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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elizabeth Lampert, MHJA President



I'm proud to be a horseman, a trainer, an exhibitor, a spectator, a horse show mom, and the President of the MHJA. Our Country is currently struggling with political strife, racism, a lack of trust and hatred. These issues effect each of us differently, but everyone is impacted in one way or another. I feel so unsure of many things in this day and age, but what I do know is that horses don't judge or discriminate each other by color, political beliefs or religion. (Except for the few big horses that are suspicious of the mini's in my

barn). Now is a time that I'm even more thankful for those quiet moments in the barn while listening to the horses happily chewing their hay, or watching them casually rest in the sun outside in their paddocks. Now is a time I celebrate watching all of our kids growing up with the challenges of a sport that includes large live animals instead of a ball with no breath. Now is a time I'm so thankful for the local horse community that makes those same kids feel safe to explore new venues and challenges. It's a pleasure to see people making new friends with other competitors or barn mates, and I am thrilled when I see the walls come down between fellow participants in any given division. The horses teach us many life lessons, not the least of which is love and honesty... if you treat them well, they will give everything in return.

Our show season this year has not been without challenges. We saw the loss of some shows and the creation of new shows. We saw low and high participation, a bouquet of weather ranging from freezing temps to hot and rainy, and multiple changes at the top platform of our sport. The USEF and the USHJA have been scrutinized for their handling of "criminal offenses", raising our membership rates, animal welfare policies, and so much more. All of these items will affect us within the MHJA, but hopefully our voices will be heard through our Zone representatives and MHJA members that can attend the annual meetings. As these challenges arise, I want to highlight how the MHJA community worked together to better our sport. This year the Hott Horse Show management team and the Mid States management crew really took the time to evaluate the support of their respective shows. They looked at daily schedules, where the shows fell on the calendar,

and the demographics of their exhibitors. They worked together and came up with a new schedule that we will implement this year. Mid States will now run two horse shows in September, and no horse show in May, while Hott Horse Shows will run two shows in May and two shows in August. It is our hope that these changes will provide a better amount of exhibitor support to all of the MHJA recognized horse shows. Another way that the MHJA members have really stepped up is the support of the MN State Fair. We have gone from having virtually an empty horse barn and at risk of losing the horse show, to currently being over sold by 50 stalls. The Hunter/Jumper trainers got together and gave up tack, feed and grooming stalls to insure that all of the H/J exhibitors could get in Everyone really worked together to help make the Great MN Get Together a fun experience for all.

We find ourselves nearing the end of show season as this issue of the Newsletter comes to print. Hopefully everyone has reached, or is very near to reaching their equine short term goals, and long term goals are on the horizon. Some of you may be looking forward to a brief break after Harvest, others may already have their homework set up for the next step in their training regime. Of course everyone is looking forward to getting together at the annual Open Meeting, and of course the Year End Awards Banquet. As the season winds down I ask that you all take a moment to appreciate what the horse community brings to your life, as well as what you bring to the local and or national horse community. I'm not asking that everyone have a love fest, but instead a few moments of reflection and gratitude.

My most sincere thanks to each and every one of you that has helped get a child involved with horses, volunteered your time to assist horse show management, expressed thanks to our horse show secretaries (whom work tirelessly to make things happen for each of us), or simply enjoyed your horse and been thankful for the world that is available because of him/her. A very wise client of mine used to say, "A bad ride (round, horse show, day of riding) is better than no ride at all." Truer words could not be spoken.

Enjoy your equines, your barn mates, your braiders, your trainers, and be thankful!

 Elizabeth Lampert



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From the Editors

GREETINGS MHJA MEMBERS!

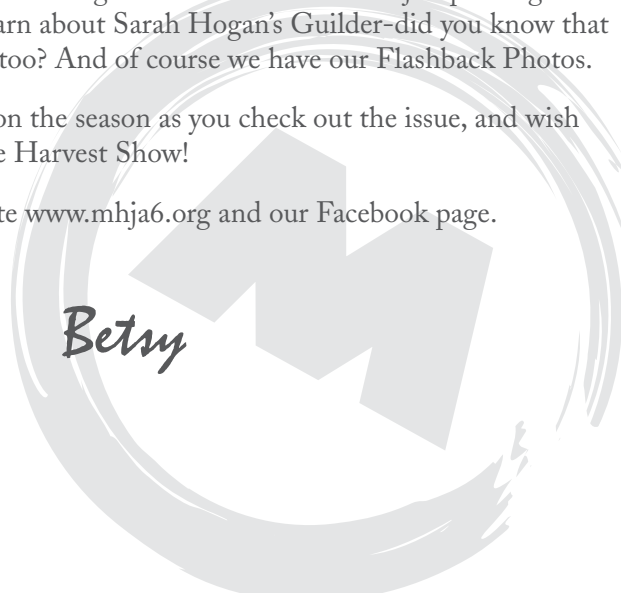
It never ceases to amaze me how the show seasons finish up as quickly as they begin. As we wrap up much of the 2017 season in this issue, you'll see that our membership was well represented at several national, regional, and zone championship events over the course of this summer, as well as EAP in Colorado and of course our local circuit. Be sure to read the article on Julia Neutkens Erickson, from short stirrup rider to Afghanistan and back to the jumper ring. Thank you for your service! Learn about Sarah Hogan's Guilder-did you know that horses can be gluten intolerant too? And of course we have our Flashback Photos.

We hope you enjoy reflecting on the season as you check out the issue, and wish everyone the best of luck at The Harvest Show!

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Heather

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TENTATIVE 2017 MHJA CALENDAR

MHJA Recognized Shows

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Mid States Spring | May 4 - May 7 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

Maffitt Lake Spring Gathering I | May 11-15 | AA rated | Cumming, IA | Libby Hott 515-306-1140

MHJA Horse Show | May 19-22 | Patty Humphries 952-442-5321

Mid States Summerfest | June 7-11 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

Mid States Summer | June 13-17 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

Mid States Encore | June 19-21 | A rated | Mason City, IA | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

Carriage House | July 13-16 | B rated | Hugo, MN | Patty Humphries 952-442-5321

Two Rivers Summer Fest I | Cumming, IA | Aug. 2-6 | Libby Hott 515-981-1699

Two Rivers Summer Fest II | Cumming, IA | Aug. 9-13 | Libby Hott 515-981-1699

Minnesota State Fair | Aug. 23-25 | A rated | St. Paul, MN | Patty Humphries 952-442-5321

