



Maine Dressage Society



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Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls- they give us hope!

Message from the President

MDS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm pleased to report the September MDS Board meeting was well attended. I was so happy to see some new faces volunteering to help. Jami Luke and her husband Charlie were there representing CMDA. They moved to Maine this year from Virginia. I also saw some new names on the list of representatives from the clubs. I hope to see them at the next board meeting in January. There is a Member At Large position open for the MDS board. If anybody is interested contact me.

A big thank you goes out to Stephanie Hatcher for volunteering to be editor and Chair of the Omnibus Committee. It's a big job and I encourage anybody that can, to offer to help her. It would be great to have more help obtaining advertising for the 2009 issue. It's a great way for MDS to raise money for symposiums. Stephanie's e-mail address is shatcher@maine.rr.com.

Willette Brown is looking into possibilities for our next symposium. She is hoping to set something up for this winter to help lift our spirits! If you have a clinician that you would like to work with share your thoughts with Willette at hunterhillfarmwb@roadrunner.com. This is your club! Tell us what you would like to see us doing.

Bryn Walsh is in charge of the MDS website. She made the comment that she would like to have more news, show results and pictures sent to her. Her e-mail address is BERedman23@hotmail.com.

I hope everybody had a great summer. Enjoy the lovely fall weather. I hope to see you at the MDS banquet January 25.

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CMDA NEWS



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Our meeting on 09/21/08 had several new faces at it, and it was an energetic meeting with lots of new ideas brought up! People need to remember to pay their dues NOW, to avoid the \$10 late fee!! The membership application is on the MDS website, as well as with the newsletter... It should be sent to Becky Morse 612 Prescott Rd Manchester ME 04351.

CMDA's Year End Awards Banquet is on 11/23/08 at 6 p.m., place still to be determined, and announced soon (probably a centrally located Grange Hall or similar location-- a couple are being looked at). It will be a pot luck dinner. To qualify for year end awards, people must follow the same guidelines as those of MDS as to the number of their highest scores to submit for the level at which they are riding.

We are also in the planning an Adult Riding camp to be hosted at Wild Child Farm in Pittston. November 15-16 date has been selected. Details are being work out and should be done soon.

EMDA NEWS



EMDA Board '08

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CLINICS:

Gail McCormack reports that for clinicians for next year Carol PT is tentatively set for May 17th at Whispering Pines and Mary G for an earlier date for the free clinic hopefully at Starwalk.

SHOWS!!

Another show season is behind us and I hope everyone had a successful year!!!!!! A big thank you to Robin Cory for the use of East Ridge Stables and Lisa & Matt Pavao of Starwalk Stables for hosting our Rider Run Shows this past year; to Kim Smith of Whispering Pines for hosting our clinic, to all of these stables as well as Puckerbrush and Isaac Royal for holding pointed shows, an-d of course all of the members that supported the shows.

Alison LaCourse, our Show Chair who has done a great job reports that for next year the dates and judges for EMDA shows are: June 14, 2009/Sandra Beaulieu; Aug 9, 2009/Susanne Hamilton; Oct 18, 2009/Carol Poulin-Taylor.

The June 14th show will be at Eastridge, the August 9th Show will be at Starwalk and the October 18th show will be at Stepping Stone Farm. We are most grateful to these facilities!

August Rider-Run Show at Starwalk

INTRO A LEAD LINE: 1st Keiko Fafah (High C), 2nd Peyton Trudel (High C), 3rd Johanna Burgarson (High C), 4th Erin Markincus (Major), 5th Margaret Peterson (Major), 6th Bradley Frizzel (Major).

INTRO A: 1st Nicole Schobel (Unique Streak), 2nd Emily Jane Grant Breezintoperfection, 3rd Leslie Buehler (Maine Moose Tracks).

