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

Message from the MDS President

As I write this we have another foot of snow predicted for tomorrow. I'm starting to relate to the cabin fever I've heard about! So let's look forward to spring and warm weather and start to plan for 2009.

First I'd like to congratulate all the winners of the MDS Year End Awards Program for 2008. Look for the results in this newsletter and on the MDS website. I'd like to encourage the winners to send a picture to Bryn Walsh to put on the website.

I've put together a questionnaire for MDS members, past members and even people who have never been a member but are interested in joining. This will help the board gather information to guide us in a positive direction to encourage more participation and growth in MDS. We want your input good and bad. This is your club. Tell us what you would like to see. You'll find the questionnaire in this newsletter and on the website.

The 2009 MDS Omnibus is done. Thank you to Stephanie Hatcher for all her work on this time consuming project. It is being mailed out to all members who are current for 2009. If you haven't done so yet please join!

MDS will have a booth at the First Annual Stallion Show at Pineland in New Gloucester on March 14. Please stop by and visit.

MDS in conjunction with DLT Equestrian Center in Gray, Maine are in the process of organizing a symposium with Jan Ebeling from California for October 24 and 25, 2009. This will be a wonderful educational opportunity. Look for more information about the symposium in this newsletter and on the MDS website.

Sandy Welsh has given us notice that she needs to step down as MDS Treasurer/Membership Person. We are looking for somebody to take over this position. This position will be voted on at the MDS fall meeting, September 22, 2009 with the position to start at the January 24, 2010 meeting. If you are interested contact me at EspritEC@aol.com for more details on what this position involves. Thank you to Sandy for a job well done.

As always please share your thoughts with me.

Carol Poulin-Taylor



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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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USDF REGIONAL NEWS UPDATE

Dressage Competitions Invited to Submit Applications for USEF/NAJYRC Qualifiers

The United States Equestrian Federation, Inc.® and the United States Dressage Federation invite licensed dressage competitions to **apply to become an official 2010 "qualifying competition" for the USEF Dressage Developing Programs and the FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Dressage Championships (NAJYRC). The USEF Developing Programs & the NAJYRC Program include the following:**

- USEF National Championships for Juniors, Young Riders, & Young Adult "Brentina Cup"
- FEI North American Junior & Young Rider Dressage Championships
- USEF National Young Horse & Developing Horse Dressage Championships

Competitions licensed for dates from January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010 will be considered at this time. A completed application for each licensed competition must be submitted and received by **April 30, 2009**. Applications received after this deadline will NOT be considered. In an exciting development for this year and to streamline the collection of applications, a new on-line application is available via the USEF website at this link: <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx> (click on the icon for qualifying competition application). This on-line form allows for easy electronic completion and submission of competition applications.

For questions or further information, please contact Jennifer Keeler, USEF National Director of Dressage, jkeeler@usef.org or (859) 225-2024.

DRESSAGE RIDERS! Applications for National Dressage Championships Now Available on www.usef.org

The **2009 Collecting Gaits Farm/USEF Dressage Festival of Champions** will be held in Gladstone, New Jersey, June 18 - 21. This Festival of Champions will once again feature the National Championships for the **Grand Prix, Intermediaire I, Young Adult "Brentina Cup", Young Rider, and Junior divisions**. Applications of Intent for all divisions are now available on the Federation website, www.usef.org.

High Performance (Grand Prix & Intermediaire I) applications, qualifying competitions, and ranking lists are available at this link: <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/hpdressage.aspx>.

Junior, Young Rider, and "Brentina Cup" applications are available at this link: <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>. **USEF/NAJYRC-qualifying competition lists have been updated for each region** and are posted at the above link, in addition to national ranking lists for the Junior, Young Rider, and "Brentina Cup" divisions (now updated weekly).

The USEF National Developing Horse Dressage Championship (sponsored by the Dutta Corporation & Performance Sales International) and the Markel/USEF National Young Horse Dressage Championships will be held August 21 - 23, 2009 at the Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois. Applications of Intent, ranking lists, and updated qualifying competition lists are now available at this link: <http://www.usef.org/IFrames/breedsDisciplines/discipline/allDressage/natdressage.aspx>.

For more information, contact Jennifer Keeler, National Director of Dressage, at jkeeler@usef.org.

ARE YOU NEW TO MDS & DRESSAGE

Did the year end banquet get you thinking about trying for a year end award? What is the first step towards this goal? Paper work! Have you sent in your membership to your local club, Maine Dressage Society and your Horse Registration Form for MDS? You can find those forms in the Omnibus and on the MDS web site. www.mainedressagesociety.org

Next, read the rules for Year End Awards Program on page 10 of the Omnibus. If you have questions and have a trainer who is involved with MDS shows, ask them to help you with the details and to go over all of the paper work before you send it in. Most trainers are delighted to help, remember they love to show off their students and horses on show day.

