



April/May 2019 Editor's Notes...

Welcome to a special edition of the newsletter! This has been a couple of months in the making as I have been collecting information and helpful hints from show organizers, trainers and other riders about how to make going to shows and competing easier. It's my hope that everyone reading this gains a little insight into what goes into making a show happen and appreciates what organizers and volunteers do behind the scenes to put on great competitions for everyone. Additionally, you will find tips and tricks from trainers and riders to help take the stress out of going to a horse show. Let's face it, showing can be an endeavor full of anxiety but it doesn't have to be. Help from your friends and professionals can go a long way. Some of us have been doing this a long time but I'll let you in on a little secret: We all get nervous – even the long-time pros. I remember having such horrible show nerves that my trainer finally told me to buy a flask and have a shot of something before going in the ring. And while that's probably not the best advice for everyone, it did help a little (everything in moderation!) Also I like to think that those white breeches are a great equalizer – nobody likes wearing them! We may not be Laura Graves or Isabel Werth and have teams of grooms and assistants, but we can do things to help take the stress out of shows.

So without further ado, I present to you the inaugural "Guide to Horse Shows" edition of the MDA Newsletter! I hope you enjoy it as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. I wish you all a wildly successful show season and lots of fun with your ponies!

-Allison



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Horse Showing Made Easier: Tips and Tricks to Make Dressage Shows More Fun!

The newsletter posed the question to local pros asking what their expert advice was to riders going to shows and they gave great comments. Kimberly Bench, owner of Benchmark Dressage emphasized preparation as being key, saying “Plan everything ahead of time: Plan out what time you’re leaving the barn and arriving at the show.” She went on to add “Delegate who will set up the tack stall, who sets up water buckets, puts down shavings, parks trailers, etc. Pack ahead of time – don’t wait until the day of the show. Put last minute things in after your last ride at home.”

Katie Westfall added her advice with a list of things that include:

Breathe

Listen to music/have fun!

Trust your horse

Trust your trainer

Trust yourself

Trust your barn family



It’s true that having a group of people from your barn supporting you makes a big difference, but what if you’re travelling by yourself? Make sure that no matter where you go you keep emergency contacts listed in your vehicle and by your trailer. If you’re stabled, make sure your contact information is clearly listed on your horses’ stall. This way if someone finds your horse hurt or in distress you can be easily

reached. It’s also a good idea to keep your own emergency contact number there in case you are injured. All recognized shows have a veterinarian on call but it’s a good idea to put that number in your cellphone to expedite assistance in an emergency. There is also a farrier on call at shows and that number is kept in the show office. In addition to having an emergency preparedness plan, pay attention to the safety of your tack. Esther Morgan from Schneider’s Saddlery writes “The tack your horse should wear is tightly regulated, so you’ll want to make sure you have it ready well before the event. Take the time to polish everything and make sure any worn pieces are replaced. Your horse should look just as good, or better, than you do. Consult the USEF rule book for lists of all currently accepted tack.” Katie Westfall suggests having spare bridle parts in case something breaks and that “black duct tape is your friend!”



When it comes to show time decide if you need a reader for your test and have that person in place. If showing with a group of people Kimberly Bench suggests having a white board with everyone’s ride times, arenas , and tests listed. Also, KNOW the tests and know how you will ride them (i.e. extra prep for a transition or movement.) Even if you have a reader you need to know your tests well enough to ride them without one. Dallas Bradbury, local trainer and father of Waterloo Dressage show manager Kevin Bradbury, says he sometimes feels that having a reader can be detrimental as it “takes the focus away from riding the horse.” Whatever you decide, remember to know your

test in case the reader makes a mistake. Bench says “Ride appropriate tests. Ride a level that is easy for you at home and that you and your horse are appropriately fit and schooled for.

In the event that you make a mistake on your test and go off course (it happens to all of us!) make sure that you listen to the judge for further instructions. Most likely they will ask you to start the movement over so that they can give you a score instead of a zero for the movement. While you will receive a deduction for the error, you will still receive a score for the movement which adds up in your final score. One mistake does not define a test – you can still score quite well even with an error. Westfall adds “the judges ARE rooting for you and your horse to do well.” She also added probably the best advice of all: “At the end of the ride, hug your horse.” Frankly, that’s probably the best advice of all.



