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# Southern Maine Dressage Association: September

By: Susan Pendleton

State of Maine Dressage Association (SMDA) held a schooling show on September 15, 2019 at the Hollis Equestrian Park. Although there is one more SMDA-affiliated show at Life's a Ride on October 20, this was the last regular SMDA show for the year. It's been a great season!

Our judge was Laura Mitchell (L). Laura is the owner of Beltane Farm in York, ME and has judged for SMDA several times before. She provided good, constructive comments and was positive and encouraging to our riders. Our Show Secretaries were Maggie Roy and Asheley Ireoand, and our Show Manager was Gloria Steiger.

As always, we need to thank our tireless volunteers who gave up all or part of their day to help out and make the show a success. It was beautiful weather, and the full-day volunteers were treated to a home-made picnic lunch provided by Gloria Steiger!

We had a full show, and it was a busy day with rides from Introductory through Third Level. We had both familiar and new faces in the ring. It's always interesting to see who completes the show season aiming for a year end award, and who is trying out a new test or new level to gauge their progress through the season.

A couple of reminders as we come to the end of show season and make plans for next year:

- Please submit your Rider Report and Rider Medals Award forms by November 15

- It's membership renewal time – you can renew on-line at SMDA's website, or print out a membership form and mail in with a check. We will not be mailing out membership forms this year. Please renew by November 1 so we can get our roster in to USDF.

Show Results:

High Point ribbons were awarded to:

- Introductory Level: Kelly Somers riding Lee (72.188%)
- Open, Training Level and up: Jessica Flaherty riding Giselle (68.462%)
- Adult Amateur, Training Level and up: Heather Delano riding Destiny SCS (69.722%)
- Junior, Training Level and up: Olivia Calderwood riding Wellington (67.759%)

Scores:

USDF Intro Level Test A – Open: 1) Kelly Somers/Lee/67.188%; 2) Brandi Raymond/Snow in August/60.938%

USDF Intro Level Test A – Adult Amateur: 1) Cindi Spear/Ryleigh BTF/68.750%; 2) Sara Small/Key to My Heart/61.875%

USDF Intro Level Test A – Junior: 1) Ashley DiBiase/Better Be Curious/66.875%; 2) Rachel Plaisted/As Luck Has It/58.750%

USDF Intro Level Test B – Open: 1) Kelly Somers/Lee/72.188%; 2) Brandi Raymond/Snow in August/63.750%

USDF Intro Level Test B – Adult Amateur: 1) Cindi Spear/Ryleigh BTF/67.188%; 2) Laura Buffet-Jackson/Touch of Grace/60.625%; 3) Sara Small/Key to My Heart/58.125%

USDF Intro Level Test B – Junior: 1) Ashley DiBiase/Better Be Curious/69.063%; 2) Moira Danzig/Magical Daydream/59.688%; 3) Rachel Plaisted/As Luck Has It/58.438%

USDF Intro Level Test C – Junior: 1) Ashley DiBiase/Better Be Curious/67.750%; 2) Moira Danzig/Magical Daydream/62.000%

Western Dressage Intro and Basic Level – Open: 1) Lani Wicks-Reilly/Northern Dazzle/66.591%; 2) Lani Wicks-Reilly/Northern Dazzle/60.000%

Western Dressage Intro and Basic Level – Adult Amateur: 1) Jennifer Greene/Touch of Grace/63.500%; 2) Debra Harter/Impulsive Rita/55.833%

USEF Training Level Test 1 – Open: 1) Jessica Flaherty/Giselle/68.462%; 2) Robyn Cuffey/Dmitri/65.769%; 3) Samantha Fairfield/Mr. Driftbar Two/60.577%

USEF Training Level Test 1 – Adult Amateur: 1) Kristen Gould/Maine Lee Valencia/60.962%; 2) Staci Yates/T'm True Blue/60.385%

USEF Training Level Test 2 – Open: 1) Jessica Flaherty/Giselle/66.897%; 2) Robyn Cuffey/Dmitri/65.862%; 3) Samantha Fairfield/Mr. Driftbar Two/63.103%

USEF Training Level Test 2 – Adult Amateur: 1) Paula Rae/Irish Ceili Dancer/64.483%; 2) Kristen Gould/Maine Lee Valencia/61.552%

Test of Choice: 1) Sophia Caron/Remarkable 54/USEA Eventing BN Test A/70.278%; 2) Sophia Caron/Remarkable 54/USEA Eventing BN Test B/70.250%; 3) Chelsea Canedy/Unexpected/USEA Eventing BN Test B/67.750%; 4) Chelsea Canedy/Unexpected/USEA Eventing Novice Test A/67.619%

