



Maine Dressage Society



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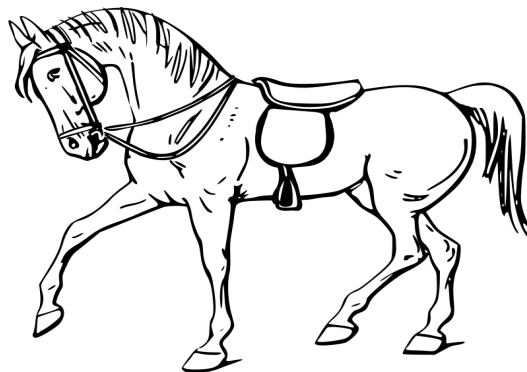
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Message from the MDS President

Welcome to summer MDS members!

We finally made it out of all the rain and are getting enough sunshine to make the hay grow well! Hopefully it continues and we get a great crop and a fun filled show season!

We've had quite a few shows and clinics already this year. It seems attendance is good so consider that when sending in your entry! Send it early and complete to make sure you get in!

I'm shamelessly reminding you all again to please send in updates for the MDS website! We want to hear from you! Show results, clinics, news updates, interesting tidbits, classifieds- we would love your information! Also, if you ever notice that the website isn't functioning correctly or have any suggestions, please let me know! We want information to be at your fingertips all the time!

We also need help gathering ads for the omnibus 2012! You have all seen what a wonderful job Becky Clark did on it this year! Please take your 2011 copy to businesses in your area! If everyone could collect one or two ads, we could get the omnibus paid for without having to fund it ourselves. Advertising information is in the front of the 2011 omnibus and ads/information can be sent to Becky again at b_girl52@hotmail.com Please help us!!

MDS has confirmed instructors and places for Part 2 of the L program to be held early 2012. For those interested make sure that you are getting in extra scribing and sitting hours this season! The new tests and new collectives are added twists that weren't discussed in our Part 1. Don't panic about getting in to the program yet! We will let you know when our application has been accepted by USDF! You will know as soon as we do!

The next MDS meeting is in September. Remember that any MDS member is welcome to attend! The more the merrier! The September meeting will have elections for the coming two years. If anyone is interested in running for office, please let me know!

In order to be a part of 2011 year end awards you need to be a current MDS member (sent to your club secretary) and your horse needs to have an MDS horse registration form completed (sent to Beth Brainerd) PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST SHOW! Plus, even though we are just getting in to the swing of this show season, membership forms for 2012 will be out around the August/September area! Renew yours as soon as you get your 2012 form so you don't have to think about it again! It's cheaper and ensures no break in your USDF membership! Keep an eye out in the next newsletter and on the website!

I hope you are all loving summer in Maine and are thankful for your horses every day! Hope to see you soon!

Bryn Walsh
MDS President

News From Region Director

With everyone dodging raindrops all spring, it is difficult to realize that our show season is underway. At my age, I have many snowbird friends who are complaining bitterly about coming back up north “for THIS weather!”—they say. I’m afraid that next year we won’t see our snowbird horses and riders until June! But, boy, is everything lush and green.

One of the early pushes for the year is the qualifying for the NAJYRC for our juniors and young riders. Their competition in Lexington, KY is at the end of July, so their qualifying season ends in June. Some are lucky enough to compete throughout the winter in Florida, but others depend on our early shows. We are very appreciative of those shows who are willing to be qualifiers, as the requirements are stringent (and therefore, costly.) There are only 8 who make it: 4 young riders and 4 juniors. However, many more try. Please support all of these kids, as this really is a prestigious honor to even be trying out for the teams. Additionally, the expenses involved in sending our Region 8 teams to the event are huge. We encourage them to fund-raise—so, please, do support their efforts whenever you can. These kids work at shows doing things like stall cleaning/stripping, to night check, to bake sales, to 50/50 raffles. If you have an interest in helping with this or donating, I would love to hear from you: Fern Feldman, fernf@cox.net, 890 Mountain Rd., Cheshire, CT 06410. All donations should be made out to USDF Region 8 and are applied equally and exclusively to all team members and their expenses, and are deductible to the full extent of the law.

