



NOVEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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CLUB NEWS

Happy fall to everyone! We hope that you all had a successful competition season and a great summer. Now it's time to set goals for over the winter and hopefully have a good break from the busy summer schedule.

Our year end awards banquet and annual meeting will be at 12:30 Sunday, January 27, at the Senator Inn in Augusta. All are welcome, not just award winners. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Please come and join us, and remember to submit your scores for year end awards to Beth Brainerd.

New this year at the banquet we have decided to honor our non-competing members who volunteer and make our lives run easier! If you would like to nominate someone for this award please contact your local club with your nominations. One member from each club will be recognized for the volunteer award. Show your appreciation for all their hard work and nominate someone today!

We will again be having a silent auction at the banquet, please bring a donated item with you for the auction.

There will be a board meeting just prior to the banquet where we will be electing a new slate of officers for 2008. If you would like to nominate or be nominated for a position on the board, please contact us.

We will be replacing rider medals with lapel pins, this way you can wear your medal on your lapel for all to see! We will make the pins available to those who have earned medals in the past and would like to purchase a pin as well. More information will be coming soon!

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

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Season's Greetings!

This will be my last president's message as my term expires and a new president, Bryn Redman (current Vice President), will be in place beginning at the end of January. Being your President has been a growing experience for me and I am grateful to have

had the opportunity. It has helped me to see the bigger picture around our state and to appreciate the efforts of all of the clubs. It is amazing what we can and do accomplish here in Maine.

I encourage everyone to become an active participant in your club and in MDS. Be a rep for your club! Be heard! Yes it is extra work and effort but it is well worth the time to be involved and get to know the various dressage folks from around the state.

I hope to see lots of members at the banquet in January it is always a great way to connect during what is usually the coldest time of year. This year I will be attending the USDF convention as a GMO representative for Maine. I am excited for the opportunity to do this and I hope to share my experiences with everyone at the banquet.

I would like to help build a strong educational purpose for MDS over the coming years. This is not new to MDS, and in our effort to grow and meet the needs of our active dressage community I believe it would serve our members well. Keep those suggestions coming!

Hunker down, stay warm, and try to imagine those warm days and sleek coats of summer when you see a fuzzy muzzle over the stall door.

Most Sincerely,

Willette

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News from EMDA

From the rider's perspective, there is only a single aid from day one, driving the horse's haunches forward, into and underneath his own body weight. As the 'driving force' in the horse, it alone creates everything one has come to refer to as working the neck and the poll (cont)...



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The latest from EMDA!



Our Latest Meeting

October 23, 2007 EMDA meeting at Betsy Hudson's house in Bangor - in attendance were Michelle Zambrano, Cassie Elia, Kitty Mitchell, Bryn Walsh, Marianne Lagerklint, Becky Reed, Allison LaCourse and Betsy Hudson.

Kitty Mitchell presented the treasurer's report. We are solvent. A more detailed report will be given at the annual banquet.

Bryn Walsh volunteered to help Gail McCormack with clinics if she wants help. Bryn also reported on the last MDS meeting. There will be a small fee charged for each rider-horse combination in each MDS pointed show. MDS will seek to obtain a quality lapel pen rather than the heavy medals that have become so costly. The MDS banquet will be the last Sunday in January.

Year End Awards - Janette is gathering information for year-end awards.

Slate of Officers – All current officers have agreed to serve another term.

An e-mail reminder will be sent to see if anyone else is interested in running. Betsy will check that those committee members not at the meeting will continue in their duties. There will be ballots mailed for the election.

Bryn Walsh offered to help Gail McCormack with clinics.

Website - The website is up and looks good and we encourage anyone who has photos or information to add to get in touch!

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 shows this past year, to and Kim and Pete Smith of Whispering Pines for hosting our clinic and of course all of the members that supported the shows.

Believe it or not we have our shows lined up for 2008!!!!!! Mark your calendars for

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

Very tentatively we have

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
November 2	Puckerbrush Schooling

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.

...When the horse pushes his croup up against the rider and leans on the bit in order to avoid flexing his haunches, the only thing the rider can do to correct it is to briefly resist every thrust from the hind leg by tightening the muscle ring around his lumbar back with his elbows well closed against his hips. That way, the hands become extensions of the seat bones (cont).

