



Midwest Dressage Association August 2016

Six Habits That Are Blocking You From Success

Most of us want to live a successful life, right? Whether success for you is achievement in the saddle or achievement in other aspects in your life. It's only natural that we want to become the best version of ourselves and create something we can look back on thinking we have done ourselves proud and worked hard. For some, success is much more attainable and for others it takes a little more grunt to get there.

But what if I told you that you might be the giant hurdle standing in your own way of success? You may have developed habits that are stopping you from achieving the goals and living the life you have been envisaging for so long.

Often these habits have unconsciously been created over time. The key to success and breaking those habits begins with noticing them. Once you know what habits are blocking you from success, you can reach the potential you have always known was there.

Here are 6 of the top habits that may be standing in your way of conquering your goals.

1. You let people define you and what you want

Many people enter into professions or create lifestyles that others have almost decided for you. Your parents perhaps pushed you to study law or you moved to a suburb where everyone else was living. You married the guy everyone said was perfect for you or you took up a job offer that all your friends said was too good to refuse. Or you bought a horse that everyone said you should, but it just wasn't the right one for you. It's time to stop letting others influence your decision and take back control so that you can head down the path that is right for you.

2. You don't let yourself fail

Nobody becomes successful without experiencing failure. Often people are scared to fail for fear of a setback or disappointment for themselves and others. The truth is success only comes through failure and that is all part of life's journey. When you do get to your end goal, think of how much richer and amazing it is going to feel when you can look back at all the mistakes and hurdles you have had to overcome. Successful riders have had their fair share of failures and too often we put off getting out there and giving it a crack for the fear of what others will see. Be ok with failing, be okay with bad marks, it's all part of the journey and provides you with a base to improve upon.

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The Board welcomes members to assist
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Newsletter/Website- Barbra Reis

MDA Wearables

Tonya Grant/Allison McNab

Nominations

Ingrid Baranski/Tonya Grant

Denise Gentile

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-Lisa Machala

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Volunteers - Will Davis

Classified Ads must be submitted to the
newsletter editor via email and in Word
format.

Advertisements must be submitted via
email in either PDF or JPEG format.

Deadline for Advertising AND
Classified ads is the 15th of the previ-
ous month. All ads MUST be prepaid
prior to publication.

MDA Newsletter Advertising Rates

Advertising Submissions are due to the Newsletter Publisher by the 15th of the month preceding the publication date.
Payment must be made in full prior to placement of the ad. All member rates reflect at 20% discount of retail price.

| | 1 month | | 3 Month Rate | | 6 month | | 12 Month | |
|-----------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Retail | Member | Retail | Member | Retail | Member | Retail | Member |
| 1/4 page | 40.00 | 32.00 | 90.00 | 72.00 | 150.00 | 120.00 | 240.00 | 192.00 |
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Midwest Dressage Association

Dressage Boot Camp

October 1 & 2, 2016

Rattlewood Farms, Oxford, MI

What is a boot camp you ask?

Well this will be a weekend packed with all things Dressage!
Participants will arrive Friday evening to settle in and get their schedules.
Weekend participants will be working in groups of two, three or four in
mounted and unmounted sessions.

Session Topics:

Correct rider position

Every thing lateral

Mind – body- spirit

Ask the Vet

Lunging

Am I insured? Do I need it?

Improving my Test Scores

MDA is very pleased to offer this fun educational weekend thanks to several highly qualified equine professional trainers, instructors and business owners from around southeastern Michigan donating their time for the weekend.

Cost is \$100.00 includes all sessions, lunch both days and stabling.
Pre-registration is required. Limited RV hook ups available for \$30.00 per night.
Registration forms may be found on the MDA website

Closing date is September 1, 2016

This event is open to MDA Members only!

Midwest Dressage Association

Dressage Boot Camp

October 1 & 2, 2016

Closing date September 15, 2016

Riders Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone#_(_____) _____
Email: _____@_____

Name of Horse _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Brief History:

Please provide a description of your riding level and abilities. What are your strengths and weakness?

Tell us about your horse, his/her show experience, training level and or issues.