USEF Training Level Test 3 – Adult Amateur: 1) Maggie Knowlton/All That



Kelly Somers and Lee

N' More/64.138%; 2) Paula Rae/Irish Ceili Dancer/63.793%; 3) Janice Bigos/Sir Winston/61.724%

USEF Training Level Test 3 – Junior: 1) Olivia Calderwood/Wellington/60.690%; 2) Elli Mason/Simon Sez/60.517%

Western Dressage Level 1 and Up – Adult Amateur: 1) Debra Harter/Impulsive Rita/57.593%; 2) Catherine Flaherty/Time to Be Shameless/56.731%

USEF First Level Test 1 – Adult Amateur: 1) Janice Bigos/Sir Winston/57.759%

USEF First Level Test 2 – Adult Amateur: 1) Cindi Spear/Cayden BTF/61.000%

USEF First Level Test 2 – Junior: 1) Sarah Barter/Don Kongo/64.571%; 2)

London Morin/DaVinci/61.142%; 3) Catherine Sullivan/Indigo/60.000%; 4) 56.714%; 5) London Morin/Laurel/55.714%

USEF First Level Test 3 – Adult Amateur: 1) Heather Delano/Destiny SCS/69.722%

USEF First Level Test 3 – Junior: 1) Catherine Sullivan/Indigo/60.694%; 2) Sarah Barter/Don Kongo/59.583%; 3) London Morin/Laurel/55.833%

USEF Second Level – Adult Amateur: 1) Heather Delano/Destiny SCS/67.568% 2) Susan Terry/Gypsy Vanadio/58.784%; 3) Chrissy Smith/Zoysa/54.324%

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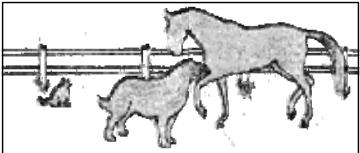


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## ON THE COVER



Jennifer Grady competing in the Parade Class at the Maine Event on her farm bred Friesian Gelding, Rhoherrin.

Jennifer and Rhoherrin competed and won the Maine Event Halter and the Maine Event Open Pleasure Stake Class.

Jennifer owns and operates Acorn Hill Farm from Whitefield Maine; she has been a part of the Maine Horse Industry for most of her life.

When asked about the Maine Event Horse Show she responded, "Can't do a more fun horse show than the Maine Event".



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# CMPTA State Finals

Article and Photography by: Daniel Murphy

The weekend of Sept. 21st and 22nd brought the riders of CMTPA back to the small town of Charleston, Maine for their State Finals. Saturday's event was team penning, with Sunday being ranch sorting. Riders unloaded their tack and horses with muted excitement for the weekend, and what was to come Saturday night. For this was to be the last CMTPA show for the season, and for good. Once the weekend ended, that would be it for team penning and ranch sorting in Maine. CMTPA board of directors had called a special open meeting for that Saturday night to discuss shutting down the club. And that specter hung over everyone, as riders saddled up for what looks like their last ride in the Maine sport.

Teams lined up, cattle was loaded into the ring, and the loud speaker crackled with the call "Flag is up.....teams may right." And so started a tough battle CMTPA riders against some of the sneakiest toughest cattle in New England. But riding with the knowledge that this may be their last chance to prove their skills against some of the toughest cattle, the riders and horses of CMTPA rode hard, giving it their best, fighting to finally show who is lords of the penning ring. And a battle it was, through warm temps and flying dust, but the teams didn't give up, and slowly they won their place in the winners circle. Jade Gianforte, Michelle Meserve, and Frank Goodwin rode to a 1st place win in the #12 class. Reylyn Giroux, Kaitlyn Stone, and Michelle Meserve took 1st place in the #9 class. #5 class 1st place went to the winning team of Bethany Savage, Athena Bennett, and Jade Gianforte. For the Youth class Brooke Morse and Kaitlyn Stone took 1st place, with Jaelynn Swan and Natalie Morse coming close on their heels with 2nd place.

Later Saturday night, after enjoying a

spaghetti dinner put on by the ladies of the Cowgirl Concession stand, everyone gathered for the special meeting that was in the back of everyone's mind for the day. As seen in the penning ring many times, the riders of CMTPA are a stubborn and tough bunch who don't give up. And that was shown that night, as new and old riders came together to fight to keep their club, and a sport they love, in Maine. A brave group stepped forward to take the reins of the club, and work to keep it and the sport going. With the vote passed to keep going, and arrangements made with the host farm to give it another year at least, the riding members pulled a win from defeat once more.

