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From the President.....

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Happy Spring Maine Dressage Society members!

I hope you are all enjoying the extra hours that daylight savings provides for riding! The horses are shedding, the sun is getting warmer, and the start of show season is right around the corner!

2012 was a busy year for MDS! We finished Part II of the L program which produced 4 new Maine "L" judges for your consideration! It is wonderful to have more options for judges and different eyes on Maine riders training progression! This past year also brought many MDS sponsored events and scholarships! We are happy to be able to help provide valuable instruction to our members through these events!

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Volunteers Needed!!!!

MDS needs YOU. Open positions with MDS are Newsletter Coordinator and Financial Committee Members. The only job requirements are good communication skills, attention to detail and commitment to do your best. For further information about the Job descriptions please contact your local MDS board member or Gretchen Arnold for the Newsletter and Kathleen Fox for the Financial Committee. The board will also be forming a Nominations Committee for election of officers this fall.

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From the President.....continued

2012 also brought a theft by our past treasurer, Tammi Brown. I have worked hard for the past several months on this case in hopes of regaining most of our money and to see justice brought to the situation. I am happy to report that we have received restitution, our historical paperwork has been returned to us, and that Tammi Brown has been charged with theft by unauthorized taking. She will receive a misdemeanor charge, jail time, and a type of probation for her crime. It is wonderful that we were paid in one lump sum and that she will receive punishment. I want to thank the Penobscot County District Attorney's office and the Penobscot County Sherriff's office for their work on our case! They were great to deal with and got results for us in a very timely manner! While the situation itself was a horrible abuse of trust and deceit, it has turned in to a wonderful opportunity for restructuring and realigning MDS. Our financial committee has worked long and hard to develop new procedures to protect MDS and our finances so that this will never happen again. These new financial procedures have been approved and will be available on the website in the near future! The bylaws committee has also taken steps to update our bylaws to be more reflective of our current needs. These changes will be discussed further at the April meeting. Any changes voted through will be available on the website in the near future as well!

All current members should have received their omnibus this past week! Becky Reed and Tebo Designs produced another wonderful publication! Thank you so much to both of them for their work! Please consider taking part in the omnibus in 2014! Ad space is available and it's never too early to reserve some for yourself!

Thank you to Beth Brainerd and her lovely assistants for a smooth, fun, and rewarding year end banquet! It takes a lot of manpower and a lot of hours to pull that banquet off, but you would never know it by looking at those women! Please remember that it makes their job CONSIDERABLY easier if you fill your forms out entirely and legibly and submit them in a timely manner. Horse registrations need to be filled out and submitted by August 1, 2013 for riders/horses to be included in the year end banquet.

Thank you to Gretchen Arnold who has taken over the newsletter and to Pat Martin who has taken over the job as secretary until elections in September! Our wonderful past secretary/newsletter volunteer, Michelle Zambrano, needed to resign and these women stepped right up!

As you can see it takes a lot of volunteers to run MDS! Please be sure to thank them all and consider donating your time! Our next meeting is in early April! Stay tuned for the exact date as it gets closer- www.mainedressagesociety.org

I'm very excited for 2013 and what it will bring! There are a lot of shows and clinics happening across the state! I love that Maine riders are so diversified- from trail riding, to occasional riding, to training, competing, going to clinics, going to lessons, to achieving their goals- and all with great attitudes and a huge appreciation for our horses and people that help us do it all! Thanks for being a part of it and I can't wait to see where this year takes us!

Sincerely,

Bryn Walsh
MDS President

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What's in your Omnibus

The 2013 Omnibus is now available & looks great! Current members should have received it in the mail. If you are missing your 2013 Omnibus please contact your local club membership person to make sure your membership is active. Have you ever read your omnibus from front to back? Thank you Becky Reed for putting this all together again this year!

Summary of Content:

- Show Index & Calendar
- MDS 2013 List of Officers
- 2013 Local Club Officers
- 2013 Omnibus distribution information, Classified Ads & Deadlines for 2014
- MDS Year End Award Program information and Competition Report Form
- MDS By Laws
- Local Club Membership Applications
- Competition Lists
- Dressage Arena Measurements
- USDF Dressage Tests
- Show Checklists
- USDF Statement on Animal Welfare
- The Training Scale
- Index of Advertisers

e-Track: An Online Learning Center available to all current Members!

What is e-TRAK?

e-TRAK will give you access to hundreds of videos, articles and other resources on equine health care, training and more! e-TRAK is always available when you are and is designed to provide quality equine education materials and resources in one location - and it is searchable too!

How do I access e-TRAK?

