



*R.I.D.E.R.S. Seahorse Circuit 2009 Bronze
Dressage Competition & One and Two - July 11-12, 2009
South Shore Exhibition Grounds, Bridgewater NS*

PRIZE LIST

Several South Shore equestrians interested in providing organized activities for horse enthusiasts incorporated R.I.D.E.R.S. as a society under the Nova Scotia Societies Act in 2002. We are now in our eighth year, and we have grown to more than fifty members. In a short time, we have presented seventeen primary (now Bronze) dressage Competitions, recreational rides, five Vet Clinics, a Dressage Canada Adult Amateur Camp, and two highly successful clinics with Walter A. Zetl. In July 2006, we welcomed Tom Dvorak to Nova Scotia for a three day clinic, with twelve enthusiastic and appreciative riders benefiting from his experience as one of our most successful dressage athletes. In October 2008, Lisa Wilcox, American Olympian and World Champion, came to conduct an outstanding clinic in Chester, NS, and she is returning in May 2009. We thank all of you for supporting our efforts.



In 2005, R.I.D.E.R.S. introduced the Seahorse Circuit, with the support of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. The Seahorse Dressage Circuit is an EC provincial circuit governed by the Rules of EC, but administered within the province of Nova Scotia through the Board of Directors of R.I.D.E.R.S. The Seahorse Dressage Circuit is intended to provide recognized dressage competitions below the National level, at which competitors can earn provincially recognized year end awards, in the form of beautiful lapel pins. The awards bridge the gap between competitions where competitors have been ineligible for awards, and national awards programs, encouraging more riders to compete and to develop the skills and confidence necessary to move to nationally ranked competitions. In 2009, the Bronze dressage competitions offered by Central Nova Horse and Pony Club will also be Seahorse Circuit competitions, so there are now six opportunities to achieve these annual awards. Thank you to CNHP for helping us to build a thriving dressage scene in our province.

R.I.D.E.R.S. 2009 Calendar of Events

- May 29-31, 2009 Spring Into Action Clinic with Lisa Wilcox
- July 11, 2009 RIDERS Seahorse Bronze Competition #1
- July 12, 2009 RIDERS Seahorse Bronze Competition #2
- September 5, 2009 RIDERS Seahorse Bronze Competition #3
- September 6, 2009 RIDERS Step Up to Gold Dressage Festival
- October 17-18, 2009 Fall Into Action Clinic with Lisa Wilcox

This year, R.I.D.E.R.S. will offer “Dressage Seat Equitation” classes at all competitions. This class is a group class aimed at rewarding good dressage riding, and will be judged in accordance with the Equine Canada Rule Book for Dressage Seat. See Section F, Chapter 2 of the Rule Book for a full description of the class. If enough interest in the class is shown throughout the season, we will consider adding a special award for Dressage Seat Equitation at season’s end.



R.I.D.E.R.S., the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation, and Equine Canada, support adherence to humane treatment of horses in all competitions under their jurisdiction.

We are committed to:

- Upholding the welfare of horses, regardless of value, as a primary consideration in all activities;
- Requiring that horses be treated with kindness, respect, and the compassion that they deserve, and that they never be subjected to mistreatment;
- Ensuring that owners, trainers and exhibitors or their agents use responsible care in the handling, treatment and transportation of their horses as well as horses placed in their care for any purpose;
- Providing for the continuous well-being of horses by encouraging routine inspection and consultation with health care professionals and competition officials to achieve the highest possible standard of nutrition, health, comfort, sanitation, and safety as a matter of standard operating procedure;
- Continuing to support scientific studies on equine health and welfare;
- Increasing education in training and horsemanship practices;
- Requiring owners, trainers, and exhibitors to know and follow their sanctioning organization's rules, and to work within industry regulations in all equestrian competitions;
- Reviewing, revising, and developing competition rules and regulations that protect the welfare of horses.

The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to not be cruel, abusive or inhumane.

THE RULE BOOK

Competitors, judges, and officials are responsible for knowing the rules specified in the Rules of Equine Canada, and particularly with respect to this competition, being familiar with the requirements of Section E – Dressage. The Rule Book is available at www.equinecanada.ca, and is free and accessible to all.

