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## **Benefits of Centered Riding**

By Sam Morrison, Centered Riding Clinician, Greene, ME

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The learning progression helps the rider find straightness, structure integrity, and security in his/her own space and time. The Centered Riding basics are centering, soft eyes, breathing and building blocks which all combine to give the rider solid grounding. Add clear intent and you have the total system. These basics combined with a knowledge of the riding and training philosophy of your special discipline can produce an effortless efficient ride. By balancing, lengthening, and supporting the spine, back pain can be alleviated.

Benefits for the horse are many, depending on how the rider uses him/herself. A frightened horse will become calm, responding to the quiet balance and especially the slow deep breathing of its rider. A balanced rider helps straighten and balance the horse for a better performance by carrying itself self carriage. Think of the rider and horse having comparable parts. Whenever the rider adjusts his/her body, it immediately affects the horse. The horse is a mirror of its rider.

Centering also applies to the mind. Being mentally balanced and focused will also lead to centered living. It affects all aspects of life including connections with family, work, and health. It allows a most peaceful and rewarding life.

## **Ride Safely**

**By Louise Lester** 

I've been searching for ways to keep myself and other riders safe while training, conditioning, and competing. People get so caught up with competition, or just the scarce time we have to share with our horses, that many times we try to minimize our responsibility to ourselves and our horses while doing so. I've found myself forfeiting safety in order to get done whatever it is that I'm doing.

Last summer I starting riding my new handmade saddle. Believing that, since this was a new saddle, all was well with it; I didn't check it before riding, specifically the stirrup leathers. I've been riding in western saddles most of my life and I have never had a stirrup fail me, but it did this time. Short story was that I fell off and broke my C2. Not only did it end my year of riding, but it could have ended my life.



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As you can see, I'm still around and riding. What had happened? The blevins buckle on one side was not seated tight enough to keep the leather together and it came loose. I suddenly found that I was riding with the stirrup handing off my toe and then it dropped off. Next thing I knew I was lying on the arena floor.

My safety suggestion: Always check your tack every time and keep it clean and secure.



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#### On THE COVER



Horses at Riverview Farm enjoying the sunshine on a winter day. \*Photo Jo-Jean Keller







## Riding To The Top Elects New Officers

**By Susan Cole** 

Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center Board of Directors recently elected new officers. Casey Etter-Bobb, President; Steve Flynn, Vice President; Cynthia Cyr, Secretary; and Carissa Robb, Treasurer. Other board members include: Linda Baker, Janis Childs, Cynthia Cyr, Gary Plummer, Hilda Sastre, James Small and Allan Shepard.

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Founded in 1993, Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center's (RTT) mission is enhancing health and wellness through equine assisted activities and therapies. RTT is a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International). Located just west of Portland in Windham, ME, RTT is the state's only year-round PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center solely dedicated to serving people with disabilities through equine assisted activities and therapies.

More than 250 clients visit annually, assisted by certified instructors, over 160 volunteers, and a herd of 18 horses, all specially trained to assist with therapeutic riding, carriage driving, equine assisted learning and hippotherapy. RTT is a community-based nonprofit, receives no federal or state funding and provides scholarships to over 60% of its clients. For more information about client services, volunteering, or making a gift, please visit us at www.ridingtothetop. org or call 892-2813.

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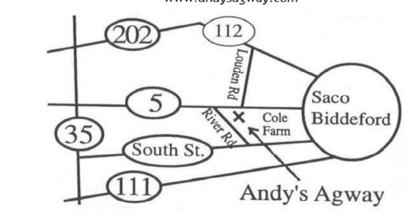
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Being the only farm south of Bangor that could claim bragging rights to a snow-covered field, the Trot Sleigh rally went off as scheduled on Feb 10. The team, putting-off set up on Friday due to the rain and Saturday due to the high winds set up the obstacle and marathon courses early Sunday morning, racing to get it all done before start time. The Beems groomed late Saturday and the footing was shallow and hard and the sleighs slid easily along the prepared surfaces. Icy spots were easily visible and avoidable.

Several new faces included four minis; one arriving in the heated splendor of the back seat of the pickup truck. A good crop of spectators took turns watching the rings and warming up in the garage or took time out for a horse drawn sled ride with John Macy and his beautiful black Percherons.

Appointments: 1)Paula Leavitt 2)Phil Trundy 3)Judy Stevens 4)Oliva Hallowell 5)Cassie Duclos 6)Amy Beem Ground Driven Obstacles: 1)Amy Beem 2)Cassie Cuclos & Ace Super Reinsmanship: 1) Judy Stevens & Annie 2)Cassie Duclos & Ace 3)Phil Trundy & Shania, Nutmeg, Cooper 4)Amy Beem & Gypsy 5)Paula Leavitt R Kay's Autumn Currier & Ives: 1)Paula Leavitt & R Kay's Autumn 2)Cassie Duclos & Ace 3)Judy Stevens & Annie 4) Phil Trundy & Shania, Nutmeg, Cooper 5) Amy Beem & Gypsy Pleasure Horse Jr: 1) Marshmallow Mayhem & Olivia Hallowell 2)Gypsy & Delaney King Pleasure Horse Sr: 1)R Kay's Autumn & Paula Leavitt 2) Shania, Nutmeg, Cooper & Phil Trundy 2)Ace & Cassie Duclos 3)Annie & Judy Stevens 4)Gypsy & Amy Beem 5)Smokey & Julie Eugley Obstacles Jr Timed: 1) Olivia Hallowell & Marshmallow Mayhem Obstacles Sr Timed: 1)Cassie Duclos & Ace 2)Phil Trundy Nutmeg, Shania, Cooper 3)Judy Stevens & Annie 4)Amy Beem & Gypsy 5)Paula Leavitt & R Kay's Autumn 6)Julie Eugley & Smokey Obstacles Half & Half: 1)Cassie Dulcos, Norma Laroque & Ace 2)Julie Eugley, Judy Stevens & Smokey 3) Judy Stevens, Jen Diehl & Annie 4) Judy Stevens, Claire & Annie 5) Paula Leavitt, Nicole Racliff & R Kay's Autumn 6) Judy MacPheters, Delaney King & Gypsy Marathon: 1)Cassie Duclos & Ace 2)Julie Eugley & Smokey 3) Judy Stevens & Annie 4)Phil Trundy & Shania 5)Amy Beem & Gypsy 6)Olivia Hallowell & Marshmallow Mayhem

We are deeply grateful to our Army of volunteers, reliable as ever they arrived to work: Rita Brooks, Barb Grindell, Marcia Lizotte; and Betsy Bourdeau ran the kitchen; our announcer who keeps the spectators smiling with his observations, Dave Leavitt; set up and take down crew Sondra Day, Robert Day, Donna Simonds, Amy Beem, and Judy Palmer; our judge, Gloria Kelleher, and secretary Betty Davis. Also to everyone who donated food for the kitchen and to the Beems for doing all the groundwork stoking the stove in the garage

so we could eat and socialize in comfort. You all did your part to make this a memorable day for all.

And thank you also to John and Sheila Macy for bringing their beautiful Percherons and offering horse drawn sled rides to the public.

We hope to see you all next year.



Marshmallow Mayhem and Olivia Hallowell (left) and R Kay's Autumn and Paula Leavitt (right). Photo by Abby Reem



Cassie Duclos and Ace. Photo by Wanda Clowater Art and Photography



Judy MacPheters, Delaney King and Gypsy. Photo by Wanda Clowater Art and Photography



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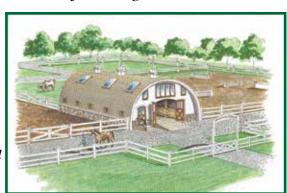
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John Macy and his team of Percherons. Photo by Erica Toothaker

### T.R.O.T Year-End Awards

Bronze: Lexi Furrow/38.5 miles/Bronze/Shadow; Barbara Grindle/75 Miles/Bronze/FLT Quiet Thunder (Buddy); Marcia Lizotte/70 Miles/Bronze/Mocha China Jonna Martinez/75 Miles/Bronze/Stella; Nancy Veilleux/28 Miles 3 rides/Bronze/Bella Silver: Mary Batt/80.5 miles/Silver/Just About Luke; Barbara Grindle/80 Miles/Silver/FLT Quiet Thunder (Buddy); Jennifer Diehl/100.5 miles/Silver/Sodi; Jonna Martinez/78.5 Miles/Silver/Stella Gold: Amy Beem/165 miles/Gold/Annabelle Ribbon: Paula Leavitt/203 Miles/Ribbon/R Kay's Autumn Abby; Carole Norton/213 Miles/Ribbon/Lydia Small Trophy: Pam

