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SMDA Newsletter

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SMDA
Application for Membership
2017 Season
Due by November 1, 2016

You can submit your
membership online
at our website:
www.mainedressage.com

What you get as a SMDA member

- Free subscription to The Horse's Maine & New Hampshire.
- SMDA Equine Edition Directory (available for late joiners only as supplies last).
- Automatic membership to USDF.
- Quarterly USDF Connection magazine and SMDA newsletters.
- Information on shows and clinics in the SMDA area.
- Possibility to earn awards for show performance within SMDA.

Select a membership type:

- ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal (USDF # required)
☐ Individual (\$40) ☐ Junior (\$38) ☐ Family (\$45)

Note: A family membership qualifies one person for a group membership in USDF.

USDF Rule: All add'l family members must pay an additional \$10 to receive Supporting Family Member status. Birth date required for JR members for USDF and year-end awards. USDF number required, unless you are a new member.

Primary Member Name (automatic USDF membership): _____
USDF # (required) _____ **Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____

Add'l Family Member _____
Requires an additional USDF membership fee of \$10.00
USDF # (required) _____ **Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____

Street Address _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____
Phone # _____
Email _____

I would like to volunteer as (select all that apply):

- ☐ Show Secretary ☐ Show Manager/Co-Manager ☐ Ring Steward ☐ Scribe ☐ Scorer
☐ Announcer ☐ Banquet Committee ☐ Show Set-Up ☐ Runner ☐ Other

Category of Membership and Payment (membership year begins December 1 and expires November 30)

1. SMDA dues (includes USDF dues)
Individual (\$40) Junior (\$38) Family (\$45) \$ _____
2. Membership sent in after Dec. 31, 2016 – include a \$10 late fee
(Note: late fee does not apply to first-time members of SMDA) \$ _____
3. Additional USDF supporting memberships (families only) # _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____
4. Additional Show Directory # _____ @ \$10.00 each = \$ _____
- Total** \$ _____

Please send completed application and check made out to SMDA to:
Lorna Carter, 4 Gardner's Crossing, York ME 03909
OR
Submit online via our website www.mainedressage.com



SMDA News and Updates

2017 Membership Drive

Every year it comes so early, but we need to start our 2017 membership campaign. A membership renewal form is enclosed—please complete the form and mail to our Treasurer, Lorna Carter. Or, you can renew online or download the form at www.mainedressage.com.

We are required to get our roster to USDF by November 30, so please submit your membership form as soon as possible!

SMDA Elections

SMDA Officers and the Board of Directors serve a two-year term, which is coming to a close at the end of this year. In the past, we have mailed ballots to all our members—with typically only a handful returned. This year, our Nominating Committee will recruit new Officers and Board Members over the next couple of months. Once the new team is selected, we'll communicate the new Board to the membership via email and Facebook. A vote via show of hands at the Annual Meeting/Banquet will make it official.

Please consider joining the SMDA Board for a term. We are a working Board, and pretty friendly group! For more information, please contact Robyn Cuffey or Elena Raymond.

Where do I find my USDF Number? Both the hard copy form and online renewal ask for your USDF number (unless you are a first-time member). Don't have your USDF membership card? It's easy to find your number on-line. Go to <http://www.usdf.org/card/> and enter your name!

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Some Like it Hot - 2016 SMDA Show Season!

Show season is in full swing. We've had two schooling shows in May and August, and our USDF/USEF Recognized Show in July. There have also been a number of SMDA-affiliated shows this year.

USDF/USEF Recognized Show

Our Recognized Show was a big success, drawing riders from all parts of the state and some from New Hampshire. We had a full range of rides from Training Level through FEI. The show schedule included several Prix St. Georges rides, and it was a treat to watch Laura Noyes and Galveston compete at Grand Prix – something we don't see at the Hollis Equestrian Park very often!

Our judge, Charlotte Trentelman, came up from Florida, and we were lucky to get the same Technical Delegate (TD) as last year, Gail Majuckas. The TD's role is very important, as she ensures USDF/USEF rules are understood and followed, and keeps an eye on the horses with regards to their safety and concern for their treatment.

This was our second Recognized Show, and things were definitely easier this year. The SMDA Board of Directors has recently voted to include a USDF/USEF Recognized Show in our schedule again next year. The date must be approved by USEF, but we are targeting the same weekend in mid-July. We hope that a schedule of three Schooling Shows and one USDF/USEF Recognized Show is the right mix for our membership and the Maine dressage community.

We owe a special Thank You to our show Manager Robyn Cuffey, and Show Secretaries Elena Raymond and Polly Shields. Without their hard work and dedication, this special event could not have occurred. A round of applause, please!



More photos from the July Recognized Show



Member Profile - Meet Elizabeth Sanborn!