To access e-TRAK you must be a current member of USDF and have established a login on the USDF website. e-TRAK also has a Facebook page where they post items almost daily.

*****MDS Membership Benefit: as a MDS member you are automatically a USDF Group Member

Check out the link- <http://www.usdf.org/e-trak/index.asp#1>

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Central Maine Dressage Association Club News

www.centralmainedressage.com

Welcome to a new year at CMDA. I want to thank everyone who came to our shows last year and congratulate everyone who won a year end award. Great job!! I hope you have a great year again this year. (See the list of winners on the back of this newsletter)

If you have not sent in your CMDA renewal form yet, please do so ASAP. This helps our treasurer and keeps the "Horses Maine" coming to your door!!!

If you have any ideas for riding clinics or any other fun things we can do as a club, please let one of the Board members know before our next meeting.

Think spring & stay warm,

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CMDA YEAR-END AWARDS 2012

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL -OPEN

Vinnie's Sunshine	Wadean Chadwick	74.69
Arturo	Mary-Jo Foley	70.31

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL - ADULT AMATEUR

Owen Charles	Brandi Worth	63.72
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TRAINING LEVEL - OPEN

Whitman	Wadean Chadwick	76.33
Roherrin	Jennifer Grady	68.93
P'llar	Elizabeth Owens	64.51

TRAINING LEVEL - ADULT AMATEUR

Chester	Susan de Gozzaldi	66.69
Kennebec Jester	Margaret Bailey-Miller	65.52
Almighty Good Guy	Heather Webster	65.28
Charizma	Hannah Estabrook	63.47
Watch Me Go	Selma Powers	60.63

SECOND LEVEL

View From Katahdin	Nicole Pollock	68.34
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THIRD LEVEL

Valdi's Majestic Bo	Wadean Chadwick	65.13
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FOURTH LEVEL

Kennebec Ladyhawke	Margaret Bailey-Miller	62.38
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PRIX ST. GEORGES

Kennebec Ladyhawke	Margaret Bailey-Miller	62.07
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GRAND CHAMPION -SENIOR

Whitman	Wadean Chadwick	76.33
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RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION - SENIOR

Vinnie's Sunshine	Wadean Chadwick	74.69
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GRAND CHAMPION - JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

View From Katahdin	Nicole Pollock	68.34
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HIGH SCORE/RESERVE HIGH SCORE - PITTSTON

Liberty Breeze	Robin Miller	74.4
Imperial Diamond Twist	Jana Christman	73.75

HIGH SCORE/RESERVE HIGH SCORE - ESPRIT

Vinnie's Sunshine	Wadean Chadwick	74.38
Graffiti	Liz Clifford	68.44

HIGH SCORE/RESERVE HIGH SCORE - KUR SHOW

Roherrin	Jennifer Grady	72.08
Whitman	Wadean Chadwick	71.07

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CMDA Show Dates to remember!!

May 26 th	Esprit E.C.	Durham
August 11 th	Pittston Fair grounds	Pittston
September 28 th	Safe Haven Farm	Durham (Schooling Show & Kur)

******See your 2013 MDS Omnibus for more details**

Eastern Maine Dressage Association

President	Becky Reed	478-2097
Vice President	Bryn Walsh	659-3129
Secretary	Cassie Elia	262-0133
Treasurer	Kitty Mitchell	525-4435

Northern Maine Dressage Association Club News

Congratulations to all who received awards!

The snow is melting and show season is right around the corner! We are excited to be adding Western Dressage and Leadline to our class list this year.

NMDA will be hosting a Western Dressage Clinic with Erika Sawyer May 11 at Sawyer Equestrian Center in Newport. This will be a great learning opportunity for those who are new to Western Dressage! Come join the fun!

Contact Elisha Harvey at 279-0048 or Elysiumsportponies@yahoo.com for information.

Elisha Harvey
NMDA President

NMDA Year End Awards

Training JR
Ch. Sydney Marden and Simon Says
R. Ch. Gabby Fevens and Midnight Dream

Training Sr
Ch. Michelle Zambrano and Keep Your Eye On Me

First Level JR
Ch. Amanda Snow and Super Star Version

Second Level JR
Ch. Amanda Snow and Super Star Version

JR High Point
Roseanna LaCourse and Vanidor

Sr High Point
Lydia Rose and Goliath

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Southern Maine Dressage Association Club News

www.southernmainedressage.com

Awards Banquet

SMDA held its annual awards banquet on Friday, January 18. The turnout was great and it was fun to spend time with club members who we usually only see during show season.

Our club president spoke about the past year, in which we celebrated SMDA's 25th anniversary. She also talked about the exciting events we have coming up this year, including a clinic with Catherine Haddad.