Logue/303 Miles/Small Trophy/Little Joe; Judy MacPheters/307/Small Trophy/Kate Rider Miles: Pam Logue/1016 Miles/1000 Rider Miles Junior: Lexi Furrow/Junior/36.5; Isabella Hurley/Junior/76 Miles; Audrey Walder/Junior/10 miles Pleasure Hours: From 2017 Barb Grindle/2318 Hours; Dianna McKay & Captain Harley's Dream/1014 hours; Paula Leavitt/1015.75 hours Hostess Awards: Amy Beem, Sondra Day, Judy MacPheters, Jen Diehl, Paula Leavitt, Judy Palmer, Dianna McKay, Barbara & Jack Grindle, Carole Norton, Betty Davis, Kurt Davis, Marcia Lizotte, Rita Brooks, Judy Stevens, Kris Nicola

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# Maine Combined Training Association (MeCTA) 2018 Results

Trophy Winners: Danny Trophy: Beth Rukznis/Staurolite; Figure Trophy: Ava Sprowl/Oz Ruby Slippers; Moxie Trophy: Audrey Bean-Bailey/Allagash White. MeC-**TA Three Phase Winners: Novice Sr**: 1) Heather Madore/Classic Kids Bonanza. Novice Jr: 1) Aayliyah Ellis/Gallentry. Beginner. Novice Sr: 1) Andie Babcock/Putter 1)Audrey Bean-Bailey/Allagash White 2) Alanna Luther/II Terrazo. Beginner Novice Jr:1)Paige Gammon/I M Speedy 2)Sarah Gardella/Foxglove 2)Sophia Miller/Otis 2) Lanie Vanadestine/Key Lime Pie 3)Emily Shankar/Zaynah 4)Megan Warren/A Shot of Whiskey 4)Nataleann Gore/September Dawn Elementary Sr: 1)Hannah French/ Brodie 2)Beth Rukznis/Staurolite 2)Audrey Bean-Bailey/Just Enough Bling 3) Amanda Fogg/Kingsley. Elementary Jr: 1)Ava Sprowl/Oz Ruby Slippers 2)Emma Robbins/One Chance Fancy 3) Xavier Cummings/Shire 4)Rebecca Thomas/Kazoozles 5)Addison Clukey/My Sunny Boy 5)Marion Easton/TG Meadowbrook 6)Sarah Gardella/Wily Mr. Fox. Participant Ribbon Winners: Shadow Darling/Cisco, Abby Gardner/Cajun Way. Caleb Schobel/Lock N Load, Carley Bunge/Mr. Mardi Gras. Intro Sr: 1)Angie Clukey/Galveston 2)Brianna Graves/Owen Your Destiny 2)Sue French/ Jane 3) Nicole Schobel/Sunchaser 4) Kristina Young/Count Your Lucky Star. Intro Jr: 1) Ayla Bagley/Aspen 1)Kelsey Young/Jasper's Royal Keeper 2)Nora Hardy/Monkey Business 3)Olivia Rankin/Prince. MeCTA Two Phase Winners: Intermediate: 1) Sarah Pyne/Call Me Commander. CIC1\*: 1)Sarah Pyne/Quintessential. Training Sr: 1)Renae Samay/Indian Love Call 2) Melanie Harris/Eire of Romance 3)Sarah Pyne/Dirhoc 4)Kathleen Bailey/Kennebec Rugby 5)Audrey Bean-Bailey/Lycius Lydia. Training Jr: 1)Madison Blodgett/ Lycius Lydia. Novice Sr: 1)Heather Madore/Classic Kids Bonanza 2)Kathleen Bailey/Gone to Carolina 3)Janet Schlenker/ II Terrazo 4)Beth Rukznis/Dains Jim Dandy 4) Audrey Bean-Bailey/Wild Schoharie 4) Melanie Harris/Eire of Romance 4)Audrey Bean-Bailey/Chestnut Hill 4)Emily Hardy/ No It All 5)Kathleen Bailey/Kennebec Dark Star. **Novice Jr**: 1)Emily Shankar/Zaynah 2) Madison Blodgett/Lycius Lydia. Beginner **Novice Sr:** 1)Janet Schlenker/II Terrazo 2) Andie Babcock/Putter 2)Kathleen Bailey/ Triple S Midnight 3)Katheen Bailey/Kennebec Dark Star 4) Audrey Bean-Bailey/Willy Elliot 4) Audrey Bean-Bailey/Allagash White 5) Emily Hardy/No It All 5) Makayla Cowette/Uther Pendragon. Beginner Novice Jr: 1)Lanie Vanadestine/Key Lime Pie 2)Megan Warren/A Shot of Whiskey 3)Ada Hepler/Paco 4)Breck Monseau/Gabriel 5) Paige Gammon/Dually 5)Lilyann Geiser/ Paco 6)Hannah Holmwood/I Love Lucy 6)Paige Gammon/I M Speedy. Advanced

Elementary Sr: 1)Hope Szydlo/HR Persuasive Art 2) Valerie Parent/Royal Danske 3)Beth Rukznis/Staurolite 3)Beth Rukznis/ Mr. Liam 4)Kathleen Bailey/Triple S Midnight. Advanced Elementary Jr: 1)Abby Gardner/Cajun Way 2)Sophia Miller/Otis 3)Lilyann Geiser/Paco 3)Addison Clukey/ My Sunny Boy 4)Marion Easton/TG Meadowbrook 5)Nataleann Gore/September Dawn. Elementary Sr: 1)Kris Nicola/ HR Persuasive Art 2) Audrey Bean-Bailey/ Allagash White 3)Hannah French/Brodie 4)Sharon Greenleaf/Aspen 5)Chelsie Oldfield/Sorcerer's Stone 5)Emily Hardy/ Just Enough Bling 6)Makayla Cowette/ No Downside 6)Shelby Fogg/Impressive Storm. Elementary Jr: 1)Ava Sprowl/Oz Ruby Slippers 2)Ellie McMahon/King of Munster 3)Caleb Schobel/Lock N Load 4) Noora Hardy/Monkey Business 5)Emma Robbins/One Chance Fancy 6)Xavier Cummings/Nachu Peakin. Participant Ribbon Winners: Izabella Simmons/ Sheeza Excellar, Rebecca Thomas/Kazoozles, Gracie Vanadestine/Gabby, Hannah Holmwood/I Love Lucy, Olivia Rankin/ Panda, Megan Warren/A Shot of Whiskey, Xavier Cummings/Shire, Shadow Darling/ Cisco, Lanie Vanadestine/Key Lime Pie, Guinevere Monsees/Cody, Kiara Jenkins/ Gabby, Emily Shankar/Tequila Tina, Sophia Lichti/Jolene. Intro Sr: 1)Angie Clukey/ Galveston 2)Cassidy Manter/Heaven Sent This Model 3) Chelsie Oldfield/Ruger, 3) Audrey Bean-Bailey/Allagash White, 3) Hannah Rothlauf/Happily Ever After, 4) Kathleen Bailey/Triple S Dark Eagle 4) Kim Flanders/Kidd 4)Kristina Young/Count Your Lucky Stars 5)Amanda Fogg/Onyxx. Intro Jr: 1)Kelsey Young/Jaspers Royal Keeper 2)Caleb Schobel/Sun Chaser 3) Trinity McCabe/Making Headlines 4)Ayla Bagley/Cat's Pajamas 4)Addison Clukey/ Peanut Butter & Fluff 5) Madison Blodgett/ Anponio Banderas 5)Rebecca Thomas/ Kazoozles 6)Ana Adams/Dafydd 6)Olivia Hallowell/Charlotte 6)Madison Blodgett/ Little Bo Peep 6)Mirabella Driscoll/Hot N I Know It 6)Shadow Darling/Mr. Diversified. Participant Ribbon Winners: Porter Flanders/Kidd, Ayla Bagley/Aspen, Lanie Vanadestine/Lupine, Aaliyah Ellis/Kool Kenai. Tadpole Jr: 1)Ellie Harris/Jasper's Royal Keeper 2) Sadie Rankin/Gabby 3) Ana Adams/Dafydd





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Left to right: Andie Babcock 1st Place Beginner Novice Sr. Three Phase; Ava Sprowl 1st Place Elementary Jr. Three Phase; Kelsey Young 1st Place Intro Jr. Two Phase; Madison Blodgett 1st Place Training Jr Two Phase.





Renae Samay-Houle 1st Place Preliminary Two Phase



## Happy Horsin' Real Life Professional Tips

**By Virginia Shaw** 

### **How Are They Doing?**

This is one of my favorite questions I get from parents who have their kids in training programs! How are they doing? Well, let's discuss.

