

# MICHIANA DRESSAGE CLUB, INC.

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## MARCH MADNESS HAS ARRIVED!!

Thanks to Sue Rosencrantz for hosting our February Board meeting. Hope members can join us for our next board meeting in September. Remember, attending one Board meeting equals one hour of Volunteer time for the Year End Awards.

The USEF has amended their legal and illegal bits allowed in competition under the Dressage "Rules and Equipment" section of their website. Annex A, Supplement to DR121 of USEF Dressage Rules Update. To access these changes click on the link below.

<http://www.usef.org/media/press-releases/annex-a-supplement-to-dr121-of-usef-dressage>



If you are lucky enough to own a horse, you are lucky enough!

Also, a reminder that our Michiana Dressage Club website has a **classified's page** where MDC Members can advertise their business for **free**. This is a great way to get word out to like minded horse people about your business as well as another perc of being an MDC member. Please contact Brad Crosby at [darbcros@aol.com](mailto:darbcros@aol.com) to place your ad in the classifieds.

**MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>** is the **deadline** for the **Kotylo Clinic**. If you have not signed up **SIGN UP TODAY!!** We need 5 more participants.

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### Mission Statement

The mission of the Michiana Dressage Club, Inc. is to promote and to support the art and sport of Dressage in the equestrian community for the purpose of fostering national or international amateur sports competitions, and to foster individual and collective growth by providing leadership, education, publication and competitions and to enhance greater public awareness, understanding and appreciation for the discipline of Dressage.



The Michiana Dressage Club welcomes all levels of Dressage riders from Northern Indiana, Southern Michigan and surrounding areas. During each show season clinics and schooling shows are held at different locations throughout the area. The season ends with an awards banquet where members receive recognition of their achievements for the year.

## Jennifer Malott Kotylo

Movement & Body  
Awareness Specialist for Equestrians



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### MDC SAVE THE DATE:

April 6-8, 2018

An Interactive Body Awareness Clinic  
for the Equestrian Athlete  
with Jennifer Malott Kotylo  
Reins of Life, South Bend, IN

Supported in part by the United States Dressage  
Federation National Education Incentive Grant

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Bring on the sunshine!

I feel so lucky to have an amazing team on our MDC Board this year! We are working towards the best year yet for MDC and its members. When you have the chance, thank a Board Member for keeping MDC a smooth-running machine.

A reminder, our next big event is an "Interactive Body Awareness Clinic for the Equestrian Athlete" with Jennifer Kotylo on April 6-8 at Reins of Life in South Bend, IN. The clinic is courtesy of the United States Dressage Federation National Education Incentive. MDC members were emailed Rider Application (deadline extended until March 9) and Auditor Registration forms. Information is also located on our MDC Facebook page. We hope you will be able to participate in an awesome weekend of dressage education.

The 2018 Omnibus will out soon. Many thanks to Heather Hoffman and Christine Walker for their efforts in ensuring we would have a quality document. If you plan to qualify for the MDC Awards Program, please review the 2018 Awards and Trophies. We have added Combined Training and Prix Caprilli award categories. If you are attending competitions not sanctioned by MDC, please submit your Rider Report Forms (located on our website and in the Omnibus) within 14 days after each show date through the season and by October 11, for the last show. You must have the show secretary sign the form as well as list the show secretary results website.

We are seeking Guest Speaker ideas for the Awards Banquet, please email me ([elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)) with your ideas by March 16. Due to budget constraints, we ask the speakers to be able to volunteer their time in exchange for brunch for two.

Feel free to contact any of the board members with questions.

All my best,

Elizabeth Grainger  
MDC President



## 2018 MICHIANA DRESSAGE CLUB TENTATIVE SCHOOLING SHOW CALENDAR

- May 26 **Pine Lake May Dressage Show**, Plainwell, MI  
Mary Johnson [269-664-4223](tel:269-664-4223) [equineline@mei.net](mailto:equineline@mei.net)
- June 2-3 **Reins of Life Dressage Series Shows I and II**, South Bend, IN (two shows, two days)  
Elizabeth Grainger [\(574\) 231-1943](tel:574-231-1943) [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com) [www.reinsoflife.org](http://www.reinsoflife.org)
- June 23 **Glass-Ed Dressage Fest**, Plainwell, MI  
Mary Johnson [\(269\) 664-4223](tel:269-664-4223) [equineline@mei.net](mailto:equineline@mei.net)
- July 14-15 **Willow Tree Dressage**, Bangor, MI (two shows, two days)  
Karin Bielefeld [\(269\) 470-5007](tel:269-470-5007) [karinbielefeld@gmail.com](mailto:karinbielefeld@gmail.com)
- July 29 **Derbyshire Dressage**, Stevensville, MI  
Lucinda Henderson [\(269\) 429-7259](tel:269-429-7259) [henderson@qtm.net](mailto:henderson@qtm.net)
- October 6-7 **Reins of Life Dressage Series Shows III and IV**, Michigan City, IN (two shows, two days)  
Elizabeth Grainger [\(574\) 231-1943](tel:574-231-1943) [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)

