

Fall 2014 Newsletter

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From the President:

December 2014

Welcome to the holiday season! I hope your homes are filled with family and good spirits! Year-end awards for MDS are in the works! If you plan to attend the banquet please fill out the reservation form and return to Beth Brainerd as soon as possible! The sooner Beth has an idea of numbers attending the banquet the better! You can find the reservation form on the MDS website!

I attended the USDF Convention in Boston Dec 3-6 representing MDS. Thank you very much for trusting me with MDS' votes! Shaping the future of USDF on behalf of MDS is an honor! Included in this newsletter is a brief recap of Convention. If you have any questions or want more detail, please send me an email!

Our omnibus is well under way in Cassie Martin's hands! The 2015 omnibus will be available at the year-end banquet as long as you are a current member! Remember there is some processing time necessary for memberships! If you want to be able to pick up your omnibus at the banquet, send in your membership NOW!

MDS is looking for some clinic ideas! Which clinicians would you like to see come to Maine? Send Becky Reed your ideas at b_girl52@hotmail.com!

There are at-large director positions available on the MDS board! Are you interested in shaping dressage in Maine? Join us! Contact me for more information or to express an interest in joining!

The next board meeting will be prior to the year-end banquet at 10:00am on January 24, 2015 at the Senator Inn in Augusta! All are welcome!

Thank you to all of you for being a part of MDS! Stay warm and Happy Holidays to all of you!
Bryn



2014 USDF Convention

I had the pleasure of representing Maine Dressage Society at the USDF Convention in Boston, Mass on December 4-6. Convention is made up of many committee meetings, some round table discussion groups, educational programs, and the Gala on Saturday night, where year-end awards are distributed.

How It All Works

The main reason it is important to send a representative is the Board of Governors (BOG) meeting. The BOG is where the final vote on any proposed changes to USDF occurs. Each GMO earns a certain number of votes according to their membership size. The GMO designates a person to represent them and their votes at the BOG. MDS has 6 votes to cast. The

representative is expected to vote in the best interest of the GMO they are representing. The BOG usually takes place on the last few days of the convention week.

The first part of Convention consisted of committee meetings and round table discussions on various topics. Attending these meetings gave insight on current or upcoming issues in bylaws, GMOs, Historical recognition, membership, nominating, competition management, freestyle, instructor trainer, judges, "L" education program, technical delegates, adult programs, awards, FEI Jr/YR, regional championships, sport horse, and youth programs committees. The round table discussions were a great place to get ideas, discuss problems, and ask questions. There were round table discussions for judges, GMOs, competition management, and youth programs.

There were wonderful educational programs mixed in that you could attend if you weren't already in one of the other meetings. Topics included performance horse nutrition, hind-gut issues in horses, saddle fit, conformation in performance horses, joint therapy choices, developing a winning partnership with your horse, the biomechanics of working your horse in circles, and the importance of premium forage in performance horses. These programs were led by top clinicians and were PACKED with people! Each day of convention also started with an optional Pilates class which was a wonderful way to start a long day of meetings!

Recap

There were so many things discussed in the meetings but some of the highlights are below!

-NEW TESTS! All of the changes made were meant to make the tests flow a bit better and remove items that were consistently ridden poorly. In all tests the harmony score was combined in to the submission score as the test writing committee members felt three rider scores put too much focus on the rider. There were no changes in intro, minimal changes in training level, some circle changes and halts added in first level. Second level has changes in counter canter patterns, walk pirouette placement changes, and renvers has been removed and moved to third level. Third level flying changes are moved off of centerline. Fourth level has the most changes including 3 tempis, working pirouette changes, and a double rein back (halt, rein back 4 steps, walk forward 4 steps, rein back 4 steps, trot off). Freestyle test were changed drastically. The biggest change is that movements and transitions that are above the level are not allowed. This is very different from past years where there were select movements not allowed but harder elements could be utilized. That's not allowed anymore! Another change is that all lateral work needs to be shown for at least 12 meters. If you intend

to ride a freestyle please be sure to look the new score sheets over!! The material score sheets also changed quite a bit to create a more accurate conformation score.

