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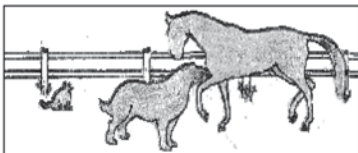
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Prime Time Riders

By: Linda Veblen

Prime Time Riders had a wonderful meeting Oct. 12th at Welcome Home Farm in Greene, ME. Asa Woodman presented an introduction to Harmony Horsemanship.

For more information about Harmony Horsemanship, see this link:
<http://www.harmonyhorsemanship.ca/>

Asa is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She uses the horses to help people overcome fear and trauma. To see more about her work follow this link:
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We started the clinic inside with introductions and a brief introduction to the theory of HH.

Respect and Safety are the important aspect of horsemanship. The Harmony Horsemanship theory was developed by observing horse behavior in the herd. Horses in the herd will not cross the "drive lines" of the lead horse. In working with our horses, we need to be aware of what it means to cross these drive lines in establishing communication. For example, the horses in a herd will occasionally back-up; the lead horse will never back up. The herd is showing respect for the lead horse.

Developing a close relationship with your horse does not include "cuddling". The horse must be taught to respect your space.

A calm connection is the second premise of Harmony Horsemanship. The rider is the leader and the reaction you get from the horse matters. Developing communication with the frontal lobe of the horses brain, along pathways that develop over time by repetition, will help prevent a panic (fight or flight) reaction.

The Harmony Horsemanship method helps the rider get to a "yes" horse, a willing horse, rather than a "no" response horse. Asa suggested we read more about horse physiology. Two good resources are: Chris Erwin's Evolution of Horsemanship <https://chrisirwin.com/horsemanship/> and Dr. Stephen Peter's site: <https://www.evidence-basedhorsemanship.com/>

Ground Work: The first exercise Asa introduced was walking the square. We used a halter and lead rope to establish boundaries. Walking a square with the horse is a relaxing exercise that can help establish the boundaries. Repeated many times the square helps to bring the horse to a relaxed state. The repetition of the square helps to reinforce the idea that the rider and horse are a team and trust is in the leader (rider) is established.

The second exercise was walking the "S" shape and drawing the horse toward you on each turn. Again, this exercise repeated many times as a way of establishing a calming routine. Asa then added the "scary object" to practice getting the horse to overcome its fear of "the noisy plastic bag" or whatever might be encountered on the trail. The rider continued to make squares and "S" shapes to calm the horse. Reverting to a familiar routine is calming as demonstrated very well by the riders on the ground.

The mounted exercises: The now familiar exercises of "square" and "S" were helpful for each of the five riders. A lot of time and patience were required. Repeating the figures encouraged calmness. All participants gained good tools to use with their own horses and fun was had by all.

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January 26, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

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April 19, 2010

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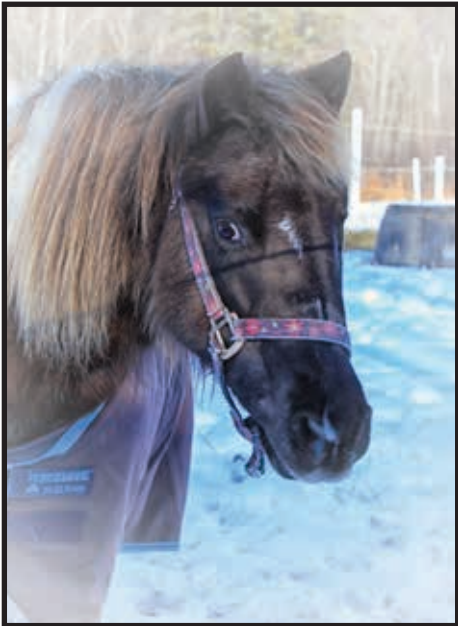
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Horses

River View Farm Update

By: Jo-Jean

January is a quiet time of year, other than the winter weather, and storms of snow, sleet and ice! The quiet comes with the farm horses using all their resources to stay warm, comfortable and well-fed. Of course, there are times when horses are known to kick up their heels and fly through the snow!

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Riding into the New Year

By: Virginia Shaw is Head Trainer of Behind the Blue LLC

As we say good bye to 2019, many of us as horseman have reached new heights, we may have reached new training goals, new competing goals, or maybe we just fought that fear and did that thing that has scared us for a long time. Some of us have suffered, perhaps injury, could be horse or human. Needed to be reworded --> It could be the setbacks you had to overcome; whether it be the horse we bought isn't going to work out, or we have changed trainers or facilities, and some have just suffered downright tragedy. Well, good thing for all of us...it's a new year!

How do you plan on riding into the New Year?

Somedays, as I sit in the barn, I think about all the things I wish to accomplish. I'm not going to lie, many of them scare me, and a few of them I sit there and think, "I could never do that". Reality is what's stopping me? Or what's stopping us? Is it time?

It's easy to sit there and say we don't have time, between teaching, being a parent, and just trying to keep up with the day to day, that seems like a reasonable excuse. It could be a lack of motivation, there is always tomorrow right? I'll start tomorrow, I'll ride my horse next week, I will go to that lesson in next week,

tomorrow, tomorrow there's always tomorrow.