General Rules and Conditions for Equine Canada Competitions

All EC Rules may now be viewed online at www.equinecanada.ca for FREE

1. Every class offered during this competition is covered by the rules and specifications of the current rules of Equine Canada and will be held and judged in accordance with the EC Rule Book. Competitors, judges, and show officials are responsible for knowledge of the rules.
2. Drug-testing fees must be collected at Bronze competitions. Any horse entered in any class at the competition may, while on the competition grounds and on the recommendation of the chair of the Provincial Equine Medication Control Committee or the chair's appointee, be selected for equine medication control testing.
3. All entries must have a Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation membership or membership from another provincial equestrian sport governing body. All competitors at Bronze Competitions must have at least a Bronze Sport License issued by Equine Canada. All entry fees must be paid by cash or cheque – payable to R.I.D.E.R.S. No post-dated cheques. \$35 administration fee for NSF cheques.
4. Numbers must be worn, and be visible, at all times in the schooling and exercising areas as well as in the competition ring.
5. Competitors withdrawing an entry after the official closing date but earlier than 48 hours prior to the commencement of competition will be refunded entry fees minus an administration fee of \$35, upon the receipt of a vet certificate of disability or a doctor's certificate prior to commencement of the competition. Competitors withdrawing later than 48 hours prior to the commencement of competition will forfeit all fees.
6. The Competition Committee reserves the right to make changes to the competition schedule. Classes may be cancelled due to lack of sufficient entries. The Committee also reserves the right to limit entries or make any necessary changes to the prize list or program. Competitors will be notified as early as possible. The onus is on the competitor to be familiar with such changes. Changes will be posted at www.ridersns.org.
7. Competitors must wear properly fitted, approved protective helmets with a safety harness correctly secured at all times while mounted on the competition grounds. Approved helmets must be certified by SEI or another testing body that it meets the American Society for Testing Materials standard or the BSI standard .
8. More than one rider at a competition may ride the same horse, but not more than once in a category, i.e. a horse may enter with a junior in the Junior and/or Open Category at one level. The same horse with a senior rider may enter in the Adult Amateur/Open Category in the next consecutive level. (See EC Dressage Rule 2.8.4).
9. In the designated warm up arena, running martingales are permitted on snaffle reins of the bridle. Single direct side reins (when lunging an unmounted horse with one lunge line) are permitted. Boots or bandages may be worn in the competition arena for all prize-giving ceremonies, and are permitted in Bronze Competitions. Martingales (other than running), bit guards, any kind of gadget such as bearing, running, or balancing reins, ear plugs, under penalty of elimination, are **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON THE SHOW GROUNDS AT ANY TIME DURING THE COMPETITION**. For full details on EQUIPMENT, see EC Dressage Rule 2.21.4).
10. No horse may compete in more than two consecutive levels. No horse may be ridden in more than four tests, including the freestyle, in one day, and Competition Secretary may limit number of tests if scheduling so requires.
11. Freestyles in Bronze competitions do not require a previously obtained minimum score. Music for freestyles must be given to the Competition Secretary when collecting entry number. If music is on a CD, the rider should also have a copy on a cassette tape, and should have a back-up CD.
12. Scorings and Placings: All scores in dressage tests will be calculated to the third decimal. Any horse receiving less than 40% in a test will be eliminated. Any horse receiving less than 50% in a test will not be eligible for ribbons, prizes, etc. When only one horse is in a class, ribbons will be awarded with the following percentages:
 - First: 60% or higher
 - Second: 57% to 59.9%
 - Third: 54% to 56.9%
 - Fourth 51% to 53.9%
13. It is a condition of entry that neither R.I.D.E.R.S., nor the Competition Committee, will be held responsible in any way for damage, injury, or loss to persons, horses, or property of spectators or competitors.