Sunday's ranch sorting started off with the same beautiful weather that Mother Nature graced the riders with Saturday. And spirits were flying higher as everyone readied themselves for the last show of the season, but not the last show in the State. With yells of "Hey cow....hey cow", dirt flying, and cattle climbing under panels, the day's ranch sorting was a fun one to end the season. Jodi Merry and Frank Goodwin rode to a hard earned 1st place in the #9 class. Reylyn Giroux and Kaitlyn Stone kicked up a lot of dirt as they took 1st in the #6 class. And Meghan Farrell and Josh Morse showed the cattle who's the boss with a 1st place in the #4 class.

And with that the 2019 CMTPA season came to a close, but not the club and the sport. Cattle was put to bed, horses cooled down, tack packed up, and the rings broken down. Hugs goodbye and calls of "great ride" eco around the farm, as one by one, the teams pulled out and made the long drive home. Until the 2020 season.....flag is down, riders may rest.

## Show Results



Kaitlyn Stone (background) and Natalie Morse (foreground)



Chuck the cow



Jade Gianforte



Reylyn Giroux



Jessica Swan(background), Jade Gianforte (middle), Jaelynn Swan (foreground)

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## Association

### The Maine Event: Maine State Championship Horse Show

By: Ricky Drew Photo Credit: Kate Gott Photography

This is a unique show in Maine as it offers stock horse classes with a stock horse judge, and saddle horse classes with a saddle horse judge. All championships are judged by both judges and a point scoring system of both judges' results cards determine the final placings. Open classes are split up between the judges. This year the stock horse judge came from the QH world, Kendra Owen Riley of South Carolina. The saddle horse judge came from the ASB world, Annalisa Hall, Hawaii. The atmosphere was simply electric and contagious. There is a sign that hangs in the office that reads, "Lose the Drama". The show makes sure everyone knows that you do not want this to end up hanging on your stall at any time during the show. For the 3rd consecutive year, the sign remained in the office. The attitudes at the show could be explained in one photo op of the officials. Judges Riley and Hall teamed up with Ringmaster Zak Colburn and posed in the famous "Charlie's Angels" epic of the team looking out for you!

The show offers a pleasure stake where \$1500 is paid out to the top 6 exhibitors. Friday night there is a stock horse qualifier, and a saddle horse qualifier. The top 6 from each of those classes come back into Saturday Night's \$1500 Maine Event Pleasure Stake. This year's results: Champions- CH Queens Upbeat and Laci Sandvil; Reserve Champion- Invite George and Kelly Eldridge; 3rd- CBMF Striking Distance and Jenna Fisher; 4th- Itz All in the Moves with Rebecca Williams; 5th- CBMF Off the Charts and Hali Goodwin; 6th- Rhoherrin and Jen Grady. This was the first time a teenager walked away the Champion.

The show offers a \$500 Halter Championship. The results this year: Champion- Jen Grady and her Friesian Rhoherrin; Reserve Champion- Big Dog Daddy and Austin Butterfield; 3rd- Queens Upbeat with Laci Sandvil; 4th- CBMF Off the Charts with Hali Goodwin; 5th- Rebecca Gagnon showing A Royal Opportunity; 6th- Invite George and Kelly Eldridge.

The show also offered a \$500 Walk Trot Pleasure Stake set up just like the \$1500 stake, with stock horse and saddle horse qualifying classes. The \$500 was awarded as follows: Champion- Pass the Prinzipple with Matty Lyons; Reserve Champion: PeachyInvitation1 with Ashley Reynolds; 3rd- Rednecks Starlite with Meredith Weaver; 4th- Whispering Winds Mosaic Beauty with Elizabeth Lepisto; 5th- Thunder Van den Treu with Terri Ray; 6th- Elegance Made Simple with Nora Leeman.

The Halter Championship is a staple of this show paying out \$500 in the class. The results: Champion Rhoherrin Jennifer Grady, Reserve Mighty Smoke Show Carole Mason 3. Queens Upbeat Cyndee Sandvil 4 Infidels Playbook Annie Hansen 5 All Cowgurls Rise Alison Williams 6 Lazy Day Loper Maggie Pinkham. The in-ring events were incredible, with many huge classes running. On Saturday there were lunch and dinner breaks, but the grounds were so full it felt like the classes ran directly from the morning right into the night. There were also many other money classes on a smaller scale. Championship classes gave everyone an opportunity to win money or one of the Maine State Championship coveted jackets.

