



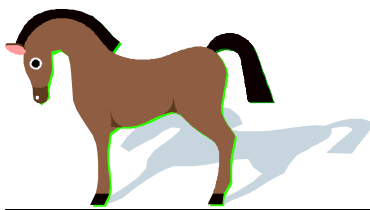
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June 2008 Newsletter

A Message from the President

Happy Summer! On behalf of the entire MSA Board and membership at large congratulations to all of our graduating Seniors. You have worked very hard in school and in your community activities and should be proud of your accomplishments. I know that your parents and families are very proud of you and your achievements.

I would like to take a moment and reflect upon how very lucky we at MSA are. We have volunteers and staff that support our efforts to provide a safe learning environment for us all to compete in and to enjoy horses and people. We have been very fortunate that the weather while having minor impacts on our April show has not brought us the same disasters that our neighbors in the mid-west are now suffering through. So as we continue on into June, July and August we have many exciting opportunities to take advantage of and look forward to. As always I look forward to seeing all of you at the next Horse Show, be safe.
Pat



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Membership

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MSA Board meetings are held at the Bowie Gym off Rt. 197 on Northview Drive the FIRST Tuesday of every month starting at 7pm (the Bowie Gym is also known as Northview Gym). Guests are always welcome to attend.

2008 Show & Pre-Entry Dates

Show Date	Entry Deadline
June 20 – 22	June 13, 2008
July 11 – 13	July 3, 2008
August 1 – 3	July 25, 2008
August 15 - 17	July 25, 2008

Our 2008 show dates are as follows:

June 21, 2008	MHSA C-rated Show #2
June 22, 2008	MSA Open Show #3
July 12, 2008	MHSA C-rated Show #3
July 13, 2008	MSA Open Show #4
August 2, 2008	MHSA C-rated Show #4
August 3, 2008	MSA Open Show #5
August 16, 2008	MHSA C-rated Show #5
August 17, 2008	MSA Fun Show

He knows when you're happy
He knows when you're comfortable
He knows when you're confident
And he *always* knows when you have carrots.
~Author Unknown

2008 Memberships: Membership forms can be found at <http://www.mdhsa.org/> or call (410) 552-1701. All forms are located on the website.

Car and Trailer Parking

The Prince Georges Equestrian Center has designated NO PARKING areas that are clearly marked with new signage around the barns. Please observe these areas and park your vehicles in the parking lots. Vehicles that are parked illegally will be towed.

Anyone unhooking their trailer for the weekend may do so in any area marked for TRAILERS except behind S1 barn (facing Ring 3). This lot must be kept clear for Jumpers and Western exhibitors to ship-in. Anyone needing to unhook their trailer near S1 will need to find a space behind S2, in any area marked for trailers, or in one of the fields.

Please do not congest the areas between barns with parked trailers (especially between W4 & W3 and W2 & W1). Move them to a designated lot NO PARKING is allowed along vendor row with the exception of vendor vehicles

Pony Measurements

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SHOW IN ANY MHSA-rated PONY DIVISIONS, you MUST be

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measured by the MHSA Steward and Judge at one of the Saturday shows (as well as be entered to compete at that show).

As a Schooling Series, MSA does not require any pony to hold a valid measurement card with MHSA or USAE. However, MSA does need to have accurate measurements of all ponies being shown during the series. MSA will recognize any valid measurement card and such a valid measurement card cannot be protested at an MSA show. **Please submit a copy of your card for our records.**

For those exhibitors without a valid measurement card, you will need to take steps to have your pony measured and a MSA measurement card issued for the season. MSA has designated a Board Member and the Show Steward as Measuring Officials.

- For those animals needing to be measured at a show, measurements will be done prior to the start of the first class of the day and periodically throughout the day.

