



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

MDS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe fall is here. This summer seemed to just fly by. Maybe it was all the rain. I hope everybody had a good show season. There are a few more shows left but not many.

I've heard that NMDA is having a resurgence of interest. I'm thrilled to hear that. We welcome you back.

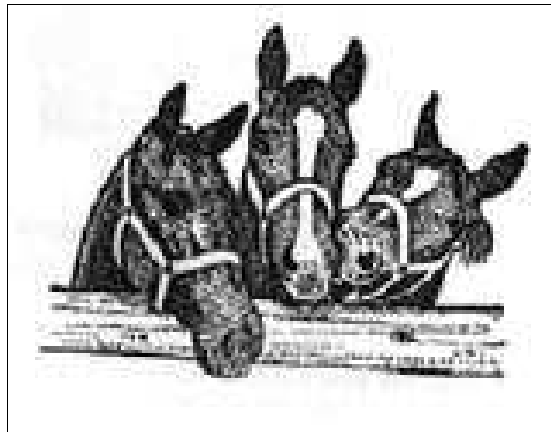
I'm looking forward to the Jan Ebeling Clinic coming up October 24th and 25th at DLT Performance Horses in Gray, Maine. I met Nikki and Tony is summer. They will be wonderful hosts. Auditing space is limited so get your auditor applications in to Rebecca Clark ASAP. It will be a wonderful learning opportunity.

Then the next excitement will be the Award Banquets. Start to get your paperwork together.

This fall I will be stepping down as your MDS President. I was happy to do it again. It's been several years since my last two times as President! It's time for somebody else to take the reins for a term or two. We are also looking for your next MDS Treasurer as Sandy Welsh has said she is unable to continue in that position. I'll be accepting ideas and formal nominations for these two positions which will be voted on by the MDS board this fall.

Happy riding,

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*Mr. Jan Ebeling
October 24-25 2009*

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to learn From Mr. Ebeling as he gives us an inside look at his successful way of training the dressage horse.

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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Auditor Registration for Jan Ebeling Clinic

October 24-25, 2009

Sponsored by the Maine Dressage Society
DLT Equestrian Center
163 Center Road
Gray, ME

Opening Date: June 1, 2009

Closing Date: October 10, 2009

Auditing space is limited, therefore Auditors are REQUIRED to pre-register!

Auditing fee is \$20 per day for NEDA and MDS members (with proof of membership),
\$25 per day for non-members.

Food will be available on grounds.

Items needed to be Jan Ebeling auditor:

- ⇒ Completed Auditor Registration Form
- ⇒ Photocopy of NEDA or USDF GMO membership card (for members)
- ⇒ Auditor Fee (make check payable to "Maine Dressage Society")

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please check the days you will be attending:

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Rebecca Clark
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ARE YOU NEW TO MDS & DRESSAGE

As summer comes to an end, and fall takes over, now is the time to ride your last test and then submit the scores to your club and to MDS for Year-end Awards. Please read the rules starting on page 10 of the 2009 Omnibus. Then mail the score sheets to Beth Brainerd, 67 Bill Howe Rd, Norway, Maine 04268. They must be mailed in by November 30, 2009.

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. The year end banquet for MDS will be held January 31, 2010 at the Senator Inn in Augusta.

You should check with your club to find out when the dead line is to submit your test sheets and when your club banquet is planned. Much of that info maybe under your club's section in this newsletter.

Then, the fun begins, setting a goal for 2010! All of the Board members of MDS wish you the best of riding in the new year. Remember, if you need answers to a question, we are all there for you.

You may even consider becoming part of the MDS Board or holding a position in your club. Volunteering has it's rewards and helps your club grow. Good luck and we hope to see you at the MDS Banquet.

Note from the newsletter editor:

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

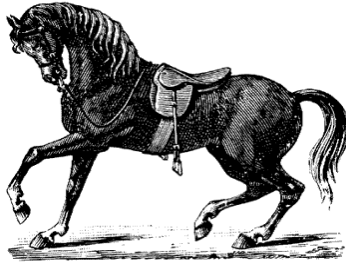
Please send your news to cadpeaslee@yahoo.com for the next newsletter! I look forward to hearing you.

