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Welcome to the new format of the Maine Dressage Society newsletter! We have been listening to our members and are ready to enter 2007 using your suggestions of emailing your news! We will still offer regular mail to anyone wishing that method.

In Club news, the Awards Banquet was, once again a great success. Julie McKean spoke of her experiences as an FEI Junior Rider and those hard earned end-of-year awards were presented. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for a complete listing of awards!

MDS was proud to present the 2007 Judges' Forum featuring Lois Yukins "I" as guest speaker. Ms. Yukins used the new Riding to the Levels DVD to explain the movements and the scoring. Many of Maine's "L" judges were present as well as some from out of state. The competitors were able to ask the judges' questions in order to show their equine partners this summer while fully understanding the scoring ideals. Over 50 people were present at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport for an interesting day of learning and networking.

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Happy New Year!

2007 is off to a GREAT start for MDS. The omnibus was in the mail by the first week in February and members who attended our awards banquet were able to go home with their copies. We were very happy to have accomplished this and it was the result of the hard work by our omnibus guru, Shelly Wagstaff. [Thanks Shelly!](#)

In addition, our memberships for 2007 are also sorted out as of February 1st. Membership registrations should be sent to the clubs who then send along their rosters to MDS. This should help our clubs get their treasuries in the black early in the season and help them with planning for the coming year. Rosters are sent to USDF at the beginning of each month so a delay in sending your 30 day delay in your USDF registration your membership in yet - HURRY!! take care of this BEFORE spring finds us out forms.



membership could mean a too. If you haven't mailed Encourage your buddies to hacking instead of filling



The forum with Lois Yukins was so successful that we are thinking that another educational opportunity should be scheduled for next year. Any ideas? Send them along. We are open to suggestions and excited about the enthusiasm generated by the forum with Lois.

I hope that all of our members are as excited as we are about the new email newsletter. It looks GREAT! If you haven't signed up and are thinking about it, I encourage you to give it a try. I am hearing that it may even have music attached (but no guarantees this time). If you are riding a registered Quarter horse, look for shows in the omnibus offering special awards. We have a new sponsor, MeQHA, trying to get those QH riders out and about. Register your horse!

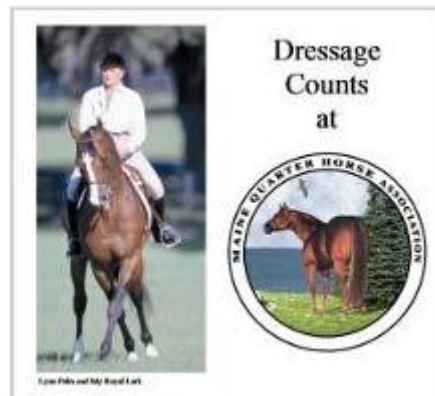


MDS is working hard to be responsive to its members. Contact us with any questions or concerns. We're listening.

Stay warm,

Willette





MeQHA is proud to announce a new program, “Dressage for Quarter Horses”. To be partnered with the Maine Dressage Society, this program is open to adults and youth who love to ride Dressage at any level. Please contact Cheryl Peaslee at 582-0762 evenings for registration, rules, show dates and information.

MeQHA DRESSAGE Ribbon Shows

The following shows will have a high point ribbons for Youth and Adult MeQHA horses.

Eastern Maine Shows

See page in 2007 omnibus for entry info

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Central Maine

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Southern Maine

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News From EMDA



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PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIPS MAY TAKE UP TO TWO MONTHS TO PROCESS BUT WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS!!!

(EMDA continued)

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Eastern Maine Dressage Association was held in conjunction with the Year-End Awards Banquet on November 19, 2006 at the home of Clare and Lew Payne. A brief treasurer's report was given by Nancy Babcock.

Betsy Hudson reported that there will be many shows pointed this year including shows at Puckerbrush, Whispering Pines, a Seabasticook Riding Club Show (which has not taken place for a few years) and two EMDA Rider-Run Shows: one at Eastridge Stables in June and one at Starwalk Stables in September.

“...and he whispered to the horse, ‘trust no man in whose eyes you do not see yourself reflected as an equal.’”

A recap of the year's activities followed with kudos given to all who helped organized them as well as to participants.

Many thanks were given to outgoing board members: Nancy Babcock, Colleen Dumond, Lisa Pavao and Clare Payne.

The brief meeting was adjourned for the Awards Ceremony.