- Show Biz is the manual for USDF shows. It has been completely revamped and is a great reference material! It is available on the USDF website.

- There have been changes in the logo rule for saddle pads! If your show pad includes any logo, writing, monograms, etc please check your rule book to see what is currently allowed! If ever you have questions, ask the TD!

- The GMO round table discussions had a great idea on encouraging participation from volunteers both at shows, in clinics, and on the board! If money vouchers could be earned for volunteer hours which, in turn, could be applied towards membership costs, clinic costs, or scholarships, would you be more likely to participate? Please let me know your thoughts by emailing me at BERedman23@hotmail.com! I would really love to hear from you!

- On The Levels is a test booklet that USDF produces. It is available now on USDF.org!

- There are some classification changes that were approved at the BOG that will now be sent on to USEF convention for approval. These include splitting the Vintage Cup award in to both Open and Adult Amateur divisions. If you are over 50 and compete at USDF shows please let USDF know you want to be included for this award! The Dressage Seat Equitation Rider Award will change to include members who are both participating members AND/OR GMO members. This is the only awards category where the rider would NOT NEED to be a participating member! This is wonderful news! If you are proud of your seat, look at this award and participate!

The convention was a great way to be a part of USDF and the future of our sport! I'm so happy to have represented MDS! If you have any questions or comments, please email me! I'd love to hear from you!

Application for membership for 2015 season
(memberships accepted all year with a late fee)

What do you get as an MDS member?

- ❖ MDS Omnibus
- ❖ Automatic membership to USDF, MDS, and one local chapter
- ❖ Quarterly USDF Bulletin and quarterly MDS newsletter
- ❖ Information on shows, activities and clinics locally and state wide
- ❖ Possibility for earning year end awards for show performance within your local chapter and MDS

Please check:

New membership Renewal(USDF # required) Individual Junior

Please check ONE local chapter for membership (each additional chapter checked is an additional \$10)

CMDA(Central Maine Dressage Association) EMDA(Eastern Maine Dressage Association)
 NMDA(Northern Maine Dressage Association) WMDA(Western Maine Dressage Association)

- ❖ USDF RULE - All additional family members must pay an additional \$10.00 and will receive Supporting Member status.
- ❖ Must have birthdates of all junior members for USDF and year-end awards.

Primary Member Name (automatic USDF membership): _____
USDF # _____ Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Additional Family Member: _____
Requires an additional USDF membership fee of \$10.00
USDF # _____ Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____

Would you like your newsletter sent by email? Y / N

I would like to volunteer for (check all that apply):

Show Secretary Show Manager/co-manager Ring Steward Scribe Scorer Announcer Runner

Show set-up Banquet Committee Other: _____

Topic or speaker I would like to see at a clinic/meeting: _____

Category of Membership and Payment

1. Individual- \$40 Junior- \$40 (includes MDS, USDF, and local chapter dues)
\$ _____
2. Additional Chapter memberships # _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____
\$ _____
3. Renewals received after January 1, 2015 MUST include a \$10.00 late fee. Doesn't apply to NEW memberships
\$ _____
4. Additional USDF supporting memberships # _____ @ \$10.00 each = _____
\$ _____
5. Additional Omnibus # _____ @ \$10/each = _____
\$ _____

Please send completed application and check made out to MDS to Bryn Walsh, 97 Miles Road, Newburgh, Maine 04444

*Please note that separate Horse Registration Forms for MDS year-end qualifications are found in the Omnibus or at www.mainedressagesociety.org

Maine Dressage Society Banquet Reservation Form

The Maine Dressage Society Awards Banquet for the 2014 show season and the Annual Meeting will be held at the Senator Inn on Sunday, January 25, 2015. If you would like to attend reservation information is below. Awards letters will be going out in late December.