Did you change your address??? Please contact 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, **September 22nd** @ 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.

MDS Board meeting has been changed to Sept 22 at 6:30pm at the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta. All members are welcome.

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 was held August 22, 2009 at Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham Maine . We want to thank all of the club members who turned out to make the show a success and a big thank you to all of the wonderful Esprit barn crew who helped and did so much to make this event happen. Congratulations to our **2009 Grand Champion Fusion , Owned by Silene White from Cornwall CT.**

**CMDA has one more schooling shows.
October 18 Judge: TBA— Clay Brook Farm Turner**

Remember — in order to avoid late fees, your membership dues are due before January 1, 2010!

Our next meeting is September 13 at Esprit at 1:00pm. All members are welcome.

The time and place for our banquet will be announced at a later date . Any ideas please contact Wadean Chadwick at 577-6905 . We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.



Maine Dressage Society

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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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.

Remaining Shows in EMDA area:

Sept 20 Whispering Pines Schooling
Oct 4 Puckerbrush Schooling Show
Oct 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. **JESSICA DION-BUSWELL HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BE SHOW CHAIR FOR THE OCTOBER SHOW. PLEASE SEND YOUR OCTOBER ENTRIES TO HER: Jessica Dion-Buswell, 491 Jarvis Gore Drive, Eddington, ME 04428; (207- 843-5120; ChasenNonny@aol.com)**

* Did you forget your camera at the first show? Roseanna has posted pictures from the EMDA rider\run show June 14th on her website: roseannasequine-pix.exposuremanager.com.

* Interested in hosting an EMDA Show next year? If you have an indoor arena facilities to host a show rain or shine, contact Betsy Hudson right away. We are most indebted to East Ridge Stables, Starwalk Stables and Stepping Stone, but we are always interested in knowing of other stables.

* And a word of thanks to East Ridge Stables and Isaac Royal for their generosity of letting use their facility for our shows! The flowers at East Ridge were beautiful – and the offering of Isaac Royal to use their arena at the last minute will be long-

CLINICS! KUDOS TO GAIL MACCORMACK!

EMDA has hosted three clinics for far this year. We have had the Carol Poulin-Taylor clinic at Whispering Pines, Our free clinic with Mary O'Rourke @ Serendipity Stable and a Judy Westlake Core clinic @ Infinity Farm. Previously we had written about the Carol Poulin-Taylor clinic which was well attended. Our second clinic was the free clinic with Mary O'Rourke in Glenburn. Mary had a fairly full day and surprisingly we could have added a rider or two. Next we had Judy Westlake core clinic in Dover-Foxcroft. This was well attended with 9 riders and all the riders worked on having the horse come through from behind with out the use of reins, using proper rider position.

Gail sent out a questionnaire for a lecture series recently. If every one could take a moment out to fill it out and send back that would be great. It gives us an idea of what EMDA members want to learn more about. Also a reminder to let us know who you would like for clinicians, also any suggestions that you as a member would like to see. If you need another questionnaire sent out or would prefer one sent to you e-mail please let Gail know and she will follow up.

We are also greatly appreciated of the stables that hosted our clinics: Whispering Pines, Serendipity, and Infinity Farm. Thanks muchly! It is no small gift for us.

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.

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. Riders must also be EMDA members by the date of the first Rider-Run show.

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.

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?

We will send out ballots in early November, so please contact Betsy by October 15th.

YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY

The Year-End Awards Party will be hosted by the most gracious Clare and Lew Payne on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck. No chips, please, serious food.

From Both Ends of the Reins

Rain anyone? We have a rainy but fun season. At least the rain keeps the blackflies away. Thanks to all for your help at our shows, clinics, and tending the responsibilities of our club. It is hard to imagine the hours our committee chairs and board spend until you have done the job yourself. We have one more Rider Run Show. Your support is not appreciated - see you at there!