Mail completed form and check
made out to *Midwest Dressage Association for \$100.00* to:
Will Davis, 9518 Brookway Court, Goodrich, MI 48438

Meeting Minutes
MDA Board of Directors
June 7, 2016
Comeback Inn, Milford MI

Meeting Called to order at: 7:05

In attendance:

Shawn Osker Ragsdale, Denise Gentile, Beth Schaub, Julie Fleming, Ingrid Baranski, Lisa Howle, Lisa Machala, Will Davis, Tonya Grant

President's Opening Remarks: Many thank you notes to MDA for scholarship recipient, Foy Clinic, and boot camp. Thanks to all of our board members and volunteers for supporting MDA and helping make events successful.

Secretary's Report

- Secretary presented May meeting minutes. No edits or corrections were requested. Lisa Howle made a motion to approve the May minutes as submitted by the Secretary. Beth Schaub seconded the motion. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer provided

Ending 5/31/2016 \$16,902.06

Treasurer brought our 2015 form 990. Passed around for review by board members.

Problems with the bank. We do not receive notification of whose checks bounce, so we cannot recover fees from offender.

Discussion to change banks. 5/3 bank does not offer good customer service. Majority of board supports changing bank. President and Treasurer agree to go to 5/3 Bank to request improved service with better terms, or we will change banks. This will happen week of 6/13 go to bank.

Treasurer recommends that we have committees' submit budgets for expected expensed related to MDA business and events.

Motion by Ingrid to accept treasurer. Second by shawn . Approved by vice vote.

Committee Reports:

- Education
 - Boot Camp
 - Spring Boot Camp Results

- Major success. Increased new membership. The event was revenue positive. Details to follow.
 - Proposed Fall Boot Camp Oct 1-2. Discussion of lessons learned from Spring event. Modifying format, include kids, promote that kids are welcome. Proposal for Fall Camp at Rattlewood. Lisa Howle moves Oct 1-2 be the fall dates. Ingrid seconds. Approved by voice vote.
 - Proposal for Professional's Clinic Oct 14-16
 - Closed door sessions - no auditors or spectators or students.
 - 2 day format. Midweek. Must be invited - MDA member and a Pro.
 - Invite via letter. Not publically advertised. First 10 people who pay in full to hold space.
 - Board approves in principle doing this event. One no vote.
- Membership / Video Library - 273 total members 152 aa 3 life 30 jr 88 pro. Up from last year.
- Video library - half obsolete - sold thru MDA store. No desire to restock. The service isn't used. By the end 2016 end video library, only a few will be around for expo purposes.
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- Professionals Advisory - The boot camp was amazing. Super reasonably priced. Participants got way more than they paid. Excellent camaraderie.
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- Newsletter/ Website - no report enewsletter
- Marketing /Sponsorship
 - Amazon Smile Program - active today
 - Tribute Feed Program - collecting
- Wearables / MDA Store - Square account to accept. Motion is \$5.00 fee for membership to be paid by credit card. Motion by Ingrid. Second by Beth. In person only. One opposed. Tonya to donate iPad Mini to MDA store. Need volunteers for store for this weekends show at Rattlewood.
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- Volunteers - 6 volunteers - walkie talkies would have been helpful
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- Nominations - no report
 - Banquet - no report - Sydney Collier for 2016 ?
 - Historian - no report
 - YE Awards - 25 saddle pads instead of coolers . changing vendors.
 - Sport horse offered market price. Toms western store good price for us. Low bid.support state/ local msrp \$39.99 and we're for \$20.00 same brand as those donated by SportHorse for Foy.
 - Ribbons 22 inch size

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ability to take credit card payments (need this for wearables, membership, etc...)
In person / by mail / On line
0. By Law Changes for 2017 - tabled to next meeting
0. Determine MDA's 2017 plans for 'approved shows' rules for year end awards / Assign Committee with parameters and deadlines? (Beth and Bonni Hazen) need a board member to volunteer to assist Beth with recognized show rules. Beth to reach out to Allison to get help.