How a student is doing is based on some factors. How often do they ride? How much effort are they putting in? Are they riding a suitable animal for their level and ability? The list of questions could be a mile long. As an instructor our number one job is safety. The second responsibility in my mind is providing a horse that the student can learn on, and third is instructor education. In my travels, too often I see children over faced with an animal they can't ride and an instructor who can't help them be successful. It takes a team to find success and progress. That team consists of a competent instructor, a willing rider, and a solid horse.

This leads me to some general rules in my coaching strategy:

- Never ask your student to do something you wouldn't do. Your student needs to trust that you believe what you are expecting of them is achievable.
- 2. If you can't do it, don't teach it. I am a firm believer that if you don't know it, don't teach it. I have never ridden western, so why would I teach it?
- Make reachable goals. Every year I sit
  with students and make goals. I listen
  to them and what they want to achieve
  and then we take action. Make sure
  you guide them in the right direction
  to things that they can succeed at.
- 4. Talk to the parents. Make sure they

understand that how the child is doing relates back to what they are being provided. Also, educate them on how they can help and provide the child with what they need

- 5. Education. Stay educated. Seek outside help. Listen. Learn. As instructors we have a responsibility to our students to continue learning. None of us have all the answers, so surround yourself with a team you can go to and learn from.
- 6. Create and cultivate your purpose. Believe in what you are doing and be passionate about it. There will be many unpaid hours, many sleepless nights, and many what ifs, but if you believe you will achieve.

So, how are they doing? The real question is how are we doing? Everyone's riding journey is their own. Sit back and enjoy the ride.

Happy Horsin' Virginia

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## **Tri-County Horsemen Year-end Awards Banquet**

Tri-County Horsemen Annual Year-End Awards banquet was held on November 3,  $2018\,with\,93^{-}$  individuals present at the Elks Lodge in Rockland, ME. The following are 2018 champions:

Adult Showmanship: Grand Champion Carol Mason, Reserve Champion Ashley Alsop Youth Showmanship: Grand Champion Sara Bos, Reserv Champion Jenna Hyde Novice Showmanship: Grand Champion Jenna Hyde, Reserve Champion Alex McMurtrie, Third Champion Rylie Labombard Horse In Hand: Grand Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Reserve Champion All Hours Pony In Hand: Zippo's Queenie Quarter Horse Halter: Grand Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Reserve Champion All Hours Appaloosa Halter: Grand Champion Lindy's Dream Alternate Gait Model: Grand Champion The Boss Pride, Reserve Champion Gambler's Gold Treat Hunter Over Cross Rails: Grand Champion Daisy Dolly Paige, Reserve Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Third Champion Sierra Gamble Equitation Over Cross Rails: Grand Champion Serena Blasius, Reserve Champion Crystal Miller, Reserve Champion Carol Mason Hunter Over Fences: Grand Champion Sierra Gamble, Reserve Champion Daisy Dolly Paige, Third Champion Mighty Smoke Show Equitation Over Fences: Grand Champion Serena Blasius, Reserve Champion Crystal Miller, Third Champion Carol Mason English Walk-Trot Equitation 10 & Under: Grand Champion Alexandria Moody, Reserve Champion Sky Flint English Walk-Trot Equitation 11-17: Grand Champion Margaret Hamar, Reserve Champion Lydia Currier, Third Champion Olivia Bates Walk-Trot Equitation Adult: Grand Champion Joy Elwell, Reserve Champion Shawna Scott, Third Champion Danielle Moody, Fourth Champion Elisabeth Taliento, Fourth Champion Jess Jameson English Walk-Trot Pleasure 10 & Under: Grand Champion Jimmy Neutron English Walk-Trot Pleasure 11-17: Grand Champion Stonecroft Love Potion, Reserve Champion Sky, Third Champion Lindy's Dream Walk-Trot Pleasure Adult: Grand Champion The Boss Pride, Reserve Champion Moonlite Bay, Third Champion Oliver Twist, Fourth Champion Jimmy Neutron, Fifth Champion Country Cee Star, Sixth Champion Gamble's Gold Threat Western Walk-Trot Equitation: Grand Champion Alex McMurtrie, Reserve Champion Rylie Labombard, Third Champion Olivia Bates Western Walk-Trot Pleasure: Grand Champion Star Splash Leaquer, Reserve Champion Rhapsody in Blu Lead Line Equitation: Grand Champion Savannah Allen, Reserve Champion Paige Gatchell, Third Champion Elianna Bellows Lead Line Pleasure: Grand Champion Stonecroft Love Potion, Reserve Champion Daisy Dolly Paige, Reserve Champion Lexi Trail Horse or Pony: Grand Champion Miss Merry Marshall, Reserve Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Third Champion Target the Starts, Fourth Champion Sierra Gamble, Fifth Champion Smoken Mate, Sixth Champion Sho Nuff Good Ranch Riding: Grand Champion Miss Merry Marshall, Reserve Champion Wily's Wrappin Three, Thid Champion Target the Stars, Fourth Champion Sierra Gamble Open Wester Horsemanship: Grand Champion Sara Bos, Reserve Champion Jenna Hyde Jr. Western Equitation: Grand Champion Sara Bos, Reserve Champion Jenna Hyde

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Novice Pleasure Adult: Grand Champion Sho Nuff Good, Reserve Champion Wily's Wrapping Three, Third Champion Ashland Seren Adult Equitation: Grand Champion Noreen Clark, Reserve Champion Ashley Alsop, Third Champion Carol Mason Morgan Pleasure: Grand Champion Medomak Escapade, Reserve Champion CBMF Usual Suspect, Third Champion Stonecraft Love Potion, Fourth Champion CBMF Chasing Rainbow Alternate Gait Pleasure: Grand Champion The Boss Pride, Reserve Champion Gambler's Gold Threat Novice Pleasure: Grand Champion Sho Nuff Good, Reserve Champion Ashland Seren, Reserve Champion Zippo's Queenie, Third Champion Wily's Wrappin Three, Fourth Champion Agamenon Da Raposa English Pleasure Horse: Grand Champion Skip Got Swag, Reserve Champion Agamenon Da Raposa, Third Champion Norfleeting Jet, Fourth Champion Miss Merry Marshall Quarter Horse Hunter Under Saddle: Grand Champion All Hours, Reserve Champion Mighty Smoke Show Open Hunter Under Saddle: Grand Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Reserve Champion Skip Got Swag, Third Champion Zippo's Queenie **English** Equitation 17 & Under: Grand Champion Serena Blasius, Reserve Champion Madlyn McDonough, Third Champion Sara Bos, Fourth Champion Jenna Hyde, Fifth Champion Scarlett Flint, Sixth Champion Caitlyn Crowell Open Pleasure Pony: Grand Champion Ashland Seren, Reserve Champion Daisy Dolly Paige Bridle Path: Grand Champion Norfleeting Jet Quarter Horse Western Pleasure: Grand Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Reserve Champion Sho Nuff Good Road Hack: Grand Champion CBMF Chasing Rainbow, Reserve Champion CBMF Usual Suspect Western Pleasure Horse: Grand Champion Medomak Escapade, Reserve Champion Mighty Smoke Show, Third Champion Miss Merry Marshall **Dressage Suitability**: Grand Champion Norfleeting Jet, Reserve Champion Agamenon Da Raposa, Third Champion Daisy Dolly Paige, Fourth Champion Ashland Seren Adult Pleasure: Grand Champion Skip Got Swag, Grand Champion Mighty Smoke Show Ranch Rail Pleasure: Grand Champion Sierra Gamble, Reserve Champion Miss Merry Marshall Youth Activity Pleasure: Grand Champion Agamenon Da Raposa, Reserve Champion Skip Got Swag, Third Champion Daisy Dolly Paige







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## **Granite State Carriage Association**

Things are hopping in Granite State Carriage Association as we jump into the new year, our 41st! Folks are already starting preparations for this season's drives/rides and activities. One host is finalizing her hlyer for our most popular Chocorua camping outing, because attendees are starting to pre-register already...no one wants to miss that special event! The Annual Meeting and FUNd-raising Auction plans are getting underway...people are paying membership dues much earlier than in past years! As 2018 closed, GSCA boasted 160 members!

Our activities calendar for 2019 lists 12 recreational activities, including three new drive/ride outings. Two sleighing activities are scheduled in February and early March, if only the weather cooperates!

With club elections coming up in March, a ballot is being prepared to go out to the membership. We have several new volunteers to help the Board of Directors with running the club, and their input will be welcomed.

Business meetings are becoming easier with less, or no, travel time involved, thanks to teleconferencing. This is a new experience for many, but growth is upon us, and the GSCA officers are becoming more spread out geographically.

The GSCA website is being updated, with entertaining new articles coming in for the BLOG "Horse Smarts & Carts" - https://www.granitestatecarriage.org/index.php/horse-smarts-blog. Our new tech support person for the website has been amazing!

