



# Maine Dressage Society



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## Fall Newsletter Issue # 71

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# Message from the MDS President

Welcome to fall MDS members! Great days and cool nights are so nice for horses and riding! Pretty soon the foliage will be turning which will make for some beautiful trail rides! Have you all been apple picking yet? Make sure you make a trip to your local orchard for some yummy fall treats! Orchards often have “drops” for sale for cheap! They aren’t good enough for people to eat but the horses sure love them!

Even though kids are back in school and it feels like the season should be wrapping up, there are still quite a few shows and clinics to hit! Make sure to check the MDS website at [www.mainedressagesociety.org](http://www.mainedressagesociety.org) or look in your omnibus for more fun activities! Many Maine barns have brought in great instructors/clinicians this year! Don’t miss out on the ones that are left!

Just a reminder for 2011 year end awards: you must submit a horse registration form to Beth Brainerd in order to be included! That form can be found on the website! Please read all the directions associated with submitting year end scores so we can try to make Beth’s job as easy as possible!

2012 is right around the corner so think about doing your membership now! Membership forms are here in this newsletter so just fill it out and send it in so you don’t have to think about it anymore! It’s cheaper to join sooner AND it would be one less thing to remember to do next year if you do it now!

MDS is happy to announce that Part II of the L program has been approved and we will be accepting applications in a few weeks! The participant application form is currently on the website! Please adhere to the opening and closing dates! Any forms received prior to opening date will not be considered! Participants are received on a first come first serve basis starting with MDS members. Thank you to Tammi Brown and Becky Reed for organizing this progress!

We have many Mainers representing us at the USDF Region 8 Dressage Championships in Saugerties, NY on September 13-18! We wish you all the best of luck and thank you for representing all Maine riders! For those of you not competing you should think about attending as a spectator! Not only is this show the Region 8 Championships it is also a recognized show (scores applying towards 2012 year end), a CDI competition, a breed show, and a Para Equestrian recognized show. At the same time the Marshall and Sterling hunter/jumper finals will be happening as well! There is so much to watch! It’s a great time!

I also wanted to quickly mention the devastation that occurred in Vermont during this last hurricane. GMHA, a popular, beautiful show grounds, sustained massive amounts of damage, as did many other barns throughout that state. If you can offer any kind of assistance to them in their time of need, please reach out and do so!

Lastly, as we come near the close of another membership year I want to thank all of the members of MDS for making this an active, fun, educational, and competitive USDF GMO! I also want to say a special thanks to the board members of MDS! Each board member finds the time during their busy schedules to give back each month to make sure MDS runs well. It is noted and appreciated!

Enjoy this wonderful time of year!

Sincerely,  
Bryn Walsh  
MDS President

# Kur for a Cure

Proceeds will benefit the  
Patrick Dempsey Center  
for Hope and Healing

Oct 2 2011

Time 12:30 pm

Entry fees:

- **\$50.00 preregistration only**
- \$25.00 will go directly to the Patrick Dempsey Center for Hope and Healing
- \$25.00 goes into the jackpot.

Introductory Level & Training Level will split the first Jack Pot.

1st Level thru FEI split the 2nd Jack Pot.  
Appropriate costumes are optional

Preregistration by mail only. Must be received by Sept. 23, 2011

Please use the Maine Dressage Society schooling show form to enter the show. Mail to :

Cheryl Peaslee  
12 Ayrshire Rdg  
Pittston ME 04345



MINIMUM  
\$150.00  
PAY BACK

First thru third place riders split jack pot.  
With 2 divisions  
All entries will receive a prize!

Sponsored by:

Central Maine Dressage Assoc.

Location Pittston Fair  
Grounds, Rt 194  
995 E. Pittston Rd  
Pittston 04345

Schooling Show class list in the  
Maine Dressage Society  
Omnibus 2011  
October 2

Gates open at 7:00 am

Lunch will be available by the  
Tamarac Pony Club

Please bring on day of show;  
CD with only the song to be ridden.  
(A second, copy is strongly recommended!)

