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For USDF Participating Membership, members must apply directly to USDF.

CLUB NEWS

Our year end awards banquet and annual meeting was held Sunday, January 27, at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

The new slate of officers was announced as follows,
Carol Poulin-Taylor, President
Bryn Walsh, V-President
Cheryl Peaslee, Secretary
Sandy Welsh, Treasurer

A BIG thank you to the out-going President, Willette Brown & Secretary, Becky Reed for all their hard work and dedication to MDS. We wish you much success in all your future adventures.

Willette Brown attended the USDF convention in Florida as a GMO representative for Maine. She shared her experiences with everyone at the banquet. You as a club member made this happen and the Board would like to have another member go again in 2008.

This year at the banquet we honored our non-competing members, who volunteer and make our lives run easier!

Many ribbons were given out and it is such a pleasure to see so many youth participating. And did you see how many over sixty riders there were? Youth beware this year; they may out do you in numbers

Rider medals and lapel pins were given out to the medal divisions. We will make the pins available to those who have earned medals in the past for a cost of \$5.00 each (this included shipping) please contact, Beth Brainerd at hbfb@megalink.net.

The silent auction was a huge success with many of items raffled.

The next Board meeting will be April 8th at 6:00pm at the Maine Farm Bureau. (tentative)
If you are able to attend, please join us. Even if you aren't a board member, we
welcome our members to join us!

We will be holding a symposium in January or February next year and are looking for
suggestions for a speaker. If you have any ideas please contact Willette.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A motto that I try to live my life by is, "If something is important to you, you need to step up and volunteer." I currently find myself very involved in several horse organizations working on some very involved projects. But MDS has always been very near and dear to my heart. It's very important for the growth of dressage in the state of Maine. So I've volunteered once again to do a one year term as President of MDS. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that have been working very hard to make MDS a great organization. We've accomplished a lot in the last few years and are now are looking forward to the future with some great new ideas as well as firming up some of the building blocks that got us to this point. I encourage every member to help out where they can. Let's all work together to show people what Mainers are made of!!!

Carol Poulin-Taylor

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YOU ASKED FOR IT AND WE DID IT!!

We are always trying to update our information and our policies and keep everyone in the loop. Last year we had some requests for different divisions for the year end awards.

It's exciting that our membership includes a wide array of riders and levels. We have added the "ADULT AMATEUR" division so that professionals and amateurs can receive the appropriate awards. The requirements are:

*Adult Amateur is defined as being able to compete as amateur from the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach age 22 and may not:

1. Accept pay for riding, driving, showing, training, schooling or teaching clinics or seminars;
2. Accept pay for giving lessons or training (summer camp counselors and therapeutic riding lessons are excluded)
3. Accept pay for any equine-related jobs such as veterinarian, bookkeeper, farrier, or groom
4. Accept pay or compensation for selling horses or ponies or acts as agents for sales.

We have also added a Quadrille Division. To qualify, the team must have a minimum of three (3) quadrille scores earned at three (3) different shows from three (3) different judges. The scores must be from no more than two consecutive levels. ***NOTE: All team riders must be members and all horses must be registered in order to qualify for year end awards.**

NEW FOR 2007!

The Jane Petrin Perpetual Trophy

Jane Petrin has been active in the Southern Maine Dressage community for longer than any of us can remember! She's been a popular and enthusiastic instructor for many people getting their start in dressage. Her love of the sport is infectious and she has introduced the joy of riding in harmony with your horse to young people and adults alike. For many years Jane enjoyed showing her horses Tarbaby and especially Drummer, the Thoroughbred-Shire cross who truly was the "Gentle Giant." Jane has worked tirelessly for SMDA in many capacities, including President, as well as being an active and supportive member of the Maine Dressage Society for many years. She has always been there to help set up the ring, assist show managers, and round up volunteers. We'd like the Jane Petrin Perpetual Trophy to be given to the high score Vintage Rider in Maine to honor Jane's spirit and enthusiasm which has touched so many people, and to thank her for her many years of service within the dressage community.

The Jane Petrin Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the high score Vintage Rider (50+) as a reminder that we are never too old to reach our goals and to continue being active in the dressage world.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DEADLINES FOR 2009!

It was decided at the Annual Meeting that all the clubs would change their membership deadlines to October 1, 2008. This means that everyone should try to send their dues along with \$25 to cover the MDS and USDF fees by that date. After January 1, 2009, the MDS/USDF fee will increase to \$35.

Of course you can join at any time – the more the merrier! MDS is planning another forum as last year's Judges Forum was so well attended. The Omnibus is almost ready to mail, newsletters are coming, and then the year end awards! So hurry and join!!