Get out there and ride your fanny off. Get to as many shows as you can. Remember the higher the score on the test, the better chance you have to be a award winner. Only shows listed in the Omnibus will qualify you for year end awards for MDS. Check to see what you club requirements are.

After the show season is done, send those score sheets to Beth Brainerd. Her address is in the Omnibus. Please fill in all the lines, leave no blank spaces. Forward all of the score sheets, and most important, keep copies. You may want to double check that the forms made it to Beth.

We hope to see you at a local schooling show riding the perfect test for yours skill and ability. Then at the Awards Banquet on the last Sunday in January, you will receive the payoff and win

Note from the newsletter editor:

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

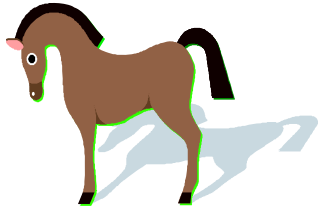
Please send your news to me at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com and I'll put it in the newsletter! I look forward to serving you.

Did you change your address??? Please contact Sandy Welsh at sandywelsh949@hotmail.com or Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com to keep your Maine Dressage news coming!

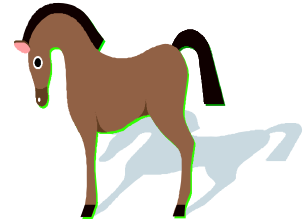
Upcoming MDS Meeting Dates:

These are open meetings. All MDS members are welcome to come.

Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:30 PM @ the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta
Tuesday, September 22nd @ 6:30 PM @ the Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta
Sunday, January 31st @ 10:00 AM @ the Senator Inn in Augusta



Reminder Page



2009 Omnibus is HERE

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

Stephanie Hatcher is the editor of the Omnibus so be sure to thank her for many hours of labor!

You may purchase additional copies for \$10.00 each while supplies last. If you are interested in helping with the Omnibus or would like to advertise, send her an email at shatcher@maine.rr.com.

CORRECTIONS TO THE OMNIBUS

The list of officers and MDS Directors for CMDA are as follows:

CMDA Officers 2009

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EMDA forms have changes! The ones in the 2009 Omnibus are incorrect. Please check the back of the newsletter for correct ones before you mail 2009 forms.

More corrections for your Omnibus

Hidden Brook Farms request for current Coggins of in-state 1yr and out of state 6 months ~ got taken out of Omnibus entry by my mistake.

Omnibus Editor:

Thank you to all that advertised in the 2009 Omnibus ~ distribution has begun. If you have not received your 2009 Omnibus please let me know via email at shatcher@maine.rr.com or by phone at (207) 423-7352. I would like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Sandy Welsh for her step by step assistance in this process. Without her assistance I would not have been successful.

There are some editing mistakes ~ please accept my apologizes to those of you who have "typos". I will be more diligent in 2010's editing.

I want to thank Sandy Welsh for her constant guidance and support through this process of being a first time editor. Without her the 2009 Omnibus would not have been published. I sincerely thank her for the continued support & more than daily emails.

Stephanie Hatcher
Omnibus Editor



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Congratulations to Jami Luke & Tommy's Advantage! Jami presented Tommy at the CMDA Breed Show held at Esprit Equestrian Center in August 2008. Imagine her surprise when she was notified by the North American Thoroughbred Society that Tommy had won the 2008 Regional "In Hand Dressage" division thus qualifying for the Championships. Jami is planning her trip to the Regional Championships held in Devon this year. Good luck to the pair.

CMDA would like to congratulate the winners of the 2008 CMDA Year –End Awards Program

Introductory Level and Senior Champion: Tramps Impressive Edition ridden and owned by Wadean Chadwick with a median score of 66.5%

Training Level and Junior Champion: A-Kurlee Dream, an American Curly mare, ridden by Rachael Krawczyk-Gapas, owned by Laurie Lee with a median score of 59.4%

Second Level Champion: Great Scott ridden by Wadean Chadwick, owned by Karen DeWitt with a median score of 64.99%

CMDA would like to thank Adams Horse Supply in Winthrop, Maine for donating gift certificates for the Senior and Junior Championships!

CMDA will be hosting 3 club schooling shows. Two will be at Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham, Maine on the following dates:

April 25th Judge Suzanne Hamilton judge "L"

June 28th Judge Yvonn Coleman-Larsen "L"

The third show will be held at Clay Brook Farm in Turner, Maine on;

October 18 Judge TBA

**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 ("r", "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 will be held August 22, 2009 at Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham Maine . For more information see the MDS omnibus or go to www.espritequestriancenter.com

The next meeting of CMDA will be held at March 22nd at 1:00pm at the Esprit Equestrian Center in Durham. Please join us as we plan for all the up coming events and set plans for other activities .