Please make checks payable to **MDS**.

\$30.00 per person, \$15.00 under 8

Send Money and Banquet reservations to:
Beth Brainerd/MDS Awards Banquet
67 Bill Howe Rd
Norway, ME 04268

I/We will be attending the MDS Banquet on Sunday, January 25, 2015.

Name:

Name:

Name:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Amount Enclosed: \$



Central Maine Dressage Association Club News:

News from Central Maine

I'm sure we are all winding down from a very busy show and clinic season. I know here in Maine we have a short show season but it is packed with shows almost every weekend and clinics here and there also. There just isn't enough time in our short summer to spend with our equine partners and equestrian friends.

The New Year will bring a busy calendar for CMDA. We will hold our Annual Awards Banquet at the Durham Community Hall at noon time on Saturday January 10th. This event is a potluck with a guest speaker, all members are welcome. Speaker and topic to be announced at a later date.

Our shows next year will be held at Safe Haven Farm on May 9th, Pittston Fair Grounds on August 1st and our Kur for the Cure to support the Dempsey Center will be held at Snowfields in Pownal on September 12th. The Kur is a great show and gets better and better every year and it supports the Dempsey center, so get your horses and friends together and think up a musical ride with costumes to support the Cure!

CMDA also hosted a Charlotte Trentleman Clinic at Wild Child Farm and a great time was had by all. Charlotte is a great clinician and we thank her for her time!

On a final note I would like to remind everyone to send in their membership for 2015 to MDS.

Happy Holidays Everyone,

Celeste Chapman Secretary CMDA



Eastern Maine Dressage Association:

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

EMDA is looking for volunteers to serve as officers to keep the club going. President, VP, and secretary. Please contact Rebecca Reed at b_girl52@hotmail.com to volunteer or for more information. EMDA will need to elect new officers by December 1st to keep the club from dissolving. Thank you!



Western Dressage Award Clarification

Rider must be a member of MDS at the time the scores are earned.

Horse must be registered with MDS.

Scores must be earned at a dressage show recognized by MDS (listed in the MDS Omnibus).

Scores must be from an 'L' rated judge or higher.

To qualify at a level a horse must have a minimum of six (6) scores earned at three (3) different shows from three (3) different judges.

Separation of divisions by junior/young rider, adult amateur, open and by levels will be at the discretion of the program manager.

Questions? Email Beth Brainerd, hbf@roadrunner.com!



Northern Maine Dressage Association Newsletter

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A word From Our President

NMDA put on four very successful shows in the 2014 season with beautiful weather! We would like to thank our members who volunteered at the shows, we couldn't do it without you! Our show attendance has grown tremendously, with familiar old faces and many new. We look forward to what next season brings for our members. Have a great holiday season!

- Elisha Harvey

Awards Dinner & Annual Meeting

January 18th @ 4:00 pm

Potluck @ Michelle Zambrano's house

Come join us for some great food, beautiful ribbons and an amazing recap video of our 2014 show season!

