

EEC Newsletter

January 2010



Results of a Successful Show Year

Great Job Show Team! Give yourself a pat on the back. Many first year competitors will be walking away with not only a ribbon, but Champion status in their division! The following show team members will be receiving a year-end ribbon:

In NJHSA:

Jessie Hall – **Reserve Champion** in Pre-Children's Equitation Horse

Sydney Gever – **Reserve Champion** in Pre-Children's Equitation Pony

Short Notice - **Champion** in Pre-Children's Hunter Pony

Highland Stewart –**Fourth** in Pleasure Horse & Pony

Long Winter's Night – **Sixth** in Pleasure Horse & Pony

In NJPHA:

Jessie Hall – **Reserve Champion** in Pre-Children's Equitation Horse

Sydney Gever – **Reserve Champion** in Pre-Children's Equitation Pony

Short Notice – **Champion** in Pre-Children's Hunter Pony

Sophie Vigeland riding Prince Charming – **Sixth** in Short Stirrup Hunter

Katie Adams & Emma Jenkins riding Highland Stewart –
Fifth in both Beginner Hunter and Pleasure Horse

In the Smoke Rise Show Series:

Sydney Gever – **Champion** in Pre-Children's Equitation Pony

*Other Riders that did **great** this year:*

Katherine Bessey – **Twelfth** in Pre-Children's Hunter Pony, **Eight** in Hunter Pony, & **Thirteenth** in Pleasure

Katie Adams – **Ninth** in Beginner Rider

Margo Ganton – **Fifteenth** in Short Stirrup Hunter & **Seventh** in Pleasure Pony

Sophie Vigeland & Liza Molteni – **Fourteenth** in Pleasure Pony

Interesting in joining the EEC Show Team?

We would love to have you, but first please consult with your instructor and Sam Gardner. Both will give you great advice on what being a part of the show team requires.

Show Team Meeting

Hey, Show Team! It's that time of year again, membership! We need to get all of our forms filled out for USEF, NJHSA, and NJPHA memberships, so we can keep on showing! (Please see Sam for the needed forms) Also, we made a lot of money at the EEC in-house show. Much more than we expected! We really need to discuss what we want to spend the cash on!

The meeting is set for the first Friday of February, February 5, 2010 at 6:00pm. Pizza will be served. Please bring your own beverage of choice.



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SHOW SCHEDULE FOR 2010

This is a tentative show schedule from February to May. Also, every show is under the conditions of weather because who really wants to show in the rain?

February

6th Duncraven
7th Snowbird
20th Snowbird or Black River

March

6th Duncraven
13th All Seasons (Flemington)*
14th West Milford*
27th/28th Tewksbury*

April

3rd Duncraven
10th Black River
17th/18th Four Season*

May

5th-9th GARDEN STATE
15th Sussex Benefit
22nd Briarwood
31st Smokerise

Let's make the 2010 season even better than the last!

*Please note: Some Shows do not offer divisions for every rider. Speak with your instructor to see what shows are appropriate.



Riding Tip for the Month

Having trouble at the sitting trot? Does it feel like the horse is going to bounce you out of your seat? First, keep your heels down, but don't rely on your stirrup. This will only push you farther out of the saddle, ruining your sitting trot.

Second, sink deep in the saddle. It helps to pretend there is a rock in your gut that pulls you down.

Third, relax! A good sitting trot requires you to let your body flow with the changes of the horse. When you stiffen up, you will bounce even more!

It will take practice to get that great sitting trot, but you will get it!

EEC Fact: Who's New?

Have you noticed new faces in the barn? Don't worry you're not losing your favorite pony or horse! EEC is on the search for more school ponies and horses. So far, there have been many on trial, some good; some did not fit the program. If any are here on trial you will find them downstairs. Please feel free to stop by and say Hi to them!

Chubby Checkers is the newest Essex family member!