And then there's fear....when you own a horse, what are you not afraid of? Fear can stop us dead in our tracks. The funny thing about fear, that it is usually what you want to do most. Things that scare you are also the things that excite you.

I say in 2020 we start running towards our fears. Do the thing that scares you. Try a new discipline, try working with a trainer, take a lesson, take a clinic, go on that trail ride, buy that horse, go to the beach, book and plan that vacation that takes you to Ireland to ride ponies, start a new program and create a completion goal. Do the thing(s) that makes you feel alive.

There will always be set backs or things that pop up that change the path some, but for the most part we can figure it out. Why not try for what we want, rather than fear it?

So here is my advice as we ride into 2020:

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than the things I haven't done."~Lucille Ball

Happy New Year and Happy Horsin'!

Virginia Shaw
Head Trainer of Behind the Blue LLC;
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Rescue Horses

Blaze was an owner surrender.

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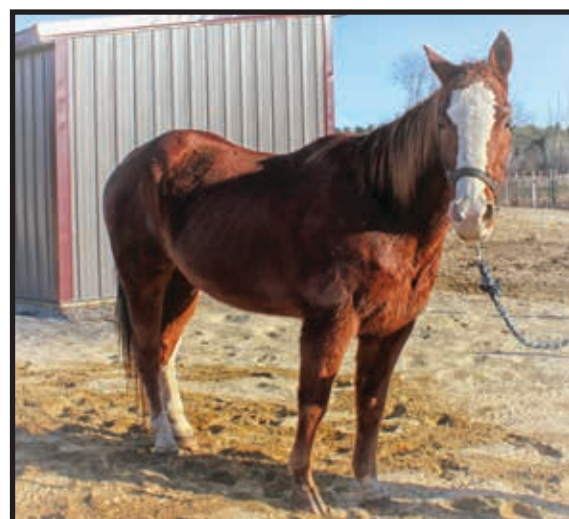
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Brrr. . .Baby It's Cold Outside

Riding in the Winter Months (and enjoying every minute of it...)

By: HMNH Editorial Staff

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season comes to a close, most horse owners begin to wish for spring. If my horses could talk, I suspect they too would complain of their green grass being replaced with endless white snow. Even those fortunate enough to have an indoor arena for winter use still endure the cold air of the season. As most arena users will report, indoor arenas in New England are the coldest places in the entire galaxy. We haven't verified with the National Weather Service, but we are very much in agreeance. Nonetheless, the footing is predictable and pleasant. In addition, we can all appreciate the convenience of lighting and no wind chill.

Many of us have an outdoor arena that is feasible for riding all year. Well, that assumes we can keep it open and ice free. Easier said than done. Still many horseback riders take to the trails. Living on a well-maintained dirt road, opens up a whole world of riding.

There lies the key. A whole new world. Let me introduce you to koselig.

No, it isn't a new noseband or supercharged supplement. It's a Norwegian concept that loosely describes all things cozy. For some that might mean fluffy socks or hot chocolate. In Norway winters

are long. As a result, Norwegians accept winter and use the concept of Koselig to be warm and prepared. This allows them to embrace winter instead of dreading it.

As horse enthusiasts, we can create Koselig in the barn, and under saddle, all winter long.

Provide Traction and stability for your horse:

Whether you ride in an outdoor enclosure, or prefer the trail, giving your horse the advantage of calks/studs for traction is highly recommended. Your farrier can recommend which shoes and /or pads are best suited for snow and icy conditions. Snowball pads or bubble pads help prevent the snow from packing into the hoof. They also help to prevent sole bruising from ice, and maneuvering frozen rough ground.

Is your horse is turned out with other horses? Shoes for the front only might be best. A kick from a hoof with calks/studs can create a lot of damage to the receiving horse.

When winter riding barefoot, applying petroleum jelly or hoof grease can help with snowballing. Snowballing (impacted snow) creates unnecessary

stress to fetlock joints and can cause injury. Carry a hoof pick in case of snowballing.

Warm the bit:

Your horse will thank you if you warm the bit before putting it in their mouth.

There are many ways to warm a bit:

1. Store your bridle in the house for the winter. Keep it warm while grooming and tacking up.
2. Dip it in hot water and dry it completely before using it.
3. Consider a bit warmer. There are many different styles available.
4. Use a hair dryer, gently going back and forth, to warm the surface.
5. Roll the mouthpiece between your palms, you might want to have gloves on.
6. Put it in the sunshine. Well, assuming you're lucky enough to have sunshine.
7. Gel heating pads
8. Bit Blankets.

Adjust the Workload:

Walking in knee-deep snow is a real workout. Maneuvering in the snow is much harder for your horse compared to flat or open ground. Snow is heaviest around midday, and softer too. Your best

line of defense is to adjust the workload and speed of your horse. Instead of long and intensive riding sessions, focus on enjoying quality athletic time with your horse. Think Koselig, and make positive use of the time.