If you are interested in hosting a 2018 MDC Schooling Show please contact Elizabeth Grainger for the 2018 Sanctioning Packet [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)

### 2018 DATES OF INTEREST:

- March 9-11 **Michigan Horse Expo**, Lansing, MI
- March 10-11 **Maryal Barnett Clinic**, Grainger Dressage, South Bend, IN Contact: Elizabeth Grainger [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)
- April 6-8 **An Interactive Body Awareness Clinic for the Equestrian Athletes with Jennifer Kotylo**, South Bend, IN
- April 6-8 **Hoosier Horse Fair**, Indianapolis, IN
- April 26-29 **Kentucky Three Day Event**, Lexington, KY
- June 24 **Maryal Barnett Clinic**, Grainger Dressage, South Bend, IN Contact: Elizabeth Grainger [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)
- August 21-26 **US Dressage Festival of Champions**, Lamplight Equestrian Center, Wayne, IL  
The U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions will host the following championships and divisions:
- USEF Grand Prix Dressage National Championship
  - USEF Intermediaire I Dressage National Championship
  - USEF Young Adult 'Brentina Cup' Dressage National Championships presented by *Dressage Today*
  - USEF Young Rider Dressage National Championship
  - USEF Junior Dressage National Championship
  - USEF Pony Rider Dressage National Championship
  - USEF Children Dressage National Championship
  - Markel/USEF Young and Developing Horse Dressage National Championships for four, five, and six-year-olds, as well as Developing Grand Prix and Developing Prix St. Georges
  - USEF Dressage Seat Medal Finals for the 13 & Under, and 14-18 divisions
- August 25-26 **Maryal Barnett Clinic**, Grainger Dressage, South Bend, IN Contact: Elizabeth Grainger [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)
- September 30 **Maryal Barnett Clinic**, Grainger Dressage, South Bend, IN Contact: Elizabeth Grainger [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)
- October 11-14 **USDF Region 2 Championships**, Lexington, KY
- Nov. 10-11 **Maryal Barnett Clinic**, Grainger Dressage, South Bend, IN Contact: Elizabeth Grainger [elizabethgrainger@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethgrainger@gmail.com)
- Nov 8-11 **US Dressage Finals** at the Kentucky Horse Park
- Nov. 18 **Michiana Dressage Club Year End Awards Banquet** at the Gillespie Center in South Bend



**MICHIANA DRESSAGE CLUB MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE:**

- \* the MDC Annual Omnibus
- \* MDC Newsletters
- \* Participation in MDC Year-End Awards/Banquet
- \* Free 6 month Classified advertising on the MDC website, [www.michianadressageclub.org](http://www.michianadressageclub.org)

**SO, what are you waiting for??**

**Fill out the membership form and send it with funds to MDC Membership/Treasurer Samantha Gorzkiewicz**

**FAQ- What does a Group Membership (GM) entitle me to? ALOT is the answer!**

**GENERAL INFORMATION** USDF has over 100 affiliated dressage clubs, or Group Member Organizations (GMOs), across the United States and Canada. These clubs submit their membership rosters to the USDF office. By joining a GMO, you automatically become a dues-paying group member of USDF.

**USDF DISCOUNTS:**

USDF Store – 10% discount  
Discounted rate at USDF events

**RESOURCES:**

10 issues of *USDF Connection* \*(one magazine per family)  
 Access to the online *USDF Connection* magazine  
*USDF Member Guide*  
 Full access to e-TRAK, USDF’s online learning center for dressage and equine education  
 Full access to USDFscores.com, the Official USDF source for the most accurate and complete dressage scores  
 Inside track on local dressage happenings and GMO-sponsored USDF educational clinics and programs

**ELIGIBLE TO:**

Compete at USEF-licensed/USDF-recognized competitions without paying the USDF non-member fee  
 Participate in the USDF Rider Award Program  
 Participate in the Horse and Rider Together (HART) Program  
 Participate in USDF Local Circuit Rider Awards  
 Earn USDF University credits  
 Receive a Ruth Arvanette Memorial Fund grant, which funds convention attendance, as well as the Regional GMO Volunteer of the Year Award  
 Apply for grants funded by The Dressage Foundation  
 GMO youth members (21 and under) are eligible for the USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, and USDF Shining Star Awards

**MEMBER PERKS:**

DressageClinic.com (15% discount on membership)  
 Dressage Extensions (\$10 off any purchase of \$100 or more-one-time use)  
 DressageMeetingOnline.com (15% discount on membership)  
 DressageTrainingOnline.com (25% discount on membership)  
 FarmVet (5% discount- exclusions apply)  
 MyDressageStats.com (One free month of membership)  
 Premier Equestrian (5% discount on all Premier Equestrian items)  
 Ride Alert (Complimentary year’s family membership and 40% discount on wristband)  
 US Rider (Join with no activation fee for a savings of \$29 off the normal new membership rate)

**IMPORTANT GM INFORMATION**

The USDF membership year is December 1 through November 30.  
 USDF GM is issued directly through a GMO, not by joining USDF directly.  
 Only individuals that renew their USDF Participating Membership, Business Membership, or Group Membership before December 31 will receive the yearbook issue of *USDF Connection*.  
 For information on rider/handler/owner/horse eligibility for specific programs, please visit the USDF website or the online *USDF Member Guide*.

