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Let us ride together, blowing mane and hair, careless of the weather, miles ahead of care, ring of hoof and snaffle, swing of waist and hip, trotting down the twisted road with the world let slip -- Anonymous, *Riding Song*

Message from the President

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our next MDS meeting is September 23, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta. I would like to use this meeting as a planning meeting for the coming year. Any MDS member is welcome to attend. Let's all bring our show dates for 2009 and any clinic dates that we may have as well, not just the clubs but private barns as well. There are always dates that have several shows on the same date. This could be a chance to avoid this for next year. A lot of the shows for 2008 were very low on entries. Let's not compete against each other for rides. If you are unable to attend you can e-mail me your dates and I'll bring them to the meeting.

The election of officers and board members at large will be held at this meeting. Please contact the past MDS President, Willette Brown at hunterhillwb@adelphia.net with any nominations that you would like to put forth. The local clubs will need to have a current list of their MDS representatives able to vote available for this meeting. Please e-mail this list to me prior to the September meeting.

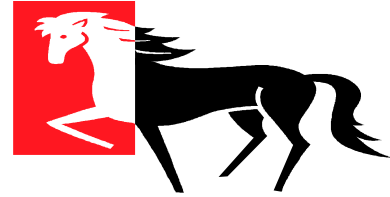
Sandy Welsh will not be able to edit the Omnibus for 2009. Thank you to her for a job well done in 2008. I would like to set up an Omnibus Committee. It's a lot of work for just one person. It would be great to have one person in charge of getting advertising, another person in charge of obtaining the show listings and another person in charge of doing the layout. If anybody is interested in any of these jobs please contact me.

Willette Brown has been looking into an MDS Symposium for 2009 possibly working with NEDA. I'm looking forward to getting an update on that.

I hope you've all had a good summer and made the best of the few days of sun that we had! See you in September.

Carol Poulin-Taylor
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CMDA NEWS



CMDA held a couple of very informative clinics. One was on how to braid, followed by one on "Showing Your Dressage Horse In-Hand" clinic. Despite the expert instruction from Elizabeth Owens, who is a master braider, Laurie Lee still has no idea what she will do to manage to braid the thick curly double mane of her American Curly Horse, Dream, for the Breed Show on August 23, 2008. It would help if she had good hands to work with!

CMDA member Dana Susi Peppard, owner of Wild Child Farm in Pittston, reports that she is adding some dressage schooling shows to her schedule. While they will not be pointed for MDS or CMDA shows for this year, she is offering the following shows, and her farm is conveniently, centrally located for all of you looking to just get your horses out there for some experience:

August 17

Dressage at Wild Child Farm schooling show

Judge: Carol Poulin-Taylor

Information and entries available at www.wildchildfarm.com

Or call Dana Susi at 207-588-0223 or email dana@wildchildfarm.com

September 28

Dressage at Wild Child Farm schooling show

Same as above

October 12

Tamarack Pony Club Dressage Show at Wild Child Farm

Proceeds to Benefit Tamarack Pony Club

Judge: Susanne Hamilton

Information and entries available at www.wildchildfarm.com or

www.TamarackPonyClub.homestead.com

Or call Dana Susi 207-588-0223 or Karen Champagne 207-582-7219

Dana says, "I plan to do a series next year and between my shows and the Pony Club shows I host, I would anticipate we will have 5 shows. I hope more of the "young" farm owners will start contributing and helping each other to make our area stronger. I hope to do some clinics and if you have had any feedback on clinicians that members would like to see, I would be willing to work on bringing them here. Our facility isn't fancy, but it is set up very efficiently for schooling shows."

Anyone with ideas of clinicians they would like to see brought to the area, contact Dana at 588-0223.

IMPORTANT CHANGE:

For those of you planning to submit scores for CMDA year end awards, please note that Wadean Chadwick is in charge of this!! Previously it was stated to send your scores to me. However this has been changed!! You must submit the number of scores required by your level (as stated in the MDS year end awards rules in the Omnibus) to Wadean no later than Nov. 15, 2008. Our date is earlier than the date for MDS!! Please note that Wadean's address is: Wadean Chadwick, P.O. Box 28 , Sabattus , ME. 04280

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Lee,
Secretary



EMDA NEWS

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AUGUST NEWS FROM EMDA!