Region 8 is happy to announce that Annie Morris of Columbia, CT will be the chef d’equipe for the NAJYRC teams for 2011. While Karen Davis will continue as the coordinator, her schedule does not allow her to travel to KY for the competition. Annie has graciously stepped in. Annie came from Colorado to Gleneden Dressage as a working student for Lendon Gray in 2007. She quickly assumed the post of barn manager for Lendon, and held that position for 3 years. She is presently working with and for Beth Baumert and Liz Caron in Columbia, CT. In 2010, Annie Morris and Ann Guptill were the chaperones on the amazing Olympic Dream Program sponsored by The Dressage Foundation and USDF that takes 4 young people on a trip to Europe for 10 days to visit various barns, trainers and shows. Annie is a frequent competitor, and shows a variety of horses at the USEF and FEI levels. Annie is also a USDF Certified Instructor/Trainer through 4th level. . Annie’s e-mail is dressageprincess6@hotmail.com; Karen’s e-mail is davis-dressage@hotmail.com.

As a reminder, there is now a Region 8 website: <http://www.usdfregion8.com>. I have to confess that compared to some of your gmo websites, mine is incredibly rudimentary, but it exists! My goal at this point is really to be an ongoing and up-to-date calendar of events, shows, clinics, etc. I can list these for you so they are available to all in the region, and, of course, any links will bring them to you for more information.

For those of you competing, I hope you have a successful show season. For those riding and training—enjoy the journey and I hope you make good progress. Enjoy.

Fern Feldman
USDF Region 8 Director

Save the Date!
September 23 - 25, 2011

Bill Warren, Nancy Later, Bill McMullin and Ariel Matisse
Present

A Teaching and Training Symposium
with

Mr. Conrad Schumacher

Learn The System and Teach with Skill

"Mr. Schumacher shows how to take both horse and rider from potential to performance. His system creates a strong foundation making it possible to power up the levels with confidence."

Friday Sneak Preview presented by ShoClothes
Saturday Training Level - Fourth Level
Sunday Second Level - Grand Prix including FEI Young Horses

Dry Water Farm

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WARREN McMULLIN DRESSAGE

Maine Dressage Society

Policy Regarding Protective Headgear

Maine Dressage Society (MDS) is concerned about rider safety, and recognizes that riders must be correctly attired for the equestrian activity in question, that attendants be neatly dressed and that horses be properly presented. In accordance with these principles, MDS has adopted the following helmet policy, effective April 19, 2011. This policy complies with USEF Rule DR120.5, which was amended effective March 1, 2011, and is in some respects more comprehensive than Rule DR120.5.

Any MDS Events Other Than Horse Shows Recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation

At any MDS event other than at a horse show recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation (including, but not limited to, schooling shows, clinics and symposiums):

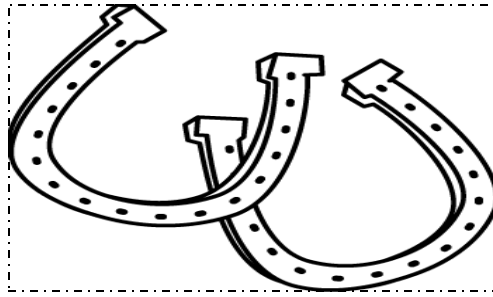
- ~ It is compulsory for all riders (and, beginning in 2012, clinicians) to wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds American Society for Testing and Materials / Safety Equipment Institute (“SEI”) standards for equestrian use and carries the SEI tag (“**Protective Headgear**”) while riding anywhere on the event grounds at any time during the MDS event.
- ~ All Protective Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured.
- ~ Any rider without Protective Headgear will immediately be prohibited from further participation in the MDS event until such headgear is properly in place and/or, at MDS’s sole discretion, may be prohibited from participating further in the MDS event.