Motion to adjourn - Lisa H. Beth second. Approved meeting adjourned 856pm

White Horse July 5 at 6:30 next meeting

The Dressage Foundation's *Century Club*

Honoring Senior Dressage Riders and Horses

THE CENTURY CLUB was formed at The Dressage Foundation in 1996, at the suggestion of noted dressage judge and instructor, Dr. Max Gahwyler (CT). The Century Club recognizes dressage riders and horses whose combined age totals 100 years or more. Horse and rider perform a dressage test of any level at a show or event, and are scored by a dressage judge or professional.

The intent of the Century Club is to encourage senior dressage riders to remain active in the sport. Since its formation, the Century Club has grown into a meaningful and popular endeavor for equestrians across the country. This is a wonderful group, not only experienced in horsemanship, but in various and unique life experiences.

The Dressage Foundation is very proud of each Century Club Team and is pleased to present a ribbon and plaque to each new member.

Riders interested in joining the Century Club should submit an application to The Dressage Foundation prior to the ride. The Century Club application can be found at www.DressageFoundation.org, or contact Jenny Johnson, Administrative Director, at (402) 434-8585.



THE DRESSAGE FOUNDATION
1314 'O' Street, Suite 305 \ Lincoln, NE 68508 \ 402-434-8585
info@dressagefoundation.org \ www.dressagefoundation.org
Donations of all sizes are greatly appreciated!



Max Gahwyler and Prinz Eugen (CT) - Team #2



Carole Nuckton and Zeb (OR) - Team #52



Marion Julier and Schaeferin (MD) - Team #108



Charles Chapin and Zeus (IL) - Team #11

Midwest Dressage Association Professionals Grant Program

This Grant program has been established to assist those who are professional members of the Midwest Dressage Association meeting the following requirements in furthering their education in the following area's teaching, training, and judging.

The MDA board of directors shall set aside from the general fund the sum of \$1,500.00 (three grants of \$500 each) at the beginning of each calendar year for the sole purpose of being awarded in the form of Qualified Grant Money to those Applicants meeting the following requirements:

A minimum of 2 years consecutive membership (in good standing) with the Midwest Dressage Association

4 hours of volunteer time documented with the MDA within the 12 months preceding the filing of a grant application

A letter of recommendation from one student

A letter of recommendation from a professional horseperson - (Trainer, Instructor or Judge)

Approved educational opportunities would include the following:

All clinics, seminars, and educational programs offered and or sponsored by the following Midwest Dressage Association, the United States Dressage Federation, United States Equestrian Federation. And those educational opportunities brought before and approved by the MDA Board of directors on a case by case basis.

Maximum grant to be awarded to any one person shall be limited to \$500.00

* Board may approve any grant request for less than the applied for amount.

No one person can receive more than one grant per calendar year.

Should said recipient fail to attend specified event all grant moneys are to be refunded to Midwest Dressage Association within 30 days after the date said event.

Additional funds may be placed and or added to the Professional Grant Fund through donations, fund raisers, etc.

- Terms & Conditions subject to change on an annual basis.

Midwest Dressage Professional Grant Work Sheet

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Years: _____

Volunteer Hours: _____ Event: _____ Date: _____

A letter of Recommendation from Student

Students contact information Name _____

Contact # _____

A letter of recommendation from a professional Horseperson
(Trainer- Instructor or Judge)

Sponsors Name: _____

Contact #: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Location: _____

Please describe the educational event:

How does this event help you achieve your riding goals?

- All requests should be filed 60 days prior to the event date, to ensure the MDA Board has time to review requests. Thank you.

Please Mail completed work sheets / requests to:

Will Davis II
9518 Brookway Ct.
Goodrich, MI 48438

Contact # 810 287 2011

MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION ESSAY CONTEST

This essay contest is open to all current MDA members.

One \$50.00 cash prize will be awarded to one winner in each of the following categories.

Jr./Young rider

Adult Amateurs

Professional Members

All submitted essays will be published in the MDA Newsletter.

Winners will be announced and awarded at the 2016 MDA Awards Banquet.

Essay Guidelines:

Submissions may be made Dec 1- 2015 through Nov 1, 2016

Essay Topic:

How Has Your Relationship with Horses Shaped Your Life?

Judging Criteria:

Originality, Creativity, Correct use of language, vocabulary, structure and spelling.
Appropriateness to essay topic

The Judge:

Is an established horse person who has worked with a broad range of ages, types and styles of horses, but has been mainly concentrated in the world of Dressage.
In addition to being highly respected in the dressage community, they are well spoken and well written.