From Both Ends of the Reins

Growing up in Brazil, I assumed a lot of things I saw were normal. For example, the grooms were mostly barefoot or wore sandals with wooden soles. Race horses from the Gavea track were cooled off by leading them into the lake that also served as a town water supply, around a 100 foot dock and back again, the groom, of course, walking on the dock. Almost all of the school horses were ex-racehorses, and they were never turned out. When one rider fell off, the other horses took this as a sign, that they too could run around wild like the newly freed horse. But the arena was bordered by a soft, high hedge and the footing was natural sand, and I recall no one getting hurt.

I got to skip school my sophomore year and watch Patricia Galvin win the gold for the U.S. in the Pan Am Games. It was fun to think that the games were again held in Brazil this year. Did you notice that the winner of the gold for the U.S. was part Shetland pony, part Arabian, and something else?



It's fun to realize that money doesn't buy expertise, only dedication and time does. The dedication our board has shown is phenomenal. The helpfulness of all of our members has made this a successful year. Do come to the banquet, awards forthcoming or not, and enjoy the camaraderie of all. See you there!

ATTENTION EMDA MEMBERS!

Please note that to qualify as junior riders for EMDA 2006 membership and Year-End Awards, riders must be under 18 years of age as of January 1st of the show season.

...The rider then merely has to close his fingers more as the thrust from the hind leg on the same side makes itself felt. The tightening lasts only for a split second and is followed by a long release, only to be renewed during the following stride, if necessary. If the rider's midsection lacks muscle tone, on the other hand, he will inevitably start pulling on the reins, because the seat is too weak.

Otto de la Croix

**EASTERN MAINE DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP - 2008 SHOW SEASON**

“What do you as a member ‘get’ from EMDA?”

- One free clinic offered per year - entirely subsidized by EMDA
- Reduced EMDA show fees
- MDS Omnibus – (available for late joiners only as supplies last)
- Automatic membership of USDF and MDS
- Quarterly USDF Bulletin and quarterly MDS/EMDA newsletter
- Information on shows and clinics in the EMDA area
- Possibility for earning awards for show performance within EMDA (included free for EMDA Awards) and MDS (additional fee)

NOTE: Payment must be received by September 1st, 2007 to take advantage of the MDS early bird fee. The EMDA membership year begins December 1st. Memberships expire November 30th. The effective date of EMDA membership is the date on which the application and correct dues are received by the EMDA treasurer. **Members must submit their dues by September 1st**, or will need to pay an extra \$10! Memberships received after September 1st will be sent to MDS at the end of each month.

Please check:

New membership Renewal / Individual Junior Family
(under 18 as of 1/1/08)

- A family membership qualifies one person for a group membership in USDF. USDF RULE - All additional family members must pay an additional \$8.00 and will receive Supporting Family Member status
- Must have birthdates of all Junior members for USDF and year-end awards.

Primary Member Name (automatic USDF membership): _____
USDF # _____ **Birth Date(MM/DD/YYYY)** _____

Add'l Family Member(s) _____
The additional USDF membership fee of \$8.00 for the first member is included in the Family Membership fee
USDF # _____ **Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____

Street Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone # _____
email _____ **would you like your newsletter sent by email? Y / N**

I would like to volunteer as _____
Topic or speaker I would like to see at a clinic/meeting: _____

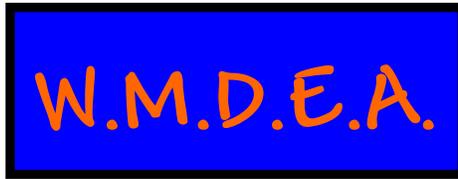


Category of Membership and Payment:

1. **EMDA Dues (includes Maine Dressage Society and USDF Dues)**

	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Junior</u>	<u>Family</u> (1 full USDF membership + one additional supporting member)	
	\$31.00	\$26.00	\$44.00	\$ _____
 2. **Additional USDF supporting memberships (Families only) #__ @ \$8.00 each = _____**
 3. **Memberships after September 1st - additional \$10.00 _____**
 4. **Omnibus (charged for add'l copies while supplies last) #__ @ \$10.00 each = _____**
- TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED** _____

Send completed application and check payable to EMDA to: Kitty Mitchell, 75 Haley Road, Winterport, ME 04496; phone (207) 525-4435; e-mail kittym@ime.net Date Rec'd Treas. Init.