Index card with:  
Riders name  
Owners name (if not rider owned)  
Horse name  
Title of Song  
Artist  
Dedicated to (optional)



For copies of the Intro & Training level Freestyle test being judged, please contact Cheryl at 458-7272 or e-mail to [cadpeaslee@yahoo.com](mailto:cadpeaslee@yahoo.com)

We will be following the rules set by USDF for 1St Level thru FEI rides. You can find copies of these test on the USDF web site.

# 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.

### **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**

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- Want to volunteer! Please contact any Board member and we would be glad to give you a job!
- Have you mailed in your membership form to your club treasurer?
- 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 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.



Dear MDS Society,

I would like to thank Maine Dressage Society for the \$250 grant I received this spring. This grant enabled me to compete in Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival in Saugerties, New York. The competition was comprised of a written test, dressage test, equitation ride, and a musical freestyle. All four competitions taught me so much.

As a first year member, I have been so delighted by the support and enthusiasm of MDS. I was honored to receive this grant and wish the best for the receivers to come!

I would also like to thank my mother, for making the trek down there and surviving the near 100 degree heat. Also, my instructor, Amanda Gervais, for coaching me through and letting me ride Rocky and Elena Raymond for so beautifully capturing the event with her camera. I am grateful to my team members, Megan, Kat and Kristine, for supporting Notorious DFD!

It was great to see so many Maine faces in New York and I hope to see more next year!

Thanks again,

Ali Perkins, North Yarmouth, Maine



# CMDA NEWS



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**CMDA wants to congratulate Phoebe Downer and her tem that went to Lexington, Kentucky to the Pony Club Nationals. Her tem placed 1St in riding and 3rd overall out of 15 teams in training level. We are proud of our Jr. members who strive to achieve in the art of dressage.**

**As you all may know we have an upcoming schooling show October 2, at the Pittston Fair grounds. This show is a regular class show in the morning with a benefit Kur or musical freestyle in the afternoon. We really need help to put on this show... with that said I need a gate attendant, someone to help park cars and trailers in the morning, a runner from scoring/judge to the secretaries booth and hand out ribbons, and someone to just be there to help with whatever comes up. Could some of you who are not showing please come and help us? This is a special day to raise money for cancer. Every one of us has known someone affected by this disease. So please come out and help us have fun with our horses and raise money to help overcome this disease.**

**Right now we are planning the year end banquet for December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Home in Augusta. I have enclosed the year end forms in this letter also. When you have completed your show year be sure to mail the score sheet & CMDA form to Elizabeth Owens as we have a short turn around to complete the scoring and order prizes. We will be voting on Secretary and Treasure at the annual meeting if you would like to volunteer for one of these positions please contact Cheryl Peaslee. The year end submission form can be found on our web site.**

**Be sure to go to [centralmainedressage.com](http://centralmainedressage.com) and check out our new web site.**

# EMDA NEWS



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**SHOWS, SHOWS, SHOWS! KUDOS TO SHEILA HAGAN AND BECKY CLARK FOR A GREAT JOB!**  
A happy group of riders and horses showed in the June and in the August E.M.D.A. Shows. Sheila was show chair for the first time at EMDA's first Show at Peppergrass. Sheila did a great service to get our season going.

## **EMDA Rider-Run Show at Peppergrass (judge Chris Joost) June 19th**

Class #1 Introductory Level: 1st Jennifer Fraunhofer (Test A) on Milo (66.875); 2nd Raspah Mitchell (Test C) on Greta (60.5).

Class #2 Introductory Level Reride: 1st Jennifer Fraunhofer (Test A) on Milo (68.125); 2nd Raspah Mitchell (Test C) on Greta (62.5).

Class #3 Training Level Test 1: 1st Amy McRae on Countess of Denmark (62.5).

