



AUGUST 2007 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Happy Summer to everyone! We hope everyone has had a successful summer so far whether, showing, training or just having fun in the sun! Good luck to all our members for the remainder of the season in your activities! Let's enjoy the warm weather while we can, we all know too well what's around the corner in a few months!

Just a reminder about our first time ever dues increase. You should be seeing, if not already, 2008 membership forms from your clubs. We currently receive only \$4 from your local club (some of your membership fee stays with your club, and the rest goes to USDF). This increase will help MDS to stay afloat due to ever increasing costs with our banquet, omnibus, and educational activities.

Another reminder, our membership rosters for USDF are sent in monthly so keep in mind you may see a one month delay in your membership processing from USDF. We are working on updating our website with a list of names from each club as we get them so you will know that your membership is being processed.

Our omnibus was a huge success this year and is right on track for 2008. If any of our members are interested in advertising opportunities please let us know.

We are planning on another educational activity like the Judges forum held in Freeport for 2008. Please submit any ideas that you may have for an activity.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE FROM WILLETTE

Greetings! Riding season is in full swing, it seems like there is something going on every weekend between shows, clinics, and other horsey activities. I hope everyone has been able to be out and about.

Please note that we have some deadlines fast approaching for 2008 memberships and omnibus information/ads. It seems far away now as we enjoy these summer days but before we know it the shows will be over, the snow will be flying and we'll be on to next years plans. Send your memberships in early! Sell some ads for the omnibus! Get your show info lined up and ready! Sandy Welsh will lead the omnibus charge this year with help from me and from Shelly Wagstaff who did such a great job last year. Shelly was offered a wonderful job in Maryland, but before she left we made her promise to help us through this next year. She agreed, lucky for us. New omnibus info and ads will be collected by Sandy. Contact her with any questions or concerns.

MDS has been working diligently to examine the needs of our members and try to respond to those needs. Feel free to contact us with ideas or recommendations. We are interested in hosting another educational seminar. If you have any ideas please send them along to your rep or to me directly. The judge's forum last year was a big success and we'd like to continue to offer these types of opportunities for our members.

Some of the best moments of horse ownership: That heady load of hay, horses munching at feed time, a beautifully swept aisle, a pat for a sweaty hard working equine partner, a hack through the field with no bugs... add your own. Through all the competing and travel and climbing up the levels, stay in touch with those moments. Food for the soul.

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News from EMDA

To practice equestrian art is to establish a conversation on a higher level with the horse: a dialogue of courtesy and finesse.

-Nuno Oliveira



*Primary Control:
The dynamic relationship between the head, neck and back that governs the rest of the body balance and coordination.*

Body Sense, Sally Tottle

EMDA Board

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EMDA Rider Run Show

The first EMDA show June 24th at East Ridge Stable in Charleston Maine went very well. We are most grateful to Robin Corey for the use of her facility. Those in attendance will particularly remember the abundance of fresh flowers (which fit so nicely in the dressage letters!) and, of course, the brightly colored drill teams. All profits from this show went towards EMDA Year-End Awards. Allison LaCourse and Laurie Harvey did a great job organizing (with help from Michelle Zambrano, I suspect). Kudos to all (including all of your riders)!

Important Announcement!!!

The show listed in the Omnibus for Saturday August 18th at East Ridge Stable incorrectly lists a \$10 office fee in addition to class fees. This \$10 will not be charged. The entry fee is a flat \$20 per class.

We are most fortunate that East Ridge and Starwalk have offered their facilities this year. The next EMDA Rider Run show is Sunday, September 9th at Starwalk Stables. Please support these shows.

Our Board and Members

So far this season we are most indebted to so many. Allison LaCourse, Laurie Harvey, and Michelle Zambrano the show was super. I liked the spirit of cooperation I saw at Puckerbrush, Whispering Pines, and East Ridge - thanks so much Bryn Redman, Becky Reed, Robin Corey and Kim Smith. Thanks to Kim Smith and Gail MacCormack for the clinic. It was well organized. Cassie Elia, I heard only wonderful comments from the free clinic. Marianne Lagerklint, thanks for all of the e-mailings. Michelle - thanks for your ideas and help – especially getting the quadrille class offered. Janette Giles - hope are gearing up for the paperwork of year-ends! Jessica Dion-Buswell, welcome on board. Kitty Mitchell, thanks muchly for all of the paperwork. Bryn, the website is most helpful! Thanks to Elizabeth Feltmate, Becky Reed, and Sandy Welsh who have served on the MDS board. How much all have pitched in to make this year go so well. Not to mention the many other friendly faces. Thanks so much to all.

