

President's Posting  
March 2009

Spring is getting closer, even though we cannot smell it yet or see it in the fields or on the trees. I found that my heart leapt while typing the first Schooling show's opening date into this newsletter! Show season is quickly approaching with its flurry of horsey endeavors to put an end to the winter doldrums and feed the equestrian's soul. In this issue, you will find plenty of opportunities for you and your mount to acquire more skill, knowledge and abilities. MDA is again sponsoring a clinic with the author of 'Pilates for Dressage Riders', Janice Dulak. The feedback from last year's participants of both the unmounted and mounted portions was nothing but positive. Most of the attendees that reported back to me said that what they learned at the clinic was a significant defining experience in their riding. There was one lesson in particular that lit a 'light bulb' in my understanding of riding. I learned how unstable I truly am when I ride and how that affects my horse. The horse is constantly forced to balance itself with a rider. Every time the rider goes off-center with any part of his/her body, the effects are felt by the horse. The concepts you will learn in this clinic will take loose body parts and ground them in the core of your body. Through this clinic I came to a place of oneness with my horse's body. I was fused with his spine in a way that he could carry me without hindrance, and I could influence him with the most subtle of movements. In the weeks that followed the clinic, my horse displayed tranquility, relaxation and stability as I rode with this new awareness of my core. This clinic is about teaching you to be a centered dressage rider; it is not about training your horse. Therefore, any level of horse can be ridden in this clinic. MDA is not making money on this clinic-in fact we are putting out around a \$1000.00 dollars towards the cost of this clinic. Members who have volunteered since April 2008 will receive the best rates. The rest of the membership will receive a smaller discount. The value of mounted participation would normally run \$120.00, but now you and your mount may participate for as little as \$80.00. I hope you can take advantage of this opportunity. Please see page 6 for more info.

Half Halt, Transition

If you plan to join MDA in order to gain membership into USDF and show at USDF Licensed shows, please understand that it takes at least six weeks for your membership to process through USDF. In other words, join MDA now so that you can gain entry into our USDF shows.

There are several clinic opportunities mentioned in this Newsletter. If you are hosting an educational event that would be of interest to MDA members, please contact me at philjill@juno.com.

At the March Board Meeting we will show an important DVD to the Dressage world at large- 'If Horses Could Speak'. I promise that within ten minutes you will find yourself on the edge of your seat, straining to take in every detail. You won't want to miss this DVD. For more info on the DVD go to <http://www.equibooks.com/heuschmann.html>. Thank you and happy productive rides to one and all! Jill Blackburn

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# CLUB NEWS



## CALENDER

### March

10-MDA Board meeting and DVD "*If Horses could Speak*" 7:30 PM Centre United Meth. Church, 2409 Rocks Rd Forest Hill Md 21050

14- USDF Region 1 Clinic, Scot Hassler's Farm, Chesapeake City, MD. The clinic will feature demonstration riders with a focus on training the Adult Amateur rider. For more information on the clinic, visit [www.hasslerdressage.com](http://www.hasslerdressage.com) or contact Jann Clarke, Phone / 410-885-3824, Fax / 410-885-3823 or email: [jann@hasslerdressage.com](mailto:jann@hasslerdressage.com).

15-USDF Region 1 Spring Meeting, Scot Hassler's, Chesapeake City, MD. The meeting is from 9 AM to 3 PM and is open to all Region 1 GMO members. The cost is \$15, which includes a delicious lunch and breakfast snacks. Pre-registration is required. Send checks payable to USDF Region 1 to: Alison Head, 38595 Purple Martin Lane, Hamilton, VA 20158 no later than the Monday before the meeting. (See page 7)

28-29 George Williams Clinic in Jennersville PA. Audit \$10.00 includes lunch, bring your own chair. There may be openings for riders. George only teaches semi private. Cost is \$250.00 for two sections. For more info contact Gert at [justaplainfarmpa@gmail.com](mailto:justaplainfarmpa@gmail.com)

### April

11-Clinic and Lecture with Jean Paul Pare & Lita Hughes, The Clinic will be held at Cedar Crest Farms Indoor Arena 2600 Garrett Road White Hall, MD 21161 April 11. Starting at 8:30 Auditors are \$20 – Please bring a chair. Riding/ Schooling is \$55 with Lita Hughes \$85 with Jean Paul Pare' Open date for registration is March 1, 2009 For more info and registration forms contact Melanie Adams at 443-220-6058 or [Madams8550@aol.com](mailto:Madams8550@aol.com) (See page 7)

14th MDA Board Meeting 7:30 PM Centre United Meth. Church, 2409 Rocks Rd Forest Hill Md 21050

24, 25, 26- MDA sponsored clinic with Janice Dulak (See page 6)

**MDA Show Opening Dates and volunteer contact info.** Please refer to your 2009 MDA Omnibus for more information. MDA's Omnibus is mailed when you send in your membership.

