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## RMDS Youth Camp 2012 *By Julie Haugen*



About a year ago I agreed to take on the responsibilities as the RMDS Junior Young rider director. Joan Clay had taken on the responsibilities of the USDF Jr/ Yr position and promised she would help me with my new position. The year has flown by! She has been a tremendous help with every aspect of the camp and helped it to be a wonderful success. So many people need to be thanked for their part in its success. My husband has been instrumental in the organizing process, from emails to flyers, he has been my go to man. I have learned so many things about computers and the art of emailing. My daughter Whitney was my loyal assistant and spokesperson for the campers.

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## Journey to Gladstone *By Caroline Fernald*



Hi, I'm Caroline Fernald and I had the privilege of attending the 2012 FEI Pony Championships in Gladstone, New Jersey. I've been riding horses my whole life, but I started competing dressage five years ago when I was eight. Riding is the only competitive sport I do because, as we all know, it takes a lot of time and effort to have a horse, but it's worth it. My Mom owns a barn, about five minutes away from where we live, in Greenwood Village, CO. Throughout my life, I've done a little of everything, whether it be jumping in pony club, or western reining and trail riding at my grandparents ranch. However, dressage is by far my favorite!

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## Improve Your Skills with Quadrille Training

*By Beverly Swanson, The Horse reSource Group*



Riding with friends is always a nice diversion from the solitary practice we're usually subject to as dressage riders. And what could be better than joining friends in quadrille practice that will simultaneously improve our riding skills? There is no set number needed to practice—if you have four, that's perfect; if you have more, all the better!

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**NEWSFLASH!**

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**IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW THIS MONTH.**

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## President's Message



Lori and Unico GPA

As the show season comes to an end, RMDS Championships will begin and what a great time we will have. Susan Rudman, RMDS Show Chair, has been working with show management 2White Feet to coordinate a fun filled weekend for all RMDS members. Zumba to dinner, and

fashion show to shopping can all be experienced this year. Elaine Haberman volunteered to manage an RMDS Silent Auction that is sure to knock your socks off. Make sure you stop by and bid on items that help support the RMDS Championship show and help it make budget this year. Best of luck to all competitors—have a great time.

This year, the RMDS Board will be electing new board members. These positions include, Vice President, Adult Amateur Chairperson, Award Chairperson, Banquet Committee, Communication Chairperson, Jr/ Yr Chairperson, Education Chairperson, RMDS Show Committee and Chairperson, and Marketing and Scholarship Chairpersons. Maybe this is something you would be interested in? Your service will affect the dressage community by shaping the way the organization and sport move forward. If you want more information,

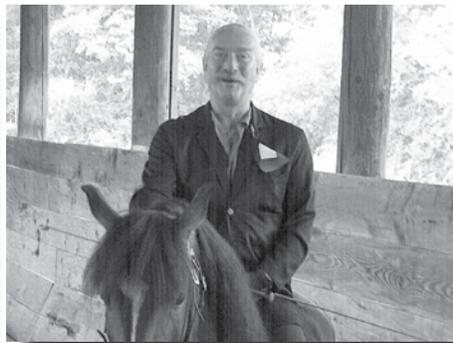
contact Laura Speer, Nominating Committee Chair ([riversidestables\\_evans@yahoo.com](mailto:riversidestables_evans@yahoo.com)), or feel free to contact me directly and I would be happy to discuss the positions with you.

I recently went to California to attend the Dominique Barbier Symposium, the fifth in the Classical Series at their vineyard. It was a truly enlightening three days. There are so many elements that make up a successful event, but I think the most important thing is the level of participation. There were engaging lectures and discussions at a very high level. Saturday night we had a champagne reception with live music, some super demonstration rides, and then a great catered meal in the stable. Enjoy a few photos. I have already made plans to return in January for the next Symposium and take some lessons while I'm there.

*-Lori Mitchell, President, RMDS*



Dominique and Ben Hur, playing at liberty.



Dominique on Saturday night giving a demo ride.



Dinner in the stable.



Sade and her horse, learning to piaffe. This horse will be featured in a Chrysler car commercial on August 14th.

***"We ride as we are."***

*-Dominique Barbier*



Rider from Canada taking a lesson.