Omnibus Change:

The Show Saturday August 18th at East Ridge Stable incorrectly lists a \$10 office fee in addition to class fees. This \$10 will not be charged. The entry fee is a flat \$20 per class. Also, add: Class 24 - Quadrille - test of choice. This class will count towards EMDA year-end awards.



More on Shows!!!

(Please note, non-EMDA shows listed are
EMDA **pointed** but are **not EMDA affiliated**)

Mark your calendars for the second EMDA Schooling Show we have planned this season. It will be at Starwalk Stables, September 9th with Chris Joost. Details can be found in the Omnibus or by contacting Allison LaCourse. Please keep in mind that this show is a Rider Run. This is a unique opportunity learn how to put on a show. You can scribe, set up the arena, or help in many ways. It is fun! Entry forms can be found online at www.mainedressagesociety.org and selecting the 'form' link, then MDS Schooling Show Entry Form. Our first show had a huge response last season so be sure to get your entries in early!!!!!! (Note judges that were TBA in omnibus)

Remaining Pointed Shows:

August 5 USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
August 12 Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
Sandra Beaulieu
August 18-19 Isaac Royal USDF/USEF Dressage Show
August 18 East Ridge Stable Schooling Show
September 1-2 Isaac Royal USDF/USEF Dressage Show
September 2 Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
September 9 EMDA Rider Run Show at Starwalk Stables
October 28 Puckerbrush Schooling

EMDA DUES FOR '08

USDF wants club registrations by November 1st, 2007. We have to collect EMDA dues by September 1st, so that they may be forwarded to MDS in time. Be aware of that. You should have received an e-mail and snail-mail application. It is available on the MDS website as well.

MDS WEBSITE:

It is up and running thanks to Bryn. Great Job! [mainedressagesociety.org]

FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall EMDA meeting will tentatively take place on October 21st, 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 % of your purchase as a donation to EMDA.

The difference between an amateur and a professional is that an amateur rides from movement to movement and a professional rides from half-halt to half-halt.

The basis for a well-developed sense of feel lies in an even distribution of muscle tone throughout the body.



The impression of harmony is much more important than the intricacy of step and figures.
-Udo Bürger

Year-End Awards Party The Year-End Awards Party will be hosted by Clare and Lew Payne on November 18th at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck. No chips, please, serious food.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We welcome people who want to run for office, be a committee chair, or MDS representative. Eager horse fans – we need you. Please let Jessica Dion-Buswell know by November 1st in writing if there are any offices you would like to run for or committees you can serve on. Please feel free to run for any office.

EMDA Year-End Awards

I hope everyone is enjoying the show season thus far! The weather has been great! Just a reminder to all show secretaries that I need results within 2 weeks of your shows.

I would like to take suggestions for awards this year. The special trophies will remain the same; however, there has been mention that folks would like something different than the small horse and rider trophy for 1st place. Feel free to email me (janettegiles@hughes.net) with suggestions of something you would like to receive should you be awarded 1st place in a division.

Have a great season!
Janette

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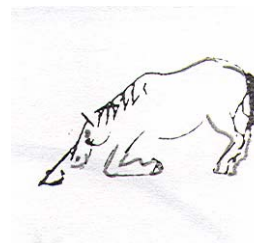
NOTES:

1. **IMPORTANT!** – You are *required* to submit this form by Nov 1st if you want to qualify for a year-end award. If this form is not received by Nov 1st, you will not receive a year-end ribbon so please make sure you submit it on time!
Reminder: You must be an EMDA member by the date of the first EMDA 2007 show to be eligible for EMDA 2007 Year End Awards.
2. In order to be eligible for Year End Awards, scores must be obtained from at least two different judges (min. 3 scores total if showing below second level, 2 scores at 2nd or above) with the following exception: if, a rider only qualifies by riding at EMDA shows (not other EMDA pointed shows), and if EMDA uses the same judge at more than one of its three shows, then the rider will still qualify. [However, if the rider only rides in only two shows: one EMDA show and one outside show, then the rider must still show under two different judges in order to qualify for Year End Awards.]
3. This form has nothing to do with MDS!
4. Only list one horse, one rider, and one level per form (make copies as needed).
5. Riders are only eligible for awards at 2 consecutive levels. If you qualify for 3, you will forfeit your eligibility at your lowest level.
6. You must report all scores, not just the ones you like.
7. Only shows that are pointed by EMDA count towards EMDA Year End Awards. EMDA points shows in our geographic area if certain conditions are met including: publication in the MDS Omnibus, use of a recognized judge or a judge approved by EMDA; and the date of the show. If you have any questions as to whether a show is pointed by EMDA, please Janette Giles 246 Goshen Road, Winterport, ME 04496; 223-4415; email: janettegiles@hughes.net.