On Friday Night the show once again offered the musical stylings of Emily Spofford on acoustical guitar while people toasted marshmallows over the fire pit for s'mores! Saturday night the FEA served up the homemade warm apple crisp made by Jen Grady and the gang from Acorn Hill Farm! Saturday morning the Hawkins family fried up some homemade chocolate and pumpkin donuts for the exhibitors. Jess Small made a crock pot of beef stew, along with some garden snacks for the staff and officials. During the day Saturday and Sunday the show had the fair-style popcorn popper running and served nearly 400 bags to the exhibitors. The show gave out cloth bags with the Maine Event logo to all exhibitors. The bags had a shoe shine polish kit courtesy of Don Ray Insurance. They also contained whoopie pies, and lots of treats and snack foods. The scavenger hunt was the biggest ever for the show, with over 20 people finishing it to win prizes. The Friday Night Under the Lights Bike Parade was incredible as all the kids had bikes lit up with incredible themes and designs. It was so popular it ran a 2nd time on Saturday Night! The FEA hosted their annual Silent Auction at the event, a fun event while raising funds for a good cause. The show hid pink horse shoes each night throughout the grounds for the kids to find and collect prizes. This was huge in popularity. There were also horse coloring pages available where kids won prizes for coloring the favorite pic.

The show offers a ranch horse division which allows cross entries into other classes. This division continues to grow each year. This year the family and friends class had 27 entries. The show split the class. One person rides WT one way of the ring, and they do a pit stop center ring and another rider comes in (family/friend) and they ride the 2nd way of the ring. Some other





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fun classes offered by the show: Maine Event Versatility Class – the rider goes the first way of the ring western, they line up and change tack/clothes etc right in the ring, then take the rail going English the second way of the ring; The show also offered a musical freestyle class. This class had 5 strong entries with incredible tributes and performances; a non-equine halter class, which has 23 entries this year and a floppy eared rabbit hopped to victory... and one of the favorites of the show, it brought back the Parade class which was popular decades ago. The stands and rails were packed as this drew many spectators. However, most of the weekend you saw huge crowds.

Drew gives the credit to the aforementioned judges and the crew that worked the show. Zak Colburn ring mastered the show and helped with a nice center ring display set up; Mary Field was helped in the office by Irene Bryant and things were hopping in there the entire weekend: Rick Saucier and Jacob Kimball split duties at the gate while also helping to set up other events- such as the popcorn, etc: Sylvia Corbett kept all the money vouchers, jacket vouchers, ribbons and awards straight throughout the weekend while the presentations ran smoothly with the help of Brianna Fecteau.

According to Drew, the atmosphere of fun, excitement and anticipation was shared by all officials, staff and most importantly, the exhibitors. "The judges came from Hawaii and So Carolina. The exhibitors came from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island. They are the ones that put this show at the standard it is at

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IBRA

Article and Photos By:Daniel Murphy

Barrel racers young and old headed out early Saturday, Oct. 5th to Fettinger/ Waters Arena in Exeter, Maine, home to the International Barrel Racing Association of Maine (IBRA Maine) for their barrel racing event. And to make it a special day, a Dress Race was added as a fund raiser for the club. So riders, male and female, dusted off their best prom dresses, evening gowns, sun dresses, and a few wedding dress to show off as the flew around the barrels. And as expected, this event was a crowd favorite, and set the mood for the rest of the show.

With chilly temps, one after another, riders charged into the ring in their best legless garments, with a few of the male riders showing off their farmer's tans, but working those dresses like run way models. But even though they turned heads, they just couldn't turn the barrels fast enough to win top place. For 1st place in the 1D with a time of 16.392 Was Tammie Cyr riding Roan. Kristie Withee riding "V" took 1st in the 2D with a time of 17.520. And Ava Currier riding Sweetie took 1st in 3D with a time of 18.545.

With the temps slowly warming up, riders headed back to their trailers to change out of their dresses, and into more comfortable and warmer riding attire. With riders and horses now warmed up, it was on to the Open class. There was strong competition, and a lot of dirt flying, Christina Waters and

Seven French Socks rode to 1st in the 1D with a time of 15.718. Riding hard for 1st in the 2D was Rachael Panther on Dallas with a time of 16.315. Kristie Withee on "V" turned and burned the barrels for a 1st in 3D with a time of 16.881. And Shiloh Worster with Rocket blasted through the pattern for a 4D 1st with a time of 18.042.