As always,



And our second Rider-Run Show (thanks to Isaac Royal which stepped in for a waterlogged Starwalk):

class name	jr / sr	Rider Name	Horse name	SCORE S	place
INTRO A					
Intro A	jr	Molly Worcester	Lollipop	65.500 %	1
Intro A	sr	Michelle Zambrano	KeepY-ourEyeOnMe	65.000 %	2
INTRO B					
Intro B	jr	Molly Worcester	Lollipop	69.000 %	1
Intro B	sr	Michelle Zambrano	KeepY-ourEyeOnMe	67.000 %	2
Intro B	sr	Alison LaCourse	Vantano	64.500 %	3
Intro B	jr	Chelsea Oldfield	He's got Personality	61.000 %	4
Intro B	sr	Sarah Hanscome	John Henry 'Hank'	60.000 %	5
INTRO B RERIDE					
Intro B Reride	jr	Molly Worcester	Lollipop	68.500 %	1
Intro B Reride	sr	Michelle Zambrano	KeepY-ourEyeOnMe	67.500 %	2
Intro B Reride	sr	Alison LaCourse	Vantano	65.000 %	3
Intro B Reride	sr	Sarah Hanscome	John Henry 'Hank'	58.000 %	4
TRAINING 1					
Training 1	jr	Whitney Sargeant	Take Me Higher	60.434 %	1
Training 1	jr	Chelsea Oldfield	He's got Personality	57.800 %	2
Training 1	sr	Jerilyn Blethen	Majik	55.600 %	3
Training 1	sr	Sarah Hanscome	John Henry 'Hank'	54.700 %	4

TRAINING 2

Training 2	jr	Whitney Sargeant	Take Me Higher	62.857%	1
Training 2	sr	Amy McRae	Countess of Denmark	60.000%	2
Training 2	sr	Jerilyn Blethen	Majik	59.642%	3
Training 2	sr	Kathleen Fox	Ray	58.928%	4

TRAINING 2 RERIDE

Training 2 Reride	jr	Whitney Sargeant	Take Me Higher	63.214%	1
Training 2 Reride	sr	Kathleen Fox	Ray	58.928%	2

TRAINING 3

Training 3	sr	Amy McRae	Countess of Denmark	64.000%	1
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TRAINING 4

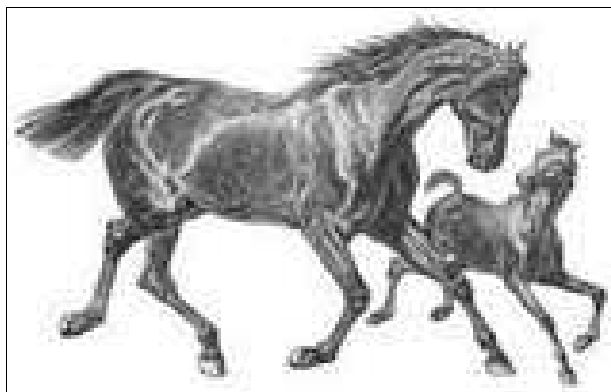
Training 4	sr	Amy McRae	Countess of Denmark	62.800%	1
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FIRST 2 AND FIRST 2 RERIDE

First 2 Reride jr	Roseanna LaCourse	Serra bint Kiyara	59.722%	1
First 2 jr	Roseanna LaCourse	Serra bint Kiyara	58.611%	2

SECOND 1/ SECOND 1 RERIDE/ SECOND 2/ SECOND 3

Second 2	jr	Sadie Zambrano	Artex	58.108%	1
Second 3	jr	Sadie Zambrano	Artex	56.744%	2
Second 1 Reride	jr	Chesea Oldfield	Obvious Intentions	56.053%	3
Second 1	jr	Chesea Oldfield	Obvious Intentions	54.473%	4



A good horse makes short miles.