Class #4 Training Level Test 2: 1st Amy McRae on Countess of Denmark (66.4286); 2nd Kathleen Fox on Sammy (62.1428);

Class #5 Training Level Test 3: 1st Sandy Oliver on Noah (71.2); 2nd Marie Mallet on Galadriel (60.4)

Class #6 Training Level Re-Ride: 1st Sandy Oliver on Noah (68.8), 2nd Marie Mallet on Galadriel (61.6), 3rd Kathleen Fox on Sammy (61.4286)

Class #7 First Level Test 3: 1st Jerilyn Blethen on Majic (63.871)

Class #8 Second Level Test 1: 1st Jerilyn Blethen on Majic (62.0)

Class #9 Third Level, Test 1: 1st Betsy Hudson on Astra (60.26); 2nd Kris Nicola on Keena (56.842), 3rd Betsy Hudson on Tekla (55.2632)

Class #10 Third Level, Test 1 Reride: 1st Kris Nikola on Keena (60.0)

Besides the fun of being at a show, services of photographer Jesse Schwarcz ([www.schwarczphotography.com](http://www.schwarczphotography.com)) were available as was designer equine jewelry by Elizabeth Feltmate.

**EMDA Rider Run Dressage Schooling Show at Puckerbrush - August 7th**

The second Rider-Run Show was E.M.D.A. was held at Puckerbrush Farm in Newburgh on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Becky Clark did a great job coaching as well as acting as secretary. It was a rainy day, but all riders were polite and somehow got warmed up and into the arena. Judging was Carol Poulin-Taylor.

**USDF Introductory Level Test B**

1 Haley Loving (Drop Dead Gorgeous) 60.000%, 2 Kolby Hendrix (Trick or Treat) 58.125%

**Introductory Level Test C**

1 Kolby Hendrix (Trick or Treat) 59.000%; 2 Elinor Hunt (Princess Fiona) 57.500%

**USDF Introductory Level Re-ride**

1 Kolby Hendrix (Trick or Treat) 61.500%; 2 Haley Loving (Drop Dead Gorgeous) 59.375%; 3 Elinor Hunt (Princess Fiona) 58.500%

**USEF Training Level Test 1**

1 Haley Loving (Drop Dead Gorgeous) 64.583%; 2 Caroline Fernald (Spirit) 62.917%; 3 Stephanie Calas (Riley) 62.083%; 4 Shelby Wheeler (Active Imagination) 59.167%; 5 Phoebe Downer (Royal Decoupage) 58.750%; 6 Emily Noyes (Stanford) 58.750%; 7 Sarah Hanscome (John Henry) 56.250%;

**USEF Training Level Test 2**

1 Stephanie Calas (Riley) 64.286%; 2 Elizabeth Vigue (Daddy's Dollar) 62.143%; 3 Caroline Fernald (Spirit) 60.714%; 4 Shelby Wheeler (Active Imagination) 60.000%

**Training Level Test 1-2 Re-ride**

1 Elizabeth Vigue (Daddy's Dollar) 60.714%; 2 Emily Noyes (Stanford) 57.500%; 3 Sarah Hanscome (John Henry) 56.667%

**USEF Training Level Test 3**

1 Marianne Lagerklint (Truly's John Henry) 60.800%; 2 Caroline Fernald (Spirit) 59.200%; 3 Phoebe Downer (Royal Decoupage) 59.200%; 4 Brianne Parent (Ducati) 56.400%; 5 Amy McRae (Countess of Denmark) 52.800%

**Training Level Test 3 Re-ride**

1 Marianne Lagerklint (Truly's John Henry) 63.600%; 2 Brianne Parent (Ducati) 56.800%;

**USEF First Level Test 1-2**

1 Kathleen Fox (Sammy) 64.828%; 2 Gail McCormack (Reginald BFF) 62.414%; 3 Hannah Paradis (Sweet Penny Lane) 58.966%; 4 Amy McRae (Countess of Denmark) 42.759%;