### March

18-Petticoats Advance Opens–Organizer Kim Cornwell [jkcornwell@hotmail.com](mailto:jkcornwell@hotmail.com) (show date May 2)

25-Olney Farms Opens (*NOTE: We Are holding TWO shows at Olney this year!!*) Organizer - Ann Lyons [thelyonsfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:thelyonsfarm@hotmail.com) (Show date May 16th)

### April

1- Ships Quarters Opens– Organizer [amm024@mcdaniel.edu](mailto:amm024@mcdaniel.edu) (show date May 23)



Dressage Tests. <http://www.dressage.net.au/natestdia.html#traintests> Thumbs up on this site. Each test shows diagrams of every movement and offers the test written for callers.

**OMNIBUS CORRECTION— The class numbers are not numbered correctly starting with 2 Level. Yes, we know how to number items, Word did this when our backs were turned.**

**NEWSLINE** *We are looking for your creativity! This year we awarded \$10.00 gift certificate to Dover tack.* Members are welcome to submit articles to be published in MDA's Newsline. Electronic submission is preferred. MDA offers writing awards in numerous categories. All submissions for the Newsline and or MDA's web site will automatically be judged for awards. You can learn more about MDA's writing awards by referring to your MDA Omnibus. Please send submissions to [philjill@juno.com](mailto:philjill@juno.com) or by mailing to the address on the back of the NEWSLINE. The NEWSLINE reserves the right to reject or edit material.

*"This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and its members are automatically USDF Group*

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH A VETERINARIAN**

By Dr. Carol Bossone DVM

### The Veterinary Law, Veterinarians and Your Horse

Perhaps you have read the past several articles in the Equiery on what started as a commentary on a massage therapist challenging the Maryland State Boards of Chiropractic Examiners and the Veterinary Medicine Examiners. This challenge has resulted in numerous letters to the magazine with opinions from equine dentists, lay practitioners, and technicians. Although I also have my own opinion on these issues, I do find it interesting to read these articles and see the different viewpoints expressed. One thing is certain, everyone is sincerely interested in the well being of the horses and in doing the “right” thing (and hopefully earning an income from it).

I would like to share with you my perspective having been in several different areas of expertise throughout my career. I grew up (and my parents still live there) about 5 miles from Devon, PA (so you can imagine what I was doing in my younger years). I quickly became an avid rider, and enjoyed everything from hunters/jumpers, eventing and dressage. I taught camps, beginners/intermediates and took several clinics with many of the top riders of the time when I could. I also learned from excellent barn managers, farriers and breeding stables on husbandry, farrier work, and training methods. I became skilled at recognizing sick horses and always wanted to learn from the visiting vets that attended to the owners’ horses or help in the care of premature /sick foals. Back then, if someone asked my opinion on these current issues, I would have given you a different perspective. I found there was something missing in my learning that eventually got me to veterinary school. I had come only so far as a rider, trainer and/or barn manager and needed to know more.

