

Show Notes

The Howard County Horse Shows Association Publication

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I would like to welcome everyone to the 2011 HCHSA competition year, and wish everyone a successful and safe year. We have a great show schedule for this year and are excited about the addition of a second Caves show. We have managed to also schedule around the holiday weekends as in years past.

The Board of Directors has been hard at work putting together the 2011 show schedule and rule book. I would like to thank all of you who have pre-registered already. From the amount of registrations we have received, it looks as though this will be another great year. If you have not registered already, please make an effort to do so, as it really helps to not jam up the entry booth at the Opener. Membership forms are posted on the web. If you are planning on registering at the Opener, please remember to bring a separate check for registration.

We have a new board member who has joined us this year to help us to bring innovative ideas to the table. Welcome to Shelley Buhlman. And thank you so much to all the hard working board members who are continuing on board, your dedication to the association continues to amaze me.

I am happy to announce that we have increased the jump height restriction for the Limited Adult to 2'3" to allow them to also compete in the Hopeful Hunter 2'3" division. We are also continuing to offer short/long stirrup medal competition to our Medal Finals this year. And, following the great response we had to the participation in the classic we are also encouraging our show managers to provide this option at their shows. More details on rule changes further in the newsletter.

As we continue our efforts to "go green" this year we will be publishing our newsletters and rulebook through email distribution and on the website. Many of our venues are also moving away from mailing out prize lists, so we will also be emailing them out. 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.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Opener,

Miki

Got Photos?

Send your show photos to Webmaster@hchsa.net
If you would like to have them added to our website.



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

2010 Jr. Achievement Scholarship Winner:

Alexa Prettyman

By: Samantha Magruder

Congratulations to Alexa Prettyman on winning the 2010 Jr. Achievement Scholarship! As a member of HCHSA since 1998, she has risen from Mini Short Stirrup Champion in 2001 to Jr. Eq 14-17 Champion in 2010, qualifying for medal finals seven times, along with many other year end awards and championships in-between. Now finishing out her senior year of high school with a 4.0 GPA, she is looking forward to attending the University of Kentucky in the fall, majoring in equine management and mathematics. Aside from her many academic and equine related achievements, she enjoys watching Vampire Dairies, spending time with family and friends, and baking. One recommendation she has for young upcoming riders is "stay focused on academics, keeping a good balance between studying and riding. Education is just as important has a successful show record."

Membership and Registration

By: Dawn Vleno

A few things to remember and note:

1. Please write legibly and fill in all information.
2. HCHSA GOES GREEN –you will receive your membership information electronically. The 2011 Rulebook can be found on our website. Please be sure to read it over to familiarize yourself with the changes 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.
3. You must be registered in order to receive points! **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
4. **Your Email address is very important – receive immediate updates on show schedules, cancellations, and points issues.**

2010 Awards Banquet Wrap-up

By: Alexa Prettyman

It's that time of year again! Spring is quickly approaching and people are preparing their new horses for the Howard County Horse Show Association Opener. But before the season starts, which I wish everyone good luck, let's reflect on last year's accomplishments.

The 30th annual awards banquet highlighted the success of our riders. Much credit goes to Gretchen and Bird Mobberley, Chairmen of the banquet, and other Senior Board members for another memorable night. A big thanks to Kara Listrani for organizing the banquet books again, and to the Doloff family for printing them this year. Also, the Junior Board members were a great help. They sold raffle tickets, arrived early to set up, and handed out awards. This year Evan Criere chose and designed new trophies to accompany the ribbons. The glass ornaments varied in color, ranging from blue to yellow, and were made complete with the division name and placing printed across the front. Our MC for the night, who has been for the past years, was Dale Williams, so he deserves a big thank you. Also, our DJ Jason Herbert knows just the right tunes to get the dance floor jumping after the ceremonies are complete.

Let us congratulate our numerous winners of the night. Our winners of the horse dress sheet, 50/50 raffle, and essay contest were Lynn Gorman, Bailey Doloff, and Dustin Doloff, respectively. Congratulations to anyone else who won a door prize. Hope you enjoy! And thank you to all that provided door prizes, they are always appreciated. Congratulations to our year end champions and medal winners. I look forward to seeing everyone in April. Stay warm, spring is almost here.

Rule Changes for 2011

By: Kara Listrani

Membership fees have increased this year.

Junior Membership- \$30.00

Senior Membership- \$35.00

Horse/Pony Registration- \$20.00

Medal Finals Fees- This year's medal finals qualifiers will be charged a \$25.00 entry fee to compete in the finals.