In the Youth class, Rachael Panther and Dallas took 1st in the 1D with a time of 16.388. Autumn Doughty and Red rode hard for a 1st in 2D with a time of 17.518. And winning 1st in the 4D, with a grin on her face, was Charli Myrick riding Little Red Devil with a time of 21.018. In the Adult class, Monica Fettinger riding Skippy's Jamboolena rode to 1st in the 1D with a time of 16.304. Shooting up the ring with a 2D 1st place was Nicole York riding Magnum with a time of 17.446. And Marie Robbins riding Vida burned the barrels in 18.988 for a 3D 1st place.

The day's events ended with the Masters class, with David Hodgdon and Streakin TA Bullion taking 1st in 1D with a time of 15.691. Tammie Cyr and Roan followed up with a 1st in 2D with a time of 16.801. And with a time of 18.235, birthday girl Tonya Reynolds grabbed 1st in the 3D. And with that, riders loaded up, ring closed down, and everyone headed home to enjoy the finally warm day, and to prepare for the next weekend's show's costume race. Turn 'em and Burn 'em.



Mallory Williams riding Smart lil canon



Monica Fettinger riding Skippy's Jamboolena

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### Riding To The Top: “AED donated in memory of former RTT Volunteer”

By: Susan Cole, Director of Development

“AED donated in memory of former RTT Volunteer”

Windham, Maine ¾

Westbrook Strong recently donated an Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED) to Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center. It was purchased from some of the proceeds from The Annual Westbrook Strong 5K and Matt's Fun Run and was presented by Laurie and Gary Rairdon. The race is held every year in memory of Matthew Rairdon, a 2009 Westbrook High School graduate, who tragically died in 2013. It is the vision of the family and Westbrook Strong to honor Matt's memory by raising funds for the Matthew S. Rairdon Scholarship Fund. When preparing to go to college, Matt was extremely grateful for the scholarship he received to assist with tuition at St. Joseph's College and the intent of this scholarship fund is to help other individuals interested in pursuing a degree in nursing at St. Joseph's College in the future.

In addition to the Scholarships, this year Westbrook Strong was excited to be able to purchase two AEDs for local non-profits—Riding To The Top and My Place Teen Center. The Rairdons shared that as a young man in middle school, Matthew volunteered his time at Riding To The Top, and was named RTT's Youth Volunteer of the Year in 2004. Matt's older sister also benefitted from services at Riding To The Top.

Riding To The Top's Executive Director Sarah Bronson noted that the AED donation is a fitting way to honor Matt's nursing career and his dedication to saving lives. “Westbrook Strong's generous donation of an AED is greatly appreciated and is something that we've been trying acquire for a couple of years now. While we hope we never need to use it, we will have it in the event of an emergency and it will make RTT an even safer place for our clients, parents, staff, volunteers and visitors. Thank you to Laurie and Gary, and Westbrook Strong!”

About Riding to the Top and Westbrook Strong

Riding To The Top Therapeutic Riding Center (RTT) was founded in 1993. Our mission is enhancing health and wellness through equine assisted activities and therapies. Located just west of Portland in Windham, Maine, RTT is the state's only year round PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center solely dedicated to Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies. Riding To The Top 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](http://www.ridingtothetop.org) or call 892-2813.

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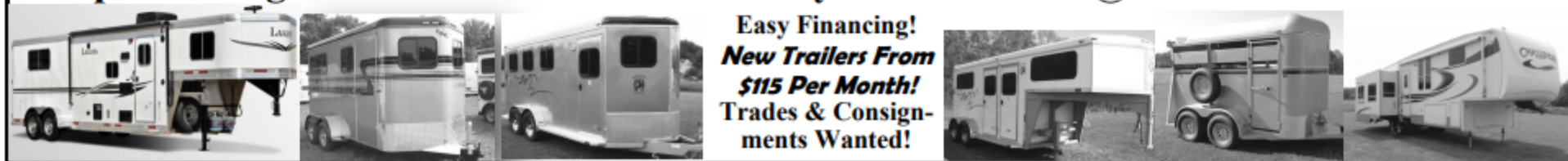
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# MHA News, Notes, and Nickers

by Dollie Hutchins, MHA Administrator

The 2019 MHA competition season is a wrap: the shows have been held; the points have been tallied, audited and posted; the ribbons and awards have been selected; and the grand championship banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 16 at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland, ME. (Details available on the [mainehorseassoc.com](http://mainehorseassoc.com)) In just a few days, we'll enjoy their scrumptious buffet, honor our champions, place bids at the annual silent auction, enjoy each others company and celebrate our grand champions. With all this in mind, this month's article will highlight some the special awards and honors that are available to our members.

