

Maine Dressage Society



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On the wings of the morning they gather and fly, in the hush of the night-time I hear them go by, the horses of memory thundering through with flashing white fetlocks all wet with the dew -- Will H. Ogilvie, *The Hooves of Horses*

Message from the MDS President

The Dressage community in Maine is up and running for 2009. Show season is underway and there are some great clinics being offered in Maine. I wasn't sure that I'd be ready for an April show but managed to be! I just participated in a USDF Sport Horse Seminar at Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, which was very educational. I'm looking forward to the Jan Ebeling clinic this October at DLT Performance Horses in Gray, Maine. It's wonderful to have so many great educational opportunities right here in Maine.

I got a few responses back from the survey that was sent out. Thank you for your input. The ideas/concerns were discussed at the last MDS board meeting and will be kept in mind as we move forward. Consider this an open ended survey. If at any time you would like to send one to me please do so.

On a person note, I am saddened to tell you of the loss of my mare Donaumädchen *M*. She foaled out a gorgeous colt on May 21st and unfortunately passed away on May 24th from an inoperable colic as a result of carrying the foal. I tell you this not for your sympathy but to remind you that life has unexpected turns. Cherish your beloved horse friends. Treat them kindly and enjoy spending time with them. They are a great gift from god.

Carol Poulin-Taylor

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Mr. Jan Ebeling
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Jan is currently one of USA's strongest Grand Prix Riders with his mare Rafalca. The world gave him a standing ovation at the 2007 World Cup in Las Vegas after doing the intro ride with commentator in front of a full house. With a Pan Am Team Gold medal under his belt already, Mr. Ebeling is strongly gearing up for a spot at the 2009 World Cup and 2010 World Equestrian Games.

For more information on how to apply for a rider spot or to audit, contact Maine Dressage Society

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Think of us as your “Dressage Bank”—a place where you can make deposits (Donations) and withdrawals (Scholarships/Grants).

Ours is a unique organization, helping the sport of Dressage with a growing array of Grants, Scholarships, Funds, Programs and Projects. A few important, highlight facts about us are these:

- **Our Mission is:** “To cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of Dressage.”
- **Established in 1989** by founder Lowell Boomer (97 years of age in 2008), who is also the founding organizer of the United States Dressage Federation (USDF) in 1973.
- **Our business, simply stated, is:** we raise money, manage it, and give it away.
- **We are a stand-alone Foundation.** We are not part of USDF. We provide funding to USDF, its GMOs and members, as well as giving support to other Dressage/equestrian organizations, projects and programs. We are neither enmeshed in the organizational structure, nor entangled in the politics of any other equestrian organization.



- **Stewardship is “Job One” at The Dressage Foundation.** Donor Funds are established by Board Resolution, which spells out the Funds' purpose, policies and procedures. This puts on file a stewardship governance road map, to guide future Management/Boards in carrying out precisely and perpetually the Donor's designated intent.
- **We are a non-profit tax-exempt corporation** [IRS Code Sec. 501(c)(3)]. All Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
- **We have no dues-paying members.** Our only sources of revenue are charitable contributions and earnings on our Funds and investment reserves. Donors are all-important to the Foundation; we can only give away what Donors give to us, to make all of our good works possible.
- **Donations come to us in all sizes – small, medium, large, extra-large – each gift is so important.**

Please join us in our work. Contribute to one of our present Funds, or consider establishing a Fund to help turn Dressage Dreams into Action. Those we help will be so grateful to you.



THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION

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Congratulation Nancy & Klassic

Klassic and Nancy Chandler-Conrey have been a team for almost 16 years. Klassic is a gorgeous 18 hand Dutch Warmblood gelding who came into Nancy's life as a yearling from Iron Spring Farm. Since that time, Nancy has trained Klassic herself all the way up the levels through Grand Prix. Though it has been a rocky road due to two major surgeries for Klassic, and injuries from a bad car wreck for Nancy, the hard work and determination (certainly helped by Klassic's super athleticism and enormous heart) has paid off. This team has won numerous SMDA, MDS and NEDA awards, as well as USDF Silver and Gold Medals. Nancy and Klassic are also 4th place NEDA Year End Grand Prix for 2008. Nancy has a tremendous group of supporters, including family, friends and students, who continue to be instrumental in her many successes. She wishes to thank them all for their love and support, without which this certainly would be a more difficult journey!



