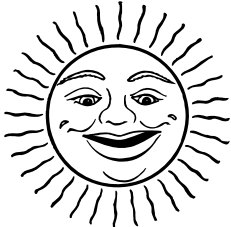


Colorado Springs Dressage Association



January 2009



Special points of interest:

- CSDA Awards Dinner and Meeting Information
- Classifieds
- Sponsorship packet
- Meeting minutes

Upcoming events...

January 11 - CSDA General Meeting and Awards

Ocean's Grill, 5pm. 7665 N Academy Blvd.

February 17 - CSDA General Meeting 7pm - City Hall

March 17 - CSDA General Meeting - 7pm - City Hall

April 24 - CSDA Arabian and Open Dressage Show

April 25-26 - CSDA Dressage for the Cure at the Peak

From the Desk of the CSDA President

Colorado Springs Dressage Association needs your help!

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Renee's Friends Fund. CSDA's spring show will be held in 2009 as "Dressage for the Cure at the Peak" at the Norris Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs, April 24, 25 and 26.

How can you help?

1. We need items for the silent and possibly live auction to be held on the 25th of April. Since Colorado Springs Dressage Association and Renee's Friends Fund are non-profit organizations your contributions are tax-deductible.
2. We are looking for sponsors at different levels - class sponsorships start at \$50. There are many different levels available - all the way to main sponsorships at \$2,000. Would you like to sponsor in honor of a loved one? Maybe you know a business that would be interested or you would like to market your own business to a highly desirable demographic group. Find out all the details about sponsoring at the CSDA website www.csdressage.org and click on SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE on the main page. It is also included here in this newsletter for you.
3. We are bringing back the "Evening under the Lights" on Saturday, the 25th of April. For this evening we need about one hour to 90 minutes worth of riding performances - anything from Quadrilles, to musical freestyles, Pas de Deux. Performances are not limited to dressage either, if you know of someone with a good reining freestyle, a jumping quadrille or something entertaining on horseback - please have them contact Simone at either 719-287-2040 or wjsimone@msn.com.

**THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER
UNLESS YOU RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
TODAY!!!**

NEXT CSDA EVENT!

**CSDA General Meeting and Awards Dinner
January 11th, 2009
5:00 pm
The Ocean's Grill
7665 N. Academy Blvd.**

Classified Ads

FOR SALE - 1/2 Welsh, 1/2 Thoroughbred gray mare, 14 years old. She has competed in training level dressage, been ridden on various trails, jumps 18", done a pair-pace, participated in a 3-day "camp", 2 horsemanship clinics and relaxes very well to unfamiliar objects and noises presented to her. She needs an attentive owner who will exercise her 2-3 times a week. Priced at \$3000. Call Greta at 528-1973 evenings or leave message.

FOR SALE - 17 in. medium tree Albion Original Comfort Dressage saddle. Excellent condition. Includes stirrups, leathers, girth and new cover. \$750.00 or best offer. Jean Patton - 719-487-8781

Dressage made Easier -Now accepting students for dressage lessons.

Teaching at Whispering Winds in Monument and Mariah Farms in Castle Rock. USDF "L" Graduate Simone Windeler, call 719-287-2040. www.windelerdressage.com

Heather J. McEntee Dressage at GM Ranch.

Beautiful 35 acre equine facility in Sedalia. Indoor arena, outdoor arena, 2 round pens, trails. Stalls with turnout and field board available. Boarding/Lesson packages, Lease packages, Lessons, School horses offered. Dressage instruction/training through 2nd level. Call Heather 719-338-9913

Riding Lessons - Classical Riding. Natural Understanding. Soft, respectful horses & knowledgeable, capable riders. Our place, our horses or your place, your horses. Call Ursula Fuengerlings at Rider of the Lost Art (719) 347-3291.

Trailers for sale....Warmblood or Oversize Trailers Available....both bumper pull and gooseneck, aluminum, aluminum-skin, and steel. Call Emmy's Trailers at (719) 495-4188.

Many Thanks to The Horse in Sport!

They graciously donated all the wonderful high points for the Dressage at the Peak II shows in Estes Park. Please consider supporting their business in return.



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Dressage for the Cure at the Peak

April 25-26, 2009 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Saturday Night Main Sponsor - \$2000

Being held this year "Under the Lights" in the Indoor Arena.