EMDA RIDER RUN SHOW!!

The 2008 opening EMDA show June 22nd at East Ridge Stable in Charleston Maine went very well. We are most grateful to Robin Corey for the use of her facility. All profits from this show went towards EMDA Year-End Awards. Alison LaCourse and Laurie Harvey did a great job organizing with on-site with from Michelle Zambrano. Kudos to all (including all of you riders and workers)!

We are most fortunate that East Ridge and Starwalk have offered their facilities this year. The next EMDA Rider Run show is Sunday, August 31st at Starwalk Stables and we have another October 19th at Eastridge. Please support these shows.

Intro A 1 Take me Higher (Whitney Sargent), 2 Conversano Vantano (Alison LaCourse)

Intro B 1 Take me Higher (Whitney Sargent), 2 Just Jack (Val Philpot), 3 Toby C (Robin Corey), 4 Mardi Gras – ‘Kiwi’ (Courtney Edgerly), 5 Legacy (Katelyn Rae)

Intro A Re-Ride 1 Conversano Vantano (Alison LaCourse)

Training 1 Jr 1 My Exceleator (Molly Worcester), 2 Take me Higher (Whitney Sargent), 3 Chocolate Moose (Robyn Handley), 4 Mardi Gras – ‘Kiwi’ (Courtney Edgerly), 5 Skittles (Haley Loving), 6. Toby C (Amanda Griffin)

Training 1 Sr 1 Just Jack (Val Philpot), 2 Sitske-E (Christina Gordon), 3 Stormy (Marianne Lagerklint)

Training 2 1 MyExceleator (Molly Worcester), 2 Just Jack (Val Philpot), 3 Sitske-E (Christina Gordon)

Training 3 1 Sherman (Morgan Williams), Talia (Olivia S. Heckler)

Training 4 1 Serra bint Kiyara (Roseanna LaCourse), Talia (Olivia S. Heckler), 3 Comet (Stacia Russell), 4 Sherman (Morgan Williams)

Training 1 & 2 Re-Ride 1 Chocolate Moose (Robyn Handley), 2 Mardi Gras – ‘Kiwi’ (Courtney Edgerly), 3 Stormy (Marianne Lagerklint)

Training 4 Re-ride 1 Comet (Stacia Russell), 2 Talia (Olivia s. Heckler)

First Level 1 and Reride 1 Roseanna LaCourse (Serra bint Kiyara), 2 Mandi Dumond (raphael), 3 Mandi Dumond (Raphael)

First Level 2 and re-ride 1 My Exceleator (Lydie Worcester), 2 My exceleator (Lydie Worcester)

Fourth Level 1 1 Astra (Betsy Hudson)

Musical Free Style Second Level Artex (Sadie Zambrano)

Pas de deux –First Level 1 Serra bint Kiyara (Roseanna La Course) and Artex (Sadie Zambrano)

CLINICS FROM GAIL MACCORMACK!

On June 28th we had our EMDA free clinic with Carol Poulin-Taylor. The clinic was held at Whispering Pines in Newburgh the home of Kim and Pete Smith. Kim had graciously offered her beautiful establishment for FREE which we were grateful for! We were able to have access to Kims' indoor arena as well as her large dressage ring. I had a great helper with me, one of our working students from our barn Ali Conroy who helped set up tests rider times ,scribed and scored (as well as helping getting my horse ready!). Also Kate Sherrill, who volunteered to help where she was needed. She scribed with Carol for most of the afternoon, and helped keep things moving.

Carol, the clinician for the day, conducted her sessions trying to pin point at least one thing she could help a rider with. Carol was so accommodating and helpful to the riders. The weather was overcast but we missed most of any type of rain and thunder showers that had plagued us all earlier in the week.

We had 16 riders: Kathleen Fox, Ashley Shaffer, Amanda Snow, Christie Luce, Michelle Garcelou, Barbra Humphrey, Kim Smith, Olivia Hecker, Gail McCormack, Kath Hartley, Alison La Course, Rosanna La Course, Judy Lenihan, Kristina Gordon, Marianne Lagerklint and Kelly Rourke. We offered a morning session and afternoon session with two group in the AM then riding and re-riding tests and repeated the same in the PM. The feed back was great, most everyone who rode said they liked the idea of riding tests and talking with Carol to see what the judge is looking for at each level. One or two riders just wanted to ride the group session and that was fine too. A couple of riders tested the waters of a higher level test to see what to strive for and Carol was excellent at being supportive and teaching the rider where the rides strengths were and where to improve to ride a better test. It was great to meet other EMDA members and be able to chat with them all.