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MDS Horse Shows Recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation

At any MDS horse show recognized by the United States Equestrian Federation, except as may otherwise be mandated by local law:

- ~ It is compulsory for (a) all riders under age 18, (b) all riders while on horses competing in national level tests, (c) all riders competing in para-equestrian tests, and (d) all riders while on non-competing horses to wear Protective Headgear while riding anywhere on the show grounds at any time during the horse show. When a horse is competing in both national and FEI levels or tests (e.g. Fourth Level and Prix St. Georges), the rider must wear protective headgear at all times when mounted on that horse on the competition grounds and during *all* tests.
- ~ It is compulsory for all riders over age 18 competing in FEI tests to wear Protective Headgear while riding anywhere on the show grounds at any time during the horse show, *except:* (a) after their warm-up, when the rider is about to enter, or is in, the competition ring, or (b) when the rider is about to enter, or is in, an awards ceremony (at which point, in either situation, the rider may wear any attire the FEI has approved for the competition ring).
- ~ Once the rider has left the competition ring or awards ceremony, the rider must promptly return to wearing Protective Headgear if the rider remains mounted.
- ~ Any rider may wear Protective Headgear in any division or test at any MDS horse show without penalty. MDS strongly encourages all riders to wear Protective Headgear at all times when mounted.
- ~ All Protective Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured.
- ~ Any rider without Protective Headgear will immediately be prohibited from further riding until such headgear is properly in place.



Reminder Page

- Want to volunteer! Please contact any Board member and we would be glad to give you a job!
- The Judge for the Sunset Farm October 15th show is Charlotte Trentelmann (S)
- Have you sent in your Horse registration to Beth Brainerd?
- CMDA October 2nd show at Pittston Fair grounds will be a benefit for Breast Cancer. The musical freestyles rides will be a 50/50, paying back to the top 3 riders with the other 50% will go to the Patrick Dempsey Challenge. Stay tuned for more details.

** All forms are on the MDS web site ... this is to save \$\$\$ on mailing the newsletter.... If you need forms please contact Cheryl Peaslee I will mail them to you.

CMDA NEWS



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What great weather before we know it, hay will be coming into the barn!!

The Yvonne Coleman-Larson clinic was a huge success ! We had 5 riders who learned about their horse and themselves at this fun event. Lunch was great and Yvonne tested our skills . Thanks to all who rode!

At our last meeting we voted to hold a benefit musical freestyle event at our October 2nd show at the Pittston Fair grounds. This event will be a 50/50 jack-pot being split between the top 3 riders & the Patrick Dempsey cancer foundation. Stay tune as we finalize this event.

Coming soon CMDA web site. The place to find all of our info!

Our next business meeting will be August 23, 2011.

EMDA NEWS



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Betsy Hudson, Alt. [see above]

SHOWS, SHOWS, SHOWS! **The EMDA Rider-Run Shows!**

Date: Sunday, June 19, 2011 [closing date June 12]
Location: Peppergrass Farm
Show secretary: Sheila Hogan, 517 George Road, Hermon, Maine 04401, badpony@roadrunner.com
Judge: Chris Joost

Date: August 8, 2011 [closing date July 7]
Location: Puckerbrush Farm Show secretary: Bryn Walsh, 97 Miles Rd., Newburgh, ME 04444
Phone: (207) 234-2147, Email: pbrush@uninets.net , www.puckerbrushfarm.com
Judge: Carol Poulin-Taylor

Date: September 19, 2011 [closing date September 10]
Location: Stepping Stone Farm
Show secretary: Kris Nicola, 287 Cook Road, Carmel, ME 04409
Phone: (207) 848-5310
Judge: Sandy Beaulieu

DO SUPPORT OUR SHOWS, AS THEY PAY FOR THE YEAR-END AWARDS

We do need a Show Chair. We have shows, judges, and ribbons arranged for this year, but it would be nice to have an overall chair. Your board members have stepped in to take over this year as needed. Please contact me if you can help Betsy Hudson mousytongue@msn.com/207-942-5940.

CLINICS!

Bryn has volunteered to be Clinic Chair this year. With the wet weather, it will probably be scheduled in the fall. Do stay tuned!

NEED DRESSAGE CONTACTS IN MAINE? CHECK OUT THE MDS WEBSITE! Need tests? Download them at www.mainedressagesociety.org We are grateful to Bryn Walsh for her setting this up and updating it.

FALL BOARD MEETING

The Fall EMDA meeting will tentatively take place on September 7th, Wednesday, at 6:00 p.m. at 322 West Broadway in Bangor. EMDA Board meetings are subject to rescheduling so please call 207-942-5940 before the meeting to assure it has not been changed. They are open meetings.

WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? CHAIR A COMMITTEE? BE ON THE EMDA BOARD? Let Betsy Hudson know by August Newsletter time, in writing please!