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ARE YOU NEW TO MDS & DRESSAGE

Many times we get inquiries about when things will be processed—as in “When is my Omnibus coming?” or “When will my USDF membership be active?”

When you send your membership form and dues to your local club, they are entered into their membership base and then monthly, the list is sent to the MDS membership person. Now remember, if you sent in your information around the 5th of the month, it may not be passed along until the 25th of the month—almost a month delay right there. THEN!!! The MDS membership person gets the information and records it in the statewide database. The omnibus is sent out within 2 weeks and the USDF roster goes down once a month. Again—you might be looking at another month delay depending on when the rosters are being sent.

And finally, remember that we are all volunteers in a huge organization. We have over 300 members statewide and we all work at jobs other than our MDS obligations. We are trying hard to get everything done quickly.

How can you help? Try to get your membership in early in the year so that, by the time the shows are here, you will have all your information in place and you will have planned your season with your Omnibus in hand!!!

Note from the newsletter editor:

**Deadlines for the news letters are as follow;
March 1st June 1st September 1st December 1st**

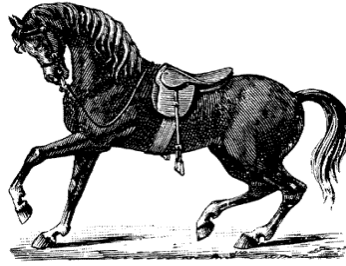
Please send your news to cadpeaslee@yahoo.com for the next newsletter! I look forward to hearing you.

Did you change your address??? Please contact Sandy Welsh at sandywelsh949@hotmail.com or Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com to keep your Maine Dressage news coming!

Upcoming MDS Meeting Dates:

These are open meetings. All MDS members are welcome to come.

Tuesday, October 1st @ 6:30 PM @ the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta
Sunday, January 31st 2010 @ 10:00 AM @ the Senator Inn in Augusta



Reminder Page

Proposed By-Law changes

At the April MDS Board of Directors meeting Carol Poulin-Taylor proposed a change to the MDS by-laws. This will allow the Board Directors to vote on special issues by e-mail. Article VI, section 5: on page 16 of the 2009 Omnibus would change the wording from **mail**, to **"e-mail"**

If you have any comment on this issue, please feel free to contact any or all Board members before the October 1st meeting. The list of Board of Directors can be found at the front of this news-letter or in your Omnibus. The Board will be voting on this issue at that meeting and YOU are welcome to attend.

Need an FEI test???? Please contact Stephanie Hatcher at shatcher@maine.rr.com Or call her at 207-423-7352

E-mail or Snail mail????

If you did not receive a yellow post card and want your news letter mailed to you please contact cadpeaslee@yahoo.com and you will be added to the mail list. Please remember that you can also get a copy from the MDS web site.

Treasurer/Membership Person needed!!!

Sandy Welsh will be stepping down from her position taking care of the Treasury and Membership for MDS this fall. We really need someone who is good with numbers, computers and email to step up! It's a great way to be involved and help MDS! Thanks so much Sandy for all your hard work and long hours of volunteering for MDS.

CMDA NEWS



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CMDA YEAR-ENDS AWARDS PROGRAM

New for 2009

Rule Changes for 2009 see score report form in back of news letter

- ⇒ Rider must be a current CMDA member at the time scores are earned
- ⇒ All scores must be earned at shows listed in the current year 's MDS Omnibus, and awarded by a judge with a rating of "L" or higher ("I", "R", "S", etc.)
- ⇒ Horse and rider combinations are eligible for awards at two (2) consecutive levels. Should a combination qualify for three, the lowest level's scores are forfeit.
- ⇒ To qualify at each level, a horse & rider combination is required to earn six (6) scores at three (3) shows from three (3) different judges. Two submitted scores MUST be earned at any of the CMDA affiliated shows listed in the current Competition year MDS Omnibus.
- ⇒ Year-end scores will be calculated by the level, and the two median scores averaged. A median score of 55% or higher is required to qualify for an award.
- ⇒ Riders are required to submit a CMDA Score Report form, as well as a copy of the front of each test.
- ⇒ Score submissions must be post marked on or before 30-November of the current Competition year for award consideration.