The GSCA group on Facebook has grown steadily since 2012, with 522 members following presently! The club also now has numerous links incoming from horse-related videos on YouTube

It takes a lot to run a club, and this recreational and safety-focused organization is very healthy. Volunteers are the heart of GSCA – if you are already involved with hosting an outing or keeping the GSCA train running, thank you very much! If you are not already directly involved, please consider volunteering to keep our beloved organization on the track of success.

#### **How Does GSCA Operate?**

For those who are not familiar with how GSCA is managed, the club's bylaws, originally established in 1978 and updated most recently in 2015, define the club's purpose and its operation, including membership and dues, the terms and functions of the Board of Directors and its officers, the number of required meetings per year, elections, terms of office, and other legal matters. GSCA is governed by a seven-member Board of Directors,

assisted by a few appointed advisors in specialty areas of focus. GSCA is a fully volunteer organization operating as a NH non-profit corporation for recreational purposes, to promote the sport and safety of carriage driving.

GSCA operates as a "Dues-Supported" Recreational Carriage-Driving and Riding Club, welcoming carriage drivers, horseback riders, and horse lovers of all ages. Annual dues (Jan-Dec) cover participation in all the outings and activities (the club does not charge an event fee or any other extra fee for its activities, other than occasional stabling/ camping costs if charged by venues, or catered meals costs, which are passed through directly at cost). A family membership is the only type offered, which includes two adults plus their children under 18 living at home. The family membership fee is only \$25 and can be easily processed on the website.

Recreational outings are held yearround, some being single day outings,
and several multi-day, horse camping
outings are also offered by the club.
Participants must be, or become, a duespaid GSCA Member to take part in any
outing. Typical outings may include dirt
roads, woods trails, and quiet roadways
in rural areas, mostly in New Hampshire
plus some in Vermont, Maine, and
Massachusetts. All outings are managed
by individual volunteer hosts, with
direction and support from the board.

Find more information about the history of Granite State Carriage Association and its structure and activities at www.

granitestatecarriage.org . A link to the club's by-laws can be found on the officer's page along with information about current and past officers and directors.

Granite State Carriage Association welcomes your membership and support! Anyone can help support the club, by volunteering small or larger contributions of their time!

Annual Members' Meeting – Plans are being finalized for the Annual Members' Meeting to be held March 24 at the Red Blazer Restaurant & Pub in Concord, NH. In addition to a fun day of fellowship and a great meal, GSCA's annual FUNd-raiser auction is always a blast! Reservations may be made and paid in advance via Paypal through the website, or contact the treasurer to reserve your place.

#### GSCA Mourns Loss of Long-time Member, Barbara Hurld

We are sad to report that our long-time GSCA member, Barbara Hurld, passed away on Nov. 25, 2018. She was 92 and will be fondly remembered as a supportive and active member, driving her horses until she was 80. Condolences may be sent to Nancy & George MacGown, 56 Mill Lane, Seabrook, NH 03874. A celebration of her life is being planned for the Annual Members' Meeting on March 24.

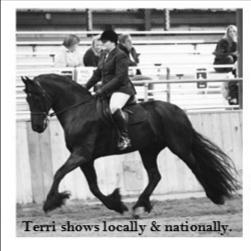
Annual Dues due now! GSCA depends on annual dues to meet administrative expenses, such as insurance, and outing expenses. Prompt payment helps us to offer our outings free of charge to members. At only \$ 25/year, membership in GSCA is bargain that can't be beat! And, for just \$ 1 more, you can also become an affiliate member of the Maine Driving Club, which entitles you to participate in their events as well. Dues may also be paid, via Paypal through www.granitestatecarriage.org.











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## **Riverview Farm Updates**

By Jojean Keller

A warm welcome to Kalla, and her person, Layne! Kalla is a wonderful addition to our other palominos!



Kalla

Most farms have just human workers, but Riverview has a very special intern named Henry - easily adapting to farm life and learning his way around. He's been known to frequent the feed room and nibble from the horse's grain. He can usually be found guarding his horses, who usually don't pay the slightest bit of attention to his whereabouts or his flamboyant strutting.



Henry



Play time

Shadow, Riverview's top cat can usually be found perched on a hay bale, or mounting block, waiting for someone, anyone, to notice how hungry she is!



Other photos show horses being horses!



Buddies



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## **Healing Hearts Update**

One of our beloved rescues, Carrot Cake (CC) got an eye infection and, after her vet visit, had to have another eye surgery, hopefully, the last she'll need. She is recovering well and we expect she'll be her usual happy self very soon.



We have a photo of Brandi enjoying her new home and her new special person.

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Brand

Carrot Cake

Our own special Maverick is growing up fast (we still don't know whether he will be a pony or a small horse). He is doing so much better than when he came. He will soon need that special operation to remove the tools from the toolbox. He has a wonderfully wacky personality and has a group of special friends.



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## From New England Equine Medical & Surgical **Vaccinations**

By Dr. Katy Raynor, DVM

Routine vaccinations, optional vaccines and possible reactions to consider when vaccinating your horse(s)

The decision to vaccinate your horses is multi-factorial. An understanding about the specific diseases you are vaccinating against helps you play an active role in the overall health of your herd; this also establishes a working relationship with your veterinarian. The decision to vaccinate should be based on the risk of disease, consequences of the disease, effectiveness of the vaccination protocol and potential for adverse effects. Keeping in mind, just like in human medicine, no vaccination is 100% effective. Vaccination without proper management will not prevent the spread of infectious diseases and after vaccinations are given they are not immediately protective and require additional immunizations at appropriate intervals throughout the year.

The core vaccinations in the New England area are Tetanus toxoid, Eastern Equine Encephalitis, Western Equine Encephalitis, West Nile virus and Rabies. Tetanus and the two encephalitis vaccines are usually given as a "three-way" vaccination, meaning they are given as one injection. The following is a brief description of each disease.

Tetanus Toxoid: Also known as clostridium tetani, tetanus is a bacteria that affects the nervous system. Spores of the bacteria live in the soil and are found around the world. Infection begins when the spores enter the body through an injury or wound. The vaccination is usually given two times initially three-to-four weeks apart, then continued to be boostered annually. Just like in human medicine, if the horse sustains a wound or is admitted for surgery, they should have a booster within six months.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis/Western **Equine Encephalitis**: EEE/WEE is a mosquito-borne viral infection that can cause severe encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) in horses and humans. There is no specific treatment for this disease and supportive care is the only therapy. Due to vaccination protocol, these two diseases no longer occur regularly although small outbreaks are still seen. Similar vaccination routine to tetanus, EEE/WEE is initially given two times (four-to-six weeks apart) and then boostered annually prior to the vector season. It is imperative that imported horses receive this vaccination as soon as they are out of quarantine.

West Nile Virus: West Nile Virus is a mosquito born disease spread with the bird as an amplifying host. Humans and horses are considered "dead end hosts" as they cannot transmit the disease once

they contract it. This disease causes encephalitis leading to neurologic clinical signs. Vaccination schedule is an initial two dose series (four-to-six weeks apart) with a yearly booster before the vector season. The vaccination may be given more frequently in areas with year-round vectors

Rabies: This viral disease causes encephalitis and is highly fatal. Any mammal may spread this disease with contact from infected saliva (usually a bite). The vaccine is administered annually.

In addition to core vaccinations, there are other vaccinations to consider. The following are labeled "optional" and are based on geography, herd population and travel or between individual horses in a population. These "optional" vaccines include equine herpes virus one and four, equine influenza, rotaviral diarrhea, lyme disease, Potomac horse fever, strangles, equine viral arteritis, anthrax and botulism. Ask your veterinarian if you are considering additional vaccinations.

**Equine Herpes Virus One and Four** (Rhinopneumonitis): There are two types of Equine herpes virus' that can cause respiratory tract disease, they are known as EHV-1 and EHV-4. The symptoms are fever, lethargy, and coughing with nasal discharge. This virus affects young and immuno-compromised horses who are comingled with many other horses. The virus is spread through aerosolized secretions and can be shed in clinically normal horses as well. EHV-1 has been known to cause abortion storms. Because it is a herpes virus, it can become latent in a population and develop consistent shedding affecting the immunologically challenged or young. As a horse matures, they develop natural immunity from exposure, however if a horse is traveling and introduced to many different populations their immune system can become overwhelmed. Vaccinating routinely will lessen the severity of the clinical signs. Vaccination does not protect against the neurologic or abortigenic form of the disease, which can potentially occur in the latent carriers.

Equine Influenza: Equine flu is another form of respiratory disease that is spread by horses in close contact via aerosolized secretions (coughing). This virus is known to affect those horses that are immunologically compromised and horses that are between the ages of one and five more commonly. Older horses are less susceptible, however can be immunologically overwhelmed while

traveling to shows. All horses should be vaccinated with equine influenza vaccine unless they are housed in a closed herd.