**USEF First Level Test 3**

1 Tammi Brown (Superior Co-Ed) 61.613%;

**USEF First Level Re-ride**

1 Kathleen Fox (Sammy) 64.483%; 2 Gail McCormack (Reginald BFF) 64.138%; 3 Tammi Brown (Superior Co-Ed) 60.323%; 4 Hannah Paradis (Sweet Penny Lane) 59.655%

**USEF Second Level and Above**

1 Betsy Hudson (Astra) 57.632%

**There will an EMDA BENEFIT SHOW to be held at Stepping Stone Farm in Carmel on September 18<sup>th</sup>. This is the second EMDA Benefit Show put on by Kris Nicola. She and her volunteers are doing all of the work –so do support our shows, as they pay for the year-end awards. Remember: EMDA Benefit Show - September 18th at Stepping Stone Stables! PLEASE SEND YOUR ENTRIES IN EARLY!)**

**Interested in hosting an EMDA Show next year?**

**If you have an indoor arena and facilities to host a show rain or shine, contact Betsy Hudson right away.**

**YEAR-END AWARDS!** Fill out the following form and return by the deadline!  
**NEED DRESSAGE CONTACTS IN MAINE? CHECK OUT THE MDS WEBSITE!** Need tests?  
Download them at [www.mainedressagesociety.org](http://www.mainedressagesociety.org). We are grateful to Bryn Walsh for her setting this up and updating it.

**FALL BOARD MEETING** The date of the Fall EMDA meeting is tentatively Wednesday, September 21<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at 322 West Broadway, Bangor. We will send an e-mail when we get it confirmed. Board Meetings are open meetings. All welcome.

**WANT TO RUN FOR OFFICE? CHAIR A COMMITTEE? BE ON THE EMDA BOARD?** We will send out ballots in early November, so please contact Jessica Dion in writing (if you use e-mail, make sure she gets it) by October 15th. Don't know which to volunteer for? Check the positions at the top of the EMDA section. Several board members are doing double-duty and would gladly hand you the reins.

**YEAR-END AWARDS PARTY** The Year-End Awards Party will be hosted by the most gracious Clare and Lew Payne on Sunday, November 20<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. It is a potluck. No chips, please, serious food.

### **From Both Ends of the Reins**

Who is Moorlands Totilas? Google "Toto dressage horse" and you'll find out. You can also find him on youtube. Is \$11.6 million too much to pay for a dressage horse? It depends...How fortunate we are to be able to find tests on line, go to youtube, type in your test, and see it ridden. Figuring out how to get there, knowing it takes three lifetimes to learn dressage, is the fun.

Meeting people and helping along the way is, however, the most rewarding. It's been fun seeing EMDA young riders turn into professionals and continue with their riding. Most recently Katie Sypher's team placed fifth at the U.S. Pony Club National Rally at the Kentucky Horse Park. The team also placed 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in Horse Management – and she is not yet in high school! Our local trainers (and her mom...) helped get her there.

EMDA has been most fortunate to have Peppergrass, Puckerbrush and Stepping Stone Farms made available to us for our shows this summer. For those who pitched in and helped or those who only came to watch, it was a fun time.

We hope to see you at the Rider-Run Show at Stepping Stone in September! Remember to get your Year-End Awards form in and plan on the banquet. And do take time to take a cross country jaunt as soon as the flies and mosquitoes have bid farewell!



# NMDA NEWS

## Northern Maine Dressage Association



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**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*

NMDA had a successful show season in 2011. We have had 3 shows with one to go at Isaac Royal Farm on Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are busy planning our shows for next year and hope to do as well. Thanks to all of our members for their support & help with the shows and clinics. We are also hoping to have some clinics for the winter of 2012 and hope all will attend. The Year –End Banquet is in the planning stage and members will be notified as soon as final arrangements are made. Hope you all had a successful show season.

We will also be planning our fall fundraiser trail ride in Atkinson in October – Keep your eyes open for the e-mail & on our facebook page: Northern Maine Dressage Society. Be sure to “like” us

Remember to get those NMDA memberships in for next year. Looking forward to seeing you all next year.