Submitting an Essay:

you may E-mail to Barb Reis at barb@midwestdressage.com
or mail a hard copy to
Barb Reis
490 Rissman Lane
Ortonville, MI. 48462

MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
2016 YEAR-END AWARDS RIDER REPORT FORM
SCHOOLING SHOWS
Due BY OCTOBER 1, 2016

NAME: _____ MDA# _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: (day) _____ (evening) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

LEVEL (Intro, Nov. Horse, Nov Rider, Training, 1st, 2nd.) _____ (ONE LEVEL PER FORM)

DIVISION: OPEN Jr/Yg Rider Adult Amateur

| Show name | Date | % age | Judge |
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PLEASE SUBMIT THE **THREE HIGHEST SCORES** FROM 3 DIFFERENT JUDGES, FROM 3 DIFFERENT SHOWS. ONE SCORE MUST BE FROM THE HIGHEST TEST OF THE LEVEL. **THIS ALSO INCLUDES THE INTRO., NOVICE RIDER & NOVICE HORSE DIVISIONS.** SCORES MUST BE DATED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY! FORMS DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2016

FOR EACH SCORE SUBMITTED YOU SHOULD INCLUDE A COPY OF THE FRONT OF THE TEST AND THE SCORE TAPE/SHEET. ALSO INCLUDE A **COPY OF YOUR MDA MEMBERSHIP CARD.**

IF YOU WON AN AWARD AND IT WAS FOR YOU, WHAT SIZE WOULD IT BE? (M F)
S M L XL

IF YOU WON AN AWARD AND IT WAS FOR YOUR HORSE, WHAT SIZE WOULD IT BE? _____ Example: 72" small horse

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:
MDA SCHOOLING SHOW AWARDS
C/O BETH SCHAUB
2415 LYONS ROAD
OWOSSO, MI 48867

The Midwest Dressage Association &



Are joining together in a Partners Program

The Midwest Dressage is participating in the fund raising program developed by Tribute Feeds. To get involved collect Tribute proofs of purchase from Tribute feed bags and mail them to us. We will receive:

- \$.25 for each bag proof of purchase
- \$10 for each ton of bulk feed purchased



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, and credit card info.

Submit proof of purchase tags to:

Midwest Dressage Association
C/O Michigan Equine Therapy
29193 Northwestern Hwy #540
Southfield MI 48034

MIDWEST DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION
2016 YEAR-END AWARDS RIDER REPORT FORM
RECOGNIZED SHOWS
DUE BY OCTOBER 1, 2016

NAME: _____ **MDA#** _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

TELEPHONE:(day) _____ **(evening)** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HORSE'S NAME: _____

LEVEL (Intro, Training, 1st, 2nd.) _____ **(ONE LEVEL PER FORM)**

DIVISION: **OPEN** **Jr/Yg Rider** **Adult Amateur**

| Show name | Date | % | Judge |
|------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
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Support the Midwest Dressage Association by shopping at AmazonSmile.com

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Can I change my charity?

Yes, you can change your charity any time. Your AmazonSmile purchases after the change count towards your newly selected charity. To change your charity, sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser and simply select "Change your Charity" in "Your Account."

What charities can I choose from?

You can choose from almost one million eligible 501(c)(3) public charitable organizations.

What if my selected charity does not register to participate in the AmazonSmile program or becomes ineligible?

If an organization does not register to participate or becomes ineligible, you will have a chance to select a different organization and we will reallocate the donations accrued to other organizations receiving donations.

How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, we may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details.

Classified Ads

MDA Member

2 issues - FREE - 60 words or less: -
\$10.00 - 60- 80 words
Non-member/ per 2 issues \$20.00: - 60 words or less

Free member ads will run for two issues only.
One free ad per member at a time.
Submit Ad and payment by 15th of the month.
Website posting included.

Free Stable Listings: include contact info, city and three lines. Ads subject to editing.