Talking with Carol as well as the participants I feel that this would be a good type of clinic to repeat. In the future, I would like to try and have the riders ride privately with Carol for 15 minutes get a gist of what the judge looks for and run through 2 tests at the end of their session. Everyone enjoyed Carol, and she is so approachable as a teacher and judge. Most riders went away with a clearer view on what they needed to work on to achieve a better test and training their horses.

I have been trying to get another clinic to set up. The clinic time may be in the fall due to lack of days available. I am also going to start for next year setting up dates with in the next two months to get better days set up with a lot of notice. I would like to hear from more EMDA club members as to what they would like for a clinic and am hoping for rider participation.

So it was a good day, Big thanks to Carol for coming up from Durham and Kim Smith for her facility. [As a side note; Whispering Pines rents out their facility for clinic such as this you can e-mail Kim @ heavyhoof@aol.com FMI. They hold dressage shows, 2-phases, horse trials and miniature horse shows at their facility. Carol Poulin Taylor an "L" judge and president of Maine Dressage Society, who teaches and trains many students and horses at her facility Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham. Carol breeds Trakhener warmbloods and on August 2nd is having a breed inspection at her facility. Esprit also has shows throughout the summer. For more information, you can contact Carol @ espritEC@aol.com .

Thank-you! Gail McCormack

SPECIAL EVENT FROM MICHELLE ZAMBRANO!

EMDA will be hosting a "Costume Musical Kur Extravaganza" on September 13th, 2008 at East Ridge Stables. This is an EMDA fundraiser and all proceeds will go to the EMDA club. Be creative, choose your music, costume and develop a routine for yourself or as a group and let's show Eastern Maine how much FUN dressage can be! Remember to tell all your friends to come watch too! Look for the flyer and entry form at local barns as well as the EMDA mailing list. "OR" feel free to call or e-mail me and I'll send you one! All riders welcome – you do not have to be an EMDA member to enter. Opening date will be August 13th. Contact: Michelle Zambrano phone: 564-8992 e-mail: leibchon@hotmail.com

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 .

YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY The Year-End Awards Party will be hosted by the most gracious Clare and Lew Payne on Sunday, November 23rd at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck. No chips, please, serious food.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We welcome people who want to run for office, be a committee chair, or MDS representative. Eager horse fans – we need you. Please let Jessica Dion-Buswell know by November 1st **in writing** if there are any offices you would like to run for or committees you can serve on. Please feel free to run for any office.

FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall EMDA meeting is being rescheduled due to the conflict with the Oct. 19th EMDA Rider Run Show. An e-mail will be sent. Board meetings are held in February and October and are subject to rescheduling. Additional meetings are scheduled in the spring as necessary. Please call 207-942-5940 before the meeting to assure it has not been changed. They are open meetings.

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.

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.

EMDA DUES FOR '09

USDF needs club registrations by November 1st, 2007. We have to collect EMDA dues by September 1st, so that they may be forwarded to MDS in time. Be aware of that. You should have received an e-mail and snail-mail application. It is available on the MDS website as well. EMDA will not raise its dues received by September 1st. The board may raise the dues for later applications if that is needed.

SCHEDULING SHOWS FOR '09

The meeting to set up our calendar for '09 was scheduled for Thursday August 7th for board members and barn representatives to discuss pointed shows for 2009. Get ready!

OUR BOARD AND MEMBERS

So far this season we are most indebted to so many. Allison LaCourse, Laurie Harvey and Michelle Zambrano, the first show was super. Thanks again to Whispering Pines, East Ridge and Starwalk for the use of their facilities - We are grateful to Kim Smith, Robin Corey, and Lisa and Matt Pavao. Thanks Gail MacCormack for the clinic. It was a great innovation. Cassie Elia is most helpful as secretary of EMDA. Marianne Lagerklint, thanks for all of the e-mailings. Michelle - thanks for your ideas and help – especially our venture in the quadrille/kur exhibit. Special thanks for Janette Giles! After doing a great and innovative job as Year-End Chair last year, Janette needed a break. We are indebted to her! And thanks to Bryn Walsh who has volunteered to take over that position. Jessica Dion-Buswell has been most helpful with her support. Kitty Mitchell, thanks muchly for all of the paperwork. Bryn, the website is most helpful! Thanks to Becky Reed and Bryn Walsh who have served on the MDS board representing EMDA. How much all have pitched in to make this year go so well.