Michelle Zambrano

# SMDA NEWS

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It has been a great year for SMDA! Despite rainy weather for our first two shows, our shows have been a great success. With one more show to go, it's hard to believe that it's time to start planning for 2012. Here are some of the things that are going on:

## **2012 SMDA Schooling Shows**

We are planning to again hold four Schooling Shows at the Hollis Equestrian Park in 2012. Tentative dates are May 6, June 10, August 5, and September 16. We need to confirm these dates, and we will post the dates on our website once they are final.

PLEASE help our volunteers who work so hard as Show Secretaries and Show Managers. Plan ahead so that you have your paperwork in order for the upcoming season – this means scheduling vet calls for rabies and Coggins, and getting your SMDA renewal in on time.

And as always, we are looking for volunteers to help with our shows. If you are willing to help SMDA and serve as a Show Secretary, Show Manager, Scribe, Runner, Ring Steward, or Announcer – please contact any one of our Board members. We really need your help!

## **Food Booth**

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to the Boots & Buckles 4-H from York County, who provided the food for our first two shows. The Food Booth will be manned by the Mollyocket Pony Club for our September show. Riders, families and friends are encouraged to please patronize the food booth; this is an important fund-raising activity for these groups so we should show them our support!

## **Year End Awards**

Remember, if you are qualifying for a year-end award with SMDA, you need to send a rider report form to Robyn Cuffey **by November 1<sup>st</sup>**. The rider report form is on our website.

### **SMDA Needs Help!**

SMDA is one of the five clubs that comprise the Maine Dressage Society (MDS). MDS is the official Group Member Organization (GMO) that is our link to USDF. The MDS Board of Directors meets 3 times per year (April, September, and in January at the MDS Banquet). SMDA needs volunteers to serve as our MDS representatives. This is an easy (three meetings a year!) but important job. If you think you might be able to help SMDA by serving as an MDS representative, please contact our President Robyn Cuffey ([robyn@sacoriver.net](mailto:robyn@sacoriver.net)).

### **SMDA Banquet**

We are tentatively planning to hold our annual SMDA Banquet on Friday, January 20 at the Captain's Galley in Old Orchard Beach. We will send out announcements and a sign-up form shortly after Christmas. In the meantime, please mark your calendars!

### **SMDA Clinics**

We had two really great clinics this year. In March, Photo Finish Farm hosted a clinic with **Heidi Hauri-Gill**. Last year the "Breaking out of Training Level" clinic with Heidi was such a success that we invited her back. This year's clinic was held over 2 days, and on the second day featured a "ride re-ride" event to allow our riders to practice the 2011 dressage tests.

In May we had an outstanding clinic with **Susan Jaccoma**. This clinic was hosted at beautiful Spring Creek Farm. Sue is a former SMDA member who has had a long and successful dressage career. She was a popular trainer and instructor in the area until her move to Florida a couple of years ago, so it was a real treat to have her back in the area.

We are very excited to announce our clinic for 2012. **On April 14 and 15, 2012 at Spring Creek Farm SMDA will host a clinic with Shannon Dueck.** Shannon is an international rider from Canada who has had a successful career – she is a Pan Am Games Silver Medalist and was the top Canadian rider at the 2002 World Championships in Spain, along with numerous other accomplishments. We'll be organizing rider entry and auditor information in early February. Please mark your calendars now, and stay tuned for more information.

### **2012 Membership Drive**

Included with this newsletter is the 2012 SMDA Membership form. Memberships are due October 1<sup>st</sup>; however, we will accept membership renewals without a late fee up until December 15<sup>th</sup>. It's VERY important that you get your membership renewal in to us as early as possible to ensure that you get on the USDF roster and for timely delivery of the Omnibus and The Horse's Maine subscription. Please submit your membership form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form).