This year's Volunteer of the Year award was given to Chrissy and Nancy Smith. Chrissy and Nancy have been faithful members and volunteers of SMDA for many years. We appreciate them very much, as at every SMDA event; they are always cheerfully helping out. Thank you ladies!

For a complete list of 2012 award recipients, please visit our website.

Spring Clinic with Catherine Haddad

SMDA is hosting a clinic with Catherine Haddad April 27-28 at Spring Creek Farm in Lyman, ME. Catherine Haddad has recently returned to the U.S. after many years in Germany where she represented the United States in competitions throughout Europe at both national and international levels.

The Rider Application form and Auditor Preregistration form are available on our website.

The opening date for SMDA members is: February 15, 2013. The opening date for nonmembers is: March 1, 2013.
The closing date for both is: March 15, 2013 but may be extended if spots are still available.

Auditors are encouraged to preregister. Advanced registration: \$35 per day includes lunch and snacks. SMDA Member Advanced Registration Special: \$50 for both days includes lunch and snacks (must be on 2013 Membership List at the time of the clinic). At the door: \$35 per day - food can be purchased at snack/convenience stores approximately 3 miles from the farm.

2013 Schooling Shows

We have four schooling shows scheduled at the Hollis Equestrian Park on May 5, June 9, August 4, and September 15. If you plan to show at SMDA this year, please review our Show Policies, which are posted on our website.

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Affiliated Shows

There are three SMDA affiliated schooling shows this year. The SPHO is hosting a show in Hollis on July 14. There are also two shows at Breezy Meadows on June 2 and September 1. The affiliated shows allow SMDA riders the opportunity to get an additional score. But remember, in order to qualify for year-end awards, you must submit scores from three separate shows, and two of these shows must be our regular SMDA shows at Hollis.

SMDA Grants

Applications for SMDA Grants are due by March 15. This is our fourth year of the Grant Program. Please check out the application form and rules on our website!

Western Maine Dressage & Eventing Association

President	Cassi Martin	890-2606
Vice President	Pat Martin	890-3112
Secretary	Sandy Snow	674-3629
Treasurer	Beth Brainerd	743-6546

Classifieds

- 7 yo, 13.2 hand welsh mare. Bay with white strip and hind sox. Picabo Bay has been thoughtfully, professionally started and is going well WTC. This is a very fancy pony with three nice gaits. Photos available on request 890-3112 or pat@paintedponysporthorses.com
- Several registered Swedish warmbloods for sale. Affordable pricing, very nice horses. Call or e-mail for details 890-3112 pat@paintedponysporthorses.com

Safe Haven Farm Events

Clinic's with Dressage judge Sandra Beaulieu on June 8th and with Pam Goodrich on Oct 5 and 6th. (Pam has been an instructor and trainer for 30 years. She has been long and short listed with the USET. She has competed in the World Championships in Toronto, two Olympic Sport Festivals and in Europe. She has also been awarded her USDF Silver and Gold medals.) For information contact Sue Yerxa at sueyerxa@roadrunner.com or via Facebook.

Open Barn: Sat. May 18th 10am - 2ish Many different equine demos (vaulting, jumping, jousting, side saddle dressage, Sandra Beaulieu, Chris Lombard, ect.) Vendors, (4 H, Maine Trail Riders, Artists, Caroline Samson, Maine Veterans, Aubuchon Hardware, Adams horse supply and many others. We will also have pony rides and don't forget all the food. Last year we had 250 people and are expecting more this year. A very family friendly event and its FREE. If you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor or has a unique demo, please contact me at 353 -4248 or via Facebook (Safe Haven Farm, Durham) thank you! -----Jennifer

Central Maine Dressage Association

is pleased to present a clinic with

Verne Batchelder - Freelance Clinician & FEI Trainer



Verne Batchelder approaches dressage instruction with an articulate, technical yet compassionate system. Verne transfers to his students the ability to be patient and persistent in their training with their horses. He is quick to provide his students with training exercises so they are less likely to take it personally when all does not go well. He is comfortable teaching riders of all ages and aspirations and often uses long-lining to aid in the horses' training.

He along with his wife, Jeanie, and daughter, Nora, operate River House Hanoverians, originally in NH and now based in Florida. River House has imported over 200 Hanoverians from Germany and produced twice that amount domestically from their own mares and stallions. His student base includes a wide variety of riders from those motivated by showing to those who just enjoy the training process and choose not to show.

June 22 and 23
Thistle Ridge Equestrian Centre
Smithfield, Maine

Private Lesson: \$100
Auditing Fee: \$20/day

For more information or to reserve a lesson
contact beckymorse2012@gmail.com or centralmainedressage@gmail.com

Other demonstrations or mini-clinics may also be available; watch for updates!