## Colorado Springs

CSDA has been working to update our year-end award programs this year. Details on the new program will be added to the CSDA website soon. As part of this effort, we did an inventory of the trophies and found that several of them are missing with no record of when or to whom they were last awarded. 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 them. All trophies awarded in 2011 need to be returned to Joan no later than Sept. 15.

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](http://www.csdressage.org).

-Patricia Leech, President, CSDA

## Northern Colorado

NCDA members were treated to a presentation on "Western Dressage" given by Donna Baxter and her foundation bred QH gelding, Haint, on Saturday July 14th. This NCDA educational event was held at the Rocky Mountain Lazy J Bar S Ranch in Loveland. For those of you who have an appreciation for QH bloodlines, Haint is a grandson of Leo. Donna was assisted by Tina on her Saddlebred mare. In her introductory remarks, Donna articulated the history and rationale for the development of western dressage classes. She emphasized that classical dressage principles were maintained in the training of the western dressage horse. Donna gave a

mounted demonstration of the expectations for western dressage which included the connection of the rider to the horse's mouth through contact with the bit. Donna and Tina's horses also demonstrated the gaits that are characteristic of the QH and Saddlebred breeds. Donna discussed the conformation of the two horses and how it affected gaits and balance. Haint showed rhythm, regularity and engagement at the jog as well as a clear, three-beat lope. Western Dressage Terminology may be confusing for the uninitiated, that is, jog for trot and lope for canter, but the basic expectations are the same as the gaits in other dressage tests. Currently, the western dressage tests are equivalent to Introductory and Training Level tests in classical dressage.

Donna covered the "dos and don'ts" of tack and dress for both the horse and rider. The "Dos" included a colorful, coordinated western saddle, saddle blanket, and rider's wear including chaps and cowboy boots. Helmets are required, as are heeled boots. Both snaffles and leverage (aka curb) bits are permitted, tie-downs and martingales are not.

Western dressage is an evolving program and Donna expressed a willingness to talk about this new facet of dressage to any interested groups. She emphasized: "Western dressage is a fun thing to do, and there should be no fear to try something new. Enjoy your horses as they are and that includes being in a western saddle! It may turn out that someone would like it more than they ever thought they would."

Happy trails to you!

-Hana Van Campen, President, NCDA

## Boulder Valley

It's been a very toasty summer for horse showing. I want to commend all of our members who got out there and sweated it out anyway! Boulder Valley is hosting its "So Long To Summer" show on August 26th at Sextant Farm in Longmont. Hopefully many of you will come show your support as we usher out the Hottest summer we've had in a long time! September brings RMDS Championships in Parker and hopefully cooler temperatures. I know many members have qualified. We hope to see many of you there! Congratulations!

On August 22nd the National Young Horse Championships and National Young Developing Horse Championship will take place at Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne Du Page, Illinois. I want to congratulate Susan and Tom Alvey for qualifying their horse, High School; Diane Stanley and her horse, Karat; and Debi Voigt for qualifying her horse, Rohmero in the Young Developing Horse Championship. Riding these wonderful horses is trainer Petra Warlimont. She also qualified two of Somerset Farms horses, Matinee SF and Dostojewski SF, in the Championship. The classes they qualified for take only the top 15 in the country. It is very competitive. Colorado will be represented well!

For more information on Boulder Valley's shows and goings-on be on the lookout for our wonderful e-newsletter put together by Gwen Dordick in your inbox. If you would like to receive our newsletter please contact Gwen at [bvdrsvp@gmail.com](mailto:bvdrsvp@gmail.com).

-Kim Lampert, President, BVD

***A horse which stops dead just before a jump and thus propels its rider into a graceful arc provides a splendid excuse for general merriment.***

*-Duke of Endinburgh*

## 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.

### **RMDS Blue Polo Shirts**

Various Sizes in Inventory.

Check Website for Order Form.

### **Reminder from Awards Chair, Shannon Lemons**

Please return last year's trophies to Paragon at Estes Park, August 17-19, or Championships, Colorado Horse Park in Parker, September 20-23.

All trophies must be returned by the last day of Championships, September 23rd. Riders who do not return their awards by the end of Championships or make arrangements with Shannon to do so will be excluded from year-end awards.