Veterinary training gave me a different perspective that was overwhelming at first and although I learned a tremendous amount in the 4 years of veterinary school I still feel there is so much more to learn (which probably then led me to board certification and later, a PhD ). I can’t think of a career more fulfilling to me as I interact with other professionals in my “horse” hobby. Veterinary school is rigorous, comprehensive and is regulated by strict national standards (final exams, practicals, boards etc). The veterinary laws are made for the benefit of the owners to ensure they are getting the qualified care they should be when it comes to the medical care of their pet. Just as you would entrust your own medical care to a licensed physician you should do the same for your companion pet. I consider the other professionals as part of my team and I would not expect nor would I trust someone who may attempt to “diagnose” a problem without the proper comprehensive training. I would like to give you one example to consider that may help you realize the impact of a potentially harmful action and then present you my final thoughts. Your horse has gradually become “stiff in the back” as you work through your dressage training. You suspect a sore back from his increase in training and know of a good equine massage therapist and call them to look at your horse. The therapist works well with your horse and tells you it is a sore back and believes the saddle may be the problem and recommends a different saddle. You go ahead and purchase a new saddle and maybe even your horse improves a bit but over the next 2-4 weeks you don’t see any significant difference. What is wrong with this scenario and what could potentially happen? First, the therapist should not have given you a diagnosis of sore back and a potential solution without exploring all possibilities/causes or “differentials” for the clinical sign “sore back”. There are many other causes of “sore back”. Examples include stifle or hock problems, trauma (a fall in the pasture?), or maybe even (and more serious) beginning neurological problems (e.g. EPM). Your therapist does not have the skills, knowledge of disease states or diagnostic tools to discern whether it is one of these conditions and by delaying the identification of proper treatment you may be jeopardizing your horse’s health and future soundness. In this case I would have opted to call a veterinarian first, find out what is wrong and then if it truly is a “sore back” ask your veterinarian if massage therapy (or any other therapy) would be beneficial. In most cases your veterinarian would welcome the support of these other professions.

In conclusion, much like our human counterparts (e.g. physical therapists) these other professionals are skilled in their fields and could and many times should be used in conjunction with proper diagnosis and therapy. I think it is valuable to have these professions to compliment a successful recovery of your horse, but it is your responsibility to ensure you make your decisions wisely based on sound medical advice to determine a proper course of action. Have a safe and happy March, Spring will be here soon.

## Toxic Trees and Plants:

By Debra English

Do you know which annual, perennial, or invasives are TOXIC to your horse?

Weeds, annual and perennial, are harmful to our pastures for many reasons. First of all some contain toxic compounds that can harm our livestock, secondly they suffocate our beneficial pasture plant growth. Many of us have small farmettes and lush abundant pastures just don't exist, and generally have more horses than sustainable pastures.

In a perfect world we would not need to supplement hay and grains in our horses' diets as horses have evolved to extract their necessary nutrition from grasses alone. If this were the case, it would cut down our feeding costs by a land slide! However we must supplement our horses' diets with hay and grains to keep them fit and healthy because of poor pasture quality. "The horses gut functions best with small amounts of feed moving through it regularly, keeping it somewhat full. This is best accomplished by trying to maximize the amount of forage being fed in the diet and minimize the amount of grain while still meeting the horses' requirements." [www.das.psu.edu/news/fall-dangers-and-your-horse](http://www.das.psu.edu/news/fall-dangers-and-your-horse).; and of course plenty of fresh clean water! When our pastures decline in quality and acceptable plant growth, many horses if not fed a supplemental diet such as hays and grains, would turn to these toxic plants species they may normally avoid as a potential source of food.

We will start with TOXIC TREES.

**Red Maple (Acer Rubrum):** This species of trees is most toxic during late summer and fall when the leaves fall and infect your pastures. These leaves are HIGHLY toxic to horses; ingestion of 1.5lbs of these leaves is toxic and over 3 lbs or more is FATAL. Make sure when buying hay your hay is clean and free of these toxic leaves. Symptoms: difficulty breathing, jaundice, increased respiratory and heart rate, dark colored urine.

**Black Walnut (Juglans Nigra):** These trees are most toxic in the form of sawdust. When found in our pastures they generally grow alone as they produce a toxin in the ground which doesn't allow growth of much underbrush or other trees. Shavings with less than 20% Black Walnut can be toxic; however, if caught within 24 hours of exposure is generally not toxic. Symptoms: Increased temp and heart rate; heavy increased gut sounds; difficulty breathing.

**Choke Cherry (Prunus species):** All parts of the Choke Cherry are toxic to include leaves, twigs, bark and the pit. The main issue is the Cyanide released--only a ¼ lb of leaves per 100lb/horse is usually fatal. This tree is a common cause of acute death for pastured animals. Symptoms: weakness, convulsions, anxiety and elevated breathing.

**Oak (Quercus Species):** Horses should not have access to the branches or acorns of the Oak tree. All branches in reach of horses should be trimmed and any pastured Oaks should **not** be cut down, but horses should be fenced away from the tree's wilted leaves, their dropping (acorns) and access to the branches.