Please make sure to clearly print your information, including email address, on your membership form. . After many years without an increase, SMDA has been forced to increase our membership dues by \$6. This is a result of an increase in USDF dues. Many people don't realize that your membership with SMDA also includes membership in the Maine Dressage Society (MDS) and group membership with the USDF. We regret the increase, but it's necessary to pass the USDF increase along.

Remember –to get your Omnibus on time, PLEASE submit your membership renewal by the due date

### **SMDA Grants**

In 2010 SMDA launched a Grant Program. This year's grant recipient was Team Notorious Durgin Farm Dressage – a group of young riders who had the goal of competing at the 2011 Dressage for Kids show. We've made a few changes for next year's SMDA Grant application, including:

- Recipient must have demonstrated record of volunteering for SMDA;
- The grant must be for a specific activity, event or goal – in other words, not just everyday training or showing; and
- SMDA will no longer award grants or make donations outside of the Grant Program – this is necessary to be fair and make sure that we do not divert funds to other causes at the expense of our grant applicants.

For more information including application form and guidelines, please go to our website.

### **SMDA Classifieds**

Have you checked out SMDA's "**CLASSIFIEDS**" yet? Our website gets a good amount of traffic from people checking show dates and ride times, etc. 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.

### **SMDA is on FACEBOOK!**

Isn't everyone? For current events and feedback, please check out our Facebook page.

### **SMDA's 25 Year Anniversary**

Last but not least, did you know that 2012 is SMDA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary? SMDA was established in 1987 by a group of riders who were looking to form a club that focused on dressage training and showing. We are planning some special celebration activities to recognize this milestone, and will provide additional information early next year. We are particularly interested in hearing from SMDA old-timers, and getting copies of photos from our old shows. If you have any suggestions please contact Susan Pendleton [spendleton@sacoriver.net](mailto:spendleton@sacoriver.net)).

We hope that everyone had a great summer, and are looking 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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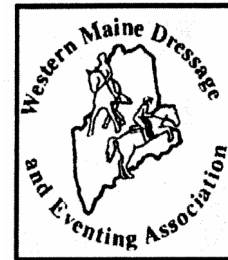
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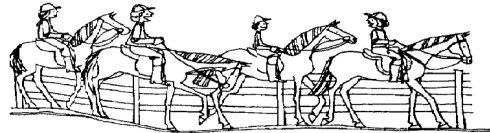
Treasurer/Membership Beth Brainerd 743-6546

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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](mailto:tammib71@msn.com) She will be happy to help you before you are charged a late fee!**

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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](mailto: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](mailto:cadpeaslee@yahoo.com) to keep your Maine Dressage news coming!***

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### **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](http://www.mainedressagesociety.org)



# Classifieds

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My mare is 15yo currently doing training level dressage. Her full brother is a master hunt horse in Florida and she has many half-siblings in the hunt and competing in dressage down there as well. She was bred to succeed and I would love her to be taken to the next level. I am starting a family and do not have the time for her anymore. This mare is priced to sell at \$1500, this is a great opportunity to get a fantastic horse at a very reasonable price. Please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Sincerely, Andrea Wood  
(207)-266-6538 andreaton314@yahoo.com

Nappa is a 9yr old, 16.3 hand, very black Percheron Gelding with a very thick Mane and Tail. He's a very romantic, fairytale horse. Great to ride walk/trot/canter as his gaits do not feel drafty (yes, he canters quite well). Seems to be interested in jumping, but because of his size, I think he would be limited to two feet. He has huge, solid feet that should be fine unshod. Fantastic ground manners, however he will need a confident handler as he is enormous. He will need to work more on balance and bending under saddle, but he is very smart and quite athletic, so this should be a fun project. To our knowledge, he has never been driven. Up to date on shots, farrier and worming. \$3,200 negotiable to good home. Call or email for details. 207-557-6055. Please pass on to anyone you think may be interested in Nappa.  
Paula Knowlton