~ George Elliot

NMDA NEWS

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NORTHERN MAINE DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION IS BACK!

It's with great excitement that we are announcing the reincarnation of the Northern Maine Dressage Association! After many years of absence, several barn owners and interested dressage riders realized that there wasn't much available for people north of Bangor. Clinics, educational opportunities, public get tog ethers and fun activities are all located south with many miles of driving in between.

In a recent meeting, it was decided that NMDA would once again become active beginning with the 2010 membership year which starts NOW! A mission statement was developed and reads:

"The Mission of NMDA is to represent northern areas of Maine with the focus on bringing local barns and dressage riders together to support the good of the sport, while respecting individual instructing and riding styles. We wish to promote dressage education inside and outside the competition arena; using training methods that support good horse rider communication to develop a healthy and sound horse, while keeping it fun for both horse and rider."

We will be organizing educational sessions, clinics and fundraising events during the season. We are planning to host club shows as well as NMDA affiliated shows in 2010. Look for the dates in the 2010 Omnibus. If you would like to join our club there is a membership form in the newsletter and also will be in the 2010 Omnibus. The club officers are as follows: Michelle Zambrano, president; vice president TBA; Laurie Harvey, membership/treasurer; Stacia Russell, secretary; Amanda Snow, junior representative. For more information about the club, please contact Michelle Zambrano at 564-8992 or leibchon@hotmail.com.

SMDA NEWS

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Hello – It’s hard to believe that it’s September already! We’ve had a great year so far, and are getting ready for our fall shows that will finish off the season. The SMDA Board of Directors held a meeting on September 1st, and we are excited about making plans for 2010.

Our SMDA Show Secretaries want to shout out a big THANK YOU to our participants. Last fall we struggled to develop some Show Policies that would make things more consistent and fair to all participants. The response has been fantastic! We’ve noticed a big improvement in the show entries and our volunteer Secretaries are greatly appreciative!

This year our shows have been filling quickly, sometimes within a few days of opening date! So please remember next year to send in your entries as soon as possible after opening date to ensure you get in to the show!

October Ride Re-Ride Fun Show

On October 18 we will be holding a Ride Re-Ride Fun Show at the Hollis Equestrian Park with Sandra Beaulieu returning as our judge. This is a great opportunity to try out a new test. After the initial ride, Sandy will offer constructive feedback and instruction before the rider repeats the test (hopefully with improvement!) As a Fun Show this will not count towards year-end awards. Don’t forget we’ll also be having the popular Costume Class!

2010 Show Season

We are making preliminary plans to hold four schooling shows at the Hollis Equestrian Park. The dates have not yet been confirmed, but we are tentatively planning to hold the shows on the following dates: May 16, June 13, August 1, and Sept. 19. Additionally, Pineland Farms Equestrian Center is plan-

ning two SMDA-affiliated shows next year (tentatively in April and October). This will allow SMDA members more opportunities to earn points for year-end awards.

New Show Policies

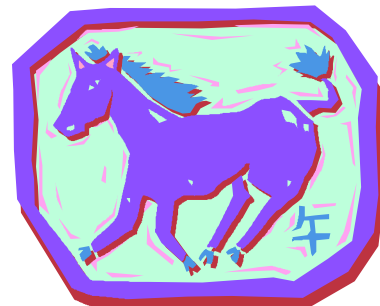
The Board has voted to implement two new policies beginning in the 2010 season as follows:

*The same horse/rider combination cannot win the same SMDA year-end award more than once. This policy is being implemented to encourage riders to “move up” when they are consistently earning high scores on a test, and also to be more fair to less experienced riders who are competing for the same award.

You will still be able to compete in our shows, we are just putting a one-time limit on the year-end award.

*To be consistent with USDF rules, we are implementing a policy that the same horse/rider combo can only ride tests in consecutive levels at a show. In other words, you cannot skip a level at the same show.

These policies will be added to our Show Policies which may be found on our website.