A poison called PRUSSIC ACID can be produced by many types of plants under certain growing conditions (drought and wet conditions) to include the Black Cheery, Pin Cheery and the Choke Cherry as well as grasses in the sorghums family, most toxic being Johnsongrass.

Other toxic grasses and plants are: Horsetail and fern; **Butter Cup**; Milkweed; Hemlock; Tall Fescue; Sudan grass; Alsike Clover; Sensitive Fern; Elderberry, Poison Oak, Ivy and Sumac; Arrow Grass. For a complete list of plant species visit: [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu) Hemp Dogbane and Milkweed are still toxic when dried, so beware of the hay contents and quality and have it tested if you suspect toxic plants. The local extension office can also offer a wealth of knowledge for pasture management!

The list of toxic plants can put you to sleep reading it, the list is so long! It's important to know what you are growing, and your horse's welfare depends on it. Most horses when turned out will stick to the palatable non-toxic plants, so poisoning is not a common problem. I hope this will provide you with some tools to improve your pasture and your equine's diet. Remember this spring when introducing new pastures with fresh spring grass to do it gradually. Any drastic change in their diet can cause colic, laminitis, and or founder. Good luck, Debra English

I will be following up on this article with pasture maintenance practices!

Sources: [www.helium.com](http://www.helium.com) <http://horses.about.com> [www.ansci.cornell.edu](http://www.ansci.cornell.edu) [www.rangeandpasture.com](http://www.rangeandpasture.com)  
[www.das.psu.edu](http://www.das.psu.edu)

Hot Bargain Stores  
By Scott and Linda Nickel

For those of you who don't know us, let me come right out and tell you that we're "thrifty"! Paying full price is simply NOT allowed, but neither is sacrificing quality. Here are some of our favorite bargain spots. Hopefully, you'll find some bargains!

#### Bartville Harness

Have you admired that "finer" tack marketed by the eventing tack shop in Oxford, PA? These are the Amishmen who make it! Prices run just about half of the price of the "name brand". Repairs are also quite reasonable (they ship via UPS), and they'll re-rubber those reins that used to be your favorites (until they got so smooth!). DIRECTIONS: North on Rt. 1, across the Conowingo Dam. Stay on Rt. 1, where it becomes a divided highway. Take the second exit - Rt. 472, for Oxford. At the end of the exit ramp, turn Left (North). Go about 7.5 miles, through a little "town" (if you use your imagination!), and turn Right on Noble Rd. Noble Rd. merges in with Bartville Rd. for a while. After about 2.5 miles, you'll come to a 5-way intersection – you do NOT stop. Turn left, onto Noble Rd., Bartville Tack is on the corner where Noble Rd. makes a sharp left and Mt. Pleasant Rd. is straight ahead; turn left into the parking lot. By all means, tell them Linda Nickel sent you!! They appreciate donations of clean, used, plastic bags, too (like you get from Walmart or the grocery store). 1243 Noble Rd. Christiana, PA 17509 (717)529-6992 – leave a message Hours: M, T, Th, 7 – 5 Wed, Sat, 7 – 4 Fri, 7 – 7

#### The Outback Company Store

This is the home of those great waxed cotton dusters (and short jackets), along with all kinds of outdoor wear. Waxed chaps, down coats and vests, microfiber jackets, Outback hats – they have it all. The best part is the prices – many are samples, or discontinued items!! I've seen barn jackets for as low as \$15. DIRECTIONS: North on Rt. 1, across the Conowingo Dam. Stay on Rt. 1, where it becomes a divided highway. The second exit is Rt. 472, for Oxford. At the end of the exit ramp, turn Right (South). Follow that into the square, at the traffic light. Merge right onto the main street, and you'll see The Outback Store on your left, with metered parking in front (.25 for an hour). You'll have to go on down to make a u-turn, though, to come back to park. 29 South Third St. Oxford, PA 19363 800-316-6551 610-932-5008 [www.outbackoutlet.com](http://www.outbackoutlet.com)

