



# *The Colorado Springs Dressage Association*

## **NEWSLETTER**

June 2003

### **Letter From the Editor**

I'd like to congratulate everyone on their fine rides at Dressage at the Peak and Dressage at the Peak Warm-Up. Thanks for making this year's show another success. Check your calendars and plan for next year's show, which will feature some outstanding judges and also be the setting for RMDS's L judge program.

Any news about you, your horse, your barn? Just email me with the information to

[slush@drgw.net](mailto:slush@drgw.net)

**All info must be emailed to me by the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month to be included. Thanks!**

### **Change of Venue for June Meeting!!!**

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**TUESDAY, June 17, 2003**

**Bennett's BBQ on North Academy**

### **From the President**

Greetings! Well I pulled it off, another successful adult camp. Great weather, great people and lots of food. We had 18 campers, 17 horses, 6 instructors, 2 guest speakers and 3 volunteers attending and several auditors. All the riding, ground and dinner presentations were wonderful. We had 30 people for dinner with Christine DeHerrera's 2002 WEG presentation. The fashion show by Horse Sportif with models, Deb Hindi, Pam Cobb and Jaime Alexander was a lot of fun. I am sure their sales went up after the fashion show. Gretchen Moran was kind enough to take time out of her schedule getting ready for the Penrose Show to demonstrate

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and work with the campers on grooming and braiding for the show.

We all learned a lot from Dolly Hannon's lessons particularly the 30 minute private 'ride-a-test'. Campers practiced their scribing and scoring skills learned from Emmy Detlof's session on showing etiquette, awards and scribing the day before.

Congratulations to the following High Point winners.

Intro Level -- Greta Johnson with a score of 67%

Training Level -- Michelle Wright with a score of 65%

First Level -- Emmy Detlof with a score of 64%

Second Level -- Julie Burt with a score of 65%

Rae Ann Curtis's ½ private sessions were very informative. Campers thought however that it was too brief. For an initial session with an instructor an hour semi-private or a 45 minute private would have been better. Having a second ride with her the next day would have worked too. Deborah Hindi's lungeing session was very beneficial – boy was I sore afterwards. Her cavaletti group session was fun but hard too. The hardest part was following as a group, keeping that spacing.

The program came out beautifully with a color photo donated by Cathie Peterson Photography. Additional color ads from artist Stacey Hoffhine Yaap, Crooked Willow Farms, and Perkins Motor City Dodge enhance the program cover. A total of \$1800 in ads was sold or exchanged for donations and services. We will be printing 400 copies this year to distribute to show competitors, members and area businesses to promote Dressage and CSDA.

I want to thank Dressage Today, HorseCity.com, USDF Dressage Connection and the Rocky Mountain Equine Clinic for their article contributions. I tried to have all the articles pertain to the camp theme of "Let's Show". They include: "The 2003 Dressage Tests" with Janet Brown and Alex Steiner, discussing the changes. "Use the Test Directive to Your Advantage" with Alex Steiner explaining how the ideas listed are the road map for your horse's training. "Highlights from Conrad Schumacher's 2002 symposium: Prepare. Do It. Reward," emphasizing the basics to bring out the brilliance in the horse. Dressage Today's Competitive Edge selections on conditioning, warming up and developing a winning focus for the show ring. It also includes information on vaccinations, worming and the West Nile Virus, which had 380 equine cases in Colorado in 2002. Be sure to get your program at our May show – Dressage at the Peak.

If you missed out on the camp, here is your chance to ride with the camp clinicians. Deb Hindi will be giving a clinic May 9-11, and again in June. Give me a call if you are interested in riding. Gretchen Moran plans to have Rae Ann Curtis giving clinics at Penrose, so watch for information from her. I

have been talking with Dolly Hannon about doing a weekend clinic for CSDA. I'll keep you posted.

Good luck to everyone in this ongoing show season!  
Janet Alexander

## **CSDA General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 20th, 2003**

We had a meeting on May 20th to review how the show went and to discuss next year's show and other plans.

