



Southern Maine Dressage Association!

Dear Friends,

We are starting our 2009 membership campaign. We're hoping to increase our club membership and offer more activities and social events in addition to the Schooling Shows. We'd love to get more people involved and make SMDA a fun and educational organization with lots of activities!

Even if you don't show, there are many benefits to joining / re-joining SMDA:

- Subscription to The Horse's Maine newspaper – full of great articles and news about the Maine Horse scene!
- Group Membership with USDF
- Subscription to the monthly USDF Connection magazine (lots of great articles!)
- MDS and SMDA newsletter
- Invitations to clinics and other SMDA activities.

Membership Instructions

Our 2009 Membership form is enclosed. Please mail your completed membership form to Bev Dudley (address is on the form) by October 1st. This will ensure that we get our club membership information to MDS and USDF . . . and that you continue to get The Horse's Maine and USDF Connections magazine subscriptions and the Ominbus on time!

October Show

Don't forget we are having our second annual "Ride-Re-ride" show on October 19, 2008 at the Hollis Equestrian Park. Everyone had so much fun last year that we decided to do it again. Test scores from the first ride (not the "re-ride") will count towards SMDA year-end awards. And don't forget the Halloween Costume Class!

Hollis Equestrian Park Warm-up Ring

Has everyone noticed that the warm-up ring at the Hollis Equestrian Park has been completely renovated? The footing is now fabulous, and we are hugely grateful to the HEP organization for their efforts to make the warm-up ring safe and sound for all users!

DeBree Portrait Raffle

As a fundraiser, we are selling raffle tickets for a custom portrait from DeBree Portraits. Win a complete, on location photo session and 16 x 20 wall portrait of your horse (\$400 value)! Grand prize drawing to be held at the SMDA year-end banquet. Raffle tickets will be on sale at our September and October shows, or contact Beth Pauls at 878-5794 or 651-6139. Tickets are 1 for \$5; or 3 for \$10.

Year End Awards - Rider Report Forms

To all those hoping to qualify for SMDA year end awards, the requirements are as follows: You must send a rider's score sheet to verify scores. You must have ridden at least 3 times in each individual test. You must have ridden these tests at a SMDA sponsored or affiliated shows. And, you must have an average score of at least 55%. A copy of SMDA's rider report form is attached – please submit to Robyn Cuffey (address on the form)

SMDA Banquet

Speaking of year end awards, we are planning on holding the SMDA Banquet in January (date has not been decided). We'll send out an announcement when the date and location have been set. Contact any of the SMDA Board members if you have any questions or if you're interested in helping with the Banquet.

Sincerely, SMDA Board of Directors