NMDA NEWS

Northern Maine Dressage Association



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Chair:	Brad Snow	327-2622		
	Treasurer:	Laurie Harvey	564-3598	

NMDA will host 4 shows for 2011 show season as follows:

Saturday June 18, 2011 East Ridge Stables - L Susanne Hamilton

Saturday July 16, 2011 Infinity Farm – L Judge Chris Joost

Saturday August 20, 2011 Stone Ridge Stables – L Deanna Thompson

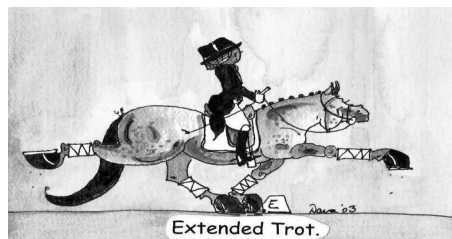
Saturday September 17, 2011 Isaac Royal Farm - L Sandra Beaulieu

Hope everyone is ready for a great show season!

NMDA's first show is Saturday June 18th at East Ridge Stables in Charleston. Susanne Hamilton is the judge. Send entries to Alison La Course PO Box 462 Dexter, Me. 04930. This will be in outdoor sand arena with warm up in the indoor.

Remember: “Dressage is a French term meaning “training” and its purpose is to develop the horse’s natural athletic ability and willingness to work making him calm, supple and attentive to his rider”

Have a Wonderful show season – hope to see you all out & about!



SMDA NEWS

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News from Southern Maine Dressage Association

Spring Season is here

Finally! And things are busy at SMDA.

May 7-8 SMDA Clinic with Susan Jaccoma

We had a great clinic with Susan Jaccoma at Spring Creek Farm in Lyman on May 7 and 8, 2011.

Susan has been absent from the New England scene after relocating to Wellington, Florida, where she is busy teaching and training all levels of horse and riders. We had a great line-up of riders from all levels which made it a fun and educational experience for all. The clinic was held at Spring Creek Farm, a beautiful facility in Lyman, ME. Check out the article and photos in next month's The Horse's Maine!

2011 SMDA Schooling Shows

Show season is in full swing! Pineland Farms had a successful SMDA-affiliated show on April 17, and we had our first SMDA show at the Hollis Equestrian Park on May 15. It was a rainy and cold day, which seems pretty common for our first show of the year, but our competitors were enthusiastic. The June show is already full, so please if you're hoping to participate in an SMDA show get your (complete) as soon as you can after opening date! Our remaining show dates are June 12, August 7, and September 18. Plus there will be two additional SMDA-affiliated shows: the SPHO affiliated show on July 17, and the second Pineland affiliated show in October. Remember, for your scores to count towards SMDA year-end awards you must submit scores from three separate shows, and at least two of these must be from our regular SMDA shows at the HEP.

And please remember – it takes a lot of effort to put on these shows every year. If you are willing to help SMDA and serve as a Show Secretary, Show Manager, Scribe, Runner, Ring Steward, or Announcer – please contact the Show Manager (listed in the Omnibus) or any one of our Board members. We really need your help!

SMDA Show Photographer

At most SMDA shows this season there will be a professional photographer, Marielle Watson, present. Things will be run a little differently – there will be a sign-up sheet at the Manager's Booth for riders to indicate if they want to have professional photographs taken during their rides. This way our photographer can focus her efforts on those who are interested in having the professional photos. We encourage you to take advantage of this service. For an example of Marielle's work, please visit her website at: www.mariellewatsonphotography.com.

Food Booth

At our May, June, and September shows the food booth is being done by the Mollycokett Pony Club. Riders, families, and friends are encouraged to please patronize the food booth. This is an important fund-raising activity for the Pony Club so we should show them our support! As of yet we do not have anyone lined up for doing the food at our August show. If you know of a group that would like to provide food for sale at the August show, please contact Wendy Brunson at wnbrunson@aol.com.

Helmets

SMDA fully supports USEF's new helmet policy, summarized as follows: *Effective March 1, 2011: For Dressage, anyone mounted on a horse must wear protective headgear except those riders age 18 and over while on horses that are competing only in FEI levels and tests at the Prix St. Georges level and above.*

Although the USEF rule exempts FEI riders over 18 years old from wearing helmets, SMDA strongly encourages ALL riders to wear protective headgear. We would LOVE to see FEI riders at our show set a good example!