Expenses for the show were reviewed however all the expenses are not in yet as we do not yet have the bill from PEC.

Overall the TD report was favorable however following are some comments that were made:

Regarding the volunteers for the show:

It was reported that it would have been better if scribes and scorers could have worked for 4 hours at a time instead of in shorter blocks of time. Next year we should have a head scorer to oversee the scoring and to keep the scorers undisturbed. We need to literally close the door to the scoring office and post a sign to make sure the scorers remain undisturbed. We need to schedule better to make sure we have more experienced scribes for the higher level rides. We shouldn't use little kids as runners as they can be disruptive to the show. The TD reported that at times the warm up ring stewards did not point out potentially dangerous situations that were occurring in the warm up area.

It was discussed that one of the reasons people maybe didn't come to this year's show is because of the stall fees and for next year Heather will try to get PEC to do a trailer in fee for \$10 or \$15.

### **Next Year's Show: May 21-23, 2004**

Judges confirmed: Janet Brown and Hilda Gurney  
The general consensus seemed to be that we should have an RMDS show again on the Friday before the fully recognized show.

Do we want to try and schedule a clinic for after the show again next year?

Who do we want for judges for 2005? Suggestions included Debbie Riehl-Rodriguez and to get two S judges.

We have been told that the costs for PEC will be going up for 2004.

### Upcoming Clinics

Another clinic with Dr. Max is scheduled for October 17-19 at Annette Reals'. She is donating the use of her arena and not charging for trailer-ins. Janet Alexander is also working on setting up a clinic with Dolly Hannon.

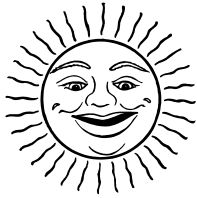
Respectfully Submitted,  
Mimi Smith, Secretary

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## Quote of the Month

*"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle"*  
--Winston Churchill

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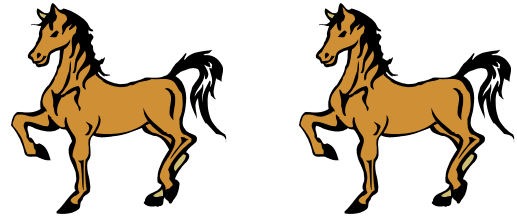
## JUNE MEETING CHANGE

The June meeting 6/17/03 will be held at Bennett's BBQ, 5245 N. Academy Blvd (across from Target) in their small conference room. The room has been booked for 6:00, with members able to order from the menu on separate tabs. Meeting starts at usual 6:30. Jo Lynn Perry DVM will be the guest speaker. Members can voluntarily pitch in to cover Jo Lynn's dinner (\$1.00 at most should do).

<b>Horse Blanket Cleaning &amp; Repair</b>		
<b>Pick-up &amp; Delivery</b>		
Tues: Vetline in Colorado Springs		
Wed: Castle Rock Feed, Horse & Hound in Franktown Elizabeth Feed		
Call for Pick-up of 10 or more Blankets		
Sherry & Bruce Busch Owners 719.495.8921		

## THANKS TO THESE FOLKS

If I tried to thank everyone who helped at our Spring Show, I would probably forget someone and feelings would be hurt. So I will just say, thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make the show a success. I do, however, need to single out just a few people who worked in key positions. First, Heather Petersen, who did a great job as show secretary—she did an extremely professional job. Judy Carnick, our “hostess with the mostest” put together the most enjoyable competitor party imaginable. Our wonderful program was the work of Janet Alexander, and Mimi Smith was our volunteer coordinator—a very tough job. But all of them and all of you who helped made our show something we can all be proud of and one that will stand out in the minds of many of our fellow dressage riders. Judi Tobias



## Un-Classified Ads

**FOUND** at CSDA Dressage at the Peak: Several nice padded folding chairs. Call Judi (719) 593-7310 or Heather (719) 573-0398 to claim. Must identify.