R.I.D.E.R.S. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

2009 Bronze Dressage Competitions July 11-12, 2009

1. No phone entries will be accepted. Entries must be postmarked by July 1, 2009 and sent to the Competition Secretary at 195 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater, NS B4V 1H7.
2. Competition to be held at the South Shore Exhibition Grounds, Exhibition Dr., Bridgewater NS. Exit 12 or 13 on Hwy 103.
3. Entries must be COMPLETE. Copies of your NSEF (or equivalent) membership card and your EC Sport License must accompany your Entry Form. INCOMPLETE ENTRIES will be notified and until complete the entry is not accepted. Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis, and entries are limited. Entries received after the closing date of July 1, 2009, if accepted, are subject to a late fee of \$20, payable on arrival at the competition.
4. Stabling is available. Once the closing date has passed, stabling will be allocated on the basis that competitors traveling the farthest distance will have priority, and stalls will be assigned until full. Stabling will be \$15 per day. Bedding is NOT provided. Stall must be stripped prior to departure. Competitors not complying with this requirement may be denied entry to future competitions.
5. All competitors in the Bronze Competition must pay a \$15 per entry Administration Fee. This fee offsets costs and includes a levy for the Seahorse awards program.
6. The Competition Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor for unsportsmanlike behaviour or breach of the NSEF or EC Codes of Ethics. Competition Management reserves the right to limit, refuse entries, split, combine, cancel or adjust any classes, to govern all conditions of the show, and make rulings upon any matters not specified by the current EC rules and prize list specifications.
7. If you need a test reader, you are responsible for finding the reader.
8. A generously sized warm-up ring will be provided. To ensure the warm-up ring is shared equitably, the steward or a member of the Competition Committee has the right to direct behavior or activities in the warm up area.
9. The rules for the Seahorse Circuit are available at www.ridersns.org.
10. All tests will be ridden in a 20m x 60m ring.
11. AWARDS. The High Point and Reserve High Point go to the highest average and second highest average percentage scores from at least two tests from Walk-Trot to Third Level. Additional Awards may be presented as sponsorship becomes available. Prizes will be awarded to all division winners, and other prizes may be awarded if available. Ribbons will be awarded to 6th place. There must be a minimum of three competitors in any division or category for championship awards.
12. CLASS FEES: Seahorse Bronze Competition: \$15 per class. No bridle numbers will be issued until all fees are paid. Non R.I.D.E.R.S. members must pay a \$15 fee to participate in the Seahorse Bronze Competition.
13. ENTRIES CLOSE July 1, 2009. Entries received after the closing date may not be accepted. Make cheques payable to R.I.D.E.R.S. Mail or deliver to COMPETITION SECRETARY 195 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater, NS B4V 1H7. Hors Concours entries are not offered. Questions not answered by this Prize List may be directed to the Competition Secretary, Claire Milton, 902.527.0048 or by email to info@ridersns.org.
14. RIDE TIMES: Will be posted at www.ridersns.org and will be emailed to competitors providing email addresses by July 8, 2009. Do not phone for ride times please. FINAL ride times will be posted daily at the competition office during the competition.
15. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. Competition generally starts between 8 and 8:30 am and continues until completion of the classes based on entries. Classes generally start with the lower test levels and progress to higher levels but show management reserves the right to schedule classes in some other order.
16. Attention Pony Clubbers! If you wish to ride a Canadian Pony Club Dressage Test, please register in the "Test Of Choice (TOC)" class, and specify clearly the test you wish to ride. Canadian Pony Club Dressage Tests can be found at www.canadianponyclub.org on the Downloads page.



R.I.D.E.R.S. 2009 Bronze Dressage Competition Number One
Saturday, July 11, 2009 ENTRY FORM
Closing Date: July 1, 2009
 Registration at 8:00 a.m. on Competition Date

Name of Rider:		NSEF Membership No.	
		Equine Canada License No. (min. Bronze)	
Name of Owner:		NSEF Membership No.	
		Equine Canada License No. (min. Bronze)	
Name/Gender/Breed of Horse:			
Date of Birth, if Junior:		Signature of Parent/Guardian, if Junior:	
Mailing Address:			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Email Address:	

THE RELEASE ON THE NEXT PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED Indicate class(es):

Dressage Seat Equitation (see EC Rule Book, Section F, Chapter 2)		Open: _____
		Junior: _____
\$15 _____		Adult Amateur: _____
Walk-Trot Division		Category: Open: _____
		Junior: _____
Walk-Trot Test A \$15 _____	Walk-Trot Test B \$15 _____	Adult Amateur: _____
Training Level Division		Category: Open: _____
		Junior: _____
Test One \$15 _____	Test Two \$15 _____	Adult Amateur: _____
First Level Division		Category: Open: _____
		Junior: _____
Test One \$15 _____	Test Two \$15 _____	Adult Amateur: _____
Second Level Division		Category: Open: _____
		Junior: _____
Test One \$15 _____	Test Two \$15 _____	Adult Amateur: _____
Third Level Division		Category: Open: _____
		Junior: _____
Test Two \$15 _____	Test Three \$15 _____	Adult Amateur: _____
Test of Choice Division (Fourth Level; FEI; Canadian Pony Club)		Category: Open: _____
Clearly specify your test of choice:		Junior: _____
Test of Choice \$15 _____		Adult Amateur: _____
Test of Choice \$15 _____		
Class Fees:	Admin Fee: \$15 _____	Medication Control: \$2 _____
		Stabling \$15 x _____ days _____
		Total: _____
R.I.D.E.R.S. Member? Y: ___ N: ___ If No, add \$15 _____		Dressage Canada Levy (Mandatory) \$7: _____
TOTAL FEES: \$ _____		

PLEASE ADD CAREFULLY: Class Fees+Admin Fee+ Med Control+Stabling+NonMembers Fee+Dressage Canada Levy. Make cheques payable to R.I.D.E.R.S. and send with this form by July 1, 2009 to Competition Secretary: 195 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater, NS B4V 1H7

RELEASE

THIS DOCUMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS RELEASE IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY. NO ENTRY IS COMPLETE WITHOUT A SIGNED RELEASE. A SEPARATE RELEASE IS REQUIRED FOR EACH COMPETITION.