Quarter Sheets, Keeping Those Muscles Warm:

It's always a good idea to keep your horse's back and hindquarter warm and dry. Look for a well-made quarter

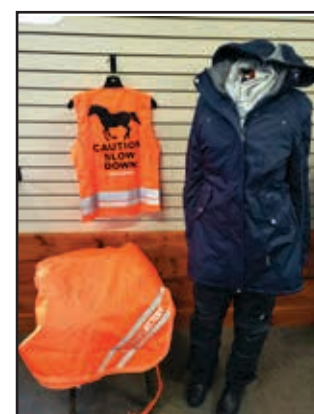


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by Dollie Hutchins, MHA Administrator

As the new year trots in, it's banquet season in the world of horse show and horse clubs. One of the earliest, and perhaps the very first, was MHA's held on November 16th at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland, Me. This month's article highlights our special awards and lists all our divisional award winners.

Congratulations to all our recipients and to those who helped them achieve these accolades.

Our oldest, most unique and only perpetual trophy, is the Gray Trophy which is an antique brass hunting horn with a custom box donated by the Braley Gray family in 1964. The Gray's daughter, Lendon Gray, went on to compete at the Grand Prix/Olympic level in dressage and today is a sought after dressage clinician, author, promoter of youth dressage and the founder of Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival held each summer in Saugerties, NY.

The Gray Trophy for the highest scoring hunter in a division open to all riders and horses/ponies (Open, Low, Special) was awarded to Appealing Promise shown by Julia House for her mom, Nancy. Tradition has it that the winner has to blow the horn which Julia did. Trotting up behind her when she accepted the award was lead liner, Chloe Cole, who also very successfully sounding the call, much to the delight of everyone. We think she was practicing for the time that she will win this storied trophy.

A young man, who loved riding western and who lost his life way too soon, is honored each year with the Paul Mangin Memorial Challenge Trophy. Earning a second leg on this three-year-to-retire award was Ashlyn Bosse with her Quarter Horse, After Elegance. Elegance is owned by Ashlyn's grandparents, David and Lisa Bosse. This trophy, in existence ever since this writer can remember, is financed by the Paul Mangin Memorial Fund and will be continue for years to come.

The Saddlebred, He's Hammered with his rider, Selena Sola, was honored with the Olive Flanigan Challenge Trophy for the highest scoring mount in the Walk-Trot Pleasure Division for riders Ten and Under. This trophy is also a long-running special award. It began in 1992 with the first winner's being Riverview Royalton and Amanda McMamus.

The stunning gray Arabian, BPL Figuratiw, found his niche in the Arabian Western division and was shown very successfully by his owner, Meg Hall. The BPL Figuratiw Memorial Challenge

Trophy, which features a portrait of his beautiful head, was retired by Jess Small's Mistaars Ibn Jameel. This is so fitting as Jameel also has that classic Arabian head.

New to the list of special and challenge trophies for 2019 was the Bill Davis Tribute Challenge Trophy. In memory of her late dad, Morgan Schlaack has donated this elegant bronze-look horse head trophy in the Youth Activity Pleasure, Western division; a division which she dominated with her buddy, John's Jet Lag, her last few years in the junior exhibitor ranks. The very proud recipient was Ashlyn Bosse with After Elegance.

MHA is all about growing up in the horse world with families and friends in your choice of discipline To that end, one of its most unique offerings is the Family Pleasure division which is open to both actual family and barn family. One person rides walk and trot/jog the first way of the ring, then a second rider walks and trots/jogs the second way.

The quintessential family pleasure horse, Hidden Hollow Hot Shot and his family, Pam and Emma Grace Lear, won the trophy named in his honor this year, The Hidden Hollow Hot Shot Family Pleasure Trophy. This was one of the biggest divisions as well as one the closest races of the season.

Each year, the Maine Morgan Horse Club supports MHA and showing Morgans at open shows by offering a special award to the highest scoring Morgan on the MHA circuit. This year's winner was a newcomer, Strike Zone, owned by someone we've watched grow up on the MHA circuit, Emily Hawkins.

Emma Ouellette was the worthy recipient of the 2019 MHA Scholarship. She is a freshman at the University of Maine in Orono majoring in pre-veterinary science. She is another young person we've enjoyed watching grow up in MHA.

The MHA Scholarship is open to Maine resident members who will be or are enrolled in a post secondary program (not necessarily a college program). A committee is currently reviewing the application process to make the application process more user friendly.

Tradition dictates that the final two awards of the evening are the Natalie B Libby Memorial Award presented to the outstanding adult member and the Chris Vose Memorial Award, a sportsmanship award presented to a worthy junior exhibitor.

The Natalie Libby Award went to Emily Hawkins who's always ready,

willing and able to help out with whatever is needed from presenting the colors for opening ceremonies to fixing a mechanical creature.

Julia House was presented the Chris Vose Award. Besides showing her own horse and often one for her trainer Diane Kane, Julia is often seen helping out at the shows, adjusting jumps, giving out ribbons, running judges cards and so forth.

Congratulations to these two folks and all our special award winners.

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As we ride into the new year, watch for MHA's updated website. Actually, when you read this in early January, it may already be up and functioning! Also watch for the list of affiliated shows online, and please remember that the membership discount ends February 29th.

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Hunter Pleasure Equitation, Juniors & Amateur Adults - CH Morgan Schlaack; RES Emma Grace Lear-Lapierre; THIRD Dixie Szabo; FOURTH Ashlyn Bosse

Amateur Adult Saddle Seat Equitation - CH Courtney Grant

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAINE & NEW HAMPSHIRE

Midcoast Maine IEA Team with our 2019 Season Review

Midcoast Maine IEA Team Opens Season With Second

The Midcoast Maine IEA team opened their season at Evenstride Farm in Byfield Mass on Sunday. The high school team, with five new riders and four returning members had some strong performances, allowing them to place second among seven teams, only 1 point behind the winner.