Mid States Fall | September 13-17 | A rated | Mason City, IA

MHJA MEDAL FINALS | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

Mid States Season Finale | Sept. 20-24 | A rated | Mason City, IA

Zone 6 Powers Horsemanship Class | Dan Urban 619-820-3802

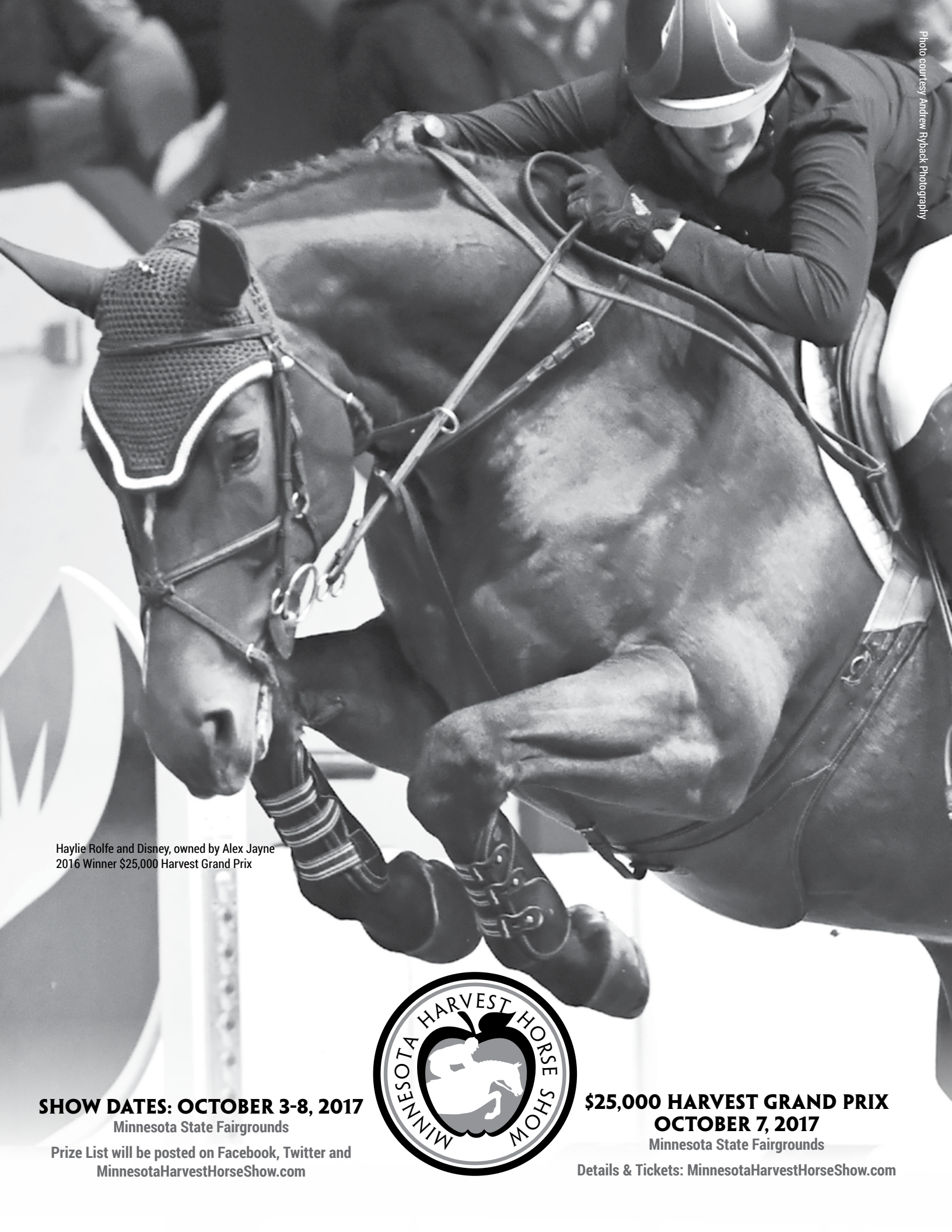
Minnesota Harvest | Oct. 3-8 | A rated | MN State Fair Grounds | St. Paul, MN | Elizabeth Lampert 612-262-5530

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Red Pine Horse Shows – June 3, 4; June 24, 25; July 29, 30; August 19, 20; September 9, 10; September 23. Those shows that have two days listed, the first day will be hunters, the second day jumpers. For more information go on line to the Red Pine Horse Show Association web site



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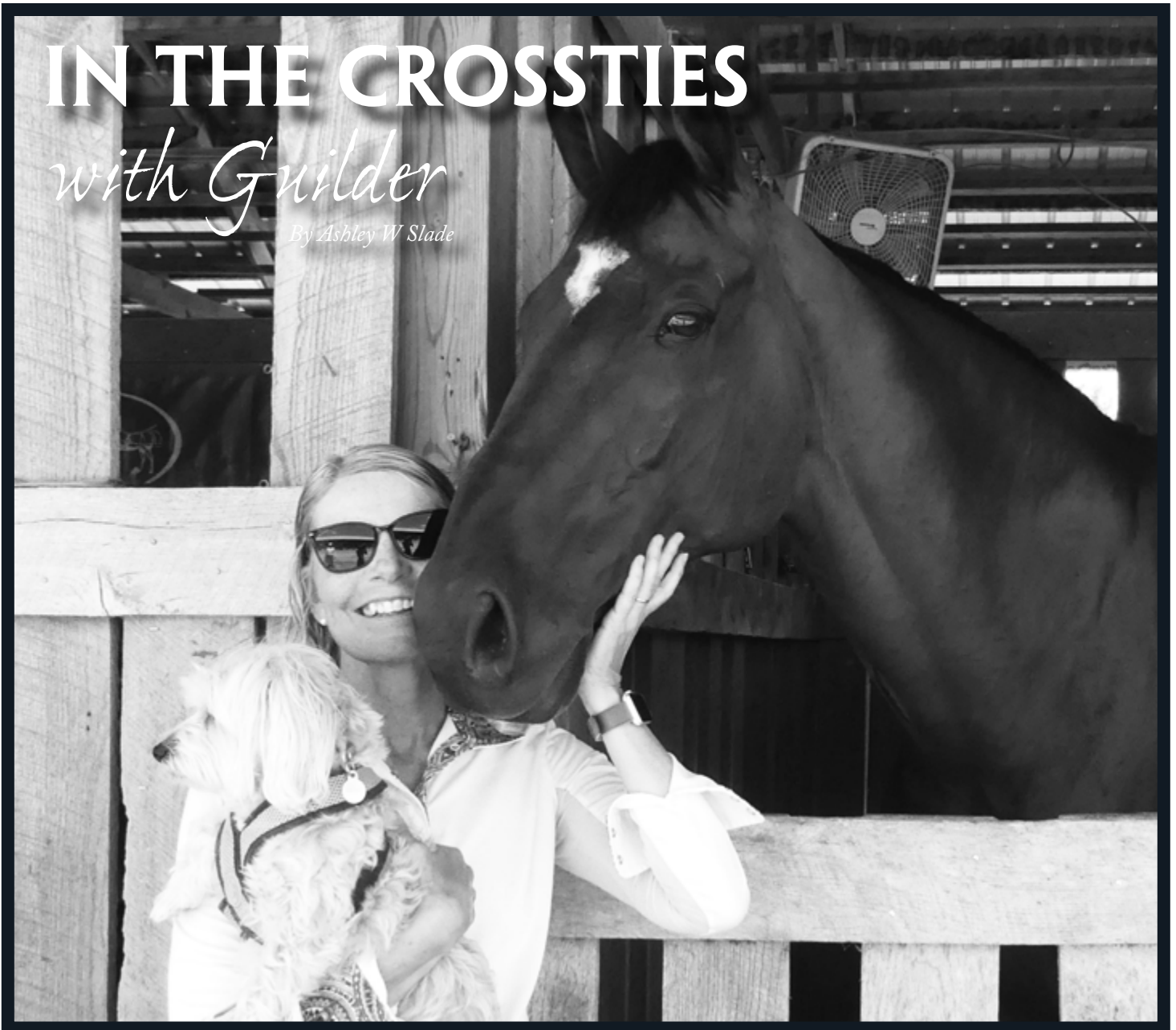


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IN THE CROSSTIES

with Guilder

By Ashley W Slade



In 2004, Sara Hogan was looking for a dressage horse for herself and a jumper prospect for her daughter, Kelly. Trainer Johnny Salazar had recently started two young horses at a barn in Prior Lake, and thought they were a great match for the mother-daughter duo. “Guilder” and “Gandalf”—4 year old half brothers!—soon became part of the Hogan family, though not in the capacity that Sara had originally envisioned. “We soon discovered that Guilder wanted no part of being a jumper! He was a hunter through and through,” Sara says, “The following year Kelly stopped riding and I started jumping, and he became my first hunter. He’s now 17!”

Stopping by Greenwood Stables/JSL Equestrian at the recent Summer Maffitt Lake shows, it was easy to see why

Guilder has remained a part of Hogan’s string for almost 13 years. Not only is he a striking bay hunter, but he’s full of personality! Here are some of the things we think you should know about him.

Does Guilder have a barn or nickname?

Sara Hogan: He doesn't really have a barn name, but I sometimes call him Gil, and Johnny calls him Guideroo.

What has he shown in with you? With Johnny?

SH: Guilder and I began our hunter careers together. We started out doing Rusty Stirrup and Long Stirrup. We moved up to Limit Adult after a couple of years, and then to the Adult Amateurs where we have been showing for many years now. Johnny started him in the baby greens and went up through the pre-greens and greens. He has also



shown him quite successfully in many hunter derbies.