I, the competitor, do hereby acknowledge having received a printed copy of your official prize list and do hereby certify that all animals listed on the entry form on the reverse competition entry form are strictly in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Equine Canada Rule Book. I hereby certify that every horse and rider is eligible as entered and agree for myself and my representatives to be bound by the Constitution and Rules of Equine Canada at this Competition. It is hereby recognized that all equestrian sports involve inherent risk and that no helmet or protective equipment can protect against all foreseeable injury. I further acknowledge the risks in riding and working around horses and that these risks can include bodily injury to both horse and rider resulting from normal use, competition and schooling. In consideration of being allowed to participate in this event, I hereby assume all risks and release and absolve the organizing committee of R.I.D.E.R.S., Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation, Equine Canada, South Shore Exhibition, and their officials, volunteers, officers, directors, agents, representatives, employees of all responsibilities, liabilities, or claims of any nature and kind which I may have arising from participation in the event. I hereby declare that in making this entry that I have read and fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this Prize List and that it is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns.

Signature of Rider _____ Date _____

Signature of Owner: _____ Date: _____
(If not rider)

It is acknowledged and agreed that said rider will wear a properly fitted ASTM/SEI or BSI approved helmet. It is understood that juniors not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to compete at these competitions. The parent/guardian of any rider under the age of 18 years must sign below:

I acknowledge as Parent/Guardian of _____ that I have read and fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this entry and release on behalf of _____.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

If the person other than the Owner or Rider (i.e. Coach) is responsible for the horse on the day of the competition, the Person Responsible must sign below:

Signature of Person Responsible: _____ Date: _____

NOTICE

The Seahorse Bronze Dressage Competition Number One is sanctioned as: Bronze Competition member of Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, Ontario, K2B 8K2 and is governed by the rules of Equine Canada.



R.I.D.E.R.S. 2009 Bronze Dressage Competition Number Two
Sunday, July 12, 2009 ENTRY FORM
Closing Date: July 1, 2009
 Registration at 8:00 a.m. on Competition Date

Name of Rider:		NSEF Membership No.
		Equine Canada License No. (min. Bronze)
Name of Owner:		NSEF Membership No.
		Equine Canada License No. (min. Bronze)
Name/Gender/Breed of Horse:		
Date of Birth, if Junior:	Signature of Parent/Guardian, if Junior:	
Mailing Address:		
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Email Address:

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		Junior: _____
Test One \$15 _____	Test Two \$15 _____	Freestyle \$15 _____
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Clearly specify your test of choice:		Junior: _____
Test of Choice \$15 _____		Adult Amateur: _____
Test of Choice \$15 _____		
Class Fees:	Admin Fee: \$15 _____	Medication Control: \$2 _____
		Stabling \$15 x _____ days _____
		Total: _____
R.I.D.E.R.S. Member? Y: ___ N: ___ If No, add \$15 _____		Dressage Canada Levy (Mandatory) \$7: _____
TOTAL FEES: \$ _____		

PLEASE ADD CAREFULLY: Class Fees+Admin Fee+ Med Control+Stabling+NonMembers Fee+Dressage Canada Levy. Make cheques payable to R.I.D.E.R.S. and send with this form by July 1, 2009 to Competition Secretary: 195 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater, NS B4V 1H7

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Signature of Rider _____ Date _____

Signature of Owner: _____ Date: _____
(If not rider)

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Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

If the person other than the Owner or Rider (i.e. Coach) is responsible for the horse on the day of the competition, the Person Responsible must sign below:

Signature of Person Responsible: _____ Date: _____

NOTICE

The Seahorse Bronze Dressage Competition Number Two is sanctioned as: Bronze Competition member of Equine Canada, 2685 Queensview Drive, Suite 100, Ottawa, Ontario, K2B 8K2 and is governed by the rules of EC.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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R.I.D.E.R.S.

Seahorse Circuit Competitions Number One and Number Two

Officials and Management

Judge: John MacPherson, EC Dressage Medium, Ontario

Competition Secretary: Claire Milton

Organizing Committee:

Jane Fraser
Alison Kelland
Dianne Lifset
Dianne MacDonald
Claire Milton Donna
Wentzell

On Call Veterinarian

South Shore Veterinary Clinic 543-5602

On Call Farrier

Rick Corkum Farrier Service 275-8094 or 527-1038