Other tips from our readers and pros:

-If you're unsure of the location of the showgrounds have written directions to the them and use the GPS on your phone. Also find out ahead of time if there are any detours due to construction. Remember, in Michigan there are two seasons: Winter and Road Construction!

- Before you unload your horse find out where your stall is
- Pack extras of everything from bridle parts and stirrups to extra grain, hay and bedding
- Pack more clothing than you think that you need. Weather is known to be fickle at horse shows so pack extra dry, warm clothes, and always bring extra socks!
- Bring leather cleaner and conditioner for boot and tack touch-ups before rides
- Bring items like zip ties, extra bucket hooks, duct tape, and rope/baling twine
- If space permits in your trailer, wagons or wheelbarrows to schlep buckets, hay and tack back and forth are a great thing (husbands work for this too!)
- Have separate “show stuff” i.e. buckets, brushes, halters, muck buckets, and manure forks that you keep in your trailer just for shows and keep them there
- Phone/device chargers. Easily forgotten and sorely missed
- A book or magazine for those long gaps between rides
- If you're staying in a hotel off the showgrounds make sure you know the exact address and check-in/check-out times
- Make sure your trailer and tow vehicle are up to date on maintenance and inspected regularly
- As you're riding by the judge's box before you enter the, tell the judge your number. The judge and scribe will appreciate this as sometimes there are last-minute scratches and adds.
- Thank the judge after your ride. Judges work hard to make sure they're giving you the best scores and advice possible.
- Wish the competitor coming into the ring after you Good Luck. We're all in this together!
- Be as accommodating to show management as you can. They've worked endless hours to make this show happen.
- Remember to always put your number on your horse, even when going to the wash rack. Helpful hint: Take the bridle tag from a different show and flip it around and write your current number on the blank side. That way you don't

have keep transferring your number from your
bridle to your halter.

-Bring an extra hose in case there are none at
the showgrounds, or they become broken

-Staple guns are great for posting your ride
times to your stall and other miscellaneous
information but make sure to check with
management about whether it's alright to use
them on stalls

-Allow more than enough time to dress yourself
and your horse before your test so that you
don't feel rushed. Also, check with the ring
stewards before you tack up to make sure that
your ring is running on time.

-Remember warm-up ring etiquette: Always
pass left shoulder to left shoulder. Slower gaits
should stay closer to the rail

-Avoid being a rail sitter! Don't plant your horse
on the rail to chit-chat. It creates a traffic danger
to others in the warm-up

-Give yourself distance from others in the
warm-up ring and look where you're going.
Where you look is where others believe you to
be headed

-Above all have fun and enjoy the extra time
with your horse. After all, that's why we do it!



Perspective From a Show Manager:

Meet Sari Clapperton

Sari Clapperton is the owner of Woodbine Farm in Chelsea, MI and organizer of the Woodbine Farm Dressage Schooling Show Series. Woodbine's schooling shows are the furthest south in the state but are extremely well attended every month. The facility boasts three rings and hosts riders from Introductory through Second and Third Level. Set on a quiet dirt road amongst some of the most beautiful country in Washtenaw county, Woodbine offers a relaxed atmosphere with top quality facilities. Along with her secretary Julie Christopher, Sari works hard to provide competitors with top-notch judging and a beautiful, clean facility. Sari is no stranger to high standards as she showed competitively in Hunter/Jumpers for many years and hosts many Hunter/Jumper shows at Woodbine throughout the year. While she has a top-notch staff, you can often find Sari on the tractor doing a lot of the set-up herself. Her energy is contagious and awe-inspiring.

When asked about her job as a show manager Sari says she doesn't find much difficulty in it since she doesn't do the scheduling herself, which is what takes the most work. If there is one thing that she could tell competitors, it's that she hopes that they enjoy the show and not to focus too much on the scores – all judges are different so focus on the comments and try to learn from the judge's knowledge. According to Sari "riding is a never-ending learning experience." Sari's favorite part of being a show organizer is watching the riders improve and enjoy their time at the facility.

The Dressage shows at Woodbine also offer an excellent food vendor and the Wyldewood tack

mobile trailer. More often than not while you are schooling your horse or competing you will spy a herd of deer in the back fields – something that both the riders and the horses seem to find entertaining. Afraid of your ring running behind? Don't be – it rarely happens! At Sari's carefully organized shows everything runs amazingly on-time. The Midwest Dressage Association is proud to count Woodbine as one of its recognized schooling shows!



