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SHOW NOTES

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Upcoming Dates & Deadlines!

- April 18- HCHSA Opener at McDonogh
- May 2- Garrison Forest School
- May 15 & 16- Summer Hill
- May 23- Caves Farm
- June 5 & 6- Taylormade Stables
- June 12 & 13- Pickwick Stables
- June 19 & 20- Goshen Hunt Club
- July 10 & 11- Oatland Stables
- July 24 & 25- Pickwick Stables

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2010 HCHSA competition year. The new Board of Directors has been hard at work putting together the show schedule, 2010 rule book and reviewing prize lists for the upcoming shows. I would like to thank all of you who have pre-registered already. From the amount of registrations we have received in it looks as though this will be a banner year.

We have quite a few new board members who have joined us this year who are helping to bring innovative ideas to the table. Welcome Mike Magruder, Grace Vendemia, Nikki Wakefield and welcome back Evan Crierie. And thank you so much to all the hard working board members who are continuing on board, your dedication to the association is amazing.

I am happy to announce that we are adding a couple of new things to our schedule this year. We will be introducing the short/long stirrup medal competition to our Medal Finals this year. This will be an opportunity for our short/long stirrup competitors to qualify and compete at their level in the medal finals. We are also adding the Home Run Hunter Classic to our Finale schedule. More details further in the newsletter.

In an effort to "go green" this year we will be publishing our newsletters and rulebook through email distribution and on the website. We are encouraging everyone to please include their email addresses on the registration forms to make sure that you are included in these publications and any messages concerning cancellation of shows due to inclement weather.

I wish everyone a successful and safe year,

Miki

GREAT JOB BENEFIT HACK RIDERS!

BY LYNN GORMAN
JUNIOR BOARD CHAIRMAN

The HCHSA would like to thank all of you who participated in the Benefit Hack class this season. Your time, talent and contribution were greatly appreciated, as all benefit hack monies went to help fund the annual scholarship fund.

Our finalists winning First through Fifth place were: Emily Williams, Jennifer Wilner, Cary Hundley, Ellie Williams, Ashley Uphoff, and tied for Sixth place were: Kelsey Church, Samantha Magruder and Meg Phippin. These young ladies received a leather and brass lead shank with an engraved brass HCHSA 2009 plate from the Junior Board for their fine efforts.

Congratulations to all of you, and we're looking forward to another active season!

Please make sure you put
your email address on
your membership forms!

MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION

BY DAWN VILENO
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

A few things to remember and note:

1. Please write legibly and fill in all information.
2. HCHSA GOES GREEN - This year you will receive your membership information electronically. If you wish to receive a "hard copy" of the rulebook and your member-

ship card – be sure to initial the box at the bottom of the membership form.

3. You must be registered in order to receive points! NO EXCEPTIONS!
4. Please read through the rulebook carefully and make sure that you understand all division restrictions before showing. You

will not receive points for any divisions that you are not eligible for.

5. **Your Email address is very important** – receive immediate updates on show schedules, cancellations, and points issues.

We could use your help!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

BY NICOLE WAKEFIELD
HCHSA NEWSLETTER

As many of you know, it takes a lot of hard work and helping hands to put together our shows. Many of you, however, may not know that we could use your help! If you have time, even an hour or two would be great, we could use help handing out ribbons, working in the show offices, and changing jumps among other things. If you are available during the show day to help out, stop by the show office and let the show manager(s) know you would like to help the show day run a bit smoother. Your help is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU HCHSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR ANOTHER GREAT AWARDS BANQUET!

BY MELISSA ROBBINS
JUNIOR BOARD

Our annual Howard County Horse Show Association was held on January 9, 2010 at Turf Valley Resort to celebrate our achievements during the past show season. It was once again an amazing night. This year, we gathered in a new room that was decorated with beautiful poinsettias, thanks to the wonderful staff at Turf Valley. The year-end winners received beautiful silver trophies and engraved glassware, and Kara Listrani did a great job putting together the banquet book. We would like to thank the chair person of the banquet, Gretchen Moberley for all of the work she did to make the night a success, and the HCHSA board of directors for hosting the event. We'd also like to thank Dale Williams for MC-ing the night and Jason Herbert, our DJ for the night.