Your Corporate Name will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor, and will appear everywhere the show is used in print and advertising. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the RMDS Centaur, a monthly publication reaching over 1000 people and on the CSDA website.

- Title Sponsorship of one of our most public event during the weekend – the Evening Under the Lights – set beautifully in our indoor venue, with seating for spectators, catered appetizers and drinks.
- Company logo printed on competitor/volunteer check-in bags.
- Company logo printed on volunteer and competitor t-shirts.
- Company logo banner(s) (supplied by you) prominently displayed in main show arenas and at show grounds entrance (will display up to 4 banners).
- 2 Full-page color ads in show program.
- Company name announced throughout show as an Event sponsor. Named frequently throughout the show, during the evening event and also in all publications of schedule of rides.
- Prime Trade Fair space in Vendor area.
- Write-up in all event PR as a sponsor, showcased especially with the tickets sales for the Evening Under the Lights.
- 8 free tickets to the Evening Under the Lights, showcasing Dressage, Saturday April 25.

Arena Named Sponsor - \$1500

Your Corporate Name will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor, and will appear everywhere the show is used in print and advertising. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the RMDS Centaur, a monthly publication reaching over 1000 people and on the CSDA website.

- Title Sponsorship of one of our two competition arenas – one set beautifully in a natural amphitheater, the other set in our indoor venue, with seating for spectators present at both.
- Company logo printed on competitor/volunteer check-in totes.
- Company logo printed on volunteer and competitor t-shirts.
- Company logo banner(s) (supplied by you) prominently displayed in main show arena and at show grounds entrance (will display up to 3 banners).
- Full-page color ad in show program.
- Company name announced throughout show as an Arena sponsor. Named with each rider and also in all publications of schedule of rides.
- Prime Trade Fair space in Vendor area.
- Write-up in all event PR as a sponsor
- 6 free tickets to the Evening Under the Lights, showcasing Dressage, Saturday April 25.

Merchandise Sponsor - \$500

Your Corporate Name/logo will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the RMDS Centaur, a monthly publication reaching over 1000 people and on the CSDA website. Your company logo will be printed on all competitor/volunteer totes and all competitor/volunteer t-shirts. You will also receive 2 free tickets to the Evening Under the Lights, showcasing Dressage, Saturday April 25.

T-Shirt Sponsor - \$300

Your Corporate Name/logo will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the RMDS Centaur, a monthly publication reaching over 1000 people and on the CSDA website. Your company logo will be printed on all competitor/volunteer t-shirts. You will also receive 1 free ticket to the Evening Under the Lights, showcasing Dressage, Saturday April 25.

Tote Sponsor - \$250

Your Corporate Name/logo will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the RMDS Centaur, a monthly publication reaching over 1000 people and on the CSDA website. Your company logo will be printed on all competitor/volunteer totes. You will also receive 1 free ticket to the Evening Under the Lights, showcasing Dressage, Saturday April 25.

Banner Sponsor - \$200

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Vendor Space - \$100

Your company will receive booth space for duration of show. No tents, tables or electric provided. Discount on advertising space in the show program will apply. Company name will be listed on official web sites.

Class Sponsorship - \$50

Your Corporate Name/logo will be included as an official CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund Show Sponsor. In addition, we will provide your company additional visibility via the CSDA website. Your name will be published in the show program and will also be in all ride schedules. Your name will be announced with all rides in the class that you sponsor.

***ITEM FOR SILENT AUCTION _____

NAME (AS YOU WISH TO BE LISTED) _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

FAX _____

EMAIL _____

WEBSITE _____

PACKAGE (S) _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

October 2008 CSDA MEETING Minutes

Simone Windeler called the meeting to order at 7PM at Colorado Springs City Hall. Present were Elaine Thomas, Judy Carnick, Heather Petersen, Jean Patton, Simone Windeler, Elaine Haberman, Karl & Joan Stang, CiCi Lee, Ron Bruyneel, Sarah Tresouthick, Stephanie Burton, Carolyn Kelly and Sharon Mezell.

Our first item of business was the basket for BOG. Anyone having anything to donate to our basket, please have it to Simone by Nov. 3 – either at her house or Whispering Winds. The theme is painted horses.

Heather mentioned that we promised the membership a reduced rate clinic if we had enough money. It was decided that we would have a clinic with Sarah Martin on Nov. 22 & or 23. The Club will pay for 50% of each lesson for club members who have volunteered during the year. We hope to hold it at either Simone Ahern's or Whispering Winds.