Strangles: Also known as streptococcus equi, strangles is an extremely contagious bacteria that is spread by contact with other horses. This bacteria causes a large inflammatory response with a high fever, difficulty eating, trouble breathing and sometimes lymphadenopathy (abscessed lymphnodes). This virus affects younger horses the most, however older horses can be at risk. It is not recommended to vaccinate in the face of an outbreak as there are risks involved. This vaccine is known to have adverse reactions and should be considered carefully before administering. Certain individual horses have been known to develop "purpura hemorrhagica" when vaccination or natural exposure occurs. This is not contagious however medical attention is necessary.

Potomac Horse Fever: Also known as equine monocytic ehrlichiosis caused by the organism Neorickettsia risticii. This organism is found in stagnant water and is seen late summer and early fall. The clinical signs include fever, diarrhea and lethargy, possibly leading to mild colic and laminitis. This vaccination is recommended for horses that have access to ponds and should be administered during specific times of year to lessen severity of clinical signs.

Rota Virus: This is a viral disease, causing severe diarrhea especially in foals. The virus is spread through the fecal-oral route and can be very contagious. Vaccinating the pregnant mare increases the foal's antibodies to help fight the viral disease and is the best way to limit the clinical signs. This should be administered on farms where rota virus has been a consistent problem. Vaccination of the foal has not been shown to significantly help decrease clinical signs.

Lyme Disease: Also known as borrelia burgdorferi, this organism is spread by ticks and affects human, dogs, and horses to varying degrees. There is a broad spectrum of clinical signs but the most common clinical signs include a mild fever, stiffness and multiple limb lameness. Vaccination is controversial at this time and more research is needed to know the efficacy of the vaccine.

Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA): Affects breeding stallions and mares. Typically, EVA is non-life threatening for normal healthy horses, however it can cause abortions in mares and is spread by breading stallions with no clinical signs. Vaccination in the face of an outbreak is recommended and has been shown to decrease the spread of the virus. Consult with your veterinarian first before considering vaccination.

Anthrax: Also known as bacillus anthracis, anthrax is a bacteria that proliferates within the blood stream (septicemia) and is rapidly fatal. Infection occurs when a horse ingests or inhales the bacteria or a wound becomes contaminated. Vaccination is recommended in horses that have access to pasture in endemic areas of the US.

Botulism: Also known as clostridium botulinum, causing a disease known as "shaker foal syndrome", botulism is a spore forming bacteria that is spread by inhalation or ingestion. This toxin is usually found in contaminated soil and can makes its way into wounds. It is also found in haylage that has been improperly fermented. Botulism causes weakness, progressing to complete flaccid paralysis and eventually death. Vaccinations are recommended in breeding mares to decrease the incidence of "shaker foal syndrome" when the foal ingests spores.

In addition to administering vaccinations is the inherent risk of vaccines causing adverse reactions. Owing to the fact that foreign material is being injected into the body (usually intramuscularly, sometimes intranasal), there are risks associated with each vaccine. Individual horses respond differently to injections; it is critical to know which signs to look for when your horse receives his/her annual vaccinations. Vaccines given are routinely administered as a three, four, or five-way; this means there are multiple vaccines in one injection, limiting the amount of times your horse in injected. This can decrease the amount of injections the horse receives, however can also cause reactions. The same vaccines can be given alone for boosters. Consult with your veterinarian on what they prefer.

Vaccinations given intramuscularly can cause reactions ranging from mild to severe. Mild reactions include swelling at the site of injection and muscle soreness; sometimes a fever may result with going off feed and becoming slightly depressed for 24-48 hours. Severe reactions include abscesses at the injection site or anaphylaxis. Vaccines should always be administered by a veterinarian or under their direct supervision. Intranasal vaccinations should always be administered as the last set to decrease contamination.

When considering vaccinating your horse, remember to allow sufficient time to generate a protective response to each vaccination (usually two-to-four weeks, however, it depends on each vaccination). Vaccines should be administered well before shipment or prior to a horse show. To decrease the potential for a reaction, veterinarian or owner may elect to stagger the vaccination protocol. When considering non-core vaccinations, consult with your veterinarian about each individual horse to get an idea about how your horse will benefit.

## **Quest for Healthy Hooves**

#### **By Liselle Batt**

We've all been there – left behind for what turns out to be the greatest trail ride of the season. Reason? Lame horse. So you settle for living vicariously through Facebook photos of your riding buddies, thinking wistfully about beginning a quest for a horse with healthier feet. Many of us need look no further than our own barns, however, because there are several ways for horse owners to directly affect hoof health.

Begin by establishing a daily routine of hoof grooming. Daily hoof grooming reinforces the concept that hoof health is not created once every six weeks. Horses in the wild trim and maintain their hooves 24-hours a day, traveling over fifteen miles a day across sand-paper terrain, and cleaning their hooves by standing in rivers and streams to drink. Domestic horses rely on *you* for daily hoof grooming.

Use a hoof-pick and wire brush on the hooves to remove foreign debris including rocks and manure. Perhaps you are thinking "I do this already, every time I ride!" Imagine, though, how it would feel to walk around with a rock in your shoe all day and night, and only remove it when you exercise.

This is also a great time to check for loose or lost shoes. Vet wrap or duct tape around the perimeter of any hoof with a loose or missing shoe. This protects the sensitive sole, and prevents the shoe and nails from moving and further damaging the hoof wall. Confine the horse to soft footing until your farrier can arrive to replace it. Remember that an unexpectedly bare foot is much different than a barefoot horse. The shod foot is generally trimmed shorter for shoeing, and is not protected by a natural callus. It is like the difference between a human foot that is barefoot on the beach all summer, and one that tiptoes down the driveway to retrieve the morning paper.

Routine application of a topical antimicrobial treatment to the frog sulcus and co-lateral grooves on the foot helps combat bacterial and fungal infections such as thrush. Overuse of these products can be deleterious to healthy tissue, so twice monthly on healthy hooves is sufficient unless directed otherwise by your farrier or vet.

Topical hoof sealants and conditioners as well as feed-through hoof supplements are another way to improve hoof quality and hoof growth. Every horse and every hoof is different, however, and overuse or incorrect use of these products can cause damage. Work with your vet and farrier to identify specific nutritional deficiencies and hoof health concerns in your horse. Your hoof care team can help you select products that are right for improving your horse's hoof health.

Routine professional farrier care is another critical component to creating and maintaining healthy hooves. No licensure is currently required in the U.S. for anyone who decides to pick up a hoof knife and lift a horse hoof. It falls to you, the owner, to make good choices about the farrier you choose for your horse. Choose a hoof care provider who has been trained professionally, either from an accredited farrier school or in an apprenticeship. Don't be afraid to ask your farrier where he received his training; your horse's hoof health is literally in his hands.

Professional farriers and trimmers also value continuing education and pursue it rigorously. Within the farrier industry, advances in equine biomechanics research and material science makes hoof care a continually evolving science. "Continuing education is a professional imperative for farriers today," says Brent Brown, director emeritus of the Maine Farriers Association. With over 40 active members, the MFA organizes

three clinics annually, and the world-class veterinary and farrier clinicians recruited provide members with unparalleled local learning opportunities. Southern New England Farriers Association (SNEFA) is another resource for farriers; this group organizes regular meetings and forging competitions. The farrier directory on MFA's website is a great place to start your search for a qualified farrier.

Once you've found a qualified farrier, establish a routine of professional care for your horse and stick to it. Every sixto-eight weeks is typical. Why so often? Actually, compared to the wild horse, this schedule is hopelessly long. The horse hoof evolved to meet the needs of wild horses traveling 15-30 miles/day over rough terrain, resulting in a daily natural trimming process. It may surprise you to learn that the horse grows a new hoof wall every six months to a year. Though a regular schedule of trimming, farriers can trim excess hoof safely and identify potential problems before they result in lameness.

In the end, however, we return to the notion that hoof health cannot be created once every six weeks. The everyday environment you provide for your horse is critical to growing healthy hooves. Every region presents unique hoof-care challenges for barn owners. New Englanders get black ice and mud season. Out west, irrigated pastures used for turnout create wet-dry extremes. The south has humidity and heavy rainfall.

What is ideal? The ideal footing for horses is dry and clean, and similar to the footing where you ride. Crushed stone spread in high-traffic areas of your paddock is fabulous for developing a sole callus in the bare foot.

Clay Nelson of Sustainable Stables, L.L.C., works with barn owners across the U.S. to design equestrian facilities



Farrier work starts early! This eightweek-old mini foal gets his first trim.

for maximum environmental and equine health. "Moving horses are healthy horses," Nelson maintains, "which is why maximizing movement for horses is at the forefront of our facility and pasture layouts," he says. The horse hoof acts as a pump that stimulates blood flow to the lower limb, which in turn encourages hoof growth. Doubling the daily distance a horse travels, Nelson says, can be as simple as limiting stall time and positioning water and feed stations in a way that encourages the horse move between them.