“On the Levels” Symposium with Linda Zang

Our “On the Levels” Symposium with Linda Zang was such a success last year, that we are hoping to repeat this event again in 2010. More information will be available later after we confirm Ms. Zang’s availability to return to Maine.

We are also discussing a possible second clinic in 2010 that will be more oriented towards lower level riders (Intro and Training).

2010 Membership Drive

Included with this newsletter is the 2010 SMDA Membership form. Memberships are due October 1st; however we will accept memberships without a late fee up until January 1st. It’s VERY important that you get your membership renewal in to us as early as possible to ensure that you get on the USDF roster and for timely delivery of the Omnibus and The Horse’s Maine subscription. Please submit your membership form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form). Membership cards will be handed out at our year-end Banquet, and emailed to those who are unable to attend the Banquet.

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. The Banquet will be held sometime in January 2010.

This year we were pleased to have Pineland Farms as an SMDA affiliate for their show on April 19th. Please note, however, that Pineland’s October 2009 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.

SMDA Board of Directors Elections

It’s election year, and we have appointed a nominating committee to seek out potential candidates to join our Board for the 2010 – 2012 term. Please consider if you can allow some time to get more involved and give back to SMDA. We typically meet once a month from September through April, and responsibilities include things

such as 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 serving as a Board Member, please contact one of our nominating committee members: Wendy Brunson, Susan Pendleton, or Gretchen Shantar. Elections will be held in December.

SMDA is “Going Green”

SMDA will be transitioning to an electronic format for newsletters and other club communications. Sending information via email saves our volunteers a considerable amount of time, and also saves the club money. 2010 will be a transition year as we move in this new direction. Please make sure to clearly print your email address on your membership form. Yes, we know the space is small – feel free to attach a separate sheet of paper or write it in the margin of the membership form. And please notify the SMDA Treasurer and Secretary if your email address changes.

SMDA Hats and Shirts

Have you seen our great SMDA logo hats and shirts? We have them for sale at our shows and other SMDA events. Please buy a hat or shirt and show your support for the club!

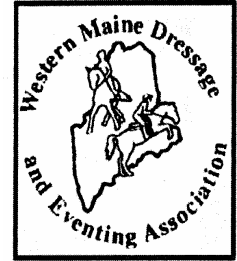
Member Input

With so many activities going on, we want to get your feedback regarding SMDA’s future plans. With this in mind, we are planning to send out an electronic survey that is designed to get information about our members’ interests and suggestions. Please keep an eye out in your “Inbox” and be sure to respond and share your ideas.

We hope that everyone has had a great summer, and we look forward to seeing you at an SMDA event soon!

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WMDEA NEWS



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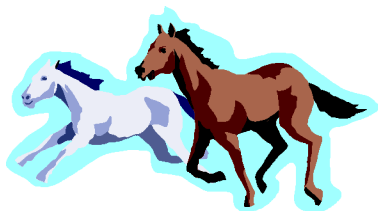
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**Our next schooling show will be held at Hidden Brook Farm in Norway
September 26. See the Omnibus for details.**

**The Fall Fun Show will be held October 25 at Look Out Farm in Sum-
ner Hope to see you there.**



Classifieds

FOR SALE: Dressage Saddle. -- 17in. Collegiate, wide tree. Excellent Condition. \$450 . Call 207-989-1328.

6 month old, Dutch Selle Francais cross, bay, filly. Very friendly weaned asking \$3000. Contact Karen Dewitt @ 522-9364

6 Y/O 16hand, 1/4 Draft Paint x Appy gelding. Beautiful champagne & white with black mane and tail. Walk, trot, canter, started leg yeilds, bomb proof and LOVES to trail ride. Good mover with a great up hill canter. Asking \$4000 OBO

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

Please Contact Wadean Chadwick @ 375-6658 or 577-6905 for more information

2 Dressage Coats for sale. Excellent condition. Sized at a 10 - 12 ladies. \$75 each - Brand new they would be around \$150 a piece.

Contact Becky Morse at (207)623-3189 or beckymorse@roadrunner.com.

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