Earning points for the team were: Ella Villeneuve, Varsity Open flat, third place. Brooke Seiders, Varsity Intermediate over fences, first place. Zoe Maltese, Varsity Intermediate flat, third place. Lily Sukeforth, J.V. Novice over fences, second place and flat, first place. Nadia Rosenberg, J.V. Beginner Equitation on



the flat, second place. The second place finish gave the team 5 points towards the 20 needed to qualify for Regional competition in February. In addition to helping the team, each rider's points count toward individual qualification which requires 18 points. Also earning individual points were Nina Miller, Varsity Open flat, fourth place. Zoe, Varsity Intermediate over fences, second place, and Celine Doucette, J.V. Beginner Equitation on the flat, sixth place.

The middle school team finished fifth out of seven teams, despite having only two riders. The team in competing this year with the minimum of three members, one in each division. Two of last year's riders have moved up to the high school team and no new riders in grades 6-8 joined this season. Riding on Sunday were Will Bradley, earning a fifth in Future Intermediate on the flat and sixth over fences and Emily Carter, who finished second in Future Beginner Equitation on the flat. Unable to compete due to illness was Isabelle Curtis who rides in the Future Novice division.

New to IEA this year is an Introductory Pilot program, open to fourth and fifth graders. These 9 and 10 year old riders can compete in either Walk/Trot or Walk/Trot/Canter. Although ribbons are awarded, they do not earn points and are not eligible to compete in the post-season but they are part of the team and gain valuable experience. Joining the Midcoast Maine team this season is Ava Nickerson, daughter

of coach Virginia Shaw, who is in fourth grade and competes in Walk/Trot/Canter. On Sunday, Ava finished third at her first IEA show.

The entire team is looking forward to an exciting rest of the season. Coach Virginia Shaw is excited to welcome so many new members: Nina Miller and Mia Lahaye who join Ella in Varsity Open. Zoe Maltese who joins Brooke in Varsity Intermediate and Nadia Rosenberg and Nora Conlin who compete in J.V. Beginner along with Celine who moved up this year from the middle school team. Lily also moved up from the middle school Future Intermediate to J.V. Novice. Next, the team hosts a home show at West Neck Farm in Nobleboro on Sunday, November third. Anyone is welcome to attend and the team will be serving delicious hot food and hosting a raffle to raise money for future shows. The following weekend, they will travel to Berwick to compete at a show hosted by the York Equestrian Team. In December, the team returns to Evenstride and then travels to N.H. for their fifth and final show.

Midcoast Maine IEA Team Sweeps Home Show

The Midcoast Maine IEA team, coached by Virginia Shaw, hosted a home show on Sunday November 3rd at West Neck Farm in Nobleboro. Five teams from IEA Zone 1, Region 2 competed at both the high school and middle school levels. In both levels, Midcoast Maine came away with the win by a narrow margin over York Equestrian Team of Berwick. Also attending were two teams from Massachusetts and one from N.H. Both teams earned seven points toward the 20 needed to qualify for the post season, giving the high school team a total of 12 and the middle school team 9 after just 2 of their 5 shows. The team could not host these shows without the generosity of all the horse owners who allow us the use of their horses. Everyone in attendance on Sunday was impressed with the quality and exemplary behavior of all the participating



horses and ponies. A huge thanks to horse providers Virginia Shaw, Chrissy Bradley, Kristen Mugnai, Bev Zahner, Jan Barter,

Corey Fougner, Amy Miller and Melissa Demmons.

In each of the twelve classes, one team rider is designated as the "point rider", meaning their points count not only toward the individual totals but the team total for the day. Earning points for the Midcoast Maine high school team on Sunday were the following riders: Brooke Seiders, 2nd in Varsity Intermediate over fences; Zoe Maltese, 2nd in Varsity Intermediate on the flat; Lily Sukeforth, in J.V. Novice finishing 2nd over fences and 1st on the flat, and Nadia Rosenberg, 2nd in J.V. Beginner on the flat. Additional points were earned for the following: In the Varsity Open division, Nina Miller placed 3rd over fences and 2nd on the flat; Mia Rae placed 4th in both fences and flat. In the Varsity Intermediate Division, Brooke placed 2nd on the flat and Zoe won over fences. In J.V. Beginner, Nora Conlin finished 3rd and Celine Doucette 4th.

The middle school team won with a full team effort despite having only three riders to compete in the three middle school divisions. In the Future Intermediate division, William Bradley finished third in both the over fences and flat sections. In Future Novice, Isabelle Curtis won over fences and earned a 5th on the flat. In the Future Beginner flat class, Emily Carter finished third. Competing in a new Pilot Introductory Division for fourth and fifth graders, Ava Nickerson earned a 2nd in Introductory Walk/Trot/Canter. Although the Pilot program does not allow riders to earn points toward post season competition, it is giving these 9 and 10 year old young riders a chance to see what competing on a team is all about.