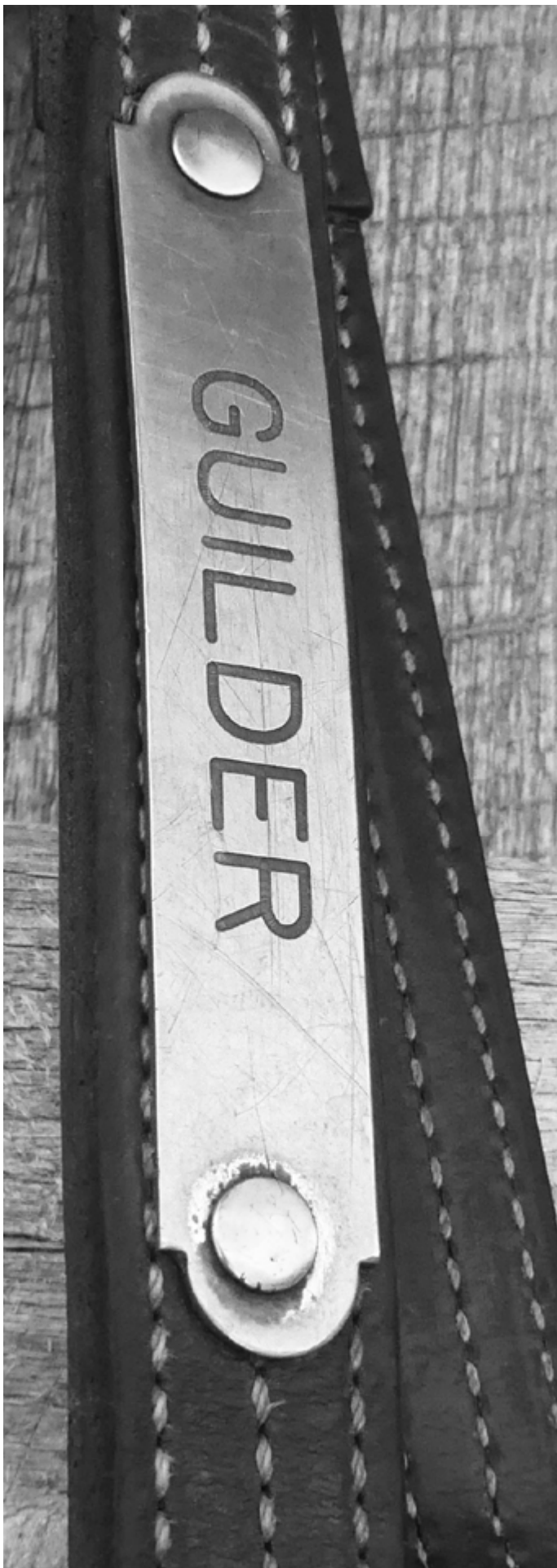
What are some of your favorite memories/highlights with Guilder?

SH: Some of my favorite memories are winning our first blue ribbon in a Rusty Stirrup class at Alpine, winning the Adult Amateur 50+ year end championship, and Guilder

receiving the MHJA High Point Hunter award. I've also been so proud of the way Guilder has performed in Wellington where he has placed in quite a few large classes. A big highlight from last winter was when he scored an 80 and 83 in back to back rounds during hunter week at WEF.

What is Guilder's daily schedule/routine?





SH: At home, Guilder is turned out every day with his brother, Gandalf. I call Gandalf "Guilder's security blanket" because I think he is most content when Gandalf is with him. Guilder works Monday through Friday and has the weekends off. Monday is always a lunging day which allows him to stretch out and work without a saddle. The horses stay out all day, weather permitting.

What are Guilder's favorite treats and "activities?"

SH: Guilder's favorite treats are carrots, apples and peppermints. He is always hopeful of getting treats, but is never nippy, and will lick every last bit out of your hand. He cannot have any grain or treats that contain wheat as we discovered several years ago after he had a severe bout of inflammatory bowel disease that he is gluten intolerant. His normal diet consists of hay, beet pulp and a wheat free vitamin and mineral supplement. His favorite activities are grazing and hanging out with Gandalf, followed by trail riding along the canals in Wellington.

Is there anything he doesn't like?

SH: Sadly, Guilder is not a fan of doing under saddle classes. If there are more than three horses in the ring, he gets fired up and wants to charge around in a very unmannerly way. Definitely not worth the risk of annoying the judge and the other riders. For the same reason, he doesn't like schooling on Tuesdays if there are a lot of horses in the ring cantering and jumping around.

Is there anything else we should know about him?

SH: Guilder is a kind and tolerant horse who doesn't hold my mistakes against me. Lately, I've been watching for signs that he is ready to retire, but he is still healthy and strong and wants to do his job. Guilder has been my horse of a lifetime, and he will always have a home with me.

Thank you, Sara, for taking the time to speak with us!

SH: You're very welcome, Ashley.

Ashley W. Slade is a contributor to the "In the Cross Ties" section of the newsletter, and looks forward to bringing you exclusive, behind the scenes articles. She has teamed up with young rider, Kate Kemp, to provide never before seen photos and fun tidbits about our local horses and riders.

GUESS WHO?

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JULIA ERICKSON: BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

After a seven-year hiatus from the show ring, Julia (Neutkens) Erickson is back. New saddle, new breeches, new horse.

That's the great thing about riding, she says. It's a lifelong sport. It just uses different muscle groups.

Julia knows about muscle groups. She's a certified CrossFit coach and Tough Mudder competitor who finds functional fitness really helps her riding.

Since that last horse show with her longtime partner Hassan in 2010, Julia got a degree in communications





from the College of St. Benedict and entered the Army as a logistics officer. She served two tours of duty in Afghanistan and met her husband Wayne, a chief warrant officer and Blackhawk pilot, while they were both stationed in Ft. Drum in upstate New York (where there were no H/J barns). After four years of service, Julia left that vocation for another. She is back to school to become a radiologic technician, still coaching CrossFit and living in Kansas where her husband is stationed.

Now that she doesn't answer to Uncle Sam, horses are again in her life.

Hassan is still hanging around at 28 and retired. His pasture buddy, Sir Calito, is Julia's new mount. We bought him as a colt from a California breeder with the idea that when Julia was out of the service, Cal would be ready for her.

She wasn't sure at first if they would click. Cal was a different ride, sensitive, and a bit spooky, but with plenty of scope. Time in the saddle and a dedication to flat work are paying off as the pair work their way up through the now-metered classes. What happened to Levels?

Trainers helped prepare Cal while Julia was wearing a uniform. When he arrived in Minnesota as a 3 year old, Michelle Mann at Square Lake Farm helped bring him along, as did Jan Fisk. Cal was finally united full time with his owner in southern Alabama while Wayne was finishing his pilot training. It's been a work in progress ever since with training tips from Amy Lambert of Hye Point Equestrian Centre west of Topeka.

Eventually Julia and Wayne plan to return to Minnesota and Zone 6. You can take the girl out of Minnesota but you can't take Minnesota out of the girl. Fortunately, Wayne is OK with that.