#### Dansko Outlet

This one is also really an outlet, although they have a fancy new showroom. The selection is always different, but you can try on all of the rights and all of the lefts to find the best pair for you (all are hand made, so are slightly different). They even carry the Professional clogs in NARROW!!! I haven't priced these in regular stores, but the last time I was there, the Professional were running around \$65. You'll see many styles that you won't see anywhere else. DIRECTIONS: head North on Rt. 1, across the Conowingo Dam. Stay on Rt. 1, where it becomes a divided highway. Go to the Rt. 796, Jennersville exit; at the end of the exit ramp, turn Right (South). Go to the first traffic light (Baltimore Pike), Red Rose Inn on the corner, and turn Right. Look for the McDonald's on the left; at that traffic light, turn Right onto Commerce Dr. (into a business park). There are signs to the outlet, on your Right, in the back of the park. 8 Federal Road, West Grove, PA 19390 (610) 869-5765 [www.danskooutlet.com](http://www.danskooutlet.com)

#### Wahl Clippers

This is my new favorite company! I've known for years that you can send your ProSeries Rechargeable Clippers back to them and, for \$15, they'll give you new batteries and sharpen your blades. Great deal! I've just found out, though, that they have a trade-in policy. Send them ANY pair of old clippers, working or not, Wahl or not, clean or not – and they'll give you 40% off of retail (plus free shipping) on any new pair! For example, a major BIG tack store now has the Wahl Chromado clippers on sale for \$129.90. Retail is \$149.95 on these, so the trade-in price is \$89.97. Just package your trade-ins, enclose a note detailing what you'd like and your address, along with a check, money order, or credit card info (or a number where they can call and get credit card info), and send them to the address above. My experience with the resharpen/new battery deal is that they are very quick. 3001 N. Locust St. Sterling, IL 61081 800-PRO-WAHL [www.wahl.com](http://www.wahl.com)

## Dressage/Pilates Clinic with Janice Dulak

April 24, 25, & 26

Location: Pending, you will be notified via e-mail.

Friday Evening: 6 PM—9:00PM Lecture and Unmounted mat work for those attending this clinic for the first time. **Please bring your own Mat**

Day Two: Saturday

9:00 - 12:00 Pilates Unmounted mat work Bring your own mat.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch BRING YOUR Own lunch and Mat.

1:00 - 5:00 Pilates in the Saddle (five 45 minute sessions, 3 riders per session)

Day 3: Sunday

9:30 - 11:30 Pilates Unmounted mat work Please bring your own lunch and Mat

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch Bring your own Lunch

1:00 - 5:00 Pilates in the Saddle (five 45 minute sessions, 3 riders per session)

UNMOUNTED—Participate in Pilates Ground Work & Audit mounted sessions. \$20.00 for members who have volunteered and \$30.00 for None members--or members who have not volunteered in this calendar year. — Please bring your own Mat and Lunch.

Mounted --The is a two day clinic. A rider must take day one to participate in day two.

For the whole clinic--Members who have volunteered in the calendar year, \$80.00.

For Members who have not volunteered--\$100.00.

For non MDA members \$120.00.

Pilates for Dressage

Phase 1—Pilates Ground Work —Introduces the Powerhouse and “wrap” of the Pilates method, which will directly relate to posture and position/seat on the horse. Specifically chosen Pilates mat exercises will be worked on to find the “in and up” of the stomach, the “squeeze and scoop” of the bottom and the “wrap” of the legs. The articulation of the spine required of many Pilates exercises will introduce the rider to the “feel” for the horse’s ability to lengthen and collect the spine with engagement. Emphasis is on the basic concepts and exercises of Pilates and how they will be relative to riding dressage.

Phase 1A— Pilates in the Saddle— Pilates in the Saddle explores using the exercises and body control taught in Phase 1 to inform and correct posture and position/seat while mounted. The use of the “stomach in and up” will teach riders how to use the Pilates musculature for half-halts, stopping and eventually, backing a horse. The use of the “squeeze and scoop” combined with “wrap” of the leg will inform the rider how to use their seat effectively for proper dressage position, opening the hip angle to create a longer leg and deeper seat, as well as upward transitions. Work will be done mostly at the walk and trot. Participants must enroll in Phase 1 to be eligible to enroll in Phase 1A.