From Both Ends of the Reins

"...the sweet fragrance emanating from the clean body of a colt, calf, lamb, puppy or kitten that had been sleeping on the grass and warmed by the sun is one of life's great pagan pleasures (from Eat, Pray, Love)."

Do take time to enjoy! Thanks to all for making this EMDA season such a success!





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NOTICE from Isaac Royal Farm:

August 18th-19th Judge: Betsy Berrey "S" September 1st-2nd Judge:
Gabriel Armando "C" We pride ourselves in providing a competitor friendly
atmosphere on a scenic mountain top with quality footing. A demonstration
of our unique Equestrian Theater that attracts a nation wide audience will
be held on these dates that you don't want to miss! If your GMO or business
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Please visit www.mainehorse.com/smda for ride times and more information on SMDA events and shows./



Please note that all memberships for CMDA should go directly to CMDA secretary Laurie Lee- NOT MDS as happened this year. Please take note of this to ensure your membership is handled correctly!!!

For all those young addicts between the ages of 10-18 interested in learning more about horses, training, riding, etc, CMDA is forming a youth group. You don't need to know anything about dressage. You don't need to be showing your horse! You don't have to want to learn to ride dressage! Did you know that the word dressage comes from a french word meaning "training?" Dressage is much more than people dressed like penguins riding their horses in "stiff and boring" patterns! The first meeting will start in January. For more information please contact Laurie Lee at 395-4986 and leave your name and address. You can also email her at heavenleeacres@earthlink.net- please make sure to put "Youth Group" in the subject line!

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CLASSIFIEDS

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

Andalusian/Han/Trak colt

Imprinted. Leads, picks up feet, very friendly. Strong dressage & jumping lines. Will be 16hds. & black. 10K email for more info @ glamperta@pivot.net.



For Sale:



“Yankee Doodle” is a 7 year old, 16 H, registered Quarter horse gelding. He has shown: Dressage, Jumping, and Eventing. This great boy has done it all! He has a very calm, quiet, and loving temperament. He is a very willing and cute jumper. He has jumped Novice and above with ease. He trailers and even self-loads. An experienced rider is a must! Price: \$5,000 or best offer.

Contact Information:

Kristin Brown

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For Sale:

County Competitor Dressage Saddle, 16.5" Wide tree, long billets, high quality leather, pure wool flocked panels, and County's patented laminated Beachwood spring tree. Made in England. I am sadly selling my favorite saddle. I would never be selling it, but I need a 17" seat now. I plan to buy another Competitor because I love it so much. It is the most comfortable dressage saddle I have ever ridden in. It puts your seat and leg in the proper position. I bought it brand new in 2000. It has been lightly used, and there is slight wear underneath where the stirrup leathers lay on the flap. Small diamond marks on the underside from the quilted pad. Nothing bad, just want to be honest. Excellent condition, I babied this saddle!! Just look at the leather in the photos, this leather is absolutely gorgeous. A new Competitor sells for \$3000. This is an outstanding deal on a very expensive saddle. Saddle includes: stirrup leathers and irons, 28" dressage girth (black leather), original County saddle cover (black cloth). NO trials, saddle sells as is with no warranties. Price \$2200. Contact moonstonefarm@msn.com for more info.



Don't forget!! You can now purchase many types of clothing, cups, stationary and more with the Maine Dressage Society logo from <http://www.cafepress.com/MEDressage> ! Just click on the link (or enter it in your browser) and you will immediately be shopping for list 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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Recent Dressage Press Releases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Nominations being accepted for the Second Annual
USEF Youth Sportsman's Award

Lexington, KY (Monday, July 30, 2007) As part of the continued efforts to expand the base of young people contributing to the leadership and promotion of equestrian sports, the United States Equestrian Federation announces the second annual Youth Sportsman's Award.

This awards program recognizes youths who are members of both the USEF and the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) the recognized national dressage affiliate. Candidates must demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to USEF and the USDF by serving as a role model for their peers and through the promotion of the horse. The program's goal is designed to develop youth into leaders in the

equine industry from all breeds and disciplines.