The facilities at Woodbine are absolutely picturesque

Coming next month...a profile of Wyn Farm in Williamston!

The Midwest Dressage Association would like to thank the following people for their hard work at the 2019 Stallion Expo:

Will Davis, Nancy Bryant, Jean Faulk, Diane Dunn, Jean Henderson, Beth Schaub, CJ Carpenter, Jorge Prospero, Tracy E., Eleanor Millerschin and Erin Miles. Great job guys!



Ring Stewards – The Unsung Heroes of the Show

On a hot and sunny day Deb Postiff is running laps between the ring stewards' box and the warm-up ring at Waterloo. Of course it's hot, because at Waterloo Dressage it's either unbearably hot or there's a thunderstorm – there's usually no in-between. But Mother Nature's idea of humor doesn't faze Deb too much – there are riders to check and push towards the ring. Ring Stewards are the often-unnoticed part of the staff at shows, but their role is pivotal. It's their job to ensure that riders make it to the show ring in time for their rides and afterwards check their equipment to make sure everything is legal. Ring Stewards interact with the competitors even more than the judges do. But it is often a thankless task – they tend to be on the receiving end of nervous riders, cranky coaches and endless questions as well as not perfectly behaved horses who are averse to someone sticking their fingers in their mouths. Stewards work hard to keep the show running on time and keep competitors informed. Ring Stewards are generally an extension of the Technical Delegate – it's their job to report any blood or rule infractions to the TD, who then brings the issue to the show manager. I asked Deb what the hardest part of being a Ring Steward is and she answered that it's dealing with the people. She said "Since I also compete, I know each rider has invested so much time, effort and emotion into obtaining particular goals and that all of that culminates in the show ring. When things don't go as planned sometimes people aren't happy with us. She

added "I wish competitors knew that we are there to keep everything running as efficiently as possible but ultimately competitors are responsible for getting in the ring on time. Indeed, that sentiment is echoed by judge Ida Norris who said that riders shouldn't wait until their ride time to start warming up outside the arena. She said riders should be ready to go and by the ring before their ride time and that nothing aggravates a judge more than riders who wait until the last minute to approach the ring.

Deb said that her favorite part of stewarding is the opportunity to watch so many other riders. "I usually come away from each show with several ideas of what I need to work on" she said. Indeed, ring stewarding is a great opportunity to watch all levels of riding and pick up a lot of training tools. So next time you're near the warm-up ring at Waterloo, stop and say hello to Deb – and then take the opportunity sit a spell and take it all in!



Deb Postiff and her pony, Pony Pants

New for 2020: USDF Announces Regional Schooling Show Awards Program

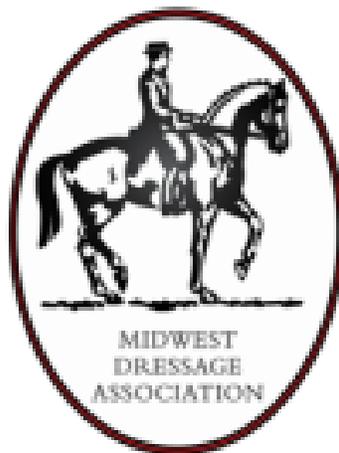
The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) is excited to announce the new USDF Regional Schooling Show Awards Program, which will offer regional recognition to USDF Group Members (GMs), competing in participating non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competitions. This program will operate congruently with the annual USDF membership year of December 1 - November 30, beginning with the 2020 membership year on December 1, 2019. Four award divisions, including open, junior/young rider, adult amateur, and non-professional, will be recognized per region. The open division will offer six levels of recognition (Training, First, Second, Third, Fourth, and FEI), with the junior/young rider, adult amateur, and non-professional offering an additional seventh level (Introductory).

Any non-USEF-licensed/non-USDF-recognized competition is eligible to participate and may do so by simply submitting an online application and fee to USDF, at least 30 days prior to the start date of their competition. Competitors wishing to participate in the program must be

USDF Group Members and submit an online nomination application and fee for each horse/rider combination they wish to nominate.