Phase 2— Pilates Ground Work Reviews and deepens the work of Phase 1 for further consideration in posting and sitting trot. This session introduces more Pilates exercises, which involve bending and twisting to begin the concept of stabilizing the core and seat while using the upper body for circling and turning. Participants must have completed Phase 1 to enroll in this session.

Phase 2A —Pilates in the Saddle —This session continues Phase 1A with exploration both at the walk and at the trot. The rising and sitting trot will be addressed in relation to the use of the “wrap” of the leg to keep the hip angle open during trot work and the use of the “scoop” for deepening the seat for sitting trot. This phase begins exploring the use of the musculature learned in Pilates Ground Work 2 to stabilize the core and seat while using the upper body. Participants must have completed Phase 1 and 1A and Phase 2 to be eligible to enroll in Phase 2A.

Janice’s web site is [www.pilatesfordressage.com](http://www.pilatesfordressage.com)

Opening date: NOW— Closing date April 11. To receive Registration Forms please e-mail Marie at [hotrod@mail4me.com](mailto:hotrod@mail4me.com) Please mail registrations forms and money to Marie Burns 221 Sycamore Trail, Delta, PA 17314, [hotrod@mail4me.com](mailto:hotrod@mail4me.com)

Clinic and Lecture with Jean Paul Pare & Lita Hughes  
April 11, Saturday

Filling in Nature's Holes Clinic  
By Lita Hughes

The clinic starts with a 2 hour lecture demo that is aimed to help everyone understand how we can use what nature has provided in our individual horses... and how to work to improve what individual horses need. There are 3 demos this year...

Demo 1 I want to get my horse on his haunches!!

The video tapes make it look so easy but don't show you the in-hand progression towards piaffe. The problems that come naturally are both because of the different horse minds and body types. We will show you different levels of in-hand work, different body types, how horses minds match their muscle types (quick twitch muscles vs. slow twitch muscles) and natural progression and problems. There will be plenty of discussion! You can help develop much better hind end loading with a little patience!

Demo 2 Riding from your core

What is right and left rider? And how does my core affect my horse? This demo is aimed to help you ride with more core and less hands. It will explain how rider position can get more lift, better overall balance, and a much calmer, clearer communication between horse and rider. Demo horses may be very novice and still give a clear picture of results! You are welcome to bring your exercise ball to feel the positions right at that moment.

Demo 3. How to share a safe and educational lunging lesson.

Demo includes safe ways to use side reins for lunging and a progression of exercises to help develop balance, core proprioception and strength. Work on the lunge is good for all disciplines!

8:30 work your horse in hand towards piaffe

9:30 Connect to your core

10:30 Give a safe lunging lesson

Jean Paul's lessons start at 11 Lita's lessons start at 12

Location: Cedar Crest Farms Indoor Arena 2600 Garrett Road White Hall, MD 21161

Auditors are \$20 – Please bring a chair.

Riding/ Schooling is \$55 with Lita Hughes \$85 with Jean Paul Pare'

Open date for registration is March 1, 2009

For more info and registration forms contact Melanie Adams at 443-220-6058 or Madams8550@aol.com

**Calling All Adult Riders!**  
**USDF Adult team Competition!**

By Jackie Caldwell

MDA is looking for riders interested in forming a team to go to the USDF Adult Team Competition. This year it is being held on August 1 and 2, 2009 at the Commonwealth Park in Culpepper, Virginia. Competitors must be at least 22 years of age by 1/1/09. They can be professional or amateur status. Teams may enter at Intro through FEI levels. The costs is \$400 per team of 3-4 riders, stabling fee is \$95 for the weekend. Saturday schedule is team competition. Teams will be pinned through 6<sup>th</sup> place with an overall Team Champion named. Saturday evening is a competitors' party at HITS Culpepper with cost of \$20/person. Sunday is Individual Championship with the top 6 riders at each team level facing off for individual awards and Freestyle Championship. Official Website: [www.BGLongaker.com/2009ATeam.htm](http://www.BGLongaker.com/2009ATeam.htm). Final class list will be available April 22, 2009. Opening date is May 15 and closing date is July 8, 2009. All entries must be received by the closing date with a current coggins test valid through August 2, 2009. All interested parties, contact Jackie Caldwell 443-802-1765.