### **Junior Young Rider Clinic Series!**

- September 15th & 16th, 2012
- Hosted by Stellar Stables
- Sponsored by *The Dressage Foundation*
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My pony is a 14.2 dark bay Morgan named Orrwood Madison Bay, or Missy. Missy was a from Morgan horse show barn in Springfield, Massachusetts, where she was shown in classic hunter pleasure and western pleasure. My Mom bought her for me when Missy was eight and I was six and not ready for a warm blood. However, as soon as Missy started learning dressage she became more sensitive to the aids and became too hot for me. My Mom decided to pass off Missy to my older sister, Victoria for about three years until I was ready to take the reins again. The past three years, Missy and I competed at training, first and second levels, going to Morgan Nationals in Oklahoma City, as well as RMDS Championships and Regionals. The highest score Missy and I ever got was a 72% at Morgan Nationals. I think it's safe to say Missy and I are inseparable.

Photo courtesy Susan J Stickle, © 2012



Caroline Fernald on Orrwood Madison Bay at Gladstone, NJ in June.

Like I said earlier, I had the honor of attending the 2012 FEI Pony Championships at the Festival of Champions. The showing took place from June 8th-10th at the United States Equestrian Team Headquarters. Just like with Junior and Young Riders, there are requirements that must be fulfilled. First off, your pony must not exceed 149 centimeters, or 14.3, and the rider must be between the ages of 12 and 16. Then, there are FEI Pony tests. The pony individual and team tests are equivalent to 3rd level without canter half-passes and flying changes. In some ways the FEI Pony Tests seem harder than 3rd level because there are an enormous amount of transitions and tight twists and turns about every five seconds. I guess they figured that the ponies should show off how maneuverable they are!

The first time I heard about the Pony Division was at the 2011 USDF convention in San Diego, when Heather Peterson informed us that in dressage, ponies can be 14.3 hands or less. Until then I thought that 14.1 hands was the limit so I did not even know I had an official dressage pony. Right then, I knew I wanted to be a part of the program. So, we began the process. First, we had to send in our Declaration

of Intent, complete the FEI registration, and get Missy an FEI passport and pony card. Next, we had to find qualifying shows to get my scores in by May 28th. And then there was training and memorizing the tests, which was not easy! All this required a whole bunch of training and hard work! But it was all worth it.

Next came qualifying. To be able to qualify, you must ride the FEI Pony Team & Individual tests at three different qualifying shows. We went to Dressage for the Cure in Parker, Rocky Mountain Dressage 1 and 2 in Longmont, and we had to travel to Albuquerque, NM to the Horses Unlimited Dressage Challenge 1 and 2 show as Colorado did not have three qualifiers before the May 28th deadline. If I had missed any one of these, I wouldn't have been able to go to The Festival of Champions.

On June 1st my pony set off on the 2 ½ day drive from Colorado to New Jersey. The United States Equestrian Team Headquarters in Gladstone, NJ is the most beautiful facility I have ever been to. As we drove up I saw a glimpse of the "big" arena. There was a giant, old, historic looking mansion that had been converted to a barn and the USET headquarters. As I looked through, its doors opened into the main arena.

The facility gave off the atmosphere of historic importance, something that I never thought I could possibly be a part of.

My trainer, Katie Johnson, flew out on the 5th and we started schooling. The first two days of schooling Missy and I were both extremely nervous and tight, which is very unusual for both of us. I realized that I needed to be working with my pony, telling her it's OK, but instead I was just tensing up more and making it worse. So as soon as I got my head back to where it needed to be, we went to work.

The first time I went to the main arena to school was the most intimidating experience of my life. We walked up the little gravel road to see that there were about 30 horses swarming the arena, including Stephen Peters on Legalos and Jan Ebeling on Rafalca. Katie told me

just to relax and pretend Missy and I were the only ones there. The first couple minutes were quite horrible because I kept looking around to see someone passaging or in the middle of a set of one tempis, but then Katie started singing to me about my pretty pony and I started to focus. It may sound crazy but it worked. We trotted around the outside and I even had the guts to enter the arena. I survived.