USDF President Lisa Gorretta explains that, "this new program has been developed to recognize the achievements of USDF Group Members, who choose to participate in schooling shows as their competition path. It will give competitors confirmation of how they stack up against their peers, within their USDF region. This will, in turn, strengthen USDF's Group Member Organizations by providing an additional exclusive benefit of membership! Schooling shows provide and promote dressage education for riders, USDF L Graduates, and licensed judges, as well as local competition management and show volunteers. We hope to welcome more members and competitors into the USDF community, while furthering USDF's mission of recognizing achievement in dressage."

Both competition management and competitors will be able to begin signing up to participate in the program, beginning in July 2019. For more information about the program, and full requirements, please visit the USDF website at www.usdf.org or contact the USDF office at competitions@usdf.org.



Welcome to the MDA!

The following people have renewed their membership and/or joined:

Ann I. Kennedy	Cathy Deron	Michelle Suminski
Kylee Haddad	Sophie Novak	Saran Machniak
Christine White	Mindy Lane	Madalyn Sumner
Amanda Shelton	Karen Vavrck	Laila Mansour
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McKenzie Donaldson	Penelope Nuculovic	Nina Neumann
Josie Hayes	Danielle Nuculovic	Denise Garbe
Amy Rasegan	Robin Olson	Sophia Sutherland
Daphne Rasegan	Annette Hefner	Julia Smoot

2019 Calendar

June

8/9 – Mid-Michigan Dressage Schooling Shows 3 and 4 at Rattlewood Farms. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI 48371. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

8 – Summer Dressage Schooling Show at Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.wynfarm.com

9 – Woodbine Dressage at Woodbine Farm. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. www.woodbinefarms.com

14-16 – Dressage at Waterloo at Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. www.horseshowoffice.com

23 – Grosse Pointe Schooling Show. Grosse Pointe Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. www.gphuntclub.com

July

7 – Woodbine Dressage at Woodbine Farm. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. www.woodbinefarms.com

13 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show at Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.wynfarm.com

12-14 - Dressage at Waterloo at Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. www.horseshowoffice.com

20/21 – Mid-Michigan Dressage Schooling Shows 5 and 6 at Rattlewood Farms. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI 48371. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

27/28 – Michigan Summer Dressage at Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.horseshowoffice.com

August

2-4 – Dressage at Waterloo at Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. www.horseshowoffice.com

11 – Grosse Pointe Schooling Dressage. Grosse Pointe Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. www.gphuntclub.com

10/11 Mid-Michigan Dressage Schooling Shows 7 and 8 at Rattlewood Farms. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI 48371. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

10 – Wyn Farm Summer Dressage Schooling Show at Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.wynfarm.com

15-18 – Dressage at Waterloo at Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. www.horseshowoffice.com

25 – Woodbine Dressage at Woodbine Farm. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118. www.woodbinefarms.com

31-Sept. 1 – Mid-Michigan Dressage Schooling Shows at Rattlewood Farms. 1935 Ray Road, Oxford, MI 48371. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

September

7 – Dressage Summer Schooling Show Wyn Farm. 3100 Noble Road, Williamston, MI 48895. www.wynfarm.com

8 – Grosse Pointe Schooling Dressage. Grosse Pointe Equestrian. 655 Cook Road, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236. www.gphuntclub.com

11-15 – USDF Region 2 Regional Championships at Waterloo Hunt Club. 11500 Glenn Road, Grass Lake, MI 49240. www.horseshowoffice.com

15 – Woodbine Dressage at Woodbine Farm. 9976 Liberty Road, Chelsea, MI 48118.
www.woodbinefarms.com

October

November

22-23 – Annual Awards Banquet and Educational Weekend. Meet and Greet, Guest Speakers, and 50th Anniversary Award Banquet Celebration. Black Tie Event. Auburn Hill Marriott Hotel, 3600 Centerpoint Pkwy, Pontiac, MI. Contact Will Davis at WillDavis@aol.com.