## Maryland Dressage Association Show Schedule for 2009

Saturday, May 2, 2009: (Open) Petticoats Advance Schooling Show

Saturday May 16, 2009: (Open) Olney Farm Schooling Show Joppa, MD

Sunday, May 23, 2009: (Open) Ships Quarters Schooling Show, Westminster, MD.

Sunday, June 7, 2009: (Open) Olney Farm Schooling Show Joppa, MD

Saturday & Sunday, June 20-21, 2009 Heavenly Waters Equestrian Center, Bel Air, MD. (USEF/USDF Licensed Show)

Saturday, July 11, 2009: New Covert Farm Schooling Show, White Hall, MD.

Sunday, August 2, 2009: (Open), Liberty View Farm Schooling Show, Finksburg, MD.

Saturday, August 22, 2009: Winter Wind Farm Schooling Show, Churchville, MD.

Saturday, September 5, 2009: Petticoats Advance Schooling Show, Upperco, MD.

Saturday, September 12, 2009: (Open) Chreglia Manor, Delta, PA.

Sunday, September 20, 2009: (Open) Ships Quarters, Westminster, MD

Sunday, October 11, 2009: (Open show/Finals) Heavenly Waters Eq. Center, Bel Air, MD.

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(410)-734-4484

### Omnibus

Board

### Public Relations

Paula Bollinger  
443-804-7633  
**Recognized Show**  
Jill Blackburn

### Scholarships

Marie Burns  
**Schooling Shows**  
Chair—Lauren Comish443-504-5894  
Committee members

Linda Seybold ribbons/tests

### Silent Auction

Debra English  
**Web Committee**

Linda Elliott

### Work Credits

Marie Burns

### Writing Awards

Linda Elliott



Maryland Dressage Association 2009 Membership Form

Please print clearly

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ To receive up to date info!

( ) Check if changes have occurred ( ) Check if new member

Horse/Rider combination/s that may be shown this year under this membership:

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Individual MEMBERSHIP, please check off

\_\_\_\_ Senior \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime \$375.00

\_\_\_\_ Junior \$30.00 ( Include Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Supporting Member \$17.00\*\*

*Supporting Members do not receive USDF Magazine*

\_\_\_\_ Family \$35.00 for Primary and \$17 for each additional person.

Primary Family Member please fill out information at top.

List additional family members under 21 years of age and under. Rider Supporter.

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\*\*Supporting members are supporting members only, and for insurance purposes need to upgrade their membership if they want to ride at clinics and shows.

Membership Fee includes dues for Group Membership in the United States Dressage Federation. If you are already a member, request your refund directly from the USDF.

Note: It is the members responsibility to notify Carol Forman of any changes to address, Phone number and e-mail. Please notify Jill Blackburn of any changes to Email address. Email is the best way to stay informed.

Please make checks payable to MDA, INC. and mail to: Carol Foreman 6712 Lewis Road Baldwin, Md. 21013

- 1. Membership year for MDA runs from January 1 to December 31.
2. USDF Group membership year runs from December 1 to November 30 of each year.
3. In order to compensate MDA members who renew their membership after October 1st, membership received after this date will be considered renewed for the 2009 Maryland Dressage Association year. When you join MDA you will become a Group Member of the USDF. Please plan a head and allow 6 to 8 weeks for your membership application to process from MDA to USDF. Also be aware that USDF will not let GMO's send them new memberships rosters after Sept 1 and before Nov 30th.

WORK CREDIT/VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

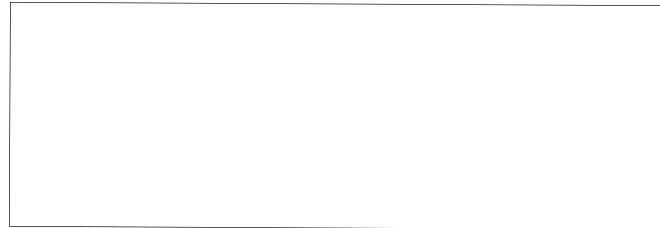
I would like to assist the MDA with the following jobs or skills:

- ( ) Show Organizer ( ) Hospitality at shows ( ) Typing
( ) Scheduling Shows ( ) Set Up Show Grounds ( ) Scoring At Shows
( ) Gate Keeper At Shows ( ) Scribe for Judge ( ) Public Relations ( ) Photography

This organization is a USDF Group Member Organization and its members are automatically USDF Group Members.



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