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EMDA Board Meeting February 15, 2009

Attending were VP Michelle Zambrano; Treasurer Kitty Mitchell, Show Chairperson Alison LaCourse, Year-End Awards Chair Bryn Walsh, Website Coordinator: Marianne Lagerklint; EMDA Reps: Bryn Redman, Rebecca Clark and Betsy Hudson; Pres. Betsy Hudson; absent: Cassie Elia, secretary; Gail McCormack, Clinic Chair; Jessica Dion-Buswell, Rep-at-Large.

I. Minutes of last meeting as printed in the last newsletter were reviewed.

II. Treasurer's report: Kitty Mitchell reported that we are in good standing financially, on par with last year at this time. Members asked to have a budget so they could know how much to spend on clinics and year-end awards. We will prepare that for the next meeting. Please note the change in Kitty's e-mail address: kittym7@myfairpoint.net

III. Old business. There was none.

IV - Committee reports

A. SHOWS - Alison reported that the EMDA Rider-Run Shows are in the Omnibus.

Alison LaCourse, our Show Chair, has done a great job lining up judges and facilities for our Rider-Run Shows. Even if you ride elsewhere, we always need help. She would especially appreciate someone who could be Site-Manager for part of a day or all day during show days. She needs to help her daughter show – so please contact her if you can be of help! , 207-343-1644; lacoursefamilyfarm@yahoo.com

Tentatively pointed Shows in EMDA area:

April 5	Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
May 3	Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
May 17	Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
June 7	Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
June 14	EMDA Rider Run Show at East Ridge Stables
July 5	Puckerbrush Dressage Schooling Show
July 11-12	Isaac Royal USDF
July 19	Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
July 25-6	Isaac Royal USDF/USEF
July 31	USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
Aug1	USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
Aug 2	USDF/USEF Dressage Show at Puckerbrush
August 9	EMDA Rider-Run Show Starwalk
August 16	Whispering Pines Dressage Schooling Show
August 30	Stone Ridge Stables
Sept 6	Puckerbrush Schooling Show
Sept 20	Whispering Pines Schooling
Oct 4	Puckerbrush Schooling Show
October 18	EMDA Rider Run at Stepping Stone
November 1	Puckerbrush Schooling

B. **CLINICS:** Gail McCormack has Willette Brown scheduled to do a Young Riders Lecture on March 29th at a cost of \$20; the free clinic will be on June 13th with Mary O'Rourke; Carol Poulin-Taylor will be doing a clinic as well and Judy Westlake may give an Eckhart Mayners Clinic. These are all pretty exciting. Watch the MDS website for details.

C. **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.

D. **MEMBERSHIP:** is on par with last year. We had 98 members in '08!

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **MDS Meeting -** Bryn and Becky reported that MDS helping sponsor a clinic. More info is available on the MDS Website. The upper level tests will not be in the Omnibus this year due to difficulties in getting permission in timely manner for the publication.

B. **Newsletter and mailings** The MDS has again changed the club deadlines for their newsletter. Our next deadline is March 1st and then every three months after that.

D. **MDS Website** – kudos to Bryn!

E. **Omnibus** – some have already received it.

F. New projects? Puckerbrush asked if we could subsidize EMDA members riding in a Gunnar Ostergaard Clinic similar to what we did for the Rodrigo Matos Clinic in 2006 [EMDA authorized \$750 to subsidize that clinic. That was a 2-day clinic. Riders paid \$130 each for a private lesson. The \$750 paid primarily for his transportation, meals, and lodging and \$20 towards each lesson.] The board is interested in occasionally subsidizing a clinic that brings a new clinician to our area. Your feedback is appreciated. . Thee board will make a final decision at the April meeting.

Next Board Meeting

April 1st, 6:00 p.m. Bangor, location TBA.

EMDA Year-End Awards - 08

Intro Level JR

Whitney Sargent on Take Me Higher, 70.25; Emily Hardy on No It All, 68.25; Jennaka Jones on Aria, 65; Ali Conroy on Semper- Fi, 63; Emily Grant on Breezeintoperfection, 62.25; Eliza Solman on Park Me First Sonny, 62%; Katie Solman on Lost My Wraps, 62%.

Intro Level Sr

Amy McCrae on Countess of Denmark, 67%, Val Philpot on Just Jack, 64.40, Eliza Solman on Park Me First Sonny, 62.25; Katie Solman on Lost My Wraps 62%, Alison LaCourse on Conversano Vantano, 58.5%; Kathleen Fox on Zip, 58%.

