

Spring 2017 Newsletter

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From the President:

Spring has finally arrived although it seems to be a wet one this year! Regardless of what Mother Nature is throwing at us, show season is underway!

Check out the TMDS website for a calendar of TMDS pointed shows at www.mainedressagesociety.org. Please e-mail info@mainedressagesociety.org with any show or membership related questions!

If you've not already renewed or joined TMDS for 2017, don't hold back! We still have omnibus available for new members and renewals while supplies last. Don't forget to submit your horse registration forms to Beth Brainerd to be considered for TMDS 2017 year end awards! Horse registration forms and year end program rules are on our website under the resources tab.

Stay tuned to the TMDS facebook page for clinic announcements. We have a couple of clinics in the planning stages for this year and will announce more info when they are confirmed. TMDS wants to hear from you and what you are up to! Send us photos, clinic, or show recaps. We will share in the newsletter and on the facebook page. Send submissions to info@mainedressagesociety.org

Whether it be schooling, showing, hacking, grooming or any which way you enjoy spending time with your equine friends, I hope that you have a great start to the season and see you on the centerline!

Rebecca Reed
TMDS President



Simply Sinatra, 7 year old Oldenburg Gelding owned by Rebecca Reed, MDS President.



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Region 8

Connecticut Maine Massachusetts New Hampshire New York Rhode Island Vermont

Spring is here...rain, and all with Horse Shows in full swing. Mystic Valley Hunt Club had their first show at the end of April and then we jump into the many May shows....Good Luck to you all!!

We held our spring Region 8 meeting on April 23rd. It was a small good group mainly because I had to change the date and for that I am sorry. However, between the few present and the ones who dialed in, we got a lot done. I discussed some of the items at the USDF Executive Board meeting, see below, and then we went into reports.

Linda Mendenhall reported that we do have a full slate for PM Delegates, ie 10 nominations for 10 spots. Many regions do not have their full allotment. She will have about a month off and then she starts with the securing GMO delegates. GMOs all get votes at the USDF Board of Governors and this is something we as membership should be very proud of. However, in the past GMO are very relaxed about doing anything with their votes. If the GMO is not sending anyone to represent them, then they need to proxy the votes over to Linda. Linda then works hard to find someone who is going to the convention who can represent that GMO well. However, many of these are done too late or not at all. So Linda's goal is to get everyone represented this year and I am here to help her!

While Sue McKeown could not be there, her report reminded us that the USDF Competition Management Committee will be holding an educational session during their open meeting at the Convention called "Getting to Know YOUR Federations". Yes that is plural! Both personnel from USEF and USDF competition departments will be attending. There will be no fee but it will be a huge benefit for show management, officials, competitors, and GMOs...really everyone!

Cindi Rose Wylie was also unable to attend but in her report she reminded us that the deadline for GMO awards newsletters, websites, and volunteer of the year is August 30th. In the past, Region 8 has been poorly represented in these awards and in some cases the volunteer award has not even been given out. So this is your first notice...and I will continue to remind you.

Regional Championships report was given by Beth Jenkins. Basically, the show cannot get any bigger as she is out of ring time and if the regional classes do get larger, it will take rides away from the open classes which have already decreased in size. There was a discussion on where other regionals were being held as this does tell us how many from outside the region will be changing into Region 8.

We will hold our next board meeting on October 8, 2017, 12pm, at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. We do like meeting face to face and I hope you can spare the time to make it. As we rent the room, I would like to see a bigger turnout. So I am giving you all heads up now! Put it on your calendar. However, I do realize distance is an issue and we will be able to use the NEDA conference hub again! Thank you NEDA! So no excuses!

On April 21st, the USDF Executive board met in Lexington, KY for their spring meeting. There were many, many items discussed but I will only hit the highlights. I am pleased to say that the NEDA Fall Festival will host the 2018 Regional Championships again. We had two major items that I will bring up briefly. First is the USDF Strategic Plan. In December a special working group session which included the Executive Board was held to work on updating the strategic plan along with new objectives that have come about after 10 years. At the spring meeting, we reviewed and approved it. There are several things that will start up later this year with working groups and many will be helping GMO and the Adult Amateur!

Second, the 2019 US Dressage Finals Relocation Evaluation was reviewed. The location was Murieta Equestrian Center near Sacramento, CA. As predicted it was a big topic and no real decision was made as we still had many questions about the costs...

Please remember the US Dressage Finals is for each Open and Adult Amateur Champion and Reserve Champion at the Regional Championships or if you reach a wild card score. They will be invited to Lexington, KY to compete head to head with the other regional champions. Information and the Prize list will be up shortly on the USDF site. Remember there is no harm in declaring now (actually July 1st I believe it opens) for the finals even if you are not qualified yet!

As many of you know Region 8 gives our riders who go to the Finals, a saddle pad and hat with our logo on them. The expense is about \$2000. I am pleased that Fie Andersen has agreed to do the hats, again. Thank you VERY much Fie. However, that covers only \$500...so looking for some donations!

Wow! Long letter! Better Quit for now!!!

See you on the Centerline...

Debra Reinhardt

USDF Region 8 Director

Important Updates from the Board of Directors:

The TMDS Board of Directors met at the Augusta Farm Bureau on April 18th. Some important updates that came from that meeting are following:

- The TMDS Board discussed and approved a rule change for year-end awards allowing the Horse/Rider combination to win the championship up to three times at Third Level and above. This aligns with the current USDF rule and should promote and encourage participation in our program at the Upper Levels.
- There were corrections made to the TMDS Year End Awards program. The corrected program is available on the TMDS website. Please accept our apologies for any errors in the program this year, and thank you to Beth Brainerd, Amanda Flanders, and Matt Baillargeon for coordinating the awards this year. It is a huge undertaking and we are grateful for your work!
- The following changes in show dates listed in the Omnibus are being recognized for year-end awards:

Infinity Farm's Schooling show on Thursday July 20th has been rescheduled for Thursday July 13th due to a conflict with the Puckerbrush USDF Show.

Hidden Brook Farm is cancelling their October 15th show due to a conflict with NEDA's Carl Hester Symposium at Pineland

Infinity Farm's October 15th show has been rescheduled for October 22nd also due to NEDA's Symposium.



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"One man's wrong lead is another man's counter-canter."

Tack is cleaned, trailers are registered, and white breeches are on---show season has begun. Hit the road and enter the arena; it is time to show off all of the hard work you have learned, all of the time you have put in, over the winter. Whether you are competing Intro or Grand Prix, you deserve to shine. Northern Maine Dressage Association aspires to meet the needs of each and every rider.

Don't forget to join us at our NMDA shows for 2017. We have great judges, nice show grounds and the friendliest horse people around. Come join the fun!

2017 Show Dates:

Saturday July 8th, 2017 East Ridge Stables Sandra Beaulieu (L)
Saturday August 12th, 2017 Isaac Royal Farm Christine Joost (L)
Saturday August 6th, 2017 Isaac Royal Farm Bryn Walsh (L)
Saturday September 9th, 2017 Isaac Royal Farm Patti Swan (L)
Saturday September 23rd, 2017 Isaac Royal Farm Carol Poulin-Taylor

The October 14th show in the Omnibus has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, we will let everyone know if we decide to reschedule.

Remember to get those 2017 NMDA memberships in.
See the MDS Omnibus or the MDS website for show details!



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