Now, Saturday was here and all I could think about was getting in the arena and showing the judges my pony, but unfortunately I didn't ride until around 5:30. Let's just say it was a long day. Finally, it was time to get ready and go warm up. Surprisingly, the show days were easier for me than the schooling days. Missy and I were in a warm up all by ourselves and we got out there and just rode. As soon as I knew it, I was walking into the arena to begin my test. Katie had told me to hold back on impulsion today (since Missy had been so jazzed up during the schooling days) and focus on consistency. I ended up getting a 62%, which was lower than I had hoped for but still put me in 3rd place. I repeated that whole day again on Sunday, but in my individual test we went for more impulsion, losing a little bit of that consistency, but the judges liked to see impulsion so I got a 63%!

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**We look forward to qualifying for and riding in Championships  
As it is the culmination of the show season.  
So, let's make the most of it.  
Even if you are not riding,  
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All events are open to everyone to audit or participate unless otherwise stated. A great opportunity to continue your learning!

### 2012

Sept 20	RMDS Breed Show, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
Sept 21-23	RMDS Championships, Colorado Horse Park, Parker, CO
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 - OPEN TO ALL
Feb 22	Trainers' discussion with George Williams-TBA
Feb 23-24	Symposium with George Williams, Tomora Training Center, Greeley, 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](http://www.rmids.org), or contact the RMDS Central Office at 720-890-7825, [rmids@rmids.org](mailto:rmids@rmids.org).

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## RMDS PAID POSITIONS

**Every two years, RMDS goes through the open bid process for paid positions.**

**The following positions are up for bid and/or renewal:**

- **2013 JR/YR Camp, Bids due by September 5, 2012**

**These are paid RMDS positions for qualified persons. Contracts will be awarded at the September Executive Board meeting.**

**Call the RMDS Central Office, email [rmids@rmids.org](mailto:rmids@rmids.org), or go to the RMDS website for guidelines about the position.**

**Bids must be received by September 5, 2012. We hope you will plan to attend the September Executive Board meeting as there may be questions asked of you.**

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## RMDS CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE

**Arkansas Valley:** 4th Tuesday, 6 pm, Sunflower Bank in Canon City. Jamee Amundson, 308-672-1364, piaffenpassage@aol.com

**Boulder Valley:** 2nd Mon., even months, location TBD, Kim Lampert, 303-638-3606, Dive4java@comcast.net

**Colorado Springs:** 3rd Tues., For location information contact Pat Leech, 719-749-2860, pat.leech@skybeam.com, www.CSDressage.org

**Foothills:** quarterly meetings, location TBD, Lori Mitchell, 303-816-2375, bandwdressage@aol.com

**Grand Valley:** 2nd Thurs. each month, location TBD, Inka Spatafora, 970-260-2660, classicaldressage@earthlink.net

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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 11. 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.

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Overall, I placed 3rd behind only one rider who competed with two horses and took Champion and Reserve Champion. I was extremely happy with Missy and my performance at our first FEI competition.

I got a couple very important things out of this experience. First, it opened this whole other door of possibilities for the future. There aren't many national programs for people my age and I am so thankful for this program and the experience it gives me. Second, seeing how far I really can go with my pony makes me want to strive for more in my riding. Now I have a set goal with Missy and a better idea of exactly what I want to accomplish in the future. In 2013 I hope to go back the Festival of Champions and also to earn my bronze medal. The combination of doing 2nd and 3rd level in the same year will be quite the challenge but I am ready up for the hard work!



## 2012- 2013 PLATINUM PERFORMANCE/USDF JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER CLINIC SERIES



REGION 5

FEATURING

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The Centaur newsletter is published monthly. To guarantee that ads and articles will run in a given month, they must be received by the 7th of the month prior to the month of publication, i.e. January 7th for the February edition. If not received by the deadline, articles and ads may be placed in the following issue, if not time sensitive.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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303-263-0768

1-2 **GVDS Fall Show, Mesa County Fairgrounds, Grand Junction, CO-USEF**  
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### NOVEMBER 2012

3-4 **USDF L Program, Final Exam, ADA Fall Fiesta, Scottsdale, Arizona.**  
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### FEBRUARY 2013

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23-24 **George Williams Symposium**  
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### SEPTEMBER 2013