Training Level Jr

Lydie Worcester on My Exceleator, 68.4%, Ashley Shaeffer on Dixie's Wild Angel, 67.83%; Whitney Sargent on Take Me Higher, 66.52; Molly Worcester on My Exceleator , 66.295; Molly Worcester on Good Goin', 65.36, Ali Conroy on Semper- Fi, 60.955%; Roseanna LaCourse on Serra bint Kiyara, 60.8%; Emily Hardy on No It All, 60.2%; Amanda Snow on Super Star Version, 60%; Jennaka Jones on Aria, 58.8%.

Training Level Sr

Paula Foote on Jantine Fan't Westerskar, 66.071%; Sandi Oliver on Noah, 61.8%; Lena Morin on Nouveau Jour, 61.6%; Amy McCrae on Countess of Denmark, 61.429%, Crystal Cogswell on Pikard, 58.571, Val Philpot on Just Jack, 57.855,.

First Level Jr

Lydie Worcester on My Exceleator, 65.83, Roseanna LaCourse on Serra bint Kiyara, 60.6%

First Level Sr

Paula Foote on Misbehavin', 64.15; Kate Weatherbee on Flyin' First Class, 62.697%, Kristin Brown on Silken Eikon(1st year at 1st level), 60.40; Lena Morin on Nouveau Jour, 58.67%; Cassie Elia on Uziel Cavallo (1st year at 1st level), 58.15.

Second Level and Above

Bryn Walsh on No Limit (4th Level), 63.488, Kathleen Hartley on Oleiro (2nd Level), 57.895; Betsy Hudson on Tekla (2nd Level), 56.111; Betsy Hudson on Astra (4th level), 53.325.

Quadrille

Team Worcester- Emily Grant, Whitney Sargent, Molly and Lydie Worcester, 68.42.

Pas De Deux

Roseanna LaCourse and Sadie Zambrano, 64.5%.

Best Horse Show Parent

Elaine Brown

Volunteer of the Year Award

Kitty Mitchell

Busiest Horse Show-er Award

Judi Lenihan

The Lavelli Trophy (1st year at 1st level)

Paula Foote on Misbehavin

The Leonardi Trophy

Lydie Worcester on My Exceleator

The Mary Kate Davitt Award

(given to a training level senior who demonstrates sportsmanship and compassion for the sport of dressage) Sandi Oliver

YEAR-END AWARDS: *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.*

CHECK OUT THE MDS WEBSITE!

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

NEXT EMDA BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st at a location yet-to-be announced at 6:00 p.m. in Bangor. Please doublecheck the MDS website (EMDA section) beforehand if you wish to attend, as date is subject to change.

News from Puckerbrush!

We hope everyone is surviving this cold and snowy winter! Here at Puckerbrush we are beginning to gear up for another busy summer! Boarders can now be seen memorizing and practicing their dressage tests. It's hard to believe our first schooling show is less than two months away! Whether getting ready for a schooling show, an event, or an intercollegiate competition, everyone is buckling down despite the cold! What dedication!

For upcoming events here at the farm we are pleased to host a dressage clinic with Gunnar Ostergaard on March 14-15. Mr. Ostergaard is a well respected, kind trainer who works well with any level of rider. If you're interested in participating in the clinic as a rider, or to audit please contact us soon!

Puckerbrush will be hosting the University of Maine Dressage club's intercollegiate show in the beginning of April. Spectators are welcome to come and watch this unique form of competition. The host school provides the horses for the show, and the participating schools have only ten minutes to warm up on a strange horse before competing in a dressage test. UMaine will play host to several universities from around New England. For more information on the UMaine Dressage Club, check out the link on our website at www.puckerbrushfarm.com.

Mark your calendars for April 5th! Our first schooling show of the summer will be judged by Carol Poulin-Taylor. Opening date for entries is February 28th. Hopefully the snow banks will be minimal by then! For all other show dates, clinics, and summer camps, check out our calendar of events at www.puckerbrushfarm.co

From Both Ends of the Reins

Manege riding can be fun...especially when one has ridden long enough to concentrate on balance and connecting with the horse. It is especially rewarding to see happy eyes on a creature – born to move and stuck in a snow-pitted area where the indoor is such a heaven!

Hope your winter has been fruitful and that you are studying your omnibus with great anticipation! Our board members have worked hard to plan this season – please pitch in and help make it fun for all!

As always,



See end of news letter for copies of the membership forms and year end forms.