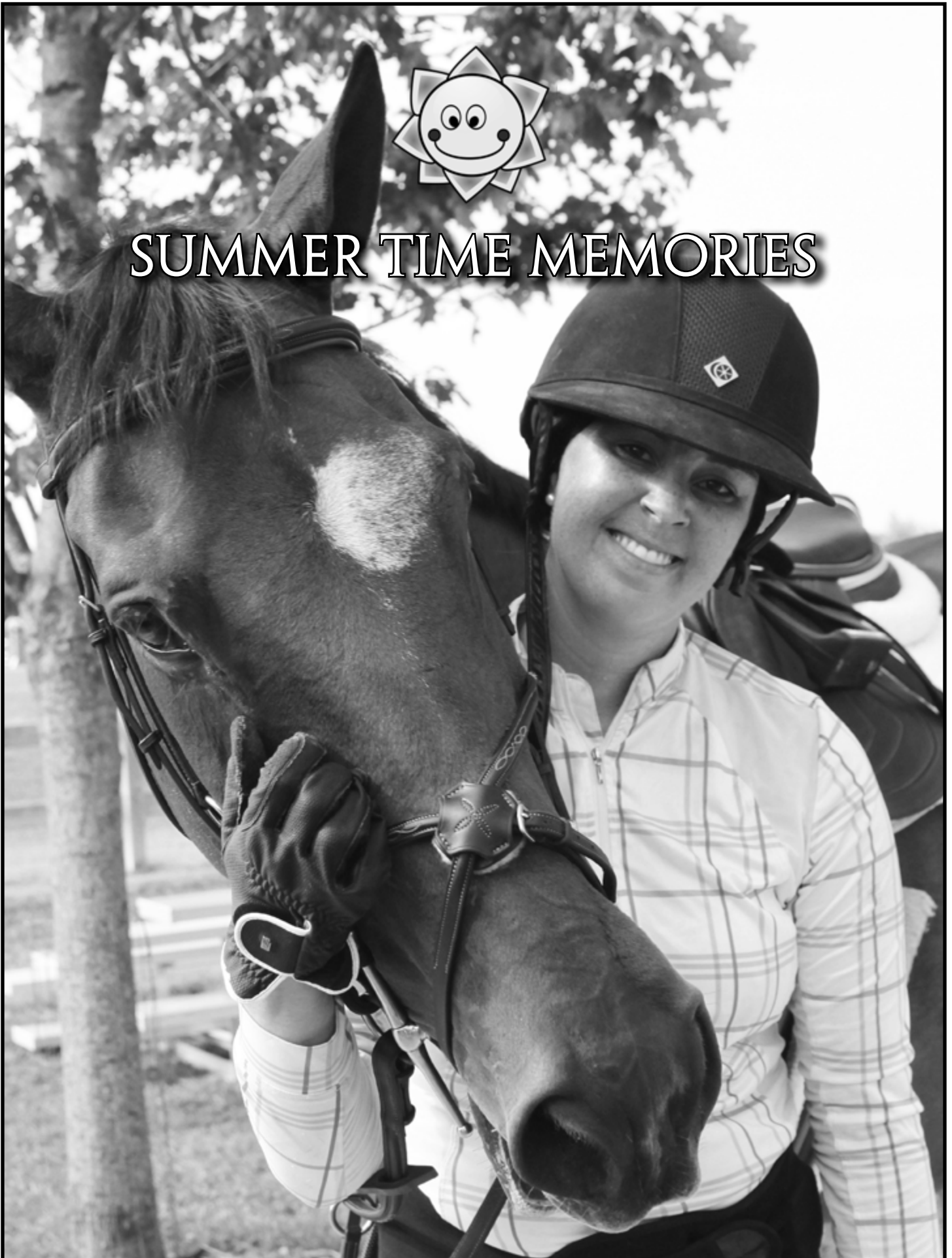
She and Cal have now competed in four horse shows; the last one at Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center, coincidentally Hassan's last show. It felt good to be home.

Compiled by Debra Neutkens, horse show mom





SUMMER TIME MEMORIES





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Two Rivers-Maffit Lake





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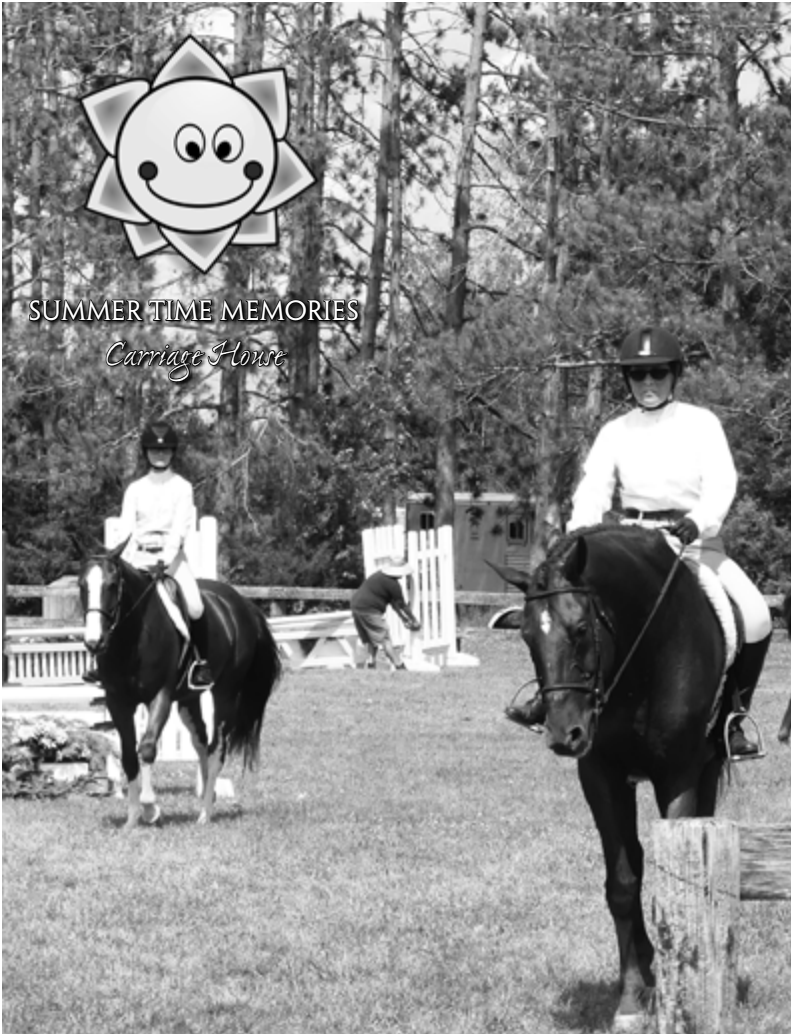






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Carriage House





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PONY FINALS 2017

by: Olivia Bethke

Hi, my name is Olivia Bethke, and I was lucky enough to get the chance to go back to Pony Finals this year! We got up early Sunday morning and started driving to Kentucky. The drive only took us 11 hours, so we made excellent timing. Once we arrived at the Kentucky Horse Park we unloaded my pony Rocky. After setting him up with everything we needed, we finished unloading and headed to our hotel.

After two days of exploring Kentucky, I got up on Wednesday and took care of Rocky. Then my cousin Katie and I took our ponies out to graze. Later I schooled in the Altech Arena, where I would be showing this week. Rocky felt really good, and ready to show.

On Thursday, I got up early to jog my pony for the vet with the other pony jumpers. After, there was a warm up round of 90 seconds, and Rocky was great. My mom and I took care of Rocky, and went back to the hotel to rest for a couple hours and change before the course walk.

The first class of the championship was a blue ribbon round at 1.05. The course was hard with lots of jumps that came up fast, and jumps at hard angles. We ended up

with 4 faults but Rocky and I had a great round! The next day my mom and I went to the Waffle House together for breakfast, and headed to the horse park to watch my cousin Lily show. She did great! My grandparents and aunts also flew in to watch us show! I was super excited for them to come. After she showed, I went back to the hotel to rest because I had a big night ahead of me. I had two classes that night. The first class was a team round, and the second was an individual round. The course was extremely difficult, and only 12 people were able to make it around. Rocky and I did not make it around, but we had fun jumping such big jumps.

The next day I grazed Rocky, and went to declare which class we were showing in. Unfortunately we didn't qualify for the individual final, so we did the 1.05 meter farewell class. The class was super hard again, and we didn't make it around. Once again there was only a few riders that made it around the whole course. I was very proud to even make it to Pony Finals and I want to thank my parents again for making my dream possible, I had a blast!

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EMERGING ATHLETE PROGRAM AND ZONE JUMPER FINALS



Courtney Dickinson receiving her silver medal

by Emily Clemens

I went into the Emerging Athletes Program at the Colorado Horse Park not knowing what to expect. I was excited to work with the clinician Kip Rosenthal since after some research, I realized, not only was she a top trainer out of New York who has trained numerous top junior riders but, she was also known for being a sports psychologist. Kip taught us that if you don't put the pressure on at home on getting it done the first time, going to a show will be much harder. She really stressed this concept by not letting us redo the exercises unless she believed the horse was of fault, not the rider. She also taught us that you should have a horse that can come back to you exactly when you want it and go forward exactly when you want it. We worked

on perfecting this with our horses with different exercises. The whole clinic was very centered around the fact that the horse always comes first, which I really appreciated because, I also deeply believe that. The riders at the clinic all had amazing talent and great horses. It was a blast to ride with such great riders that learned from each other and pushed each other. I went into the clinic knowing nothing, but came out of it with my riding stronger and lots of new friends from around the country. I found it incredibly educational and enjoyed myself immensely. I look forward to applying for it next year and would highly recommend it to other riders.

EMERGING ATHLETE PROGRAM AND ZONE JUMPER FINALS

Emily and Synchronicity



Courtney and Flying Girl



ZONE 5-6 JUMPER FINALS THROUGH MY LENS

by: Courtney Dickinson

This year brought us the fifth annual Zone Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper Championships, and it was the inaugural year for both the 1.20/1.25m and 1.30/1.35m Zone Junior/Amateur Owner Jumper Championships. Finals for combined Zones 5 and 6 were held August 11-13 at the new HITS Balmoral Park in Crete, IL.