Sincerely submitted,
Cassie Elia, Secretary EMDA

Awards Banquet

We were hosted again by Clare and Lew Payne at their lovely and horsey home in Holden for our Annual Awards Banquet. Some icebreakers were held as all arrived, and then a scrumptious buffet was enjoyed (and provided) by all. Their horses being bedded down for the night, the riders one and all were in a most content frame of mind.

Janette Giles, our Awards Chair, did an outstanding job – and even promised to do it next year as well! Thanks to the outgoing board: Nancy Babcock, Lisa Pavao, Colleen Dumond and Clare Payne. Your efforts were appreciated.

Eastern Maine Dressage Association Year-End Awards

Intro Level, Junior:

Champion: Molly Worcester (Good Goin)
Reserve Champion: Eliza Solman (Champion)
3rd place: Emily Hardy (Josh)

Introductory Level, Senior:

Champion: Rassy Mitchell (Greta)
Reserve Champion: Andrea Hill (HK Shamrock)

Eastern Maine Dressage Association Year-End Awards (continued)

Training Level, Junior:

Champion: Lydie Worcester (My Excelerator)
Reserve Champion: Robyn Handley (Just like Eeyore)
3rd Kate Weatherbee (Logan)
4th Kristin Brown (Doodles)
5th Olivia Gauvin (Ain't Misbehavin)
6th Kaley Benner (Nello B)
7th Roseanna Lacourse (Sierra bing Kyara)

Training Level

Senior: Champion: Jamie Bangs (NorEasters Fancy Rose)
Reserve: Sandi Oliver (Noah)
3rd Nancy Babcock (Headline Attraction)
4th Kate Sherrill (Simon Says)
5th Rassy Mitchell (Shameless)
6th Linda Johnson (Tibet Canyon)
7th Mandy Dumond (Uncle Henry)

First Level Junior:

Champion: Olivia Gauvin (Ain't Misbehavin)
Reserve Champion: Sadie Zambrano (Artex)

First Level Senior:

Champion: Becky Reed (Labrynth)
Reserve Champion: Jamie Bangs (NorEasters Fancy Rose)

First Level Senior: (continued)

3rd Kath Hartley (Amazing Gracie)
4th Rassy Mitchell (Shameless)
5th Nancy Babcock (Headline Attraction)

Second Level or Above:

Champion: Bryn Redman (No Limit)
Reserve Champion: Cassie Elia (Raphael)
3rd Betsy Hudson (Astra)

Special Achievement Awards:

- Only Horse/Rider Team Riding at Prix St. Georges: Cassie Elia (with a median score of 61.5!)
- Most Improved Award: Kate Sherrill riding Simon Says at Training Level (they went from a 55 in July to a whopping 68.75 in October!).
- Most Improved at One Show: Kate Weatherbee riding Logan (her first test was 56 and her second was 67!).

Eastern Maine Dressage Association Year-End Awards (continued)

- Only Rider Riding 20 Training Level Tests this Season: Sandy Oliver (Noah).
- The Lavelli Trophy (given to a rider/horse's first year qualifying at First Level with the highest median score): Becky Reed on Labrynth
- The Leonardi Trophy (award to the first level junior or senior rider with the highest median score at training or first level): Lydie Worchester (My Excelerator) with 66.557.
- The Mary Kate Davitt Award (given to a training level senior who demonstrates sportsmanship and compassion for the sport of dressage): Nancy Babcock.
- Horseshow Parent Award: Cheryl Astle

MDS WEBSITE

Thanks to Bryn again for updates. Check it out! Great Job! www.mainedressagesociety.org

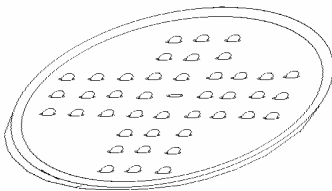
NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next EMDA meeting will tentatively take place on February 18th, Sunday, at 6:00 p.m. at 322 West Broadway in Bangor. EMDA Board meetings are held in February and October and are subject to rescheduling. Additional meetings are scheduled in the spring as necessary. Please call 207-942-5940 before the meeting to assure it has not been changed. They are open meetings.

DOUBLE A TACK SHOP IN HOLDEN

Remember to mention that you are an EMDA member and Double A will give a percentage of your purchase as a donation to EMDA.

From Both Ends of the Reins



So the object of the game is to hop one marble at a time until only one is left, and that is in the exact center. It took a long time to figure out – but once accomplished, it is an easy matter. So...if we fit enough of the pieces together...seat, leg position, balance, aids, use of hands ..., it's an easy matter.

Its fun in the winter months to work on manage riding. Of course it takes forever to figure out what to do with some sort of focus on what is important. But I just read that “the constant verbal barrage of a daily private lesson short circuits your ability to learn through dialogues with your horse.” So I guess we're really lucky!