Congratulations to Grace Vendemia for winning the fabulous junior board basket of goodies, and to her mother, Irmela MacEwen for winning the "Kids on Ponies" cooler. Kim Williams was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to her and to the winner of the dress sheet. Emily Williams received the HCHSA Junior Achievement Scholarship Award and Amanda Lane's essay was chosen as the winner of the Howard County Farm Bureau Essay Contest. Congratulations to those two girls! Following the presentation of the awards, all of the lights went down and dancing started. Everybody at the banquet had a great time. Thank you so much to everybody who helped and we can't wait to see you at the Opener!

Kudos for another
wonderful Awards
Banquet!!

WELCOME TO THE JUNIOR BOARD!

BY GRACE VENDEMI
JUNIOR BOARD CHAIRMAN

It is with great pleasure that I would like to welcome all of the membership to the seventh season of the Howard County Horse Shows Association's Junior Board. I am pleased to be the new chairperson for our energetic young leaders in our Membership Organization. My name is Grace Vendemia, and I am not only one of the newly elected HCHSA Board Members, but excited to be working with some of the greatest young riders I have ever known.

We have already had our first meeting of the 2010 season and we will continue to meet monthly at different members homes to discuss the important business of the junior board. This year we are hoping to launch a new Young Rider Mentorship Program and have a Dismount Clinic during the off season. We will continue to diligently fundraise for our HCHSA Junior Achievement Scholarship Fund and hope to add some new fundraising items to our wares. In addition, we will continue to have a strong visual presence at the shows, so look for our tent and the smiling faces of your Junior Board. Stop by and visit, and hopefully support our scholarship fund. Every dollar that we collect goes directly to the winner of the annual scholarship.

Please know that we are always look for energetic, committed new members who will bring fresh ideas and talents to our junior board. We are a volunteer board that accepts active HCHSA members between the ages of 12 and 17. One of the benefits of joining is that your time spent at meetings and engaged in Junior Board activities is tracked and totaled for the purpose of meeting Community Service Educational Hours for your school. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please feel free to contact me directly via email at : gvendemia@hotmail.com or call me at my home, (301) 831-0083. I look forward to meeting as many of our junior members this coming year and encourage your interest and questions!

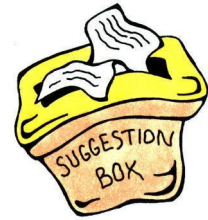
CONGRATS EMILY WILLIAMS, 2009 JR. ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

BY LYNN GORMAN
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

It was a grand night for rider Emily Williams at the January banquet, as she captured the prestigious away for the most outstanding student and rider of the 2009 season. Emily was presented with a \$2500 scholarship award for achieving excellence in her accomplishments during the 2009 horse show season and academic year.

Emily has been riding and competing most of her life under the guidance and training of her mother, Kim Williams of Willow Wood Stables. She has won numerous year end championship awards on her ponies and horses, including this year where she won Champion in Jr. Eq. and Junior Hunter and the Benefit Hack. She was previously a Junior Medal Finals Champion. Emily has also given back to the HCHSA by using her leadership skills and talents on the Junior Board. She spent many years helping the Junior Board raise money, and worked long hours "running the gate" at numerous horse shows.

The HCHSA would like to wish Emily Good Luck, as she completes her first year at Texas A&M! Your history of leadership within the HCHSA should carry you far into a very successful future!



We want your Feedback!

Remember that we will have a suggestion box for your comments, questions and issues stationed in the horse show office or entry booth at each horse show. There will be a small notepad and pen/pencil along with the suggestion box, so you will have the ease and opportunity to let the Board of Directors hear from you. You will be able to provide contact information if you wish for the Board to let you know directly of the answer and in the case of more general questions or comments, you can look for responses in the newsletters or through announcements via our website. The Suggestion Box is maintained by the Junior Board and it is the responsibility of the Junior Board Chairperson to bring the comments directly to the Senior Board's attention for discussion and resolution when applicable.



THE HOME RUN HUNTER CLASSIC

BY EVAN CRIERIE
HCHSA AWARDS CHAIRMAN

This classic is being offered in memory of Sue Nardello-Reilly's horse Home Run. As a tribute to Home Run (Neon), Sue wanted to do something special to commemorate this special horse and his legacy as a top level show hunter.

Born in 1986, half Hanoverian and half Thoroughbred, he was purchased by Sue as a four year old. He had a distinguished career at the recognized shows in the Pre-Green, Green and First Year Green Conformation Hunters, as well as the Regular Working Hunters shown by Tony Workman. He showed great versatility as he continued his illustrious show career in the Adult Amateurs, Side-Saddle, Equitation and Medal classes.