It seems appropriate to begin with MHA's oldest trophy, The Gray Perpetual Trophy, which was first presented for the 1964 season. Donated by Braley and Corinne Fentress Gray along with daughters Marshall and Lendon, the trophy is a now-vintage brass coaching horn with a hand crafted carrying case. Tradition dictates that the winner each year blows the horn, or, at least tries to, when presented it at the banquet. In addition to supporting MHA, Corinne Gray was instrumental in getting the Pony Club started in Maine. The name Lendon Gray may ring a bell with some readers. From her Maine roots, she went on to be very successful in the top level of dressage competition representing the USA in the Olympics. Today, she is renowned for championing of the junior exhibitor competing in dressage which includes putting on Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival in mid-July each year at the HITS show grounds in Saugerties, NY. MHA's own Lendon Morin competed there this year and a score from this show figured in her MHA championship award. Originally, the Gray Trophy was awarded in the Open Hunter Division whose fences were 3'6" to 4'. The only other division in existence was Green Hunter with fences 3' to 3'6". These divisions have faded away and exist only at the highest level of hunterdom. Prior to the 2007 show season, Lendon Gray was contacted and happily gave MHA permission to alter the specifications to include any division open to both horses and ponies with no restrictions as to the status of the rider (ie open to junior exhibitors, amateur adults and professionals). Thus entries in the Open, Low and Special Hunter divisions are now all eligible.

Paul Mangin was an MHA youth who lost his life way too early. His family and friends honored his life and his penchant for the western discipline by creating the MHA Paul Mangin Memorial Fund to sponsor a challenge trophy for juniors showing western in the Youth Activity Pleasure division. The trophy must be won three times by the same horse and rider combination to retire the trophy.

Meg Hall grew up on the MHA circuit first showing hunters and then turning to the Arabian and National Show Horse breeds, and eventually branching out to the regional and national circuits.

She was a familiar competitor at MHA shows with her nearly white Arabian BPL Figuratiw in the western classes for many years. Fig enjoyed a long and wonderful retirement and he is remembered with the BPL Figuratiw Challenge Trophy donated by Meg in the Arabian Western Pleasure division.

One of the most popular and enduring divisions is Hunter Pleasure Horse. The Troubles EZ Touch Challenge Trophy was put into competition in 2000 by Bonnie and Kori Green, retired and re-entered into competition by Robin Frey [Hansen] in 2002 and then retired and re-entered into competition by Emily Knight in 2010. Last season in 2018, Morgan Schlaack retired this storied trophy with her paint John's Jet Lag. She will lovingly



present the new Bill Davis Tribute Trophy, in memory of her dad, to this year's Hunter Pleasure Grand Champion.

Our younger riders have their chances to earn challenge trophies as well. For the Short Stirrup riders (12 and under), there is the New Boston Farm Challenge Trophy. It uniquely combines the Short Stirrup Hunter and Short Stirrup Equitation divisions and is presented to the highest scoring horse (pony) and rider combination. The Olive Flanigan Challenge Trophy is awarded to the highest scoring combination



in the ten and under walk-trot pleasure divisions and must be won twice. This trophy has been in competition since 1992! Two generations of saddle seat equitation riders from the Drummey family have started their show careers on the MHA circuit: first Sarah and Leigh; then a generation later, Emma and Sophie (Sarah's daughters) and Tatum (Leigh's daughter). Each year they present the Denim Ridge Walk-Trot Saddle Seat Equitation Challenge Trophy to encourage young riders in their favorite discipline.

Rounding out the challenge trophies offered is the Hidden Hollow Hot Shot Family Pleasure Challenge Trophy. As you may know, MHA's Family Pleasure class is rather unique: walk and trot/jog only; full show clothes not required; one rider shows the first way of the ring; second rider shows the second way of the ring. It's very popular and very fun. The Denim Ridge Farm Family started the first challenge trophy and now Pam Lear and her children have carried on the tradition and honor their Hidden Hollow Hot Shot (aka Cooper) who continues to be the quintessential family mount.

Lest we forget, MHA offers a \$500 scholarship each year to a high

school senior or person enrolled in post secondary education (college, trade school, apprenticeship, etc). The applicant must be a Maine resident as well as a current member of MHA. All the information is on the MHA website. At present a committee is reviewing the application process to make it more efficient to apply in 2020.