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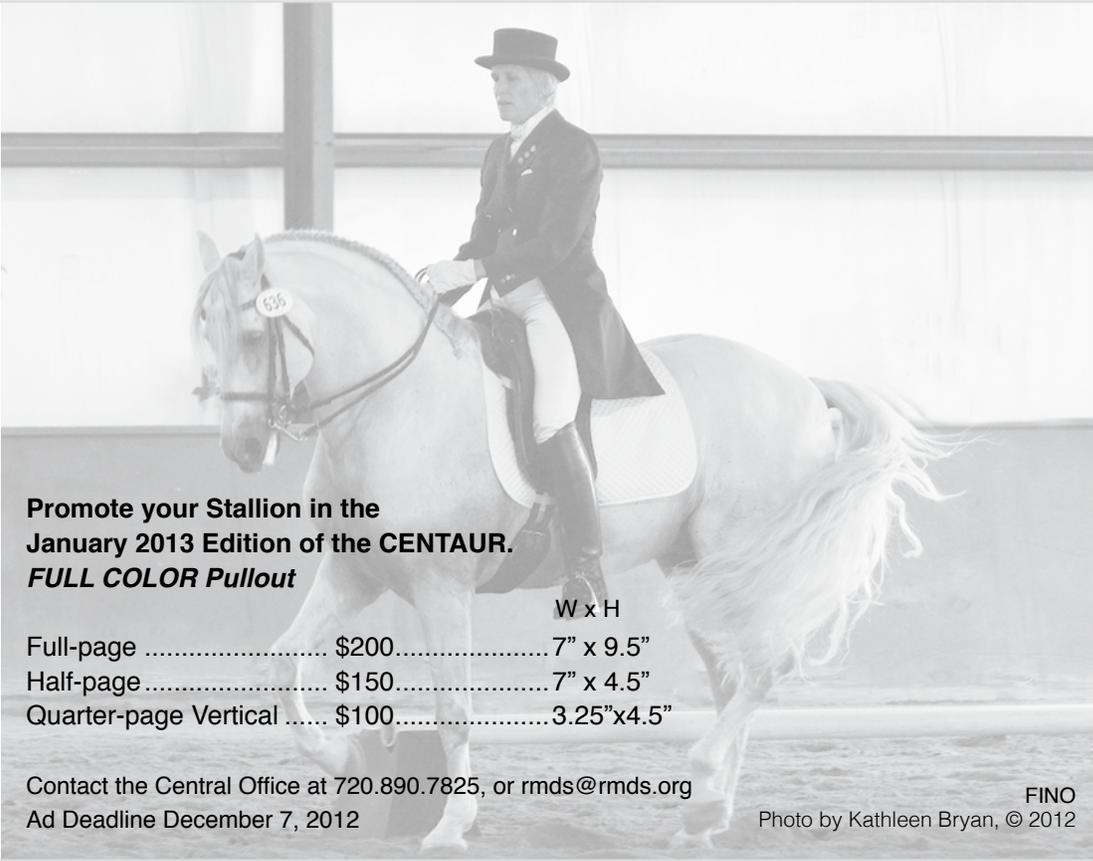
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Gold and our Young Riders medal once again! Congratulations to the Region 5 Young Riders for winning Team Gold for the third year in a row! Members of the Young Rider team were Madeleine Birch and Uoeri, Victoria Fernalld and Amazing, Brandi Roenick and Weltino's Magic, and Devon Wycoff and Power Play. Brandi Roenick and Weltino's Magic also took the Individual Gold medal and the Freestyle Gold medal. All of our girls finished in the top 15 for the Young Rider individual test but unfortunately we could only send our top 3 through to the Freestyle, so Victoria was not able to do her Freestyle with Amazing, though she did a great job of support and cheering for her fellow teammates during their Freestyle. Maddi and Devon finished 6th and 7th overall and did a great job.

We had one Junior attend NAJYRC in Kentucky: Bethany Roof with her horse Welkin. Unfortunately Welkin ended up not being quite sound before the jog and he was found to have some issues with a front foot that thankfully the great farriers and vets at NAJYRC were able to help her with. Bethany didn't get to ride but she was a great asset and wonderful person to have on the Region 5 team. GOOD JOB LADIES! Many thanks to our Region 5 FEI Junior/Young Rider coordinator, Joan Clay, who also was Chef d'Equipe for one of our teams, and many thanks

to the parents and trainers who helped our girls have a wonderful experience. Another special thanks goes to Sadie Lahey from Region 6, who came as a groom for Region 5 when her horse suffered an injury and was unable to come. This was a truly wonderful year for Region 5 at NAJYRC—I'm so proud of all of the girls and their support staff for such positive outlooks on life during the show, including their camaraderie. I can't wait to experience this great opportunity again with our teams in 2013.