Betsy

News from Southern Maine Dressage Association

Everyone is in the full swing of summer, and busy every minute it seems! We had another successful show on June 15 at the Hollis Equestrian Park. Fortunately, the rain did not dampen spirits. Our soggy riders bravely rode their tests for our judge Yvonne Coleman-Larson, who was very helpful with her comments. Somehow our Show Secretary managed to schedule over 70 rides into a very long day, and unfortunately we had to turn riders away from the waiting list. PLEASE remember our shows tend to fill quickly, so to ensure your spot submit a complete entry as early as you can after the opening date!

Introductory Test A

- 1st Meaghan Martin Chagoal Grey
- 2nd Katrina St. Yves Mystic Pizza
- 3rd Lexi Pauls Otho Interagro
- 4th Allison Cox Enchanted Forest

Introductory Test B

- 1st Meaghan Martin Chagoal Grey
- 2nd Alison Truman Gizmo
- 3rd Phoebe Walsh Lakoda
- 4th Lindsey Bickford Anna's Valiant Star
- 5th Katrina St. Yves Mystic Pizza
- 6th Courtney Hooper Galveston

Dressage Eq. Jr's

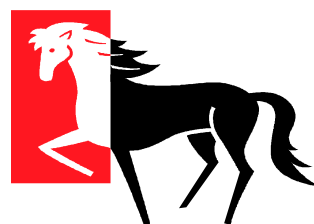
- 1st Meghan Rich Abigail
- 2nd Mary Joyce Coastal
- 3rd Brittany Madore Avatar
- 4th Alison Truman Gizmo
- 5th Sophia Calve Thor

Training 1 Jr.

- 1st Mary Joyce Coastal
- 2nd Phoebe Walsh Lakoda
- 3rd Lindsey Bickford Anna's Valiant Star
- 4th Alison Truman Gizmo
- 5th Samantha Andrews Gulliver
- 6th Courtney Hooper Galveston

Training Test #1 Sr.

- 1st Nicole Voccia Valdi's Moment in Time
- 2nd Elizabeth Tewksbury Dreamy Starlet



Training Test #2

1st Nicole Voccia Valdi's Moment in Time
2nd Mary Joyce Coastal
3rd Hannah Noona Rugby
4th Liz Bouthiet Galveston
5th Cortney Chadbourne Thumper

Training 3

1st Hannah Noonan Rugby
2nd Jamie Leo-Bernard Drivin' Miss Daisy
3rd Rebecca Jones Sidney
4th Gloria Steiger Willoughby

Training 4

1st Kelly Lockman Lydia
2nd Carol Lenna Braveheart
3rd Jamie Leo-Bernard Drivin' Miss Daisy
4th Nancy Smith K Z Aspen
5th Christine Smith Zoysa
6th Liz Bouthiet Galveston

First Level Test 4

1st Kelly Lockman Lydia
2nd Kim Mathieu Formal Attire
3rd Michelle Hirshberg Eros TP
4th Tiffany Tarbox Mirage
5th DiAnne Ward Classic
6th Annette Bowen Waterford Viceroy

SMDA Schooling Show September 7, 2008

Hollis Municipal Equestrian Park
Route 5, Hollis, ME

Opening Date: July 25, 2008 Closing Date: August 28, 2008

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Judge: Susanne Hamilton, ME (L)
Download Class List: [Word](#) | [PDF](#)

ARE YOU NEW TO MDS & DRESSAGE

With year end awards coming up in few short months... (already!!!) Wow where did summer go? Here are a few things you may need to know....