The Midcoast Maine team is very excited about the start of the season and is hoping to qualifying both the high school and middle school teams for Regional Semi-Finals in February. Next weekend the team travels to York, then they head back to Evenstride Farm in Byfield Mass. on Dec. 1 and then to Lanes End Farm in Danvers, Mass on Dec. 14th to wrap up the regular season. Many individual riders also have an excellent chance to qualify for Regionals. Everyone will be riding regularly and practicing together to prepare. Coach Shaw, team manager Kristen Mugnai and all the parents are very proud of all the hard work put in by these young riders. The team will once again be hosting a Holiday Fundraiser and we look forward to having another great turnout. Details will be available soon.

Midcoast Maine IEA Team Wins Again

The Midcoast Maine IEA team, coached by Virginia Shaw, traveled to Berwick, Maine on November 10th to compete against seven other teams at both the high school and middle school levels.

The high school team had strong performances across all divisions, ending the day as show champions by 5 points. This moved the team total after the first three regular season shows to 19 points, just one short of qualifying for Regionals. The much smaller middle school group again proved it's about quality not quantity, finishing a very close third and moving up to a total of 13 points for the season so far. Several riders also earned individual points toward post season competition.

Designated high school point riders whose placings counted not only for themselves but also toward the team totals were: Nina Miller, 4th in Varsity Open over Fences, Ella Villeneuve, 1st in Varsity

Open Flat; Brooke Seiders, 1st in Varsity Intermediate over fences, Zoe Maltese, 5th in Varsity Intermediate Flat; Lily Sukeforth, 2nd in J.V. Novice over Fences and 5th



on the Flat, and Nadia Rosenberg, 3rd in J.V. Beginner on the Flat. Additional individual placings were: Varsity Open: Ella Villeneuve, 1st over Fences; Varsity Intermediate: Zoe 1st over Fences; J.V. Beginner, Celine Doucette 4th and Nora Conlin 5th.

The middle school team competes with the minimum of one rider in each of the three divisions so all points count for both the team and the individual riders. In the Future Intermediate division, William Bradley finished 4th in both the over Fences and Flat sections. In Future Novice, Isabelle Curtis took 2nd over Fences and earned a 3rd on the Flat. Entering the Future Beginner Flat class, the middle school team standings were very close, with six teams able to finish in almost any order. Emily Carter rode beautifully to earn third out of eleven riders, moving the team into third overall. Competing in the new Pilot Introductory Division for fourth and fifth graders, Ava Nickerson rode to the win in Introductory Walk/Trot/Canter.

The Midcoast Maine team is in excellent position to qualify both the high school and middle school teams for Regional Semi-Finals in February. At Regionals, the top two teams at both levels move on to Zone Finals in March. Next the team travels to Evenstride Farm in Byfield Mass. on Dec. 1 and then to Lanes End Farm in Danvers, Mass on Dec. 14th to wrap up the regular season. At York, Brooke Seiders and Zoe Maltese qualified for Regionals individually over Fences and several other riders are only a few points away. The team will be hosting a fund raiser this winter to help pay for Regionals which is completely funded by the teams within Regions 1 and 2. We will keep you posted on upcoming events.

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sheet that is quilted, or fleece-lined for warmth. Ideally it should also have a waterproof exterior. Some quarter sheets are worn between the saddle pad and saddle, others fit over your saddle and help to protect it from the elements outside. If your horse is a newbie to wearing a sheet, plan that it may take some getting used to.

Cooling out your horse:

Upon returning to the barn, look

for signs of sweat under the saddle or on the chest area. Perspiration, or wet weather mixed with winter temperatures can cause your horse to chill. Putting a heavy winter blanket on a wet horse can trap moisture, and prevent your horse from drying. The best way is to cover your horse with a light breathable blanket or cooler (wool or fleece are excellent materials). This will help to wick away the moisture. Walking your horse will also help them cool down. Once they are dry the blanket or cooler can be

removed.

Protection for your horse's legs:

Choosing protective legwear for your horse is fairly simple. When riding indoors, you're probably all set with your usual boots. If you're hacking outdoors use a sport boot made of Neoprene or PVC. Fabric-based boots and legs wraps become wet and soggy during the winter. As a result, they are impossible to keep on, and very irritating to your horse.

Keep an eye out:

Always be proactive and safety minded to ensure a positive winter riding experience. Look for any possible holes, or uneven footing. Be aware of obstacles under the snow that may be tough to see. Going off the trail, crossing logs, and crossing frozen water are all hazards of riding in a winter wonderland. Being aware of your surroundings will help avoid injury to you or your horse.

Creating koselig also means being aware of yourself. In addition to making our equine friends safe and comfortable, riders should also focus on staying warm and safe. Dressing in layers is nothing new to folks that spend time outdoors. Avoid wearing tight clothing and footwear, as you will actually lose heat and you'll be much colder. Layers of clothing build pockets where warm air is trapped providing insulation. When clothing comes in contact

with your skin or boot, your body heat will transfer to the items instead of keeping you warm.

Start with fabrics designed to wick the moisture away from your skin. Consider a synthetic fabric, such as polyester or polypropylene. While they don't provide a lot of warmth, they will wick the moisture from your skin. Cotton can trap your sweat against your body making you colder. This is similar to your horse wearing a cooler after a ride. When you remove the cooler (once he's dried) the cooler is actually damp from the wicking.