Heather next announced that Aspen Ridge show would move next year due to loss of interest by Dr. Woodall in holding shows at his facility. It was decided to hold the show at Whispering Winds on August 29th and 30th. Elaine Thomas will secretary the Show and Heather will TD the Sunday show. The office fees will be raised \$5.00.

The July Show is still undecided. Penrose will only let us use the stadium which would limit us to one arena and we have 3 judges. Heather is planning on rechecking with Estes Park in the hopes that the Hunter-Jumper show they have on their books will not happen. There is really no where else to go. Stalls being the biggest problem.

We next had a lengthy discussion on the April Show which will be held at Penrose in conjunction with Dressage for the Cure. Nothing has been set in stone as yet but it was decided to have an organizational meeting for our April show, Dressage for the Cure at the Peak, on November 3rd. We'll meet at 7 pm at Perkins on Chelton and Platte. We would like to start setting up some committees and get the sponsorship and planning process under way. We need all hands on board for this event as we form a new partnership with Renee's Friends Fund. All proceeds from the event (show, silent auction, Evening Under the Lights, etc) will go to Renee's Friends Fund to help breast cancer survivors.

We accepted nominations for new officers and Carolyn Kelly was nominated for Vice President. CiCi talked about where to have the Awards Banquet. It was decided to hold it at Oceans Grill, 5PM on 11 January. Ocean's Grill has a private room and an excellent buffet at a reasonable price. We also discussed having a Pony Rider of the Year Award starting in 2009.

The next regular CSDA meeting will be November 18, which will be elections and discussions of new rules and regulations for 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Patton

2009 CSDA Elected Officers

President - Simone Windeler - 719.287.2040; wjsimone@msn.com
Vice President - Carolyn Kelly - 719.471.9031; cmkellylaw@aol.com
Secretary - Elaine Haberman - elainehaberman@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer - Heather Petersen - 719.683.8435; slush@drgw.net

To Have a Horse in Your Life

To have a horse in your life is a gift. In the matter of a few short years, a horse can teach a young girl courage, if she chooses to grab mane and hang on for dear life. Even the smallest of ponies is mightier than the tallest of girls. To conquer the fear of falling off, having one's toes crushed, or being publicly humiliated at a horse show is an admirable feat for any child. For that, we can be grateful.

Horses teach us responsibility. Unlike a bicycle or a computer, a horse needs regular care and most of it requires that you get dirty and smelly and up off the couch. Choosing to leave your cozy kitchen to break the crust of ice off the water buckets is to choose responsibility. When our horses dip their noses and drink heartily; we know we've made the right choice.

Learning to care for a horse is both an art and a science. Some are easy keepers, requiring little more than regular turn-out, a flake of hay, and a trough of clean water. Others will test you - you'll struggle to keep them from being too fat or too thin. You'll have their feet shod regularly only to find shoes gone missing. Some are so accident-prone you'll swear they're intentionally finding new ways to injure themselves.

If you weren't raised with horses, you can't know that they have unique personalities. You'd expect this from dogs, but horses? Indeed, there are clever horses, grumpy horses, and even horses with a sense of humor. Those prone to humor will test you by finding new ways to escape from the barn when you least expect it.

Horses can be timid or brave, lazy or athletic, obstinate or willing. You will hit it off with some horses and others will elude you altogether. There are as many "types" of horses as there are people - which makes the whole partnership thing all the more interesting.

If you've never ridden a horse, you probably assume it's a simple thing you can learn in a weekend. You can, in fact, learn the basics on a Sunday, but to truly ride well takes a lifetime. Working with a living being is far more complex than turning a key in the ignition and putting the car or tractor in "drive."

In addition to listening to your instructor, your horse will have a few things to say to you as well. On a good day, he'll be happy to go along with the program and tolerate your mistakes; on a bad day, you'll swear he's trying to kill you. Perhaps he's naughty or perhaps he's fed up with how slowly you're learning his language. Regardless, the horse will have an opinion. He may choose to challenge you (which can ultimately make you a better rider) or he may carefully carry you over fences - if it suits him. It all depends on the partnership - and partnership is what it's all about.