The CMDA USDF/USEF Recognized Sport Horse Breed Show will be held August 22, 2009 at Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham Maine . For more information see the MDS omnibus or go to www.espritequestriancenter.com

CMDA will be hosting 3 club schooling shows. The next one will be at Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham, Maine on the following dates:

June 28th Judge Yvonn Coleman-Larsen "L" - Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham
October 18 Judge: TBA— Clay Brook Farm Turner



There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle;!
one is a sense of humor and the other is patience.



Maine Dressage Society proudly represents our state's dressage enthusiasts! For more information about a club near you, please visit our website at www.mainedressagesociety.org



EMDA NEWS

EMDA Board '09



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EMDA Board Meeting April 15, 2009

EMDA Meeting -Bangor Public Library Conference Room 4/1/09
M. Zambrano, M. Lagerklint, C. Elia, B. Hudson, B. Redman, R. Clark, K. Clark, G. McCormick

- I. Old minutes approved.
- II. Treasurer's report - \$4329.10 plus \$250 from the Willette Brown clinic
- III. Old Business - N/A
- IV. Committee Reports -
 - A. Shows: Alison needs someone to co-run EMDA shows. Kate Sherill will be asked if she could do that. Sandra Beaulieu can not judge the June 14th show so Chris Joost will be the judge instead.
 - B. Clinics: The Willette Brown clinic at Dysarts had positive feedback from 22 attendees. Dysarts was a good host for the clinic and a thank-you will go out in the newsletter. Mary O'Rourke will do the Free Clinic June 13th and Carol Poulin-Taylor will do a clinic May 16th similar to last year's that will include her critiquing a Dressage test as she would if she were judging. An idea to have Judy Westlake do an Eckhart Meyner clinic with the Balimo Seat is in the works. Possibly for September or October and may be a 2 day clinic. All info will go out in an email and as a hard copy to those without email. Gail and Marianne will coordinate to take care of the mailings. A clinic registration form will be established with a waiver statement as well as a cancellation policy.
A possible lecture series is in the works. Issues involved include finding out how many people are interested, what the cost would be, whether or not lecturers would need a refund if the clinic didn't fill. Ideas for topics may be submitted.
The standard lease fee for using a facility for a clinic is \$100.
 - C. Year-End Awards: Bryn asked for a budget and it will be approximately \$450. Ribbons will be given to all members to 8th place. All members qualifying beyond that will receive Participant ribbons.

D. Membership: Membership is over 100 people at this point which is more than EMDA had at this time last year.

V. New Business - The next MDS meeting is 4/14. The deadline for newsletter information is May 15th.

-Gail would like feedback regarding a Young Rider's clinic sponsored through MDS. MDS needs more info about facility, liability, etc. This will be considered for next year.

-Clinic subsidizing: Gunnar Ostergaard will be at Puckerbrush 4/18 and 19 as well as one other later date. The initial cost per lesson is \$200. Gunnar will do 10 lessons per day with 1-2 riders per lesson. The cost for a semi-private is \$130 per person. Bryn would like to know if a future Gunnar clinic could be subsidized for EMDA members similar to the Rodrigo Mates clinic. \$2080 was paid to Rodrigo from EMDA to offset the lesson costs for members. It was decided that EMDA would offer 16 slots with \$30 off the lesson fee, whether it is a semi or private lesson, to EMDA members. Reservations will be taken on a first come-first serve basis.

The next EMDA meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 6pm, in the Bangor Public Library. [since changed to 322 West Broadway, Bangor]



SHOWS, SHOWS, SHOWS!

The EMDA Rider-Run Shows are in the Omnibus. Do support our shows, as they pay for the year-end awards. Our members have been most cooperative with this.

Tentatively pointed Shows in EMDA area:

April 5 Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
May 3 Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
May 17 Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
June 7 Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
June 14 EMDA Rider Run Show at East Ridge Stables
July 5 Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
July 11-12 Isaac Royal USDF
July 19 Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
July 25-6 Isaac Royal USDF/USEF
July 31 USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
Aug1 USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
Aug 2 USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
August 9 EMDA Rider-Run Show Starwalk
August 16 Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
August 30 Stone Ridge Stables
Sept 6 Puckerbrush Schooling Show
Sept 20 Whispering Pines Schooling
Oct 4 Puckerbrush Schooling Show
October 18 EMDA Rider Run at Stepping Stone
November 1 Puckerbrush Schooling

Alison LaCourse, our Show Chair, has done a great job lining up judges and facilities for our Rider-Run Shows. Even if you ride elsewhere, we always need help. She would especially appreciate someone who could be Site-Manager for part of a day or all day during show days. She needs to help her daughter show – so please contact her if you can be of help! , 207-343-1644; lacoursefamilyfarm@yahoo.com

EMDA YEAR-END AWARDS: PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FORM IN THE OMNIBUS IS INCORRECT. We are going to point any shows listed in the MDS Omnibus that have an L judge. If you are an EMDA member and show out of our district, you must submit all tests you ride for Year-end Awards. Our awards are funded by our EMDA Rider-Run Shows, so please support those.