Middle layer and outer layers are best left to natural fibers. Both silk and lightweight wool, such as Merino wool, are good choices. Wool is both an excellent wicker and dries quickly. For many of us wool is very irritating to our skin so be sure to have your base layer under your wool. Fleece and synthetics such as Thinsulate are other great options for your middle layer.

Final outer layers such as Gore-Tex are a great choice. Outdoor enthusiasts suggest waxed cotton canvas, or anything with a weather resistant shell. Popular jacket designs include a hood, high neck, fasteners at the wrist, a double zipper with a snap lay over piece to help with wind through the zipper, gussets that spread open when you're seated in the saddle, vented double back and additional vent zippers at the chest area.

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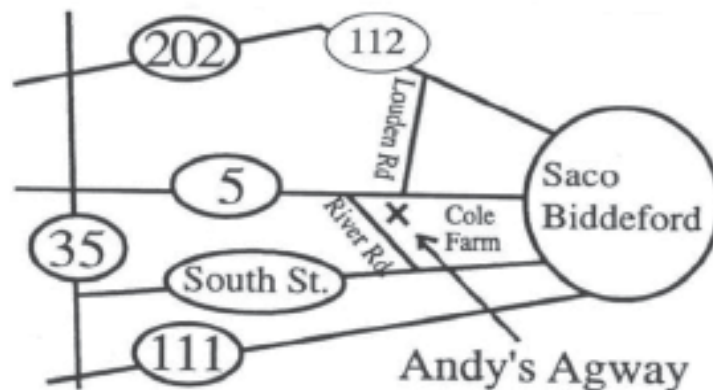
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Head, fingers, legs and toes:

Keeping your legs warm while riding in the cold can be challenging. The Equine market offers a wonderful selection of insulated thermal and fleece lined breeches. A base layer can be synthetic, merino wool or silk under your regular breeches. Or under your fleece line breeches for added warmth.

Warm, safe, and heeled riding boots with a layer of socks to wick the moisture away from your skin. Be sure they're not too bulky and could get stuck in your stirrup if you did have a fall. Avoid boots with a steel toe, the metal cools off quickly and transfers that cold to your toes.

Choose a glove with a snug cuff that can be long enough to keep your wrists covered when your arm is extended. It is sometimes challenging to find the perfect pair that doesn't add too much bulk and limits the dexterity of your fingers. As with all outdoor riding wear, durable and weatherproof materials are a must. You'll also want a good grip.

Winter helmet covers can extend down to protect our ears and cover

our neck. Add a scarf, neck warmer, or turtleneck to add additional protection to your neck. When needed, a turtleneck can be pulled up over your chin and nose.

Finally, you can always rely on those little chemical packets that provide heat for your toes and hands. They are inexpensive, and are small enough to provide warmth within your gloves, or at the tip of your toes.

While enjoying all that winter has to offer, wear brightly colored clothing, or a reflective safety vest. This enables you to be visible to traffic and hunters. Pick a time of the day when you have plenty of time to ride in the daylight hours. Try not to be out at dusk, or on poor weather days when visibility is reduced.

One of my favorite ways to build koselig is to become hyper aware of the beauty that winter represents. From snow covered treetops, to warming sunrises, I make it a point to appreciate nature. Even when the temperatures dip, there is much to appreciate. A mix of clothing, winter equipment and solid planning will ensure a beautiful ride

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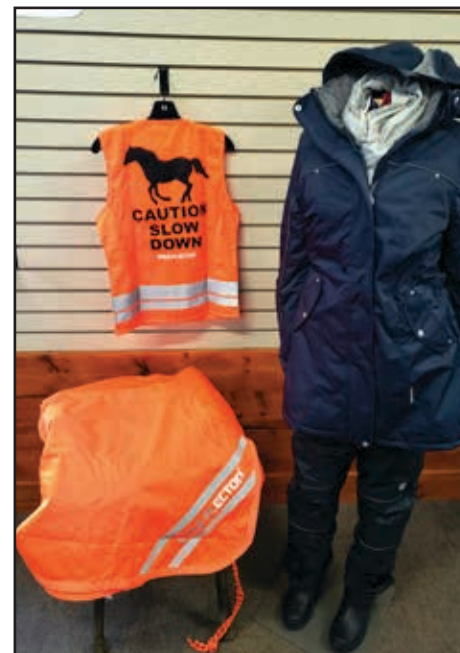
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Midcoast Maine IEA Team Wins Again

After a couple of weeks off, the Midcoast Maine IEA team, coached by Virginia Shaw, traveled to Byfield, Massachusetts on December 1st to compete at both the high school and middle school levels. Due to a limit on rides set by the host team, three members of the high school team did not attend. Despite this, they ended the day as reserve champions, earning five points and qualifying for Regional Semifinals. Next weekend the riders who did not compete will travel to Spring Tide Farm, in Boxford, Ma. where they will have a chance to earn individual points toward post season qualification. The last regular season show for both high school and middle school teams will see all the Midcoast riders compete on December 14th in Danvers, Mass.