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MDA Recognized Schooling Shows in purple

USDF Recognized Shows in green

MDA Educational Events in yellow



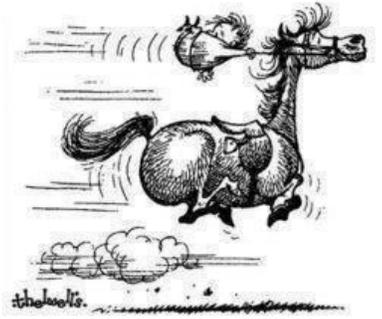
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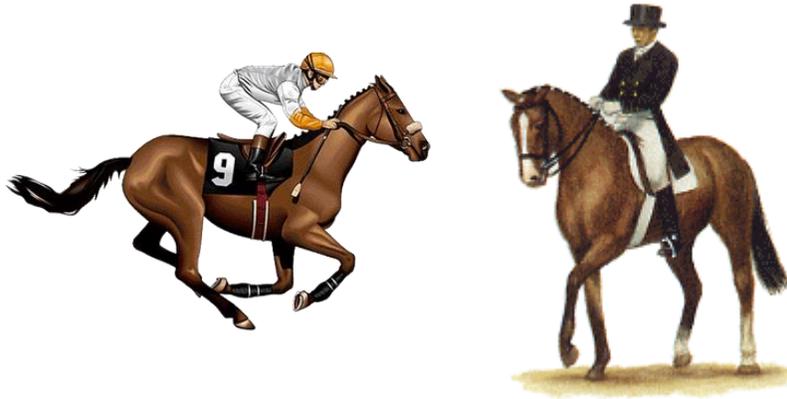
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WHOA DAMMIT

*A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves - strong, powerful, beautiful
- and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence. Pam Brown*

The Encore Award



This award recognizes the achievements of Off-The-Track Thoroughbreds in the sport of Dressage. This is a year-end high-point award that will be given to an OTTB competing at any level that has achieved the highest overall percentage for the competition season. Owners/Riders must provide a copy of the horses' Jockey Club papers or a picture of a verifiable lip tattoo and three tests ridden under three different judges at any one level from a recognized or schooling show. Rider and/or owner must be a current MDA member. This award is sponsored by Allison McKenzie.

**Please send the application and paperwork to:
Allison McKenzie
9867 Sharon Hollow Road
Manchester, MI 48158**

Horse Name: _____

Owner/Rider Name: _____

Owner/Rider Address: _____

Owner/Rider Phone: _____

Owner/Rider Email: _____

Questions? Contact Allison at 734-276-8967 or amsporthorses@yahoo.com

Tribute Partners Program



The Tribute Partners Program allows MDA to earn money for educational events. Every proof of purchase tag (found on the bottom of the feedbag) is worth \$.25. Invoices for bulk feed are also eligible for this program. In the first year of participation, MDA earned over \$500 because members contributed their feed bag tags!

Instructions:

Please forward your Tribute Horse Feed proof of purchase (off of the bags) or photocopies of invoices for bulk Tribute purchases. If you are submitting photocopied invoices, please black out any sensitive information like name, phone, credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:
Midwest Dressage Association
C/O Milanna Jones
284 South Tilden Street
Pontiac, MI 48341

If you have questions about this program, please contact Milanna Jones at 248 534 6415.

Classifieds...

Horses for Sale or Lease –

Several experienced dressage horses available for partial or full lease at Brilliant Reflection Farm in Ortonville, MI. Contact us for more information at blondmane@yahoo.com or 248-670-9031.
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Saddles/Tack For Sale

2014 17" Bruno Delgrange medium tree with silver accents on cantle and flap. Medium flap length.
\$3000. Please contact Leslie Richardson at (810) 287-0053

Employment/Working Student

Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC and Tonya Grant have an amazing opportunity open. We are looking for a dedicated local horse lover who aspires to become a professional someday. We have a full-time working student position currently open. Must have transportation, riding clothes, and a very good work ethic. Opportunity to show and travel and lots of opportunity to ride. Must be hard-working and willing to do a lot of grooming in exchange for riding. Applications will be accepted by email or phone.
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Visual Equestrian Dressage LLC - www.visualequestrian.com
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Training, Lessons, Clinics

Novice-FEI

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Dressage Training, Sale Horses and Ponies

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Membership Information: Renewal (MDA #): _____ New Member: _____

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Family Memberships: Only the primary member will receive yearly directories.

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Rider Status: Open Adult Amateur Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2019*)

If a rider status is not selected, applicant will be considered as Open for all MDA purposes including year-end awards. Adult Amateur status is limited to riders who meet the guidelines of USEF GR808,

I would like to be listed in the MDA Services Directory: (Must be received by Feb 1 of the current year)

Boarding Facility Training Facility Trainer (will travel) Judge Other: _____



All information is also available on the MDA Website

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