Nothing, though, beats a lope across an open field to get those legs into locomotion. Riding stimulates circulation and healthy tissue growth and is the ultimate litmus test for the efficacy of your hoof care program. So, whether it is to the dressage arena or out on the trail with friends, remember that you owe that ride to your horse. You'll both be healthier because of it.

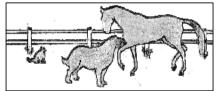
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Maine Farriers Association with clinician Paige Poss. Anatomy discussion using cadaver hooves.

## Maine Horse Association (MHA) News, Notes & Nickers

By Dollie Hutchins, MHA Adminstrator

As I write this, we are having a 'spring teaser,' relief from the erratic and cold winter of 2018-19. And, as you read this in early March, show season (and the real spring, we hope) will be just around the corner. This month's news will feature the Maine Horse Association Pleasure Show Circuit and April's article with feature MHA's 2019 Hunter/Jumper Show Circuit.

The 2019 Pleasure Show Circuit opens with two traditional first of the year shows: the 14th Annual Long Horn Show on April 28 and two weeks later, the 36th Annual Specially Designed Horse Show on May 12, both at the Hollis Equestrian Park on Route 5 in Hollis, ME. Sponsored by the American Saddlebred Association of Maine (ASAM), these two shows not only offer Saddlebred pleasure classes, but also have a variety of in hand/halter classes and a good selection of open classes for lead liners through seasoned competitors. ASAM shows also offer Academy Classes for lesson students on lesson horses.

The pleasure circuit then moves to the first of three multi-day shows in Skowhegan, ME with the brand new DnL sponsored Maine Event: Spring Premiere, which starts with a session Friday evening, May 17 and continues through Sunday, May 19. This show features a variety of breed divisions and a large selection of open classes for riders of all ages and stages of development. The highlight of the show is bound to be the free \$300 Maine Event Spring Premiere Pleasure Horse Championship. To be eligible, entries must have shown in MHA English Pleasure, MHA Western Pleasure, or Hunter Pleasure, Open.

June begins with MHA's welcoming back the Friesian Events Association (FEA) Black Diamond Jubilee on June 2 in Hollis, ME. The proceeds from FEA functions are used to grant financial help to horse people in need due to health concerns or disastrous circumstances. The feature class will be a free \$500 (yes, you read that right) Black Diamond Jubilee Pleasure Championship class with MHA English, MHA Western and Hunter Pleasure as the qualifying classes.

Mid-June means only one thing: MHA's signature show, the double pointed Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show at Skowhegan Fairgrounds, which opens with a Friday evening session, June 14 and continues through Sunday, June 16. Celebrating its 40th year, a walk/ trot or jog division for green horses (not yet cantering/loping well enough for the show ring) has been added as well as a full academy division for lesson riders eager to show in the big coliseum ring. Additionally, the double-judged

hunter ring will again be in the infield on Saturday. Fortieth Anniversary celebration activities are being planned as this article is being written.

June comes to a close with autumn in late spring/early summer! The Arabian Horse Association of Maine (AHAME) has moved its Autumnfest Apple Jubilee from the first weekend after Labor Day to the last weekend in June to round out the trio of Skowhegan shows. Held Friday evening June 28 through Sunday, June 30, this show not only features a variety of classes for Arabians and Half-Arabians, it also has classes for a variety of breeds and a bevy of open classes. The show will again hold its unique Pickle Throwdown Party. Bring your favorite pickles or other snack and enjoy the fun, laughs and camaraderie!

This year's pleasure circuit takes a bit of a hiatus during the two hot summer months, but has one mid-July show to keep your skills sharp, or introduce new horses and riders to showing. MHA welcomes Ossipee Valley Fair Horse Show, July 14 for its second year as part of our circuit. Held in Hiram, ME at the Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, this show features not only a variety of open classes, but also offers classes specifically for 4-Hers. Don't forget to enjoy the fair as well!

Late summer finds the competition back in Hollis for Jo Hight's Pine Tree Sizzler Benefit Horse Show on Sunday, August 18. This is one week later than usual, as Jo graciously accommodated a schedule conflict for State of Maine Dressage Association. The prize list is in its formative stages as of this writing. This show benefits one of Maine's horse rescues each year, a cause worthy of support on the new show date.

The 56th Annual Highview Riding Club Horse Show, the longest continuous show on the MHA circuit, is next on Sunday, August 25 at the Cumberland, ME Fairgrounds. While August shows are often hot, these grounds have shade right near the show ring and usually a light refreshing breeze. Since it's very near the end of the season, Highview is once again offering 'Request A Class' to help MHA members who may need one more pin to qualify for year-end awards.

The 2019 MHA Pleasure Show Circuit comes to an exciting close with the relocation of the 45th ASAM Summer Spectacular to the venerable Deerfield, NH Fairgrounds on new dates, Friday evening, August 30 through Sunday, September 1. It's an exciting way to end the season – new venue, new competition with lots of ASAM fun being planned. Watch for info on the ASAM Facebook page.

As mentioned earlier, my article for the April issue will feature the MHA Hunter/ Jumper Show Circuit which is also seeing expansion this year. One final note — more information about MHA as well as membership forms are on our website, www.mainehorseassoc.com. Prize lists are published there as soon as they are edited and a final copy is provided. The digital age can be so handy and efficient!! Enjoy your equines and all they bring with the coming of spring — shedding, mud, shedding, puddles, shedding, working out the kinks, shedding, and those wonderful soft nickers.

#### Correction:

In the February MHA News, Notes & Nickers column, Jo-Ellen Grondin was inadvertently omitted from the list of MHA Board of Directors. Please accept sincere apology for this omission. - Dollie





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## **Primetime Riders Riding Club**

The Primetime Riders Riding Club held its 2019 Planning Meeting at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME. The usual delicious pot luck luncheon was followed by a lively meeting.

The club is open to any horse lovers over age 21. It is a subsidiary of the Old Peoples Riding Club, which is a national organization. It uses the guidelines for rating levels, training, and activities similar to the United States Pony Clubs. The options include Dressage, Western riding, Jumping, and Driving (jumping is not required).

Officer reports were read and accepted. The current roster of officers was voted to continue for another term. President – Sam Morrison; Vice President – Lori Drummond; Secretary – Julie Retells; and Treasurer – Linda Veblen.

It was decided to give a donation to Horses with Hope equine rescue in Hope, ME

The members agreed to obtain an affiliation with The Horses Maine & NH newspaper. Besides a subscription, the affiliation also includes many advertising and reporting perks.

An exciting schedule was discussed with several members volunteering to contact ac-tivity speakers. Most presentations occur at Welcome Home Farm.

New members are always welcomed. Friends and curious visitors are encouraged to attend activities as auditors but may not join the mounted activities until a paid up member.

Visit the PTR on Facebook or Google "Primetime Riders" for our website.