Limited Adult Amateur Equitation- Riders are now eligible to compete in the Hopeful Hunter Division (2'3).

Mini Stirrup Combo- Shown at a walk and trot. May be asked to halt. The judge will pick eight (8) entries, if available, to jump two (2) fences not to exceed 18". The addition of this class is at the show management's discretion.

Greetings from the HCHSA Jr. Board!

By: Grace Vendemia, HCHSA Jr. Board Chairman

We are a group of young riders who are members of the Howard County Horse Shows Association ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old. We work together during the show season to promote camaraderie, sportsmanship and education of our sport. We conduct meetings on a monthly to bi-monthly basis during the show season to learn how to conduct board meetings in a variation of classic parliamentary procedure. Members chair their own meetings, take minutes, give treasurer reports and vote on decisions. We also have guest speakers educate us about various topics related to how the HCHSA operates.

Our major 2010 projects included the inauguration of our Young Rider Mentorship Program, our ongoing fundraising efforts for the Junior Achievement Scholarship fund, and our community service project was to solicit quality used tack and clothing that was donated to the Days End Farm Horse Rescue.

In 2010, we had 15 active members who earned a total of 169 community service hours. The Junior Board donated 60 items to Days End Farm Horse Rescue, including 3 saddles. And finally, we raised a total of \$1,154 towards the scholarship fund. The names of our 2010 members were: Emma Diaz, Bailey Doloff, Dustin Doloff, Paige Ensor, Alex Fulton, Meggie Harrigan, Cary Hundley, Ashley Lowe, Sam Magruder, Lexi Markman, Alyssa Peddicord, Colleen Reilly, Melissa Robbins, Maddie Valenzuela, and Ellie Williams.

As we enter into the 2011 show season, we are actively seeking new members to join us. We need energetic junior members with enthusiasm, creativity and dedication, who are at least 12 years old. Junior board members must be active HCHSA junior members, who are willing to make a commitment to be a member for the show season. There are no dues or fees to be a member of the junior board.

If you think you may like to join us, you can join at any time during the show season. Simply email Grace Vendemia, the Junior Board Chairman, for an invitation to our next meeting. Grace can be reached at gvendemia@hotmail.com

On behalf of the HCHSA and its Junior Board, welcome to the 2011 show season!



Congrats to the 2010 Howard County Farm Bureau Essay Contest Winner: Dustin Doloff

We would like to congratulate Dustin Doloff on submitting the winning essay for this year's Howard County Farm Bureau Essay contest! The topic for this year was: the importance of a vaccination and deworming program. You can read Dustin's essay below.

On The Necessity of Regular Equine Immunizations and De-wormings

While at first vaccinations and de-worming medications seem an unnecessary safety precaution, such as preventative measures may prove the difference between a prize winning animal and a cold, dead carcass. One way of looking at it is as a gamble that the vaccine might prevent a future illness rather than simply be a wasted, expensive shot. That is, of course, a valid argument since you can never be sure that the horse would have gotten sick. While vaccines and de-worming medicines may tend to be pricey, their cost pales in comparison to that of healing a sick horse or replacing a dead one, both in dollars and torn hearts. Once you start giving de-worming medication and vaccines, it is not enough to simply provide shots every blue moon; a scheduled regiment must be in place to best insure the well-being of your beloved animal. Though some may argue that their horses are rarely, if ever, exposed to others, they are not guaranteed protection from colic causing worms and insect-borne disease such as Potomac Fever. If the horse is expected to travel about and be exposed to different environments and horses, for instance at shows, the owner must inoculate their mounts as a common decency to their fellow riders, to prevent the effusion of a disease while it remains in its infancy. This is meant not to instill a fear of sickness, but to reaffirm the benefits of regular vaccinations and de-worming regiments.

We want to hear from you! Join our Facebook page to post any questions, comments or suggestions. We appreciate all feedback. Our page will also be updated to reflect any scheduling changes.

2011 Horse Show Calendar

April 17th - HCHSA Opener at McDonogh School

May 7th - Garrison Forest School

May 21st & 22nd - Summer Hill Farm

June 4th & 5th - Taylormade Stables

June 11th & 12th - Pickwick Stables

July 10th - Caves Farm

July 16th & 17th - Oatland Stables

July 23rd & 24th - Pickwick Stables

July 31st - Garrison Forest School

August 13th - Howard County Fair

August 20th - Caves Farm

August 27th & 28th - Oatland Stables

September 11th - HCHSA Finale at McDonogh School

September 25th - HCHSA Medal Finals at Pickwick Stables