INTRO B: 1st Kristina Gordon (Whitney), 2nd Gail McCormack (Scout's Honor), 3rd Leslie Buehler (Maine Moose Tracks), 4th Leslie Buehler (Maine Moose Tracks), 5th Kathleen Fox (Zip), 6th Val Philpot (Just Jack), 7th Alison LaCourse (Conversano Vantano).

INTRO B RERIDE: 1st Kathleen Fox (Zip), 2nd Gail McCormack (Scout's Honor), 3rd Alison LaCourse (Conversano Vantano)

TRAINING 1 JR: 1st Whitney Sargent (Take Me Higher), 2nd Molly Worcester (Good Goinh), 3rd Clarissa Hillman (Eureka del Sol), 4th Kathleen Monahan (Anonymoose)

TRAINING 1 SR: Kristina Gordon (Whitney), Gail McCormack (Scout's Honor), 3rd Amy Averre (Waltzinger), 4th Sharon Carroll (E G Serenity Bay)

TRAINING 2 JR: 1st Whitney Sargent (Take me Higher), 2nd Molly wordester (Good Goin), 3rd Casie Elia (Double Stuff Oreo), 4th Amanda Snow (Super Star Version), 5th Amber Anderson (One Smooth One), 6th Kathleen Monahan (Anonymoose),

TRAINING 2 SR: 1st Val Philpot (Just Jack), 2nd Sharon Carroll (E.G. Serenity Bay)

TRAINING 3: 1st Shelby Lynn Wheeler (Double Stuff Oreo), 2nd Amber Anderson (One Smooth One), 3rd Amanda Snow (Super Star Version), 4th Rebecca White

TRAINING 1 AND 2 RE-RIDE: 1st Amy Averre Waltzinger, 2nd Kathleen Monahan, 3rd 4th Clarissa Hillman (Eureka Del sol)

FIRST LEVEL 1: 1st Roseanna LaCourse (Serra bint Kiyara), 2nd Kristina Gordon (Beamer), 3rd (Mandi Dumond (Uncle Henry), 4th Breanne McKinley (Euro), 5th Sharon Carroll (E G Serenity Bay)

FIRST LEVEL 2: Kristina Gordon (Beamer), 2nd Roseanna LaCourse (Serra bint Kiyara), 3rd Jaime Bangs (Noreasters Fancy Rose)

FIRST LEVEL 3 AND 4: 1st Lydie Worcester (My Excelerator), 2nd Kathleen Hartley (Oleiro), 3rd Kristin Gordon (Mister Moe), 4th Kristina Gordon (Mister Moe)

1ST LEVEL RE-RIDES: Jamie Bangs (Noreasters Fancy Rose), 2nd Breanne McKinley (Euro)

SECOND LEVEL 1 / 1 /RE-RIDE AND 4: 1st Chelsea Oldfield (Obvious Intentions), 2nd Chelsea Oldfield (Obvious Intentions) 3rd Kathleen Hartlehy (Oleiro), 4th Betsy Hudson (Tekla), 5th Betsy Hudson (Tekla)

QUADRILLE: Emily Jane Grand (Breezintoperfection), Lydie Wordcester (my Excelerator), Molly Worcester (Good Goin, Whitney Sargent (Take me Higher)

NEED DRESSAGE CONTACTS IN MAINE? CHECK OUT THE MDS WEBSITE!

Need tests? Download them at www.mainedressagesociety.org We are grateful to Bryn Walsh for her setting this up and updating it.

YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY The Year-End Awards Party will be hosted by the most gracious Clare and Lew Payne on Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck. No chips, please, serious food.

From Both Ends of the Reins

The weather says it's getting time to ride indoors again. Shucks, we had barely put the black flies away! Thanks to one and all who helped out EMDA this season. There are endless hours spent behind the scene that are easily taken for granted. We benefit from the generosity of many of their talents and enthusiasm. The clinics, the shows, getting information out, keeping track of funds, not to mention coordination with MDs and Year-End Awards. This year we tried a Quadrille Exhibition. It's fun and drudgery combined. When I was setting up the arena for the umpteenth time and my coerced helper once muttered, "This is a lot of work," I just sort of chuckled and carried on with the task. It all takes a spirit of cooperation to keep EMDA going. Spending the day on the Carriage Trails with a number of you today was a great way to close the outdoor season. See you at the Banquet.