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SMDA Year-End Banquet

We had our annual year-end Banquet on January 16, with approximately 40 people attending. The Silent Auction was fun, and we enjoyed watching the video of our 2008 Show Season that was put together by Priscilla deBree. The year-end awards were distributed after we enjoyed our delicious buffet dinner. It was a very special moment when Kim Mathieu was presented with the Tarbaby Award for First Level, with Jane Petrin there to give her a big hug! And lucky Tricia Perkins was the winner of the deBree Studios portrait raffle!

May 2-3 Symposium with Linda Zang

We are very excited to announce that SMDA is hosting a *Symposium with Linda Zang on May 2 and 3, 2009*. Linda Zang of Idlewilde Farm in Davidsonville, Maryland, is one of four "O" FEI Judges in the United States- the highest rating a judge can obtain. She has been an FEI Judge since 1985 and judged the Dressage event at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The Symposium format will provide a tremendous opportunity for auditors to watch and learn. The Symposium will be held at the beautiful Spring Creek Farm facility in Lyman, Maine. Conveniently located (10 min from the turnpike), Spring Creek has a brand new indoor arena, heated viewing area, and comfortable facilities for auditors.

We chose the Symposium format to make the event an educational opportunity for the Maine dressage community. The facility has a comfortable set-up for auditors and we hope to get a good turnout!

More information (including auditor registration forms) is available on our website www.southernmaine.com

Membership

If you have not already done so, please send in your *2009 membership* (the membership form is on our website). Send the completed form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form) as soon as possible. This will ensure that we get our club membership information in to MDS and USDF and that you continue to get The Horse's Maine and USDF Connections magazine subscriptions and a copy of the Omnibus!

SMDA 2009 Schooling Show Dates

May 17

June 14

August 2

September 20

October 18 – FALL FUN SHOW

All of our Schooling Shows are held on Sundays at the Hollis Equestrian Park. Please note that our October Ride Re-ride Show is being held as a “Fun Show.” This is a great opportunity to try a new test, get some valuable judge feedback, and have a relaxed show experience. As a Fun Show, test scores from our October show will not count for year-end points. This year we are also pleased to have **Pineland Farms as an SMDA affiliate for their show on April 19th**. Please note, however, that Pineland’s October show is NOT SMDA affiliated (only MDS) – we made a mistake in the Omnibus (sorry!)

Please check our website for our SMDA Show Policies – including information on how to prepare a complete entry form, and or policy on processing entries!

Looking forward to seeing you in 2009!

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The strong-neck'd steed, being tied unto a tree,
Breaketh his rein, and to her straight goes he.
Imperiously he leaps, he neighs, he bounds,
And now his woven girths he breaks asunder;
The bearing earth with his hard hoof he wounds,
Whose hollow womb resounds like heaven's thunder;
The iron bit he crushes 'tween his teeth,
Controlling what he was controlled with.
Venus and Adonis (274-81)

SMDA Year End Awards 2008

Intro. A

Ch. Chagoal Grey/ Meaghan Martin 70.83
Res. Ch. Thor/ Sophia Calve 64.66
3rd Mystic Pizza/ Katrina St. Yves 63.83
4th Guinness Stout/ Heather Stringer 58.08

Intro. B

Ch. Chagoal Grey/ Meaghan Martin 71.66
Res.Ch. Dreamy Starlet/ Elizabeth Tewksbury 68.33
3rd Mystic Pizza/ Katrina St. Yves 66
4th Thor/ Sophia Calve 61.66
5th Enchanted Forest / Allison Cox 60.16
6th Guinness Stout/ Heather Stringer 60

Training 1

Ch. Granite Ghost/ Lori White 65.04
Res. Ch. Coastal/Mary Joyce 65.03
3rd Prince Chester/ Cortney Chadbourne 61.84
4th Guinness Stout/ Kendra Stringer 59.38
5th Dreamy Starlet/ Elizabeth Tewksbury 58.08

Training 2

Ch. Valdi's Moment In Time/ Nicole Voccia 66.06
Res Ch. Coastal/Mary Joyce 64.01
3rd Prince Chester/ Cortney Chadbourne 62.71

Training 3

Ch. Willoughby/ Gloria Steiger 61.33
Res. Ch Janeway Marissa/ Sandra MacMahon 58.66

Training 4

Ch. Willoughby/ Gloria Steiger 66.66
Res. Buddy/ Kristin Pretorius 58.47

1st 2

Ch. Buddy/ Kristin Pretorius 58.47

1st 4

Ch. Formal Attire/ Kim Mathieu 62.79
High Point Senior Elizabeth Tewksbury 68.333
High Point Junior Meaghan Martin 71.66

TarBaby Award

Kim Mathieu / Formal Attire 62.79

WMDEA NEWS



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HAPPY SPRING!!!

