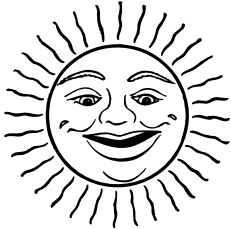


# Colorado Springs Dressage Association



# August 2007



## Special points of interest:

- President's Letter
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- Meeting Preview
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## Upcoming events...

August 21 - CSDA General Meeting - 7pm - Perkins

Sept 1 - CSDA Aspen Ridge Schooling Show

Sept 2 - CSDA Aspen Ridge RMDS Show

Sept 18 - CSDA General Meeting - 7pm

Sept 26-30 - RMDS/USDF Championships

## President's Message

Dear Fellow Riders:

Summer is almost over and show season is nearing its end. The last CSDA show for the season will be held at Aspen Ridge on Sep 1 and Sep 2. Sep 1 will be a schooling show, Sep 2 a RMDS recognized show. Here is your opportunity to get some of those last minute scores for Championships or to show off all your hard work that you did over the summer. Some of you have new horses and this might be your first opportunity to get them out. Best of luck to all of you. And of course, we could use a few volunteers. If you still need to get some hours in to qualify for CSDA year-end awards (remember you need to have 4 volunteer hours) – this is your last chance to do this. We certainly can't do it without you and we appreciate your help very much.

Speaking of showing, I had the opportunity last weekend to perform a Pax de Deux together with Frances Carbonnel. How much fun we had, even if the execution of our routine still needs a lot of work. The crowd certainly appreciated everything we did. What struck me the most, was the wonderful atmosphere. There was a lot of excitement and certainly nervousness just like at competition. However everyone was positive, encouraging and supportive. All the other riders wanted to meet our horses, inquired about our ride, the ones that watched were congratulatory – in other words: I am hooked. I do enjoy competition but this is just a lot more fun, of course it might have had something to do with the picnic my husband packed for us: Crackers, brie, sandwiches, chocolate, fruit and champagne – can't beat that.

If anyone is interested – I would love to put together a group to do quadrille or even help you with a Pax de Deux. Most horses love music, so do the riders. There are many opportunities to exhibit and have fun. Isn't that why we have our equine partners in the first place?

Happy riding,  
Simone