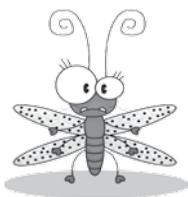
The USDF convention is coming up quickly and it's time to book your hotel rooms and airfare, and register for the convention and symposium. We are in New Orleans this year, December 5th-8th. Information and registration forms for the Convention and Symposium are available at [www.usdf.org/Convention/](http://www.usdf.org/Convention/). All Group Member Organizations (GMOs) were asked to designate their delegates for the USDF convention Board of Governors' meeting by August 31st, and if

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Don't forget, the Great American/USDF Region 5 Championships open August 20th and closes September 10th. Join us in Heber, Utah!

Till next month!

Heather Petersen, Region 5 Director



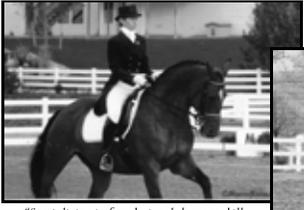
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# RMDS Youth Camp 2012

By Julie Haugen

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Bill Chunko was our camp Dad, and set up a wonderful group tent. He also made sure the campers tents were safe and secure. It was because of him that we could wash our hands and he provided a solar shower for those of us that wanted to get some of the dirt off. His nightly horse checks did not go unnoticed, and

had a mock show on Saturday and Amy Jablonovsky kindly donated her time to help judge the kids. Many other moms and friends pitched in to make great food and wonderful crafts. A big thanks to Diane Iwanicki, Anne Schmid, Lisa Couse, and of course Mary Lempke for her great food. We would have been unable to do any

of this without the use of the wonderful facility of Tomora Training Center.

We had ten campers that came from all over the state and even one from Texas, to participate in camp. For me

it was fun to meet these many wonderful kids and enjoy the horses with them all. The camp began on a Wednesday this year, and after all the horses were settled in, we got acquainted over lunch. Following lunch we had three group lessons and ended that day with a water fight, chicken tacos and some birthday ice cream sandwiches for one the campers, Ally Price. Our final project that day was making wonderful stall plates for the campers' equine counterparts.

Thursday the campers had the opportunity to be instructed by two former campers, Jessica Greer and Nichole Reinsvold. The heat didn't slow any of the kids' enthusiasm, and the water balloons helped too. The campers ended their busy second day decorating their shirts for the team competition.

We began Friday with private lessons working on the dressage tests they had chosen to ride for Saturday's show, as many of the campers stayed to test their skills in the Team competition as well. After lunch we attempted to watch some of the USDF JR/Yr Championship, but technical difficulties stopped us in our tracks. Nichole rode Jack and demonstrated upper level movements for the campers. It was fun to talk with them all and I was impressed with their knowledge. In the later afternoon we grabbed the horses and commenced the serious fun. In the indoor, we used eight of the horses bareback and did many different games on horse back. We all had a blast! It was so fun seeing the kids laugh and enjoy the horses. We ended that day with a campfire and cookout thanks to Bill.

**“The heat didn't slow any of the kids' enthusiasm, and the water balloons helped too.”**

everything he did made the time there better for all of us. Natalie Ellis graciously decided she did have the time to be the assistant camp director. Her involvement was priceless! We had a wonderful time together and the campers all loved her! Of course her wonderful husband Crieg was there when we needed him too! It was fun to have Nichole Reinsvold and Jessica Greer as our guest instructors. The campers had a great time with them and learned lots. We



The campers spelling the word "dressage." (Yes, the ss are backwards.)

In the morning we were all serious with our mock show. The kids put their hearts and souls on the line. They all tried so hard to remember all the things we had worked on in the days prior. Emotions of joy and tears of frustration flowed throughout the morning. I was so proud of each of them for their endeavors, they all pushed themselves, some to new levels and others to their first time down centerline. We ended our camp with a great lunch, some fun awards, and great parting gifts from Pinnacle Horseware.