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*It is trust that leads the horse to surrender to the aids
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The latest from EMDA!



OUR LATEST MEETING

Our annual meeting was held Nov. 18th at the home of Clare and Lew Payne. It was a large turnout and there was lots of fun. The cooks (everyone who came) outdid themselves and the hosts were most gracious.

All current officers had agreed to serve another term. [Jessica Dion-Buswell, our representative-at-large, confirmed later that all were re-elected.] Janette Giles did an outstanding job of figuring out the year-end awards – and those who won the monogrammed brushes were most happy with their awards – as were the ribbon recipients with theirs.

SHOWS!!

Our current roster of EMDA Rider-Run Shows for 2008 are

June 22, 2008	East Ridge Stables	Susanne Hamilton
August 31, 2008	Starwalk Stables	Wadean Chadwick
October 19, 2008	East Ridge Stables	Carol Poulin-Taylor

Other tentatively pointed shows are

April 8 Puckerbrush Schooling	May 4 Puckerbrush Schooling	May 18 th Whispering Pines Schooling Show	June 1 Puckerbrush Schooling	June 15 th Whispering Pines Schooling Show	June 22 EMDA Rider Run East Ridge	July 20 th Whispering Pines Schooling Show	July 6 Puckerbrush Schooling	July 12-13 Isaac Royal USDF/etc.	August 2-3 Puckerbrush USDF/etc.	Aug 17 th Whispering Pines Schooling	August 16 East Ridge Schooling Show	August TBA Isaac Royal USDF/etc.	August 31 Starwalk EMDA Rider Run]	September 6-7 Isaac Royal USDF/Etc.	September 7 Puckerbrush Schooling	Sept 28 th Whispering Pines Schooling Show	October 5 Puckerbrush schooling	October 19 EMDA Rider Run East Ridge
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PuckerbrushSchooling

I believe there are more to come, so a final list will be e-mailed, displayed on the website and in the next newsletter.

CHECK OUT THE MDS WEBSITE!

Bryn has done a great job. Need tests? Download them at www.mainedressagesociety.org

A THANKS FOR DOUBLE A!!

Remember that Double A Tack Shop will give a percentage of what you spend in their store to EMDA. Please identify yourself as an EMDA member when you make your purchases there.

NEXT EMDA BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Sunday, February 17th at 6:00 p.m. at 322 West Broadway in Bangor. Please double check beforehand if you wish to attend, as date is subject to change.

EMDA YEAR-END RESULTS:

EMDA Training Level Year End 2007

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>HORSE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	
Kristin Brown	Yankee Doodle	55.6	13th
Shelby Lynn Wheeler	Mr Parkers Bubby	56.04	12th
Amanda Snow	Super Star Version	56.695	11th
Jennaka Jones	Aria	56.52	10th
Emily Hardy	Come Spring Josh	57.007	9th
Robyn Handley	Just like Eeyore	58.800	8th
Roseanna LaCourse	Serra bint Kiyara	59.157	7th
Molly Worcester	Good Goin	62.804	6th
Madeline Kelly	Right on Target	63.910	5th
Lydie Worcester	My Exceleator	63.943	4th
Chelsie Oldfield	Obvious Intentions	65.55	3rd
Breanne McKinley	Euro	66.07	Rs CH
Becca Bourgoine	J Adore	66.522	CH

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Andrea Hill	HK Shamrock	59.643	4th
Mandi Dumond	Uncle Henry	60.600	3rd
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Paula Foote	Westerskar	64.783	Rs CH
Paula Foote	Misbehavin	65.400	CH

EMDA First Level Year End
2007

NAME	HORSE	SCORE	
JR			
Kristin Brown	Silken Eikon	60.237	Rs CH
Lydie Worcester	My Exceleator	61.972	CH
SR			
Kathleen Hartley	Oleiro	57.673	3rd
Kate Sherrill	Lenka	59.550	Rs CH
Rebecca Reed	Labrynth	62.105	CH

EMDA Second Level and Above Open Year End 2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HORSE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>Place</u>		
Judy Lenihan	Silhouette Star	57.565	4th	2nd	Sr
Rebecca Reed	Labyrinth	58.109	3rd	2nd	Sr
Sadie Zambrano	Artex	58.680	Rs Ch	2nd	Jr
Bryn Redman (Walsh)	No Limit	60.430	CH	3rd	Sr

Musical Freestyle 2007

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HORSE</u>	<u>SCORE</u>		
Rebecca Reed	Labyrinth	65.833	1st	Sr
Bryn Redman (Walsh)	No Limit	70.313	2nd	Sr