In light of all his accomplishments and to honor this special horse, the Howard County Horse Show Association will offer "The Home Run Classic" at our Finale show.

Show management will determine which ring will be the "Classic Ring". Hunter entries in that ring will have the option of entering the Classic. One round of each hunter over fences class in the division will be designated as the first classic round and will be numerically scored by the judge. At the end of the day 10-12 of the high score entries will be brought back into the same ring for a second classic round. Each horse will jump the same jump height in the second round as they did in their qualifying round. The second round will also be scored numerically and the horse with the highest total points for both rounds will be the winner of the Home Run Hunter Classic.

The name of the winner will be engraved on the Home Run Perpetual Trophy. This trophy will serve as Home Run's legacy as a wonderful show hunter, equitation mount, teacher and friend during his second career in the Howard County Horse Show Association.

HORSE SHOW SCHOOLING RULES

BY COLLEEN REILLY
JUNIOR BOARD

In these last couple of years there have been many issues with show schooling. You know that half hour until the show starts. Well I am going to tell you some safety rules so nothing bad happens to you or your horse when schooling. The Junior Board would like to offer some rules that we would like you to follow.

The first that I think is the most important thing for schooling is calling out where you are going. You don't want someone walking in front of the jump you are about to jump. For example if you are going to a brick wall and you don't call out "Heads up brick wall" you or the person who ran in front of you might get hurt.

The second schooling rule is being cautious of where everyone is. You don't want to be going around the corner and there is a mini or short stirrup rider in

front of you and you not know they are there. That will be a major problem. Also if you are a coach and you start changing the jump heights around, please put them back before someone else who is not suppose to jump it accidentally does.

Another huge safety rule is when riders start going in the ring without a trainer. If no one is looking after you, you won't know whether to jump a jump or not, or if your horse starts acting up you won't know how to fix the problem. The coach is also helpful so you don't cut any one off or get in the way when jumping. Also, please note faster moving horses should be on the rail while flatting. So when walking stay to the inside a little bit, thanks.

Please riders, be safe, responsible and courteous when schooling. Good luck this year and everyone be safe while schooling!!!

When you're young
and you fall off a
horse, you may break
something. When
you're my age and you
fall off, you splatter.
-Roy Rogers



HCHSA ADDS TWO CLASSES TO YEAR-END MEDAL FINALS!

BY CINDY BACON
HCHSA SHOW CO-COORDINATOR

Long and Short Stirrup competitors have an exciting new opportunity in 2010! Competitors earning a minimum of 40 points in their respective divisions during the show season, will automatically qualify for their own medal finals. The two classes will be run at the HCHSA Medal Finals to be held in September at

Pickwick Stables. Riders will have the opportunity to walk their course beforehand. Upon completion of the course by all participants, they may be called-back to compete on the flat. Horses and riders must be registered with the association to be eligible to compete.

CONGRATULATIONS AMANDA LANE, HOWARD COUNTY FARM BUREAU ESSAY WINNER!

BY LYNN GORMAN
JUNIOR BOARD CHAIRMAN

There are only two emotions that belong in the saddle; one is a sense of humor and the other is patience.

-Author Unknown

This year at the banquet, Shelley Bulman, a representative from the HoCo Farm Bureau, presented a \$250 award to Amanda Lane for submitting the best essay on the topic "Rotational Grazing." The following is Amanda's winning essay, an essay we can all learn from:

Rotational grazing is an important concept in a horse's health maintenance that is often overlooked in stables for many reasons. The stable may not have enough acreage for the amount of horses they keep, or poor time management. But rotating pastures can save time in other ways. Poor fields can cause disease in horses and environmental damage.

One of the most important reasons for rotational grazing is to allow the grass to grow. During times of pasture rest, you can check for weeds, groundhog holes, manure buildup, and fencing and gate problems. Weeds can overtake your field if you don't rotate and allow

good grasses to rejuvenate. Old manure provides a nesting place for parasites and flies which can cause disease in horses. When horses are not occupying the fields, you can drag the pasture to break it up.

Pastures that are not rotated have a big environmental impact because bare spots can cause soil erosion. Grass won't be able to absorb the water due to these bare spots, creating a smooth surface, so the water picks up speed. The water runoff will also pick up any loose soil and manure, which can contaminate the local streams, your well water and the ground water. A good grass cover helps to prevent erosion.

Overall, if you keep your pastures regulated, your horse will be in much better health, which in turn enables him to perform to his fullest potential. Your horse will be less susceptible to disease, your pasture will look better, and your horse will be happier.

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