Zone 6 boasted 11 riders across all divisions, with Emily Clemens (Children's/Adult Amateur Jumper) and I representing Minnesota. As a bonus, the Nation's Cup team format on Day 2, and stabling with competitors from Zones 5 and 6, allowed everyone to meet new friends along the way. Our access to the VIP viewing area was another means to bring riders together. It was not unusual to run into a teammate or competitor while watching another class and sharing congratulations or watching rounds together.

I will admit the three day, four class format can be a bit tiresome for the horses mentally, if not physically, even if they come in fit and are used to showing. I think the Jr/AO courses were set soft on height and not exceptionally technical, so they were more than fair, particularly for what several of us anticipated in a Final.

Most everyone in the Jr/AO individual medals and ribbons jumped clear across the four days and were only separated by times from the Day 1 speed class. The footing was fabulous, the stabling is nice (though a bit far from the rings), and the staff and management try very hard to ensure things are running well and with the best interests of the horses and exhibitors in mind.

Based on my experience, I encourage more people to sign up for the 2018 Zone 5-6 Jumper Finals and give it a shot. At this time, there are not enough competitors to split the age groups into under/over 18, or to separate the 1.20/1.25m and the 1.30/1.35m. However, when this event gains more participants it will afford more opportunities for juniors and adults to get recognized as Gold Star Emerging Jumper Riders and participate in the special clinic offered to individual medal winners, as well as sharing some of the ribbons and prize money that is offered.

I have listed a few things you may not know about the

finals and things to think about if you're considering participating in the future:

- The minimum requirement to qualify is to complete the application and earn 20 points (or \$20 won) between December 1 and the cutoff at your declared fence height in USEF-recognized competition.

- So far for Zone 6, everyone who applied and met the minimum requirement by the cutoff has been eligible to attend. We have not had to drop any riders based on qualifying points, so you have nothing to lose in applying!

- Jim Urban and Mark Aplin have been chefs d'équipes for Zone 6 many times at these Finals and would be happy to answer any questions you might have on the format, rules, requirements, etc. You can probably find them at any horse show or look them up online.

- You are welcome to ask me questions about the experience. In general, I'm candid with my thoughts and will happily share what I know with you.

- If this show isn't on your trainer's schedule for next year, perhaps they would be fine with you attending the Zone Jumper Finals with another trainer meeting their approval. That way, you don't have to miss this great opportunity.

- Below are links to USHJA's web pages on the Zone Championships and the Gold Star Emerging Jumper Riders

http://ushja.org/programs/jumper/ch_aahome.aspx

http://ushja.org/programs/emergingJumper/ej_home.aspx

Finally, I extend many thanks to the team that helped make this experience great: Nick Novak, Mark Aplin, Wright Run Farms LLC, Amy Aplin, Silvia Geyer, Kathryn Ott, the cheering squad at Gypsy Farms, and my Mom... Sandra D.!

EDITORS NOTE: Courtney Dickinson received the Individual Silver Medal in the 1.20m-1.25m Jr/AO Jumper Finals; Emily Clemens anchored her Ch/AD Amateur Jumper team and rode two clear rounds on Saturday to help them place 4th in the overall competition.

OK GO SHOW WEEKS 1 AND 2 / CHILD ADULT

This past July, Elizabeth Lampert, Lindsay Vail, Zoe Lampert, and Amelia Batson of Arbor Hill Farm traveled to Oklahoma City, OK for the USHJA Regional Children's and Adult Amateur Hunter Championships. Elizabeth served as the Chef d'Equipe for Zone 6 and led the girls at two weeks of exciting competition at the GO Preview and GO Show put on Queenie Productions at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

2017 marked the second year for this USHJA Championship and this year was bigger and better than last. I personally love that this competition offers something special for 3 foot riders who may not have the means to qualify for something as large scale as

Capital Challenge, the Pennsylvania National, or the Washington International Show in the fall. It also is the only competition in the country that offers junior and amateur riders the opportunity to compete on a team, as well as an individual.

Arbor Hill represented Zone 6 well with strong results in both formats. Amelia Batson, on a combined Zone 6/7 Children's Team and Zoe on the Zone 6 Team, each put in great rides to lock in a Gold and Silver Medal for each team respectively. In the three phases of individual competition, Amelia clenched 5th place overall and Zoe received 8th overall in a very competitive field. Lindsay, riding on a combined Zone 6/7 team, contributed to a silver medal for her team in the

Adult Amateur section, and ended up 5th overall individually.

Despite the extreme July heat, it was a fun two weeks in Oklahoma. Everyone returned with new friends, big ribbons, and tons of memories. It was great to see a stronger representation from Zone 6 this year and we can only hope that this great program continues to grow and that juniors and adults alike add it to their goals and/or bucket list for the future. I hope to be joined by even more Zone 6 riders next year!

Zoe Lampert has put together a day by day account of our two weeks in Oklahoma to give you a more "behind the scenes" look at what went on. Enjoy!

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OK GO SHOW WEEKS 1 AND 2 / CHILD ADULT

CHAMPIONSHIPS REWIND

by: Zoe Lampert

The Drive Down-

4:00am the alarm goes off, everything is packed, and we are off to the barn. Thanks to all the incredible staff and family at AHF the entire trailer is ready to go, the horses were groomed and wrapped, and we were loaded and on the road by 5:30. We weren't really looking forward to the 13 1/2 hour drive, but we were so excited to see all of our friends, and get to be in a new ring, we let it go.

Week 1-

We arrived at the OKC Fairgrounds around 8:00 after all the traffic, and water breaks that we made the horses. When we pulled in to the Fairgrounds, Mindy Coretz of Farewell Farm, and all of the staff was there to make our unloading much easier! We got all unloaded, unhooked the trailer, and headed to the hotel. Funny story from my experience in OKC.....SO, it was 3rd of July, and there were a bunch of fireworks. We were getting gas, and I saw something that looked like a Firework, and thought nothing about it. We kept driving, and stopped fast to grab food, meanwhile it starts to absolutely P O U R!!! The streets were flooding, and the wind was very strong! We ran out to our truck, and as we were running I remembered that we had put all of our luggage in the bed of the truck! (Because we were in OKC for two weeks, we brought all of our canvas luggage because it was bigger.) I got all of the luggage into the truck, and when we got back to the hotel we checked all of the clothes, and they were absolutely soaked! Some of our clothes weren't dry for almost 4 days.

Schooling Day~

I got there, and got on my horse to flat before Mindy schooled him. He could not have been any better! The rest of the horses were absolutely amazing as well!

Show Week~

Day one- Almost all of Farewell's horses did the 3' GO Hunters, and my horse went right in the middle. I got on and flatted him, and then Mindy got on and schooled and showed him. I then flatted a few others for Mindy before they went in the ring.

Day Two- 5:00 the alarm is off, and we are up, headed to the barn, and there before 6:00. I had a lesson at 6:00 with a few of my friends from FF, with Libby, FF's Head Trainer. Mindy then showed my horse later that afternoon.

Day Three- We had another 6:00 lesson, and then Mindy showed my horse in a class, and then I showed him in a class, and he was perfect!

Day Four- Another 6:00 lesson, and then the first Day of CH Hunters. It was a bit scary looking at how many entries there were, compared to what I am used to! Avery was really good, but the learning curve got me in the second class. Avery and I had a communication error, and I fell off. This mistake made me nervous going forward into the championship week, but it was a good opportunity to learn.

Day Five- What a great Week one! Avery was absolutely flawless, and I had a blast!

Week Two and CH/AD Championships-

Day one- All of our horses showed, and they were great, and all ready for Champs!

Team Childrens Championships/Wednesday-

Everybody's nerves were very high, and people were very excited!! There was a meeting on Tuesday night where the teams were randomly drawn, and the orders of go were selected by the team Chefs. I was on the Zone 6 Team with Kelsey Brown, Lydia Soucie and Caroline Uffleman, and Amelia was on the combined Zone 6/7 team with Olivia Woods and Mae Pelz. At about 5:00 we went into the schooling ring for our jog. We did the jog in order, so the first person to jog was the first one to show over fences. We then walked our course, and got on our horses for the flat. There were two sections of U/S, and I was in the second section. Once they pinned for the U/S, they gave you the current team standings, our Zone 6 team was in first, and the combined Zone 6/7 team was in second! My teammates went, and each of them rose to the challenge. I went 13th, and was very nervous! Avery handled the pressure really well, but we did a more conservative track in one bending line! After two rounds and the U/S the combined Zone 6/7 team (with my barn mate, Amelia Batson earning the



HIGHEST score of the day) was the Gold Medal winner!! Our Zone 6 riders put in a great efforts, and it was really fun to participate in the entire event.