Hi all, can you really believe that show season is just around the corner? I didn't think the snow was ever going to melt. I hope everybody made out well getting in as much riding as possible in between each snow storm that past. (Or just enjoyed a great vacation) Well it's about that time of year where you never wear fleece and always keep your mouth closed when continuously grooming your furry animal. It seems like the hair is never ending! Anyway I hope everybody is all geared up for a GREAT season whether it be participating in the various shows, training, clinics, or just having fun in the sun through out Maine! Mainers are lucky enough to have horsey activities going on every weekend all summer.

Western Maine Dressage and Eventing Association has been working diligently to examine the needs of our members and try to respond to those needs. But we do need your help in planning great activities that members would like to participate in, so please feel free to contact us with ideas or recommendations. WMDEA is having a few clinics over the summer; one will be with Melanie T. Clark an animal communicator, a clinic with Leslie De Grandmason this spring, a clinic with Yvonne Coleman-Larson the first weekend in June and our annual adult camp in the fall.

I would like to thank all of you that attended the annual WMDEA Banquet/ Meeting in February. Both the meeting and the banquet went off without a hitch. WMDEA does take much pride, passion, time, money and energy in achieving an awards program that is top notch. We always have lots of food, fun, and who could forget the huge ribbons and all the wonderful merchandise. So don't miss out on our great awards program, become a member, start showing at our affiliated shows, earn the great scores and then send them to Cassi by November 14th.

AFFILIATED SHOWS & IMPORTANT DATES

May 9 Hidden Brook Farm
May 16 Sunset Farm
June 21 Esprit Equestrian Center
July 11 Sunset Farm
June 18 Hidden Brook Farm
July 19 Esprit Equestrian Center
August 8 Hidden Brook Farm
September 1 Membership due for 2010
September 6 Esprit Equestrian Center
September 19 Sunset Farm
October 13 WMDEA Meeting
October 4 Esprit Equestrian Center
October 17 Sunset Farm
October 25 WMDEA Fall Fun Show
November 14 Scores are due for WMDEA Year-Ends
November 30 Scores due for MDS Year-Ends

WMDEA will once again hold it's ever popular Fall Fun Show, Sunday, October 25 at Lookout Farm in Sumner, Maine. Our judge is at least an "L" judge, making scores earned count towards both WMDEA and MDS year end award programs. This is a fun, low key show, perfect for trying out a new test, introducing a new or young horse to the show ring, getting those last minute scores or just for fun. We not only have dressage classes but we offer, equitation, pleasure, stick horse, costume and several other fun games. For a complete list of classes look in the MDS omnibus or call Cassi. The Fall Fun Show is a low cost show with a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. In the interest of keeping things relaxed, formal show attire is discouraged, so please dress casual. This show encourages riders to try something new. If you ride Dressage, try some fun classes and if you come from another discipline try some low level dressage classes. Every rider will win a ribbon for every class completed, so what do you have to lose? We also try to get additional prizes for all first place winners.

Don't forget our membership rosters for USDF are sent in monthly so keep in mind you may see a one month delay in your membership processing from USDF.

Our next WMDEA meeting will be held at John F. Murphy Homes in Auburn May 5, 2009 at 6:30p.m. I would like to take this time to THANK Laura Falconer for all her years as WMDEA Secretary and all her hard work. Along with a warm welcome to Kate Holden in as our new Secretary!!! Thanks ladies. I would just like to say GOOD LUCK to all our members for the start of the 2009 season in your activities!!

Thanks-

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WMDEA awards coordinator

**WESTERN MAINE DRESSAGE & EVENTING ASSOCIATION
2008 YEAR-ENDS**

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL PROFESSIONAL

Patti Swan Damariscotta SF 73% 1st
Wadean Chadwick Tramps Impressive Edition 66.5% 2nd
Carol Poulin Taylor Pregelherz 66.5% 2nd

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL JR./YR. / ADULT AMEUTUR

Karen Dewitt Ms. Alexandra 70.5% 1st
Brianna Newton Frosty Bay 66.5% 2nd
Erin Luck Kirby 62.5% 3rd
Stephanie Hatcher Biscotte 61.5% 4th
Jami C. Luke Tommy's Advantage 58.5% 5th

TRAINING LEVEL OPEN

Caitlin Robichau Suz My Ride 65.2% 1st
Sandy Snow Mandy's Vixen 64.8% 2nd
Lacey Kuvaja Bucephalus 63.928% 3rd
Kelley Moore Rocketeer 63.2% 4th
Stephanie Hatcher Biscotte 61.3% 5th
Samantha Lindley Mouse 59.57% 6th