If you face your fears, swallow your pride, and are willing to work at it, you'll learn lessons in courage, commitment, and compassion in addition to basic survival skills. You'll discover just how hard you're willing to work toward a goal, how little you know, and how much you have to learn.

And, while some people think the horse "does all the work", you'll be challenged physically as well as mentally. Your horse may humble you completely. Or, you may find that sitting on his back is the closest you'll get to heaven.

You can choose to intimidate your horse, but do you really want to? The results may come more quickly, but will your work ever be as graceful as that gained through trust? The best partners choose to listen, as well as to tell. When it works, we experience a sweet sense of accomplishment brought about by smarts, hard work, and mutual understanding between horse and rider. These are the days when you know with absolute certainty that your horse is enjoying his work.

If we make it to adulthood with horses still in our lives, most of us have to squeeze riding into our over saturated schedules; balancing our need for things equine with those of our households and employers. There is never enough time to ride, or to ride as well as we'd like. Hours in the barn are stolen pleasures.

If it is in your blood to love horses, you share your life with them. Our horses know our secrets; we braid our tears into their manes and whisper our hopes into their ears. A barn is a sanctuary in an unsettled world, a sheltered place where life's true priorities are clear: a warm place to sleep, someone who loves us, and the luxury of regular meals. Some of us need these reminders. When you step back, it's not just about horses - it's about love, life, and learning. On any given day, a friend is celebrating the birth of a foal, a blue ribbon, or recovery from an illness. That same day, there is also loss: a broken limb, a case of colic, a decision to sustain a life or end it gently. As horse people, we share the accelerated life cycle of horses: the hurried rush of life, love, loss, and death that caring for these animals brings us. When our partners pass, it is more than a moment of sorrow.

We mark our loss with words of gratitude for the ways our lives have been blessed. Our memories are of joy, awe, and wonder. Absolute union. We honor our horses for their brave hearts, courage, and willingness to give.

To those outside our circle, it must seem strange. To see us in our muddy boots, who would guess such poetry lives in our hearts? We celebrate our companions with praise worthy of heroes. Indeed, horses have the hearts of warriors and often carry us into and out of fields of battle.

Listen to stories of that once-in-a-lifetime horse; of journeys made and challenges met. The best of horses rise to the challenges we set before them, asking little in return.

Those who know them understand how fully a horse can hold a human heart. Together, we share the pain of sudden loss and the lingering taste of long-term illness. We shoulder the burden of deciding when or whether to end the life of a true companion.

In the end, we're not certain if God entrusts us to our horses--or our horses to us. Does it matter?
We're grateful God loaned us the horse in the first place.

Author Unknown



RMDS Membership Form

RMDS is a USDF Group Member Organization. All members are automatically USDF Group Members.

Individual Membership - \$55.00 (\$60 after January 1)

Additional family members (same address) - \$40

Business Memberships- \$75.00 Centaur newsletter only - \$35.00 Life Membership - \$650.00

All business memberships include one individual membership.

Please include all information for person designated as individual member.

All individual members will receive Centaur newsletter & the Omnibus.

Indicate Local Chapter (only one):

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| <input type="radio"/> Boulder Valley | <input type="radio"/> Arkansas Valley | <input type="radio"/> Foothills (Golden, Evergreen) |
| <input type="radio"/> High Plains (Parker, Littleton, Aurora) | <input type="radio"/> Colorado Springs | <input type="radio"/> Penrose (Canon City) |
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| | <input type="radio"/> 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 pledge to the USDF Capital Campaign. (Include amount with your membership check)

Type of Membership: (check one) Individual Business Family Centaur Only

____ Please remove my name from lists sold by RMDS Renewing member: Need another binder-**include additional \$8.00**

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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.

→ The name on this registration must be the same as that used on horse show entry forms.

Lifetime Horse Registration Fee - \$40.00 Changes (i.e., owner or horse's name) \$15.00

Horse Name _____ Sex _____

Breed (if known) _____ Registration No. (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 (Home) _____ (E-Mail) _____

Name of Representative (If owner is a business) _____

Membership & horse registration acknowledged via postcard. Mail completed form with check made payable to RMDS

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**Next CSDA Meeting January 11th, 5PM. Ocean's Grill on N. Academy **

**Find the Sponsorship Packet for the upcoming
Dressage for the Cure at the Peak
On the CSDA Website.**

Help support CSDA and Renee's Friends Fund.

**Be Sure to Check out Our Website!!
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