Adult Team Championships/Thursday-

Lindsay Vail and Gatsby went in strong, and came out with a stunning trip! She helped her team to a silver medal, and to a very high score in the under saddle!!!

Individual Day/Friday-

There were tons of emotions going into the finals of Championships, and most of them were excitement coming from the AHF/FF Team!! Caroline Kane (FF) Went very early and she lay down two beautiful trips to hold the lead the entire way. Amelia went in the middle of the order, putting in two solid trips to earn fifth overall. I went near the end of the order, put in a great first round, and then I made a mistake of adding that moved us down to 8th overall. I had such a great time, and my horse was absolutely incredible! Later in the evening Lindsay Vail put in two beautiful trips and a high score in the under saddle placing her in fifth, and Amy Coretz (FF) put in two stunning trips as well placing her in fourth. Overall individual day was a blast!

This team format was an incredible opportunity. It was nerve wracking, exciting and rewarding to work together. Knowing that ultimately each individual performance was going to effect the whole team was so different than going in with personal goals.

Saturday-

It was back to showing as usual in our respective divisions. Elliot, Avery and Gatsby were all very good, and we as riders were ok as well. It was fun to compete with others from out of state and to see how we could hold up.

Sunday-

This was the last day of showing in OKC, and we really had a great time. The heat was brutal, but the rings were all air-conditioned and you really don't spend much time outside. Lindsay and Amelia flew home, and we finished getting everything loaded on the trailer. The drive home requires a full day, so we left on Monday morning early.

Thank you to My Mom, Ivy, Mindy, Libby, Rolo, Pat, Marcelino, Cris, Samuel, Paco, Horazio, and all the rest of my family and friends who made this trip possible! I had an absolute blast!!!





The Zone 6 and 7 Children's Adult Regional Championships. A small photo gallery of a few memories.

MEMORIAL TROPHIES

THE HANDSOME IS MEMORIAL

Awarded to the horse which accumulates the most points in the MHJA Hunter Nomination Divisions. This trophy is given in memory of Betsy Kieffer's Handsome Is, a thoroughbred too slow to even send to the track. His show career spanned 28 years on the MHJA circuit, which included winning the High Point Hunter award 3 times and multiple awards in Regular Working Hunter and Amateur Owner Hunter. When he passed away at the age of 33, Betsy donated the trophy in remembrance of Handsome's can-do attitude, which allowed him to do everything from being a junior hunter, a Medal horse, or an amateur owner horse to doing the Grand Prix.

Awarded to:
MHJA High Point Hunter

Donated by The Kieffer Family

Awarded to:
2002 – Blue Diamond – Tammy Johnson
2003 – Three Cheers – Tammy Johnson
2004 – Three Cheers – Tammy Johnson
2005 – Three Cheers – Tammy Johnson
2006 – Brodie – Lisa Brustman
2007 – What You Will – Sara Frey
2008 – Guilden – Sara Hogan
2009 – Heart and Soul – Betsy Kieffer
2010 – Rock Me Amadeus – Kathryn Ott
2011 – Dark Chocolate – Jenna Golden
2012 – The Real McCoy – Tammy Johnson
2013 – Gone Country – Betsy Kieffer
2014 – Beau Coup – Terry Reed
2015 – Beau Coup – Terry Reed
2016 – Black Tie – Tammy Johnson



RH SIRIUS RISING STAR

The RH Serious trophy is awarded to the rider who accumulates the most points in the short stirrup equitation and 11 and under equitation divisions. Given by Diane Stockstead in memory of RH Sirius, who started many children on their way to being successful riders.

Donated by Diane Stockstead

Awarded to:
2004 – Gina Vlahos
2005 – Emma Gage
2006 – Alyssa Franz
2007 – Hannah Patterman
2008 – Hannah Patterman
2009 – Sian Siska
2010 – Rachel Paradise
2011 – Grace Leslie
2012 – Sophie Hardten
2013 – Jordan Green
2014 – Jordan Green
2015 – Audrey Anderson
2016 – Zoe Lampert



HIGH POINT SMALL JUNIOR MERE PERSUASION MEMORIAL



John and Stephanie Kaneps found Mere Persuasion, or Missy as she was called in the barn, in a pasture behind an old dairy barn in Southern MN. Stephanie said there was just "something about her" in that field, and she was so right. They weaned her away from the baby on her side, bought her, and brought her home to see if she would like to be a show horse. Missy only measured 15.1, but she had a heart twice that big. She took to horse showing easily and was soon jumping around the 3'6" with ease. Missy was successful in the Junior Hunters with Dylan Thomas, and then went on to campaign with Mandy McQuay in the hunters and equitation.

High Point Child Rider 14 & Under
Presented by Dylan Thomas

Awarded to:

1990 – Melinda Hubman
1991 – Allison Dahlin
1992 – Kimberly Holmquist
1993 – Katy Henry
1994 – Meg Henry
1995 – Sarah Pennie
1996 – Sarah Pennie
1997 – Kate Gordon
1998 – Paley Fairman
1999 – Michelle Plantan
2000 – Michelle Plantan
2001 – Jillian Fairman
2002 – Jillian Fairman
2003 – Megan McGuire
2004 – Alyssa Franz
2005 – Olivia Genereux
2006 – Olivia Genereux
2007 – Hannah Patterman
2008 – Grace Leslie
2009 – Emma Wexler
2010 – Olivia Adams
2011 – Grace Leslie
2012 – Zoe Lampert
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- ✓ WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW FOR HORSE SHOWING

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GUESS WHO?

Answers from page 13

HOW DID YOU DO?



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Greg Novak



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Jimmy Cleary



Diane Baldinger Westby

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Diana Morrison



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Lainie DeBoer - Elizabeth Lampe



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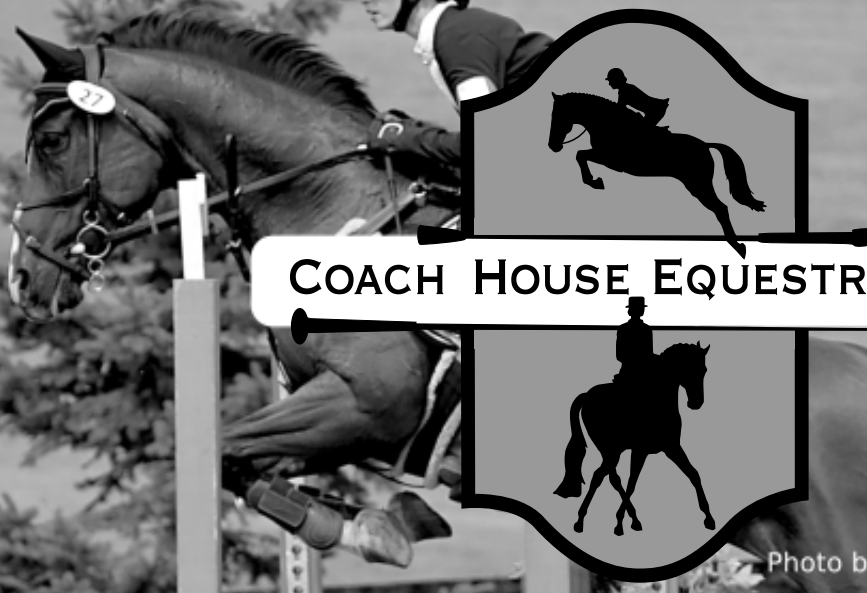


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NEWS OF NOTE FROM AREA BARNS

Arbor Hill Farm

What a summer this has been! It seems like our feet have barely touched the ground between horse shows, travel, mini shows, and brief attempts at sleep. Our “team” enjoyed showing at Mason City in June, Carriage House in July, the MN State Fair in August, Mason City again in September and finally the Harvest Show in October. It was exciting to participate in OK with Lindsay and Gatsby, Amelia and Elliot, and Zoe and Avery. The experiences of showing as a team in the regional championships, representing Zone 6, and competing against people that we don’t usually get to show with

all made the horse show that much more fun. Sadly, I wasn’t able to get the “team” together to go to Maffitt Lake in August, but I was proud to send Lindsay and Gatsby to represent Arbor Hill for at least one week. Special thanks to Andy Barone for making that week work, and to the Raven Ridge team for welcoming Lindsay in for the week.

