

MHJA JUNE NEWSLETTER

MHJA VICTORIA DAY HORSE SHOW

This year's Victoria Day was full of rain, cool weather and wind, yet competitors still came out and enjoyed.

Roughly 60 entries competed in both Hunters and Jumpers over challenging, yet rewarding courses designed by Terry Klassen, and built by William Andryc and the Huntsmans crew.

The fresh coats of paint, new fence designs, and the trusty old bird houses sure aided the horses for what is to come this year.

Special "THANK YOU" must go out to the Erickson family for managing the show and show office and running the canteen ... and if you haven't tried "the Konrad", it is a must for Summer Smiles.

Also a thank you to the Judges, Kyra Lavallee, and Lynne Miller and Stewart Michelle Taplin!

Upcoming Events:

Brandon Summer Fair: June 10 - 12

Dr. Billy Wiltshire Orthodontics Summer Smiles: June 18 - 19

Budweiser Beach Party: July 8 - 10

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

If you or someone you know is able to help volunteer at any show this year, please contact Leslie Bachynski

MHJA 2011
Show Season
Also Includes:

Marcy Schweizer Memorial Derby
July 29 - Aug 1st

Heart of the Continent
Aug 4 - 7

Summer in the City Aug 19 - 21

Fall Harvest
Aug 25 - 28

Fall Schooling Days
Sep 16 - 18

Dr. Billy Wiltshire Orthodontics Summer Smiles

June 18 - 19 Birds Hill Park
E.C. Silver Competition
Passports Required

HUNTERS, JUMPERS, EQUITATION & HACK CLASSES

Feature classes:
\$500 1.10m Classic
\$400 1.15m Special
\$500 KUBOTA Jumper
\$500 Combined Hunter Challenge
Also: Spirit of Pan Am &
3 Year Old Young Horse Division

The Manitoba Horse Council is excited to announce the following Horse Week 2011 Events

Saturday, June 11, 2011

MHC Games Day at Birds Hill Provincial Park

Come on out and have some fun at the beautiful MHC Equestrian Facility located in Birds Hill Provincial Park!

Try one or all of these events: Stake race, Quad poles, Flag, Keyhole and Poles. No registration fee!
Here is your opportunity to visit and ride at the MHC Equestrian Centre for free!

Date: Saturday, June 11, 2011

Registration: 12:00 pm

Start Time: 1:00 pm

Manitoba Horse Council membership is required!

Pre-registration encouraged ensuring your spot!

Free refreshments provided!

Do you have an interesting news article, been to an out of town show, looking to sell a horse or tack, have an accomplishment we should know of? Well we want to!! Email articles to

news@manitobahunterjumper.com

HOOFBEATS

Manitoba's newest magazine specific to the equine minded enthusiasts, is looking for subscribers!

Support Hoofbeats by visiting their website at;

www.hoofbeatsmagazine.ca

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . .

If you have yet to sign up for your volunteer hours, please contact Leslie Bachinsky a.s.a.p. at 864-2535. Spots are available for Summer Smiles, as well as all the other shows.

If you have yet to renew your 2011 MHJA membership, please contact Jennifer Glass at glassj2002@yahoo.com. Year End points do not start accumulating until this is renewed!

MHJA Clinic – Charlotte Gerstenfeld

The Charlotte Gerstenfeld Hunter/Jumper clinic was held with great success the weekend of April 22 – 24, 2011. MHJA would like to thank the two hosting locations for this clinic; Ashley Buss in Headingley and Barry McQueen's Rocky Q Ranch in Stonewall.

Charlotte, who hails from Middleburg, Virginia, has over 15 years of experience working with and learning from some of the world's finest horse breeders and trainers in America, Switzerland and Germany. Further, In Europe she consistently placed in 1.10 to 1.40 meter classes and she has continued the same success in the U.S. She has also trained with some of the top hunter trainers in the U.S.

Charlotte's theory on riding is simple and a fresh approach – less is more. Charlotte states "Riding becomes difficult when there is miscommunication between horse and rider. It stems from a lack of understanding and discipline in the fundamentals.

Every ride is an opportunity to enhance or set back the horse's education." Some of her best quotes taken to heart by all who attended were: "Look in the mirror...What are you doing as a rider to either help or hinder your horse's training and performance?" Another: "Ride the canter"....She worked on this method throughout the entire clinic, emphasizing to the riders to "*sink into your leg, get your canter rhythm consistent and stay on that rhythm.*"

She further adds, as riders, **we all obsess on the jump**. All too often, riders will have a great flat school warm-up and then once a jump is introduced throw all the warm up work out the window.