Newsletter/Website Editor:

Barbra Reis
barb@midwestdressage.org or 248-670-9031

Check payable to MDA
and send to:

Barbra Reis, 490 Rissman Lane, Ortonville, MI 48462

Email ad to:
blondmane@gmail.com

Horses for Sale or Lease

Ever wish you could raise your own foal? I have a great opportunity to by now, in utero. No worries or expense of getting a mare in foal. The work has been done for you. I have 4 mares available bred to Irish sport horses. A Hanoverian (Main Verben stud book): a Trekahner, warmblood X, and a Thourghbred. LIVE FOAL GUARANTEE. No vet bills until the foal is born. Call for details!!!
Contact Bo'Valie Farm 810-664-0058

Instruction and Training

Your Ad Here!

Tack for Sale

Help Wanted

Your Ad Here!

Stable Listings

Brilliant Reflection Farm
Brian & Barbra Reis
490 Rissman Lane
Ortonville, MI 48462
248-670-9031

blondmane@yahoo.com
www.brilliantreflectionfarm.com
Lessons, Boarding, Rehab for equine, Schooling Shows, Turn-out, Indoor/Outdoor arenas.

High Point Farm
Alison Allen
2394 Noble Road
Oxford, MI
248-410-0684
www.highpointdressage.com
All day turnout and quality feed, stalls cleaned daily
Lesson plans available

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Frankenmuth, MI 48734
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Janelledeisig@yahoo.com
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Far Gone Farm
Allison Gaughan-McNab
9923 Sharon Hollow Road
Manchester, MI 48158
734-276-8967
fgfsporthorses@yahoo.com
Boarding, Lessons Training, Breeding, Sales

Freestyle Farm
Lisa Caloia BHSAI
1730 N. Oxford Rd.
Oxford, MI 48371
248-462-2949
Boarding, Lessons, Clinics
Oversized stalls, large grass pastures, ndoor and outdoor arenas, heated groom room, climate controlled observation room.

Lone Willow Farms
Ingrid Baranski
5781 Hessen Road
Casco, MI 48064
586-306-6275
www.lonewillowfarms.net

Reflection Arabians
Jim & Nancy Lapeer
3332 Lake George Road
Dryden, MI

Sky High Farm
1759 Smith Road
Lapeer, MI. 48446
248-890-2426
jenmaull@yahoo.com
http://skyhighfarm.vpweb.com.
Boarding & Dressage Training

Summerwood
Teah Weyers Bankes
3589 Fenton Road
Hartland, MI 48353
248-887-3819 or 248-408-7842.
Training - GP dressage. Work with pony clubbers.

The Levy Farm
Shawn Ozker Ragsdale
2915 Casey Rd, Metamora, MI 48455
248 318 0725
Training/ Lessons/Clinics, Novice- FEI

Visual Equestrian LLC
Tonya & Carole Grant
5390 Pleasant Hill Drive
Fenton, Michigan 48430
248-219-0410
Dressage training, Sale horses and ponies, Pony program, Clinics ,Trailer in lessons welcome

Will Davis Training Center
@Rattlewood Farms
Oxford, MI
810-287-2011
Boarding, Training, Lessons, Clinics with international trainers, home to MidMichigan Dressage shows

Calendar of Events

August 2016

6-7 - MidMichigan Dressage Schooling Shows at Rattlewood Farms, Oxford, MI. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

6-7 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. All prize lists and entry forms can be found at <http://www.wynfarm.com/showing.html> . 3100 Noble Road Williamston, MI 48895, Contact Person: Ilaria Elli (734-883-4500)

7 - Justamere Equestrian Center schooling shows, Contact Kathy Biondo at 586-489-3020, kathysday@wideopenwest.com, www.justamere.info

14 - Dressage Schooling Show at Rattle Run Farms, 7103 Gratiot Ave, St. Clair, Mi 48079, 810-367-6471, email: rattlerunfarms@gmail.com. All paper work and info is on web site: www.rattlerunfarms.com

14 - Great Lakes Dressage Club Schooling Show at Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH, Sue Hughes, "r" judge. www.greatlakesdressageclub.org & GLDC Facebook for entry form & class list. Contact Vivian Townsend bdtk2s@gmail.com 734.652.0972.