**2018 MDC MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**SINGLE MEMBERSHIP IS \$55.00 PER YEAR**  
**FAMILY MEMBERSHIP IS \$75.00 PER YEAR**  
**(COVERS 2 PEOPLE, ADDITIONAL ADDED FOR \$15.00/PERSON)**

**FILL OUT THE INFORMATION AND SEND IT TO:**  
 Samantha Gorzkiewicz:  
 57753 Crumstown Highway, South Bend, IN 46619

**Include a check made payable to MDC**

**2018 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:**

RIDER \_\_\_\_\_  
 JUNIOR \_\_\_ ADULT AMATEUR \_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL \_\_\_  
 HORSE NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

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 JUNIOR \_\_\_ ADULT AMATEUR \_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL \_\_\_  
 HORSE NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

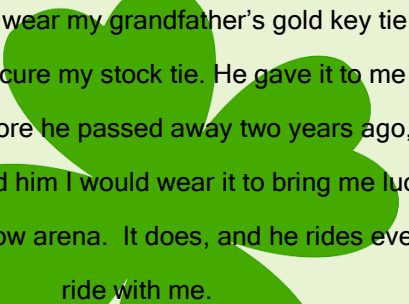
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**TRACK MDC POINTS FOR YEAR END AWARDS**  
**(Y/N) \_\_\_\_**

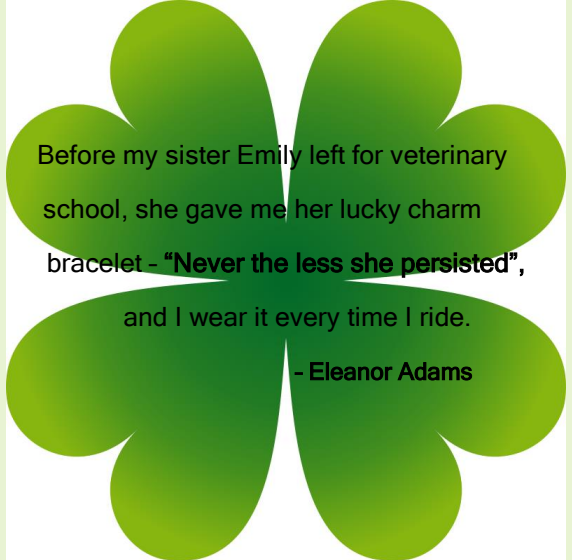
**Note:** This membership year will run from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018. 2018 memberships received after December 1, 2017 may be increased accordingly due to penalties MDC must pay to the USDF.

# LUCKY CHARMS OF MDC MEMBERS



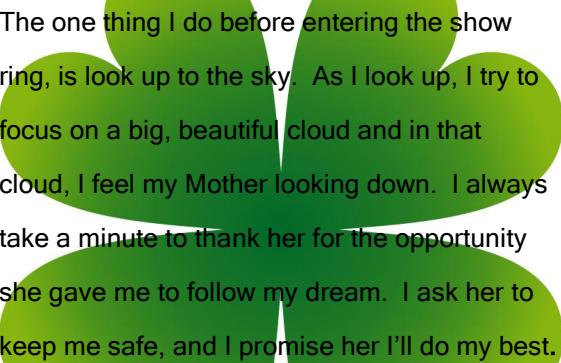
I always wear my grandfather's gold key tie pin to secure my stock tie. He gave it to me right before he passed away two years ago, and I told him I would wear it to bring me luck in the show arena. It does, and he rides every ride with me.

- Nicole Adams



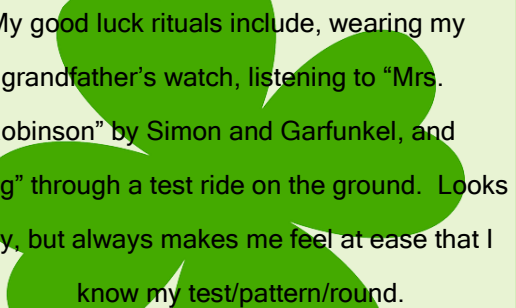
Before my sister Emily left for veterinary school, she gave me her lucky charm bracelet - **"Never the less she persisted"**, and I wear it every time I ride.

- Eleanor Adams




The one thing I do before entering the show ring, is look up to the sky. As I look up, I try to focus on a big, beautiful cloud and in that cloud, I feel my Mother looking down. I always take a minute to thank her for the opportunity she gave me to follow my dream. I ask her to keep me safe, and I promise her I'll do my best.

Brad Crosby




My good luck rituals include, wearing my grandfather's watch, listening to "Mrs. Robinson" by Simon and Garfunkel, and "riding" through a test ride on the ground. Looks silly, but always makes me feel at ease that I know my test/pattern/round.

Christine Walker



I have a certain song that I sing only for April Snow to hear.

Judy Falzon



I ride with a silver three-legged lucky pig charm in my coat! The first time I had it I won first place.

Jess Bouche