FIRST LEVEL OPEN

Nicole Pollock Irish Melody 67.631% 1st
Carol Poulin Taylor Trio's Graciella HMF 63.67% 2nd
Karen Chapman Fox Ridge Contender 62.105% 3rd

SECOND LEVEL OPEN

Wadean Chadwick Great Scott 65.26% 1st
Nicole Pollock Irish Melody 61% 2nd

THIRD LEVEL OPEN

Margaret Bailey Kennebec Ladyhawke 60.51% 1st

DRESSAGE SENIOR CHAMPION: Patti Swan Damariscotta SF 73%

DRESSAGE SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPION: Karen Dewitt Ms. Alexandra 70.5%

DRESSAGE JR./YR. CHAMPION: Nicole Pollock Irish Melody 67.631%

DRESSAGE JR./YR. RESERVE CHAMPION: Brianna Newton Frosty Bay 66.5%

PRE-ELEMENTARY

Patti Swan Mistral 31.5% 1st

COMBINED TRAINING CHAMION: Patti Swan Mistral 31.5%

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Carol Poulin Taylor

Maine Dressage Society~~Year End Awards ~~2008 Final Results

Introductory Level**Junior/Young Rider

71.250 Take Me Higher, o/r Whitney Sargeant

70.250 Chagoal Grey, o/r Meaghan Martin

65.750 Frosty Bay, o/r Brianna Newton

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL**Adult Amateur

71.500 Countess of Denmark, o/r Amy McRae

70.500 Miz Alexander, o/r Karen DeWitt

67.500 Dreamy Starlet, o/r Elizabeth Tewksbury

64.650 Just Jack, o/r Val Philpot

62.250 Kirby, o/r Erin Luck

59.250 Gealan, o/r Patricia Kellner

58.500 Conversano Vantano, o/r Alison LaCourse

57.500 Tommy's Advantage, o/r Jami Luke

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL**Open

71.500 Damariscotta SF, o/r Patti Swan

66.500 Pregelherz, rider Carol Poulin-Taylor, owner Janice Milheim

65.750 Tramp's Impressive Addition, o/r Wadean Chadwick

TRAINING LEVEL**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

68.400 My Excelerator rider Lydie Worcester, owner Karen Worcester

66.832 My Excelerator rider Molly Worcester, owner Karen Worcester

65.200 Suz My Ride, o/r Caitlin Robichau

63.112 Super Star Version, o/r Amanda Snow

61.45 A Kurllee Dream, rider Rachel Krawczyk-Gatas. owner Laurice Lee.

60.955 Semper Fi, rider Ali Conroy, owner Gail McCormack

60.472 Aria, rider Jennaka Jones, owner Gail McCormack

59.800 Leah o/r Karen Kitt

TRAINING LEVEL**ADULT AMATEUR

71.600 Lydia, rider Kelly Lockman, owner Jeff and Anne Burgess

68.046 Lexi, o/r Karen DeWitt

64.600 Mandy's Vixen, o/r Sandy Snow

63.375 Countess of Denmark, o/r Amy Mcrae

63.50 Hungarian Jane, o/r Selma Powers

63.200 Rocketeer, o/r Kelley Moore

62.200 Janeway Marissa, o/r Sandra MacMahon

60.293 Biscotee, rider Stephanie Hatcher, owner Sandra Ladd

60.000 Just Jack, o/r Val Philpot

58.261 Dreamy Starlet, o/r Elizabeth Tewksbury

TRAINING LEVEL**OPEN

67.929 Jantine fan't Westerskar, rider Paula Foote, owner Karen Worcester.

63.84 Waterford Orion, rider Tina Nichols, owner Lynn Coburn

62.40 No Moore Tears, o/r Jocelyn Lewis

57.820 Mouse, o/r Samantha Lindley

FIRST LEVEL**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

67.972 My Excelerator, rider Lydie Worcester, owner Karen Worcester

67.106 Irish Melody, o/r Nicole Pollack

60.973 Silken Eikon, o/r Kristin Brown

57.330 Euro, rider Breanne McKinley, owner Gail McCormack

FIRST LEVEL**ADULT AMATEUR

68.518 Lydia, rider Kelly Lockman, owner Jeff and Anne Burgess

62.053 Fox Ridge Contender, o/r Kar Chapman

59.755 Waterford Viceroy, o/r Annette Bowen

59.669 Nouveau Jour, o/r Lena Morin



FIRST LEVEL**OPEN

- 64.515 Misbehavin, o/r Paula Foote
- 62.420 Waterford Orion, rider Tina Nichols, owner Lynn Coburn.
- 61.975 Trio's Garcella HMF, rider Carol Poulin-Taylor owner Jo Rumley
- 61.528 Classic o/r DiAnne Ward