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NMDA Clinic with Chris Joost

Sunday June 23, 2013

Infinity Farm, Dover Foxcroft

NMDA is proud to be holding a clinic June 23rd with Chris Joost. The clinic will be based on the "Ride with your Mind" Biomechanic techniques of Mary Wanless. The Clinic will be held at Infinity Farm in Dover-Foxcroft. Opening Date for registration is May 1st. Auditors are welcome for a small fee of \$10 per day for NMDA members, \$15 for non-members. All are encouraged to bring something for a potluck lunch. Contact Paula Foote for more info at 546-1418 or onthebit31@aol.com

Chris has been riding with Mary for several years and has agreed to share her knowledge with us. The following is a bio that Chris has written, sharing her background and philosophy.

"I started riding at 3 and entered my first horse show at 7 on a very badly behaved pony. I showed equitation and low jumpers through my teens. I then discovered eventing which I loved. Unlike many of my fellow competitors, I really enjoyed the dressage phase. The more I learned about dressage, the more enthralled I became with it. It is sport and art and brain teasing all rolled into one. Consequently, I became a full time dressage rider. It took many years and a great deal of training, as well as a wonderful horse to get in the Grand Prix show ring. I was very happy to receive my USDF Gold Medal with Panam in 2007.

Over the years I have started and trained many horses, and the dressage training scale truly helps produce horses that are balanced, cooperative, easy to ride, and happy to work. And in this journey I have come to realize that everything a rider does on top of the horse, influences how that horse develops. In my lessons I focus on rider position and aids to illicit the correct response from the horse. Your horse is reactive, not proactive, so the rider needs to show the horse the way with the correct aids. I very much dislike the phrase "Follow your horse". A good rider is in the movement with the horse, actually leading the dance, so to speak. An ineffective rider is following the horse, a half second behind the movement, letting the horse dictate the speed, tempo, etc.

Which gets us to the Mary Wanless biomechanics of riding. I immensely enjoy lessons and discussions with Mary because of the meticulous attention to every part of the riders body and how its use effects the horse's performance. This body awareness helps the rider develop a set of "tools" that work to produce balanced, straight, correctly developed horses. It is a fascinating journey of biomechanics, laws of physics, and the process of learning.

I currently train with both Heather Blitz and Mary Wanless. Mary's system has made me a much more effective and symmetric rider and my horses thank her!"

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NMDA Clinic with Chris Joost

Sunday June 23, 2013

Infinity Farm, Dover Foxcroft

Opening date May 1, 2013

Closing Date June 8, 2013

Horse's Name _____

Rider _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

_____ Private Lesson \$85 NMDA Members \$95 Non-members

_____ Semi-Private Lesson \$60 NMDA Members \$70 Non-members

Please provide a short description of you and your horses level of training

_____ Auditor \$10 NMDA Members \$15 Non-members

- **Pre-registration is encouraged for auditors**
- **Please send copies of current Rabies and Flu vaccines, as well as Neg. Coggins within 2 years.**
- **Stabling will be available. Please contact Gail McCormick directly for stabling. 207-564-7046**

Please send check made payable to NMDA , Registration form & Release of Liability form to:

Paula Foote

32 Barber Ln

Cherryfield, ME 04622

Call or email with questions 207-546-1418 onthebit31@aol.com

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THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

WARNING- Under Maine law, an equine professional has limited liability for an injury or death resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.

The undersigned owner, rider, and signing parent or guardian hereby agrees:

I am fully aware that horse sports and competition involve inherent dangerous risk and I expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss suffered during or in connection with the competition and I agree to release the dressage club, or other organization sponsoring this competition, their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owners and managers of the grounds where this event is held, from any loss, damage, liability or injury arising out of or resulting from this competition or rider's participation or entry therein, whether or not such injury or loss resulted directly or indirectly from the negligent acts or omissions of the management of this competition, their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owners and managers of the grounds where this event is held. In the event of injury to the rider or rider's animal permission is hereby granted for emergency medical treatment for the rider or rider's animal.

I further agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the dressage club or other organization sponsoring this competition, the management of the competition, and their officers, directors, employees, members or agents, and the owners and managers of the grounds where this event is held from and against any and all claims for loss, damages, liability, injury, or death, however caused, resulting directly or indirectly from the rider's entry or participation in this competition or from acts or omissions of the rider or rider's agents. I further agree to be subject to the rules of the dressage club or other organization sponsoring this competition.

Rider Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

If Rider is under 18

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____

Owner Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date _____