Fisher, BREC owner Kristi Cooper, and guest clinician Manuel Trigo. Also present is Kristi's horse Traveler!

The barn is home to a diverse group of horses and riders whose common interest is enjoying their time together to the fullest, no matter what route

that may take. Dawn and Kristi both wanted a "user-friendly" barn, with a supportive, open atmosphere of learning. Dawn believes in "teaching something different every day" and Kristi is a strong proponent of cross-training, from trail riding to "dressage cow herding."

Both women have established a profoundly

rewarding relationship with international trainer Manuel Trigo, known for his emphasis on "light, lighter, lightest" and his intimate understanding of the language of horses. Together they have established BREC as a home for the furtherance of art in riding. "Every horse has the capacity for lightness, and good training should make any horse better and more confident, no matter what his breed or job."

Blue Roof Equestrian Center is located at 10951 Isabelle Road in Lafayette, CO. For more information on boarding, training and clinics, visit their website at www.bluroofequestrian.com or call 303-665-3241.



Omnibus Corrections 2011

ALL SHOWS: USEF Rule Change: Effective March 1, 2011, for dressage:

Anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders age 18 and over while on horses that are competing only in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above (including FEI Young Rider Tests, the USEF Developing Prix St. Georges Test and the USEF Brentina Cup Test).

USDF Region 5 Championship scores will count towards USDF & RMDS awards for 2012.

Page B-16:

- C. i. - should be colts/geldings
- C. ii. - should be colts/geldings
- C. iii. - should be colts/geldings

Page C-81: Class 11 should be Colt and Gelding Champion of Open Show / Great American / USDFBC Qualifier. (adds the word Gelding)

Shows added to schedule:

- September 11 Centaur Rising Show #2, postponed from July 17
- October 22 Dressage in Pink, Sextant Farms, Longmont, CO

NEW LOCATION AND DATE

2011 Adult Amateur Clinic with . . .



A Grand Prix dressage rider, Heather Robertson has competed successfully across Europe, North America and Canada. Heather and her home-bred Swedish Warmblood stallion Maguin were Short Listed for the Canadian Equestrian Team every year from 2001 to 2005. After winning Maguin's first Prix St Georges at the Golden State Dressage Show, Heather and Maguin flew to Holland to study under Edward Gal. In four years Heather became Gal's top assistant rider, and showed horses in both the VSN and the Pavo Cup Finals. She also enjoyed great success with Maguin at Prix St Georges and Intermediare 1 at CDI's in Austria, Italy and the Netherlands. In their first Grand Prix in Holland, Heather and Maguin placed second.

Heather works with riders and horses at all levels of dressage. Emphasis is put on developing correct basics. Riders learn to follow the Training Scale: Rhythm, Suppleness, Contact, Impulsion, Straightness and Collection. Attention to the rider's seat and correct aids helps riders develop the grace and effectiveness that makes dressage so beautiful.

Training of young horses is a specialty. Having started over 25 horses under saddle, and competed young stallions in the VSN (Dutch Championships for 3 year olds) the Pavo Cup, (Dutch Championships for 4 & 5 year olds), Heather enjoys working with young horses. Great care is taken to develop a horse that is confident, quiet, and focused on his rider.

Adult Amateurs with young horses are encouraged to ride!

Adult Amateurs (USEF Card) will be given rider spots first. Registration deadline – **August 1st** – NO REFUNDS after deadline. **Currently all rider spots have been filled. You will be put on waitlist.**

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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

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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.

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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.) _____

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

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HORSES

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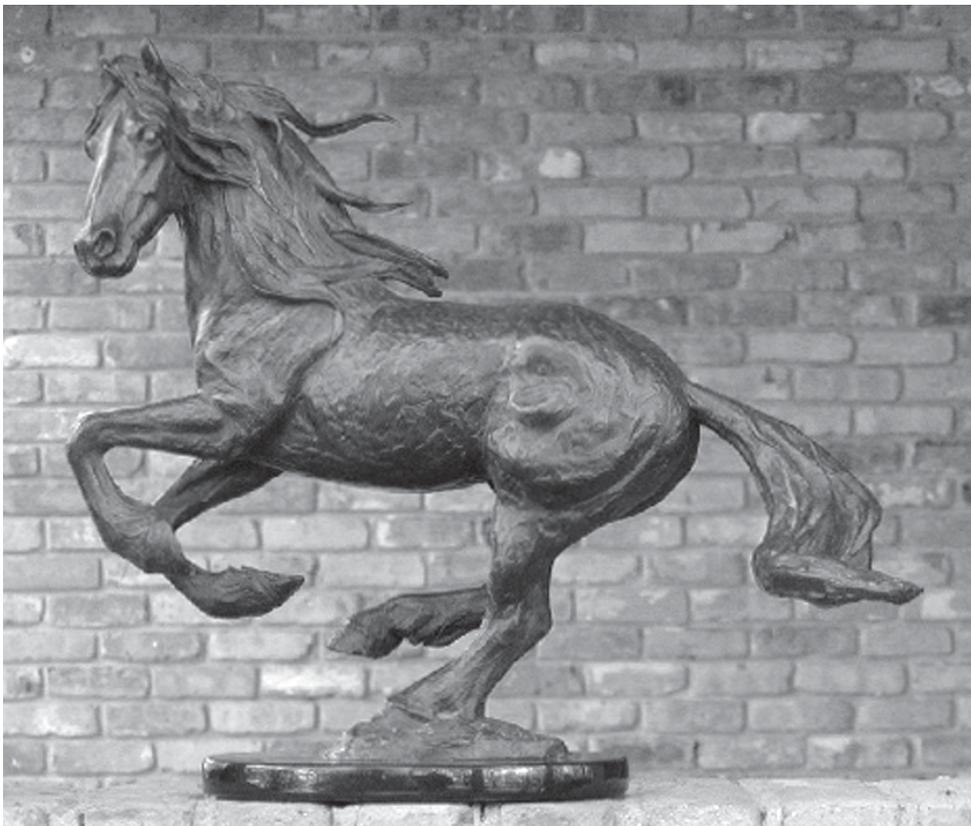
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Kathleen was born and raised in Louisiana. She moved to Colorado in 1992 to pursue her art career in sculpture. Kathleen currently lives in Wellington, CO with her dog and horses. She has always found ways to combine her love of horses and art. She majored in Graphic Design and Sculpture at Louisiana Tech University. Some of her sculpture can be seen on the *Back In The Saddle* website and in their catalog where she is a featured artist. Kathleen studied photography in school

and it is her latest artistic outlet. She can frequently be found at Dressage shows all around the state of Colorado. Her website is www.yourhorses.ifp3.com.