Quadrille 2007

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TEST</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
3rd Place	Jennika Jones	Quadrille Freestyle Intro lvl	62.25
	Amanda Snow	Quadrille Freestyle Intro lvl	62.25
	Courtney Edgerly	Quadrille Freestyle Intro lvl	62.25
Rs Ch	Sadie Zambrano	Quadrille Freestyle Training lvl	65.750
	Madeline Kelly	Quadrille Freestyle Training lvl	65.750
	Breanne McKinley	Quadrille Freestyle Training lvl	65.750
Ch	Ashley Shaffer	Quadrille Freestyle Training lvl	66.500
	Ali Conroy	Quadrille Freestyle Training lvl	66.500
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But it is the energy in the movement that creates proper carriage that culminates in total obedience.

Karl Mikolka

From Both Ends of the Reins

It's easy to put off housework...but never horsework. Those hours of manage riding in the winter that may seem so dreary, always blossom like the flowers in the spring.

What a surprise to realize that, by just envision yourself practicing a sport, one can increase one's skills! But, of course, the hour of truth must follow, is this now a habit? These mysteries that I've discovered this winter!

Good luck in your reading and riding! Plan for spring!

See you at the shows!



ATTENTION EMDA MEMBERS!

Please note that to qualify as junior riders for EMDA 2008 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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New news from CMDA!

For anyone with ideas or questions, please feel free to contact Paula Bonarrigo, President, at: morningskyfarm@yahoo.com.

Met January 13 at Esprit Farm. They talked over what the club wanted to do and plan to do a braiding clinic in May. Their next meeting will be March 16 at 1:00pm at Esprit Farm. All members are welcome and bring a new and fun idea/ plan with you.

Respectfully submitted,
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Breed News

As you may all know I'm new to this job! (Secretary & publisher of this news letter) How did I get here? I am coordinator for the Maine Quarter Horse Association for dressage. I invite any other breed associations, focusing on dressage, to forward their news to this informational letter. I would also like to throw out a challenge for next year's banquet, to add an award item to the breed you represent. To add a halter, cooler, brush set would make the award more exciting, so get on board and do an item for the banquet.

I have a youth who is receiving, for her high scores in 2007, an AQHYA halter as the first youth to enter and participate in MeQHA dressage. She also received an award at the Quarter Horse banquet in November. Congratulations to Becca Bourgoine & J'Adore for their commitment to dressage.

Next year we hope to award another youth & adult who earn the highest scores at the MDS banquet, riding their American Quarter Horse.

To enter for the MeQHA dressage program you may contact me at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com or go to the www.meqha.org and down load the forms.

See you at X.

Cheryl Peaslee

CLASSIFIEDS

For Lease: Vienna Farm, Gorham, Maine, has 3 super horses for half-lease.

- 1) Gali – 6yr. old, 17 hand, Spotted Draft X, gelding. Training level now but potential for much more. \$450/month plus weekly lessons.
- 2) Juno – 16 yr. old, 16.1 hand, Dutch Warmblood, mare. Has taken 3 riders to their USDF Bronze Medal. \$600/month plus weekly lessons.
- 3) Patchouli – 12 yr. old, 16 hand, Trakehner mare. First Level. \$500/month plus weekly lessons.

Contact Tanya Rennie to see if any of these horses might be right for you. 207-839-4495, vienna@maine.rr.com

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.

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For Sale: Tralee is a 20 year old Trakehner mare, 15"3. She has been shown successfully at 1st level and made her 2nd level debut at the end of the season. She has perfect barn manners. She is a very sweet and personable mare. Tralee needs a solid amateur rider who wants to learn and ride daily. \$2,000 obo

Contact: negeissler@gmail.com

For Sale: ("RING OF JOY") 'Pemma' HORSE FOR SALE \$8,000
Irish-cross mare, 8 years old, 15.3. Dapple-grey, kind eye. Forward, fun to ride, loves to jump and show. No vices. Trailers, bathes, good for vet and farrier. Excellent home required. Sound, safe and sane. Contact: Grace or Eliza Walton (207) 563-5846 ewalton@midcoast.com

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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Note from the newsletter editor;

Dead lines for the next newsletters will be as follow;

January 30th April 30th July 30th 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. Please remember we all are volunteers who serve on the MDS Board and I hope I make plenty of mistakes, and then you will contact me and make this a better newsletter.

Did you change your address??? Please contact Sandy Welsh or Cheryl Peaslee to keep you on the bulk mail list.