The USEF will award the national winner of the USDF a certificate, lapel pin, hat and the opportunity to attend a Career Workshop in Lexington, Kentucky. The overall USEF Youth Sportsman's Award winner will receive the awards mentioned above plus a trophy, \$1,000 scholarship and USEF Lifetime membership.

To be considered for the award, the following criteria must be met:

- Active membership in good standing with the USEF and the USDF
- At the time of application, the youth must be age 17 or under
- Demonstrate an ongoing commitment and dedication to the promotion of the horse
- Serve as a positive role model for peers
- Participate at any level of competition, including local, regional or national events
- Exhibit characteristics that exemplify positive sportsmanship principles

Nominations for USDF junior members should be postmarked on or before September 1, 2007, to Sharon Vanderziel at svanderziel@usdf.org. The National USDF winner will be forwarded to the USEF. An overall winner of the program will be chosen by the USEF National Affiliates Working Group by December 1, 2007. The presentation of the overall winner will take place at the USEF Annual Meeting in January 2008.

For more information on the USEF Youth Sportsman's Award, please contact Karen Homer-Brown, Managing Director of National Affiliates, via e-mail at khbrown@usef.org or call (859) 225-6958 or visit the USEF website, www.usef.org.

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Press Release

Dressage Judges', Trainers', Competitors' Symposium with Steffen Peters and Janet Brown-Foy

The Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association presents the Fifth Annual Judges', Trainers', Competitors' Forum led by Steffen Peters, Olympic Bronze medalist and highest placing American at 2006 World Equestrian Games and at the 2007 World Cup and Janet Brown-Foy, FEI I judge and USEF R Sporthorse judge

The ESDCTA is pleased to present its fifth annual *Judges', Trainers' Competitors' Symposium* on October 20-21, 2007, at Hawk Hollow Ranch in Bedminster, NJ. The symposium was conceived in memory of Edgar Hotz, an international judge who was very active in the ESDCTA and who stressed the importance of communication between all participants of dressage. Steffen and Janet have presented this forum around the US to rave reviews from participants.

- All dressage judges, trainers and competitors are welcome
- Two-day cost is \$185, Special discount for ESDCTA members, \$100. Daily rates will be available, see www.esdcta.org for more information.
- Workshop will run from 9 am to approximately 4 pm Saturday and Sunday.
- Day 1 will cover the national levels and day 2 will focus on FEI and freestyles
- Lunch and seating is provided
- Hawk Hollow Ranch is located at 100 River Road West Bedminster, NJ

The goals of this program are to provide an open discussion among judges, trainers and competitors. The program will include:

1. Demonstrations and execution of dressage movements
2. How the judges' marks apply to the training scale
3. Various training techniques to achieve those movements
4. Differentiating the quality of gait from training evaluation in dressage judging

This program is USDF University accredited. Program number 101014.

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The Dressage Foundation
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: John F. Boomer, 402/434-8585, john@dressagefoundation.org
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Amanda Ward Remembered

The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund has been established at The Dressage Foundation, in special remembrance of Amanda, who was killed in an auto accident, while driving to her barn on the morning of July 12, 2007. Her many friends and admirers have chosen to honor and remember her in this special way.

The Fund will give an annual \$1000 award to the highest scoring Young Rider at 3rd level and above, at the New England Dressage Association Fall Festival. Amanda's friends and family feel this is a wonderful way to insure that her passion for Dressage can live on in other talented, committed young riders. The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund will help other young riders pursue their dreams of dancing with horses, as Amanda did every day of her 31-year life.

Amanda built a solid record of success and accomplishment in Dressage, during her young and too-short life. She had the courage and fortitude to live her dream every day, which made her a genuine inspiration to her family and her many Dressage friends.

"The Dressage Foundation is honored to have been chosen as the home for The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund," said John Boomer, President and CEO. Boomer continued, "The Dressage Foundation will provide full stewardship services in administering and managing the Fund." Donations in special remembrance of Amanda may be sent to The Dressage Foundation. Contact information is below. Information about the Fund will be posted on The Dressage Foundation website, www.dressagefoundation.org, and please contact the Foundation if you have questions or need more information about The Amanda Ward Legacy Fund.

The Dressage Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, whose mission is, "to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage." For more information contact The Dressage Foundation, Wells Fargo Center, Suite 732, 1248 'O' Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. Phone: 402/343/8585, Fax: 402/436-3053, or email to john@dressagefoundation.org. Visit our website at: www.dressagefoundation.org