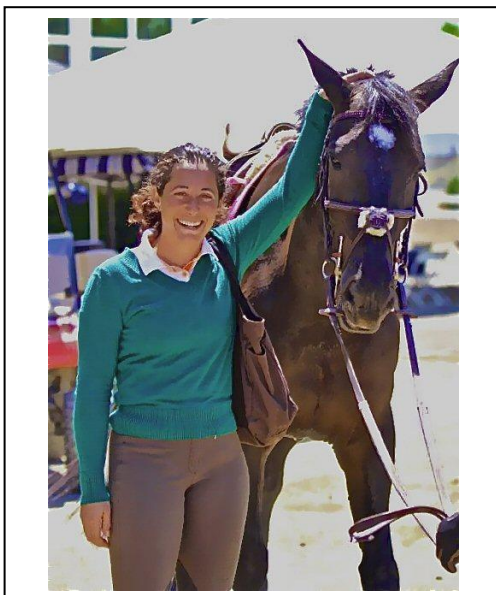
And lastly, but certainly not the only quote of the weekend. "Break the circle" meaning if something isn't working...don't keep doing the same thing over and over....try it a different way.....which again takes you back to the "look in the mirror"...what are you doing as a rider.

As a rider and participant observing Charlotte's teachings first hand I would like to share an inspirational moment she had with one rider/horse combination. Charlotte worked with a rider who's horse was becoming increasingly stressed about jumping. Charlotte got on the horse to get a sense of what was going on and quickly discovered that as soon as the horse started to jump the horse would hold her breath and then panic and run. Charlotte then spent a bit of time on the horse by just trotting up to jumps. When it began to panic and run she just pulled up quietly and let the horse stand still until it stopped breathing heavy, waiting till it exhaled and relaxed. Once this happened she then trotted the

fence from where she had stopped. By the end of the clinic this same horse was hunting over jumps quietly and upon completing her course the horse then stood quietly in the middle of the ring relaxed. It truly brought a few tears to peoples eyes. Absolutely amazing!!!!

There were more of these magical moments during the weekend with Charlotte but for those of you who missed her, Charlotte will be back in October.

For more information on Charlotte please visit her site at www.trans-atlantic.org/about_me.html



Who Are You . . .

Rider Bios are needed to complete the website. We encourage all members to tell us, our supporters, and fellow members who you are, your history, accomplishments, goals, and ambitions.

Forms are available by emailing websiteadmin@manitobahunterjumper.com

DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

Anyone can become a member of the MHJA! Memberships are not only for athletes but also supporters of the sport. Money raised through membership helps with lowering show costs, hiring officials, facility rental fees and many other important costs. If you or someone you know would like to assist the MHJA by becoming a 2011 member, forms may be found on the website at: www.manitobahunterjumper.com

MANITOBANS SET THE BAR IN ALBERTA

Anderson Ranch was the host of Bow Valley Classic I & II in May, and Manitoba didn't miss a beat. Manitoba was represented by Northfield Farms, Eastridge Farms, Curry Stables, and Tyndall Wood Farms.

Impressive red ribbon rounds went to Lenny Kravitz & Brittany Eliuk, Racoon & Jennifer Rempel and Radio Flyer & Amie Omichinski.

Also a "High Five" to:
Kumano & Eric Martin for their 2nd - \$31,000 1.40-1.45m & 3rd - \$31,000 Grand Prix
Catch me if you can & Tina Schweizer for their 3rd - \$5000 Jr/Am Derby 1.20m

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL COMPETITORS WHO REPRESENTED MANITOBA!!

MHJA PAINTING PARTY

Held on May 14 & 15, the MHJA painting party was held at BHP in the gorgeous sunshine and heat.

Many fences were fixed, painted, and revamped! And in case you're wondering ... it's a Birch Bark fence ... not a Cow or Dalmatian!

Many thanks to ALL the volunteers who came out, especially to Pony Club for helping with volunteers.

Eating or staying at a Canad Inns locations soon? You can help the MHJA by using our Loyalty#

604 399 041 087 3408

You will also find this number on your new 2011 Membership card so get your membership soon!

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