Finally, the two most coveted accolades for MHA members are the Christopher Vose Memorial Sportmanship Plaque for the junior members and the Natalie Libby Memorial Outstanding Member Award for the adults. These two awards are traditionally the last two of the MHA Grand Championship Banquet. They top off the evening with a touch of nostalgia for a youth who departed way too soon and for a woman whose long life was devoted to the love of horses, shows and serving her community as well as the horse world. At the same time, it embodies the cheers and thank yous to two members who are currently contributing to MHA community. It is a fitting way to cap off the show season and trot or jog into the holiday spirit. Looking forward to the 84th edition of the MHA Grand Championship Awards Banquet.

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# Rescue Horses

## Riverview Farm and Healing Hearts Rescue Update

Article and Photos By: Jo-Jean Keller

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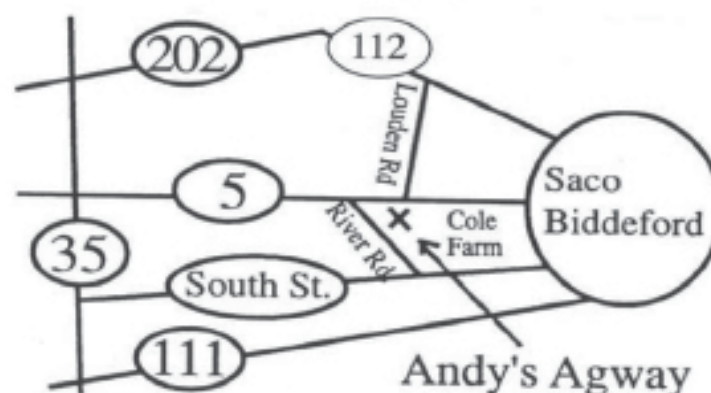
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# Colts and Fillies 4-H club & Championship Show Results

The Colts and Fillies 4-H club held their annual Fall Open Horse Show on October 6th. The weather was gray and chilly and that did not damper anyone's enthusiasm. The show was competitive and fun with great prizes. All classes were well attended giving the spectators plenty to watch. Judge Deb Danforth did a fantastic job determining class placings from a very close group of exhibitors. The food booth was a great success thanks to the efforts of Sarah, Kim and Jamie Dennewitz. Our show Secretary, Rebecca Kennedy kept the classes organized. Our announcers, Anna Kercewich and Sarah Vogel did a wonderful job keeping all informed of the next classes and placings. Evan Dennewitz handed ribbons to our class winners and manned the in gate. A big thank you to our jump builder, Todd Rathke, and our ring crew, Jesse Fiske, for setting up and moving all the jumps. The Colts and Fillies added jumping classes to this years show, thanks to our course designer, Daniela Rathke. These classes were very popular and exciting to watch. We would like to thank our show sponsors for their support: Tractor Supply - Walpole, Big Dee's Tack, Shaw's - Walpole, Mr. G's Liquidation Center, Achille Agway - Walpoke, Blue Seal Feed, Poulin Grain, Straight Arrow Products, EQyss Grooming, Shapley's, Farmgirl Farrier, The Cheshire Horse, Horse & Buggy Feeds - Keene, and WS Badger. These sponsors along will all our competitors and spectators made this a successful show for the Colts & Fillies 4-H club. We are always seeking new youth members and volunteers. If you know anyone that may be interested, please contact the club at coltsandfillies 4h@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook: coltsandfillies4h. For photos of the show go to:

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**Adult:**  
Reserve Champion: Abby Quigley/  
Dynamo Flotilla  
Champion: Kassidy Wyman/ Little Bit of Luck

**Open WT:**  
Reserve Champion: Bridgett Fallon/  
June's Lightning  
Champion: Nola Sciacca/ Thunders Elvis

**Beg WT:**  
Reserve Champion: Ella Coleman/  
Stradivarius  
Champion: Emily Abbott/ Bodi

**In Hand:**  
Reserve Champion: Daniela Rathke/SHS He's a Dust Bunny  
Champion: Jennifer Boyd/ Jewel

**Junior:**  
Reserve Champion: Jenna Dolloph/One Crafty Indian  
Champion: Ella Clark/ UVM McKenna

**Senior:**  
Reserve Champion: Amy Minard/  
Meadowair Kiss Me Kate  
Champion: Mia Decamp/ Meadowair Quest For Glory

**Hunter:**  
Reserve Champion: Madison Amsden/  
Augustus  
Champion: Daniela Rathke/SHS He's a Dust Bunny

**Beg WTC:**  
Reserve Champion: Sadie Scott/ Ultra Superlative  
Champion: Margaret Winiecki/  
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**WT Games:**  
Reserve Champion: Addison Cobeil/  
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Champion: Bridgett Fallon/ June's Lightning