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Western Maine Dressage and Combined Training Association

Hi all, can you really believe that show season is already over? WOW it went by fast. I hope everybody had a successful season enjoying the various shows that were held through out Maine. WMDEA's Fall Fun show went off without a hitch. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of you that participated; Wadean's crew, Dianne's crew, and everybody else, along with Laura, Pat, Beth, Gretchen, Jessie, and Donna for being great volunteers. We couldn't do it without all of you. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so without the support of our riders and volunteers there would be no show. This year Pat Martin generously donated glass etched treat jars for all first place winners. We did do a new award that was awarded to the first rider that had a complete entry, everything was filled out correctly, no changes, had coggins and a check for the correct amount. What's so great about the Fall Fun Show is all the games we hold. You don't know how much fun you can have with your horse until you participate in some games. There wasn't enough riders in Sit A Buck so I took my little Arab in. (I haven't ridden bareback in I don't know how many years, so you can only imagine what I looked like) I did learn how bony an Arab back is! But I had not had that much fun on my horse in a long time. There was no pressure and just SMILES on all the riders from first place to fifth place, it was nice to see. From now on I know I'm going to sign up for fun classes, and I hope all of you take the time and participate with all of us next year.

Our next meeting will be in December at the Year End banquet/ Christmas Party! WMDEA takes pride in their Year-End Banquet. We want to recognize all riders for their support through out the year that participate at the WMDEA affiliated show which are held at Esprit Equestrian Center, Hidden Brook Farm, Sunset Farm, and Lookout Farm, earning enough scores for Year-Ends. By doing so WMDEA gives ALL places great prizes from photo albums, to trophies, coolers, jackets, brushes, shampoo, gift certificates etc. Forms and scores for year ends are DUE November 15th!!! No exceptions!

WMDEA is planing a clinic with Melanie Thomas Clark. Melanie is an animal communicator. We had Melanie up last winter and she was a HUGE hit. If you have any interest in participating in this clinic please contact Cassi at cassandrajmartin@yahoo.com or 890-2606. This clinic is open to other animals not just horses. Many of the riders did their dogs, cats etc. WMDEA also hopes to have another adult camp in the spring with Alison End. We had her up last fall for a two day camp where the riders just went away from the clinic on top of the

world. Alison was GREAT with both the real beginner or nervous adults to the more experienced upper level riders. When the adults weren't riding there were two massage therapists, one for the horses and one for the riders. Alison also gave a lecture the night of the first day because all of the participating riders stayed in a cabin. It was a perfect get away weekend for both horse and rider. If you have any interest in participating in this clinic please contact Beth at hbf@megalink.net A few of the WMDEA members farms are having Alison up for some small clinics through out the year, if anybody wants more information they can contact Cassi. I, Cassi Martin was lucky enough to ride in two amazing clinics this year one that was held with Courtney King and the other with Debbie McDonald! I hope if you all have an opportunity to ride with a clinician of this caliber you go for it! You can learn so much. They both have great skill on the ground as instructors and on a horse as riders along with with personalities to die for. Never let any opportunity pass you by..... get out there and take part in the various clinics as riders or auditors

Thanks
Cassi Martin



News from SMDA

On October 21 we held a very special "Ride-Reride" Benefit Clinic. Recently we found out our past president and long time SMDA member Jane Petrin has been diagnosed with cancer. Jane has done so much for SMDA over the years, and now it was our turn to do something for her in her time of need. All proceeds from the clinic are going to help Jane and her husband Mike with medical expenses. The clinic was a huge success. It was a perfect fall day. We received many generous donations for our silent auction, food booth, use of the Hollis Equestrian Park and our judge Sara Bradley. Between the show and the auction we were able to raise close to \$3,000.

The following letter from Kim Mathieu tells the story of the clinic best:

"I am so close to tears it is hard to write. Our equitation classes were very well attended. Jane Petrin was on hand and passed out the ribbons. Jane spoke to us in the middle of the last 2 equitation classes and talked about life - and how we should live every moment and look around and remember why we live in this grand state and region. Because the trees were so beautiful and the weather was so wonderful and our horses and their beautiful eyes and expressions. That's why we were there.