In the end, we all had a great time. I loved sharing my love for horses and dressage with the youth of the area and getting to know all of their individual and unique personalities. I also loved having so many wonderful people come together to help me. I have learned that if you ask, there are many that will help! Most of the campers stayed and enjoyed the team competition the next day, and so we all had one more night to hang out and enjoy the heat. Did I mention it was super hot! It helped to remind us that it was summer. So here's to another year, and thanks again to the campers, listed alphabetically: Erik Chunko, Raissa Chunko, Dani Couse, Tita Curtin, Tecla Gough, Danielle Iwanicki, Bug Karls, Eva Morrison, Ally Price, and Chloe Schmid. 🐾🐾🐾



The campfire.

### Reminiscences

Chloe wrote a few words about her experience. "My favorite parts of camp were all of the games and riding bareback! I also loved the private lessons and the schooling show. Pretty much everything rocked!"

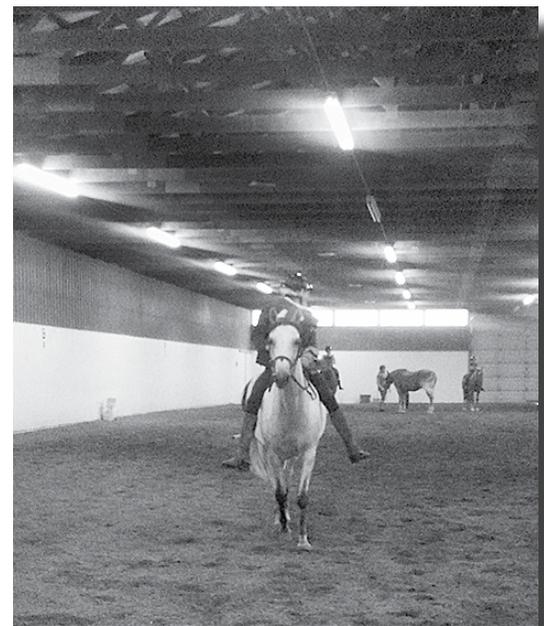
Eva gave a wonderful response to me about her experience. "RMDS camp this year was a really wonderful experience, and a great way to develop as a junior and/or young rider. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot from different people, which is good when it comes to not having the same instructor all the time. We had fantastic "counselors" and everyone at camp was very helpful. I had a young horse and I think it was also a positive learning experience for her. Thanks so much to everyone involved with camp."



Tecla and Lynx.



A group photo of all the campers plus Natalie, Bill, Whitney and Julie.



Eva and Prima.

# Improve Your Skills with Quadrille Training

By Beverly Swanson, The Horse reSource Group, Photos by Chad Remsing

Cont'd from pg 1

**Quadrille originated as a necessity on the field of battle, when horses and soldiers were required to move in alignment and synchronicity. This could involve up to 180 pairs in a squadron, and the integrity of the cavalry line rose or fell on the ability to move in coordinated formation. Today's quadrilles are more recognized as the precision work of the Spanish Riding School in Austria, the Real Escuela in Spain, and the Saumur in France.**

This summer, trainer TJ Sommerfield organized classes to learn the quadrille, open to anyone and any breed of horse. The group meets every two weeks to practice at Tuscan Hill, generously provided by owner Sandra Miller. Although off to a bit of a shaky start, the group has coalesced into a working "squadron" consisting of eight regular riders and horses including Andalusians, Arabs, warmbloods, and a Tennessee Walker.

Basic dressage principles make for the best quadrille performance, but it can be challenging for four horses and riders—much less eight—to perform "as one," especially when just starting out, and when riders and horses are at different levels of training. A diversity of horse breeds and gaits can also pose a challenge in "keeping the line." So be patient and work on the basic directives:

**Spacing**—both longitudinal spacing (one behind the other) and lateral spacing (side-by-side) within the group should stay the same. The ideal is to line up the riders shoulder-to-shoulder.

**Synchrony** reflects the team's ability to perform with uniformity and precision as a group, whether changing direction or moving from one figure

to another. It also applies to other details, such as requiring all riders to either sit or post the trot, not a little of both.

**Alignment**—both longitudinal and lateral, is very dependent on synchrony in the execution of movements and figures.

**Spacing** can teach you to control your horse's speed and gait to match that of your partner and the rest of the riders in the column. Controlling your horse's gait to match another's requires you to pay close attention to your seat and leg

aids in order to speed up or slow down in small intervals.