When there were gaps in the schedule for the big horses, the girls and I loaded up our mini’s and hit the road. Zoe and Ivy are really enjoying showing in Showmanship, Halter, Hunter, Halter Obstacle, Versatility and their appropriate Driving classes for each of the horses. It has been fun to show in new places such as Lincoln NE Super Fair, IA State Fair, Winona and Cannon Falls. The girls have worked hard, and we are really excited to be heading to Tulsa in September to compete at the National AMHR show! It is interesting as a professional to see the difference in the disciplines, and to find the strengths and weaknesses in both. I hope that what I learn will help bring strength to the MHJA.

We have had lots of monumental occasions this summer! Amelia, Jordan

and Emily will all be driving with Permits by the end of the summer! Zoe is now a teenager! Kris Levine is a new horse owner! Becca Renier is moving to FL! Too many family vacations or trips to cabins to count, but I think a new cabin might be in the Paton Family future...Mimi is off to SMU, and Amy is off to NDSU. Marcy has sent the last of her boys off to college, and we wish Jensen the best of luck in AZ! Ellie and Grant are engaged! Sheri Lyons had knee surgery which sucked, but got to celebrate the big 50 which is awesome! The list goes on and on!

We hope you all have enjoyed a great summer, and are looking forward to the change of seasons!

Cameo Farm

Wow! Where did the summer go? The State Fair is upon us, as I write, and I dare say school is right around the corner. But, before we head into our fall activities, let’s relive the joys of the summer show season.

June brought us some warmer weather and 3 fun shows in Mason City for Electra, Tony, Hank, William, Milly, Isaac, Chaska, Georgia, Ari, Raz, and Scout.

Big Thanks to Jon for helping Jane the first few days with all the chores and jump setting. Anne Donahoe drove down to catch up with friends and watch her new horse DiNozzo (yes he's named from the tv character) make his debut in the Baby Greens. So fun having a new kid in the barn!

Ruby, with Hank (Halcyon), joined Emily and Williamston in the Children's Hunters.

Mikaela and Milly (The Lady Wears Prada) played in the big ring in the .85m jumpers.

Elise Brann had fun with Isaac (Coeur de Czar) at a rated show moving up from the Opportunities to the Short Stirrup Division. Great job Elise with mastering the corners and lead changes!

At the end of the first week of showing in Mason City, Janie went home to swap horses for weeks 2 and 3. Then we saw Norine and Georgia (High Cotton) have some great rides in the 1.0m jumpers. Norine rode so strongly thru the combo that Georgia bucked right past the end jump and continued on with a great strong finish of the course.

Heather's mare, Chaska, started out in the sand hunter ring and finished the week with a great ride in the .75m jumpers. Although, I'm not sure who had more fun, Heather or Chaska! Arizona and Lauren had 2 fantastic weeks in the Pony Hunter Division, setting their sights on the Pony Finals in 2018.

Hannah Tschetter and Estella McNae joined the team for week 3 in the Short Stirrup Divisions, both had great rides and went home with lots of ribbons.

Besides experiencing an out of town horse show, there were fun times away from the barn for the girls, such as playing on bikes and swimming in the hotel pool. In the evenings, dinner was always filled with laughter and stories from the day.

Gretchen Erpelding joined us for a few days with Scout (Sir Demi) to play in the .85 and .90m jumpers. On Saturday morning Gretchen wanted

one more class, so it came in the form of a last minute add to the hunter ring. There they were awesome in the Zone 6 Ch/Ad Handy Hunter Challenge and the two of them are looking forward to more hunter fun in the future.

Megan Schnebly was able to join Illinois based Canterbury Farm at the Kentucky Horse Park for a few weeks in June. She was missed at Mason City, but what a great opportunity!

After a few weeks off for lessons, we were all back at Carriage House in July.

We all had a great time there and enjoyed the wonderful weather. How fun to ride the hunters in the big grass field. It was at this show where we welcomed Bella Castro, riding Lauren's pony, Arizona, in the Opportunities.

August started out with Electra, Tony, Kenna, and Scout enjoying a great show at Maffitt Lake in Des Moines. Electra moved up to the 1.15m and seemed to enjoy the bigger jumps. Thanks for all the encouraging words from Nick Novak and Sue Kyllonen!

Tony (DiNozzo) was reserve champion in the Baby Greens, both weeks.

It was at this show where Megan continued her progress from Carriage House with Kenna in the adults and placed 4th in the Pinschallah Handy Hunter Challenge.

Gretchen also had great rides in the .85 and .95m jumpers and made it back in the hunter ring with a third place finish in the Zone 6 Ch/Ad Handy Hunter Challenge.

Way to go girls!

Next week we will be adding more wonderful memories at the Great Minnesota Get Together. See you at the fair!

Gypsy Farms



The summer show season is always enjoyed by our barn family. From the Mid States through HITS Balmoral Park and Maffitt Lake shows, most everyone got out to enjoy their horses, rounds, friends, and the weather.

Over the summer, Nick and Rhett moved up to higher fences and bigger classes. We were quite proud of them starting off the local season taking 2nd in back-to-back Grand Prix's at Mason City. In their HITS Balmoral Park debut, Nick placed 3rd in the 1.30M Jumpers and he and Rhett gave the Grand Prix's their best effort against stiff competition...and lots of it! Nick had a chance to unwind with Rhett while at Maffitt Lake. Taking a tour around the property while riding Rhett bareback, he realized he had ridden 4.5 miles but was just ½ around the local lake! Canterng was in order to get back to the barn at a reasonable hour, but the relaxing ride was well worth the time.

Louise and Barbie had a great summer! Starting with placing 2nd in the Jr/AO Classic in Mason City, they carried their success on to Balmoral with many ribbons, and Maffitt Lake where they received Res CH in the Modified Open Jumpers and won the Jr/AO Jumpers. About the summer, Louise said "I have really enjoyed being in the same classes with Gigi and Courtney. Balmoral was new and fun. Long courses but ribbons in every class. Des Moines is such a great show, more people should go there, since we have such a nice show in range." Louise is wrapping up her summer at the KY Horse Park along with a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia in September.

Louise's granddaughter, Kayla Piper, has also had a fun summer. In Mason City she moved up to 1.0m and won her first class. She also won a 1.0M Low Ch/AD AM Jumper class at HITS Balmoral and received many 2nd place ribbons. She is learning how to go faster in the jump offs! Kayla was named to the Varsity Soccer team at Breck and her season has started, so balancing riding and soccer will be a challenge for her this fall.

Cindy Schmidt's Romey had his Baby Green debut at Mason City, winning several classes, and moving into the main Hunter ring to jump around at 2'9" taking a 1st place. That big guy can use a bigger ring! Cindy had an enjoyable summer with many trips to their lake cabin with family.

Sue and Greg Novak have had a busy year bringing their horses along. A highlight for Sue and Ava was earning a Res CH in the Handy Hunter Challenge and Res CH in the Ad Am 50 and over, with Nick receiving Res CH with Eva in the Low Hunters in Mason City. Sue and Ava were also Res CH in the Modified Ch/Adult Hunters and Res CH in the High/Low Hunters with Nick aboard at Maffitt Lake.

Greg and Bob moved up to the 3' divisions at the Mason City Summer Series, with Nick and Bob named Res CH in the 3' Green Hunters and Greg earning CH in the Adult Amateur Over 50 and winning the CH/AD AM Hunter Classic. They also took home primary colors in the HOTY 3' Hunter Division at Maffitt Lake.

Sue and Greg opened their hearts and welcomed Prince, a retired Thoroughbred to their home in August. Prince came from This Old Horse and was so happy to join retired show horses Hutch (Bay du'jour) and Tommy (Arcturus) in the pastoral setting at Greg and Sue's farm.

Michael Wildung and Buzz were in fine form receiving Res CH in both the .80 and .85 Jumpers at Mason City. Michael was busy this summer working and caring for his ailing Black Lab, Gunner.