Please note that to qualify as junior riders for EMDA 2009 membership and Year-End Awards, riders must be under 18 years of age as of January 1st of the show season.

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News from Southern Maine Dressage Association!

The 2008 show season has been very busy and successful. We've had 4 great schooling shows at the Hollis Equestrian Park, and are presently getting ready of our October "Ride Re-Ride" show.

We are also starting our 2009 membership campaign. We're hoping to increase our club membership and offer more activities and social events in addition to the Schooling Shows. We'd love to get more people involved and make SMDA a fun and educational organization with lots of activities!

Hollis Equestrian Park Warm-up Ring

We are thrilled that the Friends of the Hollis Equestrian Park took on the major project of complete renovation of the warm-up ring. The footing is now fabulous, and we are hugely grateful to the HEP organization for their efforts to make the warm-up ring safe and sound for all users!

deBree Portrait Raffle

As a fundraiser, we are selling raffle tickets for a custom portrait from DeBree Portraits. Win a complete, on location photo session and 16 x 20 wall portrait of your horse (\$400 value)! Grand prize drawing to be held at the SMDA year-end banquet. Raffle tickets will be on sale at our September and October shows, or contact Beth Pauls at 878-5794 or 651-6139. Tickets are 1 for \$5; or 3 for \$10.

Year End Awards - Rider Report Forms

To all those hoping to qualify for SMDA year end awards, the requirements are as follows: You must send a rider's score sheet to verify scores. You must have ridden at least 3 times in each individual test. You must have ridden these tests at a SMDA sponsored or affiliated shows.

SMDA Banquet

Speaking of year end awards, we are planning on holding the SMDA Banquet in January (date has not been decided). We'll send out an announcement when the date and location have been set. Contact any of the SMDA Board members if you have any questions or if you're interested in helping with the Banquet.

The SMDA Board met recently to start plans for the 2009 season. We are hoping to host another clinic this coming spring – last year's clinic with Pam Goodrich was such a success we are looking forward to hosting another well-recognized clinician to get us started for the season. SMDA will also be putting on the usual slate of schooling shows at the Hollis Equestrian Park, plus we are planning another "Ride Re-ride" for next fall.

SMDA Policies

With wait lists for all of our shows this season, we've come to realize that SMDA needs to establish some clear policies and consistency regarding show entries. Over the winter we'll be developing some guidelines for participating in SMDA shows – check our website for updates!

Volunteers

We're also planning to organize volunteers to help out at our shows in a more organized fashion. We'd like to increase member involvement, and avoid having the same people doing all the work all the time! Check our website for developments – we'll be putting out a call for volunteers for scribes, ring stewards, etc.

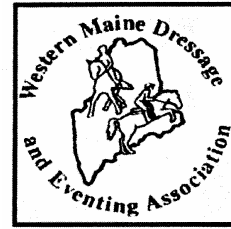
Please check out our website www.southernmainedressage.com (thank you Judy Webster!) for current information, forms, links, calendar, ride times – as well as fabulous photos from our shows and clinics.

Have a great fall season!

The SMDA Board of Directors

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Hi all, can you really believe that the leaves are turning that beautiful red, yellow, and orange, showing us that our summer is over and that fall is really here, and the cold winter months are quickly on there way. I don't know about all of you but this summer really flew by. As the show season is quickly coming to an end I hope everybody had a great show season, was available to take lots of training and clinic opportunities or just had fun in the sun through out Maine and maybe even New England.