**\*Double Bridle for Sale** - English made, Courbette Weymouth (double) bridle. New condition, fits horse/warmblood. Black and white leather. Includes reins and bits. Bridle sells new for \$260 new, priced at \$200. Contact Jane McBride 598-4496.

**\*For Sale:** 1999 Bay Thoroughbred/Morgan gelding, 15.3h, by Axen (Thoroughbred) out of Finnwick Tiffany (Morgan) mare. Super sporthorse prospect, started under saddle, loads, ties, trimmed every 5 weeks, great gaits & conformation, sound & healthy. Eligible for multiple sport registries. Owner doesn't have time! \$3000. call 719-495-8718.

## H&H Performance Horses New Listings—

\*\*1998 Chestnut, Oldenburg mare, 16.1h, by Rambo (elite Danish Stallion) out of a Hanoverian (Diamond) mare. Well started under saddle, sweet, sound, good gaits, no vices. \$8500, firm.

\*\*Pointmaker Oldenburg gelding, 4 yo, 16.2+, dark brown. Very elegant head and neck, correct conformation, great gaits, sound, healthy, just starting work under saddle. Has had limited attention, but has a loving disposition and good mind. Clips, ties, trailers, good for the farrier. \$8000.

\*\*Contact H&H Performance Horses – Leslie Harrison, DVM (719) 221-2188

**www.horsetop.net** - The Source for Everything Horse on the front range of Colorado. Free ads and events posted.

**\*PASSIER dressage saddle**, 16.5", older model, dark brown, medium tree, refluffed. Long billets, comes with 28" leather girth and leathers. Excellent condition! \$525.00 obo. Contact Jane Fredman, 481-9364 or nordfredco@hotmail.com

**\*For Sale:** D.G.Stackhouse Classic style custom dressage saddle, black. 17.5" seat, medium tree. 6 years old, lightly used. very good condition. Pencil knee roll, double flaps. Fittings not included. \$1995. Kathy; 719-495-9270 or email koakey@pcisys.net.

**\*For Sale:** 9 yr old 15.3h dk bay Thor. gelding. Has been introduced to jumps. GREAT ground manners, no physical problems, vetted twice yearly, feet trimmed every 8 weeks. As of late has been a "pasture potato" due to owner having little time and also owner has bad back so jumping is out of the picture. He must go to a caring home. Ginny 495-4139

**\*MUST SELL** - \$7000 OBO. 1994 bumper pull Sooner aluminum 2-horse slant load trailer. Super-size dressing room, oversize stalls, many extras. Well maintained. 719-593-7310.

**FYI: Effective 1/1/03 the rental price for renting one of the dressage arenas will increase to \$50 per arena.**



**\*The answer to your prayers** (when you want to go away)...College Student, excellent rider and caregiver will housesit your horses and other animals. Call Lindsey Carnick (719) 339-4200.



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## Announcing a new Breed Award for Registered Quarter Horse.

Anyone interested in helping to fund this award for a Registered Quarter Horse please contact Sharon Mezell at 590-9582 or email at mezell@pcisys.net.

## DEB HINDI CLINIC

Debra Hindi will be holding a clinic June 20-22, 2003 at Bar 20 Ranch. Debra is a USDF certified instructor through 2nd level. She started her dressage training under Rae Ann Curtis when she was 15 years old, and went on after graduating high school to be a working student for a year with Michael Poulin. She has attended several of Conrad Schumacher's seminars as well as some by Dr. Volker Moritz (Olympic "O" Judge in Germany) just to name a few. She was a CSDA 2002 Adult Camp clinician and will be also for the 2003 Adult Camp. Since last June she has been coming every month from her hometown of Gunnison to offer weekend clinics. Debra's easy going teaching style and expertise has created quite a following, tripling the number of students over the summer. If you are interested in riding with Debra, please contact Janet Alexander (531-5182). Private lessons are \$45/hour, semi-private \$30.00.