SECOND LEVEL**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

- 60.620 Irish Melody o/r Nicole Pollack

SECOND LEVEL**ADULT AMATEUR

- 58.412 Oliero o/r Kathleen Hartley

SECOND LEVEL**OPEN

- 65.834 Kennebec LadyHawke o/r Margaret Bailey
- 64.865 Great Scott, rider Wadean Chadwick, owner Karen DeWitt
- 61.370 Mistral, o/r Patti Swan
- 59.951 Hopesprings Dynasty o/r Jocelyn Lewis

THIRD LEVEL**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

- 61.630 Grace, o/r Amanda Brainerd

THIRD LEVEL**ADULT AMATEUR

THIRD LEVEL**OPEN

- 60.510 Kennebec Ladyhawke, o/r Margaret Bailey
- 59.487 Mistral, o/r Patti Swan
- 55.128 Hope Springs Dynasty, o/r Jocelyn Lewis

FOURTH LEVEL**JUNIOR/YOUNG RIDER

- 61.950 Taylor Rose, o/r Laura Brainerd

FOURTH LEVEL**ADULT AMATEUR

FOURTH LEVEL**OPEN

- 63.488 No Limit, o/r Bryn Walsh

FEI**PSG

- 60.0 Taylor Rose, o/r Laura Brainerd

GRAND PRIX

- 58.125 Klassic, o/r Nancy Chandler-Conroy

FREE STYLE

- 68.125 No Limit, o/r Bryn Walsh

PAS DE DEUX

- 64.500 Sierra Bint Kiyara rider Roseanna Lacourse

Artex rider Sadie Zambrano

AGED HORSE

- 65.75 Frosty Bay

- 63.5 Hungarian Jane

- 62.4 No Moore Tears

- 66.0 Erin Luck riding Kirby at Intro level

- 65.20 Patti Swan, riding Damariscotta SF at Intro & Mistral at Second and Third level.

- 64.130 Annette Bowen riding Waterford Viceroy, First Level/Training Level

- 63.340 Kelley Moore riding Rocketeer at Training Level

- 63.333 DiAnne Ward riding Classic, First Level

- 61.190 Gail Rein riding Bernie, Second Level

- 61.167 Lena Morin riding Nouveau Jour, First Level

- 59.255 Alison LaCourse riding Conversano Vantano, Intro

- 59.077 Kathleen Hartley riding Oliero, Second Level

Master

- 64.655 Selma Powers riding Hungarian Jane, Training Level

- 64.0 Sandra MacMahon riding Janeway Marissa,
Training Level

- 62.719 Karen Chapman riding Fox Ridge Contender, First Level.

Perpetual Trophies

Pegasus Equestrian Essentials, Thoroughbred Breed Award:

Champion: 59.669%, Nouveau Jour, Lena Morin, First

Reserve: 57.75%, Tommy's Advantage, Jami Luke, Intro

WMDEA Training Level Trophy: 71.6%, Lydia, rider Kelly Lockman, owners Jeff and Anne Burgess

Greystone Barry Lyndon Perpetual Trophy: (first level, first year) 68.518%, Lydia, rider Kelly Lockman, owners Jeff and Anne Burgess

Black Market Gold, Trophy: (second level) 65.834%, Kennebec LadyHawke, o/r Margaret Bailey

PRF Imperial Black Rex: 64.865, Great Scott, rider Wadean Chadwick, owner Karen DeWitt

Jane Petrin Perpetual Trophy: (vintage rider) 66.0%, Erin Luck, Kirby, Intro

MDS Horse of the Year: 71.6%, Lydia, rider Kelly Lockman, owners Jeff and Anne Burgess



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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 yields, 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

Visit MDS booth at Pinelands Stallion Show March 14

Remember—classified ads are free for members! Send your information to Cheryl Peaslee at cadpeaslee@yahoo.com for the next issue! Pictures are welcome! You may also send you information to Bryn Walsh at pbrush@uninets.net in order for your classified to be placed on the website, also free of charge for members!

MAINE DRESSAGE SOCIETY QUESTIONNAIRE

MDS would like your input! This is your club. Tell us what you think.

Are you a current member of MDS? If no, why?

What do you like about MDS?

What would you like to see done differently by MDS?

What do you think would attract new members?

Are you happy with the following things that MDS offers? If no, why?

Newsletter

Omnibus

Website

Awards Program

Symposiums

Who would you like to see MDS have for a symposium?

What educational programs would you like MDS to offer?

Would you like to see a JR/YR Program developed by MDS? If yes, please share your ideas.

Do you think there should be a JR/YR representative on the MDS board?

Other things that you would like to share with us:

I would be interested in volunteering in the following capacity, please contact me.

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