**Synchrony** requires that you pay attention to not only the lead horse and your partners on either side, but to be prepared and to know your test movements.

**Alignment**, especially in the movements such as obliques and windmill, combines both skills of spacing and synchrony to produce a pleasing picture of horses moving in harmony.



Pair Align.



Thread the Needle.



Quad Circle.



Oblique.



Diagonal Pairs.

## A Few Quadrille Definitions

**Column Alignment:** Whether single file or in pairs, refers mainly to centerline work. Alignment should be such that the judge can only see the first rider or (if in pairs) riders.

**Lateral Alignment:** Mainly seen when riders turn individually from the long side and go across the arena. The judge should be able to see only the nearest rider when alignment is good. It is the riders' bodies that are aligned, not the horses' heads.

**Column or File:** Used interchangeably to describe riding one behind the other, either single file or double file (in pairs).

**Fan Formation:** When coming down the centerline in pairs for a salute, the second and following pairs split and the riders fan out to come up along side of the center pair.

**Oblique:** Refers to an angular line of travel from the centerline to the side or from the side to the centerline or opposite side of the arena, as opposed to straight across.

**Pass Through:** Refers to pairs approaching each other, making sufficient room to allow one horse to pass between the approaching two horses. (see Thread the Needle)

**Thread the Needle:** A movement in which riders coming single file from the corners of the arena cross each others' path alternately on the centerline.

**Windmill:** The windmill is a movement built of graduated circles around the center. The horses in the center move in a very small circle, while the next pairs move in a slightly larger circle, etc. The result should be look like the two arms of a windmill rotating around its center.

Note: The training level quadrille test is available at the USDF website: ([www.usdf.org/docs/tests/dressage/quadrilletraining.pdf](http://www.usdf.org/docs/tests/dressage/quadrilletraining.pdf)).



### 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado Springs | <input type="checkbox"/> High Plains (Parker, Littleton, Aurora) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wasatch Mountains (Utah)            |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> N. Colorado (Ft. Collins, Loveland)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Colorado (Aspen, Vail etc.) |

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**

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### 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# USDF Junior and Adult Team Competition 2012 *By Julie Haugen*

This year was a huge success for the Team competition. We had 47 riders, which made us need to add a second arena.

Teams had wonderful uses of color—it was so fun to see how creative people were with their color. The horses were decked out in green, purple, pink, and orange to name just a few. There were sparkling purple hooves, a cowboy

in pink, and of course, a pony in pink! We even had a Bronco team! It was so fun to see the various levels of riders and horses all there to enjoy a day of fun and camaraderie.

A special thanks to Tomora Training Center for generously donating their wonderful facility for the event. We were so happy to have the space to grow and the arena to set! Everyone had a

wonderful time, and so many pitched in to make sure the day was a success. As the manager, I was so taken by the outpouring of help from the mothers, friends, fathers, and brothers and sisters that came. Not to mention the many members of the RMDS board that came. It was because of all these folks that the day succeeded.



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*Burberry Blanket* By Ravay Snow, 16x20" Acrylic on Canvas

A Colorado native and lifelong artist, Ravay Snow rounded out her undergraduate art degree at the College of William and Mary in Virginia with a focus on drawing and watercolors. She worked for many years as a children's author and illustrator before she began using acrylic paints.

Over the past several years, she has focused on painting a series of award-winning modern realism paintings depicting members of the animal kingdom. Her vibrant dog and cat paintings are featured prominently in a number of Colorado galleries and animal-related businesses, and she works with clients across the country to create custom portraits of their animals.

Earlier this year, Ravay began to turn her attention to equine-themed art. She loves working with clients through the photo shoots, which are included in her rates for her Denver clients. Ravay primarily works out of her studio in Littleton and, in the winter, Scottsdale.

She also loves that the subjects of her portraits never think she makes them look too fat. At least they don't say so.

For inquiries about one-of-a-kind portraits of your animal, Ravay can be reached through email at [ravay@comcast.net](mailto:ravay@comcast.net), or by telephone at 303-434-4960. More samples of her work can be seen at [www.ravaysnow.com](http://www.ravaysnow.com), or by accessing her Facebook page at Ravay Snow, Fine Artist.