I enjoyed the quote of Klaus Balkenhol from Dressage Masters by David Collins:

“I, through my aids, give wings to the horse to move in a more beautiful way.”

Maybe next summer, who knows! Stay warm!

Most humbly,



Forms! *It's the time of year that everyone needs to complete entry forms, membership forms (of course if you've received THIS newsletter you already have a membership!!), and dressage tests! For those of you receiving this newsletter via email, you can click on the link  below to access the form. If you have received this newsletter in the US mail, then please visit www.mainedressagesociety.org for a complete set of necessary forms!*

[MDS OPL Entry Form](#)

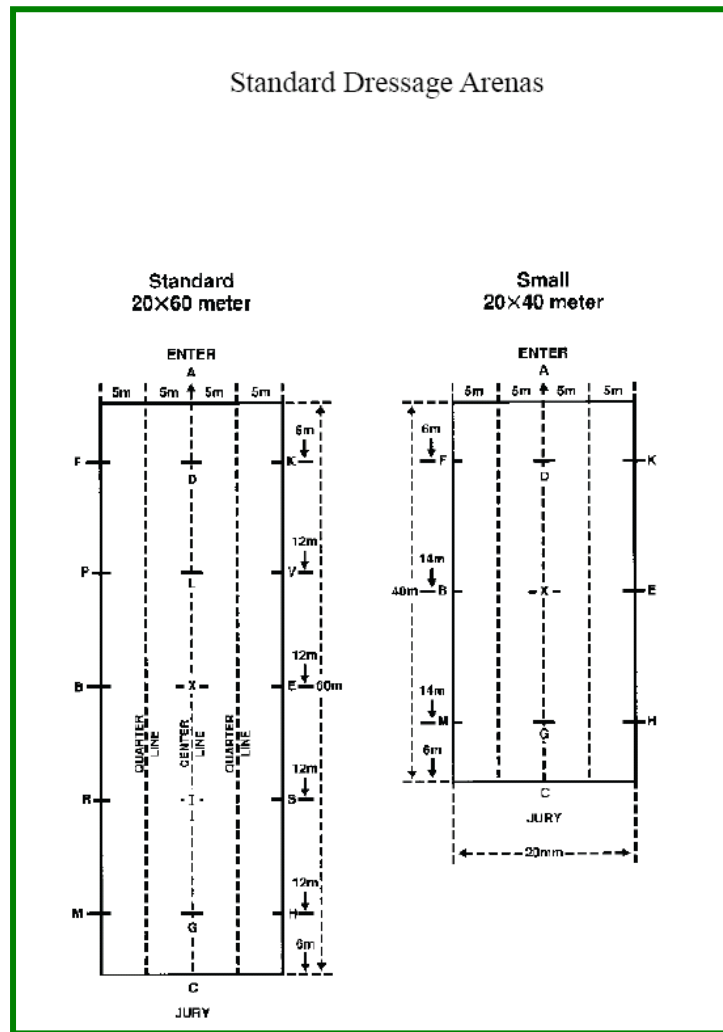
[CMDA Membership Form](#)

[EMDA Membership Form](#)

[SMDA Membership Form](#)

[WMDEA Membership Form](#)

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News From SMDA



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SMDA 2006 Year End Awards and News

The SMDA awards banquet was held at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach. Along with a sit down luncheon those attending had a chance to bid on items such as lessons donated by local instructors as well as products donated to a silent auction. The money raised from this auction will go towards purchasing new arena letters. "The Janes" (Petrin and Tremlett) gave an overview of the upcoming year, including 6 shows and a clinic in the planning stages. Looks like southern Maine dressage riders will have plenty to keep them busy.

SMDA 2006 Year End Awards and News (continued)

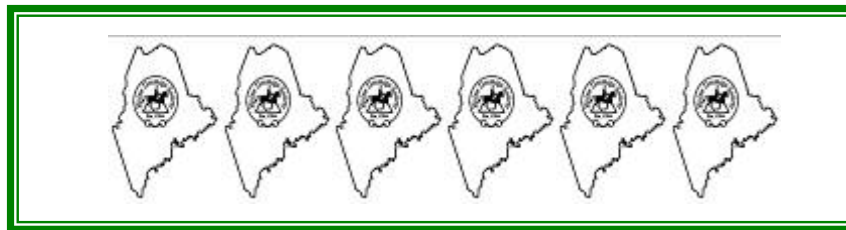
Our next meeting will be February 25. We will be viewing the new USDF "On The Levels" DVD. Carol Poulin - Taylor will there to give us the judge's perspective. The meeting starts at 1:00 at the Gorham Savings Bank Main Office on Rt. 202 (Gray Rd.) in Gorham. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there

We would like to thank Susan Pendleton, Clare Sims and Pam Coulling for offering to join the board of directors for the rest of 2007. We are glad to have them as we have lost a few since the last elections. We are looking forward to any new ideas that they may have to offer.