See end of news letter for copies of the membership forms and year end forms.

CLINICS!

Kudos to Gail MacCormack who organized the Carol-Poulin Taylor clinic. Our Free Clinic still has a few openings as we go to press. Don't miss it: June 13th, with Mary O'Rourke(Guenzel) at Serendipity Farm. We have a few semi-private slots left, please contact Gail McCormack @ Gail@infinityfarm.us, if you would like to attend.

EMDA will have a Judy Westlake clinic TBA later this summer and also a lecture series to be held over the winter months. The lecture series will be topics that EMDA members have asked about or expressed interest in. The Lecturers will be local informative people that will have insight and knowledge to talk with and to initiate discussion.

This is also a reminder that we want to get information out to EMDA members and have clinics that you as members ask us to have. So please let us know what you would like and PLEASE participate when ever possible. If there is a reason you aren't attending or something in particular that you wants and a specific clinic or lecture that would interest you, again please let us know. Remember the clinic and future lectures we have, are a direct result of information that is given to us from you, the member.



News from EMDA members

Kristina Gordon is available for training, exercise riding and lessons. She is based out of Newport but travels the greater Bangor area. She has received her bronze and silver medals through EMDA and is currently showing her horse second level. If interested please contact Kristina at 561 301 8044 or email her at HRSDNCR1@GMAIL.COM

NEED DRESSAGE CONTACTS IN MAINE? CHECK OUT THE MDS WEB-

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

FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall EMDA meeting will tentatively take place on September 15th, Sunday, at 6:00 p.m. at 322 West Broadway in Bangor. EMDA Board meetings are subject to rescheduling so please call 207-942-5940 before the meeting to assure it has not been changed. They are open meetings.

WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? CHAIR A COMMITTEE? BE ON THE EMDA BOARD?

Let Betsy Hudson know by August Newsletter time, in writing please!

From Both Ends of the Reins

Changes happen. It was with some distress that I read in the New York Times of two weeks ago that the Claremont Riding Academy of Manhattan finally closed. Now my chances of galloping through Central Park someday have grown slimmer. Then I read the book nobody's horses about the wild horses who got fenced into the White Sands Missile Base years ago. A million acres of fenced pasture with only one major predator...

So it was time to go to the barn and see how the ponies were. They have more than made up for the long winter hours! "You have to make your own fun," that's what I was told. But when you have horses...fun just surrounds you in the spring!

Do pitch in and help at our shows. We need you. And give your horse an extra carrot. See you at the EMDA shows!

As always,

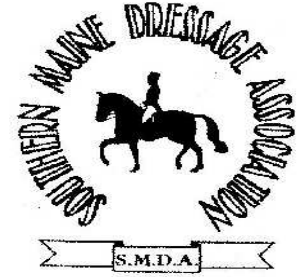


Please note that to qualify as junior riders for EMDA 2010 membership and Year-End Awards, riders must be under 18 years of age as of January 1st of the show season.

SMDA NEWS

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News from Southern Maine Dressage Association May 2009

"On the Levels" Symposium with Linda Zang

Our "On the Levels" Symposium with Linda Zang on May 2-3 was a huge success. The Symposium was held at the beautiful Spring Creek Farm facility in Lyman, Maine. A big Thank You to our hosts Sarah and Nick Armentrout who worked hard to help us ensure things went smoothly.

The Symposium was fabulous! Ms. Zang was a tireless and enthusiastic instructor, who engaged the auditors in questions and discussions to ensure that we understood the requirements for each level. We had a great assortment of horse and rider pairs, ranging from Training Level through Grand Prix. It was fascinating to watch each pair demonstrate obvious improvement under Ms. Zang's instruction.