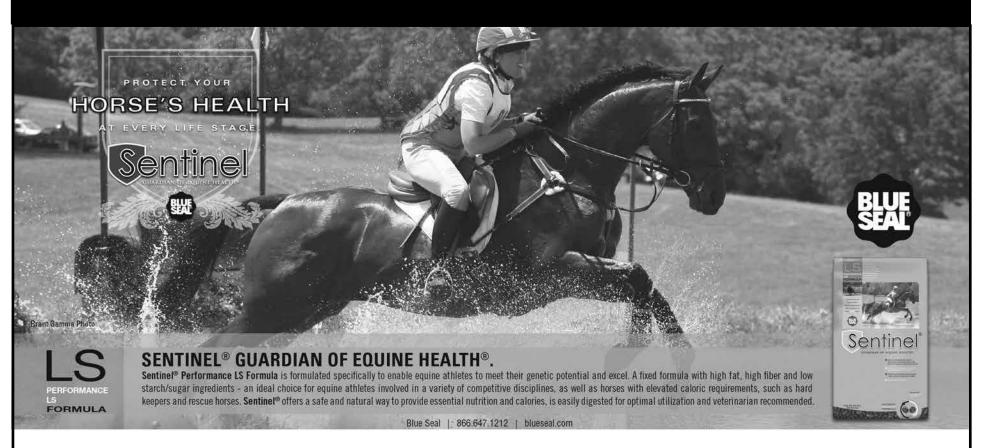


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<b>MARCH 2019</b>					
9	Clinic	Get Ready To Ride Part II: Rider and Horse Groundwork, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com			
16	Education Forum	Primetime Riders education forum, speaker Amanda Rideout, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu			
23	Education Forum	Maine Driving Club, Driver Fitness/Body Mechanics, presented by Sam Morrison in Augusta, ME, contact Paula at dleavitt@uninets.net			
30	Clinic	Get Ready To Ride Part III: Rider Awareness Games – Horse Partnership Activities, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com			
31	Hunter/Jumper Show	NEJA Winter Series II Hunter/Jumper show at Hideaway Acres in Cumberland, ME, affiliated with MEHJA, contact 207-514-6626 or nejumperassociation@gmail.com			
	A	APRIL 2019			
13-14	Clinic	Centered Riding/Horse Training Clinic, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com			
19	Education Event	UNH Equine Educational Day (Youth Educational Symposium, Free, Registration Required 8am-2pm) at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174			
20/21	Trail Clean Up	Primetime Riders trail clean-up day (weather permitting), contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu			
27	Driving Clinic	Maine Driving Club, Dressage Readiness/Prep for ADT with Mary Gray, at the Windsor Fairgrounds (pending) in Windsor, ME, contact Louann Thompson at wyatte1210@yahoo.com			
27	SRC Clean-up Day	Sebasticook Riding Club clean-up day and meeting. Morning clean show grounds. Lunch at 12:00; meeting after lunch. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME			
27-28	Horse Trials	UNH Spring USEA Horse Trials BN-P at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174			
28	Pleasure Show	MHA: 14th Annual Long Horn Horse Show Class C Pleasure at Hollis Equestrian Park, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net			
31	Two-Phase Show	NEJA Spring Schooling Two-Phase show at Kennebec Morgan Farm in Woolwich, ME, affiliated with MeCTA, contact 207-514-6626 or nejumperassociation@gmail.com			
	-	MAY 2019			
4	Certification	Special Olympics Coaches Training & Certification at Hearts & Horses Farm, 63 Justin Merrill Road in Buxton Me, contact 207-879-0489; this course is FREE of charge			
4	Dressage Show	Central Maine Dressage Schooling Show, Safe Haven Farm, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage. Secretary Stephanie Hatcher, shatcher2@gmail.com, 207-423-7352			
4	Jumper Show	UNH Schooling Jumper Show Ground Poles-3'3" at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174			
5	Driving Clinic	Maine Driving Club, clinic with Scott Monroe, Driven Dressage at Upper Pond Stable in Litchfield, ME, contact Paula at dleavitt@uninets.net			
10-12	Dog Agility Trial	Mid Coast Kennel Club Dog Agility Trial, Pineland Farm Equestrian Center, New Gloucester, ME. Contact Robin Ohrt at 860-930-3994 or mckctrialsecretary@gmail.com			
10-12	Horse Show	Maine Appaloosa Horse Club 50th Anniversary Horse Show, open classes for all breeds and appaloosa classes, at Skowhegan Fairgrounds in Skowhegan ME, contact Mike Grass at 207-745-2745 or grassands252@gmail.com			

11	SRC Tack Sale	Sebasticook Riding Club used tack and everything else sale. Kitchen will be open. Entertainment activities throughout the day. Rt 100 Clinton, ME			
11	Ratings / Drill Team Ride	Primetime Riders Ratings or Drill Team Ride (new members take D1 test - others may test to upgrade), contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu			
12	Game Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club game show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.			
12	Pleasure Show	MHA: 35th Annual ASAM Specially Designed Horse Show Class B Pleasure at Hollis Equestrian Park, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net			
15	Dressage Show	SMDA Dressage Schooling Show at Hollis Equestrian Park, Hollis ME, judge Krista Nordgren, contact Nancy Smith at 207-653-8255 or nancy.smith2002@ yahoo.com			
16-19	Clinic	Horse Speak Immersion Clinic with Sharon Wilsie at Whispering Woods Stables, Augusta ME, contact Teresa at teresa@whisperingwoodsstables.com or 207-370-1150			
17-19	Clinic	Centered Riding Instructor Certification Course Part I, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com			
17-19	Pleasure Show	MHA: The Maine Event: Spring Premiere Horse Show Class B Pleasure at Skowhegan Fairgrounds, ME, contact secretary Mary Field at 207-576-3641 or memf3@fairpoint.net			
19	Pleasure Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club pleasure show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.			
19	Dressage Show	Esprit Equestrian Center Dressage Schooling Show and 2-Phase, Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gmail.com, 207-504-1232			
25-28	Trail Ride	Maine Trail Rides, ECTRA sanctioned competitive 80, 60, 30, 30, and 10 mile CDR. Waterford Fair Grounds, N. Waterford, Me. Contact Louise Lester at 207-894-8185 or louise1@maine.rr.com			
26	Dressage Show	Life's A Ride Dressage Schooling Show in Saco, ME, SMDA affiliated, contact Cassi at 207-890-2606 or cassandrajmartin@yahoo.com			
		UNE 2019			
2	Horse Show	Tri-County Horsemen open show, Union Fairgrounds in Union, ME, contact Marilyn at 207-594-4039 or marilynksmith@roadrunner.com			
2	Pleasure Show	MHA: FEA Black Diamond Jubilee Class B Pleasure at Hollis Equestrian Park, ME, contact secretary Mary Field at 207-576-3641 or memf3@fairpoint.net			
8	Arena Driving Trial	Mine Driving Club, Arena Driving Trial at the Windsor Fairgrounds(pending) in Windsor, ME, contact Louann Thompson at wyatte1210@yahoo.com			
8	Game Show	Sebasticook Riding Club All Day Game Show. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME. Contact Pat McCollor patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301			
9	Dressage Show	SPHO Dressage Schooling Show at Hollis Equestrian Park, Hollis ME, SMDA-affliated, contact Gloria Steiger at 207-929-8746 or olgasteig@gmail.com			
9	Pleasure Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club pleasure show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.			
9	Hunter Show	MHA: NEJA Summer Classic Horse Show I Class B Hunter/Jumper at Sassy Strides Equestrian, Lisbon, ME, contact Renae Sama at 207-514-6626 or nejumpersassociation@gmail.com			
14-16	Pleasure Show	MHA: 40th Annual Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show Class AA Double Pointed Pleasure (with Hunter Ring on 6/15 in the infield) at Skowhegan Fairgrounds, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@ metrocast.net			
14-16	Hunter Show	MHA: 40th Annual Downeast Horse Congress Horse Show Class AA Double Pointed Hunter Ring in the infield 6/15 at Skowhegan Fairgrounds, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net			
15	Dressage Show	Sebasticook Riding Club Dressage Schooling Show. Judge Patti Swan, contact secretary Barbara Humphrey at bhumphrey98@yahoo.com or 207-938 2117. Entry closing date June 10. Rt.100 Clinton, ME			

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15	Drill Team and Trail Ride	Primetime Riders Drill Team and Trail Ride (ride of 4, 6, or 8 riders - followed by trail ride), contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu	
16	Game Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club game show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.	
20-23	Clinic	Centered Riding Instructor Certification Course Part II, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com	
20-23	Clinic	Combination Centered Riding Certified Instructor Update with Assistant Margreet Bouwmeester, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com	
22	Dressage Show	Esprit Equestrian Center Dressage Schooling Show and 2-Phase, Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gmail. com, 207-504-1232	
22	Equitation Show	Sebasticook Riding Club Equitation Show. Judge Robert McDonald, contact Pat McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME	
28-30	Pleasure Show	MHA: AHAME Autumnfest Apple Jubilee Horse Show Class A Pleasure at Skowhegan Fairgrounds, ME, contact secretary Mary Field at 207-576-3641 or memf3@fairpoint.net	
29	Driving Clinic	Maine Driving Club, clinic with Larry Poulin, Drive/Ride Dressage at Upper Pond Stable in Litchfield, ME, contact Anna at 207-798-2616	
	•	<b>JULY 2019</b>	
6	Dressage Show	Central Maine Dressage Schooling Show, Kennebec Morgan Farm, Woolwich, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Margaret Bailey, marni_dressage@yahoo.com, 207-798-1911	
7	Dressage Show	Scarlet Day Farm Dressage Schooling show, Gray ME, SMDA affiliated, contact Alicia at apeterstorrey@gmail.com or 207-322-6256	
7	Combination Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club combination show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.	
7	Hunter Show	MHA: MeHJA/MHA Summer Classic Horse Show Class B Hunter/Jumper at Hollis Equestrian Park, ME, contact Anne Kozloff at wwfarm1@gmail.com	
10-17	Training Session	Luke and Kelli Neubert one week training session; open to colts, restarts, troubled horses, or horses who need advancing, at Piper Ridge Farm, ME, contact 207-793-4101	
13	Game Show	Sebasticook Riding Club All Day Game Show. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME. Contact Pa McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301	
13	Fun Show	Primetime Riders Fun Competition, riders choice of tests: english, western, inhand, agility, etc, contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu	
14	Horse Show	Tri-County Horsemen open show, Union Fairgrounds in Union, ME, contact Marilyn at 207-594-4039 or marilynksmith@roadrunner.com	
14	Pleasure Show	MHA: Ossippee Valley Fair Horse Show Class D Pleasure at Ossipee Valley Fairgrounds, Hiram, ME contact secretary Phyllis Davis & Sheryl Roberts at 207-604-6008 or desi@psouth.net	
16	Dressage Show	SMDA Dressage GAIG/USDF Recognized Competition, Hollis Equestrian Park, Hollis ME, judge Ida Norris, contact Elena at 207-317-1472 or elena_raymond@yahoo.com	
21	Game Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club game show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.	
21	Hunter Show	MHA: NEJA Summer Classic Horse Show II Class B Hunter/Jumper at Sassy Strides Equestrian, Lisbon, ME, contact Renae Samay at 207-514-6626 or nejumpersassociation@gmail.com	
21	Open Equitation Show	Waldo County Riding & Driving Club, fifty-six classes plus six championship \$ classes. New show bill includes several minis classes! 190 Lincolnville Ave, Belfast, ME. Judge Robert MacDonald. Contact wcrdc@yahoo.com	
27	Clinic	Mid Summer Medley with Tea-Bri-Lee Farm and Kate Bennett Horsemanship at Tea-Bri-Lee Farm, Winthrop, ME. Contact Kate Bennett at 207-632-0052 or Teagan Irene at 207-931-6793. Please leave a message if calling.	
27	Equitation Show	Sebasticook Riding Club Equitation Show. Judge Lu Ann Watson. Contact Pat McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872- 5301. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME	