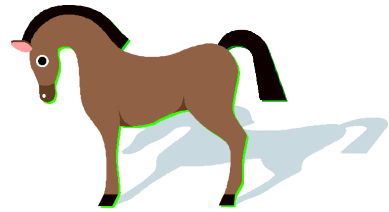
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1. Can I sign up for more than 1 club - answer: yes, but only pay the club dues for the second club, not the USDF or MDS dues.
 2. Can I accumulate club points AND MDS points (year end awards) at all shows? Only if you are a member of the club that is sponsoring the show (club points) and the show is listed in the Omnibus (MDS points).
 3. How long will it take to get my Omnibus and be listed with USDF? Answer—Our membership person tries to get the Omnibus out within a week of receiving the memberships. However, sometimes the clubs only send her memberships once a month so it could be a month or a little more before you hear from us. Please contact your club treasurer if you haven't heard from MDS within 6 weeks of sending your membership in. Don't contact USDF directly with membership questions. Start with your club first.
 4. Can I get my news letter online. Yes - remember to check the box on your membership form, this will save us money and time to get the news you want.

We as MDS members need to help this effort and go as Green as we can. (Read the article on Page 11!)

5. Can I attend clinics in other clubs around the state. Only if that clinic has an opening. It may cost you more than the club members, but is a great way to train with a clinician at a lower cost. And a great way to get to know other MDS members and see what other clubs do.
6. MDS is always looking for volunteers and new ideas. Have an idea get in touch with any board member. Try to contact more than one of us. Some of the board members have very busy schedules, but one of us will have an answer.

A stubborn horse walks behind you, an impatient horse walks in front of you, but a noble companion walks beside you.

No ride is ever the last one. No horse is ever the last one you will have. Somehow there will always be other horses, other places to ride them.



Reminder Board

2009 membership are due beginning October 1. Please remember to sign up! This year there will be a late fee charged for memberships sent in after Dec. 31, 2008. The new 2009 membership forms are included in this newsletter. This may be a bit confusing for those still needing a 2008 membership. If you are planning on showing during the 2008 year and want to accumulate points, please download a 2008 form from our website at www.mainedressagesociety.org.

USDF "Goes Green"

Individuals can sign up for your 2009 USDF membership online and receive a \$15.00 Gift Certificate from Dover Saddlery.

As incentive for local group GMD's to become involved in these efforts, the GMD can choose to 'become Green'. Members must all agree to download their own membership cards and they can send in their rosters electronically and receive club points to purchase prizes through USDF's Lendon F. Gray Bookstore. So lets go Green.

This information was received by the USDF. MDS must agree as a whole to eliminate paper USDF cards. Please let your representatives know if you are interested. We already submit our rosters electronically and have for many years!

The next meeting for MDS Board members is September 23rd at the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta at 6:30pm. The Board will be voting on a new slate of officers. If you want to be involved please call Willette Brown 785-4484 or email her at hunterhillfarmwb@roadrunner.com

MDS Banquet & Awards; Please remember to fill in all of the blanks, leave no line empty... and please make your check out to MDS or the Chair person will cash it and go shopping (for herself) what an incentive to chair that job!

Omnibus; Sandy Welsh has informed the board that she will no longer be able to publish the Omnibus as a new job will take up her free time.... Anyone looking for a fun and exciting job? Please let Carol Poulin-Taylor know. 353-8533 ...you may get a box of chocolates when the Omnibus is done....



USDF REGIONAL NEWS UPDATE

New Rule Change for Regional Championship Qualifying

The USDF Executive Board approved an update to the 2009 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships program rules to reflect the USEF Extraordinary rule change on April 1, 2008 to DR 119.2, making the FEI Junior Tests equivalent to Third Level for the purposes of entering shows.

Regional Championship program Rule C.4 Qualifying System - changed to read:

Junior Riders (age 14-18) must ride the FEI Junior Team Test to qualify for the FEI Junior Division and may ride the FEI Junior Individual Test to qualify for Fourth **Third** Level. Junior riders may ride the FEI Junior Freestyle to qualify for the Third Level Freestyle. This change is effective immediately for the 2009 regional championship qualifying period.

Tamarack Pony Club Fall Dressage Show

October 12 at Wild Child Farm in Pittston

Judged by Susanne Hamilton

For more info contact Karen Champaign at
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Note from the newsletter editor:

Dead lines for the next news letter are as fallow;

September 30th January 30th April 30th July 30

Please email me at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com with any items you wish to include in the newsletter. I look forward to serving you.

Did you change your address??? Please contact Sandy Welsh at sandy-welsh949@hotmail.com or Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com to keep your Maine Dressage news coming!