Western Maine Dressage and Eventing Association has been working diligently to examine the needs of our members and try to respond to those needs. But we do need your help in planning great activities that members would like to participate in, so please feel free to contact us with ideas or recommendations. WMDEA is still working on getting Melanie T. Clark up for a animal communicator clinic, and our annual adult camp.

Since Maine's show season is coming to an end that means it's that time of year again. It's time to re-new your WMDEA membership. If you have not received or sent in your 2009 membership form please get in touch with Beth Brainerd, WMDEA's treasure and membership person. Beth's email is hbf@megalink.net. Along with re-newing membership it's time to send in your scores if you are going for WMDEA year-ends. Scores need to be in to Cassi by **November 15th**. I will not accept any scores a day later. If you need a form to send in scores please contact me Cassi, WMDEA awards coordinator. Just like last year I will be giving the member who gets their scores into me first, with all the correct information and filling out the correct form to me will get an extra award. The annual banquet/meeting will be held again in January at Laura Falconer's house (Lookout Farm) in Sumner, Maine.

(WMDEA cont)

Every year at the annual awards banquet we start off with a delicious potluck where everybody brings their favorite dish to share with their fellow horse lovers. After dinner WMDEA goes on to having a quick annual meeting (since the whole club is present) then on to the presents. Everybody that brings a present pulls a number out of a hat and number one gets to pick the first present and so on. After all the presents are opened it's on to the awards. WMDEA does take much pride, passion, time, money and energy in achieving an awards program that is top notch. We always have lots of food, fun, and who could forget the huge ribbons and all the wonderful merchandise. So don't miss out on our great awards program, become a member, start showing at our affiliated shows, earn the great scores and then send them to Cassi.

WMDEA does have three shows left that are affiliated with them:

October 5 Esprit Equestrian Center
October 11 Sunset Farm
October 26 WMDEA Fall Fun Show

WMDEA will once again hold its ever popular Fall Fun Show, Sunday, October 26 at Lookout Farm in Sumner, Maine. Our judge this year will be Sandra Beaulieu, making scores earned count towards both WMDEA and MDS year end award programs. This is a fun, low key show, perfect for trying out a new test, introducing a new or young horse to the show ring, getting those last minute scores or just for fun. We not only have dressage classes but we offer, equitation, pleasure, stick horse, costume and several other fun games. For a complete list of classes look in the MDS omnibus or call Cassi. The Fall Fun Show is a low cost show with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. In the interest of keeping things relaxed, formal show attire is discouraged, so please dress casual. This show encourages riders to try something new. If you ride Dressage, try some fun classes and if you come from another discipline try some low level dressage classes. Every rider will win a ribbon for every class completed, so what do you have to lose? We also try to get additional prizes for all first place winners.

Our next WMDEA meeting will be held at Cassi Martin's house in Buckfield, Maine October 12th, 2008, at 5:00p.m. It will be a pot luck, where I will have lots of good food, but if anyone is willing to bring something, please let me know. This is an important meeting so please attend if you are or would like to become a WMDEA member. We have lots to talk about!

I would just like to take this time to Congratulate all of our members on a great 2008 season in all of your activities.

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WMDEA awards coordinator

ARE YOU NEW TO MDS & DRESSAGE

As we are getting winter blankets out, now is the time to submit your test scores for MDS year end awards to Beth Brainard 67 Bill Howe Rd. Norway, ME 04268 . Please remember this is for **MDS Awards** not your club awards.

For the up coming year, all **Horse Registration** forms should also be sent to Beth. Just a reminder that you need to register your horse for year end awards also. You can find a copy of the Registration form at the end of this news letter. Make sure to fill in all lines.

Club membership forms are due at your club of choice. Did you know that you can belong to more than one club? If you sign up for more than one club, please check with the club treasurer, you do not need to pay the MDS & USDF fees twice, only the club fee for the second club.