**Open Games:**  
Reserve Champion: Ella Clark / UVM McKenna  
Champion: Daniela Rathke/ SHS He's a Dust Bunny

**Class #:1 In Hand Showmanship**  
1st - Kassidy Wyman I'm a Happy Appy  
2nd - Jenna Dolloph One Crafty Indian  
3rd - Sadie Scott Ultra Superlative  
4th - Jennifer Boyd Jewel  
5th - Jenny Baldwin Penny For Your Thoughts  
6th - Ella Clark UVM McKenna

**Class #:2 Adult Equitation**  
1st - Kassidy Wyman Little Bit of Luck  
2nd - Abby Quigley Dynamo Flotilla  
3rd - Holly Huse Triad's Rolling Rock  
4th - Jennifer Boyd Jewel

**Class #: 3 Beginner WT Equitation**  
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1st - Ella Clark UVM McKenna  
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3rd - Jenna Dolloph One Crafty Indian

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**Class #:9 Adult Pleasure**  
1st - Kassidy Wyman Little Bit of Luck  
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3rd - Holly Huse Triad's Rolling Rock





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Maine Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization presented the 26th World of Horses at Cumberland fairgrounds on September 28th. We had a great crowd who came to see the various breeds of horses. Wendy Flowers, with the help of Alex Metayer, came up with a good mix of presenters. The show went from LARGE Clydesdale to tiny mini and everything in between. Western, English, pure black, or spotted and a mustang doing tricks. We thank all the performers for taking the time to attend and show off their lovely horses.

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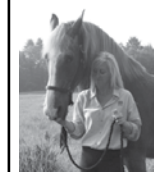
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### Country Girl Rodeo Company Buckle Challenge State Finals

Article and Photography By: Daniel Murphy

The location: the Piscataquis Valley Fairgrounds in Dover-Foxcroft, Maine. The date: Sunday, Sept. 29th, 2019. The event: The Country Girl Rodeo Company Buckle Challenge State Finals. With nice weather, horse trailers pulling in, and the stands starting to fill, the rodeo crew finishes off the final details for their last show of the year. And a fun filled family friendly good old country rodeo it was. On the schedule for the day's events were barrel racing, cash cow, kids dance off, goat flagging, mutton bustin', and of course bull riding.

With fans and proud parents cheering them on, the first event of the day was Leadline barrels, with a happy cowboy Wade Worster taking 1st place in the event. Next was Pee Wee barrels, with Brayden MacNichol grabbing 1st place. Rachael Panther turned and burned up the barrels for 1st place in the Junior class. And Rosena Crossman flew through the pattern to take 1st in the Adult class.

With crews setting up for the next events, riders circled the ring tossing out shirts, hats, and a variety of souvenirs to the eager fans. Next was the goat flagging, with a herd of children lining up to grab a ribbon from the goat's tail to win a prize. Laughter echoed around the fairgrounds, as little legs pumped hard across the ring to grab the ribbons. And those same kids were back in the ring for a dance off, lead by the rodeo's Head Safety Cowboy Brian.

Cash cow event, in which the ride drives a cow to one end of the ring, then rider and horse circle a barrel and ride back to the gate. As some riders keep finding out, it's not as easy as it sounds, especially when you have stubborn minded cows. Some

had a rough time, so managed to get the cows moving quickly. Rachael Panther and partner Dallas managed to take 1st place, even after dragging racing the cow back to the gate. Then came one of the fan favorites.....mutton bustin'. A dozen young riders lined up to try their luck riding one of the many sheep available. Mutton Buster Chandler Myrick managed to hang on the longest to take 1st place in the event. And then came the big boys. Bull riding. Everyone gave their best, so hanging on for a bit, others not so long. In the Junior bull riding class Stryker Fraser took 1st place, with Colby Fowler taking 1st in the Adult bull riding class.

The last part of the rodeo came the Buckle Challenge awards to the Country Girl Rodeo's 2019 Grand Champions. Colton Pierce and Hipster took Champion in Leadline barrels. Pee Wee barrels Champion went to Charli Myrick and Little Red Devil. Autumn Doughty and Red were Junior barrels Champion. And the team of Mallory Chandler and Danger Ranger took Champion in Adult barrels. After some tough hard bull riding through the season, Rachael Panther took Junior Bull Riding Champion, with Nicole York winning Adult Bull Riding Champion.

With all the winners and champions admiring their prizes and belt buckles, the hard working crew start to tear down the ring, and pack up the office for the season. But as they do, plans are already being made for the 2020 season, with tons more fun, new events, and even a new location and home for the Country girl rodeo. See all you young cowgirls and cowboys next Spring for some good country fun.



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