28	Dressage Show	Esprit Equestrian Center Dressage Schooling Show and 2-Phase, Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gmail.com, 207-504-1232		
	Al	<b>JGUST 2019</b>		
3	Dressage Show	Central Maine Dressage Schooling Show, Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gmail.com, 207-504-1232		
4	Dressage Show	Life's A Ride Dressage Schooling Show in Saco, ME, SMDA affiliated, contact Cassi at 207-890-2606 or cassandrajmartin@yahoo.com		
4	Pleasure Show	Mousam Saddle and Harness Club pleasure show, in Kennebunk ME, contact Andrea at 207-929-8445.		
4	Hunter Show	MHA: Kane Kountry Farm's Seascoast Classic MHA Class D Hunter/Jumper at Kane Kountry Farm, Scarborough, ME, contact secretary Nancy House at 207-939-3135 or nhouse700@gmail.com		
7-11	Clinic	Gaited Horse Clinic with Larry Whitesell at Whispering Woods Stables, Augusta ME, contact Teresa at teresa@whisperingwoodsstables.com or 207-370-1150		
10	Game Show	Sebasticook Riding Club All Day Game Show. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME. Contact Pat McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301		
11	Horse Show	Tri-County Horsemen open show, Union Fairgrounds in Union, ME, contact Marilyn at 207-594-4039 or marilynksmith@roadrunner.com		
11	Dressage Show	SMDA Dressage Schooling Show at Hollis Equestrian Park, Hollis ME, judge Melanie Peabody, contact Kristine Brassard at 207-252-8353 or kristie.brassard@maine.edu		
18	Open Equitation Show	Waldo County Riding & Driving Club, fifty-six classes plus six championship \$ classes. New show bill includes several minis classes! 190 Lincolnville Ave, Belfast, ME. Judge Kevin Crane. Contact wcrdc@yahoo.com		
18	Pleasure Show	MHA: 19th Annual Pine Tree Sizzler Benefit Horse Show Class A Pleasure at Hollis Equestrian Park, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net		
22-25	Clinic	Centered Riding Certified Instructor All Level Update, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com		
24	Equitation Show	Sebasticook Riding Club Equitation Show. Judge Katie Beaulieu. Contact Pa McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301. Rt. 100 Clinton, ME		
25	Dressage Show	Esprit Equestrian Center Dressage Schooling Show and 2-Phase, Esprit Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thru Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gmail.com, 207-504-1232		
25	Pleasure Show	MHA: 56th Annual Highview Riding Club Horse Show Class B Pleasure at Cumberland Fairgrounds, ME, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net		
25	Hunter Show	MHA: Acton Fair Hunter Show Class D Hunter/Jumper at Acton Fairgrounds, ME, contact Cheryl Chamberlin at 207-651-3454 or cheryl9372@gmail.com		
25-26	Clinic	Masteron Method Beyond Horse Massage Clinic at Whispering Woods Stables, Augusta ME, contact Teresa at teresa@whisperingwoodsstables.com or 207-370-1150		
30-1	Pleasure Show	MHA: 45th Annual ASAM Summer Spectacular Horse Show Class A Pleasure at Deerfield Fairgrounds, NH, contact secretary Regan Grant at 207-432-7671 or momg23@metrocast.net		
	SEP	<b>ΓEMBER 2019</b>		
1	Dressage Show	Life's A Ride Dressage Schooling Show in Saco, ME, SMDA affiliated, contact Cassi at 207-890-2606 or cassandrajmartin@yahoo.com		
6-10	Clinic	Clinic and individual sessions with Bryan and Luke Neubert at Piper Ridge Farm, ME, contact 207-793-4101		
8	Horse Show	Tri-County Horsemen open show, Union Fairgrounds in Union, ME, contact Marilyn at 207-594-4039 or marilynksmith@roadrunner.com		

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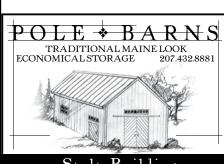
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13-15	Hunter/Jumper Show	Downeast Medal Finals at Skowhegan Fairgrounds in Skowhegan, ME, Warm-up day Sept 12, contact Ginger Albert at ginger@downeastmedalfinals.com		
14	Driving Derby	Maine Driving Club, Derby at Spurwink Farm in Cape Elizabeth, ME, contact Barbara at bechadwick1@gmail.com		
15	Dressage Show	SMDA Dressage Schooling Show at Hollis Equestrian Park, Hollis ME, judge Laura Mitchell, contact Maggie Roy at 207-400-4629 or maggie.s.roy@gmail.com		
15	Open Equitation Show	Waldo County Riding & Driving Club, fifty-six classes plus six championship \$ classes. New show bill includes several minis classes! 190 Lincolnville Ave Belfast, ME. Judge Cohne Goodwin. Contact wcrdc@yahoo.com		
15	SRC Trail Ride	Sebasticook Riding Club trail ride at 10:00am and potluck lunch in Fairfield, ME. Contact Pat McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301		
15	Dressage Show	Esprit Equestrian Center Dressage Schooling Show and 2-Phase, Espr Equestrian Center, Durham, ME; Intro thru FEI, Western Dressage, Intro thr Prelim Combined Divisions. Secretary Elizabeth Owens, lautrecslizbeth@gma com, 207-504-1232		
28	Trail Challenge	Sebasticook Riding Club Trail Challenge competition with cash prizes. Judg Sarah Gilman. Contact Pat McCollor at patmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-530 Rt. 100 Clinton, ME		
28-29	Clinic	Centered Riding/Horse Training Clinic, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com		
28-29	Horse Trials	UNH Fall USEA Horse Trials BN-P at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174		

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6	Hunter Show	MHA: 5th Annual Jump 4 A Cure Festival Class B Hunter/Jumper at Sassy Strides Equestrian, Lisbon, ME, contact Renae Samay at 207-514-6626 or nejumpersassociation@gmail.com
12	2 Arena Driving Trial  Maine Driving Club, Arena Driving Trial at Pen-Beth Farm in Harrison Liz Happel or Barbara Chadwick at adt@penbethfarm.com	
12	Clinic	Primetime Riders clinic with Asa Woodman - Harmony Horsemanship, contact Sam Morrison at wlcmhome@live.com or Julie Retells at jretelle@bates.edu
19	Jumper Show	UNH Schooling Jumper Show Ground Poles-3'3" at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174
19-20	Clinic	Centered Riding/Horse Training Clinic, at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME, contact Sam Morrison at 207-946-5045 or wlcmhome@live.com
20	Dressage Show	Life's A Ride Dressage Schooling Show in Saco, ME, SMDA affiliated, contact Cassi at 207-890-2606 or cassandrajmartin@yahoo.com
27	Awards Banquet	Sebasticook Riding Club awards banquet with prizes, raffles, pot luck dinner. Pace Hall in Skowhegan, ME. Contact Pat McCollor at pmcc1@gmail.com or 207-872-5301

## NOVEMBER

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7	Jumper Show	UNH Schooling Jumper Show Ground Poles-3'3" at UNH in Durham, NH, contact Christina Keim at christina.keim@unh.edu or 603-862-1174	
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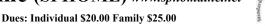


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