Committee Reports

Show Committee – Crystal Massey

- **SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR JUNE**

The Model classes – Pony, Gelding, and Mare – will remain in Rings 1 and 2 as they were at the May show. In addition, Ring 1 on Sunday will start with class 3 (Schooling Pony Hunter Under Saddle) followed by classes 1 and 2. At 7am, all ponies participating in the Under Saddle must be in the ring so that they can be checked off the list. Anyone with a conflict between the Schooling Horse US must contact Crystal (or see her directly at the show) to discuss.

- **Points and Year-end Standings**

When reviewing the point standings, you will notice several notations next to names. If you have any questions about the notations or eligibility in a division, please contact the Show Manager at showmanager@mdsaddle.com. For those riders going into age specific divisions, MSA determines your age from Dec 1st of the previous year.

- **SHOW OFFICE**

For those people that ship-in on Friday, the Show Office will be open from 4 to 7 p.m. to pick up **PRE-ENTRIES ONLY** and give stall information for those that need it. The show office WILL NOT accept any new entries on Fridays. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** In order to get the pre-entry discount, your entry must be postmarked by the pre-entry deadline **AND INCLUDE AN OPEN CHECK OR PAYMENT.**

MSA reserves the right to close entries in any hunter or equitation division at 30 entries (except MHSA or M&S divisions). A participant may not ass a class or division once that class or division has begun. **All pre-entries will be accepted.** Please refer to signs posted in the Horse Show Office for divisions affected.

Entry Forms

When completing your entry forms, be sure to complete the entire Rider and Horse Information section including birthdates, and then sign the Release on the back at each show. **You do not have to fill-in and total the financial information until you close out at the show.** For those that submit entry forms prior to the entry deadline or have one rider on multiple horses, office staff will apply the Pre-entry and EMT discounts towards your show fees. There is a financial benefit for pre-entering.

Please note when sending a package to the MSA post office box by overnight please submit no signature required so that the package can be placed in the mailbox otherwise if a signature is required receipt of your package will be delayed by a few business days as the mailbox is not checked on a daily basis.

- **Marshall & Sterling Jumper Classic**

Prize Money is available for all entries that participate in the Jumper Classic regardless of membership. However, points will only be recorded for those exhibitors that are M&S members.

Nominations Committee —Tammie DiMichele, The MSA Board is composed of MSA members who are willing to help make decisions about how the organization functions and continually work towards improving our show series. Time commitment is one a month Board Meeting (1-2 hrs). Join the Board!

Awards Committee – Chris Eichenmuller

As detailed in the prize book, the 2008 banquet will be held on Saturday, November 15th at Colony South in Clinton, MD from 4 -11pm. Mark your Calendars, and join us for dinner, awards, and dancing/karaoke. Ribbons in each division through 10th place; Champions and Reserve Champions receive awards/gifts.

Ad hoc Schooling Committee – Lauren Boudakian,

The committee has put in place schooling procedures for the MSA season to help prevent unsafe situations. Please review the procedures, note times, and make appropriate arrangements. Friday ship-in and schooling is available for a fee (\$10 per show). Prior to show start each morning, there is hacking only in the main rings. If you need to school over fences, please

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plan to enter the Open Hunter or Warm-up classes/divisions.

Friday Ship-in & Armbands

Those exhibitors shipping-in on Friday should continue to pick-up and use their armbands --- display them on the bridle or reins of the horses when they enter the ring to school. Show Staff and Board members will be verifying armbands of those in the rings. If you have them, use them! If you don't have one, get it in the Show Office.

Cross-rail Warm-up (Ring 1)

Exhibitors are reminded that the cross-rail warm-up prior to class 7 (in Ring 1 on Sunday) is **for Cross-rail riders only**. There is **NO CANTERING** and **NO OTHER FENCES MAY BE JUMPED** except those used in the WT classes.

Newsworthy: Do you have something interesting you'd like to share for the Newsletter? Send it to news@mdsaddle.com with MSA newsletter in the subject line. We will gladly publish horses/horse related items for sale as a courtesy to members.