Jane stayed at the clinic past noon and to be honest I was so humbled to be close to her and have us talk like old times. Im sure I was not the only one who tried to hold back unsuccessfully the

tears for a wonderful wonderful friend and most of all mentor.I cant imagine getting all my affairs in order and going out in public and just being there.

A Very Special Thanks.to Sara Bradley..She donated her time for a very long show. She was amazing. Super positive. People wanted to come back and do it over and ride it better. She made it so wonderful and we wanted to do better!

Sara, I hope you see this...your positive attitude,your strength (even though you're a bit littler than me!),are an inspiration to the dressage community in this State of Maine. What you did for SMDA was priceless. What you have done for me and my kids is overwhelming. My respect for you and your back bone and true grit ...Kudos Kiddo!!"

Kim Mathieu
October 31, 2007

Here's the results from the show:

Intro A

Meaghan Martin with an overall score of 77.50

Lindsay Bickford

Cheryl Roy

Katerina St Yves

Alexa Foster

Intro B

Sophia Calve 78.50 for 1st

Meaghan Martin

Katherine Drenski

Lindsey Bickford

Samantha Dubois

Mellisa Bouchet

Training Level 1

Meghan Rich 67.39

Elizabeth Bouthiet 65.22

Magdelina Niedermeyer 62.30

Charlene Landrey 56.52

Training Level 2

Linda Mulski 66.07

Elizabeth Bouthiet 65.70

Training Level 4

Jess Toksen 73.8

Jaimie Leo Bernard66.8

Gloria Steiger 65.4

Julia Batcheldor63.2

First 1

Casey Hilton 73.00

Jess Toksen 71.00

Tiffany Tarbox 67.30 Time Keeper

Kristen Pretorius 67.00

Jamie Leo bernard 60.30

First Level 2

Tiffany Tarbox 64.100 Zappem All

First 4

Kim Mathieu ..Formal Attire 68.6

Second Level

Patricia LeVasseur 67.1

Annie Lambert 62.7

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New news from CMDA!

If some of you thought you were having déjà vu when you read CMDA's notes in the last issue of the MDS newsletter, you were! Those words were written in early 2006. A lot has happened since then.

During 2006 we tried to start a CMDA Youth Group, but it was never able to become self-sustaining. So, we decided to invite all of the potential junior members to please feel free to attend our regular open meetings. In an effort to make our meeting as hospitable and enjoyable to all, we have also changed our meeting format.

We have decided to concentrate on that part of our charter that states that the purpose of the group is "fun, friendship, and education." Toward that end we will begin meetings with a half hour of hospitality. This will allow us to all chat, visit with old friends, make new friends, and talk about the reason we are all there: our horses! Laurie Lee is the Hospitality Princess. She will bring snacks, or ask others to volunteer to make something for a meeting when necessary. Hospitality will be followed by a SHORT business meeting. There will be far fewer general meetings, also. We will no longer hold a monthly general meeting for the entire membership. We plan to follow the meeting with a fun activity. For example, we had Carol Poulin-Taylor interpret the new tests for us after we watched "On the Levels." One meeting was held on the deck of Laurie Lee's cottage on Lake Cobbossee. Ideas for future meetings are welcome from our members.

We hope that more people will be able to have a little bit of free time to belong to the club and participate now that club obligations will be less demanding. We plan to hold the USDF Breed Show again in 2008. You don't have to be knowledgeable about dressage to be a helper at a show, for example. It's a great way to learn or to just get to know new people and see some great horses.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Dietmar



13 yo, 16 H, gray, imported Trakehner gelding out of Dixonia by Goerlitz. He has prior experience as a fox hunter but has recently been schooling first/second level dressage. He could easily make an accomplished hunter or equitation horse as well as he has beautiful lines and composure. He has soft transitions and gaits, is easily collected, and has a wonderful, puppy-dog personality! He is very solid in his lateral work and is starting work on flying changes. Dietmar would make a wonderful competitive horse for any rider wanting to progress! Please contact Bryn Walsh at (207) 234-2147 or pbrush@uninets.net. More pictures can be found on our website at www.puckerbrushfarm.com

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



"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.

Contact Information:

Kristin Brown

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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:



"PEMMA"

("RING OF JOY") 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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