2006 Year End Awards

- Intro A** Ch. Joydale Sparkerslas/ Elizabeth Tewksbury
- Intro B** Ch. Green Peace Nathan/Sadie Cole
Res. Joydale Sparkerslas/ Elizabeth Tewksbury
- Training 1** Ch. Greenpeace Nathan/ Sadie Cole
- Training 3** Ch. Greenpeace Nathan/Ellie Cole
- Training 4** Ch. Sterling/ Katie Marshall
- 1st 1** Ch. Ace of Spades/ Katie Coulling
Res. Jack Be Nimble/Cheryl Roy
- 1st 2** Ch. Ace of Spades/ Katie Coulling
Res. Jack Be Nimble/ Cheryl Roy
- 1st 4** Ch. Queen Weed/ Sue Pendleton
- 2nd 1** Ch. Queen Weed / Sue Pendleton
- Multi test Ch.** Solba Samantha Lindley
- High Score Jr** Sadie Cole/ Katie Marshall
- High Score Sr.** Elizabeth Tewksbury
- The Arrowhead's Tarbaby High Point First Level Perpetual Trophy** was won by Katey Coulling.

Congratulations to all of our award winners!



News From CMDA



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Have you visited our new online store? Maine Dressage Society is pleased to announce that you can now purchase many different types of clothing, cups, stationary and more from <http://www.cafepress.com/MEDressage>! Just click on the link (or enter it in your browser) and you will immediately be shopping for lots of fun items! Even better, MDS will receive a portion of the price as a fundraiser! How much easier can it get?



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We all know that parts of our dues are sent to the USDF. What exactly happens then?
As GMO members, the USDF offers us the following benefits:

- Receive a USDF Participating Member card and eligibility to compete at USDF-recognized competitions.
- Monthly issues of USDF Connection.
- Eligible for USDF Rider Awards.
- Eligible to earn USDF University credits.
- Member-discount rates for USDF events.
- Receive a copy of USDF Directory.
- Eligible to compete as a rider/owner for USDF Year-End Awards.
- Eligible to compete in qualifying/championship classes for Great American/USDF Regional Championships.



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These are some of the organizations who sponsor the activities of the USDF and we are proud to include them in our newsletter!



As we enter the 2007 show season, Maine Dressage Society is also trying to increase our membership base. It would be wonderful to find all those dressage queen “wannabe’s” and get them to join our club! At the same time, the USDF is encouraging our growth as well.

In support of dressage at the local level, the USDF announces the “Grow Your GMO Challenge”. All active GMOs are eligible. USDF will be tracking the growth of all GMOs in 2007. The current year’s total membership through September 1, 2007, will be measured against the 2006 total to determine the GMOs with the highest percentage of growth in 2007. Prizes and recognition will be given.

So let’s grab every rider and horse lover we can and encourage them to join the Maine Dressage Society!

Horse Registration Fees Changing

As of April 1, 2007, USDF Lifetime Horse Registration fees will increase to \$85 and an upgrade from a USDF Horse Identification (HID) Number to a Lifetime Registration will be \$65. Horse registration forms, reflecting the new fees, will be available March 1 on the USDF web site, or by contacting the USDF office.

CLASSIFIEDS

Cinnamon Girl



9 year old 14 hand pony mare for sale. Large build, gorgeous face, great temperament. This pony jumps, goes on trail, has been shown and would make a great little dressage partner. She was a pony club mount for my daughter when she was only 5 years old (my daughter was 9!). Photos can be viewed at www.equine.com or http://equine.com/Horses/ad_details.aspx?lid=397881&search_id=5ad29ee8-c72c-41b2-aadf-4cb4df1a0f86. Asking \$8,500. **Price reduced to \$6,500!!** Can be seen in Scarborough. Phone: 207 883-3455 ask for Michelle

Dalliance



19 year-old Hanoverian mare that has been trained to PSG and shown through 4th level. She knows many upper level movements and is a great horse to teach you classical dressage. Dali is currently working at 1st and schooling some 2nd level movements. Are you someone that has three days a week to help me work her? Available for part or full lease. Contact Janette at 207-852-9815 or Janettegiles@hughes.net.