## **First Mule Clone Produced at University of Idaho**

A full sibling to a champion racing mule, Idaho Gem, is the first clone of a hybrid animal and the first equid clone.

May 29, 2003 -- A University of Idaho-Utah State University research team is the first worldwide to clone a member of the horse family, a mule, according to an article to be published in the journal Science.

The research team includes Gordon Woods, UI professor of animal and veterinary science, Kenneth L. White, Utah State University professor of animal science, and Dirk Vanderwall, UI assistant professor of animal and veterinary science.

The baby mule, Idaho Gem, was born May 4. It is the first clone of a hybrid animal. A mule results from a cross between a female horse, a mare, and a male donkey, a jack. As hybrids, mules are sterile, except in extremely rare cases.

Veterinary examinations of the foal and its surrogate mother showed them to be in good health, Woods said. The foal romped with its surrogate mother during a news conference on the UI campus this morning to announce its birth.

The foal's DNA comes from a fetal cell culture first established in 1998 at the University of Idaho. As scientifically and commercially significant as their accomplishment is for the horse industry, Woods said he is most excited because the project provides a new animal model, the horse, to advance understanding of human cancer.

Woods believes the breakthrough understanding of cellular biology necessary for horse cloning to proceed may offer new insights into cancer development in humans.

Woods, UI professor of animal and veterinary science, began working on the cloning project in 1998. As director of the Northwest Equine Reproduction Laboratory on the UI Moscow campus, he has spent much of his career studying horse-breeding issues.

Horses present a large challenge to those who would use advanced technology to assist them. Only

two "test-tube" horse foals, babies conceived in a test tube, have resulted from in vitro fertilization experiments worldwide.

The mule clone born in May is the full sibling of a champion racing mule owned by Idaho businessman, UI benefactor and mule enthusiast Don Jacklin of Post Falls.

For three years, from 1998 to 2000, the team worked without apparent success. After transferring the nuclei from the mule cells into 134 horse eggs and implanting them into mares, two apparently "false pregnancies" resulted, but both failed to proceed past four weeks.

In 2001, the team began to focus on the calcium levels in the fluid surrounding the eggs during the cloning procedure. The change led to the first fetal heart beat, signifying the team had crossed a significant hurdle in the experiment. That year, researchers transferred 84 eggs, establishing five apparent pregnancies.

"The results were impressive and immediate," Woods said. The first change led to a significant advance in the development of cloned embryos. In 2002, Woods, White and Vanderwall continued to adjust the calcium levels in the fluid surrounding the egg during the cloning procedure. That change dramatically increased the team's success.

The team established 14 pregnancies using mule DNA in 113 attempts. Eight of the pregnancies continued to at least the 40-day stage when heartbeats were detected.

To test whether mule DNA could be limiting success, the team also made 61 attempts to use horse DNA. The test resulted in seven apparent pregnancies, two of which developed heartbeats. Neither of the horse clone pregnancies developed past the critical 60-day threshold, however.

The UI-Utah State team is the first to succeed among several teams worldwide attempting to clone a member of the horse family. The 2002 preliminary testing showed the method developed by the researchers to successfully clone a mule should work equally as well with a horse, Woods said.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**June 14** – Dressage Schooling Show – Five Star Ranch and Equestrian Center

**June 15** – RMDS Dressage Show – Five Star Ranch and Equestrian Center

**June 17** – CSDA General Meeting at Bennett's Bar-B-Que. Meeting starts at 6:30.

**June 25** – Sun Prairie Stables Schooling Show

**June 27** – Dressage in the Plains #1 – Sun Prairie Stables

**June 28-29** - Dressage in the Plains #2 – Sun Prairie Stables

**July 10** – RMDS Executive Board Meeting

**July 15** – CSDA General Meeting at Penrose Equestrian Center – Penrose Room. Meeting starts at 6:30.

**July 19** – Dressage Schooling Show – Five Star Ranch and Equestrian Center

**July 20** – RMDS Dressage Show – Five Star Ranch and Equestrian Center



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