Designated high school point riders on Sunday were: Nina Miller, 5th in Varsity Open over Fences and 3rd in Varsity Open Flat; Brooke Seiders, 1st in Varsity Intermediate over fences; Lily Sukeforth, 2nd in J.V. Novice over Fences and Nadia Rosenberg, 4th in J.V. Beginner on the Flat. Additional individual placings were: J.V. Beginner Flat, Celine Doucette 1st and Nora Conlin 5th. Lily joins Brooke and Zoe Maltese as individual qualifiers for Regionals.

The middle school team was very competitive in a strong field, finishing third overall. In the Future Intermediate division, William Bradley finished 4th in both the over Fences and Flat sections. In Future Novice, Isabelle Curtis took 3rd in both over

Fences and Flat. Emily Carter finished 4th in the Future Beginner Flat class. In the Introductory Division for fourth and fifth graders, Ava Nickerson earned a third place in Introductory Walk/Trot/Canter.



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Ribbon Rule

by Louise Lester

Many years ago I was participating in a ride with a stallion which usually behaved himself with my full attention. On this ride, which was very hot, water was at a premium and only available in 5 gallon buckets at designated spots. I got to a watering area and my horse was eagerly drinking when a lady on a mare came up and her horse dove into the same bucket. Of course my horse totally forgot about his drinking. I had him adorned with a yellow ribbon in his tail, but I guess she didn't realize what that meant. Needless to say her comment of "Do they think about that all the time?" made me back away quickly. My answer to her was "Yes they do!" My intention with this story is to remind people that there has been an unwritten rule that stallions should have yellow ribbons on them and that horses that might kick have red displayed. Judy Lorimer added that it might be good to have ribbons on the front of the horse as well for good visibility going and coming. This is not to do anything other than warn people to be careful around these horses. I don't mean that they should be given preferential treatment but that the red/yellow ribbon display is for safety's sake.

My safety suggestion: Use the ribbon rule on your horse if it applies and while riding be watchful for those ribbons and ride accordingly. Obviously this doesn't apply to the show ring, but it could in the warm-up area.



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Industry News

Blue Seal to Take Over Operations for Ames Farm Center



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"I have been with Blue Seal for nearly 30 years, and have had the privilege of working with the Ames family for all of that time. What a wonderful family and a great local business they have built. We are proud to be accepting the passing of the torch in North Yarmouth. This will always be the store that the Ames' built. We'll do our best to continue that hometown legacy."

-Mark Farrington

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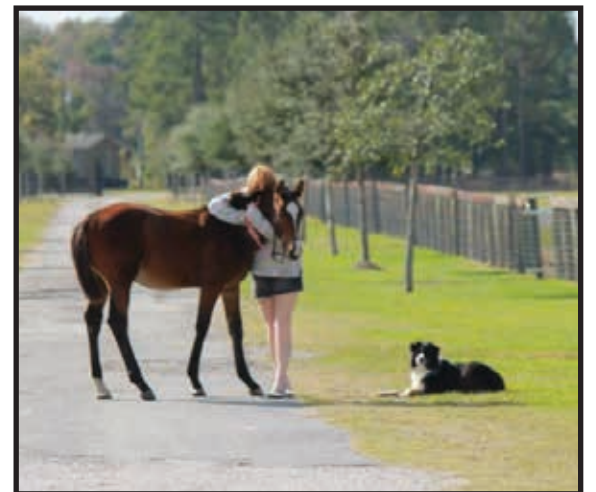
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Both the class schedule for the equitation shows and the class schedule for the game shows was updated. To clear up the confusion we had at the shows, it is now clearly stated on the program that any rider entering the lead line classes can only enter lead line classes regardless of age. In other words, even though the youth class says age 13 and under, if a child 13 or under goes in a lead line class, that child can not also go in youth classes during that same show.

Several members at the meeting recounted how much fun they have had in the past with the water race game. It sounded like they had so much fun that the water race has been added to the equitation shows as the last class of the day.

It was voted to keep all the other club activities going. This includes a fall trail challenge show and a fall club trail ride.

The dressage show judge for 2020 will be Paula Foote. And the new dressage show secretary is Susan Phelps. Judges for the other shows have not been confirmed yet.

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Maine Combined Training Association

www.maine-eventing.org

Memberships available are:
Individual\$25 (specify senior or junior) or **Family**\$30 (list family members & Jr/Sr)
On a separate paper please indicate: new or renewal,
family members names and JR/SR, if a USEA member,
mailing address, email address, and level at which you ride
This information **MUST** be provided along with your check

Make checks payable to MeCTA and send to:
Taylor Ginn, 81 Hallowell Rd, Pownal, ME 04069
tayginn@gmail.com

Subscription Year:
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019





MAINE DRIVING CLUB

www.mainedrivingclub.org

Dues: Individual \$25.00 Family \$30.00 Youth \$15.00 Sponsor \$30.00
Associate Granite State Carriage Association membership \$1.00
Membership year is January to December.