To see a list of the Awards, in the front of your Omnibus Year End Awards Program and read the rules. Maybe you could be a top rider in one of the divisions, and with the new year coming , maybe you can set a goal to try for a year end award next year! But you need to sign up at the beginning of the year!

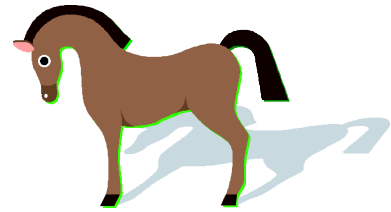
MDS Awards Banquet will be held at the Senator Inn in Augusta
Sunday, January 25, 2009
Board meeting at 10:00am
Awards banquet 12:30.
Hope to see you there.

USDF "Goes Green" is a topic we will be discussing at our annual banquet.

Members must all agree to download their own membership cards and Maine Dressage Society already sends in their rosters electronically. The reward for doing this will be to receive club points to purchase prizes through USDF's Lendon F. Gray Bookstore. So lets go Green!

This information was received by the USDF. MDS must agree as a whole to eliminate paper USDF cards. Please let your representatives know if you are interested. This won't go into effect for 2009 as we had to notify USDF by Dec 1 but what do you all think about trying for 2010?

Reminder Board



PLEASE LOOK AT YOUR LABEL. IF YOU HAVE AN ASTERISK (*) NEXT TO YOUR NAME, ITS TIME TO RE-NEW! THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST MAILING!!!

2009 Omnibus is underway!

Stephanie Hatcher is the new editor of the Omnibus. please contact her with information at SHATCHER@MAINE.RR.COM. If you are interested in helping with the Omnibus or would like to advertise, send her an email. Deadlines are fast approaching!

MDS Banquet & Awards; When signing up for a year end award, please remember to fill in all of the blanks, leave no line empty... and please make your check out to MDS or the Chair person will cash it and go shopping (for herself) what an incentive to chair that job! Be sure to save your seat at the Banquet please contact Beth Brainerd soon for reservations!

USDF "Goes Green"

Individuals can sign up for your 2009 USDF membership online and receive a \$15.00 Gift Certificate from Dover Saddlery.

2009 Membership now due!

Please remember to sign up for your 2009 membership as soon as possible! In order to avoid the late fee (\$10 as of Jan 1!!) and to get a copy of the USDF Year-book, you have to hurry!

USDF REGIONAL NEWS UPDATE

Please remember that only members as of December 31 will receive the 2008 yearbook issue of the *USDF Connection*, which will include a special pull-out poster of the 2008 US Olympic Team.

Please encourage your current members to renew their 2009 group membership as soon as possible and be sure to submit all renewed members by December 31 (the sooner the better). A tight deadline will not allow us to enter any late roster submissions in time for them to be included on the yearbook mailing list.

Visit www.usdf.org for ads to use in your newsletter and on your Web site to help spread the word to your members.

They say Princes learn no art truly, but the art of horsemanship. The reason is, the brave beast is no flatterer. He will throw a Prince as soon as his groom -- Ben Johnson, *Explorata*

Note from the newsletter editor:

Dead lines for the next news letter are as fallow;

January 30th April 30th July 30 September 30th

Please email me at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com with any items you wish to include in the newsletter. I look forward to serving you.

Did you change your address??? Please contact Sandy Welsh at sandy-welsh949@hotmail.com or Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com to keep your Maine Dressage news coming!

For Sale Horses

"Buddy", 14 yr. old bay Arab cross gelding. 15.2. Shown at Training and First young rider. Year end intermediate+ rider. right home. Off farm Contact Robyn at



Level at SMDA by award winner. Needs in-\$3000 negotiable to the lease also considered. 929-6562 or

robyn@sacoriver.net

Remember—classified ads are free for members! Send your information to Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com for the next issue! Pictures are welcome! You may also send you information to Bryn Walsh at pbrush@uninets.net in order for your classified to be placed on the website, also free of charge for members!