September 27, 2014

Show Results

NAME	HORSE	JR/SR	TEST	Score	PLACE
Leadline					
Lillian McBride	Quigley	JR	Leadline	77.5	1
Intro A Junior					
Mackayla Hamm	Quigley	JR	Intro A	70.938	1
Emma Denbow	Verse If Eye Rap	JR	Intro A	67.813	2
Lydia Pineo	Megabucks	JR	Intro A	66.875	3
Intro B Junior					
Emily Monahan	Artex	JR	Intro B	69.375	1
Emma Denbow	Verse If Eye Rap	JR	Intro B	69.063	2
Kaylee Clark	Indie	JR	Intro B	65.313	3
Alyssa Lee	West More Spring Fire	JR	Intro B	64.375	4
Lydia Pineo	Megabucks	JR	Intro B	63.75	5
Bree Fickett	Harley	JR	Intro B	63.438	6
Intro B Junior Reride					
Kaylee Clark	Indie	JR	Intro B ReRide	73.438	1
Emily Monahan	Artex	JR	Intro B Reride	65	2
Mackayla Hamm	The Mighty Thor	JR	Intro B	65	3
Intro C Junior					
Alyssa Lee	West More Spring Fire	JR	Intro C	61.75	1
Bree Fickett	Harley	JR	Intro C	56.25	2
Intro A Senior					
Elisha Harvey	Finishing Touch	SR	Intro A	72.813	1
Valerie Parent	Danske	SR	Intro A	69.375	2
Elisha Harvey	Finishing Touch	SR	Intro A ReRide	68.75	3
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Angela Bonacasa	Valimar	SR	Intro A	67.188	4
Shirley Cotton	Sugar n Spice	SR	Intro A	56.563	5
Intro B Senior					
Sarah Cotton	Prince albert	SR	Intro B	74.063	1
Valerie Parent	Danske	SR	Intro B	71.25	2
Angela Bonacasa	Valimar	SR	Intro B	71.25	3
Elisha Harvey	The Mighty Thor	SR	Intro B	67.813	4
Shirley Cotton	Sugar n Spice	SR	Intro B	65	5
Intro B Senior Reride					
Sarah Cotton	Prince albert	SR	Intro B RR	72.813	1
Shirley Cotton	Sugar n Spice	SR	Intro B RR	67.5	2
Elisha Harvey	The Mighty Thor	SR	Intro B ReRide	66.875	3
Intro C Senior					
Sarah Cotton	Prince albert	SR	Intro C	69.25	1
Training 3 and reride					
Shelby Wheeler	Reyanna	SR	Tr 3 Reride	69	1
Shelby Wheeler	Reyanna	SR	Tr 3	67.2	2
First 1 and 2					
Shelby Wheeler	Brewster	SR	First 2	64.595	1
Chris Joost	Divino	SR	First 2	56.351	2
Margaret Carton	Sparto	SR	First 1	58.621	3
First 1 and 2 Reride					
Chris Joost	Divino	SR	First 2 Reride	68.919	1
Margaret Carton	Sparto	SR	First 1 Reride	62.241	2
Shelby Wheeler	Brewster	SR	First 2 Reride	55.946	3
Third 1 and Fourth 2					
Kathleen Fox	Sammy	SR	Third 1	63.158	1
Erika Sawyer	Sammy	SR	Fourth 2	61.351	2
Western Dressage Intro 3					
Sandy Peters	Jumping Jim Jasper	SR	WD Intro 3	67.917	1
Sandy Peters	Jumping Jim Jasper	SR	WD Intro 3 RERIDE	65.417	2
Quadrille Basic					
Emma Denbow	Verse If Eye Rap	JR	Quadrille Basic	72.368	1
Alyssa Lee	West More Spring Fire	JR	Quadrille Basic	72.368	1
Bree Fickett	Harley	JR	Quadrille Basic	72.368	1
Lydia Pineo	Megabucks	JR	Quadrille Basic	72.368	1

A Word from our Show Chair

Another gorgeous day for our last show day of the 2014 season on September 27th. Held atop the hill at the beautiful Isaac Royal Farm Showgrounds in Dover-Foxcroft featuring an excellent sand ring, plenty of grass warmup and trailer parking. And what a view with the spectacular fall colors. We had a great turnout with a good number of Intro rides both junior and senior; new people and new horses! Sprinkled in were several 1st, 3rd and 4th level rides, some Western Dressage and a Quadrille! Our judge for the day was Patti Swan.

- Alison LaCourse

2015 Show Dates!

July 18 - Yvonn Coleman-Larson

Aug 15 - Carol Poulin-Taylor

Sept 12 - Chris Joost

Sept 26 - Jane Tremlett

Held at the beautiful Isaac Royal Farm show grounds in Dover-Foxcroft. Come join us!