Please make check payable to: The Maine Driving Club and send to:
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tel: 207-234-4537, email: dleavitt@uninets.net

Subscription Year:
Feb. 2019 - Jan. 2020



Maine Hunter/Jumper Association

www.mainehunterjumper.com

Membership Application

Types of Membership: Family (\$30) • Individual (\$25) • Barn (\$35)

Subscription Year: April 2019 - March 2020

Include Name, address, phone and email
If family membership, please list family members (spouse and children under 18)

Send with check or money order payable to Maine Hunter/Jumper Assoc. to Wendy McCann,
64 Witham Rd, Auburn, ME 04210




Mousam Saddle and Harness Club

www.freewebs.com/mousamsaddleandharnessclub

On a separate paper please indicate:
family members names and date of birth for children,
mailing address, phone, & email address

Subscription Year:
April 2019 - March 2020

Please list the names of all horses to be shown
Mousam members 18 years of age are adult members and must have their own membership

Memberships: Family \$27.00 Individual: \$22.00
Mail to: Andrea Valliere, 879 Narragansett Trail, Buxton, ME 04093

Primetime Riders

Subscription Year:
Feb 2019 - Jan 2020

Membership form at: <http://laurajuraska.wixsite.com/primetimeriders>
A chapter group of Old People's Riding Club (OPRC)
*Members must be at least 21-years-old to join

Membership Fees include joining PTR and OPRC
New Members: \$40 • Returning Members: \$35

Please send completed form and check made out to Primetime Riders to
Linda Veblen, 935 Dutch Neck Road, Waldoboro, ME 04572






State of Maine Dressage Association

Membership forms available at: www.mainedressage.com
Subscription Year: Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

SMDA dues (include USDF dues)
Individual: \$40 • Junior: \$38 • Family: \$45
\$10 late fee for membership renewals after Jan 1



Please send completed application and check made out to SMDA to
Cindi Spear, 25 Tarbox Lane, Buxton, ME 04093

MAINE STANDARDBRED PLEASURE HORSE ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (MSPHO)

New Member / Membership Renewal
Family* \$25 Individual \$20
*Family includes spouse and/or children 17 and under
Website : MaineStandardbred.com
Make checks payable to MSPHO and return to:

Denise Metayer 43 Rumery Road Lyman, ME 04002



Tri-County Horsemen, Inc.

Membership Application • www.tricountyhorsemen.com
Types of Membership are Family (\$30) and Individual (\$20)

Please include name, address, phone & email
list family members & age as of 12/1/12

Make check or money order payable to:
Tri-County Horsemen, Inc.
and send to:
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Waldo County Riding & Driving Club

Membership Application

Type of Membership are
Family (\$30) • Individual (\$25) • Additional Adult (\$15)
www.wcrdc.org/

Please attach paper listing family members (spouse and children under 19)
Children over 18 may be added as "Additional Adults"

Send with check or money order payable to Waldo County Riding & Driving Club to:
Avis S. Winchester, Sec., P.O. Box 752, Belfast, Maine 04915
call 338-1788 or email wcrdc@yahoo.com with any questions

Subscription Year:
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Bits and Bytes

Industry News

NEW YEAR, NEW OWNER & NEW STAFF



With the New Year upon us let us start by saying as of, June of 2019 The Horse's Maine & NH was purchased by Kim (Kandace) Mattson. Kim Mattson isn't new to the Equine Industry nor to the Newspaper world. Her background of working for 18 years for a regional publication representing the State of Maine and eventually working for Lynda McCann as an independent account executive. Kim worked servicing Maine for many years and is quoted to say. "The most wonderful asset Maine has is their Equine population. They are one of the most polite, gracious and dedicated horsemen and women I've ever dealt with. Tradeshow, clinics, shows or banquets the warm welcome from all was greatly appreciated".

It's our hope to bring a new face to The Horse's Maine & NH and offer a variety of articles and Industry news as well as show results, affiliation news and personal accomplishments. Months ago the staff at The Horse's Maine & NH asked many of you to please send in higher resolution photos to help with the lay out, tighter deadline to give us time for a nicer lay out and lots of patience as this has been a learning curve for ALL of us. IN the future we look to you to keep us updated on Industry News, accomplishments and continue to provide the content of our newspaper to share with other equestrians in Maine and NH.

Bridget (Bridie) Pearce is giving the paper a new look and brighter energy. She has created an updated layout and her expertise on the computer is an invaluable asset. The website is also being brought up-to-date and will be more welcoming for all users. Bridie has been a computer systems administrator for companies like EMC², and Gillette. Then in 2004 she switched her focus to Web and Graphic Design. She is also an accomplished artist and writer, you can find her teaching the art of Quilling at fairs and schools. Bridie has been working in the computer industry since 1992.

Lena Doubleday has taken over as an Independent Account Executive and isn't new to Maine or the equine industry either. Lena spent many years traveling with Kim throughout Maine and New England, attending equine industry events such as the Northeast Horseman's Conference and Trade-show in Augusta, Equine Affair in Springfield MA, affiliate club banquets, fairs, shows and clinics. Lena is a passionate equine fanatic who's love of horses started before she could talk as a child. She grew up participating in 4-H and achieved her C 3 rating thru The United States Pony Club at age eighteen. She was never dedicated to any one breed or discipline, taking the reins and testing the waters in everything from Western and Gymkhana to 4th Level Dressage and Jumping. When asked what her favorite part of traveling with Kim was she said "Getting to meet all walks of horsemanship life while experiencing exciting new adventure's."

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Mousam Saddle and Harness Club

Ellis River Riders

Primetime Riders

Maine Combined Training Association

State of Maine Dressage Association

Maine Driving Club

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