Courtney Dickinson is wrapping up a phenomenal year that included winning many Jr/ AO Classics; a Low Jr/AO Jumper Classic at HITS Balmoral and earning 4th in the \$10,000 1.30 Open Class at Balmoral. Gypsy Farms was very proud of Courtney and Gigi as they brought home a Silver Medal in the Individual competition of the Zone 5-6 Jr/AO Jumper Finals.

Nancy Giacchetti is pleased with Rafferty L's progress as he has begun to relax and enjoy the Hunter world. In a side sport, Nancy and Don participated in the Big Island and Back 10K Paddle on Lake Minnetonka in August. They finished 6th behind 5 pro racers. There were 200 participants in this event featuring canoes, kayaks and paddleboards.

We look forward to wrapping up the local show season and enjoying our fellow riders at the MN Harvest Horse Show.



Fortuna Farm



Fall is in the air at Fortuna Farm! Although summer should probably be our favorite season, with time in the outdoor ring, trail rides, horse shows and pony camp, there is something magical about fall at Fortuna. We look forward to welcoming the cooler weather and freedom from bugs (though maybe not the return to the rigors of school or "no stirrup November"). The show season is still up and running, however, and we are excited to prolong summer just a bit with upcoming trips to Mason

City and the Fall Harvest. We are so thankful to have opportunities to show locally and are working on creative solutions to make our schedules work so that we can all play hookey and keep on showing. If only high school teachers and employers were more understanding of our horse requests...

Many of us had a great show season with excursions to the MHJA Spring Horse Show, Mason City, Carriage House, North Run, Arbor Hill's Red Pine Horse Show, and the Minnesota State Fair. We were so pleased to see everyone's success at the Spring Show with its meteorological challenges. Lots of work and lots of layers were rewarded with many smiles and quite a few ribbons. Our thanks to John and Ann for working magic to keep the show going and as safe and comfortable as it was! Mason City was fantastic and it was such fun to welcome a larger farm family to the show grounds. We learned that driving a camper down is clearly the way to go, as Jean's mobile accommodations and great friend Suzy proved to all of us. If you can take a camper and a best friend/groom, do! We had great success at Carriage House with many beautiful trips and so much fun in the big, grass ring. As I write, the State Fair is still going, but is off to an excellent start. Stay tuned for more stories from the fair. We also learned that there is a new form of torture: being at the Great Minnesota Eat Together, surrounded by food vendors, yet no food to eat - ANYWHERE!



Jean Bovee and Red were all smiles as they made their debut in the Masters, learning so much and

infecting us all with their joy and excitement. Laurie Kuyath and Benvotato did a beautiful job in the 2'6" divisions. Emma Gambach and Roscoe Z have learned so much and continue to smile their way around course. They are so good for each other. Lauren Seybolt and Stretch are a beautiful pair and have grown so much, literally and figuratively (it was a sad day when Lauren's braids and ribbons got tucked into her helmet). We fight over rights to those riders from Team Cameo that also belong to us at Fortuna, Norine Wilcox and Georgia, Mikaela Haskins and Millie, Lauren Masica and Ari along with Bella who is now also in the irons, Ruby Walser and Hank, Emilie Ainsley and William and Clare Delmore, who can ride anything. We have had such fun together this summer and it is a delight to stand ringside with our farm family to whoop, holler and cheer! Well done, everyone! We also have so many young and developing riders in the riding school, many of whom have helped, groomed and cheered at the horse shows.



Our continued thanks and gratitude to our amazing staff, Vicki, Bill, Molly, Karen, Leslie, Gail, Kim, Sue, Maribel, Otto, Victor and Jesus. And a very warm welcome to Karla Watson! We are so appreciative for all of your attention, instruction and hard work. Our horses are so lucky to have you all.

And one final note. Please allow me to gush just a bit, over the wonderful environment that has been created at our barn and also within the MHJA. In a world filled with uncertainty and

chaos, it feels more important than ever to have a safe place. Fortuna Farm, with its warm, supportive family and all of you who continue to cheer and smile from the ringside and are ready to lend a hand when needed, really do make a difference. Thanks so much, everyone!



Pegasus Riding School

Team Pegasus has had an absolutely fabulous summer! Our only complaint is that it's going by way too fast! Between hunter/jumper, schooling and dressage shows, we have been busy almost every weekend.

We had an absolute blast in Mason City in June. We brought two truckloads of horses and ponies and stayed for week 2 and encore. The kids rode great and we all had so much fun! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful group of kids and families that make these horse shows so rewarding. Thank you to our wonderful customers that make up our Pegasus family! One of the highlights of our time together was our barbecue at Braida's camping site, where we hung out, ate good food, played with the dogs and celebrated birthdays with DQ cake!

One thing we are super excited about is our ever-growing setup at horse shows. After our first pop up tent died at Spring Carriage House, the families invested in a newer/bigger/better tent, complete with festive lights! Blanca and Cedar (Suzanne and Alex's dogs) are very

excited about their luxury doggie gazebo. Who knows what we will come up with for the State Fair...

The riding school has continued to flourish and we are so excited to keep introducing new children and adults to the joys of riding! Many of our riding school students have been competing at the Red Pines Schooling Show circuit and having a blast! The Red Pines shows are so well run and inviting, perfect for a first experience. Many of our little riders who are leasing new ponies have been learning a lot about horse showing and gaining valuable experience at these shows. Congrats and welcome to our newest student/pony partnerships: Gabrielle and Charming Rose, Emma and Cameo, Tara and Webster, Julia and Violet, Aspen and Flower, Searlait and Melody and Fianna and Bowie! We are so excited for you!!

Suzanne has been spending a fair amount of time in Dressageland this summer. She has 3 horses qualified for Regionals, which is held at the end of September at Maffit Lake. Maeve and Ludo have won every class they've competed in this summer and are qualified for training and 1st levels for JR/YR! Well done Maeve!

Congratulations to everyone on all the progress made and a stellar show season so far! Good luck in school this year and the rest of the show season!

Spring Meadow Farm

Summer is flying by and before we know it we'll be on our way home from the Harvest show.

We have loved seeing some familiar faces and have added some feline members to the family: Barney, Will and Larry. John keeps a careful eye on them as he tends to his plentiful garden. If they aren't following John around the farm, they are likely sneaking treats from Heather. We recently had a few much loved faces from the past stop by the farm. Jillian stopped out to ride as she prepares to depart Los Angeles for Dallas. Emily Walker is home from California and sounds like she'll be riding with us

and helping Heather for a while. Jayde Hull is home for a few more days before returning to Colgate for her senior year...where did that time go? Audrey will also be a senior this year at Madison and has had an amazing show season juggling an internship in Madison while moving up in the show ring. Katie Engler is enjoying getting started in the show ring with Smoke as she approaches graduation from nursing school this fall. Katy Kemp has had a great season with her new jumper, Calisto. We are fortunate she will be close as she enters her freshmen year at the U of M. Kaylyn will complete her MBA this winter and has had fun camping at a few horse shows with Lexie and starting George's horse show career with Heather. Farynn Kimmes is sharing her Alec with Morgan after a few forays to horse shows. Morgan will have her work cut out for her during the school year as Farynn begins vet school. We hope we still

see her sometimes but we remember the rigorous lives of our previous vet students.

We are enjoying Ashley Slade and her Finnley. She is such a welcome addition to the farm and we are loving cheering her on in the jumper ring.

Kaitlyn Carlson returned to the farm with her young Dutch mare, Miss Adeline. Courtney and Canelo are having a great year in the Adult Ams as she generously shares Canelo with Soren Peterson in the short stirrup. Speaking of Soren; he spent June in Japan visiting family and is just leaving for Norway and more of the same. A worldly young man he is. It has been a blast to watch Mary Jo and Henri in the ring - they are quite the dynamic duo! Jan and Mr. Finn have made steady progress all summer. We all admire her discipline, and spending more hours without stirrups than we can count! Fajita is grateful to her for the wonderful care she received her pregnancy. They are back to work

and look great trotting and cantering around the farm. Richelle will take over for sister, Audrey, during the school year. Richelle has started a new job in Stillwater and we are so thrilled to have her back doing social media outreach for the Harvest show.

Nicole is tolerating her broken hand well and really enjoying playing the owner as she cheers for Tad and Heather in the jumper ring. Cant wait to get Laura back this fall, as she is working hundreds of hours at Running Aces and becoming quite the joint injection technician. But we miss Doc Laura and will be glad to have her with us at Mason City and Harvest.



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