## Galahad (Gali)

10 yr old 17 h spotted draft for sale  
Schooling second level, hacks, trailers, clips, ties, good on all your basics. Gali is very athletic and kind but sadly is too large for most of our students at the barn. Asking \$15,000 includes hard to find plus size tack. There is a video on youtube under Galahad Vienna Farm. Please call Tanya Rennie at 207-839-4495 vienna@maine.rr.com

## Guardian Van Guard

9 yr old purebred show friesian for sale. Excellent temperament, is great for farrier, vet, trailer, clipping, bathing etc. Not spooky at all. Was a juniors huntseat show mount and is now being retrained for dressage. Walk, trot, canter, leg yield. Has an incredible round canter. Would do well as an adult amateur or junior mount. 4 Videos on youtube. Look under Guardian Van Guard. One from 2010, one running free, April 2011 and a lesson Aug 11th. He's located at Vienna Farm in Gorham. Asking \$12,000 OBRO Call Cheryl Roy at 207-281-3265. villarissselfdefense@msn.com

Remember—classified ads are free for MDS 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!

**USDF "L" Education Program**

**Opening date for applications 10/1/2011 Closing date for applications 11/1/2011**

*Applications will be processed first come, first serve. Priority will be given to MDS 2010 Part I participants.*

*Date application received by organizer: \_\_\_\_\_*

Session D1 to be held in Loxahatchee, FL March 24-25 2012

Session D2 to be held in Westbrook, CT May 19-20 2012

Final Exam to be held in S. Woodstock, VT July 20-21 2012

**Participant Application Form – Part 2; Candidate Evaluation**

Revised January 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USDF Participating Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Daytime ( ) \_\_\_\_\_, Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: ( ) E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1. Goals: (check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to become a USDF "L" Program Graduate.

\_\_\_\_\_ I intend to enter the United States Equestrian Federation, Inc. (USEF) "r" judge training program.

2. Scribing:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have 12 hours of experience scribing for USEF licensed judges.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will complete the scribing prior to the Final Exam.

3. Pre-requisites: (attach documentation)

\_\_\_\_\_ I have three scores of 60% or higher at Second Level or above earned at USEF/USDF recognized Competitions from three different USEF.

4. What is the highest level at which you have competed?

5. If accepted as a Participant, I will make a commitment to attend sessions:

a. D1, D2, and Final Exam \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**\*\*If you want to re-test, please contact USDF "L" Program Liaison for further information.**

If it has been longer than three years since you were last tested it is *strongly* recommended to audit Sessions A, B and C prior to re-taking Part 2.

6. I attended Part I at \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* If you attended Part I elsewhere, you will be placed on a waiting list in the order in which your application is received. Per the USDF Organizer's Guide, persons attending the 2010 MDS Part I will have first priority.**

7. Payment of \$1300 will be due with application. Payment will be processed upon acceptance as a Part II Participant. (\$400 D1, \$400 D2, and \$500 Final Exam).

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*I understand and acknowledge that the study of dressage judging principles involves subjective elements, and that there is no guarantee the Participants will pass the final exam. I hereby agree that I will not protest the results of any exam nor will I attempt to contact any Examiner for explanation or tutoring following the exam.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach score documentation, and return this form by: 11/01/ 2011**

**To: Tammi Brown PO Box 283, Bradley, ME 0441**



## **USDF “L” PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a United States Dressage Federation (USDF) member I acknowledge my obligation to uphold and adhere to the highest standards of horsemanship and sportsmanship whether competing actively or not.

As a horseman I will place the horse’s welfare above all other considerations and will faithfully observe the USDF Code of Conduct. As a sportsman I will know and comply with all pertinent rules of USEF and USDF and honor the principles of fair play inherent in them.

Knowing that I am a representative for our sport, I will try at all times to reflect credit on USEF and USDF through my conduct and behavior. I will also maintain a professional demeanor when I am involved in dressage training, competition, show administration and judging.

I have read and understand the USDF “L” Participant Code of Conduct, and I agree to comply with the Code of Conduct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

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