

SIDESADDLE SUCCESS brings you the country's only full-service Sidesaddle Clinics:

Instruction:

- Premier instruction by experienced riders
- Internationally recognized credentials
- multi-breed, multi-discipline experience
- riders of all ages and ability levels welcomed
- emphasis on saddle fit, safety and comfort

Equipment

- quality sidesaddles by classic makers available
- full size range of English and Western saddles
- all girths, balance girths, queens & pads provided
- assessment of riders' own saddles included
- custom fitting and on-site saddle stuffing

Education:

- presentation of authentic appointments and habits
- comprehensive instructional materials included

Value:

- Technician maximizes instructional time

SIDESADDLE SUCCESS provides clinics for:

- Equestrian groups
- Lesson programs
- Equestrian facilities
- College riding programs
- Breed and special interest clubs
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- Riding Camps
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- Pony Clubs and youth groups
- and more....

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GAIL DISCIPIO, BHSAI

Gail DiScipio brings with her more than 20 years of experience in the elegant art of riding aside. She was introduced to side-saddle at Porlock Vale Equestrian Center, Somerset, England, where she earned her certificate from the British Horse Society. Gail also worked for Hans Winkler of Germany on the Grand Prix Show Jumping circuit. She has combined this traditional background with her own showing and training experience in the U.S. to develop teaching methods appropriate for the broad spectrum of American sidesaddle interests.



Ms. DiScipio emphasizes the side-saddle's use as an equipment option for the contemporary equestrienne, seeing it as a tool that, when understood and used properly, can enhance a rider's skills and accomplishments. She has worked with more sidesaddle riders than any other instructor in New England, and her students can be found showing, hunting, pacing, participating in the dressage arena and riding aside for pleasure.

In addition to judging, and working as a clinician, and instructing at East Hill Riding Academy Ms. DiScipio has been the featured sidesaddle clinician at Equine Affaire New England for eight years. She has been active in NEA Sidesaddle Association since its inception in 1979, and instrumental in setting standards of instruction and safety for the organization that have made it a leader in its field. She is an active member of Nashoba Valley Hunt, in which she has held the position of Hunt Secretary.

SUE TOBIN , MA Ed

Sue Tobin pioneered the position of Sidesaddle Technician, which includes the selection, fitting, and adaptation of sidesaddles for a successful horse and rider team. As an active sidesaddle rider for 25 years, she is in a unique position to understand the relationship of saddle fit to skill level. She has lent her expertise to clinics throughout the North East and Mid West, as well as to individual riders around the country.

Ms. Tobin has combined a life-long interest in horses with degrees in History of Art and Educational Psychology to become a leading authority on the function and history of sidesaddles. Her articles have been featured in major sidesaddle publications here and in England, and she is also in demand as a speaker at expos and seminars. She has served as a technical advisor to Old Sturbridge Village, as a consultant to the Smithsonian, and



provided curatorial assistance to OSV and the International Museum of the Horse at Kentucky Horse Park.

Ms. Tobin is a founding member of NEA Sidesaddle Association, editor of its Newsletter and

writes the educational text for its acclaimed website. She is NEA's representative to the Side-Saddle Association of Britain, and was certified as a Judge/Instructor in 1983.

Her business, *Sidesaddle Heaven*, located in Thompson, CT, offers sales and repairs in addition to research and consulting services. *Sidesaddle Heaven's* museum comprises the country's largest private collection of saddles, habits and books on sidesaddle riding. For more information, visit: www.sidesaddleheaven.com

DEBORAH SMITH, Equine Studies

Deborah Smith has been a tireless proponent of the sidesaddle because it saved her riding career. Active on the Toronto Hunter/Jumper circuit from age eight until knee injuries left her unable to ride astride any longer, she by chance responded to a notice of sidesaddle riding at a living history museum. Not only did she have an opportunity to try a sidesaddle there, but she also found that she could once more ride all day in comfort. And, in a sign of things to come, she was soon doing demonstration rides for the museum.

Ms. Smith has since presented sidesaddle displays at Equitana USA, in Kentucky, the Royal



Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, and Equine Affaire in both Ohio and New England. She was also, by invitation, the first North American rider to demonstrate the western side saddle in Britain.

Ms Smith has worked with Ray Lavolette, Circle R Custom Saddlery of Canada, to develop a comfortable and secure western sidesaddle for the modern horse and rider. She is also participating in the development of a hand-crafted cutback meeting the demand for a new, high quality English sidesaddle.

Ms. Smith has studied saddle fitting with Sue Tobin since 1991, qualifying as a Level II Technician. She has been a contributing member of major sidesaddle associations in the USA, is the SSA representative to Canada, and a regular columnist for *Side-Saddle International*. She is the current President of NEA Sidesaddle Association, the oldest non-profit organization in North America.

For more information, visit NEA Sidesaddle Association at www.sidesaddleinfo.com