Dietmar



13 yo, 16 H, gray, imported Trakehner gelding out of Dixonia by Goerlitz. He has prior experience as a fox hunter but has recently been schooling first/second level dressage. He could easily make an accomplished hunter or equitation horse as well. He has soft transitions and gaits, is easily collected, and has a wonderful, puppy-dog personality! He is very solid in his lateral work and is starting work on flying changes. Dietmar would make a wonderful competitive horse for any rider wanting to progress! Priced conservatively at \$15,000. Please contact Bryn at Puckerbrush Farm for more information 207-234-2147 or www.puckerbrushfarm.com

Nacho Peakin



14 H, bay, 13 yrs, Welsh/TB mare, FEI PONY. Sire: Smoke Tree Mountain Ash. Sadly outgrown. Nacho is a beautiful and experienced dressage and combined training pony. She has competed through FEI pony level and has evented up to Novice Level. She is an experienced competitor and reliable partner, and she is a proven broodmare. Contact Susanne Hamilton in Ocala: 207-249-8078 cell or Willette Brown at 785-4484. 2006 Accomplishments include: NEDA SECOND LEVEL JR CHAMPION, FEI Pony Scores 60-66%, REG 8 Jr First Level Championships – 5th, MDS TRAINING LEVEL CH., MDS HIGH SCORE HORSE/PONY OF THE YEAR, JR FIRST LEVEL Year End Awards '02, '05, '06

2ND AND 3RD IN FEI CLASSES AT DRESSAGE AT DEVON – 2003
Evented up to Novice Level placing 5th ON at Groton House Farm

To members of the Maine dressage and combined training communities,

We at Treasure equestrian Center would like to inform you of an exciting educational opportunity that will take place at our facility in Manchester on March 2-4. The upcoming event is the first annual Northeast Equestrian Exposition!

In the past, those of us hungering for an intense educational experience that includes the chance to witness hands-on demonstrations and watch clinicians work with horses and riders have had to travel to Massachusetts, or beyond. The heated indoor arena at Treasure allows this same sort of opportunity to take root in central Maine. And when the brain begins to feel a little too tired and full, there will be fun equine shopping opportunities provided by an array of vendors.

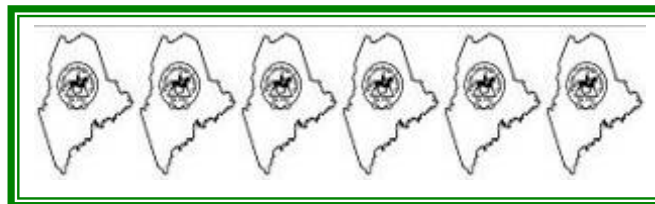
A multidisciplinary event such as this will have something for everybody. For example, we are all concerned about the well-being of our horses, and the Expo showcases pertinent healing arts, including dentistry, massage, saddle fitting, soft tissue adjustments, innovative farrier work, and veterinarian commentary on various pathways in “alternative” therapies, and even spiritualism and the work of an “animal communicator.” There are demonstrations from the field of natural horsemanship and education about the ingredients of effective riding instruction.

In terms of the interest’s central to dressage and combined training, Ida Anderson will offer three sessions in classical long reining. She also invites competitors to come and try riding the new USDF tests, with her as judge/instructor. In addition, Olympic-level dressage and jumping trainer Jean Luc Cornille will convey the foundations of biomechanics and will illustrate new, non-invasive computer technology that reveals equine balance.

For a full list of clinicians, events and vendors, go to the Treasure Equestrian Center website (www.treasureeques.com). It takes you immediately into a short and fun infomercial that allows you to glimpse several of the participating clinicians at work.

Events will run from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday through Sunday and advance ticket sales (\$20 per day or \$50 for all 3 days) will be offered until the 26th of February. After that date and at the door, the cost of admission will be \$25 per day or \$60 for the entire event. Children under 9 years of age are free. No pets or strollers please. Call Jacqui Byron for tickets at 207-623-1152.

Directions: We are about 2 miles from downtown Augusta. Take Exit 109 from I-95 toward Winthrop. Upon passing the Suzuki dealership on your right, you will begin to climb a hill. About half way up, turn right onto Prescott Road and go 1 mile. Look for a sign on your left for Treasure Equestrian Center. Take the driveway to the top of the hill. You will find assistance for parking.



I hope you enjoyed the first edition of our newly formatted newsletter! Please feel free to contact me with any ideas you may have to make it even better!

Sandy