Elizabeth Sanborn doesn't remember a time when she didn't have horses in her life. She has been an SMDA member for more than a decade, first showing her Morgan mare Joydale Sparklerslas and then her three Standardbred mares: Dreamy Starlet, Revenue Stream, and Snap Dancer. She jokingly says, "I guess I have found a knack for bringing previously unriden Standardbred mares along in the lower levels!" Dreamy was fifteen when Elizabeth started her under saddle for the first time. Elizabeth brought her along through First level, even riding a test sidesaddle! They were undefeated at Prix Caprilli the year SMDA offered it. The pair also competed through Beginner Novice eventing and "A" rated hunter shows and were post parade marshals at three Maine racetracks. Elizabeth is very proud to have represented the Standardbred breed by participating in four breed demonstrations with Dreamy at World Equestrian Games at the Kentucky Horse Park in October 2010.

Her new mare Snap Dancer, known as Snappy, was a very successful trotter, most notably winning the prestigious 2007 Joseph Ricci Memorial Trot. Snappy helped Elizabeth earn her USTA Racing Under Saddle license, which is how they met! After putting her under saddle with only the intent to race her, over a year later when it was time for Snappy to retire from racing, her owner gave her to Elizabeth. This is her first year showing and so far has done quite well adjusting to her new career. To support her horsey habit, Elizabeth is the gifted and talented teacher in the Sacopee Valley School district. She lives on a farm in Hiram with her husband Jason, two sons Clarence (12 years old) and Jared (11 months old), Dreamy and Snappy, two oxen, and two cats.



Schooling Shows

Our two Schooling Shows to date have also been a success. The May show was full with a short wait list, and the August 21 show did not quite fill, which was a surprise. It just goes to show that even with the most careful planning, everything related to horses is unpredictable! Things went well, however, and our judge Laura Mitchell helped each rider with positive and encouraging feedback.

Our last schooling show of the year is September 18. During lunch we will have a vaulting demonstration by the Carlisle Academy vaulting team. For those of us who need a three-step mounting block to get on our horses, this will be fun to watch!



The Carlisle Team performed at World of Horses at Cumberland Fair last year

Equestrian Vaulting is described as a combination of dance and gymnastics on the back of a moving horse. A vaulting horse is lunged on a 15-meter circle and the vaulters learn to mount and dismount while the horse continues moving. Vaulting horses must be proficient at lunging, have a level-headed demeanor, and be agreeable with one or more individuals moving about on their body from head to tail. A broad back and comfortable, steady gaits are also desirable characteristics!

individually, based on form, balance, and lift. Freestyle competition tests the vaulter's ability to create an artistic routine to music. Freestyles can be done individually or by a team. Vaulting practice always consists stretching, physical exercise, and work on the vaulting barrel first to develop skill and expertise prior to using the horse.

Vaulting competitions consist of Compulsories and Freestyle at the walk, trot, or canter. Compulsories are a set of positions, performed



2017 Show Season

We're busy making plans for 2017. We will have three schooling shows plus the USDF/USEF Recognized Show. The show dates are not confirmed, but we plan to keep the dates similar to this year (May, July, August, and September). Once we clear the dates with USEF and Hollis Equestrian Park, we will post them on Facebook and our website.

Once again, we're sending out a plea for volunteers. We need Show Secretaries and Show Managers for the May, August, and September shows. If you've enjoyed participating in SMDA's shows, please consider giving back to the club and taking a turn with these important jobs.

What does the Show Secretary do? The best part about the Show Secretary job is that all your work is done in advance and you can still ride in the show! SMDA uses Fox Village Dressage show software with the club laptop and printer. The Secretary is responsible for checking the entry forms, and entering the rider and horse information into the computer program in order to generate the show schedule. It's a fairly straightforward job, but you do need to be comfortable using a computer.

What does the Show Manager do? The Show Manager organizes things for show day. With help from SMDA, the Show Manager lines-up volunteers to staff the various jobs, makes arrangements for lunch, communicates with the judge, organizes ring set-up, and in general makes sure things go smoothly. The best part about being Show Manager is that you get to watch the rides, and visit with people at the show!

These are important jobs with a lot of responsibility – but SMDA works with you to provide support and answer questions, so even if you've never done this kind of job before please consider taking a turn and helping out!



The SMDA newsletter committee welcomes your input! Please share newsworthy events, including new horses, achievements, and life passages. We'd love to hear from you!

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President's Corner

Surprise! It's a real newsletter, printed on paper. As we were mailing out copies of the 2017 SMDA Membership form, we thought we'd take the opportunity to try a hard copy mailing of the newsletter instead of the email edition. Let us know how you like it!

I've been out to the shows a lot this year, and have once again been impressed with the friendliness and support shown in the State of Maine Dressage community. I see a lot of smiles, competitors cheering each other on, and hear encouraging words for those who are dealing with a challenge.

We're so fortunate to have such a great group of people who share the dressage journey, and who understand the power of a smile or small act of kindness. The ribbons and medals are pretty nice, too!

Susan