SMDA Show Policies

Show Policies: We'd like to remind our riders to review SMDA's Show Policies which have been updated for 2011 and are posted on our website. In the past couple of years it has become necessary to become more consistent in enforcing our rules regarding show entries. Our goal is to be fair to all competitors. The spring show in particular can be difficult as people are sometimes late with their memberships and rabies/Coggins. We try to publicize our show dates well in advance – this allows you time to get organized for the season. Please help us out and take the time to send in a complete entry. And please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions – the SMDA Board of Directors is here to help.

SMDA Grant Program

We are pleased to announce the winner of this year's SMDA Grant Program: Team Notorious Durgin Farm Dressage – a group of young riders who have the goal of competing at the 2011 Dressage for Kids show in Saugerties, NY. Congratulations to this year's grant recipient, and we wish them good luck at the show.

We had a number of applicants this year and it was very difficult to make a decision. This is only the second year of SMDA's Grant Program, and we are still in the learning stage. Our goal is to provide support and resources to the dressage community. The SMDA Board is in the process of making some changes to the grant application and selection criteria for next year's program. Stay tuned, and we will communicate the updates well in advance of the application period next year.

SMDA Classifieds

Have you checked out SMDA's new **CLASSIFIEDS** yet? Our website gets a good amount of traffic from people checking show dates and ride times. We thought this was a perfect opportunity to offer a place for people to advertise their stable, horses for sale, saddles, etc. Ads are free for SMDA members but you do need to register to post an ad on the site. We are hoping this will be a popular feature that provides our members a place to share information within the local southern Maine dressage community.

SMDA is on Facebook!

This is brand new, and we are very excited about using this social networking site to better communicate with our members. Please check it out and become our "friend" and we're looking forward to seeing you there!

SMDA Elections

2011 is election year, and we are soliciting SMDA members to run for the Board of Directors. Board member terms are two years. Having an active SMDA Board is critical to the continued success of the club. We meet approximately 5-6 times per year, with routine email communication in between meetings to keep things moving along. The SMDA Board performs many vital functions, including: Show scheduling, volunteer coordination, lining up judges, working with Show Managers and Secretaries

SMDA clinics – organizing clinics and other educational events

SMDA Awards and Banquet – organizing the annual banquet and silent auction

The SMDA Board is a great group of people, but it's very important that we continue to involve new SMDA members to make sure everyone's viewpoint is represented and to avoid "burnout" among our long time Board Members. If you are interested in getting more involved and giving back to SMDA, please contact any one of our current Board members for more information.

We wish everyone a fun and safe spring and summer season, and look forward to seeing you at an SMDA event soon!

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WMDEA NEWS

WESTERN MAINE DRESSAGE AND EVENTING ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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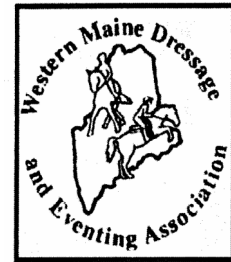
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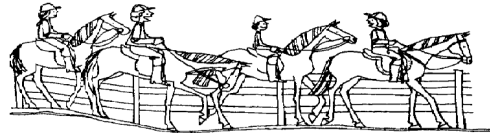
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Maine Dressage Association wants to keep you safe! This statement came from The United States Dressage Federation, “USDF strongly recommends all riders wear protective headgear when mounted.” Have a happy and safe riding season. We want to see you at the year end awards.



As of January 2010, the Board of Director voted to place a \$35.00 return check fee on all NSF checks. If you are experiencing a financial problem please contact our MDS treasurer Tammi Brown at **tammib71@msn.com** **She will be happy to help you before you are charged a late fee!**

Note from the newsletter editor:
Deadlines for the news letters are as follow;
March 1st
June 1st September 1st December 1st

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

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

Upcoming MDS Meeting Dates:

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

Proposed; Tuesday September 20th @ 6:30 PM@ Maine Farm Bureau in Augusta
Proposed; Sunday January 29, 2012 @ 10AM @ Senator Inn in Augusta

Pyramid of Training




Maine Dressage Society


Maine Dressage Society proudly represents our state's dressage enthusiasts! For more information about a club near you, please visit our website at

www.mainedressagesociety.org



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