A special THANK YOU to our Symposium organizers Jane Tremlett and Wendy Brunson, and also to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Membership

If you have not already done so, please send in your **2009 membership** (the membership form is on our website). Send the completed form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form) as soon as possible. Memberships received after the Jan. 1 due date are processed periodically in batches so please be patient, it may take some time to receive an acknowledgement. This year we started providing membership cards. Membership cards were handed out at the Banquet back in January. For folks who did not make it to the banquet, membership cards have been emailed. Please contact the SMDA Treasurer (Bev Dudley) if you have question regarding your membership status.

Hope everyone is having a good spring, and we look forward to seeing you at an SMDA event soon!

Visit us at www.southernmainedressage.com

SMDA 2009 Schooling Show Dates

May 17

June 14

August 2

September 20

October 18 - FALL FUN SHOW

All of our Schooling Shows are held on Sundays at the Hollis Equestrian Park. Please note that our October Ride Re-ride Show is being held as a "Fun Show." This is a great opportunity to try a new test, get some valuable judge feedback, and have a relaxed show experience. As a Fun Show, test scores from our October show will not count for year-end points.

Please check our website for our SMDA Show Policies - including information on how to prepare a complete entry form, and or policy on processing entries!

Year-End Awards

Reminder - you must be a member before the show for the score to qualify for year-end awards. Only SMDA Schooling Shows and SMDA Affiliated Shows qualify for SMDA year-end awards. And very important - you **MUST** send your scores into Robyn Cuffey to qualify for SMDA year-end awards. The Rider Report Form may be found on our website.

This year we are pleased to have **Pineland Farms as an SMDA affiliate for their show on April 19th**. Please note, however, that Pineland's October show is NOT SMDA affiliated (only MDS) - we made a mistake in the Omnibus (sorry!) All shows in the MDS Omnibus will qualify you for MDS year-end awards (you must register your horse with MDS and send in a year-end report), but only the SMDA and SMDA affiliated shows qualify for SMDA awards. Questions? Contact our "keeper of the scores" Robyn Cuffey for more info.

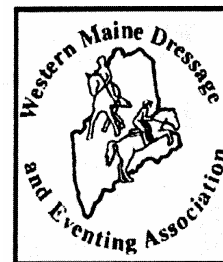
Interested in becoming more involved?

SMDA is completely run by volunteers, and we are always looking for more people to get involved. It's a nice group of horse-lovers, and we also have a lot of fun. Each of our shows requires a number of volunteers to ensure things run smoothly (scribe, ring steward, set-up and take-down crew) and you don't have to volunteer for a full day (half day is typical). There are also plenty of ways you can help besides on show days.

This fall we will be seeking nominations for SMDA Board Members (2-year term). Please consider if you can allow some time to get more involved and give back to SMDA. Board Members serve a 2-year term. We typically meet once a month from September through April, and responsibilities include things such as getting judges for our shows, organizing the Banquet and Year-End Awards, coordinating volunteers for our shows, preparing information for the Omnibus, organizing our clinics and other educational activities, etc. It's not a big time commitment, and it's tremendously satisfying to work together as a team to put on our shows and clinics. If you're interested in getting more involved in SMDA, and/or possibly serving as a Board Member, please contact Wendy Brunson or any of our current SMDA Board Members.

WMDEA NEWS

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I would like to submit a "Happy Birthday" to VELVET, our 37 yr old Morgan mare! Velvet is the picture of happiness and health - still being ridden (with that "Morgan motor") still eating grain and still has free roam of the farm. We cater to Velvet as she has catered to us. Had a lesson today and she wore me out - keep it up little girl! Mommy and Daddy (and Miss Cassi) are so proud!



In riding a horse, we borrow freedom.

Classifieds

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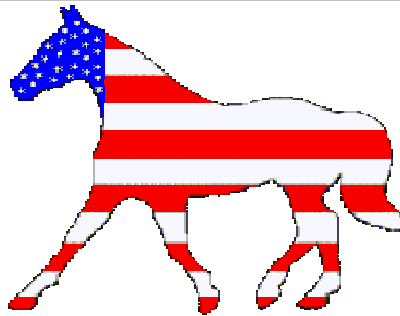
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8 Y/O 13 hand Registered Mustang mare, bay with socks and blaze. Walk, trot, canter, jumps, and trail rides. Asking \$1000 OBO

7 Y/O 15 hand grey TB x Welsh. Walk, trot, canter, great jumper, not hot, needs to be pushed on but goes on the bit easy. Would make a talented show horse for child or small adult. Asking \$4500

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