28 - Woodbine Dressage Summer Series, 9976 Liberty Rd. Chelsea, Mi. Intro through Second Level plus Test of Choice and Western Dressage. Three show arenas (2 Large, 1 Small). Champion and Reserve awarded at each show (for each level) and Year End Awards Dinner in October. For more information please go to www.woodbinefarms.com or call 502-314-3411.

28 - Justamere Equestrian Center schooling shows, Contact Kathy Biondo at 586-489-3020, kathysday@wideopenwest.com, www.justamere.info

31 - Inspection at Bo-Val Farm. 810-664-0058

September 2016

3-4 - MidMichigan Dressage Schooling Shows at Rattlewood Farms, Oxford, MI. <http://midmichigandressage.webs.com/>

10-11 - Wyn Farm Dressage Schooling Show. All prize lists and entry forms can be found at <http://www.wynfarm.com/showing.html> . 3100 Noble Road Williamston, MI 48895, Contact Person: Ilaria Elli (734-883-4500)

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15 - GOV and Foal German Oldenbug Inspection at Visual Equestrian, Fenton, MI. For more information contact visualequestrian@gmail.com.

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28 - Will Davis Training Center will be hosting the ISR Oldenburg inspection at Rattlewood Farms, Oxford, MI. Contact Will at 810-287-2011.

October 2016

1 & 2 - MDA Fall Boot Camp. Contact Will at 810-287-2011.

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16 - Justamere Equestrian Center schooling shows, Contact Kathy Biondo at 586-489-3020, kathysday@wideopenwest.com, www.justamere.info

22-23- Musical Freestyle Design Clinic with Karen Robinson of Applause Dressage at Pepper Ridge Equestrian Center, Holly, MI. www.michigandressageclinics.com, www.greatlakesdressageclub.org & GLDC Facebook. Contact Gail Anderson 810.229.2694.

November 2016

20 - MDA Annual Awards Banquet, Addison Oaks County Park, 11:30am - ?

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3. You're not taking advantage of opportunities

Fear, apprehension and anxiety are usually the reasons people don't take advantage of opportunities when they come their way. Maybe you have the chance to do a clinic that will aid in your personal development, but you use the excuse of limited time to not do it. You need to find ways to get around your excuses and start taking up more opportunities even if you don't feel you want to. Opportunities lead to growth and the opening of doors. Nothing changes if you don't put yourself out there.

4. You proceed with procrastination

It's way too easy to get into the trap of thinking and questioning things before you go out and do them. If you spend too much time procrastinating, opportunities will pass by or someone else will achieve what you wanted before you do. Take a chance on yourself, get things done and stop your thoughts from being your hurdle.

5. You let negativity consume you

There is that saying that you become like the five people you spend most time with so choose carefully. This is so true, particularly when you are trying to make a go at something and live out a dream. Negative people have the power to squash your dream. They don't seek the best out of life, instead drain others with their negativity. Don't let negativity hold you back, cut it out of your life and put the focus back on yourself and your goals. Start to find people who inspire you and surround yourself with them. Get lessons from people you admire, offer to help those you can learn from and start creating a supportive environment for you to grow from.

6. You're not investing in yourself

When you set out to conquer a dream or follow your passion, it is often hard to invest in yourself. And I'm not just talking making a financial commitment to getting your goals off and running, but also time and belief. In order to be successful you need to invest in yourself and your dreams on an emotional level. You do deserve to be successful and to live the life you have always wanted. You deserve to shine and become the dressage athlete you desire to be. Start believing it. If you don't who else will.

Success doesn't come overnight, but if you eliminate these 6 habits that are blocking you from success you will be one step closer to making it. I would love to hear from you; have you any habits that have gotten in your way of conquering your dreams?



Midwest Dressage Association

Membership application

December 1, 2015—November 30, 2016

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

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Farm/Business Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Rider Status: Open Adult Amateur Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2015*)

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.

Family Memberships: *Only the primary member will receive monthly newsletters and yearly directories.*

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Rider Status: Open Adult Amateur Junior/Young Rider (*Must be under 21 as of 12/1/2015*)

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

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

Member these services apply to: _____

I **DO NOT** want my information printed in the MDA Directory

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For Questions, please contact: Julie Fleming

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